

## NATIONAL

### 1. Shilpa Sailesh vs Varun Sreenivasan case

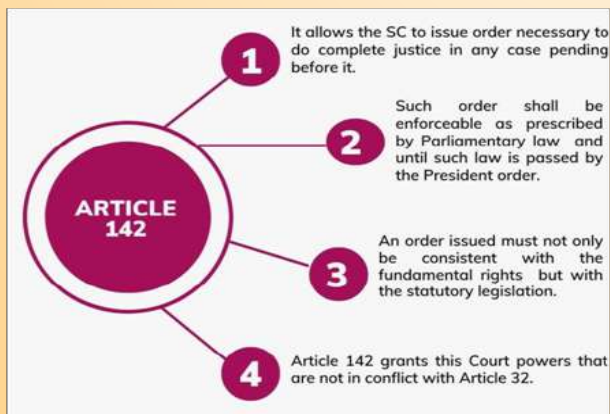
**Why in news** - Supreme Court (SC) rules it can directly grant divorce to couples under Article 142.

#### Key Points –

- Article 142(1) - Plenary power to do “complete justice” by dissolving a marriage on the ground that it had broken down irretrievably, without referring to family court where they must wait 6-18 months.
- SC can waive the mandatory 6-month waiting period for divorce under The Hindu Marriage Act (HMA), 1955.
- Section 13B of the HMA - “divorce by mutual consent”.
- Amit Kumar vs Suman Beniwal (2021) - SC said where there is a chance of reconciliation, however slight, the cooling period of 6 months should be enforced.

#### About Article 142 –

- Supreme Court may pass such decree as is necessary for doing complete justice and shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India.
- Prem Chand Garg case (1962) - An order to do complete justice must be consistent with the fundamental rights and relevant statutory laws.
- A R Antulay case (1988)–7 judge Bench upheld Prem Chand Garg.
- Bhopal gas tragedy case (Union Carbide Corporation vs Uol 1991) - Article 142(1), which confers power “at an entirely different level and of a different quality”.



### 2. 100th “Mann Ki Baat” program

**Why in news** –PM Narendra Modi’s radio program “Mann Ki Baat” completed its 100th edition on April 30 (Sunday).

#### Key Points –

- PM Modi addresses the nation through this radio program on the last Sunday of every month.
- It was started on the occasion of Vijayadashami on October 3, 2014.
- It is broadcasted in 22 Indian languages, 29 dialects, and 11 international languages through multiple platforms.

### 3. Ranajit Guha passed away

**Why in news** – Noted historian Ranajit Guha has died due to old age-related ailments.

#### Key Points –

- His well-known –“Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India” (1983).
- He made key contribution to Subaltern Studies.
- The term “subaltern” was borrowed from the Italian Marxist Antonio Gramsci.
- Subaltern - Persons of “low rank” whose voices and actions were silenced by the domination of ruling groups.
- He was born on May 23, 1923 at Barisal in present-day Bangladesh.

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1. Australian grant for projects in Kargil

**Why in news** – Australian High Commission in India has announced an Australian Government Grant for a Project in Kargil in Ladakh.

#### Key Points –

- Project name - "Return to Roots".
- It aims to integrate traditional knowledge with the current school science curriculum to increase scientific engagement among school-aged children of tribal background.
- It takes as its inspiration Australia’s National Indigenous Science Education Program.
- Australian high commissioner to India - Barry O’Farrell.

### ECONOMY

#### 1. Market borrowings

**Why in news** – As per RBI data, Tamil Nadu has emerged as the State with the highest market borrowings for the third year in a row.

#### Key Points –

- Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowing (April-February period of FY23) – Rs 68,000 crore.
- Other States with significant market borrowings - Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat.
- Gross market borrowings by all States and UTs(April-February FY23)– Rs 7.1 lakh crore.

### REPORTS & INDICES

#### 1. 21st Press Freedom Index 2023

**Why in news** – Reporters Without Borders (RSF) released the 21st edition of its World Press Freedom Index on May 3, 2023.

#### Key Points –

- India's rank - 161st(score – 36.62)(2022 – 150th, slipped by 11 Ranks).
- Top 3 – Norway (1st), Ireland (2nd), Denmark (3rd).
- Last 3 - North Korea (180th), China (179th), Vietnam (178th).
- Environment for journalists– “very bad”.
- In the past 9 years, India's ranking has slipped by 21 ranks from 140 in 2014.
- Pakistan – 150th. Afghanistan – 152nd.



- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) has announced a cash award of ₹1 lakh in the sanitation category
- It is given under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) for best practices to improve the living environment.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1. 64th BRO Day

**Why in news** – 64th raising day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) would be celebrated on May 7, 2023.

#### Key Points –

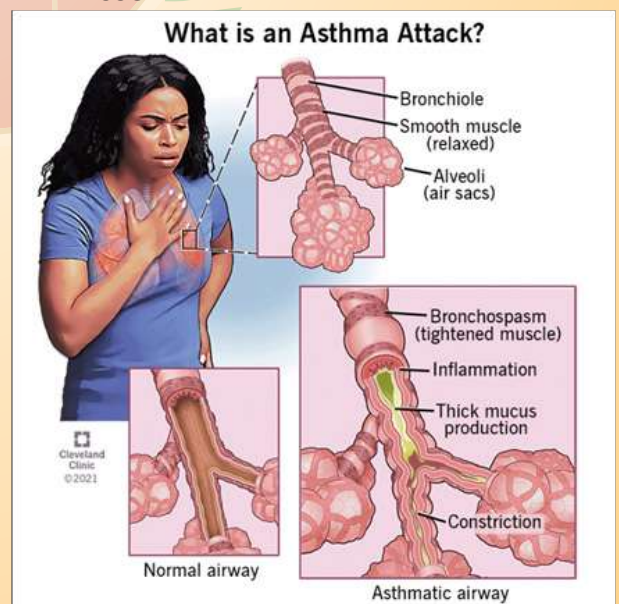
- It would organise “Ekta Evam Shradhanjali Abhiyan”, a multi-modal expedition.
- Expedition team comprises of Motor Cycles and Motor cars.
- Expedition members have collected Soil, Water and Saplings from 108 remote border locations to be planted at BRO Alma Mater, BRO School and Centre, Pune.

#### 3. World Asthma Day 2023

**Why in news** – It is observed on the first Tuesday of May (2023 – May 2).

#### Key Points –

- Theme - ‘Asthma Care for All’.
- Started by - Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in 1998.



### AWARDS & HONOURS

#### 1. HUDCO award 2023

**Why in news** – Uttar Pradesh Swachh Virasat Abhiyan has been selected for the HUDCO award for 2022-2023.

#### Key Points –





### About Asthma –

- Inflammatory disease of the airways.
- It results in the tightening of the muscles around them causing breathlessness.
- Chronic respiratory disease with no permanent cure.

### 4. 30th World Press Freedom Day 2023

**Why in news**—It is observed on May 3 every year.

#### Key Points –

- Theme - "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a driver for all other human rights".
- It was established in 1993 by the United Nations General Assembly.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### 1. Book “Collective Spirit, Concrete Action”

**Why in news** – The book written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati was released ahead of the 100th episode of “Mann Ki Baat”.

#### Key Points –

- Shashi Shekhar Vempati is former CEO of Prasar Bharati (2017-2022).
- It documents various facets of PM Modi’s ongoing conversations with the people that resonate with the nation.

## SPORTS

### 1. 17th World chess championship

**Why in news** - Ding Liren became China's first male world chess champion after a victory over Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi.

#### Key Points –

- Venue – Astana, Kazakhstan.
- China has dominated women's tournaments since the 1990s. Ju Wenjun is the reigning world champion.
- Wenzhou - China’s ‘chess city’.

## BIHAR

### 1. Identifying landless

**Why in news** - Mobile application was launched for carrying out the survey to identify families from weaker sections in the state who are landless.

#### Key Points –

- It was launched by Bihar’s revenue and land reforms minister Alok Kumar Mehta.
- Survey to be conducted till June 2023
- Data would be used for providing land to selected beneficiaries to build pucca houses.
- The department has fixed the target of providing homestead land to the beneficiary families till December 2023.
- Each household would be given 5 decimals of land and they would be settled in clusters.



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- The Finance Ministry reported the GST collections for the month of April 2023 at what rupees - **Rs 1.87 lakh crore.**
- Which Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP was disqualified from Lok Sabha following his conviction and four-year sentence in a kidnapping and murder case by a court in Uttar Pradesh - **Afzal Ansari.**
- Who are two-member of Indian Olympic Association oversee the Wrestling Federation of India's office - **Bhupender Singh Bajwa and Suma Shirur.**
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan and GanematSekhon combined effectively to give India their first Gold medal in which game in Cairo, Egypt - **Shotgun.**
- Who has issued new rules for unwanted spam calls, messages - **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.**
- According to a report by WEF, how many jobs will end by 2027 - **83 million Jobs.**
- Which two states commemorated their 63rd Foundation Day on 1st May, 2023 - **Gujarat and Maharashtra.**
- Sailor Abhilash Tomy created history by finishing at which position in the Golden Globe Race - **2nd.**
- How many crore rupees military hardware was exported in India in 2022-23 - **Rs 15920 crore.**
- Sarbananda Sonowal launched the National Logistics Portal Sagar-Setu Application in which city - **New Delhi.**