

Current Affairs

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Today's Important News

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1. Fourth India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held in Washington

- The fourth edition of the '2+2' Ministerial dialogue between India and the United States was held on April 11, 2022 in Washington DC.
- The dialogue provides a platform for covering all bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar lead the Indian delegation.
- The United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin lead the US delegation.
- The First two plus two dialogue was held in New Delhi in September 2018, followed by the Second in Washington DC in 2019, while the third one again in New Delhi in October 2020.



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About US:

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Joe Biden

Currency: United States Dollar

2. International Turban Day 2022: April 13

- The International Turban Day is celebrated every year on April 13 since 2004 to bring awareness of the strict requirement on Sikhs to put the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.
- The 2022 Turban Day marks the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.
- The turban, also known as “dastar” or “pagri” or “pag” refer to the garment worn by both men and some women to cover their heads.



3. UNDP & AIM announces \$2.2 million in climate action grants for innovators across 19 countries

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the partners of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM) have approved \$2.2 million in climate action grants for 22 local innovators across 19 countries, including India.
- The funding will be done through Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) window.
- The first round of funding will enhance local climate action and accelerate the delivery of targets outlined in the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.
- AIM will provide technical support and know-how to the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator.



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About UNDP:

Headquarters: New York, United States

Founded: 22 November 1965

4. ADB approves \$2 million loan to support urban development in Nagaland

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India have inked \$2 million Project Readiness Financing (PRF) loan agreement on April 12, 2022.
- Under this, the Manila- headquartered lender will provide the loan for designing climate resilient urban infrastructure, strengthening institutional capacity and improving municipal resource mobilisation in Nagaland.
- The PRF loan will be used for designing water supply, sanitation, solid waste management and urban roads in 16 district headquarter



towns (DHTs) with climate resilient features and improved access to poor and vulnerable.

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About ADB:

Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

President: Masatsugu Asakawa

Founded: 19 December 1966

5. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurates Conference of Culture and Tourism Ministers 'Amrit Samagam'

- The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated the “Amrit Samagam”, a conference of tourism and culture ministers of the country, in New Delhi on April 12, 2022.
- The two-day conference has been organised by the Ministry of Culture on April 12 and 13, 2022, as a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The purpose of this conference is to deliberate on the progress of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav so far, and gather best practices and ideas on the strategies to be adopted for the remaining period of the celebration, especially for upcoming crucial initiatives.
- During the conference, Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and DONER Shri G. Kishan Reddy launched the Utsav Portal website, a digital initiative launched by the Ministry of Tourism, to showcase all the events, festivals and live darshans across India to promote different regions of the country as popular tourist destinations worldwide.



6. Mumbai and Hyderabad recognised as '2021 Tree City of the World' by UN-FAO

- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as '2021 Tree City of the World'.
- The two Indian cities have won the recognition for their “commitment to growing and maintaining urban trees and greenery in building healthy, resilient and happy cities”.
- It must be noted that Hyderabad has been recognised for a second consecutive year. In 2021, Hyderabad was the only city in India to be



recognised as a '2020 Tree City of the World'.

- Apart from Hyderabad and Mumbai 136 other cities from 21 countries have been recognised in the third edition of the Tree City of the World list.

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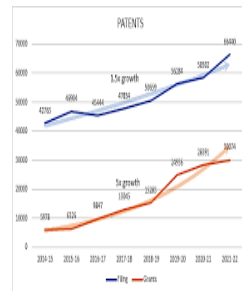
About UN-FAO:

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Founded: 16 October 1945

7. Domestic patent filings surpass international ones after 11 years

- As per the data by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the number of domestic patent filings at the Indian patent office exceeded that of international filings for the first time in the last 11 years.
- During the January-March quarter of 2022, a total of 19796 patent applications were filed, which included 10,706 patents filed by Indian applicants and 9,090 by non-Indian applicants.



8. ACI publishes list of top 10 busiest airports in the world for 2021

- The Airports Council International (ACI) World [Headquarter-Montreal, Canada] released the list of the top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2021 on April 11, 2022.
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the list with 75.7 million passengers.
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) 62.5 million passengers) is second, followed by Denver International Airport (DEN, 58.8 million passengers) at third spot.
- Among the top 10 airports for passenger traffic, 8 are in the United States with the two remaining in China.

Change from 2019 rank	City	Country	ACI code	Passenger 2019 vs 2018	% change	2019 rank
1	Atlanta	USA	ATL	75,707,340	0.8	1
2	Dallas	USA	DFW	70,017,430	1.0	2
3	Los Angeles	USA	LAX	68,040,720	0.6	3
4	Chicago	USA	MDW	66,396,700	-0.1	4
5	London	UK	LHR	65,000,000	-0.3	5
6	Denver	USA	DEN	58,800,000	1.7	6
7	Beijing	China	PEK	58,000,000	1.0	7
8	Shanghai	China	PVG	57,100,000	2.0	8
9	Paris	France	CDG	56,000,000	0.4	9
10	Guangzhou	China	CAN	55,000,000	0.8	10
Aggregated top 10 airports				663,429,402	1.5	60.2

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About ACI:

Headquarters location: Montreal, Canada

Founded: 1991

9. NMDC Wins One Gold and One Silver Awards at 80th SKOCH Summit 2022

- The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), under Ministry of Steel has won one gold and one silver award at the 80th SKOCH Summit and SKOCH Awards held on April 09, 2022, in New Delhi.
- The theme for the 80th SKOCH Summit was 'State of BFSI & PSUs'.
- NMDC is the largest iron ore producer of India.
- The Gold Award has been won by NMDC in the social responsibility category for the project 'Promotion of Technical Education & Skill Development in Dantewada District through NMDC ITI Bhansi'
- NMDC won the Silver Award in the digital inclusion category for the 'Project Kalpataru' for ERP implementation.



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About NMDC:

Headquarters: Hyderabad

Founded: 15 November 1958

10. Champion of Change Award 2021 in Madhya Pradesh announced

- Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan have reached the program of Champions of Change Madhya Pradesh 2021 organized by 'Interactive Forum on Indian Economy'(IFIE) at Kushabhau Thackeray auditorium in Bhopal
- Celebrities including the Chief Minister will be honoured in the program. Here are the names of the awardees:
 - Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - Former Governor of UP and Mizoram Dr. Aziz Qureshi
 - Music performer Padma Vibhushan Teejan Bai
 - Mayor of Indore Malini Laxmansingh Gaur
 - Rajya Sabha MP Syed Zafar Islam
 - Indian actress Divyanka Tripathi
 - Indian film actor and lyricist Piyush Mishra
 - BJP leader Vikram Verma, Banwari Lal Chouksey, Dr Bhagirath Prasad, Kalapini Komakali, Sudhir Bhai Goyal, Girish Agarwal, Dilip Suryavanshi, Abhijeet Sukhdane, Aarya Chavda, Rohit Singh Tomar, Megha Parmar, Vikas Bhaduarua, Priyanka Dwivedi.



- CEO of FidyPay Manan Dixit, Mayur Sethi, Renu Sharma, Dr Prakash Jain and Rajneet Jain.

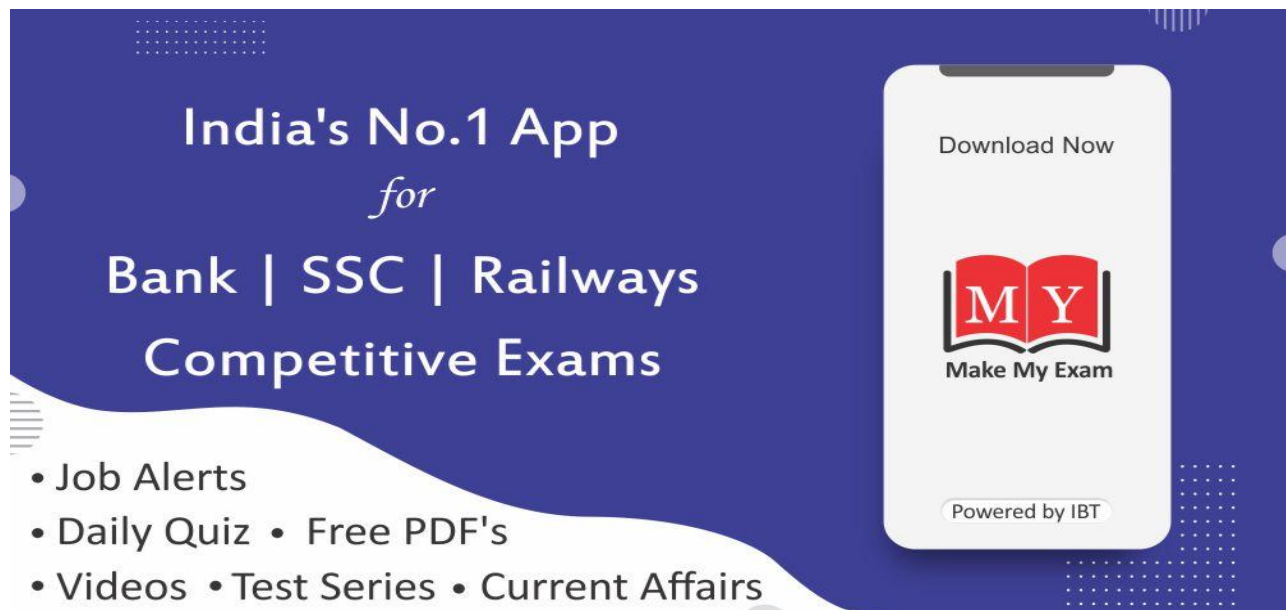
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About Madhya Pradesh:

Capital: Bhopal

Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel



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