

# Current Affairs

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## Today's Important News

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### 1. On the occasion of Eid, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh announces Malerkotla as 23rd district

- On the occasion of Eid, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Friday announced that the long-pending demand of people has been fulfilled as Malerkotla will be the 23rd district of the state.
- It will be the state's only Muslim-majority town from Sangrur district. The adjoining sub-divisions of Malerkotla-- Amargarh and Ahmedgarh will also form part of Punjab's 23rd district. Taking to Twitter Captain said the state govt is happy to share that on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, it has announced Malerkotla as the newest district in the state.
- While addressing a state-level event to greet people on Eid-ul-Fitr, the chief minister also announced-- a Rs 500 crore medical college, a women's college, a new bus stand will be constructed at a cost of Rs 10 crore and a women police station in Malerkotla.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About Punjab:

**Capital:** Chandigarh

**Governor:** V. P. Singh Badnore

**Chief Minister:** Captain Amarinder Singh

## 2. Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service

- Italy has appointed a woman for the first time, career diplomat Elisabetta Belloni, to head the country's secret service, Prime Minister Mario Draghi announced.
- Belloni, who has already been the first woman to hold key foreign ministry posts, will now lead Italy's Security Intelligence Department (DIS), reporting directly to the cabinet.
- The DIS's brief includes handling intelligence and security matters at home and abroad as well as counter-espionage and cybersecurity.



### Foot Notes:

#### About Italy:

**Capital:** Rome

**Currency:** Euro

**President:** Sergio Mattarella

## 3. International Day of Families 2021: 15 May

- International Day of Families is observed on 15 May every year to reflect the importance that the international community attaches to families.
- UN General Assembly proclaimed this day in 1993.
- Theme 2021: 'Families and New Technologies'.
- The Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.



## 4. In Gujarat 'My Village - Corona Free Village' campaign helped in checking spread of Covid-19 in rural areas

- In Gujarat, 'Maru Gam – Corona Mukta Gam' or My Village – Corona Free Village – campaign launched by the state government has helped in checking the spread of Covid-19 in rural areas.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani had launched this 15-day campaign on the 1st of May on the occasion of the state's foundation day.
- The campaign was launched to check the spread of infection due to coronavirus at village level to ensure the villagers remain free from the pandemic.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Gujarat:**

**Chief Minister:** Vijay Rupani

**Capital:** Gandhinagar

**Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

**5. Finance Minister Hands Over Houses to Buyers Under Centre's Special Window Project**

- On the completion of the first residential project of the government's Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing or SWAMIH fund, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on May 13, handed over possession to home buyers through a virtual event.
- According to a statement released by the Ministry of Finance, the residential project - 'Rivali Park', situated in suburban Mumbai, was the first housing project in the country to have received funding under the government's SWAMIH Fund, managed by the SBICap ventures.
- The Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing fund was launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in November 2019.



**6. GoAir rebrands as Go First in a shift to ultra-low-cost airline model**

- Low-cost carrier GoAir has rebranded itself as Go First after 15 years, the company announced.
- The purpose of the revamp is to fully embrace the ultra-low-cost airline model to gain an advantage over its peers.
- The carrier is aiming at young travellers with the rebrand.
- The airline was preparing for an initial share sale to raise funds for its ambitious expansion plans.
- The Go First as ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) would operate single aircraft type across its fleet, which currently has both Airbus A320 and A320Neos (new engine option) planes in operation.



**7. For 87th Birthday, Ruskin Bond Curates Delightful Collection of Short Stories**

- Ahead of his 87th birthday on May 19, Ruskin Bond, one of India's most-loved writers of children's stories, has carefully curated a mixed bag of 25 of his most cherished stories in a new book, "All Time Favourites for



Children”, (Puffin), interspersed with excellent and quirky artwork that will evoke a range of emotions, not only among the young but also across a spectrum of readers.

- The collection brings together some of the evocative episodes from Bond’s life – iconic Rusty, eccentric Uncle Ken, the ubiquitous grandmother – and many other charming, endearing characters while also introducing us to a smattering of new ones that are sure to become firm favourites with readers. Heart-warming, funny and spirited, this is a must-have on every bookshelf!

### **8. Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium launched to deliver vaccines/medical supplies with Drones**

- Blue Dart, a leading express logistics service provider, formed Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium with a mission of revolutionizing the delivery of vaccines and emergency medical supplies to the remotest parts of India using drones.
- According to a press release from the logistics major, Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium is part of the ‘Medicine from the Sky’ project in collaboration with the Telangana government, World Economic Forum, Niti Aayog and Healthnet Global.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted the project with necessary exemptions and rights to fly drone flights on an experimental basis in Telangana.



### **9. India-born entrepreneur Rajesh Agrawal re-appointed as London's Deputy Mayor for Business**

- India-born entrepreneur Rajesh Agrawal has been re-appointed as London's Deputy Mayor for Business by Mayor Sadiq Khan after he won a second term in local elections last week.
- Agrawal, who is also the co-chair of the Labour Friends of India (LFIN) diaspora representative group of the Opposition Labour Party, arrived in London in 2001 and went on to grow a small foreign exchange and money transfer enterprise into a multi-million-pound UK-headquartered business.



#### **Foot Notes:**

#### **About UK:**

**Capital:** London

**Prime Minister:** Boris Johnson

**Currency:** Pound sterling

## 10. Veteran Assamese Journalist Homen Borgohain passed away in Guwahati

- Noted Assamese author and journalist Homen Borgohain (88 years) passed away in Guwahati due to COVID.
- He was associated with several newspapers and was most recently working as the editor in chief of Assamese daily Niyomiya Barta until his death.
- He was also the President of Assam Sahitya Sabha.



### Foot Notes:

#### About Assam:

**Chief Minister:** Himanta Biswa Sarma

**Capital:** Dispur

**Governor:** Prof. Jagdish Mukhi

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