

# Current Affairs

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## Today's Important News

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### 1. ISRO earns \$279 million in foreign exchange through satellite launches

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has earned 279 million dollars in foreign exchange by launching satellites for global clients.
- ISRO in association with its commercial arms has successfully launched 345 foreign satellites from 34 countries on-board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- The PSLV mission (latest) was on June 30 when ISRO has launched three Singaporean satellites into orbit.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About ISRO:

**Headquarters:** Bengaluru

**Founded:** 15 August 1969

**Chairman:** Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

### 2. International Tiger Day 2022: 29 July

- International Tiger Day is observed every year on July 29 to raise awareness about the importance of the conservation of tigers.

- As per World Wildlife Fund, approximately 95% of the population of tigers has declined in the last 150 years.
- Theme 2022: “India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population”
- 2,967 tigers have been recorded in India, as per the fourth round of the national assessment of tiger numbers done in 2018.



### 3. Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy received Churchill Leadership Award

- United Kingdom PM, Boris Johnson has presented Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award to Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy for his efforts at the time of crises.
- He accepted the award by video link during a ceremony held at London office of Johnson.
- **Churchill leadership award:** It was first presented in 2006.
- Past recipients: Prince Charles, former British PM Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About Ukraine:

**President:** Volodymyr Zelenskyy

**Capital:** Kyiv

**Currency:** Ukrainian hryvnia

**Prime Minister:** Denys Shmyhal

### 4. Cambodia, Uzbekistan, and Cote D'Ivoire receive ICC membership status

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has given the membership status to three countries, Cambodia and Uzbekistan (Asia), and Cote D'Ivoire (Africa), during the ICC Annual Conference in Birmingham.
- With this addition, the total number of ICC members take to 108 countries which includes 96 Associates.
- The total count of Asian countries reached to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa.



#### Foot Notes:

#### About ICC:

**CEO:** Geoff Allardice

**Chairman:** Greg Barclay

**HQs:** Dubai, UAE

### 5. PM Modi inaugurated 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai

- PM Modi has inaugurated the FIDE 44th Chess Olympiad in Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The ceremony was attended by Tamil Nadu CM, MK Stalin, five-time chess champion Viswanathan Anand and several others.
- The competition is being hosted in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years.
- A total of 343 teams from 187 countries are participating in the event.
- Chess Olympiad mascot: 'Thambi' (Chess Knight)
- Anthem: Vanakkam Chennai



#### Foot Notes:

##### About FIDE:

**Headquarters:** Lausanne, Switzerland

**President:** Arkady Dvorkovich

**Founded:** 20 July 1924, Paris, France

### 6. Singapore emerges as top country for FDI equity inflows into India

- Singapore (27.01%) and USA (17.94%) have emerged as top sourcing countries in FDI equity flows into India in FY2021-22.
- Mauritius (15.98%) has been ranked third followed by Netherland (7.86%) and Switzerland (7.31%).
- Top 5 sectors: Computer Software & Hardware (24.60%), Services Sector, Automobile Industry, Trading and Construction (Infrastructure) Activities.
- Top 5 States: Karnataka (37.55%), Maharashtra (26.26%), Delhi (13.93%), Tamil Nadu, and Haryana



#### Foot Notes:

##### About Singapore:

**Currency:** Singapore dollar

**President:** Halimah Yacob

### 7. Union Minister of Agriculture launches 11th Agriculture Census

- The Union Minister for Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the 11th Agricultural Census (2021-22) with an aim to provide information on a variety of agricultural parameters at a relatively minute level.
- Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years, but it was delayed due to corona pandemic.
- He has released the Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census for the use of States/UTs, and launched the Data Collection Portal/App.



### 8. Ministry of Defence iDEX-DIO signs its 100th innovation contract

- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) has signed its 100th contract with Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd in New Delhi.
- It was launched in 2018 by the PM Narendra Modi, and promoted as the flagship for technological innovation of the Ministry of Defence.
- Purpose of iDEX: To encourage start-ups and provide them a platform for co-creation and co-development in defence and aerospace technology.
- It is funded and managed by the “Defence Innovation Organization.



### 9. First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant handed over to Indian Navy

- The Cochin Shipyard has handed over the first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant to the Navy.
- It was designed by the Navy’s in-house Directorate of Naval Design.
- It was named after INS Vikrant which played a vital role in the 1971 war (Decommissioned in 1997).



#### Features:

- The aircraft carrier is 262-meter-long and has a full displacement of close to 45,000 tonnes.
- It is powered by four Gas Turbines totalling 88 MW power.
- It has a maximum speed of 28 Knots.

#### Foot Notes:

##### About Indian Navy:

**Founded:** 26 January 1950

**Headquarters:** New Delhi

**Commander-in-Chief:** President Droupadi Murmu



### 10. Eminent Assam Writer, Atulananda Goswami passes away

- Writer of 'Namghoria', Atulananda Goswami (Sahitya Akademi winner), known for his novels and short stories has been passed away at 87.
- He had also received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2006 for his short story collection 'Seneh Jarir Ganthi'.
- Awards: Ambikagiri Roy Choudhury Sahitya Award, the Kumar Kishor Memorial Award, the Katha Award and the Sneha Bharati Sahitya Samman, among other honours.
- He also translated many English, Bengali and Odia texts into Assamese.



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