

## Current Affairs

11th April 2022



### Today's Important News

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#### 1. Renowned Assamese poet Nilamani Phookan to be conferred Jnanpith award in Guwahati

- Eminent Assamese poet Nilamani Phookan will be Conferred with the country's highest literary award, 56th Jnanpith at Guwahati.
- Nilmani Phookan is the third person to win the Jnanpith Award from Assam after Mamoni Roisom Goswami and Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya.
- **Notable works of Phookan:** 'Xurjya Henu Naami Aahe Ei Nodiyedi', 'Kabita', and 'Gulapi Jamur Lagna'
- **57th Jnanpith Award 2022:** Novelist Damodar Mauzo was chosen for his contribution to Indian literature.



#### Foot Notes:

##### About Jnanpith award:

The Jnanpith Award is the oldest and the highest Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their "outstanding contribution towards literature".

**Established:** 1961

**First awarded:** 1965

**Total awarded:** 62

## 2. World Parkinson's Day 2022 observed on April 11

- To raise awareness of Parkinson's disease, which is described as a movement disorder that impacts the nervous system, is observed as World Parkinson's Day annually on April 11.
- The theme for World Parkinson's Day 2022 is "integrated health care".
- This day also marks the birth anniversary of Dr. James Parkinson, who first described the features of the disease in his article - An Essay on the Shaking Palsy in 1817.



## 3. Axis Bank and Asian Development Bank collaborate to offer supply chain finance

- Axis Bank has signed a USD 150 million Partial Guarantee Facility Agreement (PGFA) with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support supply chain financing for impact sectors.
- The programme will have a special focus on ESG (environmental, social and governance).
- The deal will help Axis Bank to boost its support of SMEs, contribute to economic growth, and create jobs that improve people's lives.



### Foot Notes:

#### About Axis Bank

**CEO:** Amitabh Chaudhry

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

**Founded:** 1993

#### About ADB:

**President:** Masatsugu Asakawa

**Headquarters:** Mandaluyong, Philippines

**Founded:** 19 December 1966

## 4. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates annual 'Madhavpur Mela' in Gujarat

- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the annual Madhavpur Mela at Madhavpur Ghed in the Porbandar, Gujarat.
- This fair is a symbol of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat which is being organized as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.



- This fair has been organized by the Cultural Ministry in collaboration with the Gujarat government since 2018.
- The temple trust and gram panchayat organize a cultural fair annually in the memory of the marriage of Lord Krishna and Rukmani Ji.

#### Foot Notes:

#### About Gujarat:

**Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

**Capital:** Gandhinagar

**Chief Minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel

### 5. Bishesh Huirem becomes first transgender to win best actor award

- Bishesh Huirem becomes the first transgender actress who was honoured with the Best Actor Award in the prestigious Manipur State Film Awards.
- She received the award for exceptional performance in the film 'Apaiba Leichil' (floating clouds) for portraying a transgender character. She also clinched the Special Mention Award.
- **Best Feature Film:** 'Eikhoigi Yum' directed by Romi Meitei
- **Best Direction Award:** Bobby Haobam for the film 'Rongdaife'



### 6. Indian contingent ends campaign with 10 medals at 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament

- A group of 15 Indian boxers has won the 10 medals, including three golds, four silvers, and three bronze at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022 in Phuket.
- The winner of the Gold medal earned USD 2000.
- **Gold:** Govind Sahani (48kg), Ananta Pralhad Chopde (54kg), Sumit (75kg)
- **Silver:** Amit Panghal (52kg), Monika (48kg), Varinder Singh (60kg), Ashish Kumar (81kg)
- **Bronze:** Manisha (57kg), Pooja (69kg) Bhagyabati Kachari (75kg)



### 7. Pakistan carries out successful flight test of Shaheen-III ballistic missile

- Pakistan has conducted Shaheen-III surface to surface ballistic missile flight-tested successfully.



- Shaheen-III has a range of 2,750 KM which made this missile capable of reaching the farthest point in India's northeast and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- It is a solid-fuelled missile that is equipped with the Post-Separation Altitude Correction (PSAC) system.
- The missile was first tested in March 2015.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Pakistan:**

**Prime Minister:** Imran Khan

**Capital:** Islamabad

**President:** Arif Alvi

**8. Vikas Siri Sampat-111 scheme launched by Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**

- P Gopi Krishna, Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has launched a new deposit scheme of the bank named Vikas Siri Sampat-1111.
- The tenure of this scheme is of 1,111 days with an interest rate of 5.70% for the general public and 6.20 % for senior citizens.
- It also offers the highest rate of annualized return of 6.03% for the general public and 6.60% for senior citizens.
- Under the scheme, the account holder can deposit ₹10,000 to ₹2 crores.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank:**

**Headquarters:** Dharwad

**Founded:** 12 September 2005

**9. Charles Leclerc wins Formula One Australian Grand Prix 2022**

- Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc has named the title F1 Australian Grand Prix 2022 held on 10 April 2022 at Albert Park Circuit, in Melbourne, Victoria.
- He surpassed Red Bull's driver Sergio Pérez and Mercedes's driver George Russell.
- Mercedes's driver Lewis Hamilton placed fourth ahead of the McLarens of Norris and Ricciardo.



**Other Grand Prix 2022**

- **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022:** Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
- **F1 Bahrain Grand Prix 2022:** Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)

#### **10. Actor Shiv Kumar Subramaniam passed away**

- Actor-screenwriter Shiv Kumar Subramaniam has passed away, he was known for his roles in serial Mukti Bandhan and Meenakshi Sundareswar.
- He started his career by writing a screenplay for 1989 film Parinda which was directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra.
- He won the Filmfare Award for Best Story for Hazaron Khawaishein Ais.
- He has worked in films like 2 States, Hichki, Nail Polish, Rocky Handsome and more.





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