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# Current Issues

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## POLICY OF GOVERNANCE

### MISHTI (MANGROVE INITIATIVE FOR SHORELINE HABITATS & TANGIBLE INCOMES) SCHEME



#### KEY POINTS

- Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI)) envisage to comprehensively explore the possible area for development of Mangroves covering approximately 540 Sq. Kms. spreading across 11 States and 2 Union Territories during five years commencing FY 2023-24 onwards.
- Budget 2023-24 announced that mangrove plantations will be taken up along the country's coastline apart from salt pans, wherever feasible, through the convergence of the job guarantee scheme MGNREGS, the Compensatory Afforestation Fund, and other funding sources.
- MISHTI, which focuses on mangroves, will prevent erosion and help stabilise coastline ecosystems as mangroves are natural infrastructure that protects nearby populated areas by absorbing the impacts of storm surges during extreme weather events and by preventing erosion. Their dense roots bind and build soils, and the above-ground roots slow down water flow and result in sediment deposits, reducing coastal erosion,”
- MISHTI is a new programme that will facilitate mangrove plantation along India's coastline and on salt pan lands. The programme will operate through “convergence between MGNREGS, Campa

Fund and other sources. This new programme will aim at intensive afforestation of coastal mangrove forests.

## NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME



### KEY POINTS

- Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, “New India Literacy Programme” (NILP) for implementation during five years from the FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27 with financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore out of which Rs.700.00 crore is Central share and Rs.337.90 crore is State share.
- The scheme aims to cover a target of 5.00 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above. The Scheme has five components: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Vocational Skills Development, (iv) Basic Education and (v) Continuing Education.

## FIRST STATE IN INDIA TO HAVE 100% ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY NETWORK



### KEY POINTS

- Indian Railways has successfully completed 100% electrification of railway network in the state of Haryana with this achievement, Haryana has become the first state in India to have 100% electrified railway network
- The existing Broad Gauge network of Haryana is 1,701 Route kilometre, which is now 100% electrified, resulting in saving on account of reduced line haul cost (about 2.5 times lower), heavier haulage capacity, increased sectional capacity, reduced operating & maintenance cost of electric loco, energy efficient and eco-friendly mode of transportation with reduced dependence on imported crude oil, saving of foreign exchange.
- Further, new Broad Gauge network shall be sanctioned along with electrification, in sync with Railways' policy of 100% electrified network.
- Haryana state's territory falls in Northern, North Central & North Western Railway's jurisdiction. Some of the major railway stations in Haryana are: Ambala, Panipat, Gurgaon, Kurukshetra, Hisar Junction, Rewari Junction, Rohtak Junction, and Bhiwani
- Some of the prestigious trains passing through Haryana state are Kalka Shatabdi Express, Himalayan Queen, Kalka Mail, Paschim Express, Golden Temple Mail and Kalinga Utkal Express. These trains provide convenient connectivity to various parts of the state and other major cities in India.

## CHHATTISGARH'S NAGRI DUBRAJ, AN AROMATIC RICE VARIETY, HAS BEEN GRANTED A GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (GI) TAG



### KEY POINTS

- The Geographical Indications Registry has granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Nagri Dubraj, a fragrant rice from Chhattisgarh, to give a unique identity to the brand. The Morena and Rewa Mango (both Madhya Pradesh) have also been given the GI Tag.

## NASHA UKT BHARAT ABHIYAAN



### KEY POINTS

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Signed Memorandum of Understanding between Art of Living today at Dr. B.R Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The Ministry has initiated ambitious Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) currently operational in 8,000 Master Volunteers have been selected and trained to lead the Abhiyaan activities in the 372 identified districts More than 3.13+ crore youth have actively participated in the activities of the Abhiyaan and spreading on-ground the message against substance use.

- Around 4,000+ YuvaMandals, NYKS & NSS Volunteers, Youth Clubs have also been associated with the Abhiyaan. The contribution of 2.09+ Crore women have also been vital in reaching out to a larger community through the Anganwadi & ASHA Workers, ANMs, Mahila Mandals & Women SHGs.

### THREE NEW CONSERVATION RESERVES IN RAJESTHAN



#### KEY POINTS

- Rajasthan's Forest Department announced three new conservation reserves that will protect the rare and endangered wildlife of Rajasthan.
- These three new wildlife conservation reserves are Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur, and Hamirgarh in Bhilwara.
- The number of conservation reserves in the state has now reached 26.
- Conservationists and wildlife activists were demanding to protect the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) habitat in Sorsan and the home of migratory birds and demoiselle cranes in Khichan for long, as these areas face several threats.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH LAUNCH PROJECT SANJEEVANI



### KEY POINTS

- The economy of Himachal Pradesh is predominantly reliant on agriculture and animal husbandry.
- The rural households in the state consider livestock care as a crucial aspect.
- Himachal Pradesh government launch this project sanjeevani to provide quality veterinary services to the cattle rearers for livestock healthcare and cut expenses on travelling to the point of care and avail quality medicines.

## FOREIGN TRADE POLICY (FTP) 2023



### KEY POINTS

- The FTP 2023 looks to change this and increase India's e-commerce exports by enabling vendors to access the international markets. The policy proposes to create E-Commerce Export Hubs (ECEHs), which would act as a centre for favourable business infrastructure and facilities for cross-border e-commerce activities.
- Foreign Trade Policy (2023) is a policy document which is based on continuity of time-tested schemes facilitating exports as well as a document which is nimble and responsive to the requirements of trade.
- It is based on principles of 'trust' and 'partnership' with exporters. In the FTP 2015-20, changes were done subsequent to the initial release even without announcement of a new FTP responding dynamically to the emerging situations.
- Hereafter, the revisions of the FTP shall be done as and when required. Incorporating feedback from Trade and Industry would also be continuous to streamline processes and update FTP, from time to time.
- The Key Approach to the policy is based on these 4 pillars:
  - Incentive to Remission,
  - Export promotion through collaboration - Exporters, States, Districts, Indian Missions,
  - Ease of doing business, reduction in transaction cost and e-initiatives
  - Emerging Areas – E-Commerce Developing Districts as Export Hubs and streamlining SCOMET policy.



## TULSI GHAT RESTORATION PROJECT



### KEY POINTS

- EAM Jaishankar launches 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Uganda
- During his three-day visit to Uganda's Kampala, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Varanasi.
- He commended the Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda for their efforts to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the oldest inhabited city in the world.
- Uganda has been selected to chair the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) for the period of 2022 to 2025 on behalf of Africa.
- The chairmanship of the movement rotates every three years during summit conferences and is assisted by both the previous and incoming chairs, representing the movement's past, present, and future.
- During his visit to Uganda.
- S. Jaishankar will hold delegation-level discussions with his Ugandan counterpart to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations. Additionally, he is expected to meet with other Ministers and call on the country's leadership.

## INTERNATION ISSUES

### NASA SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACT OXYGEN FROM LUNAR SOIL SIMULANT



#### KEY POINTS

- NASA scientists at Johnson Space Center in Houston have successfully extracted oxygen from simulated lunar soil in a vacuum environment, which could pave the way for establishing a long-term presence of humans on the lunar surface, and even for the future colonization of the Moon.
- The ability to extract oxygen from lunar soil is not only crucial for providing breathable air for astronauts on the moon but can also be used as propellant for transportation and venture further space exploration.
- To simulate the conditions on the Moon, NASA scientists used a special spherical chamber called the Dirty Thermal Vacuum Chamber.

## NEPAL AND INDIA SIGN MOU ON CROSS BORDER DIGITAL PAYMENT



### KEY POINTS

- Nepal and India are set to sign an agreement for cross-border digital payments using e-wallet, which is expected to boost trade and tourism by eliminating currency hassles.
- The accord will allow Indian tourists in Nepal to make digital payments using Indian e-wallets like BharatPe, PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm.

## FIRST COUNTRY TO APPROVE MALARIA VACCINE



### KEY POINTS

- Ghana has become the first country in the world to approve a new malaria vaccine from Oxford University.
- The R21/Matrix-M vaccine, the first to exceed the World Health Organization (WHO)'s target of 75 per cent efficacy, has been approved for use in children aged 5-36 months, the group most at risk of malaria death.
- According to WHO, an estimated 619,000 people died from malaria in 2021, with the vast majority of them being children in Sub-Saharan Africa. In Ghana, where the disease is both endemic and perennial, an estimated 5.3 million cases and 12,500 deaths were recorded.

## SCO SUMMIT IN NEW DELHI ON JULY 3-4



### KEY POINTS

- India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in New Delhi on July 3-4 that would see Russian President Vladimir Putin travelling to India for the first time since the Ukraine war.
- The SCO is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance comprising eight member states and four observer states, including India, Russia, China, Pakistan, and Iran.
- Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be highlighted in a bilateral meeting as both countries have to expand their trade ties.
- The SCO summit will provide an opportunity for India to further strengthen its relationship with the member states and promote regional cooperation.\

## INDIA AND ROMANIA SIGN FIRST DEFENCE COOPERATION AGREEMENT



### KEY POINTS

- India and Romania have signed a defence agreement as Simona Cojocaru, the European country's deputy minister of defence, met defence secretary Giridhar Aramane in New Delhi.
- Signed during a bilateral meeting in New Delhi on March 28th between Romania's Deputy Minister of Defence, Simona Cojocaru, and India's Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane, the agreement represents Romania's special interest in enhancing bilateral dialogues with states in the Indo-Pacific region, in line with the EU Strategy for cooperation in this strategic and economically significant region.
- Both countries are set to explore more areas for military cooperation through their respective ministries.

## CIPLA-NOVARTIS AG AGREEMENT FOR DIABETES DRUG



### KEY POINTS

- Cipla signs perpetual Licence Agreement With Novartis AG for a diabetes drug for the Indian market.
- The company will manufacture and market diabetes drug Galvus from Jan 1, 2026 for Indian market which is used in the treatment of Type-2 Diabetes.
- "This deal is expected to further bolster Cipla's position in India as one of the top players in the diabetes category,"
- The Mumbai-based company has signed a perpetual license agreement with Novartis Pharma AG (Switzerland) to manufacture and market Galvus and Galvus combination brands, it said in a regulatory filing

## FINLAND BECOMES 31ST NATO MEMBER



### KEY POINTS

- Jens Stoltenberg, the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), has announced that Finland has become the 31st member of the alliance, thanks to Turkey's unanimous vote.
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# REPORTS

## FORBES BILLIONAIRE 2023



### KEY POINTS

- Mukesh Ambani has been named the richest sports owner in the Forbes billionaire 2023 list.
- when Forbes locked in net worth for the 2023 World's Billionaires list, Ambani net worth was \$83.4 billion, compared to Ballmer's net worth of to \$80.7 billion.
- Ballmer is now planet's second-wealthiest team owner.

## INDIA JUSTICE REPORT (IJR) 2022



### KEY POINTS

- According to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022, Karnataka has achieved the top rank among the 18 large and mid-sized states in delivery of justice with populations over one crore.
- Tamil Nadu has ranked in the second position; Telangana third; and Uttar Pradesh is at rank 18 which is the lowest.



- The India Justice Report is a first of its kind national periodic reporting that brings together, hitherto siloed information, to measure the capacity of four pillars of the justice system - the police, the prison system, the judiciary and legal aid—in each state, against its own declared standards or benchmarks.
- The India Justice Report is an initiative of Tata Trusts in Collaboration with centre for social justice, common cause and commonwealth Human Rights Initiative among others.

# AWARDS

## IMMIGRANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



### KEY POINTS

- Neeli Bendapudi, the Indian American president of Penn State University, received this year's prestigious Immigrant Achievement Award.
- The award recognizes individuals that exhibit commitment and dedication to our heritage as a nation of immigrants.
- The award is presented each year to an individual or organization that exhibits a commitment and dedication to America's heritage as a nation of immigrants and advocacy for humane immigration policy.

## GREEN WORLD AWARD



### KEY POINTS

- Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.(PGCIL), a Maharatna CPSU of Ministry of Power, Government of India has been conferred Global Gold Award by The Green Organization.
- The recognition was given at the Green World Awards 2023 function held at Miami in the USA yesterday.
- Dr. V. K. Singh, Director (Personnel), POWERGRID received the award on behalf of the organization.
- The award is a recognition of POWERGRID's CSR work for improving Agriculture Productivity and Rural Livelihood through watershed management, community participation and better crop management practices in 10 villages of Jaipatna Block of Kalahandi District in Odisha.
- This is a 60-month farmer centric project started in late October 2019 with a withdrawal plan to ensure its sustainability.
- POWERGRID emphasizes been involved in a number of CSR programs for community and environment.
- With a well-defined and customized Exit Policy for its CSR projects, POWERGRID gives importance to Community Participation by way of effective Collaboration, Capacity Building and Sustainability aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## GREENFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BHOGAPURAM



### KEY POINTS

- The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for the development of Bhogapuram International Airport
- The project will be developed in three phases: 1st phase - Will be developed to serve 6 million passengers per annum (MPPA), 2nd phase - The capacity will be increased up to 12 MPPA, 3rd phase – The development will conclude with a total capacity of 18 MPPA
- This airport will be developed as a Greenfield airport and has an estimated project cost of Rs. 4592 crore for phase 1.
- The total land area of the airport will be 2203.26 acres with CAT I enabled runway spread across 3800 meters and a cargo terminal in 5000 sq meters.

## **‘LATIN WOMEN OF THE YEAR’ AWARD**



### **KEY POINTS**

- Colombian singer Shakira, gets awarded with the Latin Woman of the Year award at the Billboards 2023.
- Shakira has earned the title of Queen of Latin Music for her outstanding tracks over the course of three decades in her career.

## SPORTS

### FIRST INDIAN TO FINISH ON PODIUM IN BRITISH F4 CHAMPIONSHIP



#### KEY POINTS

- Jaden Pariat becomes first Indian in six years to finish on podium in British F4 C'ship.
- Young Indian racer Jaden Pariat of Argenti Motorsport displayed his talent by finishing on the podium in the first round of the ROKiT British F4 Championship at Donington Park in Leicestershire.
- He has become the second Indian racer to achieve an international podium in a Tatuus F4 car, following Kush Maini's feat in 2017.

## FIRST INDIAN MAN TO REACH THE SUMMIT OF MT. ANNAPURNA



### KEY POINTS

- Annapurna, becomes first Indian man to do so. Indian professional mountaineer Arjun Vajpai, roped in as a Fit India Champion earlier this year has become the first Indian man to summit Mt.
- Annapurna 1, which is also the 10th highest mountain in the world at 8,091 metres (26,545 ft) above sea level in Nepal.
- Arjun made the climb to the 7x8000m summits on April 17 and has now become the first Indian mountaineer to scale 7x8000m peaks. Mt. Annapurna happens to be the most dangerous mountain out of the 14x8000m Summit Mountains.

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## "AJEYA WARRIOR-23"



### KEY POINTS

- The 7th edition of joint military exercise “AJEYA WARRIOR-23” between India and the United Kingdom is being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom from 27 April to 11 May 2023.
- Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR is a biennial training event with the United Kingdom which is conducted alternatively in the United Kingdom and India, the last edition was held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand in October 2021.
- The scope of this exercise involves a Command Post Exercise (CPX) at the Battalion level and Company level Field Training Exercise (FTX).
- During the exercise, participants will engage in a variety of missions testing their operational acumen in various simulated situations; showcasing and refining their tactical drills, and learning from each other’s operational experience.



## KANGRA TEA FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH GETS EUROPEAN GI TAG



### KEY POINTS

- Himachal Pradesh's Kangra tea, known for quality, unique aroma, and a tinge of fruity flavor, has been registered with the European Union (EU) as a protected Geographical Indication (GI)
- The Kangra tea — known for its unique taste and fragrance, attributed to its abundant pyrazine contents — was given GI status in the year 2005 by the Registrar of Geographical Indicators, Chennai.
- the EU wants India and Pakistan to hold discussions so that Basmati rice from Pakistan can also be recognized, but Pakistan is currently not meeting the necessary requirements for the recognition.
- Kangra tea has a rich history that dates back to the mid-19th century, when it was first introduced in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.

## INDIA'S SUKHOI-30S



### KEY POINTS

- India's Russia-made Sukhoi-30s will engage in dogfights with their American counterparts F-15 Strike Eagle fighter jets in an exercise named 'Cope India' that will start from next week.
- The exercise between the two sides that was put on hold due to the complexities arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic is being held after a gap of four years.
- The sixth edition of Cope India-2023, an Air Exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and United States Air Force (USAF), conducted over the last two weeks at Air Force Stations Kalaikunda, Panagarh and Agra, culminated on 24 Apr 2023.
- Cope India is a series of wargames that originated in 2004 as a fighter training exercise held at Gwalior air station. Over the years, the exercise has expanded to include a variety of training activities, including subject matter expert exchanges, air mobility training, airdrop training, and large-force exercises, in addition to fighter-training exercises. The previous edition of the exercise was held in 2019.

## ECONOMIC SCENARIO

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEFENCE FINANCE & ECONOMICS.



#### KEY POINTS

- The three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics (ICDFE-2023) concluded in New Delhi on April 14, 2023.
- The conference witness participation of over 350 eminent policy makers, academics and government officials from within the country and abroad. Delegates from USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Kenya attended the conference, across eight business sessions.
- The aim of conference is to highlight international perspective on strategic allocation of defence budget, the importance of human resource management in Defence and the significance of defence spending for a state's national security.
- The panelists also discussed the defence finance perspective, including the significance of defence procurement and timely payments including the implementation of a faceless bill processing and payment system that the Defence Accounts Department is currently implementing.
- The conference supports the Indian Government's efforts to promote self-reliance and indigenization in the defence sector.

## NEW LOGO REPRESENTS SEBI'S



भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड  
Securities and Exchange Board of India

### KEY POINTS

- The new logo represents SEBI's commitment to facilitating economic growth through capital formation, while also incorporating the power of technology and data into policy-making.
- It established on April 12, 1988, SEBI celebrated this year SEBI Celebrates its 35th Foundation Day.
- The new SEBI logo illustrates the organization's continued dedication to fostering economic growth through capital formation, upholding its illustrious history of a collaborative approach to policymaking, and embracing the power of data and technology.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

### BUSINESS LEADER OF THE DECADE AWARD



#### KEY POINTS

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of Aditya Birla Group, was presented with the 'Business Leader of the Decade Award' for his contributions to the Indian industry in the last ten years.
- In 1995, Kumar Mangalam Birla took over the family business and consolidated all the group companies under the brand – Aditya Birla Group (ABG). Birla acquired Indian Aluminum Company (INDAL) in 2000.
- The All India Management Association (AIMA) is a non-profit organization that aims to enhance management skills and practices in India. It provides a platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and career development for professionals in the field of management.

## NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIPURA HIGH COURT



### KEY POINTS

- Aparesh Kumar Singh, a justice of the Jharkhand high court, was named chief justice of the Tripura high court.
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new chief justice of the Tripura High Court, replacing Justice Jaswant Singh who recently retired.
- Justice Singh was born on July 7, 1965, and started his career as an advocate in 1990.

## HEAD OF NASA'S NEWLY-ESTABLISHED MOON TO MARS PROGRAMME



### KEY POINTS

- Amit Kshatriya, a decorated Indian-American software and robotics engineer was appointed as the first head of NASA's newly-established Moon to Mars Programme that will help the agency ensure a long-term lunar presence needed to prepare for humanity's next giant leap to the Red Planet.
- Kshatriya will serve as NASA's first head of the office, with immediate effect
- The Moon to Mars Programme Office will help prepare NASA to carry out our bold missions to the Moon and land the first humans on Mars.
- As directed by the 2022 NASA Authorization Act, the Moon to Mars Programme Office focuses on hardware development, mission integration and risk management functions for programmes critical to the agency's exploration approach that uses Artemis missions at the Moon to open a new era of scientific discovery and prepare for human missions to Mars

## DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES



### KEY POINTS

- Richard Verma, an Indian-American lawyer, diplomat, and executive, has been appointed as the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources by the US Senate.
- This role is regarded as the State Department's CEO and is a powerful position in the US government.
- He previously served as the US ambassador to India, where he held the position from 2015 to 2017.
- Additionally, he is currently working as the chief legal officer and head of global public policy at Mastercard.
- During the Obama administration, he served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs.
- In his earlier career, he was the National Security Advisor to Senator Harry Reid and also held positions as the Democratic Whip, Minority Leader, and Majority Leader in the US Senate.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY



### KEY POINTS

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated April 30th as International Jazz Day.
- International Jazz Day highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.
- Theme for 2023 was ‘A call for global peace and unity’.

## INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY



### KEY POINTS

- International Dance Day or World Dance Day is celebrated across the world on 29<sup>th</sup> April each year to raise awareness about the importance of dance among the general public.
- The Dance Committee of International Theatre Institute established International Dance Day in 1982 to be celebrated on April 29th annually, which marks the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, the innovator of contemporary ballet.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MULTILATERALISM AND DIPLOMACY FOR PEACE



### KEY POINTS

- The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is celebrated annually on 24 April.
- The Day acknowledges the use of multilateral decision making and diplomacy in achieving peaceful.
- Multilateralism is often defined in opposition to bilateralism and unilateralism. Strictly speaking, it indicates a form of cooperation between at least three States

## **KHONGJOM DAY**



### **KEY POINTS**

- Khongjom Day is a regional public holiday in the Indian state of Manipur. It is observed every year on April 23rd.
- Khongjom Day was commemorated at Khongjom in Thoubal district of Manipur to honour the soldiers who fought in the 1891 Anglo-Manipuri War.
- Manipur's Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and Governor Ms. Anusuiya Uikey were among those who paid their respects to the heroes at the event, held at Kheba Ching in Khongjom.

## **WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY**



### **KEY POINTS**

- World Book and Copyright Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Each year, on 23 April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognize the scope of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures.
- The theme for World Book Day 2023 is "Indigenous Languages."

## EARTH DAY



### KEY POINTS

- Earth Day is observed on April 22.
- The theme this year 2023 is — ‘Invest in our Planet,’
- Senator Gaylord Nelson established Earth Day in the 1970s to promote ecology and increase public awareness of issues pertaining to the environment.

## WORLD CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY



### KEY POINTS

- The United Nations designated 21 April as World Creativity and Innovation Day to raise the awareness of the role of creativity and innovation.
- World Creativity and Innovation Day 2023: The day aims to promote the use of creative thinking and to foster innovation and growth.
- World Creativity & Innovation Day (WCID) was founded on May 25, 2001, in Toronto, Canada by Canadian Marci Segal.

## WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK



### KEY POINTS

- World Immunization Week, celebrated in the last week of April, aims to highlight the collective action needed to protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The goal of World Immunization Week is for more children, adults – and their communities – to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases, allowing them to live happier, healthier lives.
- The theme for this year's 2023 World Immunization Week is “The Big Catch-Up”

## WORLD LIVER DAY



### KEY POINTS

- World Liver Day is observed on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- World Liver Day is celebrated across the world on April 19 to raise awareness about liver diseases.
- It focuses on educating people about severity, early detection and prevention of liver diseases. According to studies, globally, about 20 lakh people die yearly due to liver diseases.
- In fact, the theme for World Liver Day 2023 is “Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone.”

## WORLD HERITAGE DAY



### KEY POINTS

- The World Heritage Day 2023 theme is "Heritage Changes".
- Every year on April 18, people celebrate World Heritage Day.
- The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) proposed the notion of observing World Heritage Day in 1982, and it was subsequently endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1983.

## WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY



### KEY POINTS

- April 17, 2023 is World Hemophilia Day. The theme of the event this year is “Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care”.
- Haemophilia is a genetic disease that can be passed down from parents to children. Generally, this illness is more normal in guys. This disease is carried by chromosomes, which prevent blood from clotting and cause bleeding.

- A protein in the blood, also known as a clotting factor, is missing in Haemophilia patients. When an injury is located, this protein and the platelets collaborate to stop bleeding.
- This means that after an injury, a person bleeds longer and is more likely to have internal bleeding. High levels of bleeding can be deadly.
- The World Federation of Haemophilia established World Haemophilia Day in 1989.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT



## KEY POINTS

- The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed annually on April 12th to commemorate the beginning of human space exploration and acknowledge the significant contribution of space science.
- Every year on April 12th, International Day for Human Space Flight celebrates the first human space flight anniversary.
- United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on April 7, 2011, designating April 12th as the International Day of Human Space Flight.
- This day is dedicated to honoring the first human to orbit the Earth, a Russian cosmonaut, on April 12th, 1961.



## WORLD HEALTH DAY



### KEY POINTS

- Every year on April 7th, the World Health Day is celebrated to bring global attention to a specific health issue that impacts people worldwide.
- World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated annually on April 7th. It was first established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 to raise awareness of important public health issues.
- The World Health Day 2023 has adopted the theme “Health For All”

## WORLD VETERINARY DAY



### KEY POINTS

- The World Veterinary Day (WVD) was first founded on April 29, 2000, by the initiative of the World Veterinary Association (WVA).
- World Veterinary Day is an annual event celebrated on the last Saturday of April, In 2023 it is observed on 29<sup>th</sup> April
- World Veterinary Day 2023 theme is “Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in the Veterinary Profession”.

## WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



### KEY POINTS

- World Autism Awareness Day, observed on April 2, aims to increase understanding about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- World Autism Awareness Day 2023's topic this year is "Contribution of Autistic Individuals at Home, at Work, in the Arts, and Policymaking."
- The first World Autism Awareness Day was observed in 2008