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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 11 May 2022

### National Technology Day

- India observes National Technology Day on May 11 to mark the anniversary of the Pokhran nuclear tests of 1998.
- Pokhran nuclear tests were a series of five explosions conducted by India at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range.
- Former president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, lovingly known as India's 'Missile Man' spearheaded the Pokhran tests.
- The then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared India a nuclear state, making it the sixth country to join the elite 'nuclear club'.
- The five nuclear tests were codenamed Operation Shakti and the whole operation is also known as Pokhran II.



### Homage Paid To 1857 Freedom Fighters

- The Indian Rebellion of 1857 was a major uprising in India in 1857–58 against the rule of the British East India Company, which functioned as a sovereign power on behalf of the British Crown.
- The rebellion began on 10 May 1857 in the form of a mutiny of sepoys of the Company's army in the garrison town of Meerut, 40 mi (64 km) northeast of Delhi. It then erupted into other mutinies and civilian rebellions chiefly in the upper Gangetic plain and central India, though incidents of revolt also occurred farther north and east.

- The rebellion posed a considerable threat to British power in that region and was contained only with the rebels' defeat in Gwalior on 20 June 1858. On 1 November 1858, the British granted amnesty to all rebels not involved in murder, though they did not declare the hostilities to have formally ended until 8 July 1859.
- Its name is contested, and it is variously described as the Sepoy Mutiny, the Indian Mutiny, the Great Rebellion, the Revolt of 1857, the Indian Insurrection, and the First War of Independence.



**Narendra Modi** ✓ @narendramodi · 5h

On this day in 1857 began the historic First War of Independence, which ignited a spirit of patriotism among our fellow citizens and contributed to the weakening of colonial rule. I pay homage to all those who were a part of the events of 1857 for their outstanding courage.

## UNCCD 15<sup>th</sup> Session Of The Conference Of The Parties

- Environment Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav has said, despite COVID pandemic, India as President of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP-14 made significant contributions in bringing the nations together toward the global goal of halting and reversing land degradation. Mr Yadav is leading an Indian delegation at the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD at Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire. Mr Yadav will address the high-level segment, including a Heads of States Summit.
- India had hosted the fourteenth session of Conference of Parties of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification from 2nd to 13th September 2019 in New Delhi and is the current President of the same.
- At COP-14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India would raise its ambition of the total area that would be restored from its land degradation status, from twenty-one million hectares to twenty-six million hectares between now and 2030.
- A High-level Dialogue of United Nations General Assembly held on 14th June 2021 on desertification, land degradation, and drought, was addressed by Mr Modi wherein he highlighted the success stories and initiatives taken by India to combat land degradation.

- The United Nations Convention To Combat Desertification Was In 1994 And Has 197 Parties. It Is The Only Internationally Legally Binding Framework Set Up To Address The Problem Of Desertification. To Help Publicise The Convention, 2006 Was Declared "International Year Of Deserts And Desertification" But Debates Have Ensued Regarding How Effective The International Year Was In Practice.



## Danish Siddiqui Honoured With Pulitzer Prize 2022

- Pulitzer Prize-2022 was announced yesterday in the fields of journalism, book, drama, and accompaniment. According to the Pulitzer Prizes website, slain photojournalist Danish Siddiqui is among four Indians honoured with the prestigious Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category. Siddiqui and his colleagues Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, and Amit Dave from a news agency won the award. Their work was moved from the Breaking News Photography category by the judges.
- Siddiqui, 38, was on assignment in Afghanistan last year when he died. Marcus Yam of the Los Angeles Times bagged the award in the Breaking News Photography category. Meanwhile, the Washington Post bagged the Pulitzer Prize in public service journalism for its coverage of the January 6 insurrection at the US Capitol.



## Census 2021 To Be Fully Digital & Completed By 2024

- Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the next census will be fully digital with 100 percent accuracy. He said, birth and death register will be linked with the census. Home Minister said, with the electronic process and enumeration of people, the Census will be updated automatically after every birth and death in the country. Mr Shah was inaugurating the new office building of the Directorate of Census Operations in Assam at Amingaon in Kamrup district yesterday.
- Home Minister said the digital Census will shape the 'policies of the country for the next 25 years. Mr Shah said the 2021 Census was delayed due to the Covid pandemic and it will be completed by 2024. Shah pointed out that without a perfect Census, planning for any development work or project is not possible.
- Shah said the new software will have multi-dimensional uses as it will be linked with the registration of births and deaths. As soon as someone is born, their details will get updated in the software, he said. Once that person turns 18, their names would get registered in the voters' list from the census office itself. The names would get d from the voters' list, from the census office, once that person dies. Shah said details like people shifting residences will also get updated through the software.



## RailTel Launches PM-WANI

- RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme based on access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country. This public-friendly service was virtually launched by RailTel chairman and managing director Puneet Chawla yesterday.

- To access this WiFi network, android users can download the mobile app 'Wi-DOT' available on Google Play Store. This app has been developed in close coordination with C-DOT.
- This method of accessing Wi-Fi through the 'mobile app' will be in addition to the existing method of accessing WiFi at these stations through the conventional method of selecting RailWire Service Set Identifier (SSID).
- PM-WANI is an ambitious program of the Department of Telecom (DoT) to connect all silo Wi-Fi networks for ease of use and proliferate broadband usage for the masses. The government further plans to extend the PM-WANI-based access of RailTel's public Wi-Fi services to all 6,102 railway stations in a phased manner by the end of June 2022.



## Nepal's Kami Rita Sherpa Creates A New Record

- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed the Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record. Leading an 11-member rope fixing team, Kami Rita and his team reached the summit yesterday, breaking his own previous world record.
- After ascending Everest, the rope fixing team led by Kami Rita is successfully descending from the top to the base camp.
- As the Everest climbing season is approaching fast and hundreds of climbers are waiting for fair weather to reach the top, Kami Rita and his team went to the top of Everest to fix the ropes so that the Everest expedition becomes easier for the other climbers.
- Born in 1970 in Solukhumbu district, he first climbed the Everest in May 1994. His father was among the first professional Sherpa guides after Everest was opened for foreign mountaineers in 1950. His brother, also a guide, scaled Everest 17 times.
- According to Nepal's Tourism Department, 316 people have applied to scale Everest this season.



## IBA World Boxing C'ships

- Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain kickstarted her campaign on an impressive note by notching up a thrilling win at the 12th edition of the IBA Women`s World Boxing Championships in Istanbul on Monday.
- The 24-year-old star Indian boxer dished out a splendid show to secure a 3-2 win against the former world champion Chen Nien-Chin in the 70kg opening round bout. The Chinese Taipei boxer entered the match with a 3-1 head-to-head record.
- She had defeated the Indian in the 2018 World Championships semi-final.
- On the other hand, Lovlina`s only win against Chen came in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics quarter-final enroute to her bronze medal-winning triumph.



## Santoor Maestro Shiv Kumar Sharma Dies At 84

- Pandit Shivkumar Sharma (13 January 1938 - 10 May 2022) was an Indian classical musician and santoor player who is credited with adapting the santoor for Indian classical music.
- As a music composer, he collaborated with Indian flutist Hariprasad Chaurasia under the name Shiv-Hari and composed music for many Indian films including Faasle (1985), Chandni (1989), Lamhe (1991), and Darr (1993).

- Sharma was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award in 1991, and the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award in 2001.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. Governor-general Of India During The 1857 Revolt

- A. Lord Hardinge
- B. Lord Canning
- C. Lord Lytton
- D. Lord Dalhousie

**ANSWER: B**

### 2. It Was Known As The First War Of Independence

- A. Sepoy Mutiny
- B. Meerut Mutiny
- C. Revolt 1857
- D. All The Above

**ANSWER: D**

### 3. Doctrine Of Lapse Was Introduced By

- A. Lord Hardinge
- B. Lord Canning
- C. Lord Lytton
- D. Lord Dalhousie

**ANSWER: D**



**4. \_\_\_\_ Was The Date When The Revolt Of 1857 Started**

- A. 30th June
- B. 10th May
- C. 31st May
- D. 10th June

**ANSWER: B**

**5. In Kanpur The 1857 Revolt Was Led By**

- A. Bahadur Shah
- B. Nana Saheb
- C. Begum Hazrat Mahal
- D. Rani Laxmibai

**ANSWER: B**

**6. British Resistance Against Rani Lakshmi Bai Was Given By**

- A. John Nicholson
- B. Hugh Rose
- C. Henry Lawrence

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Odd One Out: Revolt 1857**

- E. Kanpur - Nana Saheb
- F. Lucknow - Begum Hazrat Mahal
- G. Mathura - Kadam Singh
- H. Faizabad - Maulavi Ahmadullah

**ANSWER: C**

**8. \_\_\_\_\_ Was The Leader Of Meerut During The 1857 Revolt**

- E. Bakht Khan
- F. Kadam Singh
- G. Taty Tope
- H. Kuwar Singh

**ANSWER: B**

**9. \_\_\_\_\_ Was Appointed Viceroy Post 1857 Revolt**

- E. Lord Rippon
- F. Lord Dalhousie
- G. Lord Canning
- H. Lord Hastings

**ANSWER: C**

**10.Nana Sahib Was The Adopted Son Of**

- E. Peshwa Baji Rao I
- F. Peshwa Baji Rao II
- G. Peshwa Balaji Vishwanath Rao
- H. Peshwa Raghunath Rao

**ANSWER: B**

**11.National Technology Day**

- A. May 9
- B. May 10
- C. May 11
- D. May 12

**ANSWER: C**

**12.Code Name Of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nuclear Test Of India**

- A. Chagai 1-1
- B. Smiling Buddha
- C. Project 596
- D. Operation Shakti

**ANSWER: D**

**13.Operation Smiling Buddha Carried Out Under Leadership Of**

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. A B Vajpayee

**ANSWER: B**

**14.COP-14 UNCCD Was Hosted By**

- A. Spain
- B. Turkey
- C. India
- D. Egypt

**ANSWER: C**

**15.COP-15 UNCCD Will Be Hosted By**

- A. Namibia
- B. Ghana
- C. Ivory Coast
- D. Kenya

**ANSWER: C**

**16.Only State That Is Not A Party To UNCCD**

- A. Canada
- B. Vatican City
- C. Palestine
- D. Cook Islands

**ANSWER: B**

**17.COP-1 UNCCD In 1997 Was Hosted By**

- A. Italy
- B. Brazil
- C. Senegal
- D. Cuba

**ANSWER: A**

**18.Pulitzer Prize Was Established In**

- A. 1917
- B. 1918
- C. 1922
- D. 1928

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Which Of The Following Is An Award Instituted By UNESCO**

- A. Kalinga Award
- B. Pulitzer Prize
- C. Stirling Prize
- D. Pritzker Prize

**ANSWER: A**

**20. The Stirling Prize Is A British Prize For Excellence In**

- A. Medicine
- B. Science
- C. Architecture
- D. Literature

**ANSWER: C**

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