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Daily Current Affairs

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World Energy Transitions Outlook Report - 2023

- The **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)** Released The **World Energy Transitions Outlook Report-2023**.
- To **Survive 1.5°C**, Deployment Levels Must Increase From **3,000 Gigawatts (GW)** At Present To More Than **10,000 GW** In **2030**, **Averaging 1,000 GW Annually**.
- **By 2030**, Cumulative Investment Should Be **US\$44 Trillion**, With Transition Technologies Representing **80 % Of Total Investment, Or \$35 Trillion**.
- Current Pledges And Plans Fall Well Short Of Irena's **1.5°C Pathway And Would Result In An Emissions Gap Of 16 Gigatonnes (Gt) In 2050**.
- **International Renewable Energy Agency (Irena)**
- It Is An **Intergovernmental Organisation** Which Aims To Support Countries In Their **Transition To A Sustainable Energy Future**.
- It Was Founded **In Bonn, Germany On 26 January 2009**.
- Headquarter - **Abu Dhabi, UAE**
- India Became A Member **In 2009 As 77th Founding Member**
- Member Countries - **167 And The European Union**



Save The Elephant Day - 16 April

- It Is Observed Every Year On **16 April** And Aims To Highlight Importance Of **Elephants**, The Challenges They Face And The Actions That Can Be Taken To Protect Their Existence.
- The Theme Of Save The Elephant Day 2023 Is "**Protecting Elephant Habitats For A Sustainable Tomorrow**".



ISRO Successfully Launches PSLV-C55 Mission

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** Successfully **Launched Its PSLV-C55/Teleos-2 Mission**, Sending **2 Singapore-made Satellites** Into Space From Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) In Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota.
- It Is A **Commercial' Mission** Undertaken By ISRO Through **NewSpace India Limited**.
- **Teleos-2** Is The Primary One, And **Lumelite-4**, The '**Co-passenger.**'
- These Weight About **741 Kg And 16 Kg**, Respectively.
- **Teleos-2** Will Meet The **Satellite Imagery Requirements** Of Various Agencies Under The Government Of Singapore.
- **Lumelite-4** Aims To Enhance The **Maritime Security** Of The State.
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
- Headquarters: **Bengaluru**
- Chairman: **S Somnath**
- Founder - **Vikram Sarabhai**
- Established On **15 August 1969**



PM Modi Inaugurated The 1st Global Buddhist Summit

- PM Narendra Modi Inaugurated The 1st Global Buddhist Summit In New Delhi.
- Summit Was Hosted By The Ministry Of Culture In Association With The International Buddhist Confederation.
- Theme: "Responses To Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy To Praxis".
- The Summit Was Attended By Delegates From Around **30 Countries, Including 171 Delegates** From Foreign Countries And 150 Delegates From **Indian Buddhist Organisations**.
- The Summit Will Explore How **Buddhist Philosophy And Thought** Can Help Address Contemporary Challenges.



Supreme Court Refers Same-sex Marriage Pleas To Constitution Bench

- The Supreme Court Has Set Up A **5-judge Constitution Bench** To Hear Petitions Seeking **Legal Recognition Of Same Sex Marriages**.
- The Bench Set Up By **Chief Justice Of India D Y Chandrachud** Comprises Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Ravindra Bhat, Hima Kohli And PS Narasimha.
- **Centre's Stance On Same-sex Marriage:**
- In An Affidavit Filed Before The Apex Court, The Government Has Opposed The Petitions And Submitted That Despite The Decriminalisation Of Section 377 Of The Indian Penal Code, The Petitioners Cannot Claim A Fundamental Right For Same-sex Marriage To Be Recognised Under The Laws Of The Country.
- At The Same Time, It Submitted That Although The Centre Limits Its Recognition To Heterosexual Relationships, There May Be Other Forms Of Marriages Or Unions Or Personal Understandings Of Relationships Between Individuals In A Society And These "Are Not Unlawful"
- **Is Same-sex Marriage Legal In India?**
- The SC Decriminalised Consensual Gay Sex Between Adults In The **Navtej Singh Johar Verdict**.
- It Also Decriminalised Section 377 Of The India Penal Code (IPC) Which Considered Sex With The Same Gender As A Criminal Activity.
- Homosexual Couples Currently Do Not Have A Right To Legally Marry In India



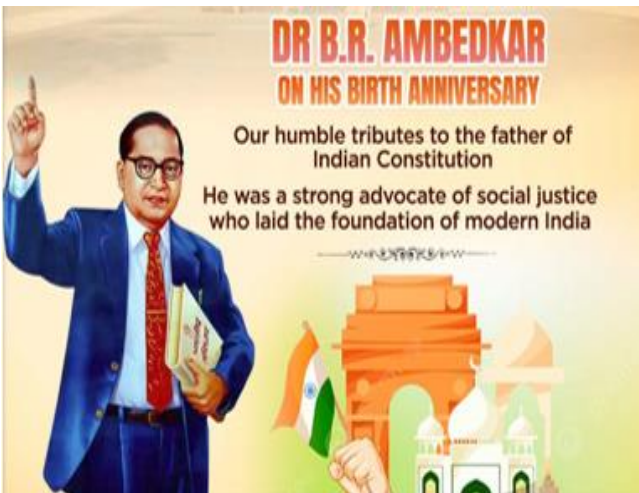
Bohag Bihu Festival In Assam

- It Is Also Known As Rongali Bihu, Is A Harvest Festival Of Assam.
- It Is Celebrated In Mid-April, Which Marks The Beginning Of The Assamese New Year.
- More Than 11,000 Folk Dancers And Drummers Performed The Bihu Dance And Played The Dhulia (Drum) At Guwahati, Creating 2 Guinness World Records.



132nd Birth Anniversary Of Dr. BR Ambedkar - 14 April

- He Was The **1st Law And Justice Minister** Of Independent India And The **Chairman Of The Drafting Committee Of The Constituent Assembly.**
- He Played A Key Role In Drafting The Indian Constitution And Was A Strong Advocate Of **Social Justice, Equality And Democracy.**



India's Performance In Asian Wrestling Championship 2023

- **Aman Sehrawat** Won The **Gold Medal** In The **Men's 57 Kg Freestyle Category** At The Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 Held In **Astana, Kazakhstan**.
- He Defeated **Almaz Samanbekov** Of Kyrgyzstan With A Score Of **9-4**.
- India Got Its **1st Gold Medal** In The Asian Wrestling Championship 2023.
- Indian Wrestler **Nisha Dahiya** Won The **Silver Medal** In The Women's **68 Kg Category**. She Lost The Final Match To **Japan's Ami Ishii** By A Scoreline Of **10-0**. She Defeated **Feng Zhou** Of **China** By A Score Of **7-6** In The **Semi-finals**. It Consist **Men's Freestyle, Men's Greco-Roman & Women's Freestyle Wrestling**.
- **Antim Pangal** Won The **Silver Medal** In The **53 Kg Category** At The **2023 Asian Wrestling Championships**.
- **Pangal** Lost To **Akari Fujinami** Of **Japan**.
- Our Other Indian Wrestlers Also Won **Bronze Medals: Anshu Malik (57 Kg), Sonam Malik (62 Kg), Manisha (65 Kg) And Ritika (72 Kg)**.



Tibet Least Free Country In Freedom In The World Index 2023

- Freedom House Has Released Its 'Freedom In The World Index - 2023, Ranking Tibet As The "World's Least Free Country" Along With South Sudan & Syria.
- According To The Report, Both Chinese And Tibetans Living In Tibet Lack Basic Rights
- The Chinese Authorities Are Very Harsh In Suppressing Any Sign Of Discontent Among Tibetans.
- The Communist Party Of China (CPC) Is Forcefully Destroying Buddhism And Culture In Tibet For Complete Sinicization.
- Tibetan Religious Leaders Are Being Persecuted In The Name Of Re-education.



India Ranked 77th In The World's Most Criminal Countries 2023

- India Is Ranked 77th In The Ranking Of The World's "Most Criminal Countries Released By World Of Statistics.
- US Is At 55th And The UK At 65th.
- Venezuela Has Been Ranked 1st As The Most Criminal Country, Followed By Papua New Guinea In 2nd Place And South Africa In 3rd Place.
- Turkey, Germany And Japan Are Among The Least Criminal Countries, Ranked 92nd, 100th And 135th.
- The Overall Crime Rate Is Calculated By Dividing The Total Number Of Reported Crimes By The Total Population And Multiplying By 100,000



World's 'Most Criminal Countries' 2023	
RANK	COUNTRIES
1	Venezuela
2	Papua New Guinea
3	Afghanistan
4	South Africa
5	Honduras
6	Trinidad
7	Guyana
8	Syria
9	Somalia
10	Jamaica

Gond Painting Of Madhya Pradesh Gets GI Tag

- **Gond Paintings** From **MP** Have Bagged The **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag**, A Recognition That Protects And Acknowledges The Work Of Tribal Artists.
- Patangarh Village In Dindori District Is A Noteworthy Village Where Every Household Has An Artist.



"Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project" In Kampala

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Launched Varanasi's 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' During His Visit To Kampala, Uganda.
- This Project Is An Initiative Aimed At Enhancing The Aesthetic Appeal Of Varanasi, The Oldest Inhabited City In The World.
- **About Uganda**
- Capital: **Kampala**
- President: **Yoweri Museveni**
- Prime Minister: **Robinhood Nabanza**
- Currency: **Uganda Shilling**



Amolops Siju Species Of Frog Discovered In Meghalaya Cave

- The Zoological Survey Of India (ZSI) Discovered A New Species Of Frog, **Amolops Siju**, In The **South Garo Hills District** Of Meghalaya.
- Recently 3 New Species Of **Cascade Frog (Amolops)** Were Also Found In **Arunachal Pradesh**
- **About Zoological Survey Of India (ZSI)**
- Objective: Survey, Exploration And Promotion Of Research On Various Aspects Of Animal Life In India.
- Formation - **1 July 1916**
- Headquarters - **Kolkata**
- Director - **Dr. Dhriti Banerjee**



Aam Aadmi Party Got The Status Of National Party

- The Election Commission Of India Has Granted **National Party Status** To The **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)**.
- The Election Commission Has Withdrawn The National Party Status Of Sharad Pawar's Party **NCP, CPI, And Trinamool Congress (TMC)**.
- **6 National Parties In The Country**
- Indian National Congress (INC)
- Communist Party Of India (Marxist) (CPI-M)
- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
- National People's Party (NPP)
- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

- **Conditions To Be Recognized As A National Party**
- 1. It Is Recognised As A State Party In 4 Or More States; Or
- 2. Get 6% Of The Total Valid Votes From 4 Different States In The Lok Sabha Or State Legislative Assemblies Elections And Additionally Win 4 Lok Sabha Seat; Or
- 3. If It Has Won At Least 2% Of The Total Seats In The Lok Sabha From At Least 3 States

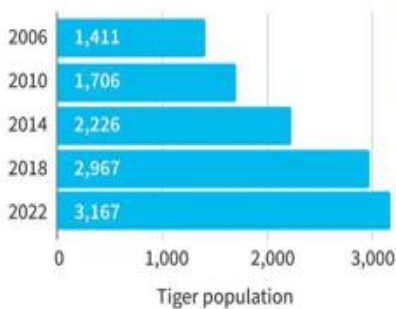


Tiger Census Data - 2022

- According To The Latest Tiger Census Data Released By PM **Narendra Modi**, The Number Of Tigers In India Is Set To Reach **3,167 In 2022**.
- The Previous Census Figures Of Tigers - **1,411 In 2006, 1,706 In 2010, 2,226 In 2014 And 2,967 In 2018**.
- The PM Released A Booklet Titled '**Amrit Kaal Ka Tiger Vision**', Which Outlines The Vision For Tiger Conservation Over The Next 25 Years.
- He Launched The '**International Big Cat Alliance**' To Mark The Completion Of 50 Years Of '**Project Tiger**' To Protect & Conserve **7 Major Big Cats Across The World**.
- **Project Tiger**
- It Was Started In **1973** By The Union Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change.
- The Objective Of The Project Was To Ensure The Survival And Maintenance Of The **Tiger Population** In Specially Constituted Tiger Reserves Throughout India.

Big cat count

According to the data released by the PM, the number of tigers in India increased by 200 in the past four years. A look at the tiger population



Steady rise: A tiger at Van Vihar National Park in Bhopal on Sunday. PTI



World Chagas Disease Day – 14 April

- It Is Observed Every Year On 14 April To Raise Awareness About The Deadly Disease Caused By The **Trypanosoma Cruzi Parasite**.
- The Theme For World Chagas Disease Day 2023 Is "**Time To Integrate Chagas Disease Into Primary Health Care**".
- In Humans, The Disease Is Transmitted By The **Triatomine Bug (The Kissing Bug)**.
- It Can Cause Severe **Heart And Digestive Changes** And Can Be **Fatal**.
- It Can Be Transmitted To Humans Through Consumption Of **Contaminated Food, Blood Transfusions, Or Contact With Infected Wild Animals**



Review Questions

1. Where Is The HQ Of IRENA?

- A. Bonn
- B. Muscat
- C. Abu Dhabi
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: C

2. India Became The Member Of IRENA In Year _____.

- A. 2009
- B. 2004
- C. 2012
- D. 2017

ANSWER: A

3. Puthandu Festival Is Celebrated In _____.

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: C

4. Vishu Festival Is Celebrated In _____.

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa
- C. M.P
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: A

5. Manas National Park Is Located In _____ State

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Tripura
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam

ANSWER: D

6. Thoughts On Linguistic States Book Was Written By -

- A. BR Ambedkar
- B. Sardar Patel
- C. JL Nehru
- D. Mahatma Gandhi

ANSWER: A

7. What Is The Capital Of Kazakhstan?

- A. Astana
- B. Muscat
- C. Almaty
- D. Tehran

ANSWER: A

8. _____ Becomes India's 1st Metro Train To Run Under River.

- A. Delhi Metro
- B. Kolkata Metro
- C. Bangalore Metro
- D. Ahmedabad Metro

ANSWER: B

9. _____ Ranked 1st As The Most Criminal Country In The World.

- A. Guyana
- B. Somalia
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Venezuela

ANSWER: D

10. India Ranked _____ In The World's Most Criminal Countries.

- A. 77
- B. 75
- C. 83
- D. 111

Answer: A

11. Courting India: England, Mughal India & the Origin of Empire Book Is Written

By -

- A. M A Hasan
- B. Nandini Das
- C. Piyush Babele
- D. Karan Singh

Answer: B

12. "War And Women" Book Has Been Written By -

- A. Vinod Kumar
- B. Akash Chopra
- C. MA Hasan
- D. Piyush Babele

Answer: C

13. Mundaka Upanishad: The Gateway To Eternity Is Written By-

- A. Dr Karan Singh
- B. Anirudh Bhattacharjee
- C. Anurag Behar
- D. Rachna Biswat Rawat

Answer: A

14. _____ Crowned As Femina Miss India 2023.

- A. Shreya Poonja
- B. Nandini Gupta
- C. Thounaojam Strela Luwang
- D. None

Answer: A

15. _____ Civil Services Day Is Observed On _____

- A. 21 April
- B. 24 April
- C. 12 April
- D. 6 April

Answer: A

16. World Earth Day Is Observed On _____

- A. 24 April
- B. 22 April
- C. 14 April
- D. 10 April

Answer: B

17. The Theme Of World Earth Day 2023 Is _____

- A. Earth Is Future
- B. Save Earth
- C. Earth Is My Mother
- D. Invest In Our Planet

Answer: D

18. Lumilite-4 Satellite Belongs To Which Country.

- A. Japan
- B. Singapore
- C. UK
- D. USA

Answer: B

19. 1st Global Buddhist Summit Held In _____

- A. Mumbai
- B. Patna
- C. New Delhi
- D. Surat

Answer: C

20. What Is The Theme Of 1st Global Buddhist Summit 2023?

- A. Buddhism: The Path Of Life
- B. Responses To Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy To Praxis
- C. Challenges For Buddhism
- D. None

Answer: B

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