

# Daily Current Affairs

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### World Red Cross Day

- **May 8th is celebrated as World Red Cross Day** to commemorate the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The day also recognizes the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the people who make a difference in their communities. The **first Red Cross Day** was celebrated on May 8, 1948.



### India Nigeria Local Currency Settlement

- **India and Nigeria** have agreed to finalize the **Local Currency Settlement System Agreement** to enhance bilateral trade.



- The agreement, to be settled in Indian rupees and Nigerian naira, was discussed during the 2nd session of the **India-Nigeria Joint Trade Committee in Abuja**.
- Led by Amardeep Singh Bhatia, the Indian delegation included officials from RBI, EXIM Bank, and NPCI. The meeting aimed to identify areas for boosting trade cooperation.



- Both nations targeted **resolving market access** issues and enhancing collaboration in sectors like Crude oil, Pharmaceuticals, UPI, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Education, Transport, MSMEs, etc. India and Nigeria share robust political and economic ties dating back to India's establishment of a Diplomatic House in Lagos in 1958.
- Notable visits include **Prime Minister Nehru's trip in 1962**. Nigeria is India's 2nd largest trading partner in Africa, with bilateral trade reaching USD 11.8 billion in 2022-23. Indian investment in Nigeria stands at approximately USD 27 billion, primarily in infrastructure and manufacturing.

## Kutch Ajrakh

- Traditional artisans of '**Kutch Ajrakh**' have been bestowed with the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) certificate by the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks (CGPDTM).
- This remarkable achievement celebrates the intricate textile craft that has been deeply rooted in the vibrant region of Kutch for centuries.
- **Ajrakh is a textile craft** that holds a revered place in the cultural tapestry of Gujarat, particularly in the regions of Sindh, Barmer, and Kutch, where its legacy spans millennia.



- The art of Ajrakh involves a meticulous process of hand-block printing on treated cotton cloth, culminating in intricate designs infused with rich symbolism and history.
- The name **“Ajrakh”** is derived from the word “Azrak,” meaning indigo, a well-known substance most often employed as a powerful dye to achieve a bluish effect.
- Traditionally, **Ajrakh prints consisted of three colors:** blue, representing the sky; red, signifying the land and fire; and white, symbolizing the stars.
- The creation of **Ajrakh textiles involves** a laborious process where the fabric undergoes a washing cycle eight times. The fabrics are treated with vegetable and mineral colors, ensuring their vibrant hues and longevity.
- The art of Ajrakh has been practiced in the Kutch region for over 400 years, **introduced by the Sind Muslims.**
- This craft has been deeply woven into the cultural fabric of the region, with nomadic pastoralist and agricultural communities like the Rabaris, Maldharis, and Ahirs wearing Ajrakh printed cloth as turbans, lungis, or stoles.

## **Sri Lanka Signs Power Deal With Adani Green Energy**

- Sri Lanka has sealed a **20-year power deal** with Adani Green Energy Ltd of India. Sri Lanka’s Cabinet of Ministers have approved the project under which two wind power stations will be developed by Adani, marking a crucial step towards sustainable energy solutions.
- The approval granted last year for **Adani’s \$442 million investment** in 484 megawatts wind power plants underscores the growing partnership between the two nations in the renewable energy sector.



- As part of the deal, Adani will receive **8.26 cents per kilowatt-hour** that is approximately 7 rupees, as announced by the Sri Lankan government.
- This collaboration comes amidst Sri Lanka's efforts **to address energy challenges**, including power blackouts and fuel shortages experienced during its economic crisis in 2022.

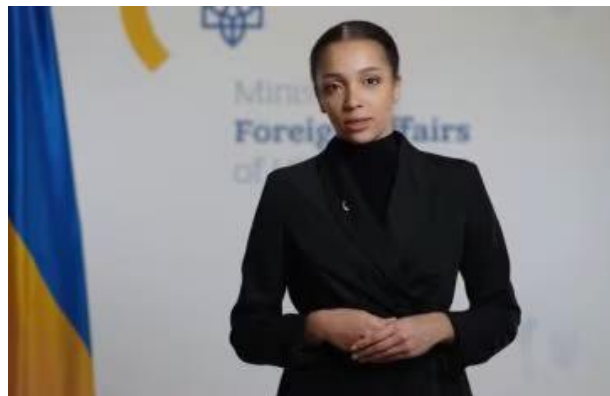
## Victoria Shi

- **Ukraine has unveiled an AI-generated spokesperson, named Victoria Shi**, to deliver official statements from its foreign ministry. This significant technological leap in diplomatic communication has captured global attention.
- During a social media presentation, Victoria Shi made her debut, appearing dressed in a dark suit and **displaying human-like gestures and speech**.



- Despite her AI-powered appearance, the Ukrainian foreign ministry has assured that the content of Shi's statements will be crafted and verified by human staff, ensuring accuracy and reliability.

- Ukrainian Foreign Minister **Dmytro Kuleba** highlighted that the introduction of a digital spokesperson is aimed at saving time and resources, allowing diplomats to focus on other crucial aspects of their work.
- By leveraging AI technology, Ukraine hopes to streamline its communication processes while maintaining transparency and authenticity. The spokesperson's name, Victoria Shi, is a combination of the words "**victory**" and the Ukrainian phrase for artificial intelligence, "**shtuchniy intelekt.**"



- She was developed by the Game Changers team, renowned for their virtual-reality content related to the ongoing war in Ukraine. Notably, Shi's appearance and voice are modeled after **Rosalie Nombre**, a singer and former contestant on Ukraine's version of "The Bachelor," hailing from the now Russian-controlled city of Donetsk. To prevent the spread of misinformation and ensure the authenticity of Shi's statements, the foreign ministry will accompany each **presentation with a QR code.**
- This code will link to text versions of the statements on the ministry's official website, providing an additional layer of verification. Victoria Shi is set to address various issues, including **consular services**, which have recently become a contentious topic in Ukraine. The country suspended such services last week for men of fighting age living abroad, requiring them to return to Ukraine for administrative procedures and potentially face the draft.

## **Maldives Foreign Minister To Visit India**

- Foreign Affairs Minister of Maldives, **Moosa Zameer** will be on an official visit to India on the 9th of May. During his visit to New Delhi, he will meet External Affairs Minister, Dr. S Jaishankar for discussions on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest.



- External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that Maldives is India's key maritime neighbour in the **Indian Ocean Region** and **Foreign Minister Zameer's** visit is expected to lend further momentum to the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

## La Liga Title

- **Spanish football giants**, Real Madrid, have etched another remarkable achievement in their illustrious history by securing the **La Liga 2023-24 season** title. Los Blancos, as they are affectionately called by their supporters, sealed the championship after defeating Cadiz 3-0, while their closest rivals Barcelona suffered a 4-2 loss against Girona.



- With four games still remaining in the season, Real Madrid has amassed an impressive 87 points, establishing an unassailable lead of 13 points over their nearest competitor, Girona.
- **Currently, 20 teams participate in La Liga**, with each team playing against the others twice throughout the season. The team accumulating the most points is crowned the champion, while the top four teams secure qualification for the prestigious UEFA Champions League, and the fifth-ranked team earns a spot in the Europa League.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Victoria Shi Seen In News Is**

- A. AI Diplomat
- B. AI App For Monuments
- C. AI Teacher
- D. AI Student

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Which Country Clinched Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup 2024 By Defeating Uzbekistan**

- A. China
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. Kazakhstan

**ANSWER: C**

**3. José Raúl Mulino Elected As New President Of Which Country**

- A. Guatemala
- B. Cuba
- C. Panama
- D. Nicaragua

**ANSWER: C**

**4. What is ' Goldene '**

- A. Ancient irrigation technique
- B. First free standing 2D metal
- C. Invasive weed
- D. Asteroid

**ANSWER: B**

**5. What is FWD-200B**

- A. Chemical weapon
- B. Indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft
- C. Indian naval ship
- D. Exoplanet

**ANSWER: B**

**6. What Is Projected Percentage Of Milk Production Reduction In India By 2085, As Per The Lancet Report**

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 35%
- D. 40%

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Sanglaphu Lake Is Located In Which State**

- A. Mizoram
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Sikkim

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation Operates Under Which Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- D. Ministry of Defence

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Maravakandy Dam is located in which state**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Konda Reddi Tribe Is Primarily Inhabits In Which State Of India**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

**ANSWER: B**



**11. What Is The Primary Function Of Boeing Starliner**

- A. Exploring distant planets
- B. Transporting astronauts to the space station
- C. Providing wireless internet
- D. Conducting scientific experiments in space

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Adani Green Energy Ltd Has Secured \$400 Million Green Loan For Its Under-construction Solar Projects In Which States**

- A. Haryana & Punjab
- B. Bihar & Jharkhand
- C. Rajasthan & Gujarat
- D. Tamil Nadu & Kerala

**ANSWER: C**

**13. What Is ' Batillipes Chandrayaani '**

- A. Marine Tardigrade Species
- B. Invasive plant
- C. Naval Ship
- D. Exoplanet

**ANSWER: A**

**14. When Was Coalition For Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Launched**

- A. 2018
- B. 2020
- C. 2019
- D. 2017

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Which Climatic Phenomenon Is Characterized By Cooler Than Normal Sea Surface Temperatures In The Central Pacific Ocean**

- A. La Nina
- B. El Nino
- C. Monsoon
- D. Tornado

**ANSWER: A**

**16. When Was Maharashtra Officially Formed As A Separate State**

- A. 1960
- B. 1972
- C. 1956
- D. 1947

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Who Took Charge As Presiding Officer Of Securities Appellate Tribunal**

- A. Justice Tarun Aggarwal
- B. Meera Swarup
- C. Dheeraj Bhatnagar
- D. Justice Dinesh Kumar

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which Institution Collaborated With SVEEP To Introduce The 3d-printed Dummy Ballot Unit**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Guwahati
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Madras

**ANSWER: B**

**19. In Which Year Was The Nilgiri Tahr Protected Under Schedule I Of The Wildlife (Protection) Act**

- A. 1980
- B. 1995
- C. 2005
- D. 1972

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Baburnama Was Written In Which Language**

- A. Para-Mongolic
- B. Chagatai Turkic
- C. Hijazi Arabic
- D. Bahrani Arabic

**ANSWER: B**