

# Daily Current Affairs

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### PM Modi Honored With The Order Of Excellence

- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi conferred with Guyana's highest national award, The **Order of Excellence**, for his visionary statesmanship, championing the **rights of developing countries** on the global stage, exceptional service to the global community and for his commitment to strengthening India-Guyana relations.



- In a ceremony at the Guyana's State House, **Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali**, President of Guyana conferred this award upon the Prime Minister.
- Mr Modi dedicated the honour to the people of India and to the deep-rooted historical ties between the people of the two countries.
- He emphasized that his State visit is testament to India's continued commitment towards **deepening India-Guyana friendship**.
- The Prime Minister said that **India-Guyana relations are based on shared history**, cultural heritage, and deep mutual trust between both nations. Mr Modi said that India is also **ready to work shoulder to shoulder** with Guyana in every field. He said the cooperation of both countries is not only important for bilateral relations but also for the entire global south.

## PM Modi Meetings On Sidelines Of India Caricom Summit

- PM Narendra Modi Met His **Dominican Counterpart Roosevelt Skerrit** On The Sidelines Of The 2nd **India- Caricom Summit In Guyana** . Mr Modi Thanked Him For The **Conferment Of Dominica's Highest Award**. The Leaders Explored Opportunities For **India- Dominica Cooperation** In Areas Such As **Climate Resilience, Healthcare**, Capacity Building And Deepening Of People-to-people Ties.



- Mr Modi Also Met President **Of Suriname Chandrikapersad Chan Santokhi** . Both Leaders Reviewed Progress On **India- Suriname Partnership And Emphasized** The Importance Of Strengthening Economic Cooperation. They Agreed To **Expand Bilateral Cooperation** In Areas Including Defense And Security, Trade And Commerce, Agriculture, Digital Initiatives Including UPI, ICT, Healthcare, Traditional Medicine And Pharmaceuticals, Capacity Building, Human Resource Development, Cultural And People To People Engagements.



- Mr Modi Also Met **Prime Minister Of Trinidad And Tobago Dr Keith Rowley**. Mr Modi Congratulated Dr. Rowley **For Adopting India’s Flagship UPI Platform**. The Leaders Discussed Ways To **Strengthen India – Trinidad And Tobago Relations** In Areas Of Digital Transformation, Health, Defence And Maritime Security, Transportation And Cultural Exchanges. The Prime Ministers Witnessed Exchange Of An Mou On **Setting Up Of Integrated Automatic Fruit And Vegetable Primary Processing Activities** In Trinidad And Tobago.



- During The Meeting Of **Mr Modi And His Counterpart From The Bahamas Philip Brave Davis**, The Discussion Focused On Strengthening Economic Ties, Climate Change Action And Green Partnership.



- Mr Modi And His Counterpart **From Barbados Mia Amor Mottley Reaffirmed To Strengthen The India-Barbados Relationship, While Reviewing Ongoing Cooperation Across Several Key Areas, Including Health And Pharma And Collaboration At The United Nations.** During The Meeting, Prime Minister Of Barbados Announced The Decision Of Her Government To Confer On The **Prime Minister The Honorary Order Of Freedom Of Barbados Award**, Recognizing His Leadership In Assisting Barbados During The Covid 19 Pandemic And Commitment To India-barbados Ties.



- PM Met His Grenadian **Counterpart Dickon Mitchell On The Sidelines Of The 2nd India- Caricom Summit In Georgetown.** Mr Modi Congratulated Mr Mitchell For Successfully Conducting The **2nd India- Caricom Summit.** Discussions Were Held On Development **Cooperation In The Areas Of Education, ICT, Healthcare, Food Security, Cricket, Capacity Building, And Sustainable Development.**



- During The Meeting Of **Mr Modi And Prime Minister Of Antigua And Barbuda Gaston Browne** Views Were Exchanged On Issues Of Trade And Investment, Capacity Building For Small Island Developing States SIDS And Climate Change Action. Mr Browne Announced Support For **India's Permanent Membership Of The UN Security Council**.



- Mr Modi Also Met His **Counterpart From St. Lucia Philip J Pierre**. Both Sides Exchanged Views On Cooperation In The Fields Of Capacity Building, Education, Health, Cricket, And Yoga And Stressed The **Need To Further Reinforce India-st Lucia Bilateral Relations**. Mr Pierre Thanked Mr Modi For The 7 Point CARICOM Plan.



## India And Guyana Sign Ten Agreements

- **India and Guyana have signed ten agreements** to enhance cooperation in several areas including health, hydrocarbons, agriculture and allied sectors. The **Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)** were signed on cooperation in the field of medical products, **Janaushadhi scheme**, Cultural Exchange Programme, deployment of UPI like system in Guyana and cooperation and collaboration in field of broadcasting between **Prasar Bharati and National Communications Network**, Guyana.



- Besides, MoU was also signed between **National Defence Institute, Guyana and Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat**.
- In a joint statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that **India and Guyana agree that dialogue and diplomacy** should be used to resolve all issues. He said, both the countries are unanimous that **reform of global institutions** is the need of the hour.
- Mr Modi said, **climate justice is a shared priority** for both nations, and they will continue to strive for progress in all areas. Mr Modi highlighted that India is an **important source of pharmaceutical products** for Guyana and India will also work on setting up **Jan Aushadhi Kendras** in that country.
- **Prime Minister Modi noted that Guyana is associated with various initiatives** taken by India, such as the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, and the Global Biofuel Alliance.



- President of Guyana, Dr. Mohammed Irfaan Ali said, the discussion held with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was not only fruitful but also reinforced their **shared commitment to strengthening bilateral** relations and collaboratively address regional and global concerns. He said, Prime Minister Modi's visit to Guyana represents a significant milestone in enhancing cooperation between the two countries. He commended Mr **Modi's governance style**, noting their relevance and adoption in Guyana and other nations.

## Dominica Award Of Honour

- **Commonwealth of Dominica has bestowed** its highest national honour – the **Dominica Award of Honour**, upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi. President of **Dominica Sylvanie Burton conferred** the Award in recognition of Prime Minister Modi's contributions to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthening the partnership between the two countries.
- Mr Modi said, he is honoured to be conferred with highest national award by Dominica. He **dedicated it to the 140 crore people of India**.



- He said, **India and Dominica are two democracies** and together are role models of women's empowerment for the world. Mr Modi said, it is a matter of deep satisfaction that India was able to help the people of Dominica during a pandemic like Covid-19.

## ICC Issues Arrest Warrants For Netanyahu

- **International Criminal Court, ICC** has issued **arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** and his **former defence chief**, as well as a **Hamas leader, Ibrahim Al-Masri**, for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity.



- The move comes after the ICC prosecutor Karim Khan announced on May 20, that he was seeking **arrest warrants for alleged crimes connected to the**



**October 7th**, last year attacks on Israel by Hamas and the Israeli military response in Gaza.

- The ICC said, **Israel's acceptance of the court's jurisdiction** was not required. Israel has rejected the jurisdiction of the Hague-based court and denies war crimes in Gaza.
- Israel has said, it **killed Al-Masri, also known as Mohammed Deif**, in airstrike but Hamas has neither confirmed nor denied this.



## International Solar Alliance

- **Armenia has become the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance.** Armenia handed over the **Indian Solar Alliance Instrument of Ratification** during a meeting between its Ambassador to India, Vahagn Afyan, and the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, Abhishek Singh, in New Delhi.



## VISION Portal

- Science and Technology Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network (VISION)** in New Delhi.
- The initiative is aimed at **nurturing education, skill development**, and innovation among underprivileged children.



- Minister lauded the **entrepreneurial vision behind the initiative** and its focus on democratizing opportunities for students across the country. He emphasized how the **portal could act as a gateway for those in remote areas to access mentorship and training**. Further, the Minister said that reaching out to **underprivileged youngsters** helps democratize StartUp skills.
- He also highlighted the **country's journey in startups, biotechnology**, and space. Mr. Singh also said that initiatives like VISION are integral to realizing the country's aspirations under Vision India 2047, which aims to position India as a global leader in technology, education, and economic growth.

## First Indigenous Antibiotic Drug Named Nafithromycin

- Union Minister of Science and Technology **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has launched the **first indigenous antibiotic drug named Nafithromycin** for resistant infections.
- Addressing the event in New Delhi, Mr Singh said that the **three-day treatment regimen of Nafithromycin** is a game-changer against **drug-resistant pneumonia**, a condition responsible for over two million deaths worldwide annually.



- The minister added that after 2014, researchers received the right kind of support to explore their potential.
- Dr. Singh stated that Prime Minister's personal intervention has made the task far more easier now. The **Made in India Antibiotic Nafithromycin has been developed** with the support of **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**, a unit of the Department of Biotechnology and has been brought to **market under the trade name Miqnaf**.
- It is the country's **first indigenously developed antibiotic** aimed at tackling Antimicrobial Resistance-AMR.

## Prasar Bharati Launches Its OTT Platform- WAVES

- **National Public Broadcaster Prasar Bharati** has launched its **OTT platform, WAVES**. It was unveiled at the **opening ceremony** of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
- WAVES, while catering to the growing demand **for digital streaming services**, aims to revive nostalgia while embracing modern digital trends.
- WAVES features timeless shows **like Ramayan, Mahabharat, Shaktimaan, and Hum Log**. The platform will connect audiences with **India's cultural and emotional heritage**.



- WAVES also includes **news, documentaries, and regional content**, promoting inclusivity and diversity. WAVES caters to diverse audiences with content in over **12 languages and over ten genres**.
- Its expansive **library includes regional content**, women-centric content, and even animation content, along with live channels including Doordarshan and Akashvani.
- **WAVES also has LIVE events like** the Prabhu Shriram Lalla Aarti LIVE from Ayodhya and the monthly Mann ki Baat by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The upcoming US Premier League Cricket Tournament will also be carried LIVE on WAVES from tomorrow.
- Among several other features, **WAVES will provide video on demand, free-to-play gaming, radio streaming**, live TV streaming, 65 live channels, several App in App integrations for video and gaming content, and online shopping through Open Network for Digital Commerce supported e-commerce platform.

## US Vetoes UN Resolution Calling For Ceasefire In Gaza

- **US has vetoed a UN resolution demanding** an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza. The resolution, **supported by the other 14 members** of the UN Security Council, also demanded the **unconditional release of all hostages**.



- However, the **US opposed the resolution**, stating that it failed to address the release of hostages. The other **14 members of the UN Security Council** voted in favor of the resolution. They expressed their disappointment over its failure to pass. This is the **fourth ceasefire resolution** the US has vetoed since October 7 last year.

## Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

- **Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** will confer the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar** for the years 2022 and 2023 at a function in New Delhi.



- A total of **82 young artists** will be honoured with the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar.
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi** instituted the award in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing arts practitioners up to the age of **40 years in 2006**.
- The **aim of this award is to encourage and motivate** young artists in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk and tribal art forms, and other allied performing art forms of the country.
- The award is **given annually to outstanding young artists** in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk and tribal arts, and puppetry in a special ceremony held in Delhi and also outside Delhi. The Yuva Puraskar carries a cash award of 25 thousand rupees, a plaque, and an angavastram.



## Bihar To Host Khelo India Youth Games & Para Games

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** has announced that **Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games and Para Games** in April next year.



- He said Bihar has recently showcased its capability to host major sporting events like the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey**.
- Dr. Mandaviya said the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to bring the **Khelo India Games to every corner** of the country. The Minister said sports will play a pivotal role in **realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047**.
- He said Bihar is an integral part of the Ministry's plans to develop infrastructure and provide support to athletes from the grassroots level. There are **38 Khelo India Centres in Bihar** and **one Khelo India State Centre of Excellence** catering to athletes at all levels.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. \_\_\_\_ Become 104th Full Member Of International Solar Alliance.

- A. Armenia
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Antigua

**ANSWER: A**

2. Which City Is The Host Of Global Freight Summit 2024

- A. Dubai
- B. London
- C. Paris
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

3. Who Has Been Appointed As New Comptroller And Auditor General Of India

- A. Jitendra Kumar
- B. K Sanjay Murthy
- C. Ardhendu Sen
- D. Bhaskar Khulbe

**ANSWER: B**

**4. What Type Of Satellite Is India's GSAT-N2**

- A. Navigation satellite
- B. Communication satellite
- C. Weather monitoring satellite
- D. Earth observation satellite

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Where Was The 19th G20 Leaders' Summit Held**

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Paris, France
- C. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- D. London, United Kingdom

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Where Was The Global Soil Conference 2024 Held**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: B**



**9. What Is The Origin Of Sabarmati River That Was Recently Seen In The News**

- A. Mahabaleshwar hills
- B. Barwani hills
- C. Aravalli hills
- D. Mahadeo Hills

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Binar Space Programme, Is Associated With Which Country**

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Australia
- D. India

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Eastern Maritime Corridor Connects Which Two Cities Of India And Russia**

- A. Mumbai and Moscow
- B. Bhubaneswar and Moscow
- C. Chennai and Vladivostok
- D. Cuttack and St. Petersburg

**ANSWER: C**

**12. From Which Indian State's Coast Was India's First Long-range Hypersonic Missile Successfully Test Fired By DRDO**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: D**

**13. In Which City Did South Asia's Largest Maritime Forum, "Sagarmanthan," Held**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: C**

**14. To Which Country Did India Send 425 Metric Tons Of Food Grains & Edibles To Support Its Social Welfare Program**

- A. Guyana
- B. Suriname
- C. Trinidad and Tobago
- D. Jamaica

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Which Technology Company Partnered With NASA To Create "Earth Copilot," An AI-powered Chatbot For Accessing Earth Science Data**

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google
- C. Amazon
- D. IBM

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Which Country Launched The Women In STEMM India Fellowship**

- A. United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. Australia
- D. United States

**ANSWER: D**

**17. How Many Medals Did India Secure At The World Pickleball Championship**

- A. 28
- B. 21
- C. 35
- D. 11

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Which State Emerged As The Team Champion At The 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Haryana
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Which Country Is Set To Host The Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Indonesia
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Which Rock Edict Gives Information About Asoka's Conversion To Buddhism**

- A. Bhabru rock edict
- B. Kalinga rock edict
- C. Tarai rock edict
- D. Barabar cave rock edict

**ANSWER: A**

