

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Ayushman Vay Vandana Cards

- **Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri**, along with Delhi Chief Minister **Rekha Gupta** will launch the Ayushman Vay Vandana Cards for Delhiites in New Delhi.



- The scheme provides **5 lakh rupees free health cover to all senior citizens aged 70 years** and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status. The senior citizens aged 70 years and above belonging to families already covered under AB PM-JAY get an additional top-up cover of up to 5 lakh rupees per year for themselves.
- **On October 29, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced** the expansion of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to include all senior citizens aged 70 years and above. Under the expansion, all senior citizens aged 70 years and above are receiving the “Ayushman Vay Vandana Card”, which helps them avail of healthcare benefits

## Explosion At Iranian Port

- The death toll from a **massive explosion at a port** near the southern Iranian city of **Bandar Abbas** has reached **40**. The Saturday explosion and the subsequent fire left **more than 1,000 people wounded, of whom 197** were hospitalised.
- The cause of the incident has not been determined yet. The Iranian government's spokeswoman, Fatemeh Mohajerani, in a post on social media, said the administration had declared a day of national mourning.



- **Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian** visited the port yesterday to assess the circumstances of the blast and visited some of the injured. Footage from closed-circuit cameras at the scene showed a limited fire starting near several containers in an area of the port, which then expanded and caused the significant **explosion nearly 90 seconds later**. Despite the incident, the port's wharfs have resumed operations and cargo handling.

## Uganda Declares End To Ebola Sudan Virus Outbreak

- Uganda has declared an end to the **Ebola Sudan Virus Disease (SVD)** outbreak after **completing a 42-day mandatory** countdown without any new confirmed cases reported.
- The declaration came in less than three months after the virus was detected in the capital, Kampala. **Ugandan Minister of Health Ruth Aceng** made the announcement in the eastern city of Mbale, one of the areas affected by Ebola.

- The **World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines** require that for a country to be declared Ebola-free, it **must spend 42 days (two 21-day** incubation cycles of the virus) without any new cases reported.



- Uganda declared the **SVD outbreak on 30th January this year** after a 32-year-old nurse died of the disease in Kampala. The WHO said that although the outbreak in Uganda is over, the Ministry of Health, with continued support from the global health body and partners, will continue investing in surveillance, survivor **care and preparedness to ensure Uganda remains** safe. There are no approved treatments or vaccines for the Sudan strain of Ebola, as vaccines are still under clinical trial.

## Hubballi Airport

- **Hubballi Airport in Karnataka has been** awarded the Platinum Recognition—the highest honour—under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 by Airports Council International (ACI) **Asia-Pacific and Middle East**. This achievement highlights the airport's excellence in promoting sustainable energy practices among airports handling fewer than six million passengers annually.
- **Hubballi Airport, operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)**, has made a major leap in sustainability by winning the Platinum Honour at the ACI Green Airports Recognition 2025. The award, presented during the ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East Regional Assembly held in New Delhi, recognizes the airport's outstanding initiatives in the **"Sustainable Energy at Airports" category**.



- AAI's **innovative 8 MW solar power plant at Hubballi**, commissioned in 2022, plays a pivotal role in reducing carbon emissions and promoting green energy across multiple airports in Karnataka, making it a landmark achievement in India's journey towards net-zero emissions.

## Payal Kapadia

- **Payal Kapadia, a Mumbai-based filmmaker**, has received the prestigious **'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres'** (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) from the French Government.
- **'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres'** (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters), a prestigious French award that recognizes her significant contributions to the world of cinema.





- **Payal Kapadia's success story continues to unfold as she receives** a significant accolade from France, acknowledging her exceptional contribution to cinema. The filmmaker was celebrated at a ceremony at the French Consulate in Mumbai, where **she was conferred with the 'Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters'**.
- This honour **places her among the ranks of notable Indian artists**, including Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, and Lata Mangeshkar. Kapadia's remarkable journey from indie cinema to global recognition has been marked by her innovative storytelling and a series of prestigious awards, including her recent Cannes win and Golden Globe nomination.

## Shenzhou-20

- On April 24, 2025, **China will launch its Shenzhou-20 mission**, carrying three astronauts to the Tiangong space station. This mission coincides with China's 10th Space Day, celebrating its achievements in space exploration. The crew will conduct various scientific experiments and replace the Shenzhou-19 crew, who will return to Earth shortly.
- The **Shenzhou-20 mission aims to complete the in-orbit rotation** of the crew. The astronauts will conduct space science experiments, install a space debris protection device, and **perform extravehicular activities**. They will also carry life science research objects, including zebrafish, planarians, and streptomyces, to study regeneration and other biological processes in space.



- April 24 is celebrated as Space Day in China, commemorating the launch of its first satellite, **Dongfanghong-1, in 1970**. This day marks China's commitment to advancing its space programme and encouraging public interest in space exploration.



- **Shenzhou-20 is the 35th mission in China's manned space programme.** The Tiangong space station is expected to become the only operational space station in orbit once the International Space Station retires. China is actively developing its space capabilities, having been excluded from the ISS due to military concerns.
- China's space activities have raised international concerns, particularly regarding its military applications. The country has begun collaborations with Pakistan, with astronauts from Hong Kong and Macau also set to participate in future missions. These partnerships aim to enhance scientific research and promote international cooperation in space.

## Asian Yogasana Sport Championship

- India delivered a dominant performance at the Asian Yogasana Sport Championship, **securing a record 83 gold medals to top the medal tally** at the event in Delhi yesterday. The hosts also won three silver and one bronze medal to end with 87 medals, finishing well ahead of Japan, which claimed three gold, three silver and four bronze medals.



- **Mongolia, Oman and Nepal rounded off the top five standings.** Countries such as Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Kazakhstan and Bhutan also showcased strong performances, highlighting the growing footprint of yogasana as a competitive sport across Asia.
- The **championship saw participation from over 21 countries**, including Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan. The championship concluded with a grand closing ceremony attended by Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, along with senior officials from the Asian and World Yogasana federations.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. Shenzhou-20 Mission Is Related To Which Country

- Japan
- China
- Russia
- USA

**ANSWER: B**

### 2. What Is The Name Of The E-digital Wallet Developed By SEEDS India To Assist Disaster-stricken Communities

- Disaster Relief Wallet
- Aapda Samarthan
- Akshvi (Aapda Kshati Vivaran)
- Crisis Aid Wallet

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary Is Located In Which State**

- A. Odisha
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which Indian City Is The Host Of WAVES (World Audio Visual And Entertainment Summit) 2025**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Prime Minister Of Which Country Recently Gifted A Copy Of The Tipitaka In Pali To The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Thailand
- D. Vietnam

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Future Circular Collider (FCC) Is A Proposed \$30 Billion Project By Which Organization**

- A. European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
- B. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- C. China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Primary Objective Of The SMILE Programme In Context Of Economy**

- A. To promote digital banking in India
- B. To enhance rural healthcare infrastructure
- C. To support microfinance institutions
- D. To strengthen India's logistics sector and supply chains

**ANSWER: D**



**8. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) Operates Under Which Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Katchatheevu, An Uninhabited Island, Is A Disputed Territory Between India And Which Country**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Sagaing Fault Is A Major Active Tectonic Boundary Located In Which Country**

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Which City Is Home To Uttar Pradesh's First Waste-to-compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Plant**

- A. Mathura
- B. Agra
- C. Meerut
- D. Prayagraj

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Index Of Industrial Production (IIP) In India Is Published By Which Organization**

- A. Central Statistics Office (CSO)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Siachen Day Is Observed By The Indian Army Every Year To Commemorate Which Of Its Operation**

- A. Operation Vijay
- B. Operation Blue Star
- C. Operation Meghdoot
- D. Operation Parakram

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Which Country Has Unveiled The World's First 3d-printed Train Station**

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. India

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Which Country Has Launched World's First Anti-drone Barrage Weapon To Counter Drone Swarm And Missile Warfare**

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Ukraine

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Which State Government Has Declared A New Wildlife Sanctuary Named Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyaran**

- A. Odisha
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Dal Lake, Is Surrounded By Which Mountain Range**

- A. Pir Panjal Range
- B. Karakoram Range
- C. Shivalik Range
- D. Dhauladhar Range

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Sayoni Das Recently Became The First Asian Woman To Swim Across Which Famous Strait**

- A. Palk Strait
- B. Strait of Hormuz
- C. Strait of Gibraltar
- D. Bosphorus Strait

**ANSWER: C**

**19. United Nations English Day Is Observed Annually On Which Day**

- A. April 21
- B. April 22
- C. April 23
- D. April 24

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Koothandavar Festival, Is Celebrated In Which State**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Sikkim
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: A**