

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Santa Marta Climate Conference

- For international climate diplomacy, representatives from around 50 countries gathered in Santa Marta in the month of April 2026 and they discuss the faster action against fossil fuel dependence and climate change.
- This Santa Marta Conference was organized as alternative platform to traditional UN climate negotiations and focused on quicker and stronger commitments for the clean energy transition.
- It is jointly hosted by Colombia and Netherlands and summit highlighted frustration over slow progress in existing climate talks.
- The conference idea has emerged as rising dissatisfaction with the pace of the global climate negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change framework.
- The conference discussions were organized around three major themes.
- These themes are,
  - Reducing fossil fuel dependence
  - Transforming energy supply and demand systems
  - Strengthening climate diplomacy.



## NCERT Rolls out PRASHAST 2.0

- To make the India's education inclusive PRASHAST 2.0 is launched by NCERT. It is a modern tool which is designed to identify disabilities in school children at an early stage.
- This system is the upgradation of earlier version, and this platform will help the teachers and schools to detect learning and developmental challenges efficiently. PRASHAST 2.0 will ensure that no child is left behind in the education system.
- PRASHAST 2.0 (Pre-Assessment Holistic Screening Tool) is the digital screening platform, and which is developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- It allows the Teachers, principals and the special educators and it will screen children for 21 types of disabilities as it is defined under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- The main goal of PRASHAST 2.0 is to ensure the early detection of disabilities so that no child is left due to absence of proper schooling tools.
- PRASHAST 2.0 follows the structured two-level screening process which allows both general teachers and specialized professionals to participate effectively.



## World Athletics Day

- The World Athletics Day is celebrated by millions of people every year on May 7. This day promotes fitness, sportsmanship and healthy living through athletics.
- The day also encourages people of all ages and specially children and teenagers to participate in sports such as running, jumping and throwing.
- The story of World Athletics Day can be traced to 1996 in which the historic Atlanta Olympics that marked 100 years of the modern Olympic Games.
- **Major Milestones in World Athletics Day History**
- 1996: First World Athletics Day was celebrated during the Atlanta Olympics century year
- 1997: The student winners attended the IAAF World Championships in Athens.
- 1998: Young participants have also visited the Athletics World Cup in Johannesburg.
- 2006: Greater focus placed on the children aged 7 to 15 years/
- 2016: Also, more than 100 sports federations participated globally
- 2019: IAAF officially renamed as the World Athletics.



## India to Host Inaugural IBCA Summit

- India is set to host maiden International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit on June 1-2, 2026, in the National Capital. The announcement was made by Respectable Union Environment Minister launched the official website and logo of the summit.
- The summit will be organized under the leadership of Union Minister for Environment Bhupender Yadav and he emphasized the importance of global collaboration in the wildlife conservation.
- The IBCA Summit 2026 will be guided by the theme of **“Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem’**
- The IBCA was launched in the year 2023 under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. It is the first of its kind global platform which is dedicated exclusively to big cat conservation.
- The alliance focuses on collaborative conservation strategies and knowledge sharing among countries.



## Legal Status to Vande Mataram

- Recently Vande Mataram marks 150 years since it was written by the **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay** in 1875. The Union Cabinet led by PM Modi has proposed giving **Vande Mataram** legal protection equivalent to India's National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana.
- This will be proposed by the amendments to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act.
- Vande Mataram has played the powerful role during the India's freedom struggle against British colonial rule. This song became a symbol of resistance, nationalism and unity during the independence movement and it was widely sung by freedom fighters across the country.
- When India became a republic in the year 1950, the Constituent Assembly has adopted the Jana Gana Mana as the National Anthem while granting Vande Mataram the status of National Song.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Santa Marta Climate Conference 2026 was jointly hosted by which two countries?

- A) India and Brazil
- B) Colombia and Netherlands
- C) France and Germany
- D) USA and Canada

**Answer:** B) Colombia and Netherlands

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2. The Santa Marta Climate Conference mainly focused on:

- A) Space research
- B) Agricultural exports
- C) Faster climate action and clean energy transition
- D) Global tourism development

**Answer:** C) Faster climate action and clean energy transition

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3. PRASHAST 2.0 was launched by which organization?

- A) UGC
- B) CBSE
- C) NCERT
- D) AICTE

**Answer:** C) NCERT

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**4. PRASHAST 2.0 is designed to identify:**

- A) Sports talent
- B) Disabilities among school children
- C) Financial problems in schools
- D) Teacher vacancies

**Answer:** B) Disabilities among school children

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**5. How many types of disabilities can be screened through PRASHAST 2.0?**

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 18
- D) 21

**Answer:** D) 21

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**6. World Athletics Day is celebrated every year on:**

- A) May 1
- B) May 5
- C) May 7
- D) May 10

**Answer:** C) May 7

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**7. The first World Athletics Day was celebrated in:**

- A) 1992
- B) 1996
- C) 2000
- D) 2004

**Answer:** B) 1996

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**8. India will host the inaugural IBCA Summit 2026 in:**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) New Delhi

**Answer:** D) New Delhi

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**9. The theme of the IBCA Summit 2026 is:**

- A) Save Nature, Save Earth
- B) Protect Wildlife Forever
- C) Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem
- D) Green Planet for Future

**Answer:** C) Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem

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**10. Who wrote the patriotic song "Vande Mataram"?**

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Subhas Chandra Bose
- C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- D) Sarojini Naidu

**Answer:** C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay