

## 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1) Ruchira Kamboj

- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, reaffirmed India's commitment to peace and stability in Somalia and the Horn of Africa by handing over a contribution of USD 2 million to the United Nations Trust Fund.

#### 2) International Seabed Authority

- The vast expanse of the ocean floor, covering over 70% of the earth's surface, remains largely unexplored and underutilized.

- The International Seabed Authority (ISA) was established in 1994 to govern and regulate the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources found in international waters beyond the jurisdiction of its 167 member countries' Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ). The ISA headquarters is located in Jamaica.



#### 3) Asian king vulture

- The world's first conservation and breeding center for the critically endangered Asian king vulture is set to open in Uttar Pradesh's Maharajganj district.

- The center, named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre (JCBC), is spread over 1.5 hectares and is designed to maintain a sustainable population of the species by breeding king vultures in captivity and releasing them into the wild.

- The JCBC, worth approximately Rs 15 crore, features multiple aviaries, including breeding and holding aviaries, nursery aviaries for juveniles, hospital and recovery aviaries, a food processing center, and an incubation center.

#### NATIONAL

#### 1) Bangladesh, India, and Japan

- Bangladesh, India, and Japan are set to hold a connectivity event in Tripura, India on April 11-12.

- The event is aimed at exploring connectivity initiatives and leveraging the commercial potential of the region.





#### 2) International Big Cats Alliance

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) during his visit to Karnataka on April 9, 2022.

- The IBCA aims to conserve seven species of big cats, including tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, snow leopards, and clouded leopards.

#### 3) President Draupadi Murmu boarded a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter jet

- As part of her three-day official visit to the northeastern state, President Draupadi Murmu boarded a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter jet for a flight from the strategic Tezpur Airforce station in Assam.

- It is noteworthy that the previous instance of a President flying in a Sukhoi was in 2009, when India's 12th President, Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, took a similar flight.

- Upon her arrival at the Tezpur Air Force Station, President Murmu was welcomed with a Guard of Honour.



#### 4) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme has achieved a significant milestone in the financial year ending March 31, 2023.

- The basic bank accounts under the scheme have registered a record surge of ₹50,000 crores, with the total balance reaching ₹1.99 lakh crore, an increase from ₹1.49-lakh crore in the previous financial year. Additionally, there has been an addition of 5 crore new accounts under the scheme, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 48.65 crores.

#### 5) NASA's Tropospheric Emissions

- Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) instrument has successfully launched, marking a significant step forward in the monitoring of major air pollutants.

- The instrument will provide unprecedented resolution, allowing scientists to observe air quality from space with accuracy down to just four square miles. The TEMPO mission aims to revolutionize the way air quality is monitored, helping to improve life on Earth.





#### 6) 'International Big Cat Alliance'

- According to the latest tiger census data released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the tiger population in India has reached 3,167 in 2022, which is a significant increase compared to the previous census figures of 1,411 in 2006, 1,706 in 2010, 2,226 in 2014, and 2,967 in 2018.

- During the inauguration of the commemoration of 50 years of 'Project Tiger', the Prime Minister also launched the 'International Big Cat Alliance' that aims to protect and conserve seven major big cats worldwide, including tigers and lions.

- The Prime Minister emphasized that wildlife protection was a universal issue and that the IBCA was India's contribution to protecting and conserving big cats. Additionally, he released a booklet named 'Amrit Kaal Ka Tiger Vision', which outlines the vision for tiger conservation in the next 25 years.



#### 7) INS Vikrant

- The INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, was presented with a special gift in the form of its original bell from the first carrier of the same name commissioned in 1961.

- The bell was given by Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, who recently retired as the Vice Chief of Navy Staff, to the commanding officer of INS Vikrant on March 22.

#### 8) International Yoga Mahotsav

- Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister for AYUSH, inaugurated the International Yoga Mahotsav at the Dibrugarh University Playground to mark the upcoming International Day of Yoga 2023, which is just 75 days away.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### 1) Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao

The 2023 International Prize in Statistics, which is regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in statistics, has been awarded to Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, an Indian-American statistician.
The prize, established in 2016, is presented once every two years to an individual or team that has made significant contributions to science, technology, and human welfare through the use of statistics.





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- The award is given out by a collaboration of five major international statistics organizations and recognizes major accomplishments by an individual or team. Rao will be honored with the prize, which carries an \$80,000 cash award, at the International Statistical Institute World Statistics Congress in Ottawa, Canada, in July.

#### 2) World Vaccine Congress 2023

At the World Vaccine Congress 2023 held in Washington, USA from April 3-6, Bharat Biotech was awarded the Best Production/Process Development award as a part of the Vaccine Industry Excellence (ViE) awards.
Bharat Biotech, headquartered in Hyderabad, was the sole Indian company among the nominees for the VIE awards in multiple categories such as the best clinical trial company, best clinical trial network, best central/specialty laboratory, best contract research organisation, and best production/process development, among others.

- Bharat Biotech is known for developing the world's first intranasal Covid-19 vaccine, iNcovacc, and its intramuscular vaccine, Covaxin, which is used in India's public vaccination programme and has also been exported.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) World Homeopathy Day

- On April 10th every year, World Homeopathy Day is celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathy and a German physician.

- This day is dedicated to recognizing the valuable contributions of homeopathy to the field of healthcare. This year marks the 268th birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann.

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