

# Current Affairs: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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1) Where did PM Modi inaugurate Northeast's first AIIMS?

- A. Shillong
- B. Itanagar
- C. Imphal
- D. Guwahati

- PM Modi will inaugurate Northeast's first AIIMS in Guwahati.
- In addition to AIIMS Guwahati, PM will dedicate three other medical colleges to the nation.
- He will also lay the foundation stone of the Assam Advanced Health Innovation Institute (AAHII).

Ans-D

2) Bharat BillPay has announced a partnership for cross-border bill payments for Indians in Oman with which of the following banks?

- A. SBI Bank
- B. Canara Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. IDFC Bank

- Canara Bank and Bharat BillPay announced partnership for cross-border bill payments for Indians in Oman.
- The launch of cross-border inward bill payment services for Indians in Oman has been announced by Canara bank and NPCI Bharat Bill Pay Ltd.
- NRIs can now use Bharat Bill Payment System's platform for bill payments on behalf of their families through the Musandam Exchange.

**Ans-B**

### 3) How much has been the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)-based industrial growth in February 2023?

- A. 5.6%
- B. 4.7%
- C. 6.4%
- D. 5.9%

- Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation declined to 5.66% in March 2023.
- In February 2023, Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation stood at 6.44%.
- Retail inflation has come below the upper tolerance level of RBI's inflation range of 2-6% because of the strong base effect and decline in vegetable and oil prices.

Ans-A

4) India, Japan and France have launched a common platform for financial assistance to which country?

A. Sri Lanka

B. Ukraine

C. Mongolia

D. Iraq

- India, Japan and France have come forward to help Sri Lanka financially, together the three countries have started a debt restructuring program for troubled Sri Lanka. Representatives of the three countries, including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, announced this during the annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington. Its purpose is to bring Sri Lanka out of the economic crisis.

Ans-D

5) Which of the following has launched the Indigenous NavIC chip to reduce dependence on GPS?

- A. Elena Geo Systems
- B. Bajaj Electricals
- C. Centum Electronics
- D. Bharat Electronics

- Elena Geo Systems launched Indigenous NavIC chip to reduce dependence on GPS.
- An Indigenous chip for the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) has been unveiled at the Defence Space Symposium.
- Chip has been formally handed over by Lt. Col. V.S. Velan (retd.), founder and Chief Technology Officer of Elena Geo Systems, to Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan.

Ans-A

6) According to UN Trade and Development Conference (UNCTAD), India's economy will grow at \_\_\_\_\_ in 2023.

- A. 6.2%
- B. 5.7%
- C. 6.1%
- D. 6.0%

- UN Trade and Development Conference (UNCTAD) has released its latest Trade and Development Report.
- UNCTAD projected India's growth will decline to 6 per cent in 2023 from 6.6 per cent in 2022. The growth will decline because of the weakening of government spending.
- It projected that global growth in 2023 will decline to 2.1% from its earlier projection of 2.2%.

Ans-D

7) Which player won India's first gold medal in the Asian Wrestling Championship 2023?

- A. Deepak Dahiya
- B. Ravi Kumar
- C. Bajrang Punia
- D. Aman Sehrawat

- Aman Sehrawat has won India's first gold medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan. He won this medal in the men's 57 kg freestyle category by defeating Almaz Samanbekov of Kyrgyzstan 9-4. Last year, Sehrawat became the first Indian wrestler to win gold at the Under-23 World Championships in Spain.

Ans-D



8) India's rank improved by how many spots in the latest global Business Environment Rankings?

- A. Four
- B. Six
- C. Eight
- D. Nine

- India's rank improved by six spots in the global Business Environment Rankings.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the latest Business Environment Rankings (BER).
- Vietnam, Thailand, Belgium, Sweden, India and Costa Rica have shown the biggest improvements over the past year. Vietnam is the overall biggest mover which climbed 12 spots in the rankings.

Ans-B

9) With which country has Bahrain resumed its diplomatic relations recently?

- A. Israel
- B. Qatar
- C. Syria
- D. Egypt

- Two years after the Arab boycott was lifted, Qatar and Bahrain have announced the resumption of their diplomatic relations. In January 2021, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt ended Qatar's three-and-a-half-year ban, except for Bahrain. Diplomatic relations between the two countries began during a meeting held in the capital of Saudi Arabia. Bahrain is an island country located in Western Asia.

**Ans-B**

10) India's overall exports have registered a growth of \_\_\_\_\_ in the financial year 2022-23 over 2021-22.

- A. 12.71%
- B. 13.84%
- C. 14.32%
- D. 15.43%

- India's overall exports have registered a growth of 13.84% in the financial year 2022-23 over 2021-22.
- India's overall exports are estimated to have reached 770.18 US billion dollars in the last financial year.
- India's overall exports were more than 676 US billion dollars in the fiscal year 2021-22.

**Ans-B**

11) Which protected area of Uttar Pradesh has for the first time recorded photographic proof of tigers?

- A. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
- B. Ranipur Tiger Reserve
- C. Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary

- Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh has for the first time recorded photographic proof of tigers.
- As per the latest Census released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Suhelwa sanctuary is the new area where photographic evidence of tigers has been recorded.
- Suhelwa and Sohagi Barwa wildlife sanctuaries have been added to tiger detected grids.

Ans-C

12) Which player holds the record for the fastest 100 wickets in IPL history?

- A. Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. Mohammed Shami
- D. Kagiso Rabada

- Kagiso Rabada, a player of the Punjab Kings team in IPL becomes the fastest bowler to get 100 wickets in IPL. He is from South Africa and created this record by taking the wicket of Wriddhiman Saha in a match played against Gujarat Titans. Kagiso Rabada achieved his 100 IPL wickets by playing just 64 matches. The previous record was in the name of Lasith Malinga who achieved 100 IPL wickets in 70 matches.

Ans-D

13) The tallest Ambedkar statue in India has been unveiled in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Bihar
- D. Rajasthan

- The 132nd birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar who is considered the architect of the Indian Constitution is being celebrated across the country on April 14. On the birthday of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Chief Minister of Telangana K Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated his 125 feet tall statue, which is believed to be the tallest statue of Ambedkar in India. This statue has been designed by renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar and his son Anil Ram Sutar in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. This statue has been built by KPC Projects Limited. Its total cost is Rs 146.50 crore.

**Ans-B**

14) In which country did External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurate the bridge built by India?

- A. Ghana
- B. Senegal
- C. Mozambique
- D. Sri Lanka

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the Buzi Bridge built by India in Mozambique. The bridge has been built as part of the 132 km Tika-Buji-Nova-Sofala road project. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar began his visit with a meeting with the Speaker of the Assembly Esperanca Bias in Maputo, Mozambique. Mozambique is a southern African nation with a long coastline along the Indian Ocean. Its capital is Maputo and its currency is the Mozambican medical.

Ans-C

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