

# Current Affairs: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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# 1) Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- A. Tripura
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam
- D. Andhra Pradesh

- National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has signed an MoU with the Nagarjunasagar-Srisaillam Tiger Reserve, spread across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to facilitate seamless and efficient entry process for vehicles entering into the forest area.
- The initiative aims to provide FASTag based payment system at Forest entry points.
- It will extend the benefit of collection of Ecosystem Management Coordination fee through FASTag at various entrance points of the Tiger Reserve.
- The benefit of collection of Ecosystem Management Coordination Fee through FASTag will be extended to various entry points of the Tiger Reserve.

**Ans-D**

2) The 12th Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) in G20 is scheduled to be held on April 17-19, 2023 in which city?

- A. Varanasi
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Ahmedabad

- The 12th Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) in G20 is scheduled to be held on April 17-19, 2023 in Varanasi.
- The theme of the 12th MACS conference is “sustainable agriculture and food systems for healthy people and the Planet”
- The MAHARISHI (millets and other ancient grains international research) Initiative will also be discussed in the meeting.
- There are four priority areas on which focused discussions will take place: food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture through approaches of climate resilient agriculture, digitisation for agricultural transformation and public-private partnerships for research and development in the sector.

Ans-A

3) Who has launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative to address animal pandemics in a holistic manner?

- A. Purushottam Rupala
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Sarbananda Sonowal

- Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala has launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative to address animal pandemics in a holistic manner.
- This initiative aims at enhancing the country's preparedness and response to animal pandemics, with a focus on zoonotic diseases that pose a threat to both animal and human health.
- It will also help to improve veterinary services and infrastructure, disease surveillance capabilities and awareness among farmers through community outreach.
- Rupala also launched World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support for One Health, which aims at creating an ecosystem for a better animal health management system covering five states.

**Ans-A**

4) The state of Assam created history by entering the Guinness World Record for “the largest Bihu performance” at a single venue. Who is the present governor of Assam?

- A. C P Radhakrishnan
- B. Shiv Pratap Shukla
- C. S. Abdul Nazeer
- D. Gulab Chand Kataria

- The state of Assam created history by entering the Guinness World Records for “the largest Bihu performance” at a single venue.
- The grand event of the traditional dance was held at the Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati.
- A total of 11,304 folk dancers presented Bihu Dance and over 2,500 drummers performed with the dancers in the presence of Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma at the event.
- The Bihu performance set two world records, one for the largest traditional dance, and the second record was for the largest musical instrument group.
- The previous record for the largest traditional dance was for 7,700 participants in China set in 2015.

**Ans-D**

5) India's External Affairs Minister Dr. Jaishankar has inaugurated the Buzi Bridge, constructed as part of 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project in which country?

- A. Mozambique
- B. Maldives
- C. Bhutan
- D. Mauritius

- India's External Affairs Minister Dr. Jaishankar has inaugurated the Buzi Bridge, constructed as part of 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project.
- The bridge has been built by India. The Buzi Bridge connects the towns of Chibabava and Mafambisse.
- The project was executed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in collaboration with the Mozambique government.

**Ans-A**

6) Which company has become the first Indian company to have over 50 lakh shareholders?

A. South Indian Bank

B. Axis Bank

C. Yes Bank

D. Reliance Industries  
Limited

- Private sector lender YES Bank has become the first Indian company to have over 50 lakh shareholders.
- Tata Power was a far second with 38.5 lakh shareholders, followed by Reliance Industries with 33.6 lakh shareholders, according to the December 2022 shareholding disclosures.
- The bank had 50.6 lakh shareholders as of March 31, 2023, all of whom were public shareholders.
- This was an increase from 48.1 lakh shareholders as of December 2022, most likely owing to the end of the three-year lock-in period for shareholders that held equity shares of the bank when it underwent the reconstruction scheme in March 2020.

Ans-C

7) Which company has emerged as the second-strongest tyre brand in the world according to the report by Brand Finance on the 'Most Valuable and Strongest Tyre Brands' in the world?

- A. MRF Limited
- B. Apollo Tyres
- C. CEAT Tyres
- D. TVS Eurogrip

- MRF Ltd has emerged as the second-strongest tyre brand in the world according to the latest report by Brand Finance on the 'Most Valuable and Strongest Tyre Brands' in the world.
- MRF has scored high in almost all parameters and is also featured as the second fastest-growing tyre brand in the world.
- It has scored 83.2 out of 100 in brand strength and was awarded a AAA- brand rating.

**Ans-A**



8) Who has flagged off the Bharat Gaurav Tourist train to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in New Delhi?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Jitendra Singh
- C. Sarbananda Sonowal
- D. G Kishan Reddy

- Union Tourism Minister G Krishan Reddy and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar have flagged off Bharat Gaurav Tourist train to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in New Delhi.
- Bharat Gaurav Tourist train will not only showcase India's rich cultural heritage but also the life of B R Ambedkar.
- During the 8-day tour, the train will cover cities including, New Delhi, Mhow, Nagpur, Varanasi and sacred Buddhist sites like Sanchi, Sarnath, Gaya, Rajgir and Nalanda.

**Ans-D**

9) World Art Day is observed every year on which day?

- A. 15 April
- B. 16 April
- C. 12 April
- D. 13 April

- World Art Day is observed every year on 15 April.
- Objective – To commemorate Leonardo da Vinci's birthday, recognizing the importance of art in promoting creativity, cultural diversity, and information exchange.
- World Art Day was officially established on April 15 during the General Assembly of the International Association of Art in 2012.
- This was the first year of celebration, and the date was chosen in honor of the renowned artist, Leonardo da Vinci's birthday.

Ans-A

10) Agri-tech company Fasal has signed a partnership agreement with which bank to provide farmers with easy access to capital?

A. State Bank of India

B. Axis Bank

C. UCO Bank

D. HDFC Bank

- Agri-tech company Fasal signed a partnership agreement with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide farmers with easy access to capital.
- The partnership will help solve cash-flow constraints during key cycles in farming by providing quick, easy, and collateral-free loans at very competitive rates.
- These ties will help to fulfill Fasal's larger objective of solving the many challenges across the entire horticulture value chain.
- In the 2023 budget, the government announced raising the agriculture credit target by 11% to Rs 20 lakh crore for FY24.
- The launch of Fasal's latest financing solution echoes the government's focused efforts toward increasing financial support for farmers across the country.

Ans-A

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