



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 27th April 2023

### National News

1. **Breast surgeon Dr Raghu Ram honored with Telugu Association of London award.**



- Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti, a renowned surgeon, has been awarded the lifetime achievement award by the Telugu Association of London.
- He is the founding director of the AKIMS-Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases located in Hyderabad.
- Despite his relatively young age, Dr Raghuram has become one of the few people to receive the award.
- He is also the only Indian living outside the UK to be bestowed with this honor.
- During the celebration of Ugadi 2023, organized by the Telugu Association of London (TAL), Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti was awarded the lifetime achievement award.
- TAL is the biggest Telugu Charity Organisation in the UK and represents the Telugu speaking community of around 10,000 people in and around London.

- Dr Ramulu Dasoju, the founder chairman of TAL, and the current chairperson Bharathi Kandukuri, read out parts of the citation during the event.
- The Mayor of London Borough of Hounslow, Councillor Raghwinder Siddhu, also praised Dr Raghu Ram as an exemplary individual who bridges the gap between the UK and India, with a focus on best practices in his field and an emphasis on human values.

## 2. Ex Odisha MP And 3 Time MLA Trilochan Kanungo passes away.



- Trilochan Kanungo, a prominent economist and a long-standing member of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party, has died at the age of 82. Mr. Kanungo was previously the chairman of Cuttack Municipality and served as the chairperson of the state finance commission.
- He was born on November 24, 1940 in the village of Badamulei in Cuttack district and had been residing in the Sheikh Bazaar area of Cuttack city for the past few years.\
- In 1999, he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Jagatsinghpur Parliamentary constituency. He was renowned for his erudition and had served as the chairperson of Cuttack municipality twice. He was the chairman of the second Odisha Finance Commission.
- In the 1960s, he was a student leader and had served as the president of Ravenshaw College and Utkal University.
- Panchanan Kanungo, who is Trilochan's younger brother, was a former finance minister and joined the Congress party in 2019.

### 3. Odisha FC clinch Hero Super Cup 2023 with a 2-1 victory over Bengaluru FC



- Odisha FC won the Hero Super Cup 2023 Final by defeating Bengaluru FC 2-1.
- Diego Mauricio scored both goals for Odisha FC, the first one from a free kick in the 23rd minute and the second one in the 37th minute.
- Despite Bengaluru FC's efforts, Odisha FC maintained their lead and did not face any major challenge.
- Bengaluru FC managed to score a goal through a penalty taken by Sunil Chetri in the 85th minute, but it was not enough to make a comeback in the game.
- Odisha FC, led by Indian Head Coach Clifford Miranda, secure their first-ever Men's category trophy since the team's inception in 2019.
- Following their win in the Hero Super Cup 2023 Final, Odisha FC will now face Gokulam Kerala FC in a qualifier on 29th April.
- The winner of the qualifier will represent India in the AFC Cup 2023-24

#### 4. India Climbs 6 Spots to 38th in World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023



- According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India's rank in the 7th edition of the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023 has improved by 6 positions, and it now stands at 38th among 139 countries.
- The ministry further stated that India has shown significant progress in 4 out of 6 LPI indicators.
- The government claimed in an official statement that India's improved logistics infrastructure is evidence of the country's global standing.
- They attribute this development to their concentrated effort on reforming logistics infrastructure.
- The government also mentioned that the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, launched in October 2021, is responsible for this update.
- The plan aims to address the evolving requirements of logistics due to factors such as e-commerce, urbanization, energy preferences, and the need to establish sturdy supply chains.
- Additionally, the Ministry stated that India's ranking was improved due to the implementation of the National

Logistics Policy (NLP), which provides guidance for States or UTs in developing logistics policies.

- The NLP focuses on promoting energy-efficient transportation modes and the use of greener fuels to minimize carbon emissions.
- Moreover, the Commerce Ministry mentioned that the government invested in trade-related infrastructure, including both soft and hard infrastructure, to connect port gateways on both coasts to economic zones in the hinterland.

## 5. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited now a Navratana.



**Government Approves  
#Navratna Status**

- The state-owned railway company Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) was in focus as the Indian Government upgraded its status to a 'Navratna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) from a 'Miniratna' category.
- The decision to upgrade RVNL was approved by the Finance Minister and is set to take effect from April 26, 2023.
- RVNL is a mid-cap company under the Ministry of Railways, with an annual turnover of Rs 19,381 crore and a net profit of Rs 1,087 crore for the year 2021-22.
- This makes it the 13th Navratna company among the CPSEs in India.
- Navratna is a status conferred upon a select group of CPSEs in India by the Government of India.

- The term 'Navratna' means 'Nine Jewels' and refers to the nine precious gemstones that were considered to be of the highest value in ancient Indian mythology.
- Navratna CPSEs are companies that are well-established, profitable, and have a significant impact on the Indian economy.
- They are given more autonomy in decision-making and have greater financial powers than other CPSEs.

## 6. US State Pennsylvania Recognizes Diwali as an Official State Holiday.



- Senator Nikil Saval tweeted that the state of Pennsylvania in the United States has declared Diwali, the Hindu festival, as a national holiday.
- The legislation to make Diwali an official state holiday was introduced by State Senators Greg Rothman and Nikil Saval in February of this year.
- The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate. According to My Twin Tiers, there are almost 200,000 South Asian residents in Pennsylvania, many of whom celebrate Diwali as a time for gathering and reflection.
- Senator Saval expressed gratitude to Senator Rothman for the opportunity to introduce this bill and welcomed all Pennsylvanians who celebrate Diwali.

## 7. PM to inaugurate national games in Oct: Goa CM



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- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the National Games in Goa in October 2023.
- The announcement was made after a meeting between Sawant, State Sports Minister Govind Gaude, and Indian Olympic Association chairperson PT Usha to review preparations for the event.
- According to Sawant, the inauguration ceremony is tentatively scheduled for October 23 or 24, depending on the Prime Minister's availability.
- The ceremony will be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda, South Goa district.