



CURRENT AFFAIRS 4th August 2022

National News

1. Center announces free entry for visitors at all protected monuments from 5th to 15th August



- Government has made free entry for the visitors and tourists to all its protected monuments and sites across the country from 5th to 15th August.
- In a tweet, Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said, the decision has been taken under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and 75th Independence Day celebrations.
- The Director General of Archeological Survey of India has said that no fee will be charged at all the ticketed centrally protected monuments and Archaeological sites from 5th to 15th August this year.

2. Lok Sabha passes Central Universities (Amendment) Bill 2022



- The Lok Sabha today passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill 2022, which provides for establishing central universities in various states by amending the Central Universities Act of 2009.
- The Bill, introduced by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the Lower House, seeks to convert the Vadodara-based National Rail and Transportation Institute, a deemed university to Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya which will be a central university.
- The Vishwavidyalaya will be sponsored and funded by the central government through the Ministry of Railways.
- Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya will take measures to provide quality teaching, research, and skill development in disciplines related to transportation, technology, and management.
- It will address the need for trained talent in the transportation sector.

- Opposition parties including the AITC, Congress, and the DMK boycotted the discussion on the Bill in protest against the raid by central agencies, which they termed were targeted at opposition leaders.
- Persistent sloganeering by the opposition members forced the chair to adjourn the House for about an hour till 4 pm.

3. Suresh N Patel sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner



- Suresh N. Patel was today sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner. He made and subscribed the oath of his office before President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.
- Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is an apex Indian governmental body created in 1964 to address governmental corruption.
- In 2003, the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status on the CVC.

4. Commonwealth Games: Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claims Silver; Tejaswin Shankar bags bronze in Men's high jump



- Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claimed Silver medal in women's 78 kg category after suffering a defeat against Scotland's Sarah Adlington at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.
- Indian weightlifter Gurdeep Singh bagged the bronze medal in the men's 109-plus kg final with a combined weight of 390kg.
- India's Saurav Ghosal clinched the bronze medal in squash men's singles by beating James Willstrop of England 11-6, 11-1, 11-4.
- Ghosal, who had won the silver medal in the mixed doubles event in Gold Coast in 2018, gave the Englishman no chance whatsoever in one of the most one-sided medal matches of CWG.
- This was Ghosal's first medal at the Commonwealth Games in men's singles.

- India's Tejaswin Shankar won India's first medal in athletics at the Commonwealth games 2022, by clinching a historic bronze in the men's high jump final.
- Tejaswin, competing for India for the first time in four years, nailed a landing of 2.22m to secure a podium finish.
- Lovepreet Singh bagged a bronze medal in men's 109kg weightlifting while setting a national record in the clean and jerk round.
- Indian Women beat Canada 3-2 to qualify for the Hockey semi-final.

5. Andhra Pradesh tops in Utilization of Agriculture Infrastructure funds



- When it comes to using cash for agricultural infrastructure, Andhra Pradesh comes out on top (Agri Infra Fund).
- By placing a strong emphasis on infrastructure development at the farm gate, it has become the best state.
- At a ceremony in New Delhi, Union Minister of Agriculture and Family Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar presented B. Srinivasa Rao, CEO of State Rythu Bazars, with the award for the best state in the nation in terms of utilising Agri Funds in the fiscal year 2021–22.
- Many states are falling behind in using agri-infra funding, according to Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, but Andhra Pradesh has surpassed all others by doing so and building extensive infrastructure at the rural level.
- The state government is building extensive infrastructure at the farm through multi-sponsored centres with the goal of tripling farmers' revenue.

- PACS has installed 4,277 godowns, including 2,977 dryers, 101 yellow polishers, 60 buffer godowns for the AP Civil Supplies Corporation, 830 cleaners for primary processing, and 4,277 drying platforms at RBK level.
- In addition to RBKs for horticulture goods, the government has supplied infrastructure to 945 collection centres, 344 cool rooms, 10,678 assaying devices, and 10,678 procurement centres.

6. Indian and French Navies Exercise in The Atlantic



- The Indian Navy guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French naval ships in the North Atlantic Ocean on July 29 and 30.
- INS Tarkash and French Fleet Tanker FNS Somme carried out a replenishment at sea, followed by cooperative air operations with the maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50, taking part in several mock missile engagements and air defence drills.
- The successful conduct of these surface and aerial exercises symbolise the high degree of professionalism and interoperability that exists between the two navies.
- India and France are maritime nations with dynamic maritime economy sectors like marine technology and scientific research, fisheries, port and shipping, to name a few.

- Possessing vast exclusive economic zones, their fate is closely linked to the sea and the ocean.

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