

## Daily Current Affairs 26/04/2021

### 1. Prime Minister launches distribution of e-property cards under SVAMITVA scheme



## SVAMITVA SCHEME

### Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology In Village Areas

- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi launched the distribution of e-property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme on National Panchayati Raj Day.
- Under the scheme, the entire village's properties are surveyed by drone and property cards are distributed to the owners. 4.09 lakh people were given such e-property cards in more than 5 thousand villages.
- **About SVAMITVA scheme:** SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) was launched by the Prime Minister on 24th April 2020 as a Central Sector Scheme to promote a socio-economically empowered and self-reliant rural India.
- It paves the way for using the property as a financial asset by villagers for availing loans and other financial benefits.
- The Scheme will cover around 6.62 Lakh villages of the entire country during 2021-2025.
- The pilot phase of the Scheme was implemented during 2020–2021 in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and select villages of Punjab and Rajasthan.

## 2. Prime Minister confers National Panchayat Awards 2021

"The Future of India  
lies in its villages"  
-Mahatma Gandhi



**About National Panchayati Raj Day:** It is the national day of Panchayati Raj System in India celebrated by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on **24 April annually**.

- Then Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh declared the first National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April 2010.

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred the National Panchayat Awards 2021** on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj day.

- **The Awards were given under various categories including** the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (to 224 Panchayats), Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya

Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar (to 30 Gram Panchayats), Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award (to 29 Gram Panchayats), Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award (to 30 Gram Panchayats) and e-Panchayat Puraskar (to 12 States).

- The Award money ranging from 5 to 50 lakh rupees was transferred electronically to the awardee Panchayats.

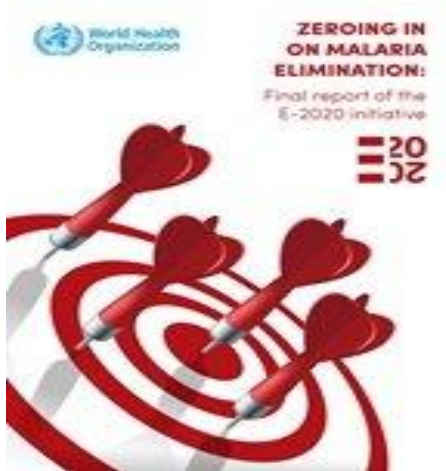
## 3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses Leaders' Summit on Climate



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Leaders' Summit on Climate at the invitation of the President of U.S.A. Joseph R. Biden, which was held virtually on 22-23 April 2021.
- The theme of the summit was **"Our Collective Sprint to 2030"**.
- India's ambitious renewable energy target is 450 Gigawatts by 2030.
- India's per capita carbon footprint is 60 percent lower than the global average.

- PM Modi announced the launch of **India-US climate and clean energy Agenda 2030 partnership**, which can be a template of green collaborations to help developing countries access to affordable green finance and clean technologies.
- The Summit was a part of a series of global meetings focusing on climate issues, being held in the run up to COP26 in November 2021.
- **Note:** The US has joined the **India-Sweden climate initiative**, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition, LeadIT.

#### 4. Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs the “Reaching Zero” Forum on Malaria Elimination



- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare chaired the “Reaching Zero” forum on malaria elimination to celebrate World Malaria Day.

- **Every year, 25<sup>th</sup> April is observed as ‘World Malaria Day’.**

- This year’s theme for the day is **“Reaching the Zero Malaria target.”**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been among the 18 Global leaders who endorsed the Malaria Elimination roadmap of

Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance at the East Asia Summit held in Malaysia in 2015. It was then that the alliance leadership set the goal of ensuring that the Region becomes free of malaria by 2030.

- Government’s efforts have resulted in 84.5% reduction in malaria cases and 83.6% reduction in deaths in 2020 compared to 2015.
- In 2020, as many as 116 districts in the Country reported zero malaria cases.

#### 5. India’s CAG GC Murmu selected as external auditor of OPCW



- Hague-based Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) selected the India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) GC Murmu as its external auditor for a three-year term starting 2021.

- India was also selected as the member of the executive council of the OPCW representing Asia group for another two-year term during the OPCW conference of state parties.

- **About Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW):** It is an intergovernmental organisation and the implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention.



**Headquarters:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Founded:** 29 April 1997

**Director General:** Fernando Arias

**Membership:** 193 member states

**6. Rumana Sinha Sehgal awarded 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021'**



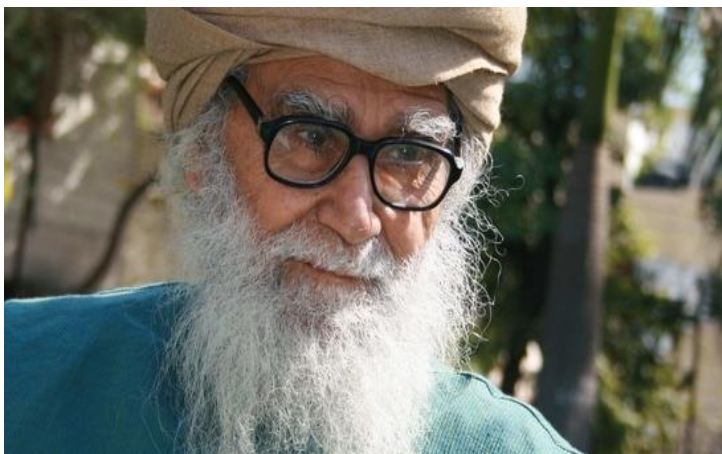
- Rumana Sinha Sehgal, Software-engineer turned social entrepreneur from Hyderabad, has been awarded the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021' by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace.

- Her work has been recognised in the fields of developing innovative and

functional 'green' products by recycling varied materials and creative use of non-biodegradable materials.

- She is also the recipient of the Nationwide Award -under 50- Business Leader 2021 for social entrepreneurship by Business Mint.
- At the Influencer Summit in January this year, she also received the 'International Influencer of the year 2021'.
- She has won the ReX Karmaveer Chakra (silver) and Global Fellowship award 2019 for her work in the zone of women and child empowerment.
- She was also crowned the 'Mrs Universe Successful 2018'.

**7. Maulana Wahiduddin Khan passes away**



- Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, a renowned Islamic scholar and peace activist, passed away.

- The 96-year-old scholar, who was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2000, was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in January 2021.

- Khan wrote over 200 books on several aspects

of Islam and established the Islamic Centre in New Delhi.

## 8. April 26, World Intellectual Property Day



- In 2000, WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation)'s member states designated April 26 – the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970 – as World IP Day with the aim of increasing general understanding of IP.
- In 2021, the World Intellectual Property Day (IP) is being celebrated under the theme: **‘IP and SMEs: Taking your Ideas to Market’**.
- **Intellectual property (IP)** refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; and symbols, names and images used in commerce.
- IP is protected in law by, for example, patents, copyright and trademarks, which enable people to earn recognition or financial benefit from what they invent or create. By striking the right balance between the interests of innovators and the wider public interest, the IP system aims to foster an environment in which creativity and innovation can flourish.