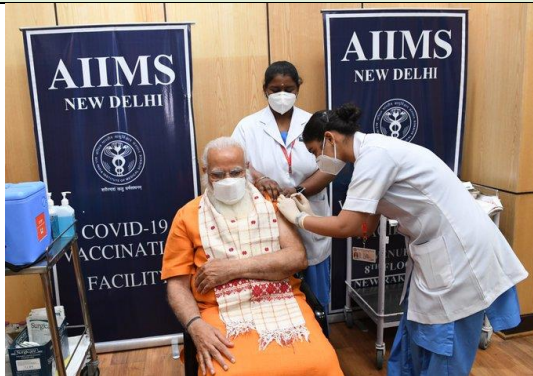


## Weekly Current Affairs for State Exams 3rd Week April

### 1. Tika Utsav



- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi announced a special initiative vaccination festival, 'Tika Utsav' with an aim to vaccinate maximum number of eligible people against the coronavirus.
- The Utsav started on 11 April, 2021, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and will continue till the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar on 14 April, 2021 to ensure the maximum vaccination coverage of people aged above 45.
- Mr. Modi urged citizens to imbibe these four principles which include '**Each One, Vaccinate One**', '**Each One, Treat One**', '**Each One, Save One**', and '**Micro Containment Zones**'.
- **Note:** Recently, Drugs Controller General of India (DGCI) has given approval to use vaccines- **Covishield** from Serum Institute of India (SII) based on the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine and **Covaxin** from Bharat Biotech.

### 1. India-Netherlands Virtual Summit



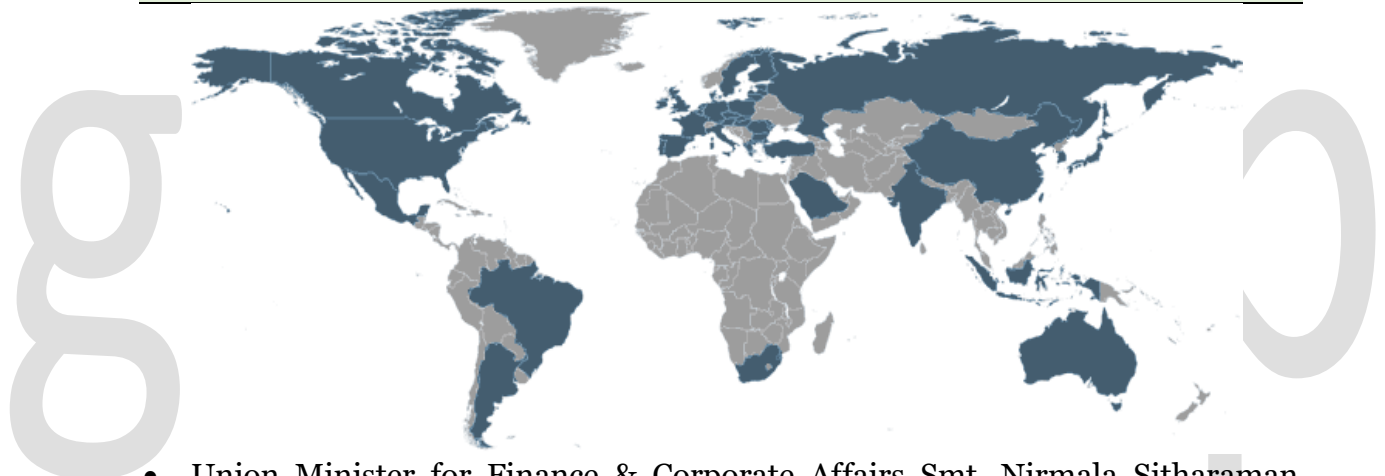
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands held a Virtual Summit on 9 April 2021.
- The two Prime Ministers agreed on instituting a '**Strategic Partnership on Water**' to further deepen the Indo-Dutch cooperation in the water related sector, and upgrading the Joint Working Group on water to Ministerial-level.
- The leaders also exchanged views on regional and global challenges such as climate change, terrorism and Covid-19 pandemic and agreed to leverage the

emerging convergences in new areas like Indo-Pacific Supply Chains and Global Digital Governance.



- **Facts about Netherlands:**  
**Capital:** Amsterdam  
**Currency:** Euro  
**Prime Minister:** Mark Rutte

## 2. Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends 2nd virtual G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting



- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated virtually in the 2nd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the Italian Presidency on 07 April 2021.
- The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors discussed Updates of the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19.
- They also discussed supporting the financing needs of the most vulnerable economies, the progress on the international taxation agenda, promoting greener transitions and the pandemic related financial regulation issues.
- For boosting support to the most vulnerable economies, the Finance Minister supported extending the Debt Service Suspension Initiative, by six months, till December 2021.
- **Facts about G20:**  
**Formation:** 26 September 1999  
**Members:** 20  
(Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and European Union)

**Note:** The **G20 Summit** is set to be hosted by Italy in 2021, Indonesia in 2022, India in 2023 and Brazil in 2024.

### 3. 'SARTHAQ': the NEP Implementation Plan for School Education launched



- The Department of School Education and Literacy has developed an indicative and suggestive Implementation Plan for School Education, called '**Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ)**'.
- This implementation plan delineates the roadmap and way forward for implementation of NEP, 2020 for the next 10 years.
- **SARTHAQ** has also been prepared as an evolving and working document and is broadly suggestive/indicative in nature and will be updated from time to time based on the inputs/feedback received from the stakeholders.
- **About National Education Policy 2020:** The **NEP 2020**, which was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, outlines the vision of India's new education system. The new policy replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986.

### 4. NanoSniffer, the world's first Microsensor-based Explosive Trace Detector (ETD)



- The Nanosniffer has been developed by NanoSniff Technologies which is an IIT Bombay incubated startup.
- It is being marketed by Vehant Technologies, IIT Delhi incubated startup.
- The core technology of NanoSniffer is protected by patents in the U.S. & Europe.
- **About NanoSniffer:** The completely indigenous device ETD - NanoSniffer can detect explosives in less than 10 seconds and it also identifies and categorizes explosives into different classes.

- It detects all classes of military, conventional and homemade explosives.

### 5. Prime Minister releases hindi version of Odisha Itihaas by Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab



- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released the hindi translation of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' written by 'Utkal Keshari' Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab.
- The book, available in Odia and English so far, has been translated into Hindi by Shri. Shankarlal Purohit.
- **About the Author:** Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab was a notable figure in the Indian Independence Movement. He also served as Chief Minister of Odisha from 1946 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1961.

### 6. Dutee Chand to receive Chhattisgarh Veerni Award



- Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres, will receive Chhattisgarh Veerni Award.
- Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the inaugural edition of the awards ceremony will be held virtually on April 14, 2021.
- In 2019, the Odisha sprinter Dutee Chand became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy.
- **Chhattisgarh Veerni Award**, instituted by the Chhattisgarh state government, recognises contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

### 7. Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in 103rd meeting Development Committee Meeting of World Bank-IMF

- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 103rd Meeting of the Development Committee Plenary via video conferencing on 09 April 2021.



- **The main agenda of the meeting was:** World Bank Group (WBG) and International Monetary Fund Support for Debt Relief Under the Common Framework and Beyond.
- COVID-19 pandemic: World Bank Group Support for Fair and Affordable Access to Vaccines by Developing Countries.
- From COVID-19 Crisis Response to Resilient Recovery – Saving Lives and Livelihoods while Supporting Green, Resilient and Inclusive Development.
- **Note:** Smt. Sitharaman shared that the Indian Government has announced Aatma Nirbhar Packages of Rs 27.1 trillion, amounting to more than 13% of the GDP.
- **Facts about World Bank:**
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., U. S.
  - **Founded:** July 1944
  - **President:** David Malpass
  - **MD and CFO:** Anshula Kant
  - **Membership:** 189 countries (IBRD), 173 countries (IDA)
- **Facts about IMF (International Monetary Fund):**
  - **Managing Director:** Kristalina Georgieva
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., U.S
  - **Chief Economist:** Gita Gopinath
  - **Formation:** December 1945
  - **Membership:** 190 countries

## 8. ICCR unveils 'Little Guru' app, the world's first Gamified Sanskrit learning App



- The **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** celebrated its 71st Foundation Day at Indian Embassy in Beijing on 09 April 2021.
- On the occasion, the **ICCR has unveiled 'Little Guru' app, world's first Gamified Sanskrit learning App** which was jointly launched in Beijing by

Ambassador Vikram Misri and renowned Chinese scholar on Sanskrit and India studies, Professor Wang Bangwei.

- In keeping pace with changing technology in access as well as teaching methods, ICCR has tied up with Gamapp Sportswizz Tech. Pvt. Ltd. to launch 'Little Guru', a specialized app for learning Sanskrit.
- **Note:** This year, ICCR has also announced two new fellowships dedicated to music – Bhimsen Joshi fellowship for music and Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan fellowship for Music to encourage research in the field of Indian music.
- **Facts about Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR):**
  - **Founder:** Abul Kalam Azad
  - **Founded:** 9 April 1950
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Director General:** Shri Dineshk Patnaik

### 9. NITI Aayog launches Online Dispute Resolution Handbook

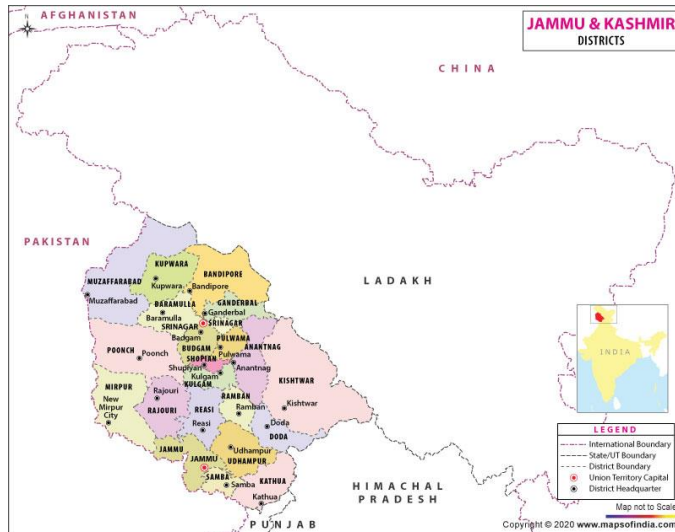
- NITI Aayog in association with Agami and Omidyar Network India and with the support of ICICI Bank, Ashoka Innovators for the Public, Trilegal, Dalberg, Dvara, NIPFP launched the first-of-its kind **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)** handbook in India.



- **ODR** is the resolution of disputes outside courts, particularly of small and medium-value cases, using digital technology and techniques of alternate dispute resolution (ADR), such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.
- **Facts about NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog:**
  - **Formed:** 1 January 2015
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Chairperson:** Narendra Modi
  - **Vice Chairperson:** Rajiv Kumar
  - **CEO:** Amitabh Kant

### 10. Sports Minister inaugurates Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Rowing discipline at Water Sports Academy in Srinagar

- Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE) for Rowing discipline at the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council Water Sports Academy in Srinagar on 10th April 2021. This is one of the two KISCEs from Jammu & Kashmir itself, with the Maulana Azad Stadium for Fencing discipline in Jammu being the other.
- **Note:** There are currently 24 KISCEs across 23 States and Union Territories and each of them focuses on Olympics sports discipline.



### 11. Sushil Chandra appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner



- President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Sushil Chandra, the senior-most Election Commissioner, as the Chief Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- Sushil Chandra will assume the charge of office of the Chief Election Commissioner with effect from the 13th April, 2021 vice Shri Sunil Arora consequent upon his demitting the Office of the Chief Election Commissioner on the 12th April, 2021.
- A 1980 batch Indian Revenue Service Officer, Mr. Chandra took office as an Election Commissioner on February 15, 2019 after retiring as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

### 12. Nethra Kumanan becomes first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics



- sailors created history from India by qualifying for this year's Tokyo Olympics. Vishnu Saravanan and the pair of Ganapathy Chengappa and Varun Thakkar made the cut during the ongoing Asian Qualifiers in Oman. **The 23-year-old from Chennai, Nethra Kumanan**, became the **first Indian woman sailor** to qualify in the laser radial event in the Mussanah Open Championship in Oman.
- **Note: North Korea will not participate in the Tokyo Olympics** to protect its athletes amid the coronavirus pandemic.

### 13. Lilavati Awards 2020

- Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented the AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment to the winners in New Delhi.
- Mr Pokhriyal welcomed the initiative of **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** for instituting the Lilawati Awards and stressed that such innovative steps shall be a great motivation for girls to join higher education.
- **Based on the theme 'Women Empowerment'**, AICTE finalized the winners from a total of 456 entries who competed across **6 sub themes**, which include, **Women's Health, Self-Defense, Sanitation and Hygiene, Literacy, Women Entrepreneurship, and Legal Awareness.**
- **LIST OF AWARDEES:**

Sub theme	Name of Team	Name of Institute
Women Entrepreneurship	SWEAT (Sona Women Entrepreneurship and Training)	Sona College of Technology, Tamil Nadu
Sanitation and Hygiene	<b>SKBCOP ECO Club</b>	<b>Smt. Kishoritai Bhojar College of Pharmacy, Mararashtra</b>
Literacy	Digital Literacy	Bharatiya Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, Pune
Women's Health	WIT Women Health Coalition	Walchand Institute of Technology, Maharashtra
Legal Awareness	Radiant Seetha	Thiagarajar Polytechnic College, Tamil Nadu
Self Defense	Paritranas	St. Joseph's College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu

### 14. "DGFT Trade Facilitation App" launched

- Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal launched DGFT Trade Facilitation App for promoting ease of doing business and providing quick access to information to importers/exporters.
- It has been developed by the **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, as per the directions of the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).**





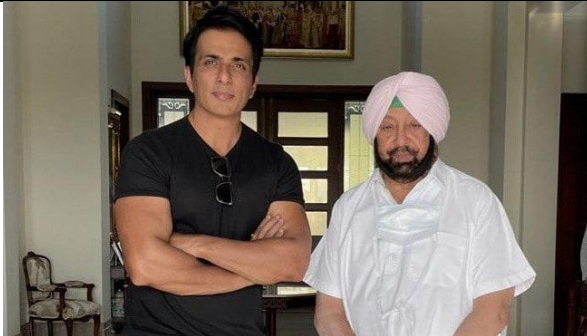
- Trade facilitation App is READY for Industry 4.0, as it provides:**  
 Real-time trade policy updates, notifications, application status alert, tracking help requests  
 Explore item-wise Export-Import policy & statistics, Track IEC Portfolio  
 AI based 24\*7 assistance for trade queries  
 DGFT services made accessible to all  
 Your Trade Dashboard accessible anytime & anywhere

### 15. Launch of India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 by NITI Aayog



- The India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 was launched by Dr Rajiv Kumar (Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog), Dr V K Saraswat (Member, NITI Aayog), Shri Amitabh Kant (CEO, NITI Aayog) and Dr Rakesh Sarwal (Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog).
- India Energy Dashboards (IED)** is an endeavour to provide single-window access to the energy data for the country.
- Energy data published/provided by Central Electricity Authority, Coal Controller's Organisation, and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is compiled in the Dashboards.
- The key features** of the enhanced version, India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0, are: The IED provides time series data from FY 2005-06 until FY 2019-20, IED provides data at sub-yearly frequencies as well.
- API linked data from Saubhagya, UJALA, PRAAPTI, and Viduyut PRAVAH has been incorporated in the portal.
- Note:** NITI Aayog launched the **India Energy Dashboards Version 1.0** in May 2017.

## 16. Punjab appoints Sonu Sood as brand ambassador of COVID Vaccination Programme



- Actor Sonu Sood has been made the brand ambassador for Punjab's COVID Vaccination Programme.
- During the nationwide coronavirus-induced lockdown last year, the actor, known for playing the antagonist in films, had helped thousands of migrant workers stranded across the country reach their home states.
- **Note:** Sonu Sood presented to the Punjab Chief Minister his book "I am no Messiah".
- **Facts about Punjab:**  
**Capital:** Chandigarh  
**Governor:** V P Singh Badnore  
**Chief Minister:** Captain Amarinder Singh

## 17. NCAER appoints World Bank's economist Poonam Gupta as Director General



- National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) appointed the World Bank's lead economist Poonam Gupta as its next Director General.
- Gupta, the first woman Director General of NCAER, will succeed Shekhar Shah who has led NCAER since 2011 and will complete his second five-year term in early May 2021.
- **Facts about National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER):**  
**President:** Nandan Nilekani  
**Headquarters:** New Delhi  
**Founded:** 1956

### 18. BAFTA Awards 2021: Nomadland wins 4 prizes



- The **74th British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)** were held on 10 and 11 April 2021 at the Royal Albert Hall in London, honouring the best national and foreign films of 2020 and early 2021.
- **Note:** The Film ‘**Nomadland**’ directed by Chloe Zhao, won **4 BAFTA** awards, including Best Film, Best Director, Best Cinematography and Best Leading Actress.
- **Main Winners of BAFTA Awards 2021:**

Award	Winner
Best film	Nomadland
Outstanding British film	Promising Young Woman
Leading actress	Frances McDormand (Nomadland)
Leading actor	Anthony Hopkins (The Father)
Supporting actress	Yuh Jung Youn (Minari)
Supporting actor	Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah)
Director	Chloé Zhao (Nomadland)
EE Rising Star Award	Bukky Bakray
Outstanding debut by a British writer, director or producer	His House
Film not in the English language	Another Round
Documentary	My Octopus Teacher
Cinematography	Nomadland
Original Screenplay	Promising Young Woman
Adapted Screenplay	The Father
British short film	The Present
Outstanding British contribution to cinema	Noel Clarke
Bafta Fellowship	Ang Lee

### 19. Piyush Goyal inaugurates e-SANTA, an electronic marketplace

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated e-SANTA, an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect aqua farmers and the buyers.



- It will enable the farmers to get a better price and the exporters to directly purchase quality products from the farmers.
- The term **e-SANTA** was coined for the web portal, meaning **Electronic Solution for Augmenting NaCSA farmers' Trade in Aquaculture**.
- **National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA)** is an extension arm of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- **e-SANTA will RAISE the lives & income of farmers by:**
  - Reducing Risk
  - Awareness of Products & Markets
  - Increase in Income
  - Shielding Against Wrong Practice
  - Ease of Processes

## 20. NITI Aayog launches 'Poshan Gyan', a digital repository on nutrition information

- NITI Aayog, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University, launched Poshan Gyan, a national digital repository on health and nutrition.



- The Poshan Gyan repository was conceptualized as a resource, enabling search of communication materials on 14 thematic areas of health and nutrition across diverse languages, media types, target audiences and sources.



- Content for the repository was sourced from the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Women and Child Development and developmental organizations.
- **Note:** The portal highlights the “Theme of the Month” (in line with the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and Women and Child Development guidelines to promote key topics) and the “Most Downloaded Media” (as a way to learn about the materials that are most preferred by audiences).

### 21. Raisina Dialogue-2021

- The 6th edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue was jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation.
- It is being held from 13 to 16 April 2021.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a video address at the Inaugural Session of the Raisina Dialogue in virtual format, along with Chief Guests H.E. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and H.E. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark.
- The theme for the 2021 Edition is "**#ViralWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control**".
- **Note: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** stressed on South-South cooperation, humanitarian assistance, disaster resistance in the virtual meeting of Raisina Dialogue 2021.
- **About the Raisina Dialogue:** It is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, held annually since 2016.

### 22. Dr Harsh Vardhan launches 'Aahaar Kranti'

- Union Minister for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched “Aahaar Kranti”, a mission dedicated to spreading awareness about nutrition and accessible to all locally available nutritious food, fruits, and vegetables in India.



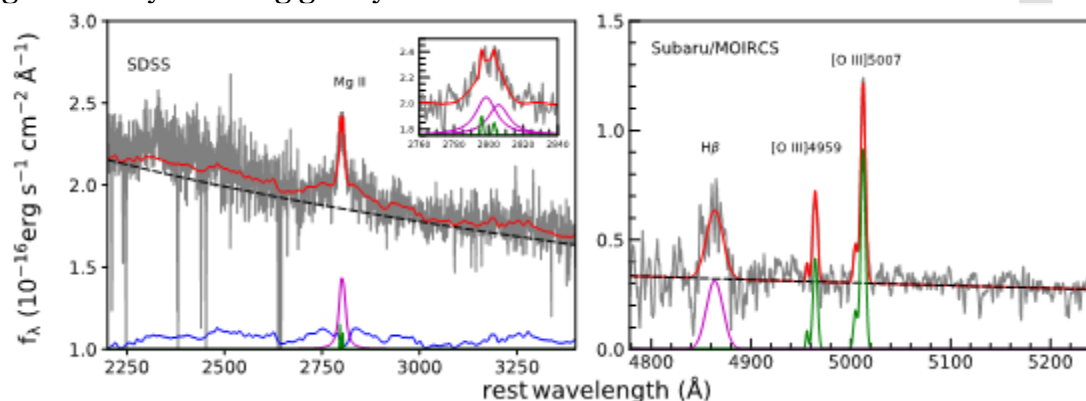
- Aahaar Kranti has been launched as a public movement on the first day of Ma Annapurna's Chaitra Navaratri.
- Vijnana Bharati (Vibha), 'Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats' Forum (GIST), Vigyan Prasar, and Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS) have come together to launch the mission "Aahaar Kranti", with the motto of '**Uttam Aahaar- Uttam Vichaar**' or 'Good Diet-Good Cognition'.



- The 'Aahaar Kranti' movement is designed to address the peculiar problem being faced by India and the world- hunger and diseases in abundance.
- **Note:** On this occasion, a monthly (English and Hindi) newsletter 'Aahaar Kranti' has also been launched, which is being published by Vigyan Prasar.

### 23. Scientists discover the farthest Gamma-ray emitting galaxy

- Astronomers have discovered a new active galaxy identified as the farthest gamma-ray emitting galaxy.



- This active galaxy called the Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1) galaxy, which is about 31 billion light-years away.
- Scientists from ARIES, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, in collaboration with researchers from other institutions, studied around 25,000 luminous Active galactic nuclei (AGN) from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), a major optical imaging and spectroscopic survey of astronomical objects in-operation for the last 20 years and found a unique object that emits high-energy gamma rays located at a high redshift (more than 1).

- They identified it as a gamma-ray emitting NLS1 galaxy, which is a rare entity in space.
- For the research, the scientists used one of the largest ground-based telescopes in the world, the 8.2 m Subaru Telescope located at Hawaii, USA.
- The new gamma-ray emitting NLS1 was formed when the Universe was only about 4.7 billion years old as compared to its current age of about 13.8 billion years.

#### 24. Kane Williamson wins Sir Richard Hadlee Medal for fourth time

- **New Zealand's captain Kane Williamson** was adjudged 'International Test Player of the Year' along with winner of the prestigious Sir Richard Hadlee Medal for the fourth time in last six years at the **New Zealand Cricket Awards for the 2020-21 season**.
- Amelia Kerr and Devon Conway claimed double honours during the 2020-21 awards season.
- Devon Conway won the men's ODI and T20 Player of the Year awards.



- Amelia Kerr won the Women's T20 Player of the Year and Women's Dream11 Super Smash Player of the Year awards.

#### 25. "MANAS" platform launched



- The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Prof. K VijayRaghavan launched the "MANAS" App to promote wellbeing across age groups.
- **MANAS** which stands for **Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System** was endorsed as a national program by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).
- MANAS is a comprehensive, scalable, and national digital wellbeing platform and an app developed to augment mental well-being of Indian citizens.

- MANAS was initiated by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. It was jointly executed by **NIMHANS Bengaluru, AFMC Pune and C-DAC Bengaluru.**
- **Note:** In India, the **Mental Health Care Act 2017** was passed on 7 April 2017 and came into force from 29 May 2018.

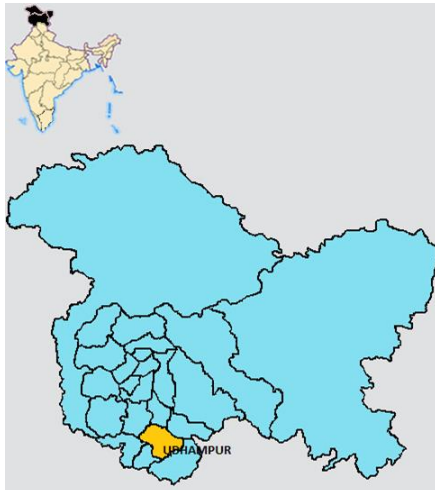
## 26. “Online Grievance Management Portal” for persons from scheduled castes launched



- Union Minister for Communication & IT and Law & Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the “**Online Grievance Management Portal of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)**” at a function organised by NCSC on the occasion of 130th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
- **NCSC Grievance Management portal** would make it easier for the Scheduled Castes population of country to register their complaint from any part of the country.
- The portal designed in collaboration with the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N), a Centre of Excellence under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India will facilitate an end-to-end e-filing of complaints and grievances and their tracking.
- **About the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC):** It was set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India.  
**Headquarters:** New Delhi  
**Founded:** 19 February 2004  
**Chairman:** Vijay Sampla

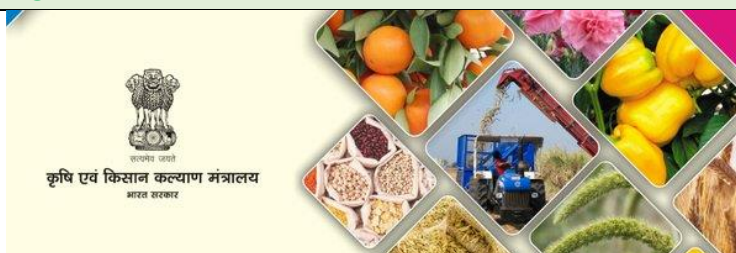
## 27. **Udhampur dist. tops in India to implement PMGSY**





- **Udhampur district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** has bagged top position at National level for successfully implementing **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** during 2020-21.
- The district has received top position for constructing roads of 560.49 km in 2020-21.
- However, four more districts from the Union Territory have also figured in the list of PMGSY top performing 30 districts in the country. It includes Rajouri, Doda, Kathua and Reasi districts of Jammu division of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Chhattisgarh bagged the first place among all states/UT for developing the highest road length under PMGSY, Uttarakhand (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Jammu & Kashmir (3<sup>rd</sup> place).**
- **Facts about Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY):** It is a nationwide plan in India to provide good all-weather road connectivity to unconnected villages.  
**Launch year:** 25<sup>th</sup> December 2000  
**Launched by (Prime Minister):** Atal Bihari Vajpayee  
**Ministry:** Ministry of Rural Development

## 28. India holds National Dialogue on UN Food Systems Summit 2021



- **The first National Level Dialogue on Agri-Food Systems-Advancing Equitable Livelihoods was conducted on 12 April 2021.**
- The National Dialogue was facilitated by the Inter departmental Group constituted by Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and the representatives from UN Agencies in Delhi.
- **Note: The United Nations Secretary General** has called for the **first ever UN Food Systems Summit** to be held in **September 2021** to

strategize the actions for positive change in Agri-food systems in the World to realize the vision of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

- The Summit 2021 is planned to be essentially participatory and consultative and needs the game changing ideas from the experiences through the National, Sub-national (State) and independent consultation for the **five Action Tracks** related to **safe and nutritious food, sustainable consumption patterns, nature-positive production, advance equitable livelihoods, and resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress**.

### 29. **Haiti Prime Minister Joseph Jouthe resigns**

- Joseph Jouthe has served as the Prime Minister since March 2020.
- President nominated **Claude Joseph** as Haiti's new Prime Minister.



- **Note:** Haiti has seen eight Prime Ministers since 2015.

- **Facts about Haiti:**

**Capital:** Port-au-Prince

**President:** Jovenel Moïse

**Currency:** Haitian gourde

### 30. **Eminent Historian Yogesh Praveen passes away**

- Eminent Historian and an expert on Awadh especially Lucknow Yogesh Praveen passed away.
- Mr. Yogesh Praveen had a deep knowledge of the culture and history of Avadh, especially Lucknow.



- He was awarded Padma Shri in 2019.
- Apart from books he also published poetry. He had received several other awards, including the UP Ratna Award (2000), the National Teachers Award (1999), the Yash Bharti Award (2006), and the UP Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1998).