

# Daily Current Affairs

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## Important News: India

### 1. Cannes Film Festival 2022

#### Why in News:

- The opening ceremony of the Cannes Festival saw the largest ever official Indian delegation on the red carpet.



#### key points:

- Cannes Film Festival is organized in France from May 17 to 28, 2022.
- India's largest delegation to the Cannes Film Festival was led by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur.
- A total of 11 members were given an opportunity to make their presence felt on the red carpet in this festival held in France.
- Folk artist Mr. Mame Khan got the opportunity to be the first member of the Indian contingent to lead the red carpet.
- For the first time, various regional cinema artists along with prominent artists have been included in the Indian delegation.

#### Related Information-

##### What is Cannes Film Festival?

- Cannes Film Festival, an annual film festival established in the year 1946
- Cannes Film Festival is organized in the city of Cannes, France
- The Cannes Film Festival showcases new films from all over the world, including documentaries, in all genres.

Source: Navbharat Times

### 2. The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) inaugurated in Leh

#### Why in News:

- The Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, on 17 May 2022 inaugurated the National Institute



of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Center Leh, Extension Center Kargil and IT Enabled Incubation Center for Handicrafts and Handloom Sectors.

### Key Point:

- The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) works to develop industry oriented good quality teaching and training in the areas of latest technical know-how along with providing formal and non-formal teaching in the field of IECT.
- The main objective of NIELIT is to become the single source of assurance of quality computer education for the informal institutions of the nation.
- Among other objectives it aims to become a premier institute of the country for examination and certification in the field of Information, Electronics and Communication Technology (IECT).

### Source: PIB

### 3. Democracy group headed by Election Commission of India on 'Electoral Integrity'

#### Why in News:

- The Democracy Group on 'Electoral Integrity' will be headed by the Election Commission of India in partnership with 100 democratic countries.



#### key points:

- As part of the 'Summit for Democracy', India will lead the 'Democracy Group on Electoral Integrity'.
- This has been announced by a four-member US delegation led by Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary for Civil Defense, Democracy and Human Rights, in a meeting held at the Electoral House in New Delhi.
- In this conference, India will share its knowledge, technical expertise and experiences with other democratic countries of the world.
- The 'Summit for Democracy' is one of the biggest activities of the yearlong with events and dialogues on topics related to democracy.



## Related Information-

### Election commission of India

- The Election Commission of India is an autonomous constitutional body that conducts the Union and State election processes in India. Elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Assemblies, President and Vice President are also conducted in the country by the Election Commission of India.

Source: All India Radio

## Important News: State

### 4. Regional conference organized in Kolkata

#### Why in News:

- The two-day conference of Regional Officers was inaugurated in Kolkata by Smt. Alka Upadhyay, Chairperson, National Highways Authority of India-NHAI.



#### key points:

- The regional conference is a one-of-its-kind initiative to bring the officials of the National Highways Authority of India and regional stakeholders from West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam on a single platform to share information, achievements and challenges.
- In addition to the project review at the Regional Conference, an 'Open House' session has also been organized for open discussion by the Regional Officers and Project Directors.
- This conference was organized under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi and under this, more such conferences will be organized in different regions of the country.

## Related Information-

### Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was launched by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, on the occasion of the Mahatma Gandhi Dandi Yatra on 12 March 2021.



- Importance of starting the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence is to complete 75 years of India's independence, 75 weeks before the Amrit Mahotsav has been started.

## National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- The National Highways Authority of India is a statutory body under the Ministry of Highways constituted under the National Highways of India Act, 1988.
- The objective of the National Highways Authority of India is to develop, maintain and manage the national highways of the country.

Source: News on Air

## 5. Inauguration of services of CRC for skill development, rehabilitation and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

### Why in News:

- Services of Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were inaugurated virtually in Shillong by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhowmik.



### key points:

- The event was organized at U Soso Tham Auditorium in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- The main objective of the newly established CRC is to provide essential services for the differently-abled and to assist in the development of human resources in the state of Meghalaya.
- The permanent structure of CRC will be set up at Umsawli in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.
- The CRC will assist in conducting skill development training for persons with disabilities as well as in carrying out rehabilitation services for different categories of persons with disabilities.

Source: PIB



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## Important News: Economy

### 6. 4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC)

#### Why in News:

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Cabinet Minister in the Government of India, chaired the 4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC).



#### key points:

- The 4th meeting of the National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC) was held in Delhi.
- The major objective of the meeting is to strengthen the start-up ecosystem through various initiatives and programmes.
- The NavIC Grand Challenge was also launched by Piyush Goyal during the meeting, the main objective of which is to promote the adoption of NavIC as a geo-positioning solution.
- To participate in NavIC, participants will have to apply on the website of Start-up India. The main objective of this initiative is to identify solutions for start-ups that are working on developing NavIC enabled drones.

#### Related Information

##### What is National Start-up Advisory Council (NSAC)?

- The National Start-up Advisory Council has been constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.
- The main objective of this council is to provide necessary advice to the Government of India for creating a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and start-ups in the country.
- The National Start-up Advisory Council is chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and includes both official and non-official members.

Source: The Hindu



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## Important News: Sports

### 7. Concludes of Deaflympics Games 2021

#### Why in News:

- India registered its best performance in Deaflympics by winning 16 medals at the Deaflympics Games held from 1st May 2022 to 15th May 2022.



#### key points:

- India selected 65 athletes to participate in the Deaflympics 2021 Games.
- Best ever performance by India in Deaflympics 2021 India won a total of 16 medals including 8 gold medals in Deaflympics 2021.
- India won 3 gold medals in shooting, 3 in badminton and 1-1 in wrestling and golf.
- A total of 11 categories were participated by India in the Deaflympics 2021 Games.
- This year the Deaflympics 2021 was held at the Festa da Uva Main Pavilion in the city of Caxias do Sul, southern Brazil.
- In Deaflympics 2021 Around 2,100 athletes from 72 countries participated in the Deaflympics 2021 Games this year.

#### Related Information

##### what are Deaflympics

- The Deaflympics is an international multi-sport event organized by the International Committee for Sport for the Deaf (ICSD).
- Deaflympics are held every 4 years.
- Deaflympics is the oldest multi-sport event after the Olympic Games.
- The Deaflympics was earlier called the International Games for the Deaf but
- In 2001 the name of the International Games for the Deaf was changed to Deaflympics.
- In the year 1924, the first edition of the Deaflympics was organized in Paris.

Source: PIB





## Important News: Agriculture

### 8. Samvaad with Scindia Initiative

#### Why in News:

- Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia discussed the benefits and challenges of farmer drones under the "Samvad with Scindia" initiative with various farmers across the country.



#### key points:

- Samvaad with Scindia Initiative organized in a virtual form.
- The "Samvad with Scindia" initiative was aimed at making farmers aware of the benefits of drones over using drones as a tool for agriculture.
- The "Samvad with Scindia" initiative was spearheaded by Shri Amber Dubey, Principal Joint Secretary, Drone Division, Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Under the "Samvad with Scindia" initiative, the Minister of Civil Aviation shared various government policies related to drones with the farmers and made the farmers aware of how farmers can take advantage of the various schemes launched by the government.

Source: PIB

## Important Days

### 9. International Museum Day

- International Museum Day is a global day observed annually on 18 May.
- International Museum Day is organized annually by the International Council of Museums.
- The Theme of International Museum Day 2022 is "The Power of Museums".



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- International Museum Day was started in 1977 and was started by the International Council of Museums.
- The main objective of International Museum Day is to provide an opportunity to end the various challenges faced by museums.

### Related Information

#### Famous Museums in India

- National Museum, New Delhi
- National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru
- Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata
- Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi

Source: The Hindu

