

## February 04 | Daily Current Affairs 2022

**Important Days** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

### 1. World Cancer Day 2022:

- World Cancer Day is observed annually on February 4.
- It is an initiative of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

#### History:

- **World Cancer Day was born on the 4 February 2000** at the World Summit Against Cancer **for the New Millennium in Paris.**

#### Theme:

- Theme: "Close the Care Gap".

**Sports** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

### 2. India's Suhana Saini wins bronze at WTT Youth Contender Tunis championship:

- **Indian paddler Suhana Saini claimed a bronze medal** after losing to **Romania's Elena Zaharia in the under-19 girls semifinals at WTT Youth Contender Tunis 2022 championships in the Tunisian capital.**
- **The Haryana girl** fought hard against her Romanian opponent before losing **11-9 9-11 10-12 11-13.**
- **In the third and fourth games,** the Indian had the opportunity to make a comeback, but the **U-19 world no 1 Elena** held her nerves to **outwit Suhana.**
- Earlier in the quarterfinals, **she defeated Egyptian Farida Badawy 11-9 11-4 11-8** in a one-sided contest.
- The Indian had claimed **three bronze medals at the World Youth Championships in December last year.**

### 3. Hasnain banned after illegal bowling:

- **Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Hasnain** has been banned after his action was declared illegal.
- **The ban rules out the 21-year-old speedster from Pakistan's home series against Australia next month.**
- He has also been **banned from bowling in the Pakistan Super League** and will instead begin immediate remedial work.

#### REMARKS:

- **Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) received a formal and detailed report from Cricket Australia on Hasnain's assessment test,** which stated his elbow extension for his good length delivery, **full length delivery, slow bouncer and bouncer exceeded the 15-degree limits.**
- **Hasnain is an asset for Pakistan** and one of the very few bowlers to consistently click **145 kmph.**

**Obituary** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

### 4. Former Greek president Christos Sartzetakis dies at age 92:

- **Former Greek President Christos Sartzetakis,** a judge widely respected for resisting pressure from military dictators who ultimately imprisoned him without trial in the late 1960s, has died.
- **Born in April 1929, Sartzetakis held the largely ceremonial post of president of Greece from 1985-1990.**
- **Sartzetakis first rose to prominence over his role as an investigating judge in the 1963 murder of politician Grigoris Lambrakis by right-wing extremists.**
- Lambrakis' killing triggered mass protests and a political crisis.

**Ranking** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

## 5. US regains top spot as India's trade partner in 2021:

- **Imports from Beijing spiralled 49 % to \$87.48 billion, compared to imports in 2020**, widening the bilateral trade deficit.
- **The escalation in imports from the China**, however, is mostly due to an increase in shipments of **capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials, with a much lower rise in consumer goods**, according to figures collated by the Commerce Department.
- **Import of consumer goods from the country in 2021 have actually declined, compared to imports in 2019**
- **In 2021, India's bilateral trade with the US increased to \$112.3 billion** and the country re-gained its top spot, while **China fell to the second place with bilateral trade valued at \$110.4 billion.**

Rank	Country
1	US
2	China
3	UAE
4	Saudi Arab
5	Switzerland

### **Banking and Finance – Daily Current Affairs February 04**

## 6. Exide Life Insurance launches Smart Income Plan:

- **Exide Life Insurance has launched Exide Life Smart Income Plan**, provides regular income during payout term and guaranteed life cover throughout the term of the policy.
- **It is a non-linked, participating individual life insurance-cum-savings plan.**
- **Enhanced Maturity:** In this, customers can enjoy annual guaranteed income benefit during the income payout term and get accumulated bonus, if any, and Terminal Bonus, if any, at policy maturity.
- **Enhanced Income:** Customers will get annual guaranteed income benefit at maturity, along with applicable policyholder bonus, if any,



during the income payout term and also receive Terminal Bonus, if any.

- **Guaranteed Income Benefit is calculated as 10% of basic sum assured** and is paid annually during the income payout term.
- Policyholders may be eligible for tax benefits as per prevailing tax laws:
  - ✓ **On the base premiums paid, under section 80C. On proceeds of the policy, under section 10(10D).**
  - ✓ On the premium paid towards riders, if any. Tax section will depend on the chosen rider.

## 7. GameStop partners with Australian blockchain startup to develop NFT marketplace:

- **GameStop Corp would launch a marketplace for Non Fungible Tokens (NFT) later this year in partnership with an Australian blockchain startup.**
- **Sydney-based Immutable Pty. Ltd. will help develop the marketplace on its carbon-neutral platform, called Immutable X, which uses the blockchain-based computer network Ethereum.**
- **GameStop intends to create a fund with Immutable of up to \$100 million to be distributed to developers for creating NFTs for its marketplace.**
- The fund would be created using **Immutable's cryptocurrency called IMX.**
- **Immutable has also agreed to pay GameStop up to \$150 million worth of IMX if GameStop's marketplace achieves milestones for transactions and meets other parameters.**
- **GameStop's NFT initiative was reported last month by The Wall Street Journal.**
- The Journal article said the retailer had hired more than 20 people to run a new division focused on building partnerships around **NFT- and cryptocurrency-related projects.**
- **Grapevine, Texas-based GameStop has been working to reset its business after years of losses.**
- The company overhauled its executive team and board of directors in June after activist investor **Ryan Cohen pushed for change.**

**REMARKS:**

- **Mr. Cohen was named chairman and he has repeatedly pledged to make GameStop more tech-centric.**
- **GameStop shares have fallen about 50% over the past three months,** but are still well above where they were trading in 2020.
- Last month, a marketplace called **OpenSea said it raised \$300 million in venture capital, putting its valuation at \$13.3 billion.** GameStop's current market capitalization is under \$9 billion.
- **Immutable was founded in late 2017 and has 152 employees,** according to its co-founder and president, Robbie Ferguson.
- **Immutable has raised around \$85 million in funding.**

**Business and Economy – Daily Current Affairs February 04****8. Microsoft introduces quarterly cyberthreat intelligence brief 'Cyber Signals':**

- **Microsoft has introduced Cyber Signals,** a new quarterly brief featuring research into the latest tactics, techniques, and strategies used by **the world's most prolific threat actors, to strengthen the first line of defense.**
- **The cyberthreat intelligence brief aggregates insights from Microsoft's research and security teams** on the frontlines including **analysis from the company's 24 trillion security signals.**
- **The first edition of Cyber Signals unpacks identity, the most valuable digital asset** that threat actors use to penetrate networks, steal credentials, and impersonate employees and consumers in the digital world.

**Acquisitions and Mergers – Daily Current Affairs February 04****9. ICICI Bank raises stake in GIFT City clearing corp IICC to 9.9 pc:**



- **ICICI Bank has bought additional stake in India International Clearing Corporation (IICC) at IFSC in GIFT City for Rs 4.43 crore, taking its holding in the clearing body to 9.90 %.**
- **As many as 44,262,356 equity shares at Re 1 per share were allotted to ICICI Bank on February 2, 2022 for a cash consideration of Rs 44.3 million (Rs 4.43 crore).**
- **"After investment, ICICI Bank's shareholding increased from 7.61 % to 9.90 % of the equity share capital of IICC.**

### **REMARKS:**

- **IICC was incorporated at GIFT City, IFSC in Gandhinagar in Gujarat in September 2016.**
- **Its revenues in FY21 were Rs 1.8 crore (Rs 18 million), and there was loss to the tune of Rs 3 crore (Rs 30 million).**
- **IICC is the first international clearing corporation set up at GIFT IFSC (International Financial Services Centre).**
- **It clears and settles index and single stock derivatives, commodity derivatives, currency derivatives and debt securities.**

### **Books and Authors – Daily Current Affairs February 04**

#### **10. HarperCollins is proud to announce the release of The Struggle and The Promise: Restoring India's Potential by Naushad Forbes:**

- **In "The Struggle and the Promise", Naushad Forbes answers critical questions concerning India's progress.**

#### **11. Assam Governor launches Ram Madhav's book, says Hindutva connotes India's cultural diversity, 6000 years old civilization:**

- **Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi Launching the book 'The Hindutva Paradigm- Integral Humanism and the Quest for a Non-Western World View' in Guwahati.**



- The book written by **BJP leader Ram Madhav** touches a variety of issues that concern people.

### 12. Lilly Singh shares her personal struggles in new book:

- **Comedian-actor Lilly Singh** authored "**Be a Triangle: How I Went from Being Lost to Getting My Life into Shape**", which is being **published by Pan Macmillan India**.

### **Appointments** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

### 13. LIC nominates MK Gupta on IDBI Bank board:

- **Life Insurance of Corporation of India (LIC)** has nominated **Mukesh Kumar Gupta**, retired Managing Director of LIC, on the **Board of IDBI Bank**.
- **Gupta's appointment** comes in the wake of **Rajesh Kandwal** ceasing to be **LIC Nominee Director** with effect from **February 2, 2022**.
- **As at December-end 2021**, LIC and the Government had **49.24 %** and **45.48 %** stake, respectively, in IDBI Bank.
- **LIC** had acquired a majority stake in IDBI Bank in **January 2019** and became its promoter with management control.

### **Awards** – Daily Current Affairs February 04

### 14. 2022 Republic Day Parade: UP bags best tableau award, Maharashtra wins in popular choice category

- **Maharashtra** has been voted as the **best Tableau** among the **States/UTs** in the popular choice category.
  - ✓ The tableau of Maharashtra was based on the theme '**Biodiversity and State Bio-symbols of Maharashtra**'.

### REMARKS:

- Results have been declared for **best tableaux and best marching contingents of Republic Day parade 2022.**
- **Three panels of judges were appointed for assessing the performance of marching contingents from the three Services, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)/other Auxiliary forces and tableaux from various States/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Ministries/Departments, said the ministry.**
- **Indian Navy marching contingent has been adjudged as the best marching contingent among the three Services.**
- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been named the best marching contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces.**
- **The tableau of Uttar Pradesh has been selected as the best tableau among the 12 States/UTs which participated in the Republic Day parade.**
  - ✓ **The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'.**
  - ✓ **The second place went to Karnataka for its tableau based on 'Cradle of Traditional Handicrafts'.**
  - ✓ **The third position went to Meghalaya for its tableau on 'Meghalaya's 50 years of Statehood and its tribute to women-led cooperative societies and SHGs'.**
- **The tableaux of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation have been declared as joint winners in the category of Central Ministries/Departments.**
  - ✓ **The theme of the tableau of Ministry of Education & Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was 'National Education Policy', while the tableau of the Ministry of Civil Aviation was based on the theme 'Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik'.**
- **Nine tableaux of Central Ministries/Departments had participated in the parade.**
- **The tableaux of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (CPWD), based on the theme 'Subhash @125' and the 'Vande Bharatam' dance group have been selected for the special prize category.**



- In addition, **for the first time, the general public was invited to vote for the best marching contingents and best tableaux in the popular choice** category through the MyGov platform.
- The online poll was conducted between January 25-31, 2022.
- As per popular choice, **the marching contingent of the Indian Air Force** has been picked as the best marching contingent among the three Services.
- **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) received maximum votes on MyGov as the best marching contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces.**
- **The second place went to Uttar Pradesh (popular choice), while the tableau of Jammu and Kashmir, on the theme 'Changing face of Jammu and Kashmir', finished third.**
- **The tableau of the Ministry of Communication/Department of Posts was adjudged as the best tableau among Central Ministries/Departments based on people's selection.**
  - ✓ **The theme of this tableau was 'India Post: 75 years @ Resolve – Women Empowerment'.**

### **Science and Technology – Daily Current Affairs February 04**

#### **17. IIM Ahmedabad, NIIF to set up India's first ESG research chair:**

- **IIM Ahmedabad will establish a first of its kind research chair in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) joined with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIF), a sovereign linked alternative assets manager.**
- **India has introduced new environment, social, and governance (ESG) reporting requirements for the top 1,000 listed companies in the country by market capitalization.**
- **NIIF is a collaborative investment platform for international and Indian investors, anchored by the Government of India.**
- **The 'NIIF Chair in ESG at IIMA' will function as a key hub of knowledge and insights that allows businesses and policy makers incorporate.**



- **It will work closely with the Arun Duggal ESG Centre for Research and Innovation at IIM-A, the premier B-School in India.**

### **International Affairs – Daily Current Affairs February 04**

#### **18. India inks interim agreement with SKAO; final review by govt underway:**

- **India inked an interim agreement to work on the mega science project `Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) – proposed to be the world’s largest radio telescope.**
- **The agreement will be valid for one year.**
- **The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between India, represented by TIFR – National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), and SKA, was held virtually.**
- **Prof Yashwant Gupta, centre director, NCRA, and Prof Phil Diamond, director general, SKA, signed the agreement.**
- **After completion of the required ratifications in December 2020, the SKA Organisation graduated to becoming the SKA Council – an umbrella body to plan, undertake and oversee the construction of SKA Observatory and also manage operations of the facility in the decades to come.**
- **Along with hosting a Regional Data Centre, Indian scientists will be building SKA’s Telescope Manager System**
- **SKA will be built in Australia and South Africa and is headquartered in the United Kingdom.**
- **Along with the three host countries, Italy, France, China, Switzerland and Canada are among the countries building SKAO which is expected to be operational by the end of this decade.**

### **National Affairs – Daily Current Affairs February 04**

#### **19. Dr Jitendra felicitates ‘Beating Retreat’ drone show ‘startups’:**



- **Jitendra Singh felicitated "Beating Retreat" Drone Light Show "StartUps", funded by Union Ministry of Science & Technology, who had mesmerised the whole nation by lighting the sky with colourful tricolor at New Delhi's Vijay chowk on the evening of 29th January.**
- **"Botlab" startup co-founders, Sarita Ahlawat from Haryana, Tanmay Bunkar from Madhya Pradesh and Anuj Kumar Barnwal from Bihar.**

## 20. Centre approves renaming of three places in Madhya Pradesh:

- **Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has informed that the names of two cities in the state have been changed.
- **Hoshangabad will now be known as Narmadapuram while Babai will become Makhan Nagar, both fall under Hoshangabad district & Shivpuri as "Kundeshwar Dham".**
- This change will officially take place on the **occasion of Narmada Jayanti (Ratha Saptami) which is on 7th February this year.**

### REMARKS:

- **Makhanlal Chaturvedi was born on 4th April 1889. He was an eminent poet, writer, journalist, and playwright.**
- He was also **called Panditji. He had participated in India's freedom struggle.**
- He is remembered for his phenomenal contribution to the **Neoromanticism movement in Hindi literature.**
- **He was awarded the first Sahitya Akademi award in Hindi literature in the year 1955.**
- **GoI had conferred the Padma Bhushan award on him in 1963. He passed away on 30th January 1968.**

## 22. Ministry of Textiles partners with 13 State Government Agencies, 92 Textile Industry, 10 Industry Associations/ Councils

## and 4 Sectoral Organizations for training under SAMARTH

### Scheme:

- **Proposals were invited from State Government Agencies Industry Associations for undertaking training programmes under the Samarth Scheme.**
- After evaluation of these proposals, the **Ministry of Textiles has partnered with 13 State Government Agencies, 92 Textile Industry, 10 Industry Associations/ Councils and 4 Sectoral Organizations of Ministry of Textiles for training of 3.46 lakh beneficiaries in textile sector.**
- Fresh proposal for empanelment under the scheme has been invited in **September 2021.**
- **In response, 72 proposals have been received upto closing date of receipt of the proposal i.e. 02.11.2021.**
- The details of funds released to the Implementing Partners under Samarth during last 2 years are given below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund released (Rs. in crore)</b>
2019-20	72.06
2020-21	90.70

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