

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2022

Awards

The Indian-American mathematician and statistician who has been chosen to be awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics by the International Prize in Statistics Foundation – **Prof. C.R. Rao**

Defence

The 7th edition of joint military exercise between India and the United Kingdom being conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom from 27 April to 11 May 2023 is named – **AJEYA WARRIOR-23**

The multi-national (including IAF) air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force (Greece) at the Andravida Air Base from 24 Apr 2023 to 04 May 2023 – **INIOCHOS-23**

The multilateral military exercise to be conducted from 17 April to 05 May 2023 at Mont-de-Marsan in France (with participation from IAF, and Air Forces of France, Germany, Greece etc.) is named – **Exercise Orion**

The bilateral air exercise being held by the Air Forces of India and United States from April 10 to 21 at Panagarh and Kalaikunda (West Bengal) is named – **Exercise Cope India 2023**

The India - Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise conducted at Colombo from 03 to 08 April 2023 was named – **SLINEX-23**

Places

The city of Kerala in which India's first water metro was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Kochi**

The city in which the tallest statue (125 ft) of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar has been unveiled by the Telangana CM Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao – **Hyderabad**

The Scandinavian country which has become the 31st member of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation – **Finland**

The Indian state in which Indian Railways has achieved 100% electrification of its broad gauge network – **Haryana**

Persons

The 4-time Chief Minister of Punjab, leader of Shiromani Akali Dal, recipient of Padma Vibhushan who passed away on 25 April 2023 – **Shri Parkash Singh Badal**

The Indian social worker from Maharashtra who has been awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2022 by the Maharashtra Government – **Shri Appasaheb Dharmadhikari**

Sports

The Indian pair which has won the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships Men's Doubles title held in Dubai (becoming the first Indians to do so) – **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**

The two times Commonwealth Games weightlifting medallist who has been banned from competitions for four years – **Ms. Sanjita Chanu**

The former Indian cricketer and the first cricketer to win the Arjuna Award (1961) who passed away on 02 April 2023 – **Salim Durani**

Miscellaneous

The operation launched by Govt of India to evacuate Indians from Khartoum in war-torn Sudan is named – **Operation Kaveri**

The rank of India in the Logistics Performance Index 2023 released by World Bank – **38**

The miniratna public sector company which has been granted the status of Navratna CPSE by the Govt – **Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd**

The theme of the World Immunisation Week observed from 24 to 30 April 2023 – **The Big Catch-up**

The political party which has been granted the status of a National Party by the Election Commission of India – **Aam Aadmi Party**

The National Park at which the President of India, Smt Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Gaj Utsav-2023 on 07 April 2023 – **Kaziranga**

First Water Census of India

The following are the highlights of the first ever water census carried out by Ministry of Jal Shakti:

- 24,24,540 water bodies have been enumerated in the country, out of which 97.1% (23,55,055) are in rural areas and only 2.9% (69,485) are in urban areas.
- Top 05 States in terms of number of water bodies are **West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam** which constitute around 63% of the total water bodies in the country.
- Top 05 States in terms of number of water bodies in urban areas are **West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura**, whereas in rural areas, top 05 States are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam.
- 59.5% of water bodies are ponds, followed by tanks (15.7%), reservoirs (12.1%), Water conservation schemes/percolation tanks/check dams (9.3%), lakes (0.9%) and others (2.5%).
- 55.2% of water bodies are owned by private entities whereas 44.8% of water bodies are in the domain of public ownership.

Wisden's Cricketers of the Year

The following were chosen the Five Cricketers of the Year by Wisden

1. Tom Blundell (New Zealand)
2. Ben Foakes (England)
3. Harmanpreet Kaur (India)
4. Daryl Mitchel (New Zealand)
5. Matthew Potts (England)

Note: **Suryakumar Yadav** was chosen the Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year

Geographical Indicator Tags

The following food items were accorded GI Tags recently

- Banarasi Paan from Varanasi (U.P.)
- Langda Aam from Varanasi (U.P.)
- Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal) from Varanasi (U.P.)
- Aadamchini Rice from Varanasi (U.P.)
- Nagri Dubraj Rice from Chhattisgarh
- Marcha Rice from Bihar
- Gond painting from Madhya Pradesh
- Cumbum Panneer Thratchai (Cumbum grapes) from Tamil Nadu
- Authoor vetrilai (betel leaves) from Tamil Nadu

Important Days of April

<p>World Autism Awareness Day: 02 April 2023 Theme: Transformation: Toward a Neuro-Inclusive World for All Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>International Mine Awareness Day: 04 April 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Mine Action Cannot Wait First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace: 06 April 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2014 Theme: Scoring for People and the Planet</p>
<p>World Health Day: 07 April 2023 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Health For All First Observed in: 1950</p>
<p>International Day of Human Space Flight: 12 April 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>World Haemophilia Day: 17 April 2023 Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia Theme: Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p>International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day): 18 April 2023 Designated by: UNESCO Theme: The Heritage of Commemoration First Observed in: 1983</p>
<p>International Mother Earth Day: 22 April 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2010 Note: Earth Day was first observed in 1970 in the United States and it went global in 1990. The same day was adopted by the UN in 2009 as the International Mother Earth Day.</p>
<p>UN English Language Day: 23 April 2023 Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information First Observed in: 2010</p>
<p>World Malaria Day: 25 April 2023 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2007 Theme: Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement</p>

World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April 2023

Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation

First Observed in: 2000

Theme: **Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity**

World Day for Safety and Health at Work: 28 April 2023

Designated by: International Labour Organisation

First Observed in: 2003

Theme: **A safe and healthy working environment is a fundamental principle and right at work**

68th Filmfare Awards

Best Film: **Gangubai Kathiawadi** directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali

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Best Actor: **Rajkumar Rao** for Badhai Do

Best Actress: **Alia Bhatt** for Gangubai Kathiawadi

Best Music Director: **Pritam** for Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva

Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: **Prem Chopra**

Most nominations: **Gangubai Kathiawadi** (16)

Most Awards: **Gangubai Kathiawadi** (10)