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NATIONAL

Plastindia 2023



- ❖ “Plastindia 2023-11th International Plastic Exhibition & Conference” was recently launched by Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya.
- ❖ It will provide opportunities for the exchange of best practices and technologies among industry players.
- ❖ The domestic production and consumption of plastic is estimated at 25 million tonnes
- ❖ India’s plastic industry is worth Rs 5 lakh crore currently.

Permanent office for Lokpal

<p>A long-drawn debate</p> <p>A short history of the Lokpal Bill from the 1960s to the present</p>		<p>2005: The second ARC recommended that a Lokpal be established without delay</p> <hr/> <p>2013: Lokpal Act, 2013, passed in Parliament</p> <hr/> <p>2016: Lok Sabha agreed to amend the 2013 Act</p>
<p>1963: The idea of an Ombudsman first came up in Parliament during a discussion on budget allocation for the Law Ministry</p> <hr/> <p>1966: The First Administrative Reforms Commission recommended two independent authorities – one at the Centre and one at the</p>	<p>State level – to probe complaints against public functionaries, including MPs</p> <hr/> <p>1968: Lokpal Bill introduced in Parliament, but was not passed. Eight attempts were made till 2011 to pass the Bill, but all in vain</p> <hr/> <p>2002: The Constitution review commission headed by M.N. Venkatachaliah recommended appointment of the Lokpal and the Lokayuktas. It also recommended that the Prime Minister be kept out of the Lokpal's ambit</p>	<p>2017: The SC on April 27 clarified that the Lokpal appointment process need not be stalled merely due to the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, who is a member of the Lokpal selection committee as per the 2013 Act</p>

- ❖ The Lokpal of India will finally move into its new permanent office at the World Trade Centre in Nauroji Nagar of south Delhi.
- ❖ The Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013 provided for the establishment of Lokpal for the Union and Lokayukta for States

- ❖ They perform the function of an “ombudsman”.
- ❖ They inquire into allegations of corruption against certain public functionaries and for related matters.
- ❖ Lokpal is a multi-member body that consists of one chairperson and a maximum of 8 members.

INTERNATIONAL

Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

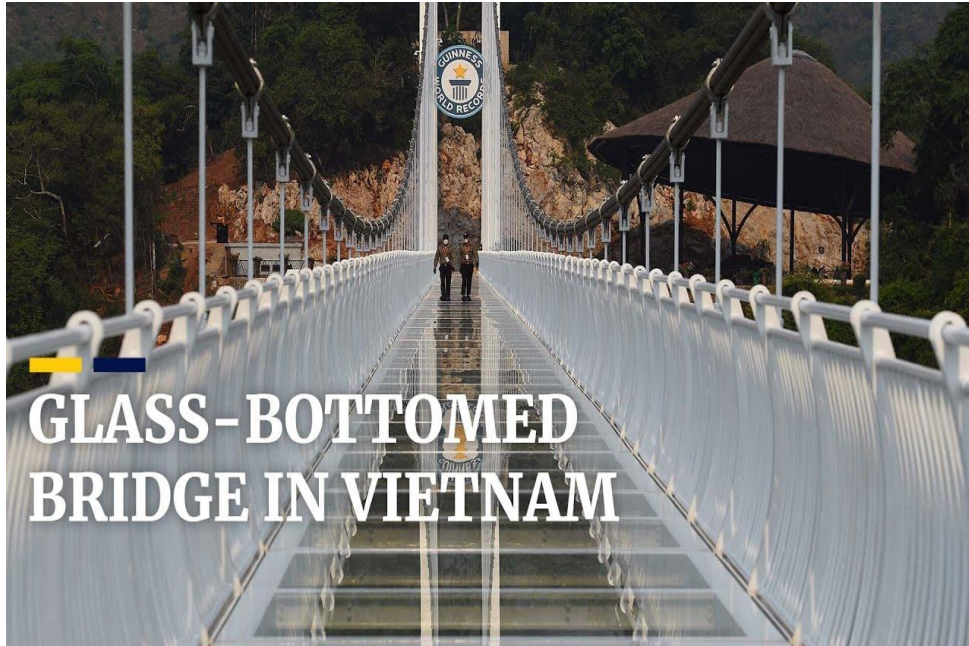


- ❖ The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2022.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India addressed the inaugural session of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI), 2022.
- ❖ Prime Ministers of Australia and Japan, as well as Presidents of Ghana and Madagascar, addressed the conference.

Bach Long Pedestrian Bridge

- ❖ The Bach Long pedestrian bridge in Vietnam is a glass-bottomed bridge that is suspended around 500 ft. off the ground.
- ❖ This newly opened bridge is the world’s longest such bridge.
- ❖ Bach Long means the white dragon.

- ❖ This bridge is 2000 ft or 632 metres long.
- ❖ This bridge is connecting two mountains as hanging over a lush green valley.
- ❖ This bridge is located in the Son La Province, Northwest Vietnam.



ECONOMY

New Member of MPC

- ❖ The RBI central board gave its approval to appoint Rajiv Ranjan as an ex-officio member of the RBI's monetary policy committee.
- ❖ Mridul Sagar is being replaced by Rajiv Ranjan.
- ❖ The MPC has six members.
- ❖ There are three officials who are from the RBI and there are three external members who are nominated by the central government.
- ❖ This committee's chairperson is the Governor of the RBI.

Cryptocurrency Gains by Country

- ❖ India ranked 21st in Chainalysis 2021 Cryptocurrency Gains by Country.
- ❖ Investors around the world realized total Crypto gains of \$162.7 billion in 2021, compared to \$32.5 billion in 2020.
- ❖ Ethereum is the most noteworthy gainer among the crypto assets.

- ❖ It is topped by the United States with an estimated realized Crypto gain of \$49.95 billion.
- ❖ The US is followed by the United Kingdom Germany, Japan and China.



ENVIRONMENT

Intense heat wave

SIZZLING SPOTS

46.5 Hathras (UP)

46 Hisar AMFU (Haryana)

45.9 Patiala (Punjab)

45.9 Allahabad (UP)

45.8 Chandrapur (Maha)

DELHI-NCR

46* Sports Complex (C'wealth Games Village)

45.8 Mungeshpur

45.6 Gurgaon

* Temps in °C on Thurs | Some stns may be affected by urban heat islands

- ❖ A heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature is over 40 degrees Celsius and at least 4.5 notches above normal.
- ❖ India Meteorological Department said April was the hottest in northwest India in 122 years.
- ❖ It has also been an unusually hot April– with temperatures touching above 40 degrees Celsius – in large parts of Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- ❖ The average maximum temperature till April 27 was 35.7 degree Celsius.
- ❖ This the highest in five years for this month.
- ❖ Based on absolute recorded temperatures, a heatwave is declared when an area logs a maximum temperature of 45 degree Celsius.
- ❖ A severe heatwave is declared if the maximum temperature crosses 47 degrees.


STATES

First 10 GW Solar State

- ❖ Rajasthan became the first state in India to reach 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations.
- ❖ The state has a total installed power capacity of 32.5 GW.
- ❖ This includes renewables 55 percent, thermal energy 43 percent, and nuclear energy accounting for the remaining 2%.

J&K Delimitation Commission

REDRAWING POLL EQUATIONS
The delimitation exercise is crucial as its completion will lead to elections in J&K, first time after it was demoted to a Union Territory

 Ranjana Desai Retired judge heading the panel	ERSTWHILE JAMMU & KASHMIR ASSEMBLY HAD 111 SEATS				DELIMITATION EXERCISE FOR ASSEMBLY SEATS HELD IN 1963, 1973 AND 1995
	46	37	4	24	
	KASHMIR	JAMMU	LADAKH	FOR POK	
NOW J&K ASSEMBLY SEATS WOULD RISE TO					
114		90		24	
TOTAL SEATS		J&K		RESERVED FOR POK	

Before Article 370 revocation, delimitation for Assembly seats was held under J&K Constitution and J&K Representation of the People Act, 1957

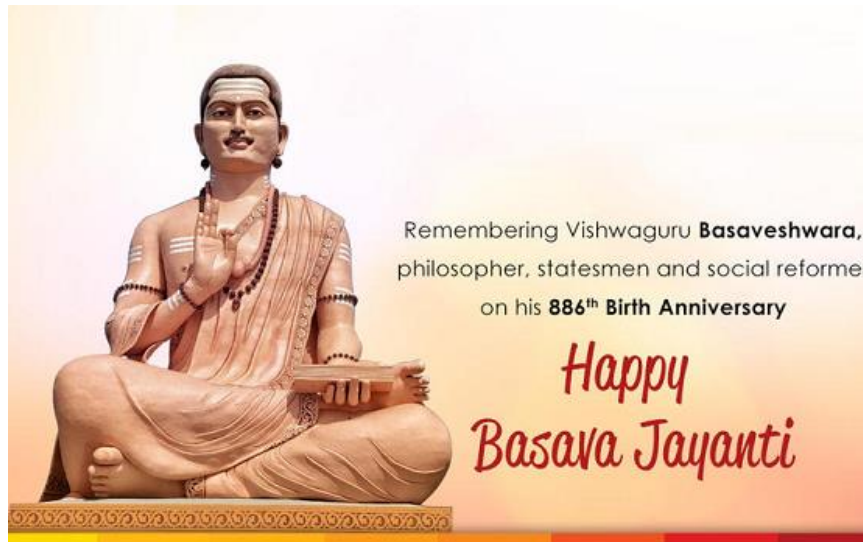
IN 2001, THEN J&K ASSEMBLY PASSED A LAW FREEZING DELIMITATION OF SEATS TILL 2026

Delimitation Commission for redrawing Assembly seats set up in 2020	The commission has 5 MPs (3 from NC, 2 from BJP) as associate members
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Panel had sought data from district officials
The Delimitation Commission had visited J&K for four days from July 6-9 and met stakeholders including representatives of political parties, elected panchayat members and other groups. The commission also met all 20 Deputy Commissioners of J&K and sought data on the area of existing constituencies

- ❖ The Commission, chaired by retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai and including Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and J&K State Election Commissioner K.K. Sharma as ex-officio members
- ❖ The delimitation was carried out based on the 2011 Census and other considerations like geographical features and access.
- ❖ The new Assembly would have 90 seats, 47 in Kashmir and 43 in Jammu.
- ❖ This was increased from the earlier 83, with six of the additional seats being in Jammu and one in Kashmir.
- ❖ For the first time in J&K, nine seats have been reserved for Scheduled Tribes.
- ❖ Six of the ST reserved seats were in Jammu region and three in the Kashmir Valley.
- ❖ Seven seats had been reserved for Scheduled Castes.
- ❖ There are five Parliamentary Constituencies in the region.

Basava Jayanti 2022



- ❖ Basava Jayanti is a Hindu festival celebrated by Lingayats in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra to honour the birthday of Lord Basavanna.
- ❖ As per the Hindu calendar, the birth of Basavanna falls on the 3rd day of Vaisahaka month in the Shukla paksha.
- ❖ The main objective of the celebration is to share the ancient wisdom of universal brotherhood, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam."
- ❖ Basavanna made significant contributions in developing the sharana community.

- ❖ This community produced great social reformers and poets such as Akka Mahadevi and Allam Prabhu.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

ENBA Award 2021



- ❖ Doordarshan has won ENBA Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever'.
- ❖ This was awarded at the 14th edition of the Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA).

SPORTS

Khelo India University Games 2021

KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2021					
TOP MEDALISTS					
RANK	UNIVERSITY				TOTAL
1	JAIN UNIVERSITY	7	2	1	10
2	SAVITRI BAI PHULE UNIVERSITY	4	5	6	15
3	PANJAB UNIVERSITY	4	3	4	11
4	ANNA UNIVERSITY	4	3	2	9
5	MUMBAI UNIVERSITY	5	3	2	10
6	SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY	4	1	2	7
7	PUNJABI UNIVERSITY	2	2	2	6
8	UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS	2	2	-	4

#KIUG2021 WATCH LIVE ON AS ON 26 APRIL 2022, 7:00 PM

- ❖ JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021.
- ❖ Lovely Professional University (LPU) with 17 golds has placed second and Punjab University placed third with 15 gold medals.
- ❖ Siva Sridhar has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold.

IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championship



- ❖ Harshada Sharad Garud made history by being the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships.
- ❖ Only two Indians have won a medal in the IWF Junior World Championships before.
- ❖ Mirabai Chanu was a bronze medallist in 2013 while Achinta Sheuli was a silver medallist the previous year.

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