

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 22,2023

SCHEMES

- **On April 18, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda - launched a new scheme to promote tribal products from the northeastern region, in the presence of Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh in Imphal.**



- ✓ The new tribal-oriented central scheme is named as 'Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER)'
- ✓ The scheme aims to enhance livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans in the region
- ✓ It will focus on increasing efficiency in procurement, logistics and marketing of tribal products from the northeastern states.
- ✓ Tribal artisans from northeast states –Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura – can avail the benefits of the scheme.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Central government will organize Tribal Artisans Melas (TAMs) in April and May to showcase tribal products

- ✓ The Centre launched the scheme in line with One District One Product initiative, which would provide logistics and marketing support to the tribal artisans so they could sell their products to the open market and develop their products
- ✓ A budget of around Rs 143 crore has been allocated towards this scheme for its implementation
- ✓ The scheme will provide backward and forward support through incubation, aggregation, skill and entrepreneurship development, sourcing and procurement, marketing, transportation and publicity to tribal artisans in the region.

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - attended the valedictory session and the award ceremony of the 16th 'Civil Services Day' at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi on April 21**
- ✓ The first address at the event was given by Union Minister of State (MoS) Dr Jitendra Singh.
- ✓ The Prime Minister addressed the event and also interacted with the civil servants on this occasion
- ✓ The theme of the two-day Civil Services Day 2023 celebrations was titled "Viksit Bharat: Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile".
- ✓ Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar unveiled an e-book on 'National Good Governance Webinar Series' during the event.



- ✓ 'Civil Services Day' is observed on April 21 every year to acknowledge the work of all the officers engaged in different public service departments in the country
- ✓ It commemorates the day when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – independent India's first Home Minister - inaugurated the newly-created Indian Administrative Service in 1947, calling them the "Steel frame of India."
- ✓ During the event, PM Modi conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration as well
- ✓ These awards have been instituted with a view to recognize the extraordinary and innovative work done by districts and organizations of the central and State governments for the welfare of common citizens.

- ✓ A total of 16 awards for 5 identified Priority Programmes and for innovations in the sphere of public administration/delivery of services etc. was given this year.
 - ✓ PM Gati Shakti national master plan initiative, launched in October 2021 for integrated and planned development of critical infrastructure projects to reduce logistics costs, received an award for excellence in public administration-2022 in the 'Innovation (Central)' category
 - ✓ The 'Mission Youth' initiative by Jammu and Kashmir administration received the award in the 'Innovation (State)' category
 - ✓ The Union Health Ministry was conferred the award in the Innovation category for the National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.
 - ✓ Anakapalli district in Andhra Pradesh received the award for promoting 'Swasth Bharat' initiative through Health and Wellness Centres
 - ✓ Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration for its innovative New Age Learning Centres (NALC), which includes futuristic learning space-cum-library set-up.
 - ✓ Latur district in Maharashtra received the award in recognition of its innovative scheme, 'Sanjivani Abhiyan,' implemented for cancer diagnosis.
 - ✓ The 'Arogyavardhni' centres set up by the Latur district provide health check-ups for pregnant women, children, adolescent girls, and treatment for infectious diseases, cancer, and diabetes
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami - inaugurated the Char Dham Yatra 2023, organised by the Joint Rotation Yatra Vayavस्था Samiti, in Rishikesh on April 21.**



- ✓ Shortly before the event, the state government has withdrawn its decision of imposing a daily limit on the number of pilgrims visiting the Char Dham shrines
- ✓ The state government had earlier decided to put a daily limit on the number of pilgrims visiting the annual yatra to the four shrines of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath
- ✓ For the Yamunotri shrine, the daily limit was 5,500 pilgrims, for Gangotri 9,000, for Badrinath 15,000 and for Kedarnath shrine 18,000.

- ✓ The Gangotri and Yamunotri temples are scheduled to open for devotees on April 22, while Kedarnath will open on April 25 and Badrinath is scheduled to open on April 27.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Cuba's President Miguel Diaz-Canel - has been re-elected for a fresh five-year term during the opening session of the new Parliament at Havana.**



- ✓ He was previously elected as the president of his country by the Legislature in October 2019.
- ✓ The 62-year-old replaced Raul Castro as President in 2018 and as First Secretary of the Cuban communist party in 2021
- ✓ He is the first person born after the 1959 Cuban revolution and not belonging to Castro family to hold both of those powerful titles.
- ✓ Late revolutionary Fidel Castro handed over power to his younger brother Raul in 2006, and Raul handed over power to Diaz-Canel.
- ✓ Miguel Diaz-Canel, leader of the Communist Party won a landslide vote of 97.66% of the National Assembly in a parliamentary vote, for which he was the sole candidate in a country where political opposition is considered illegal.
- ✓ The assembly also re-elected Salvador Valdes as Cuba's vice-president and Manuel Marrero as prime minister.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The first-of-its-kind Global Buddhist Summit 2023 - concluded on April 21 with the New Delhi Declaration.**
- ✓ Earlier on April 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit
- ✓ During the event, PM Modi offered monk's robes to 19 eminent monks from Australia, Mexico, Nepal, Myanmar, South Korea, Mongolia, Bhutan and Bangladesh.
- ✓ The two-day summit was organised by the ministry of culture in collaboration with the Delhi-based International Buddhist Confederation.

- ✓ The theme of the summit is “Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis”.



- ✓ The summit witnessed the participation of eminent scholars, Sangha leaders and Dharma practitioners from all over the world
- ✓ Delegates from around 170 foreign nations, including Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, and Mexico, participated in the summit, with Vietnam and Sri Lanka sending significant delegations.
- ✓ Tibetan Spiritual Leader, the Dalai Lama participated in the Global Buddhist Summit and addressed a group of monks and other delegates on April 21
- ✓ The keynote speakers at the event included Professor Robert Thurman, a leading American expert on Tibetan Buddhism, and His Holiness Thich Tri Quang, the Deputy Patriarch of, Vietnam Buddhist Sangha.
- ✓ Professor Thurman was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 2020 for his work on recovering India's ancient Buddhist heritage.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Earth Day – April 22

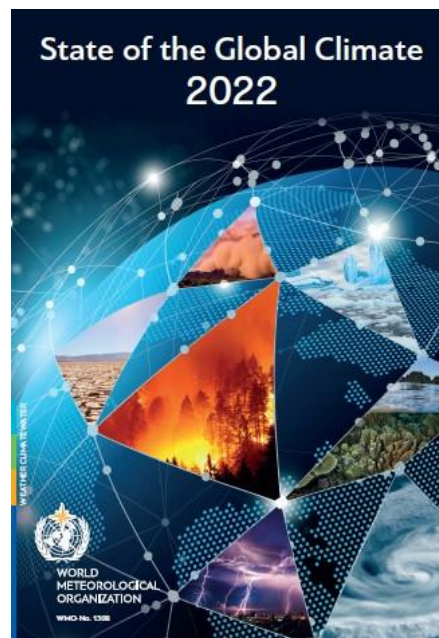


- ✓ The day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote conservation efforts.
- ✓ The emphasis of the day, also known as “International Mother Earth Day,” is on efforts to protect the planet and the ecosystem.

- ✓ In a 1969 UNESCO conference, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honour the Earth and the concept of peace.
- ✓ The first World Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, during the UNESCO summit in San Francisco.
- ✓ American senator Gaylord Nelson founded the Earth Day for environmental education.
- ✓ The first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, March 21, also known as vernal equinox, was originally proposed as the date for World Earth Day.
- ✓ The Earth Day is either celebrated on April 22 or on the day when the spring equinox occurs around the world.
- ✓ Theme 2023 - 'Invest in our Planet'.

STATE OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE 2022 – A REPORT

- **On April 21, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) – has released its annual ‘State of the Global Climate 2022’ report on the eve of the World Earth Day.**



- ✓ As per the report, the year 2022 was "fifth or sixth" warmest year on record in the 173 years of direct record keeping, despite the prevalence of La Nina conditions
- ✓ On an average, global temperature in 2022 was 1.15 degree Celsius higher than pre-industrial times, which is the average of the 1850-1900 period
 - ✓ The warmest year on record so far has been 2016 when average global temperatures were measured to be 1.28 degree Celsius higher than pre-industrial times
- ✓ The report stated that the years from 2015 to 2021 were the warmest ever recorded, and that the concentrations of the three main greenhouse gases

responsible for global warming - carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide - reached record highs in 2021.

- ✓ The report also said that the increased incidences of droughts, floods, and heatwaves on a global scale, including India, are the result of record levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and they cost many billions of dollars.
- ✓ The report also noted that Antarctic sea ice had reached its lowest extent on record, and that the melting of some European glaciers was unprecedented.
- ✓ The global mean sea level is at a record high, having risen by 4.62 mm per year from 2013 to 2022, double the rate between 1993 and 2022.
- ✓ Despite three consecutive years of La Niña conditions, 58% of the ocean surface experienced at least one marine heatwave in 2022, as against only 25% of the ocean surface experiencing a marine cold spell
- ✓ The WMO emphasised the importance of limiting global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius, as compared to pre-industrial levels, in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate change
- ✓ The unusual heat in Europe last year, during which several countries experienced record-breaking temperatures, contributed to the deaths of at least 15,000 people, more than any other single extreme climate event
- ✓ One more example of extreme weather conditions that have been observed as a result of climate change is the exceptionally hot pre-monsoon period in India and Pakistan in 2022
 - ✓ In particular in Uttarakhand, a mountain state, the excessive heat has reportedly resulted in a number of forest fires and low grain yields.
 - ✓ In India, there was significant flooding at various stages during the monsoon season, especially in the northeast in June 2022, with over 700 reported deaths during the season from flooding and landslides.
- ✓ The UN's 'Early Warnings for All Initiative' aims to fill the existing capacity gap to ensure that every person on earth is covered by early warning services

