

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 1, 2023

### STATES

- **Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao - inaugurated the state-of-the-art Secretariat building in Hyderabad, Telangana on April 30**



- ✓ KCR, as the chief minister is popularly called, has earned the distinction of being the first chief minister who has not entered the Secretariat even once to perform his duties since he assumed the charge.
- ✓ Telangana chief minister will officially be operating from the new state Secretariat, named after architect of Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar, from April 30.
- ✓ The latest Secretariat building houses the perfectly Vaastu-compliant CM's chamber in the sixth floor of the state-of-the-art edifice, built at a cost of over Rs.600 crore by renowned construction firm Shapoorji-Pallonji.
- ✓ K Chandrashekhar Rao assumed charge as the first chief minister of newly-formed Telangana state on June 2, 2014.

- ✓ He believed that the old Secretariat complex, which had been the seat of highest administration since the formation of combined Andhra Pradesh state, had negative energies and had brought bad luck to the previous chief ministers.
- ✓ KCR's Vastu advisor – Suddala Sudhakar Teja had advised the chief minister to demolish the old Secretariat complex and go in for a new building
- ✓ The CM had laid the foundation stone for the construction of the secretariat on June 27, 2019 but the works started only in January 2021, delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, court cases and other issues.
- ✓ According to an official note from the CMO, Dr. B R Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat complex was designed by Chennai-based architects Ponni Concessao and Oscar Concessao.
- ✓ The new secretariat complex stands 265 feet tall and is spread over an area of 10,51,676 square feet situated in a sprawling 28 acres of land in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Built on the lines of Telangana state high court, the new complex has a unique architecture with a blend of Indo-Saracenic, Deccani and Kakatiya styles.
- ✓ The domes of the new secretariat have been built in the styles of the Neelakanteswara Swamy temple of the Kakatiya period in Nizamabad, designs of the palaces of the royals of Wanaparthy Samsthanam in Telangana and the pattern of the Hanuman temple in Sarangpur, Gujarat

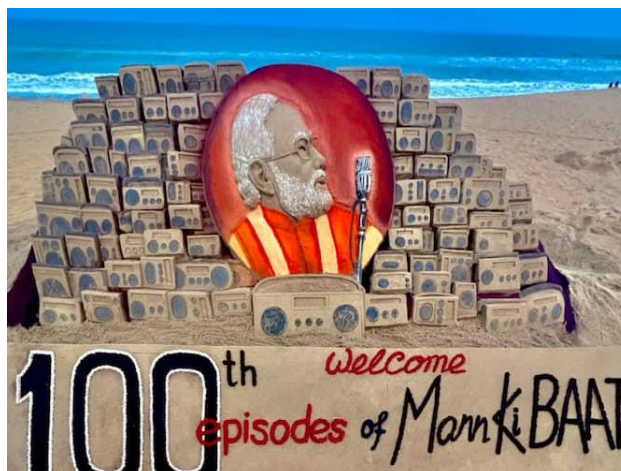
## NATIONAL

- **The 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio program Mann Ki Baat - made its global broadcast at 11 AM on April 30.**



- ✓ The 100th episode was broadcast live in the UN's Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations headquarters in New York, United States
- ✓ Apart from the UN, the Indian High Commission in London also 'live' broadcasted the 100<sup>th</sup> episode of PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat at 6:30 am in the morning in the United Kingdom
- ✓ "'Mann Ki Baat' is the 'Mann Ki Baat' of crores of Indians, it is the expression of their feelings," said the PM addressing the 100th episode

- ✓ While addressing the talk show, PM Modi said The 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign has improved the gender ratio in Haryana
- ✓ Through Mann Ki Baat, many mass movements like 'Swachh Bharat', Khadi or 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' have come into being and gained momentum," the PM said
- ✓ The PM also recollected about his mentioning of tribal women in Tamil Nadu making terracotta cups and women rejuvenating Vellore Lake under various stories of women empowerment
- ✓ During the 100th episode, PM Modi also had a telephonic conversation with some people who were featured earlier on the broadcast for their unique initiatives.
  - ✓ He recalled the 'Selfie with daughter' campaign mentioned in one of the editions, and spoke to Haryana's Sunil Jaglan, who came up with the idea in 2015
  - ✓ PM Modi also talked with Vijayashanti from Manipur who makes clothes from lotus fibres, Pradeep Sangwan, who runs the 'Healing Himalayas' campaign and Manzoor Ahmed, a pencil manufacturer in a Jammu & Kashmir village
- ✓ The PM paid tribute to Lakshman Rao Inamdar, one of his mentors, for teaching him the virtue of recognising and imbibing good qualities
- ✓ PM Modi also stated that in this program, every countryman becomes an inspiration to other countrymen
- ✓ Referring to a mantra from the Upanishads on persistence and forward movement, the PM said the 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat carried the spirit of 'Charaiveti Charaiveti', connecting and inspiring every person in the country.
- ✓ UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay sent special message on occasion of the completion of a century of episodes.
- ✓ The State of New York and New Jersey have issued special resolutions honouring the 100th episode of PM's monthly radio programme
- ✓ Noted sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik commemorated 100 episodes of PM Modi's monthly radio programme with his sand art at Puri beach



- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off a marathon to mark the 100th episode of PM's "Mann ki Baat" radio broadcast.
  - ✓ The marathon, organised by the Hindustan Scouts and Guides and the Dogra Kranti Dal, is one of 100 marathons scheduled throughout the day across the Union Territory to celebrate the monthly broadcast.
- ✓ Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah rolled out a commemorative postage stamp to mark the 100th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat,' and a commemorative Rs 100 coin was unveiled to mark the momentous event
- ✓ Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar released Coffee Table Book "Collective Spirit, Concrete Action", authored by Shashi Shekhar Vempati, former CEO, Prasar Bharati
  - ✓ The book describes the impact of the programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on the nation.
- ✓ Union Ministry of Tourism has planned "100 days of action" to mark the 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Mann ki Baat" radio broadcast
  - ✓ The ministry will celebrate the 100th episode through its Yuva Tourism Clubs
  - ✓ The ministry has constituted 30,000 Yuva Tourism Clubs till date and proposes to increase it to 50,000 in the 100 days starting May 1.
- ✓ The program, which started on October 3, 2014, has become a key pillar of the government's citizen-outreach program
- ✓ The program is aired on the last Sunday of every month and has received a massive following across the country.
- ✓ Apart from 22 Indian languages and 29 dialects, Mann Ki Baat is broadcast in 11 foreign languages including French, Chinese, Indonesian, Tibetan, Burmese, Baluchi, Arabic, Pashtu, Persian, Dari, and Swahili.
- ✓ Mann Ki Baat is being broadcast by more than 500 broadcast centers of All India Radio and by Doordarshan's entire network.
- ✓ Additionally, the program will be available for streaming on the AIR News website and the newsonair mobile app.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **The 27-member state EU Council - has adopted five laws that will enable the EU to cut greenhouse gas emissions within the main sectors of economy**
  - ✓ The laws are part of the 'Fit for 55' package, which aims to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels and to achieve climate neutrality in 2050
  - ✓ The changes to the EU's Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), more commonly called the bloc's carbon market, are one of five new laws adopted.
    - ✓ The new rules increase the overall ambition of emissions reductions by 2030 in the sectors covered by the EU ETS to 62% compared to 2005 levels.

- ✓ Further, emissions from shipping will be included within the scope of the EU ETS for the first time
- ✓ A new, separate emissions trading system for the buildings, road transport and additional sectors (mainly small industry) has also been established
- ✓ Besides, free emission allowances for the aviation sector will be gradually phased out and full auctioning from 2026 will be implemented
- ✓ Further, the EU demands that suppliers blend sustainable aviation fuels with kerosene in growing amounts from 2025.
  - ✓ The move is expected to reduce aircraft carbon emissions by two-thirds by 2050
  - ✓ The aviation sector accounts for 13.9% of transportation emissions in the EU, making it the second biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the sector after road transport
- ✓ The EU will also introduce a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which concerns products imported from outside the EU for carbon-intensive industries.
- ✓ Besides, a Social Climate Fund will be set up and used by member states to finance measures and investments to support vulnerable households, micro-enterprises and transport users

## SPORTS

- **Ding Liren - became the 17th World and China's first chess champion on April 30**
- ✓ He defeated Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a rapid tiebreak in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ✓ With the loss, Russian Nepo, who signed an anti-war letter and played under the FIDE flag in this match, suffered his second defeat in the World matchplay.
  - ✓ Earlier, he had lost to Magnus Carlsen two years ago in Dubai.

### DING LIREN FACTS

Age: 30; World ranking: 3

Elo rating: 2788; Peak rating 2811

● Was unbeaten for 100 games in classical chess from Aug 2017 to Nov 2018 with 29 wins and 71 draws ● Qualified for the world title match on his third Candidates attempt. ● Finished second in Candidates behind Nepo but made the cut because Magnus Carlsen chose not to defend his crown. ● Ding's entry into the Candidates itself was facilitated by the ban of Sergey Karjakin for supporting Russia's invasion of

Ukraine ● To be eligible for Karjakin's vacant spot (on rating strength), Ding had to have 30 classical games in the FIDE rating list from June 2021 to May 2022. At the time of Karjakin's ban in March, Ding had played only four games in that phase due to Covid restriction ● Chinese federation organised three tournaments and gave Ding 28 more rating games - all against the Chinese opponents - for the May 2022 list. He drew 15 games and won 13 and went from Elo 2799 to Elo 2806 at the time of Candidates cutoff.  
**Prize money: Winner:** Euros 11,00,000  
**Loser:** Euros 9,00,000



- ✓ Following a 7-7 tie in a thrilling 14-game classical match, Ding captured the prestigious title after winning the rapid playoff by 2.5 points to 1.5.

- ✓ For the tie-break stage of the match, the contenders had only 25 minutes to make their moves, plus an additional 10 seconds for each move played.
- ✓ Aside from claiming the title of world champion, Ding will receive €1.1 million for his victory while Nepomniachtchi will receive €900,000
- ✓ Ding, 30, takes over as winner of the World Chess Championship from Norway's Magnus Carlsen, who chose not to defend his title after a 10-year reign.
  - ✓ Carlsen, considered one of the greatest players of all time, had held the World Chess Championship title since 2013 and will remain the world's top-rated player.
- ✓ China now holds both men's and women's world titles, with current women's champ Ju Wenjun set to defend her title against compatriot Lei Tingjie in July.
- ✓ Ding was a FIDE World Cup 2017 runner-up, won Chess Olympiad team Gold and individual Bronze and Gold medals for China in 2014 and 2018 respectively.
  - ✓ The World no.3, behind Carlsen and Nepomniachtchi, also won team Gold and individual Silver at World Team Championship in 2015.
  - ✓ He became a runner-up at the FIDE World Cup 2019, for the second consecutive edition.
  - ✓ The new world champion was also the first Chinese player to qualify to the Candidates back in 2017.
  - ✓ After Karjakin was banned by FIDE, Ding Liren got an opportunity to qualify for the Candidates and finished second, but Carlsen's decision to step aside from the World Chess Championship allowed him to compete against Nepomniachtchi in Astana
- **Indian star players, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty - clinched the Badminton Asia Championships in Dubai on April 30**



- ✓ In the final, the Indian pair defeated Ong Yew Sing and Teo Ee Yi of Malaysia in a three set match to win men's doubles gold.
- ✓ Dinesh Khanna was the only other Indian to win a gold at this meet, way back in 1965.
- ✓ This is also the first doubles gold for India at the Asian meet.