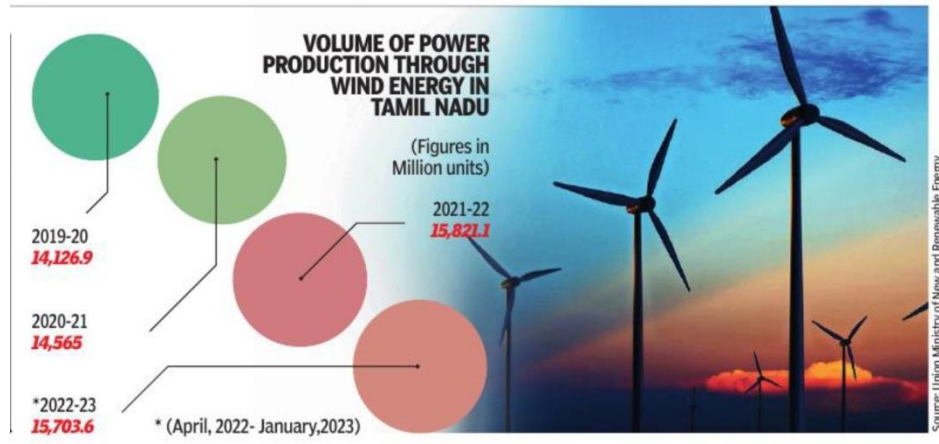
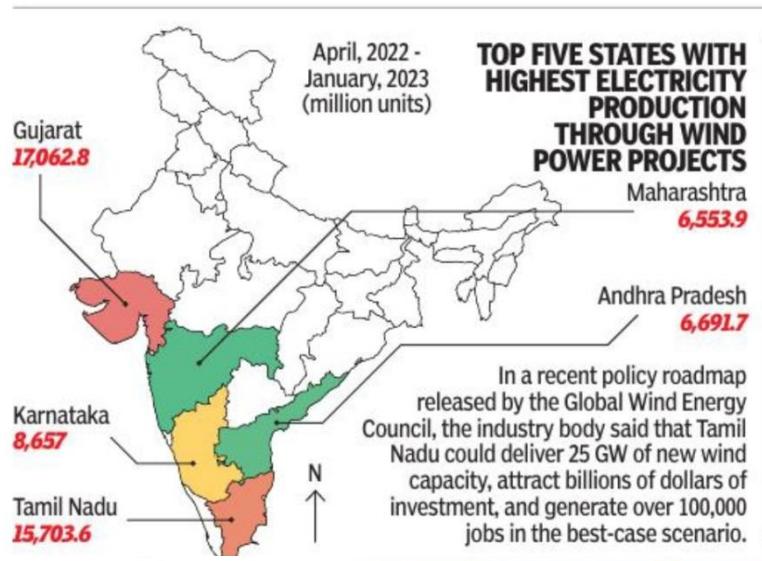


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-JUNE 5, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Chief minister M K Stalin - will inaugurate 500 urban primary health centres across the state on June 6**
 - ✓ This was announced by health minister Ma Subramanian along with the details.
 - ✓ During the event, the CM will first inaugurate a UPHC in T Nagar, Chennai and from there inaugurate the 499 other centres through video conferencing.
 - ✓ Under this initiative, the Greater Chennai Corporation will establish 140 UPHCs, while the Coimbatore Corporation and Madurai Corporation will open 50 and 46 UPHCs respectively.
 - ✓ Salem, Trichy, and Tiruppur will each have 25 UPHCs, in addition to 189 UPHCs in municipalities throughout the state.
 - ✓ Each UPHC will have a doctor, nurse, medical assistant, and health inspector recruited through district health societies.
 - ✓ The centres will operate in two shifts, from 8am to noon, and from 4pm to 8pm.
 - ✓ These UPHCs will provide at least a dozen health services, including antenatal and child care, geriatric care, and first aid for emergencies.
 - ✓ Additionally, they will dispense medications for conditions such as diabetes and hypertension and conduct basic medical tests.

- **Tamil Nadu - emerged as the second largest producer of electricity through wind power nationally during the financial year 2022-23 (April, 2022 and January, 2023).**
 - ✓ Gujarat has overtaken Tamil Nadu as the top contributor of wind energy.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu accounted for almost 25% of the electricity generated through wind power in India during the period.
 - ✓ Over 64.5 billion units of electricity was produced from wind energy in the top nine states of the country in this period.



NATIONAL

➤ An under-construction bridge in Bihar on the Ganga river - collapsed on June 4



- ✓ This is the second collapse of the same bridge after a part of it caved in near Sultanganj on April 30, 2022.
- ✓ The four-lane Sultanganj-Aguani Ghat bridge connects Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district with Khagaria

- ✓ SP Singla Constructions Limited is currently constructing this bridge for the Bihar Pul Nirman Nigam Limited (BRPNL) at a total cost of Rs.1710.77 crore.
 - ✓ The foundation stone of this 3,160-metre long bridge was laid by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on February 23, 2014 at Parbatta in the Khagaria district.
 - ✓ He then inaugurated the actual construction work of this bridge on March 9, 2015.
 - ✓ The 3.16 km bridge has been described as CM Nitish Kumar's dream project.
 - ✓ The bridge construction was to be completed in 4.5 years, but the work has been slow, resulting in long delays and it has already missed six deadlines in the past.
 - ✓ The seventh deadline was set for June 30 but the bridge collapsed.
 - ✓ The bridge would be the sixth on the Ganga to connect northern Bihar with the south Bihar
 - ✓ If this bridge gets completed, the distance between Bhagalpur and Khagaria will significantly reduce.
- **Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – recently launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan scheme on June 1.**



- ✓ As the nodal department for GOBARdhan, the Ministry of Jal Shakti's Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) created this portal, which can be accessed at <https://gobardhan.co.in>.
- ✓ By enrolling in this single registration system, any government, cooperative, or private enterprise operating or planning to establish a Biogas/CBG/Bio CNG plant in India can acquire a registration number.
- ✓ The registration number will enable availing of multitude of benefits and support from the ministries and departments of government of India
- ✓ Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan) is a umbrella initiative of government of India, which aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting circular economy
- ✓ The objective of GOBARdhan is to generate wealth and energy by converting cattle dung, agri residue and other organic waste into biogas, CBG and bio fertilizers
- ✓ GOBARdhan is being implemented in partnership with State Governments and Private Sector including entrepreneurs, societies etc.

INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **India and Nepal - have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the Phukot Karnali Hydro-Electric Project in Nepal.**



- ✓ Both countries signed the deal in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on June 1
- ✓ State-owned hydro power giant NHPC and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL), Nepal signed the MoU for the development of Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project in Nepal
- ✓ The signing of this MOU is a landmark step towards India-Nepal Joint Vision on Power Sector Cooperation.
- ✓ The Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project will harness the flow of the Karnali River for power generation, with the electricity being integrated into Nepal's power system
- ✓ The project will be capable to carry 480 MW of electricity and generate over 2448 GWh of power.
- ✓ The Nepal Prime Minister's four-day visit to India concluded on June 3.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) - organised an event at Vigyan Bhawan to celebrate 3 years journey of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Yojana, in New Delhi on June 1**



- ✓ Hardeep S. Puri, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas complimented the PM SVANidhi Scheme on its successful completion of 3 momentous years.
- ✓ PM SVANidhi Scheme, launched on June 1, 2020, aims to restore Swarozgar, Svavlamban, Swabhimaan (Self Employment, Self-Sustenance, and Self-Confidence) within street vendors
- ✓ The scheme has become one of the fastest growing micro-credit schemes of the Government of India and has provided its citizens access to credit and linkages to social security schemes.
- ✓ During the event, a booklet highlighting the noteworthy achievements and initiatives implemented under the PM SVANidhi scheme was released.
- ✓ In addition, the Minister launched a PM SVANidhi mobile app for street vendors, to ease the loan application process and provide various informations to street vendors regarding the Scheme.
- ✓ Amongst the banks, State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, and Union Bank of India were felicitated for offering large number of loans to street vendors
- ✓ As on June 30, 2023, 48.5 lakh loan applications have been sanctioned, with over 46.4 lakh loans disbursed to street vendors, amounting to a total of Rs. 5,795 crore.

SPORTS

- **India's Amlan Borgohain - bagged gold medals in the men's 100m and 200m races at the Flanders Cup 2023 athletics meet, also called the International Antwerp Athletics Gala, at Merksem, Belgium, on June 3.**



- ✓ Borgohain emerged as the winner in the men's 100m in a time of 10.70 seconds, which was 0.45 seconds slower than his own national record.
- ✓ Borgohain secured the top spot on the podium in the men's 200m race as well with a timing of 20.96.
- **Indian shooters Gautami Bhanot and Abhinav Shaw - claimed the gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, on June 4.**



- ✓ The Indians shot a total of 17 in the gold-medal contest.
- ✓ In the 10m air pistol mixed team event, Sainyam paired up with Abhinav Choudhary to win silver after shooting 12, finishing behind gold medallists Juri Kim and Kanghyn Kim (16).
- ✓ Suruchi Inder Singh and Shubham Bisla bagged the bronze with a score of 16.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Environment Day – June 5



- ✓ World Environment Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the need to protect our environment.
- ✓ Theme 2023 - "Beat Plastic Pollution"
- ✓ World Environment Day 2023 is being hosted by the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, also known as Ivory Coast, in West Africa, while The Netherlands will be its partner this year.
- ✓ Côte d'Ivoire has already banned plastic bags, while Netherlands is a signatory of the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and a member of the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter.
- ✓ As per the United Nations (UN), over 400 million plastic is produced worldwide, annually.
- ✓ Of this, about 50% is single-use plastic and only 10% gets recycled.
- ✓ These plastic wastes eventually enter rivers, lakes and oceans and endanger marine life.

- ✓ Studies have revealed that microplastics or plastic debris have even entered our bloodstreams through inhalation, consumption of food and water contaminated with microplastics.
- ✓ They accumulate over time in our organs, particularly our lungs, liver, kidneys and spleen.
- ✓ The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) organises World Environment Day annually.
- ✓ It was established by the UN at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in 1972.
- ✓ The first World Environment day was celebrated a year later.
- ✓ This year marks the 50th anniversary of the celebrations.
- ✓ On March 2, 2022, 175 UN member states signed a resolution adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly to end plastic pollution, while a legally binding agreement will be formulated by 2024
- ✓ This year, nearly 170 countries have agreed to prepare a 'zero draft' at the UNEP's second session of the Inter-governmental Negotiating Committee (INC), which ended in Paris on June 2
- ✓ These countries, which also included India, have agreed to prepare a draft text — called zero draft — of an international treaty by November to end plastic pollution through multiple measures in a time-bound manner.
- ✓ It was decided that the 'zero draft' will be put forth by UNEP at the third session of the INC at Nairobi (Kenya) in November.
- ✓ This draft will become the basis for member-countries to enter into subsequent negotiations to finalise the global treaty, which will also cover the marine environment.

