



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 21, 2024

AWARDS

➤ Asunta Lakra Award

- ✓ Deepika Soreng, the promising forward of the India Women's Hockey Team, has been honoured with the prestigious Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year during the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023.



- ✓ The award recognizes her outstanding performance and immense potential as a rising star in the sport.
- ✓ The year 2023 marked a significant milestone in Deepika's hockey career as she made her debut for the Indian team during the Women's Junior Asia Cup.

SPORTS

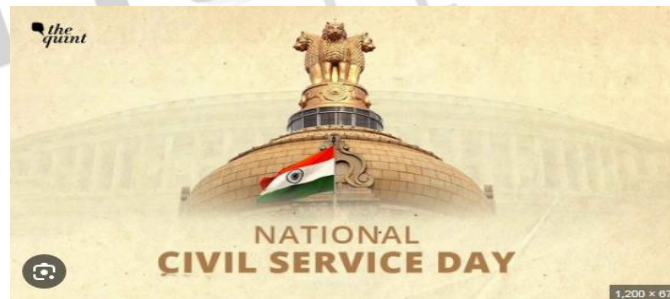
➤ 2024 Paris Olympics



- ✓ In wrestling, India's star woman grapplers, Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik, and Reetika Hooda, clinched the Paris Olympics 2024 quota at the Asian Olympic qualifiers in Kyrgyzstan's Bishkek.
- ✓ Phogat beat Laura Ganikyzy of Kazakhstan, 10-Nil, in the 50 kg category, while Anshu defeated Laylokhon Sobirova of Uzbekistan in the 57 kg category, 11-Nil.
- ✓ Reetika defeated Hui T. Chang of Chinese Taipei, 7-Nil, in the 76 kg category.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Civil Service Day: April 21**
- ✓ Objective – To honour the achievements of the civil servants and acknowledge their efforts in ensuring that the people of the country are safe and happy.



- ✓ After India became independent, the first batch of civil servants of the country were addressed by Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
- ✓ In this inspiring speech dedicated to the civil servants of the country, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel referred to them as steel frame of India.
- ✓ In Vigyan Bhavan, on April 21, 2006. The first National Civil Services Day was observed. Since then, the day is observed every year on the same day.



