



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 11, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- **In an unprecedented order, the state information commission - has recommended that the state government compulsorily retire nine IAS officers who had headed the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB) from 2011 to 2019.**
- ✓ This was proclaimed in an order passed by Information Commissioner S Muthuraj on March 25.
- ✓ The officers are pulled up for "not discharging their duty with accountability and transparency", as per the order
- ✓ The Information Commissioner wrote to the state chief secretary recommending action against Surjit K Chaudhary, Vibhu Nayar, Kakarla Usha, D Jagannathan, K Srinivasan, K Nandakumar, S Jayandhi, N Venkatesh and G Latha.
- ✓ However, it has to be seen whether the information commission has the authority and mandate to prescribe the punishment as it is the prerogative of the state government and especially, in case of IAS officers, the disciplinary authority is the Government of India
- ✓ The information commission can only recommend disciplinary action against the information officers designated as per the RTI Act if they do not provide information.

STATES

- **On April 10, the Andhra Pradesh government - issued orders changing the service rules of the All-India Service Officers of AP cadre**
- ✓ With this, the state chief minister now has the authority to accept annual performance appraisal reports of IAS and IPS officers
- ✓ So far, the chief secretary was the accepting authority for appraisal reports of IAS and IPS officers.

- ✓ In the orders, the state government said that the changes have been made to “ensure uniformity and control of the executive over the administration for effective public service delivery.”
- ✓ The order is a major decision which would directly put the career prospects of IAS and IPS officers under the control of the state chief minister
- ✓ This is perhaps the first time in the country that a state government has released orders granting the power of “accepting authority” to the chief minister.
- ✓ Under the new orders, the chief secretary is the “reviewing authority” of annual appraisal reports of All-India Service Officers, while the heads of departments are the “reporting authority”.
- ✓ The final decision whether or not to accept the appraisal reports rest with the chief minister.

NATIONAL

- **The Atal Innovation Mission, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) and NITI Aayog - have announced collaboration to reinforce entrepreneurship and innovation in the area of public system.**
 - ✓ The CIPS and AIM will organise round table meetings involving local level administration officials to create awareness about the innovative products and solutions.
 - ✓ They will together host e-exhibitions supported by relevant startups to showcase their innovations
 - ✓ Further, the tie-up aims to create an ‘Innovative Learning Management System’ to promote innovative learning to teachers, students and mentors at grass root levels.
 - ✓ The partnership will help to promote programmes launched by AIM such as AIM Mentor of Change Programme.
- **Energy giant, Reliance industries and Chart Industries – have jointly initiated an energy transition coalition ‘India H2 Alliance’ on April 6**
 - ✓ The new alliance is dedicated to commercialising hydrogen technologies and systems, thereby encouraging the construction of net-zero carbon pathways in the country
 - ✓ The alliance will have leading global energy and industrial majors to build the hydrogen economy and supply chain in India
 - ✓ They will also help develop both blue and green hydrogen production and storage in addition to hydrogen-use clusters and transport powered by hydrogen fuel cells.
 - ✓ The alliance will mainly focus on industrial clusters such as refineries, steel, cement, fertiliser, ports and logistics and heavy-duty transport use cases.
 - ✓ It will also create standards for storage and transport of hydrogen in pressurised and liquefied form.

- ✓ The India H2 Alliance will closely work with the central government on the following five areas:
 - ✓ To develop National Hydrogen Policy and roadmap for the period 2021-30.
 - ✓ To create National Hydrogen Task Force and Mission in a Public-Private partnership model
 - ✓ To identify National Large Demonstration Stage Projects
 - ✓ To create National Hydrogen Fund
 - ✓ To create hydrogen linked capacity involving production, distribution, storage, industrial use-cases, standards and transport use-cases.
- ✓ Blue Hydrogen is produced from the splitting of natural gas into carbon dioxide and hydrogen
- ✓ Green Hydrogen is made from non-fossil sources.

- **On April 7, the Government – said that the Union Cabinet has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for solar panels at an outlay of Rs. 4,500 crore for the next five years**
 - ✓ The scheme is called the “National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules”.
 - ✓ The initiative will add 10,000 MW capacity of integrated solar PV manufacturing plants and bring direct investment of around Rs 17,200 crore in solar PV manufacturing.
 - ✓ It is likely to create direct employment of around 30,000 and indirect employment of 1.2 lakh
 - ✓ Apart from this scheme, the Union Cabinet has also approved the Production Linked Scheme for White Goods-LED Lights and Air Conditioners at a budget of Rs. 6,238 crore for the next five years
 - ✓ The scheme will help in getting additional investments of Rs 7,920 crore and will create four lakh new jobs
 - ✓ It will generate direct and indirect revenues of Rs 49,300 crore.
 - ✓ The scheme is expected to increase production worth Rs 1,68,000 crore and exports worth Rs 64,000 crore.
 - ✓ The scheme will provide incentive of 4% to 6% to the companies engaged in the manufacturing of Air Conditioners and LED lights
 - ✓ The decisions in these regards were taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - ✓ The new scheme aims to promote ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ initiative and reduce the dependence on imports of solar PV cells and modules

- **The Union Cabinet - recently approved a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed between India and Japan.**
 - ✓ The MoU was signed between National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) that operates under Department of Space and the Research Institute for

Sustainable Humanosphere (RISH) that operates under Kyoto University of Japan.

- ✓ According to the agreement, the NARL and RISH will continue their cooperation in the areas of technology, atmospheric sciences, collaborative scientific experiments and other related modelling studies.
 - ✓ They will also be exchanging scientific materials, information, publications, students, faculty members and researchers.
 - ✓ The MoU will allow the countries to utilize the facilities such as middle and upper atmosphere radar in Japan, mesosphere-stratosphere-troposphere radar, equatorial atmosphere radar in Indonesia.
 - ✓ NARL and RISH have been working together since 2008 based on an agreement, which was renewed again in 2013.
 - ✓ In November 2020, NARL and RISH signed a new MoU to promote collaborative research under new guidelines.
- **The Union Agricultural and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar - launched the Madhukranti portal and Honey Corners of NAFED in New Delhi on April 7**



- ✓ This portal is being developed for online registration to achieve a traceability source of honey and other beehive products on a digital platform.
- ✓ This will also help in checking the quality and source of adulteration of honey
- ✓ Madhukranti portal is an initiative of National Bee Board under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission.
- ✓ Earlier, a MoU was signed between National Bee Board and Indian Bank for this project.
- ✓ Indian Bank is the technical and banking partner for the development of digital platform.
- ✓ The portal will hold the database of all the stakeholders involved in honey production, marketing chains, hive production and sales.

- ✓ The Honey Corners are special spaces for the sale of honey, which are operated by NAFED, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation.
 - ✓ NAFED has developed 14-15 honey corners across the country
 - ✓ The government has launched National Beekeeping and Honey Mission to boost the scientific bee keeping and honey production in the country
 - ✓ It is a central sector scheme approved with an outlay of Rs 500 crore.
 - ✓ Under the mission, the centre has established quality testing labs to check the quality of honeybees.
- **The Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell - recently released a report on petroleum consumption of India.**
- ✓ According to the report, the overall fuel consumption of the country reduced by 9.1% in the year 2020-21 as compared to that of the previous year.
 - ✓ This is the first time the petroleum consumption declined to the highest level since 1998-99.
 - ✓ As per the report, diesel Consumption fell 12% to reach 72.72 million tonnes, while petrol consumption fell 6.7% to reach 27.95 million tonnes.
 - ✓ Overall, India consumed 194.63 tonnes of petroleum products as compared to 214.12 million tonnes the previous year.
 - ✓ The jet fuel consumption also fell by 53.6% as the airlines remained shut for most of the period throughout the year during the pandemic.
 - ✓ However, LPG, the domestic cooking gas, was the only fuel whose consumption increased in 2020-21.
 - ✓ Its consumption increased by 4.7% to reach 27.59 million tonnes from 26.33 million tonnes in 2019-20
 - ✓ The Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), under the Ministry of Petroleum, was created in 2002 replacing the Oil Coordination Committee
 - ✓ It administers subsidies on domestic LPG, kerosene, and freight subsidies and analyses the trends in prices of petroleum products and crude oil
- **The Ministry of Rural Development - recently announced that 92% target has been completed under the first phase of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme**
- ✓ A target of 1 crore houses was set for completion in Phase I of the scheme.
 - ✓ The government has extended a budgetary support of Rs. 19,269 crore for the year 2020-21 under the first phase of the scheme
 - ✓ This is the highest budget allocation to the scheme in any year since its launch in the year 2015
 - ✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is a flagship scheme of Government of India that aims to provide housing for the rural poor in the country
 - ✓ According to the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011, a total of 2.14 crores of beneficiaries were eligible to receive the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

- ✓ To identify the eligible and ineligible beneficiaries, the Awaas+ survey was conducted by the Government
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - recently announced that it will not extend the deadline to separate the posts of Managing Director and Chairperson.**
 - ✓ Earlier, it had allowed a time period of two years for compliance from the original deadline of April 1, 2020, based on representations from industries
 - ✓ The regulation will now be applicable to the top 500 listed entities by market capitalization, with effect from April 01, 2022.
 - ✓ As on December 2020, only 53% of top 500 entities had complied with this provision.
 - ✓ The main objective in separating the roles is to provide a better and more balanced corporate governance structure.
 - ✓ The decision to separate the power has been taken based on the recommendations of Kotak Committee on Corporate Governance
 - ✓ Globally, countries like UK, Australia, Germany and Netherlands are already in favour of the separation of power and authority
 - ✓ However, according to the Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013, an individual shall not be appointed as the chairperson of a company as well as the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer.
 - ✓ A Chairman is the person responsible for leading the board, while a Managing Director is a whole-time director controlling the day-to-day affairs of the company.
- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation - recently allowed the private sector firms to develop and produce missile systems under the Development cum Production Partner Programme.**
 - ✓ The organization has already received bids from the private players for the Vertically-launched Short range Surface to Air Missile System.
 - ✓ With this, VL-SRSAM has become the first missile programme to receive DRDO-private sector partnership.
 - ✓ Recently DRDO assisted TATA and Baba Kalyani industries to develop ATAGS howitzer, an artillery gun for the Indian Army.
 - ✓ In 2010, the then Defence Minister A K Antony ordered the restructuring of DRDO by ensuring effective participation of the private sector in defence technology.
 - ✓ So far, DRDO has been transferring technologies to the private sector for the mass production of ordnances.
 - ✓ In August 2020, DRDO identified 108 military systems for production by domestic industries.
- **The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) - launched an all India Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME) Scheme at an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore**



Hon'ble Union Minister for
Food Processing Industries

Launch of PM FME Scheme under
Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

**PM FORMALISATION OF
MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES SCHEME**

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- ✓ The scheme is to be implemented between 2020-21 and 2024-25.
- ✓ The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) operating under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is to work with the MoFPI to implement the scheme.
- ✓ Under the scheme, a seed capital support of Rs. 40,000 will be provided to the Self-Help Group members.
- ✓ The State Rural Livelihood Missions in the States and Union Territories are responsible for identifying eligible beneficiaries.
- ✓ In 2020-21, around 17,427 beneficiaries were recommended for seed capital support of Rs 51.85 crore.
- ✓ So far, Rs 29.01 crore has been approved towards seed capital support covering 6,694 enterprises across 16 states.
- ✓ The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to micro processing units functioning in the unorganized sector.
- ✓ The scheme focuses on women entrepreneurs and aspirational districts.
- **The Ministry of Commerce and Industry - recently notified Copyright (Amendment) rules, 2021.**
 - ✓ The new rules will help India adopt towards electronic means as primary mode of communication
 - ✓ It has included a new provision that eliminates the requirement of publication in the Official Gazette.
 - ✓ As per the amendments, a new rule has been introduced, whereby the copyright societies will be required to make an 'Annual Transparency Report' for each financial year
 - ✓ Further, the new rules have extended the time limit for the Centre to respond to an application made before it for registration as a copyright society to 180 days
 - ✓ The applicant can now file the first ten and last ten pages of source code with no blocked out or redacted portions.
 - ✓ Further, new provisions have been introduced to deal with the undistributed royalty amounts and use of electronic and traceable payment methods while collection and distribution of royalties.

- ✓ Copyright is a type of intellectual property, which gives the owner exclusive right to make copies of his or her creative work.
- ✓ In India, the copyright regime is governed by the Copyright Act, 1957 and the Copyright Rules, 2013.
- ✓ The Copyright Rules, 2013 was last amended in the year 2016.
- **The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan and the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda - jointly launched 'Anamaya', the Tribal Health Collaborative on April 07 through video conference.**



- ✓ The initiative is supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).
- ✓ It was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ✓ The main objective of the initiative is to enhance health and nutrition eco-system of tribal communities in India
- ✓ Under the initiative, the National Council on Tribal Health and a Tribal Health Cell will be set up to monitor the health care needs in tribal areas.
- ✓ Further, the mission will implement the Tribal Health Action Plan.
- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs together launched the 'Tribal Tuberculosis Initiative' to fulfil the goal of "TB Mukh Bharat", i.e., "Tuberculosis Free India" by 2025.
- ✓ According to Abhay Bang Committee report on the 'Tribal Health in India', there are 703 cases per 1,00,000 people among the tribals, as against 256 in the rest of the country

INTERNATIONAL

- **On April 10, the UAE - named the next two astronauts in its space programme, including the country's first female astronaut.**
- ✓ Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, named the two astronauts on Twitter.



- ✓ He named Noura al-Matroushi as the UAE's first female astronaut and her male counterpart as Mohammed al-Mulla.
 - ✓ Al-Matroushi, born in 1993, is an engineer at the Abu Dhabi-based National Petroleum Construction Co.
 - ✓ Al-Mulla, born in 1988, serves as a pilot with Dubai police and heads their training division.
 - ✓ The two will undergo training at Nasa's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.
 - ✓ If al-Matroushi ends up going on a mission, she could become the first Arab woman in space.
 - ✓ Anousheh Raissyan, an Iranian-American entrepreneur from Dallas, became the first Muslim woman and first Iranian in space when she travelled as a self-funded civilian to the International Space Station in 2006.
 - ✓ The first Muslim in space was Saudi Prince Sultan bin Salman, who joined the crew of the shuttle Discovery in 1985.
- **On April 10, China - slapped a record 18 billion yuan (\$2.75 billion) fine on Alibaba Group Holding, one of the country's biggest online retailers**
- ✓ The move follows after an anti-monopoly probe found the ecommerce giant had abused its dominant market position for several years.
 - ✓ The fine is about 4% of Alibaba's 2019 domestic revenues.
 - ✓ The Alibaba business empire has come under intense scrutiny in China since billionaire founder Jack Ma's public criticism of the country's regulatory system in October.
 - ✓ A month later, authorities stopped a planned \$37 billion IPO by Ant Group, Alibaba's internet finance arm, which was set to be the world's biggest ever.
 - ✓ The State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) announced its antitrust probe into the company in December.
 - ✓ According to SAMR, Alibaba had been "abusing market dominance" since 2015 by preventing its merchants from using other online e-commerce platforms.
 - ✓ The illegal practice, according to the regulator SAMR, violates China's antimonopoly law by hindering the free circulation of goods and infringing on the business interests of merchants.

- ✓ The fine slapped on Alibaba, which is listed in New York and Hong Kong, ranks among the highest ever antitrust penalties globally
 - ✓ Besides imposing the fine, the regulator ordered Alibaba to make “thorough rectifications” to strengthen internal compliance and protect consumer rights.
 - ✓ Alibaba said in a statement that it accepts the penalty and “will ensure its compliance with determination”.
 - ✓ The fine is more than double the \$975 million paid in China by Qualcomm, the world’s biggest supplier of mobile phone chips, in 2015 for anticompetitive practices.
- **The International Monetary Fund – has proposed a temporary ‘Solidarity Tax’ on Pandemic Winners.**
- ✓ Accordingly, the companies that prospered during the pandemic should pay additional tax to show solidarity towards those hit hardest by the pandemic
 - ✓ The Solidarity Tax was introduced by IMF citing Germany’s Solidarity tax imposed for a period of one year after reunification.
 - ✓ It shall be imposed to reduce social inequalities that increased during the recent health crisis.
 - ✓ During the pandemic, the advanced economies have borrowed 11.7% of their National income, emerging countries have borrowed 9.8% and low-income countries have borrowed 5.5%.
 - ✓ The solidarity tax was introduced in Germany in 1991 after the East and West Germany were joined together.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **India - hosted a Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors virtually on April 6, 2021.**
- ✓ The meeting was jointly chaired by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman and Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Shaktikanta Das.
 - ✓ The participants included Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the BRICS countries.



- ✓ This was the first BRICS meet under the chairmanship of India in 2021.
- ✓ The meeting discussed financial cooperation agenda set by India for 2021, which included various Covid-19 and BRICS related topics
- ✓ India is to host the 13th summit of BRICS grouping for the year 2021, which marks the fifteenth anniversary of the international grouping.
- ✓ Previously India hosted BRICS Summit in 2012 and in 2016.
- ✓ BRICS is the acronym of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- ✓ The first BRICS summit was held in the year in 2009 in Russia.
- ✓ In 2010, South Africa joined the BRICS grouping.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **The scientists at Tufts University – have recently developed world’s first ‘living’ and ‘self healing’ robots named ‘Xenobots’ by using the stem cells of frogs**
- ✓ They have been named after *Xenopus laevis*, an african frog, that supplied its cells to create the robot.
- ✓ These robots can be used to detect diseases and deliver drugs to specific areas of the body.
- ✓ They can record memories and are capable of healing themselves
- ✓ Comprising of 500-1000 living cells, they are typically less than 1 milli metre long and come in different basic shapes
- ✓ They can move small objects by harnessing their cellular energy for a maximum of ten days.
- ✓ Xenobots can travel in linear or circular directions and can join together to act ‘collectively’
- ✓ The Xenobots were created by microengineering amphibian eggs with RNA.
- ✓ The memory retaining capability of the Xenobots was assisted by a protein called EosFP.

DEFENCE

- **INS Sarvekshak, a hydrographic survey ship – is to conduct joint hydrographic surveys in Mauritius along with the support of Mauritian authorities**



- ✓ During the deployment, training of Mauritian personnel on advanced hydrographic equipment and practices will also be undertaken.
- ✓ The specialized hydrographic survey ship has visited Port Louis and commenced the hydrographic survey of “Deep Sea Area off Port Louis”.
- ✓ INS Sarvekshak is fitted with state-of-the-art survey equipment like deep sea multi-beam echo sounder, side scan sonars and a fully automated digital surveying and processing system.
- ✓ Further, the ship also carries an integral Chetak helicopter for extensive deployment during the survey.
- ✓ The Hydrographic surveys help in the measurement of various features of ocean that affect marine dredging, maritime navigation, offshore oil exploration and drilling and other related activities.
- ✓ The INS Sarvekshak operates under the Southern Naval Command.
- ✓ It had earlier been deployed in Mauritius for surveys in 2006, 2011, 2015.
- ✓ In 2007, INS Sarvekshak surveyed Port Mathurin located in Rodrigues of Mauritius that was last surveyed more than hundred years ago.
- ✓ It has also undertaken various foreign surveys along the coasts of Tanzania, Seychelles and Kenya.
- ✓ INS Sarvekshak was the first ship of Indian Navy to deploy solar power.

APPOINTMENTS

- **The government - appointed S Ramann as the Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries and Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

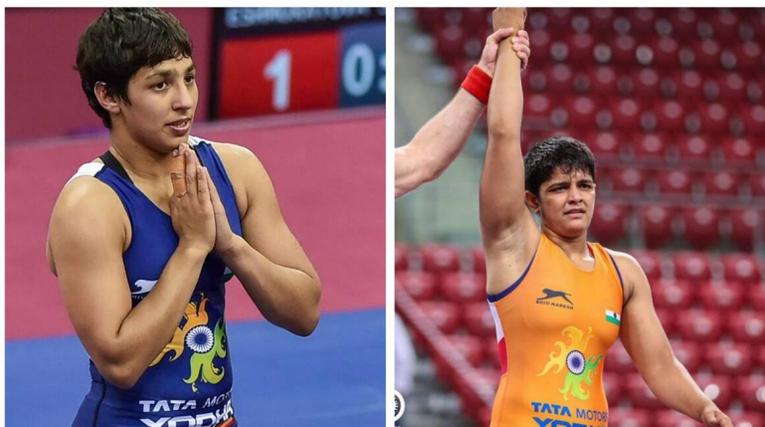


- ✓ The appointment is for the tenure of three years from the date he assumes the charge of the new post
- ✓ In December, Banks Board Bureau, the organisation responsible for recruitments for state-owned banks and financial institutions, had recommended Ramann’s name for the said position.
- ✓ Ramann is 1991-batch Indian Audit & Accounts Service officer.
- ✓ He is currently serving as the CEO of National E-Governance Services Ltd, India’s first Information Utility.

- ✓ Earlier, he was appointed as the Principal Accountant General, Jharkhand, the C&AG of India.
- ✓ Ramann also served as the Executive Director of SIDBI earlier between 2011-2013
- ✓ He holds a Master's degree in Financial Regulation from London School of Economics and Political Science

SPORTS

- **India's young wrestlers Anshu Malik and Sonam Malik – qualified for the Tokyo Olympics, following impressive performances in the Asian Olympics qualifiers held at Almaty, Kazakhstan on April 10**



- ✓ The 19-year-old Anshu's dominant display against Uzbekistan's Akhmedova in the semi-final enabled her to seal a spot for the Olympics in the 57 kg category
- ✓ The 18-year-old Sonam made a remarkable comeback from 0-6 down in the semi-final clash to beat home favourite Ayaulym Kassymova of Kazakhstan 9-6 to win a Tokyo 2020 berth in the 62 kg category
- ✓ Sonam became the third Indian female and sixth wrestler to win the Olympic quota for the country.
- ✓ She also became the youngest Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the Olympics.
- ✓ Since the start of 2019, Sonam has beaten Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik four times – the latest at the national trials for the Asian qualifiers last month.
- ✓ Now with a ticket to Tokyo, Sonam has shut the door on Sakshi's participation at the Olympics this year.
- ✓ India now have three women wrestlers (third being senior wrestler Vinesh Phogat at 53kg), who will now fight for pride at the Summer Games.
- ✓ Vinesh had earlier qualified through the 2019 World Championship.
- ✓ Overall, India now has six wrestlers who have qualified for the upcoming Games.
- ✓ Among men, Bajrang Punia (65kg), Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and Deepak Punia (86kg) have qualified in the men's freestyle event.

RANKINGS

- **The 35th annual world's billionaires list – was released by the Forbes magazine on April 6**
- ✓ The list includes 2,755 billionaires — 660 more than last year, including 493 people who are new to the list
- ✓ The ranking features a record 1,975 self-made billionaires, who have built a company or established a fortune on their own.
- ✓ There are 328 female billionaires, up from 241 in 2020.
- ✓ Asia-Pacific has the most billionaires, with 1,149, followed by the United States with 724 and Europe with 628.



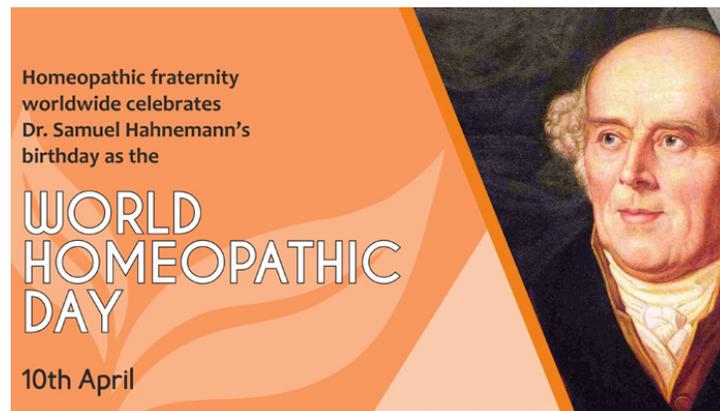
- ✓ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, with a net worth of \$177 billion, retains the top spot on this year's ranking for the fourth consecutive year
- ✓ SpaceX and Tesla's Elon Musk, with a net worth of \$151 billion, went up to the number two spot, from No. 31 on last year's ranking.
- ✓ Bernard Arnault of LVMH remains at No. 3 with \$150 billion assets, followed by Bill Gates at fourth place
- ✓ Arnault oversees France-based fashion empire LVMH, which includes brands like Louis Vuitton and Sephora.
- ✓ Completing the top five on this year's ranking is Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.
- ✓ The tenth spot goes to Mukesh Ambani, who runs India's Reliance Industries, which has interests in petrochemicals, oil and gas, telecom and retail.



- ✓ Ambani, the richest person in Asia, has a net worth of \$84.5 billion.
- ✓ Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani is the second richest Indian with a net worth of \$50.5 billion and ranked at 24th place on the global list of billionaires.
- ✓ HCL founder Shiv Nadar is ranked third among the richest person in India with a net worth of \$23.5 billion and ranked 71st on the global list
- ✓ The richest woman on the list is Francoise Bettencourt Meyers & family, who came in at the twelfth place
 - ✓ Bettencourt Meyers is the granddaughter of the founder of L'Oreal and as the richest woman in the world has a worth of \$73.6 billion.
- ✓ This is the first year Warren Buffett has not been among the top five richest in more than two decades.
- ✓ Eight of the top 10 billionaires are from the U.S. — including Microsoft's Bill Gates (No. 4), Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg (5), Berkshire Hathaway's Warren Buffet (6), Oracle's Larry Ellison (7) and Google's Larry Page (8) and Sergey Brin (9).
- ✓ India has the third-highest number of billionaires in the world after the US and China
- ✓ With 140 billionaires in 2021, India has gone past Germany (having 136 billionaires) to claim the third spot in countries with the most billionaires in 2021
- ✓ Every year, Forbes releases a list of the billionaires which covers the wealthiest businesspersons across the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Homeopathy day - April 10



- ✓ The day is observed to mark the importance and benefits of homeopathy and its contribution to the world of medicine
- ✓ It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homeopathy, Dr Samuel Hahnemann, a German physician
- ✓ The day's theme in India for this year is "Homeopathy: Roadmap for Integrative Medicine"
- ✓ India is also one of the largest manufacturers of homeopathic drugs in the world
- ✓ Last year, the theme of World Homeopathy Day was 'Enhancing the scope of Homeopathy in Public Health.'

