



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 13, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- **On April 12, E-commerce major Flipkart partnered with Adani Group - to set up its third data centre at AdaniConnex facility in Chennai.**
- ✓ This is one of the largest private cloud-related investment in the entire country
- ✓ The new centre will further strengthen Flipkart's growing e-commerce business in India.
- ✓ The e-retailer already has a data centre in Chennai and it has also set up another centre in April 2019 in Hyderabad in partnership with provider CtrlS.
- ✓ The AdaniConnex facility is a new joint venture between Adani Enterprises and Edge-ConneX, a data centre provider
- ✓ Last year, the Adani Group announced its plans to invest around ₹2,500 crore to set up a hyperscale data centre (DC) in Chennai called Adani Chennai-1
- ✓ Till now, at least six companies have committed around ₹12,000 crore in data centre infrastructure investments in Tamil Nadu in 2020 as part of a series of MoUs signed by the state.
- ✓ Yotta Infrastructure, HDCI Data Centre and Singapore-based ST TeleMedia are some other companies that have committed to investing in the state.
- ✓ As part of the tie-up, Flipkart also partnered with Adani Logistics to strengthen Flipkart's supply chain infrastructure
- ✓ In this aspect, Adani Logistics will construct a 5,34,000 square feet fulfilment centre in Mumbai and lease it to Flipkart.
- ✓ The new centre will be operational in the third quarter of 2022
- ✓ It has a capacity to accommodate 10 million units of sellers' inventory at any point and provide around 2,500 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

- **A three-member convener committee headed by Higher Education Secretary Apoorva - will run Anna University after the completion of the tenure of previous vice-chancellor.**

- ✓ IT secretary Hans Raj Verma and Ranjani Parthasarathy from College of Engineering, Guindy, will be the other members of the committee.
 - ✓ Professor M K Surappa completed his three-year tenure as vice-chancellor on April 11
 - ✓ The convener committee has been mandated to discharge the duties of vice-chancellor till a new V-C is appointed.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, a three-member vice-chancellor search committee headed by Jawaharlal Nehru University vice-chancellor M Jagadish Kumar has been formed.
 - ✓ Madras University former vice-chancellor S P Thyagarajan and former IAS officer Sheela Rani Chungath are the other two members of the committee
- **The Asian Development Bank - recently approved \$484 million grant for Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.**
- ✓ The project aims to upgrade 590 km of state highways along the industrial corridor
 - ✓ It also covers improved drainage, resizing of bridges and culverts and raised road embankments in critical sections
 - ✓ The CKIC is a part of East Coast Economic Corridor, which stretches from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ The complete East Coast Corridor was developed with the help of financial assistance from Asian Development Bank.
 - ✓ In 2016, ADB approved Phase 1 of the East Coast Corridor called Vishakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor.

STATES

- **The Kerala State Health Department – has announced the launch of a mass vaccination drive called the “Crushing the Curve”.**
- ✓ It aims to contain the spread of Covid-19 in the state during the ongoing second wave in the country
 - ✓ Under the ‘Crushing Curve’ campaign, the state aims to vaccinate the maximum number of people above the age of 45 with the services of the local bodies.
 - ✓ The state had earlier launched ‘Break the Chain’ and ‘Back to Basics’ campaigns, which were quite popular among masses in promoting social distancing
 - ✓ The State’s Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan along with former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Oommen Chandy are already into isolation/quarantine in different hospitals after testing ‘positive’ for the virus
 - ✓ The health sector of Kerala had won laurels in recent times for the management of diseases.
 - ✓ In September 2020, Kerala won the UN Award for Control of Non-Communicable diseases.
 - ✓ Kerala emerged as the most successful state in fighting against the viral disease.
 - ✓ The state was having a transmission rate of primary carrier at only 0.4, when the corresponding figure was 6 in the country.

NATIONAL

- **Indian drug regulator's subject expert committee – had recommended Russia's Sputnik V vaccine for restricted emergency use on April 12, 2021**
- ✓ The final approval by the Drug Controller General of India is expected latest by April 13
- ✓ With this, the country gets its third vaccine shot against the Covid-19 infection, after Covishield and Covaxin
- ✓ Once approved, Hyderabad-based Dr Reddy's Labs will initially import the vaccine to supply to the government for the National Covid Vaccination programme
- ✓ The supply of Sputnik V will improve by June-July, once local production begins

426M DOSES LIKELY FOR USE IN INDIA

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 852m doses of Sputnik V is what Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) has tied up to produce in India over a year➤ 426m or 50% may be available for use in India➤ 100m doses to be distributed by Dr Reddy's; It will start with vaccines imported from Russia➤ 2-3 weeks required to import the vaccine as there are no stocks➤ Likely to take at least 90 days before production starts in India	Production capacity tied up for Sputnik V doses (in million) Gland Pharma 252 Virchow Biotech 200 Panacea Biotech 100 Hetero Biopharma 100 Stelis Biopharma 200
	What rivals may produce Serum Institute 780* Bharat Biotech 150**

- ✓ At present, around 70 million shots of Covishield and Covaxin are being produced every month.
- ✓ Covishield was developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca and made in India by Serum Institute of India
- ✓ Covaxin was developed indigenously by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech
- ✓ At least five Indian companies have already partnered Russia's sovereign wealth fund RDIF (Russian Direct Investment Fund) to locally manufacture the vaccine in a few months
- ✓ Sputnik V has been developed by Russia's Gamaleya National Research Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology with funding from RDIF
- ✓ It has a proven 91.6% efficacy and has been approved for use in 55 countries across the world.
- ✓ Dr Reddy's Labs is also conducting bridging studies with the vaccine in India on 1,500 participants to test safety and efficacy in local population
- ✓ Hence, initially, it will only distribute the vaccine locally without undertaking any exports.
- ✓ Further, companies like Hetero Biopharma, Gland Pharma and others have agreements with RDIF to manufacture around 850 million doses of Sputnik V.

- **The Ministry of Power - recently issued draft amendment to Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020.**
 - ✓ These new rules allow net metering of roof top solar systems of loads up to 500 kW or up to the sanctioned load, whichever is lower
 - ✓ As per the Ministry, the stakeholders can send their comments to the ministry by April 30, 2021.
 - ✓ The provision under the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules 2020, issued in December 2020, mandated net metering for loads up to 10 kW and gross metering for loads greater than 10 kW.
 - ✓ Gross Metering is a system where the total solar energy generated from a grid interactive rooftop solar PV system and the energy consumed are accounted separately.
 - ✓ Net metering involves the system where solar energy is exported to the grid from grid interactive rooftop solar photo voltaic system
 - ✓ According to the new rules, no connection shall be provided without prepayment meters, which should also have testing provisions
 - ✓ The rules mainly cover several aspects of power supply to the consumers.
 - ✓ It includes metering arrangements, obligations of distribution licenses, release of new connections, grievance redressal, modifications of existing connections and compensation mechanisms.
 - ✓ The consumer shall have the option to pay bills offline or online, including advance payment of bills.
- **Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' - had recently launched the world's first micro-sensor based explosive trace detector called the "NanoSniffer"**



- ✓ The NanoSniffer was developed by an IIT Bombay incubated startup called 'NanoSniff Technologies'.
- ✓ It is marketed by the IIT Delhi incubated startup Kritikal Solutions.
- ✓ The device has been already tested at Pune-based DRDO's High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) and by the country's elite counter-terror force National Security Guard (NSG)

- ✓ The detector can find out a wide range of military, commercial and home-made explosives threats in less than ten seconds using a MEMS (Micro-Electromechanical System) system.
 - ✓ The device is priced at Rs 10 lakhs, which is around one-third of the price of existing devices.
 - ✓ Being 100% 'Made in India' product, the indigenous device will reduce India's dependency on imported explosive trace detector devices.
 - ✓ The 'Explosive Trace Detection' is the technology used to detect explosives of small magnitude.
 - ✓ The three main characteristics of Explosive Trace Detection are sensitivity or detection limit, light weight, and size.
 - ✓ The NanoSniffer has very high sensitivity as they can detect even nano quantities of explosives.
 - ✓ The core technology of NanoSniffer is protected by patents in the United States and Europe.
- **The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - recently adopted 295 Atal Tinkering Labs established under Atal Innovation Mission.**
- ✓ This will help young innovators associated with the Atal Tinkering Labs to learn from the best scientists in the country.
 - ✓ As per the plan, the CSIR scientists are to mentor each of the Atal Tinkering Labs.
 - ✓ Further, CSIR and Atal Innovation Mission will conduct series of webinars for the students on the topics of STEM research and innovation.
 - ✓ Atal Innovation Mission was launched in seventeen focus areas to promote culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
 - ✓ Under the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog launched the Atal New India Challenge to develop innovations and technologies relevant to the people of India.
- **NITI Aayog - launched a first-of-its-kind, Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India on April 10, 2021**
- ✓ Justice DY Chandrachud, Supreme Court of India, delivered the opening address and launched the handbook.
 - ✓ NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, TATA Sons Vice President Poornima Sampath and Sumit Gupta, Head Collections, Udaan, were present during the launch
 - ✓ This new handbook was launched in association with Agami and Omidyar Network India and with the support of ICICI Bank, Ashoka Innovators for the Public, Trilegal, Dalberg, Dvara, NIPFP.
 - ✓ The handbook highlights the need for the business leaders to adopt Online Dispute resolution in the country
 - ✓ The Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) is the resolution of disputes outside courts.
 - ✓ This is mainly used to solve small and medium cases using digital technology.
 - ✓ The Online Dispute Resolution adopts techniques of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) such as mediation, negotiation, and arbitration.

- ✓ The Alternate Dispute Resolution was brought as an alternative to going to court.
- ✓ Of late, it has become expensive in the country considering the shortages in availability of arbitrator in Alternate Dispute Resolution.
- **On April 8, Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) and Google - announced an AI for Agriculture Hackathon to address the issue of water scarcity in India.**



- ✓ The initiative brought together start-ups and experts from across the country during April 7-9, 2021, in designing and deploying solutions for farmers.
- ✓ It was conducted in collaboration with MyGov India, the Government of India's citizen engagement programme and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- ✓ The hackathon aims to encourage and find innovative solutions using artificial intelligence to conserve freshwater usage
- ✓ More than 80% of fresh water in India is used in agriculture
- ✓ Basically, the initiative aims to conserve water and bring upon innovative methods to utilise minimal amount of water.
- **The Centre - launched the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) scheme in ten states**
- ✓ It plans to roll out the scheme across the entire country by March 2022.
- ✓ This was informed by the Department of Land Resources to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development, which had submitted its report recently
- ✓ As per the scheme, the Centre plans to issue a 14-digit alpha-numeric identification number to every plot of land in the country within a year's time.
- ✓ It will subsequently integrate its land records database with revenue court records and bank records, as well as Aadhaar numbers on a voluntary basis later.
- ✓ The identification will be based on the longitude and latitude coordinates of the land parcel, and is dependent on detailed surveys and geo-referenced maps
- ✓ This is the next step in the centre's ambitious Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), which began in 2008 and has been extended till 2023-24

- ✓ The pilot testing of ULPIN has been successfully carried out in the states of Haryana, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Sikkim, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.
- ✓ The ULPIN will help in preventing land fraud especially in rural areas and make standardisation of land record data across the departments easier.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - asked the Chief Ministers of the States to organise “Tika Utsav” (Vaccine Festival) between April 11 to 14, 2021**
- ✓ The main objective of the festival is to vaccinate as many people as possible and focus on zero wastage of the anti-Covid-19 vaccine.
- ✓ Currently, three states - Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Gujarat - are receiving maximum number of vaccine doses.
- ✓ The Centre has planned to cover 250 million people included in “high priority” category by July 2021 under its vaccination programme.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - released the Hindi translation of “Odisha Itihaas” in New Delhi on April 9, 2021**



- ✓ The book is written by 'Utkal Keshari' Dr Harekrushna Mahtab, who served as the first Chief Minister of Odisha from 1946 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1961.
- ✓ Dr Mahtab wrote the book Odisha Itihaas in Ahmednagar Fort Jail, where he was imprisoned between 1942 and 1945
- ✓ The book is available in Odia and English and was translated to Hindi by Shankarlal Purohit.
- ✓ Dr Harekrushna Mahtab is a notable figure in the Indian Independence Movement and in the merger and integration of princely states
- ✓ He founded the Prajatantra Prachar Samiti and started the weekly magazine Prajantantra in 1923.
- ✓ He is also credited with setting up Bhubaneswar as the capital of the state from Cuttack, along with the construction of the Secretariat building, Raj Bhawan and Assembly buildings.
- ✓ Dr Mahtab translated Valmiki’s Ramayan from Sanskrit into Oriya and also wrote the Oriya version of the Gita.
- ✓ He also served as the Governor of Bombay from 1955 to 1956.

- ✓ Dr. Mahtab was also credited for sanctioning the construction of Hirakud Dam in the state.
- ✓ He was imprisoned in 1976 for protesting against the emergency rule.
- **The Ministry of Civil Aviation - recently allowed the Central Mine Planning Design Institute to survey the coal field areas of Coal India Limited using drones**
 - ✓ Accordingly, the drones shall be deployed to monitor the mapping, inspection and surveying of coalfields.
 - ✓ This is a conditional exemption and is valid till April 4, 2022.
 - ✓ The permission from the Director General of Civil Aviation is mandatory as no Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) shall permitted to carry any payload
 - ✓ Only Nano class drones can operate in India.
 - ✓ The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has full powers to inspect the manufacturing of Unmanned Aerial System or its maintenance facility.
- **The Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari - recently announced that the RE-HAB project of Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC) is to be implemented in other states.**
 - ✓ The states in which the project is to be implemented include Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala
 - ✓ Project RE-HAB refers to 'Reducing Elephant Human Attacks using Bees'.
 - ✓ It was launched initially at four spots in the Nagarhole National Park of Karnataka.
 - ✓ The project aims to prevent elephant human conflicts without creating harm to either of them.
 - ✓ The project uses bee boxes as fence to prevent elephants from entering human habitation, as the buzz of the bees irritates elephants.
 - ✓ Also, elephants fear that the bees might sting them in the inner side of the trunk and in their eyes.
 - ✓ The bee boxes were provided as a part of Honey Mission, which was launched by KVIC in 2017.
 - ✓ The main aim of the Honey mission is to provide awareness and training in bee keeping.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian - arrived in New Delhi for a four day bilateral official visit on April 12**
 - ✓ Le Drian will hold formal talks with External Affairs Minister Jaishankar on April 13 and call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi later.
 - ✓ PM Modi is supposed to make a bilateral visit to Paris after the India-Europe summit at Porto on May 8.

- ✓ The PM is expected to meet all 27 heads of government at the Porto informal summit.



- ✓ Le Drian is also one of the prime speakers at the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue, which will be held in virtual mode from April 13 to 16, 2021
- ✓ He will also participate in a discussion with EAM Jaishankar and Australian foreign minister Marise Payne on “multilateralism in the Indo-Pacific region”.
- ✓ Then, Le Drian will travel to Bengaluru to meet Indian business groups, as well as meet the tech community there, to urge joint startups with French entities.
- ✓ Further, he will participate in talks that will cover all aspects of the bilateral strategic partnership, joint initiatives in the Indo-Pacific, regional and global issues of common interest, and cooperation in the United Nations Security Council, where India currently sits as an elected member.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - held a virtual summit with Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte recently on April 9, 2021**



- ✓ During the summit, the two leaders exchanged views on the regional and global issues of mutual interest.
- ✓ PM Modi virtually wished his Netherlands counterpart on his fourth win in the recent parliamentary elections.
- ✓ The PM noted that the two countries have a similar approach to various issues, including climate change, terrorism, pandemic and other challenges

- ✓ He also said that both the countries are developing convergences in areas like Indo-Pacific resilient supply chains and global digital governance
 - ✓ India and Netherlands share a long history of trade and investment.
 - ✓ The two countries share a vibrant economic partnership with the Netherlands being the third-largest source of Foreign Direct Investment for India.
 - ✓ There are over 200 Dutch companies present in India with a similar presence of Indian businesses in the Netherlands.
 - ✓ During the summit, India and Netherlands launched a strategic partnership on water.
 - ✓ Under the partnership, the countries agreed to broaden bilateral cooperation in new areas of water management.
 - ✓ The countries will also focus on water budgeting, converting wastewater to energy and decentralized treatment technologies and cost effective water technologies.
 - ✓ Netherlands is the world leader in water management, even though 25% of the country lies under sea level
- **United States' Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry – recently visited India on a four day official trip that concluded on April 8**



- ✓ During his visit, Kerry met the Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar.
- ✓ During the meeting, the two leaders discussed a range of issues including climate finance, joint research and collaboration.
- ✓ Javadekar led an eight-member Indian team at the meeting, while Kerry was accompanied by a seven-member U.S. delegation in the talks
- ✓ This is also Kerry's first visit to India as the U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change.
- ✓ In January 2021, the Biden administration had re-joined the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ The visit comes ahead of Biden's Leaders' Summit on Climate scheduled for April 22-23 and the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP-26, to be held in Glasgow in November 2021
- ✓ U.S. President Biden has invited 40 world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to a U.S.-hosted virtual summit on climate

- ✓ The main objective of Leader's Climate Summit and COP-26 is to increase efforts to keep limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius goal.
- ✓ During the Summit, the US is to announce its ambitious 2030 Emissions target as its new Nationally Determined Contribution.
- ✓ This will be the second time PM Modi and U.S. President Biden will be together at a virtual summit after last month's Quad meeting.
- ✓ According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is the third-largest global emitter of carbon dioxide, after China and the U.S.
- ✓ India has set a target of achieving 175GW (gigawatt) of renewable energy capacity by 2022 and 450GW by 2030.
- ✓ With respect to Climate finance, India will require 2.5 trillion USD between 2015 and 2030 to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **A team of scientists - have recently tried to solve cosmological events through Dark Sirens.**
 - ✓ The Dark Sirens are high-energy gravitational waves emitted from the smashing of neutron stars or black holes.
 - ✓ They are generally picked up by gravitational wave detector but not by ordinary telescopes.
 - ✓ The cosmological events are related to the expansion of universe and calculating how fast it is moving away from earth
 - ✓ This could not be done easily as different ways of measuring Hubble's constant provide different results.
 - ✓ When the Universe is moving away from the earth, the relationship between speed and distance between the earth and the universe is called Hubble Constant.
 - ✓ The Constant has been named after Edwin Hubble who first calculated the value of Hubble Constant in 1920.
 - ✓ The LASER Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) has been listening to Dark Sirens since 2015.
 - ✓ Based on the sound heard, LIGO will help the scientists calculate how far the Dark Sirens happen.
 - ✓ Recently, the discovery of Quasars has also given hope of determining Hubble's constant.
- **NASA - has decided to reschedule the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter's first experimental flight after April 14, based on the data received**
 - ✓ Earlier, the space agency had unlocked the rotor blades of its Ingenuity helicopter, thereby allowing them to spin freely, on April 7, 2021.

- ✓ The helicopter was attached to the Perseverance rover, which was sent to Mars and landed on the planet on February 18, 2021 at the Octavia Butler Landing site in Jezero crater
 - ✓ The Ingenuity Mars Helicopter will have the unique distinction of being the first aircraft sent from the earth to another planet to attempt powered, controlled flight
 - ✓ JPL, which manages this technology demonstration project for NASA Headquarters, built the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter
 - ✓ One of the main goals of the Perseverance's mission on Mars is astrobiology, which is to search for signs of ancient microbial life and possible human exploration
 - ✓ The rover is set to collect Martian rock to study the geology and climate of the reddish planet and will become the first mission to do so
 - ✓ The Ingenuity carries a piece of fabric from the wing of Wright Flyer, which is the airplane of the Wright Brothers.
 - ✓ The Mars 2020 mission is a part of Mars Exploration Programme of NASA.
 - ✓ It was launched from the earth in July 2020.
- **The scientists from Singapore - have developed a technology to interact with plants using a technology called "Robo Plant"**

Scientists develop Robo Plant Technology to interact with plants



- ✓ The technology helps to control the plants using smart phone applications.
- ✓ In future, this technology can be further used to enable farmers to detect diseases in plants.
- ✓ The scientists developed the new technology by linking plants to electrodes.
- ✓ These electrodes were capable of monitoring weak electrical pulses that are naturally emitted by green plants.
- ✓ The scientists used the technology in a carnivorous plant, Venus Flytrap, which catches prey with a trapping structure
- ✓ The IUCN has put the plant under "Vulnerable" status.

ECONOMY

- **The HDFC Bank - recently announced the winners of the fourth edition of SmartUp Grants, 2021.**



- ✓ Around twenty-one startups that are working in the social sector have been selected to receive the grants out of three hundred applications received.
- ✓ The SmartUp Grants was first instituted in 2017.
- ✓ In the last four years, HDFC has supported more than eighty-seven startups and disbursed Rs 19.4 crore under this initiative.
- ✓ HDFC provides preference to the startups working in the field of skill development and education.
- ✓ To shortlist the winner, the HDFC bank has partnered with IIT Delhi, IIM Kashipur, AIC-BIMTECH, IIT BHU, GUSEC, C-CAMP, Banasthali University, etc.
- ✓ The criteria used to evaluate the startups are sustainability of the idea, benefits of the idea to the society, potential to improvise and uniqueness of the project.
- ✓ India now has around 38,750 startups and is the third largest tech startup hub in the world.

APPOINTMENTS

- **On April 12, Sushil Chandra - appointed as the new chief election commissioner**



- ✓ He succeeds Sunil Arora who served as election commissioner and then as CEC.
- ✓ Chandra, a former IRS officer, had retired as the chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) before being appointed as election commissioner in February, 2019.
- ✓ He was appointed as the Election Commissioner along with Ashok Lavasa and Sunil Arora in 2019.

- ✓ In 2017, Chandra launched “Operation Clean Money” to curb illegal wealth and black money in the country
 - ✓ He takes over as CEC as per convention of the senior-most election commissioner heading the poll panel.
 - ✓ His term will end in 2022
- **Former special CBI judge Surendra Kumar Yadav – was appointed as deputy lokayukta of Uttar Pradesh on April 12**



- ✓ Yadav delivered judgment in the 1992 Babri demolition case acquitting all the 32 accused including BJP veterans LK Advani, MM Joshi, Uma Bharti and Kalyan Singh
- ✓ Yadav was appointed by UP governor Anandiben Patel and administered the oath of office by UP lokayukta Justice Sanjay Mishra on April 12
- ✓ The governor had signed Yadav’s appointment letter on April 6.
- ✓ He is the third deputy lokayukta of the state.
- ✓ As special CBI court judge, Yadav had given the verdict in the Babri mosque demolition case in September last year.
- ✓ As per the verdict, Babri mosque demolition was “not a pre-planned but a spontaneous act.”

