



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 16,

2021

### NATIONAL

- **The National Institute of Urban Affairs - recently launched the Infant Toddler and Caregiver friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building Programme.**
  - ✓ Netherlands-based 'Bernard van Leer Foundation' will be collaborating with the Institute in implementing the programme.
  - ✓ The ITCN programme is developed to build capacities of young professionals and city officials to develop young children and family friendly neighbourhoods in the country.
  - ✓ The certified training programme is to be delivered through National Urban Learning Platform.
  - ✓ The platform operates under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
  
- **The Centre - announced that it will implement mandatory hallmarking of gold artefacts and jewellery from June 1, 2021, as per the earlier plan.**
  - ✓ Gold Hallmarking, which is voluntary at present, involves providing purity certification to the gold jewellery and artefacts.
  - ✓ Only three grades of jewellerys - 14-carat, 18-carat and 22-carat - will be hall marked under the new regulations.
  - ✓ Earlier, ten grades of gold jewellerys were hall marked.
  - ✓ The new Gold Hallmark will contain four marks - purity in carat, BIS mark, assay centre's name and the identification mark of the jewellery.
  - ✓ The system is also available for consumers who want their old jewellerys hallmarked.
  - ✓ A person found violating the provisions will have to pay a minimum fine of Rs 1 lakh or five times the price of the jewellery.
  - ✓ The mandatory hallmarking of gold will protect the public against lower carat level, bring in transparency and will assure quality to the consumers.
  - ✓ The BIS Act, 2016 made gold hallmarking mandatory in India.

- ✓ The Hallmarking scheme for gold artefacts is run by BIS since 2000.
- ✓ Also, the BIS Hallmarking Regulations, 2018 called for hallmarking of silver jewellery and silver artefacts and also gold jewellery and gold artefacts.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **On April 15, the United States - announced tough new sanctions on Russia in response to its interference in US elections and its hacking operation that breached vital government agencies and private companies.**
- ✓ The US government said it sanctioned 32 entities and individuals for carrying out the Russian government's interference in the 2020 presidential election.
- ✓ The country also joined with European partners to sanction eight people and entities associated with Russia's occupation in Crimea.
- ✓ The order also designates six Russian companies for providing support to the cyberactivities of the Russian intelligence service.
- ✓ The US officially named the Russian foreign intelligence service and several connected entities as being responsible for the Texas-based SolarWinds hack.
- ✓ The Kremlin has denied all US allegations.
- ✓ The US also said it is expelling 10 Russian diplomats, including members of the Russian intelligence service, from the country's mission in Washington, DC.

## INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **UK PM Boris Johnson - will travel to India on April 25 in his first major international visit outside of Europe since winning the 2019 election**



- ✓ The trip will include a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ✓ Further, India and the UK are set to agree on a "Roadmap 2030" for future relations across a wide spectrum of areas
- ✓ It includes defence and security, technological collaboration, closer engagement in the Indo-Pacific and Western Indian Ocean Region, trade and investment, healthcare, climate change and the people-to-people connect.
- ✓ The visit was expected to bring focus on bilateral cooperation to realise the full potential of enhanced cooperation in this region.
- ✓ The trip will be focused on high-level discussions with the Indian government and business leaders in Delhi.

- ✓ The UK PM will be accompanied by a wider delegation, including UK media, all of whom will have to follow Covid-19 travel rules on their return to the UK.

## ECONOMY

- **Amazon - has set up a \$250-million venture fund in India to digitize local startups**
- ✓ The amount will be used to invest in local startups in the area of digitisation of small and medium businesses, agriculture, and healthcare.
- ✓ The fund has led a \$10-million investment in M1xchange, a digital invoice discounting startup for micro, small and medium enterprises.
- ✓ The e-tailer made these announcements during a chat between Amazon India head Amit Agarwal and Andy Jassy, the incoming CEO of Amazon, who will replace CEO Jeff Bezos.
- ✓ Jassy is currently the CEO of Amazon Web Services.
- ✓ Amazon's venture fund announcement is part of its broader target of digitising 10 million small businesses
- ✓ The retail giant aims for e-commerce exports worth \$10 billion, besides creating 1 million additional jobs in India between 2020 and 2025.
- ✓ It has exported \$3 billion worth of local goods to its overseas markets, largely the US.

## SPORTS

- **India captain Virat Kohli - has been named Wisden Cricketer's Almanack's ODI player of the decade of 2010s**
- ✓ England allrounder Ben Stokes was declared the cricketer of the year for a second successive time in the 2021 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- ✓ To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first ODI, five ODI cricketers of the decade have been named in the 2021 edition of the Almanack
- ✓ Kohli is one of five cricketers who have been named for each decade from 1971 to 2021.



- ✓ The 32-year-old Kohli, who made his ODI debut in August 2008 against Sri Lanka, has amassed a staggering 12,169 runs from 254 matches.
- ✓ He was part of the team that won the 2011 World Cup at the start of the decade

- ✓ Apart from Kohli, Wisden also named legendary Sachin Tendulkar as the ODI cricketer of the 1990s.
- ✓ The right-handed India opener, in 1998, made nine ODI hundreds, more than any other batsman in a single calendar year.
- ✓ Sri Lanka spin legend Muttiah Muralitharan was named the ODI Cricketer of the 2000s

### VIRAT KOHLI'S INCREDIBLE RUN IN ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
<b>Overall</b>	254	245	39	12169	183	59.07	43	62	93.17
<b>2010-20</b>	236	229	37	11556	183	60.18	42	57	94.04

- ✓ India's World Cup-winning former captain Kapil Dev too featured on the list when he was named as the ODI cricketer for the 1980s.
  - ✓ Kapil claimed more wickets than any other in the 1980's, and scored at the highest strike-rate of any batsman with more than 1000 runs.
  - ✓ He also famously led India to a stunning win in the 1983 World Cup against the West Indies team.
  - ✓ West Indies batting great Viv Richards was named the ODI cricketer of the year for the 1970's, which was the first decade of the format
  - ✓ Australia's Beth Mooney was awarded leading women's cricketer while West Indies' Kieron Pollard was named the leading T20 cricketer.
- **On April 15, Pakistan captain Babar Azam - became the No.1-ranked ODI batsman, displacing Virat Kohli's 41 month reign at the top**
- ✓ The 26-yearold from Lahore, Babar is only the fourth batsman from Pakistan, after Zaheer Abbas (1983), Javed Miandad (1988) and Mohammed Yousuf (2003), to have topped the ODI rankings.
  - ✓ Kohli has been the top ranked ODI batsman since Oct 2017



### BABAR AZAM: STAT ATTACK

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
<b>Tests</b>	31	57	8	2167	143	44.22	5	16	56.50
<b>ODIs</b>	80	78	11	3808	125*	56.83	13	17	88.70
<b>T20Is</b>	50	48	9	1916	122	49.12	1	17	132.04

Stat: Rajesh Kumar

- ✓ Ever since his international debut in 2015, Babar scored 3808 runs at an impressive average of 56.83 across 80 One Day Internationals
- ✓ In T20Is, he has scored 1916 runs at 49.12 from 50 outings.
- ✓ Earlier, Babar broke Kohli's record to become the fastest player to reach 1,000 runs in T20Is.

- ✓ Babar achieved the ODI rankings milestone during the ongoing tour of South Africa.
- **Sarita Mor - became the first Indian woman to win two consecutive gold medals in the Asian wrestling championships**



- ✓ On April 15, Sarita defended her Asian Wrestling Championship title in 59kg in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- ✓ In the final, Sarita defeated two-time World championships bronze medallist Shoovdor Baatarjav of Mongolia to retain the title
- ✓ Earlier, Sarita won her first gold in the 2020 Asian championships in the 59kg category in New Delhi
- ✓ She was also a 2017 Asian Wrestling Championship silver medallist in the 58kg weight division
- ✓ Sarita recently bagged a silver medal at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series 2021 in the 57kg weight division.
- ✓ Seema Bisla (50kg) and Pooja (76kg), who claimed bronze medals, were the other Indians to win medals on the day
- ✓ Seema beat Taipei's Yung Hsun Lin by technical superiority to win the bronze medal.
- ✓ Pooja clinched the bronze after winning against Korea's Seyeon Jeong.

