

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 11,2022

NATIONAL

- On April 10, President Ram Nath Kovind - inaugurated the annual Madhavpur Mela at Madhavpur Ghed in Porbandar district of Gujarat



- ✓ Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, and other dignitaries were present during the occasion
- ✓ This four-day-long historic and traditional fair is a symbol of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, which is being organized as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.
- ✓ This fair has been organized by the Cultural Ministry of the Government of India in association with Gujarat government since 2018.
- ✓ At the Fair, visitors can find shops displaying Arti-crafts from various states of west and north-east India
- ✓ The Madhavpur Mela of Gujarat shares its connection to the Mishmi Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ This festival celebrates the marriage of Lord Krishna with Rukmini in Madhavpur
- ✓ It highlights the immortal journey which Rukmini undertook from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat with Lord Krishna

INTERNATIONAL

- **On April 10, incumbent Prime Minister Imran Khan - lost a no-confidence vote filed by an opposition alliance in Parliament.**



- ✓ With this, Imran Khan has become the first Prime Minister in the country's history to be removed through a no-confidence motion
- ✓ The no-confidence motion, which required 172 votes in the 342-seat parliament to pass, was supported by 174 lawmakers.
- ✓ The largest block in the united opposition is from former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's PML-N (84 lawmakers), followed by Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's PPP (56 lawmakers).
- ✓ On the eve of motion, Speaker Asad Qaiser and Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri, both from Imran's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf party, resigned and Ayaz Sadiq of the main opposition PML-N took charge of the proceedings.
- ✓ The younger brother of former three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif and the Leader of Opposition, Shehbaz Sharif, is being considered a frontrunner to be Pakistan's next prime minister
- ✓ On March 28, an alliance of opposition parties presented the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan in the National Assembly.
- ✓ Later on April 3, the deputy speaker of the National Assembly rejected the no-confidence motion over the alleged involvement of foreign hands in the conspiracy to topple the Pakistani government.
- ✓ On April 7, the Supreme Court of Pakistan declared the deputy speaker's action as a violation of the constitution of the country.
- ✓ The apex court ordered the National Assembly to summon a session of the house on April 9 and conduct voting on the no-confidence motion.
- ✓ According to the procedure and rules, the house will send the result of the no-confidence motion to the country's President for approval and permission to start the process to elect a new Prime Minister.
- ✓ Imran Khan, who was elected as the Prime Minister in 2018, faced a no-confidence vote largely on accusations of economic mismanagement.
- ✓ No Pakistani Prime Minister has completed a full five-year term in office.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will have a virtual meeting on April 11**
- ✓ The meeting was sought by the US side while the two countries were finalising the agenda for the 2+2
- ✓ PM Modi and President Biden will review ongoing bilateral cooperation and exchange views on recent developments in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific and global issues of mutual interest

CLIMATE, GLOBAL ECONOMY ALSO ON AGENDA

- Biden-Modi meeting aimed **'to deepen ties** between our governments, economies, and our people', says White House
- The two sides will discuss countering climate crisis, strengthening the global economy and **Indo-Pacific security**, ending the pandemic
- Biden is expected to **push India to review its position** on Russia's war against Ukraine
- **Meet will precede 2+2 talks**

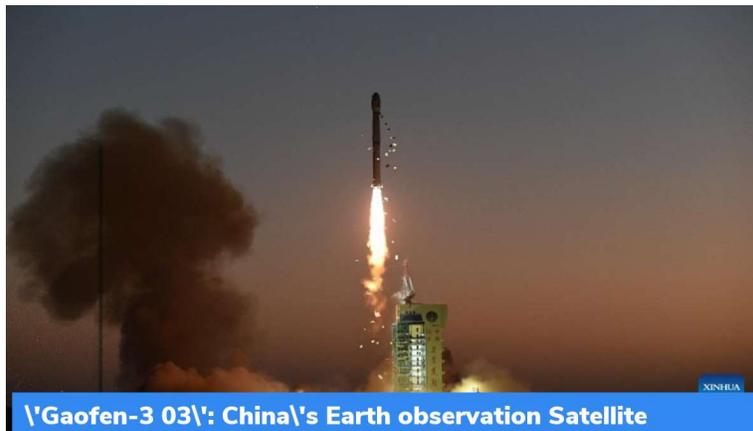


between secretary of state Blinken-secretary of defence Austin & external affairs minister Jaishankar & defence minister Rajnath Singh

- ✓ The meeting between the two leaders will precede the fourth India-US 2+2 Ministerial dialogue between the defence and external affairs ministers of both countries scheduled for April 11 and 12
- ✓ The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation that will visit the US to meet the US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin
- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will also meet his American counterpart Secretary of State Antony Blinken.
- ✓ US President Biden last spoke to PM Modi and other leaders of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad during a virtual summit in March.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **On April 7, China - successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite, Gaofen-3 03, from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre**
- ✓ The satellite was launched by a Long March-4C rocket and has entered the planned orbit successfully.
- ✓ The new satellite will become part of its land-sea radar satellite constellation and capture fine-resolution images to help Beijing safeguard its maritime rights and interests.
- ✓ The satellite will be networked with the orbiting Gaofen-3 and Gaofen-3 02 satellites to form a land-sea radar satellite constellation and capture reliable, stable synthetic aperture radar (SAR) images.



- ✓ Earth Observation (EO) satellites produce a large number of SAR images every day
- ✓ These satellites will serve the fields of marine disaster prevention and mitigation, dynamic marine environment monitoring, marine research, environmental protection, water conservancy, agriculture and meteorology
- **In a historic development, the crew members of the Axiom-1 (Ax-1) mission - are all set to enter the International Space Station (ISS).**
- ✓ On April 8, the combined mission of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Axiom Space was successfully launched to the International Space Station in SpaceX's Dragon capsule 'Endeavour' atop a Falcon 9 rocket.



- ✓ The mission is the first-ever all-private spaceflight to carry astronauts to the International Space Station
- ✓ Three paying customers, Larry Connor, Eytan Stibbe, and Mark Pathy, are aboard Ax-1, as well as an ex-NASA astronaut and Axiom Vice President Michael Lopez-Alegria
- ✓ Each of the three paying customers has paid \$55 million for a place in the Dragon capsule.
- ✓ The all-private crew would spend eight days in orbit after entering the ISS, doing various science experiments before returning to Earth

- ✓ According to Axiom, the Ax-1 members are carrying 25 experiments with them, including research on the effects of space on the human brain, cancer research, and space habitat hardware development, among others

SPORTS

- **Tamil Nadu men - registered a comprehensive win over Punjab to regain the senior National basketball crown at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai on April 10**
- ✓ This was Tamil Nadu's 10th National title.



- ✓ Meanwhile, Indian Railways team won the women's title, beating Telangana in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship
- ✓ Tamil Nadu finished third in the women's event, while Karnataka finished third in the men's event