

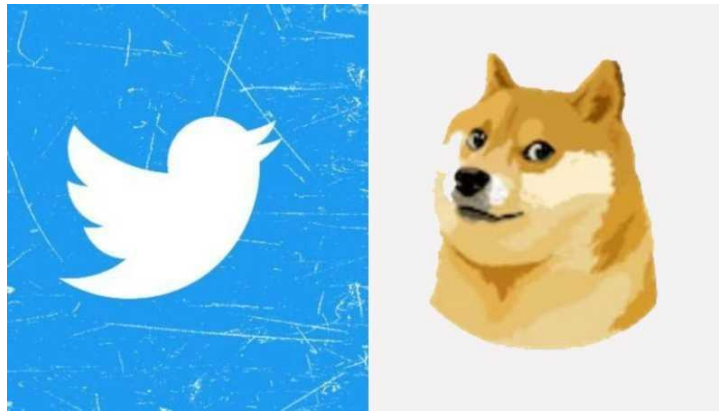
## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 5, 2023**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- **On April 4, Donald Trump - became the first-ever US president, sitting or former, to be charged with a crime.**



- ✓ Trump appeared before a judge at the Manhattan Criminal Court accused of multiple criminal charges relating to hush money payments to a porn star
  - ✓ Trump has been charged with 34 felony counts for falsifying New York business records designed to conceal damaging information and unlawful activity
  - ✓ The next in-person hearing date for Trump's case in New York is currently set for December 4
  - ✓ Trump is facing charges relating to a payoff he allegedly made before the 2016 election through his former lawyer Michael Cohen to porn star Stormy Daniels who claimed to have had an affair with him in 2006.
  - ✓ Cohen was convicted in a federal court in connection with the \$130,000 payoffs and sentenced to three years.
  - ✓ Trump is a candidate for next year's presidential election and the leading candidate for the Republican nomination
- **Twitter Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Elon Musk – has brought a new update to Twitter on April 4**



- ✓ Twitter's classic blue bird logo is now replaced by the Shiba Inu dog meme, which is also the logo of the Dogecoin cryptocurrency
  - ✓ The change to Doge is only visible on the web version of Twitter and not on the Twitter app.
  - ✓ Notably, Musk is facing a \$258 million racketeering lawsuit that accused him of operating a pyramid scheme to promote Dogecoin.
  - ✓ With a market capitalisation of \$13.7 billion, dogecoin is now the seventh biggest cryptocurrency
  - ✓ Elon Musk has been making a lot of changes since he took over the social media giant last October in a \$44 billion deal
  - ✓ Recently, Twitter also announced that as of April 1, the company will end its old verified program, indicating that users will have to pay \$8 per month for the coveted blue checkmarks.
- **On April 4, Australia - said that it will ban TikTok on all government devices due to national security concerns.**
- ✓ The ban would be enacted "as soon as practicable," and exemptions would only be granted on a case-by-case basis and with appropriate security measures in place.
  - ✓ With this, Australia becomes the latest US-allied country to take action against the Chinese-owned video app.
  - ✓ Australia joins France, Belgium and the European Commission in announcing a ban on the app.
  - ✓ Further, all members of the so-called Five Eyes intelligence-sharing network, which consists of Australia, Canada, the United States, Britain and New Zealand, have banned the app from government devices.
  - ✓ In 2020, India was the first country to impose a nationwide ban of TikTok and other Chinese-owned apps.
  - ✓ TikTok is a company based in Beijing and is owned by ByteDance Ltd.
  - ✓ Earlier this year, Australia announced that, due to security concerns, Chinese-made surveillance cameras would be stripped off from the offices of politicians.

## INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

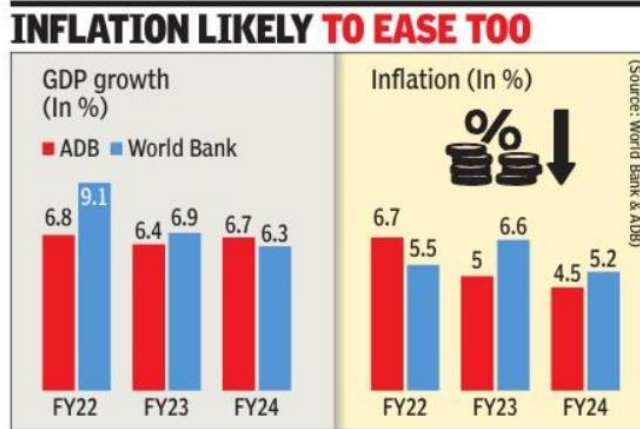
- **On April 4, India - has abstained from voting on the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution for an extension of the mandate of the investigation into alleged war crimes by a year.**
- ✓ The resolution was adopted with 28 countries supporting the draft, while 17 countries abstained including India and only 2 countries, China and Eritrea, were against it.
- ✓ Last year, an Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine was set up to probe human rights violations resulting from Russia's aggression against Ukraine.
- ✓ India had abstained last year too when the Council voted for establishing the Commission of Inquiry.
- ✓ Further, India has abstained from voting on all resolutions across UN platforms, including on six in UN General Assembly and three in UN Human Rights Council, that condemned Russia's actions in Ukraine.
- ✓ The latest resolution in the human rights council condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law resulting from Russia's actions and called for swift and verifiable withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The three-day meeting of Youth20 (Y20) - began at Auroville on April 4**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu governor R N Ravi, who is also the chairman of Auroville governing board, inaugurated the meet in the presence of Puducherry lieutenant governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, a member of the board
- ✓ The Y20 meeting aims to encourage youth in evolving as future leaders to raise awareness on global issues and facilitate exchange of ideas.
- ✓ More than 100 foreign students aged between 18 and 30 years from G20 countries along with local youth will be participating in the meeting.
- ✓ As part of the meeting, the delegates will interact with experts in Auroville and representatives of Auroville town development council learn about the human experimentation project.
- ✓ Youth20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum for youth from all G20 member countries
- ✓ India has assumed the presidency of the G20 countries for one year from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.
- ✓ The theme for the G20 summit is, 'One earth, one family, one future'.
- ✓ This year marks the 150th birth anniversary of revolutionary freedom fighter turned spiritual leader Sri Aurobindo.
- ✓ Earlier, Puducherry hosted the two-day Science-20 (S-20) inception meeting, which was a part of the G20 summit, in the last week of January this year.

# ECONOMY

- On April 4, the World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) - lowered the growth projection for the current financial year, citing weak global conditions and higher interest rates.



- ✓ The WB's latest India Development Update pegged the country's growth rate at 6.3% during the current financial year, compared to an earlier estimate of 6.6%.
- ✓ Similarly, ADB's Asian Development Outlook (ADO) projected a GDP growth rate of 6.4% this year, against 7.2% projected earlier, with a pick-up next year.

# SPORTS

- Two-time Commonwealth Games champion Indian weightlifter Sanjita Chanu - has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel for failing a dope test last year.



- ✓ The 29-year-old had tested positive for an anabolic steroid - Drostanolone Metabolite - that features in the World Anti-doping Agency's (WADA) prohibited list.
- ✓ Her dope sample was collected in-competition on September 30, 2022 during the National Games in Gujarat last year.
- ✓ Sanjita's ban will commence from November 12, 2022, the date of her provisional suspension.

- ✓ Sanjita will be stripped of the National Games silver medal as a result of the positive test.
- ✓ Sanjita had won gold in 48kg ahead of Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ In 2019, India was third in the world's worst doping offenders list after Russia and Italy

