



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 8, 2023

STATES

- **The Maharashtra government - has issued an order providing 1% reservation for orphans in education and government jobs.**
- ✓ As per the government order, children who lost both parents before turning 18 would be eligible for the benefits under the scheme.
- ✓ To avail the scheme, orphans will be divided into two - those who are enrolled in private orphanages or government-run institutions and those who were brought up outside the institutions
- ✓ According to government estimates, around 800 children in the state lost both parents to Covid, while another 4,000 orphans are in orphanages
- ✓ In 2021, the cabinet led by Uddhav Thackeray had approved the quota.
- ✓ Under the scheme, orphans will be eligible for concessions in age, tuition and exam fees along the lines of SC students in educational institutions

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi recently on April 3**



- ✓ During the ceremony, the PM released the Postage Stamp and Commemorative Coin marking 60 years of CBI's establishment, besides launching CBI's official Twitter handle.
 - ✓ CBI had made its debut on Twitter in October last year with a blue tick during the Interpol General Assembly.
- ✓ The PM also conferred the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Gold Medal for Best Investigating Officers of the agency during the event
- ✓ He also inaugurated the newly constructed office complexes of CBI at Shillong, Pune and Nagpur.
- ✓ The premier investigating agency, CBI was established by a resolution of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs dated April 1, 1963.

- **The government - announced a plan to add 250 GW of renewable energy capacity in the next five years to achieve its target of 500 GW of clean energy by 2030**
 - ✓ On April 5, the government has decided to invite bids for 50 GW of renewable energy capacity annually from financial year 2023-24 till financial year 2027-28
 - ✓ These annual bids of Inter-State Transmission connected renewable energy capacity will also include setting up of wind power capacity of at least 10 GW per annum
 - ✓ The plan was finalised by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) at a meeting chaired by Union Minister for Power & New and Renewable Energy R K Singh
 - ✓ It is in accordance with the Prime Minister's announcement at COP26, of achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel (Renewable Energy + Nuclear) sources by 2030.
 - ✓ Presently, Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI), NTPC Ltd. and NHPC Ltd., are notified by the Government as Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs) for calling such bids.
 - ✓ It has been decided to also notify SJVN Ltd, a public sector enterprise under the Government of India, as a REIA.
 - ✓ As on February 28, 2023, India has a total renewable energy capacity of 168.96 GW with about 82 GW at various stages of implementation and about 41 GW under tendering stage.
 - ✓ This includes 64.38 GW solar power, 51.79 GW hydro power, 42.02 GW wind power and 10.77 GW bio power.

- **The Ministry of Cooperation - has approved and released a one-time grant-in-aid of Rs.30 crore to establish the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management.**
 - ✓ This grant will be used by the Pune-based Institute for creating essential infrastructure for students and trainees.



- ✓ Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management was established in 1967, and is an apex Centre for Cooperative Management Training, Research and consultancy.
- ✓ It also organises training programmes for cooperative sector officials from SAARC countries, Ethiopia, Mauritius and other countries.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 5th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 - was held in New Delhi recently on April 4 and 5.**



- ✓ Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the conference on April 4 via a video message
- ✓ During his address, the PM mentioned the Infrastructure for Resilient Island States initiative or IRIS benefitting many island nations.
- ✓ He also remarked on the 50 million dollar Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund that was announced last year.
- ✓ The two-day conference featured over 17 sessions, addressed by around 100 global experts on topics related to disaster and climate resilient infrastructure, risk-informed systems, resilient infrastructure assets and innovative financing methods.
- ✓ It was held under the theme “Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments”

- ✓ The event witnessed MOUs signed between the CDRI and Adaptation Research Alliance, as well as the launch of the Infrastructure Resilience Academic eXchange (IRAX).
- ✓ In addition, key findings from the first phase of the Global Study on Disaster Resilience of Airports study conducted on 111 airports across 56 countries were also discussed.
- ✓ India launched the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) in 2019 to promote sustainability and resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems and help mitigate damage from climate disaster strikes.

PERSONALITIES

- **Mountaineer Anjali Sharma of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh - conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, wearing the traditional Luanchari dress.**



- ✓ Lunachari is traditional dress of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ With this, Anjali became the first Indian woman to achieve the feat while wearing the traditional Gaddi costume
- ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest summit in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world, with its summit reaching an elevation of 5,895 meters above sea level

DEFENCE

- **The 10th edition of the annual India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-23 - is being held at Colombo from April 3 to 8, 2023**
- ✓ The exercise is being conducted in two phases - the Harbour Phase in Colombo from 3-5 April, followed by Sea Phase from 6-8 April, off Colombo.
- ✓ The Indian Navy will be represented by INS Kiltan (Advanced Anti Submarine Warfare Corvette) and INS Savitri (Offshore Patrol Vessel) while Sri Lanka Navy will be represented by SLNS Gajabahu (Advance Offshore Patrol Vessel) and SLNS Sagara (Offshore Patrol Vessel)



- ✓ The Indian Navy Chetak helicopter and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft as well as Sri Lanka Air Force Dornier and BEL 412 helicopters will participate in the exercise
- ✓ The previous edition of SLINEX was conducted in Visakhapatnam from 7-12 March 2022.
- ✓ SLINEX aims at enhancing interoperability, improving mutual understanding and exchanging best practices while jointly undertaking multi-faceted maritime operations.

SPORTS

- **Five top Indian cricketers - Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Yuvraj Singh, Suresh Raina, Mithali Raj, and Jhulan Goswami - were given life membership in the prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).**



- ✓ The MCC has named 19 new Honorary Life Members from eight Test-playing nations.
- ✓ This year's list includes five former players from India and England, as well as players from Australia, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and the West Indies.

- ✓ MS Dhoni led India to the T20 and ODI World Cup triumphs while also winning the 2013 Champions Trophy as captain.
 - ✓ The former keeper batter had featured 538 international games across formats, scoring over 17,000 runs
- ✓ Yuvraj Singh was also an integral part of the Indian team that won the first T20 World Cup in 2007 and the home World Cup in 2011
- ✓ Former Indian all-rounder Raina scored over 5,500 ODI runs in his illustrious international career and was also part of the 2011 winning World Cup squad
- ✓ Among the former India women's cricketers, former India captain Mithali Raj and veteran pacer, Jhulan Goswami quit their international careers in 2022 after India's early exit from the ODI World Cup.
- ✓ While Mithali remains as the top run scorer in women's ODIs with 7805 runs in 232 games, Goswami is the leading wicket taker in the format with 255 scalps
- ✓ Eoin Morgan, England's 2019 ODI World Cup-winning captain, Jenny Gunn, Laura Marsh, and Anya Shrubsole, who were part of England's 2017 Women's ODI World Cup triumph, and flamboyant batsman Kevin Pietersen, who won the Ashes four times and was Player of the Tournament in England's 2010 ICC Men's World T20 win, are among the five former England players to receive the honour.
- ✓ The London-based MCC, which established the rules of the game, bestows honorary life membership on some of the game's greatest men and women.

