

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 1, 2022

NATIONAL

- On May 31, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - participated in the 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' in Shimla, marking the completion of eight years of his government
- ✓ The "novel public programme" was organised across the country in state capitals, district headquarters and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- ✓ During the 'Sammelan', Prime Minister directly interacted with the beneficiaries of different programmes of nine ministries/departments of the government.
- ✓ Further, PM Modi also released the 11th instalment of financial benefit under the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi' (PM-KISAN) scheme.



- ✓ This will enable the transfer of an amount of around Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families.
- ✓ Later, the PM also interacted with the beneficiaries of PM-KISAN across the country
- The Centre - has cleared the entire amount of GST compensation payable to states up to May 31, 2022 by releasing Rs 86,912 crore

- ✓ Of this, Rs 25,000 crore is released from the GST compensation fund and the balance Rs 61,912 crore is being released by the Centre from its own resources pending collection of cess.
 - ✓ Some states have been demanding that the compensation be extended beyond June 2022.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin had urged PM Narendra Modi to ensure that the Centre cleared GST dues to the tune of Rs.14,006 crore to the state during PM Modi's recent visit to Chennai.
 - ✓ The goods and services tax (GST) was introduced on July 1, 2017
 - ✓ States were assured of compensation for loss of any revenue arising on account of implementation of GST for a period of five years, according to the provisions of the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017
 - ✓ For providing compensation to states, a cess is being levied on certain goods and the amount collected is being credited to the compensation fund.
 - ✓ Bi-monthly GST Compensation to states is being paid out of the Compensation Fund from July 1, 2017.
- **On May 31, the government - raised the premium for its flagship insurance schemes — Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) in order to make them economically viable**
- ✓ From June 1, the premium rate of PMJJBY will now be Rs 436 instead of Rs 330 and of Rs 20 for PMSBY as against the present Rs 12
 - ✓ In percentage terms, the premium increase is 32% in case of PMJJBY and 67% for PMSBY
 - ✓ This is the first revision in the premium rates since the launch of both schemes in 2015.
 - ✓ The number of active subscribers enrolled under PMJJBY and PMSBY as on March 31, 2022 were 6.4 crore and 22 crore, respectively.
 - ✓ Under PMSBY, claims of Rs 2,513 crore have been paid as against collection of Rs 1,134 crore.
 - ✓ Under PMJJBY, Rs 14,144 crore was paid, whereas Rs 9,737 crore was collected
 - ✓ The government has set a target to increase the coverage from 6.4 crore to 15 crore under PMJJBY and from 22 crore to 37 crore under PMSBY in the next five years
 - ✓ The PMJJBY offers life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh in case of death to people in the age group of 18-50 years having a bank or post office account
 - ✓ The PMSBY offers insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh for accidental death or total permanent disability and Rs 1 lakh for partial permanent disability to people in the age group of 18-70 years with a bank or post office account
- **On May 31, the India Meteorological Department – predicted a “well distributed” and ‘normal’ monsoon rainfall this season**

- ✓ If the forecast holds out, it will be the fourth consecutive year of normal/ above normal monsoon rainfall.
- ✓ The last such four consecutive years of normal/above normal monsoon were recorded during 2010-13 and 2005-08.
- ✓ For farming operations, fairly well-distributed rainfall across regions during the entire monsoon period (June-September) is more important than quantitatively higher rainfall for a limited period
- ✓ Quantitatively, the monsoon seasonal rainfall is likely to be 103% of the Long Period Average (LPA) with a model error of $\pm 4\%$.
- ✓ Banking on the IMD's forecasts, the agriculture ministry has set an all-time record target of foodgrain production at 328 million tonnes for the 2022-23 crop year (July-June cycle)
- ✓ This is more than 4% higher than the estimated output of 314 million tonnes in 2021-22.

INTERNATIONAL

- **European Union leaders - agreed in principle to cut 90% of oil imports from Russia by the end of 2022**
- ✓ It is the toughest sanction yet on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, and one that will affect the EU itself.
- ✓ The embargo is part of the European Union's sixth sanctions package on Russia
- ✓ The sixth sanctions package also disconnects Russia's biggest bank 'Sberbank' from the Swift international banking payment system, bans insurance and reinsurance of Russian ships by EU companies, and bans three major Russian state-run broadcasters in the EU
 - ✓ The Sberbank is the biggest Russian bank, with 37% of the Russian banking sector
- ✓ Roughly 36% of the EU's oil imports come from Russia
- ✓ The embargo exempts oil imports from Russia as a concession to Hungary and two other landlocked central European countries - Slovakia and the Czech Republic
- ✓ Hungary is a major user of Russian oil and its leader, Viktor Orban, has been on friendly terms with Russia's Vladimir Putin.
- ✓ Landlocked Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic all get their Russian oil from Druzhba pipeline and account for the 10% of imports temporarily exempted from the embargo
- ✓ Poland and Germany had already committed to end Russian crude imports via the Druzhba pipeline by the end of the year
- ✓ Two-thirds of the Russian oil imported by the EU comes by tanker and the rest through the Druzhba pipeline.

DEFENCE

- On May 31, the defence ministry signed a contract worth Rs 2,971 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) to procure Astra MK-I beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missiles and associated equipment.



- ✓ The missiles are being procured for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy under Buy (Indian-IDD) category
- ✓ The technology to manufacture missiles of this class indigenously was not available till now.
- ✓ ASTRA MK-I BVR AAM has been indigenously designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) based on the requirements issued by the IAF.
- ✓ The air-to-air missile with BVR capability provides large stand-off ranges to the IAF's fighter jets.
- ✓ The missile, for which successful trials have already been undertaken by the IAF, is fully integrated on the Su 30 MK-I fighter aircraft
- ✓ It will be integrated with other fighter aircraft in a phased manner, including the Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas) and the Navy will integrate it with the MiG 29K fighter aircraft
- ✓ The Transfer of Technology from DRDO to BDL for production of ASTRA MK-I missile and all associated systems has been completed

ECONOMY

- India's gross domestic product (GDP) - grew at 8.7% in 2021-'22 as against a contraction of 6.6% during the last financial year
- ✓ This is based on the recent data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31
- ✓ At 8.7%, India's real growth for FY22 is the highest in at least 17 years for which comparable data is available
- ✓ The country registered a GDP growth of 4.1% in the fourth (January-March) quarter, as against 5.4% in the third (October-December) quarter.

- ✓ In the first quarter of 2021-22, the economic growth had been a stupendous 20.1% followed by 8.4% in the second quarter

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Quarterly GDP growth
(% YoY)



Annual GDP growth
(% YoY)

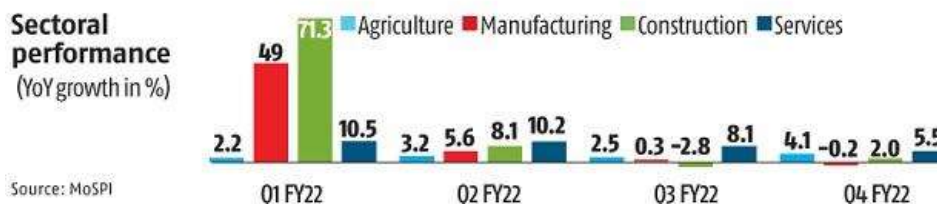


Investments dip

	Q1 FY22	Q2 FY22	Q3 FY22	Q4 FY22
Private spending (PFCE)	14.4	10.5	7.4	1.8
Govt spending (GFCE)	-4.8	8.9	3	4.8
Investment (GFCF)	62.5	14.6	6.1	5.1

Note: PFCE: Private final consumption expenditure; GFCE: Government final consumption expenditure GFCF: Gross fixed capital formation

Sectoral performance
(YoY growth in %)



Source: MoSPI

- ✓ The GDP for 2021-2022 is less than the 8.9%, as estimated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- ✓ In October, the Reserve Bank of India had predicted that the Indian economy would grow by 9.5% in 2021-2022.
- ✓ Later, in January, the International Monetary Fund slashed its growth forecast for India in 2021-'22 to 9% from the earlier estimate of 9.5%
- ✓ According to the latest estimates, fiscal deficit improved to 6.71% of the GDP for 2021-'22 over the revised budget estimate of 6.9%
- ✓ Fiscal deficit of a government is the gap between its expenditure and revenues.
- ✓ India's annual per capita income at constant prices remained below the pre-COVID level at Rs 91,481 in 2021-22, as per the official data

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Milk Day – June 1**
- ✓ The day is observed every year to highlight the importance of milk as a global food
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations established World Milk Day in 2001.
- ✓ In the last few years, India has also become one of the largest producers of milk in the world with over 150 million tones of production and per capita availability of over 300 grams per day.



- ✓ India is the largest producer of milk and holds 22% of the global milk production followed by the US, China and Pakistan
- ✓ In 2022, World Milk day will follow the theme of achieving “Dairy Net Zero”.
- ✓ This means that the day aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the dairy industry over the next 30 years
- ✓ Milk is a rich source of several minerals and nutrients that are necessary for the body's proper functioning.
- ✓ It is rich in calcium, vitamin D, potassium, magnesium and folates
- ✓ Its consumption can help strengthen bones and lower the risks of heart diseases.