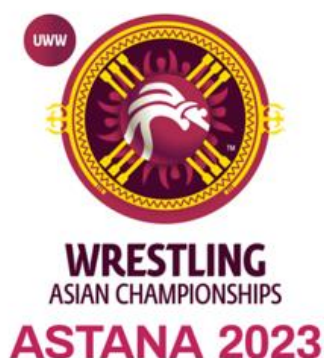


Weekly Current Affairs (15th- 21st April 2023)

Q1) Asian Wrestling Championship 2023: India ends up with 14 medals



- India clinched total of 14 medals in the recently concluded **36th** edition of the “Asian Wrestling Championship 2023” held at Astana, Kazakhstan from 9- 14 April 2023.
- Aman Sehrawat (57kg) a freestyle wrestler, won India’s 1st gold medal by defeating Kyrgyzstan’s Almaz Smanbekov (9-4).
- India has won 14 medals(1 Gold, 3 Silver and 10 bronze) and is ranked 7th in overall medal tally.

Medal tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Kazakhstan	7	4	9	20
2	Japan	6	4	10	20
3	Iran	6	3	4	13
4	Kyrgyzstan	5	3	6	14
7	India	1	3	10	14

All Indian medallists

Silver medallists

	Category
Rupin Gahlawat	55 kg
Neeraj Chhikara	63 kg
Antim Panghal	53 kg
Nisha Dahiya	68 kg

Bronze medallists

	Category
Deepak Mirka	79 kg
Anirudh Gulia	125 kg
Vikas Dalal	72 kg
Sunil Kumar	87 kg
Anshu Malik	57 kg
Sonam Malik	62 kg
Reetika Hooda	72 kg
Priya Malik	76 kg

Q2) Chennai to host the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament



- Chennai is set to host the 9th edition of the “Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament 2023” from August 3-12 2023, as informed by the Secretary-General of Hockey India, Bhola Nath Singh.
- It will be the first international hockey competition to be hosted in Chennai since the Asia Cup was held there in 2007.
- The tournament will also serve as a preparatory event for the Indian men’s hockey team ahead of the Asian Games 2023 in September-October to be held in Hangzhou, China.
- The tournament will feature the top six teams from India, Pakistan, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan & China.

Additional Information

- The Asian Champions Trophy was last held in **Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2021**.
- **South Korea was the winner** by defeating Japan on penalties.
- **India wins the bronze medal** by defeating Pakistan.
- India and Pakistan are also the most successful teams in the Asian Champions Trophy.
- The Indian men’s hockey team lifted the title **2-times in 2011 and 2016**.

Q3) India to chair Commonwealth group on Reform of financial architecture



- Finance Ministers from various commonwealth countries have agreed that India will chair of the Finance Ministers Working Group for a Commonwealth for Reform of the Global Financial Architecture.
- While Nigeria has been elected as the deputy chair of then Finance Minister Working Group.
- Their collective call for reform came at the Commonwealth Finance Ministers High-Level Working Group Meeting held in Washington D.C.

About Commonwealth Groups

Members - **56 countries**

Secretary-General - **Patricia Scotland KC**

Q4) Syria becomes world's largest "narco-state"



- Syria has become the world's foremost narco-state, as its economic survival now is heavily dependent on the production and export of Captagon.
- Captagon is a banned illicit drug recognized by the UNODC (2021) and is a synthetic stimulant that combines amphetamine and caffeine.
- According to the Collins Dictionary, "narco state" refers to a nation where a significant portion of the economy is dependent on the illicit trade of narcotic drugs.

About United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- The agency's focus is the trafficking in and abuse illicit drugs, preventing crimes, international terrorism and political corruption.

Established - **1997**

Headquarter - **Vienna (Austria)**

Q5) Nepal became a founding member of the “International Big Cat Alliance”



- During the launch event, the Energy Minister of Nepal **Shakti Bahadur Basnet** handed over the letter to India’s Energy Minister indicating Nepal’s membership as a founding member to the “International Big Cat Alliance.”
- The International Big Cats Alliance aims to conserve seven big cats- tigers, lions, leopards, snow leopards, cheetahs, jaguars and pumas.
- Nepal’s tiger population has seen a significant increase, **increasing from 121 in 2010 to 335 in 2022.**
- Nepal successfully achieved its target of doubling the tiger population by 2022, as done during the **1st tiger summit in 2010 in St. Petersburg.**
- The alliance aims to reach 97 range countries covering the natural habitats of these big cats and strengthen global cooperation and efforts for their conservation.

Q6) Suryakumar Yadav named Wisden’s leading T20I Cricketer; Harmanpreet Kaur bag top honour



- Wisden Cricketers Almanack has released the top-5 cricketers of the year 2022. It also includes India’s women team captain Harmanpreet Kaur.
- Apart from Kaur, the list also includes the names of Tom Blundell (New Zealand), Ben Foakes (England), Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand) and Matthew Potts (England).

- Suryakumar Yadav named as the T20 International Cricketer of the Year.
- Harmanpreet Kaur has become the first woman cricketer from India to make it to this esteemed list.
- While England all-rounder Ben Stokes has been selected as the “best cricketer in the world” for the 2022-23 among male players.

Q7) Country's first Mangrove Pitta Bird Census undertaken in Bhitarkarnika



- The first-ever census of “Mangrove Pitta Bird” was conducted in the Bhitarkarnika Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha by the Odisha forest officials.
- In the first census, **179 Mangrove pitta birds were sighted.**
- The habitats of these beautiful birds are confined to Mangrove forest areas in Odisha's Bhitarkarnika and Sunderban in West Bengal.
- It covers an area of 145km² and was established as a national park on September 16 1998.
- Bhitarkarnika National Park also recognised as a Ramsar site on 19 August 2002, is a wetland of international importance.

Q8) Karnataka bagged National Award for Fasal Bima Yojana



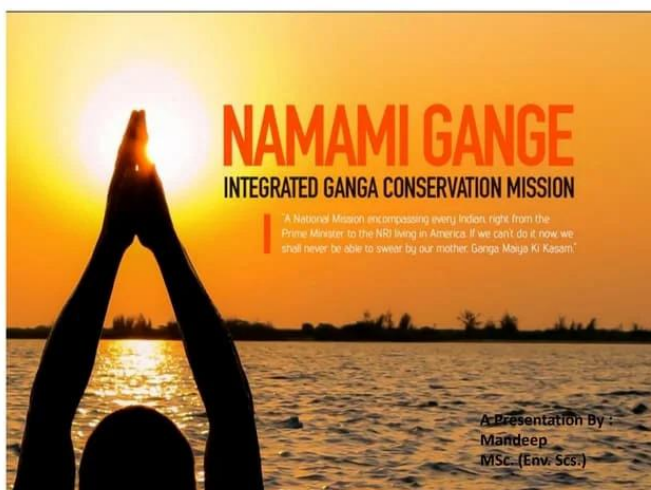
- Karnataka has bagged the national award for the best implementation of the “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana” (PMFBY) in the country.
- The state has recorded a total of 47.47% increase in the enrolment of farmers under the scheme, between the Kharif season 2021 & 2022.
- The increase in enrolment was attributed to information, education, and communication (IEC) campaigns conducted across the state.

About PMFBY

- The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana launched on **18 February 2016** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an insurance service for farmers for their yields.

- The aim of PMFBY scheme is to provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crops as a result of natural calamities, pests & diseases.
- To stabilize the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming.

Q9) Namami Gange: 8 projects worth Rs. 638 crore approved



- eight projects worth approximately Rs. 638 core were approved during the **48th** meeting of the Executive meeting of the “National Mission of Clean Ganga” (NMCG) on 18th April under the chairmanship of **G. Ashok Kumar, Director-General of NMCG.**
- The focus of these projects is to reduce pollution in River Hindon, which is a tributary of River Yamuna as a part of the “Hindon Rejuvenation Plan.”
- Four projects worth Rs. 407.39 crore were approved for pollution abatement in the Shamli district.
- These projects aim to prevent the flow of contaminated water into the **Krishni River.**
- One project for the development of seven ghats in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, was also approved in preparation for the Mahakumbh in 2025.

- Another project for ghat development was approved for Haridwar, Uttarakhand, where Akhand Param Dham ghat will be constructed at a total cost of Rs 2.12 crore.
- Two more sewerage management projects were approved in the meeting, **one in Bihar and one in Madhya Pradesh**, to prevent the flow of polluted water into river Kiul and river Kshipra, respectively.

Namami Gange

- It was launched in **2014** and serve as the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of river Ganga.
- It is being operated under the Ministry of Water Resources, Department of River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation & Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Ministry of Jal Shakti - **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**

Secretary-General of NMCG - **G. Asok Kumar**

Q10) Bhubaneshwar to host the 2023 Intercontinental Cup in June



- The capital city of Odisha, Bhubaneshwar is ready to host the Hero “International Cup 2023” from June 9-18.
- This will be the third edition of the tournament with the previous two being held in Mumbai (2018) and Ahmedabad (2019).
- Host India will be joined by Lebanon, Mongolia and Vanuatu in the tournament.
- The tournament is organized by the “All India Football Federation” (AIFF)

Additional Information

- The Hero International Cup is a **4-team football tournament** organized by the AIFF.

- The inaugural season was held in 2018 and Indian team won the tournament by defeating Kenya 2-0 in the final.
- The previous edition was held in 2019 in Ahmedabad with the **North Korea winning the title** by defeating Tajikistan.

Other News:

Q1) Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched **SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication & Holistic Inventory) portal and mobile app.**

- It has been developed on the theme of the “Uttam Beej- Samridh Kisan”

Q2) Wing Commander Deepika Mishra became the first women officer in IAF to receive a gallantry award.

- A total of **58 persons, 57 from the IAF and 1 from Army** received gallantry award.

Q3) a book titled “SACHIN @50: Celebrating a Maestro” was authored a sports commentator Boria Majumdar.

Q4) A renowned economist of national and international repute, Utsa Patnaik has been awarded the “Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.” for her outstanding contributions to development studies.

Q5) New York Senate appoints **Rowan Wilson** as the 1st Black Chief Judge.