

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 19 April 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



Union Govt Approves Indian Space Policy 2023 To Enhance Role Of Department Of Space:-

The Union government has approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which aims to strengthen the country's space department and increase participation in research, academia, startups, and industry. The policy defines the roles and responsibilities of organisations like the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and private sector entities. During a cabinet briefing, Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh stated that the policy would boost research, academia, start-ups, and industry, as well as the role of India's space department.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :ECONOMY



RBI To Launch Centralised Portal PRAVAAH For Licencing, Approval Applications:-

To simplify and streamline application processes, the Reserve Bank of India will launch a secure web-based centralised portal called 'PRAVAAH' (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation). The portal will display time

limits for making decisions on the applications/approvals requested. This measure will increase efficiencies in regulatory processes and make it easier for RBI-regulated entities to do business. It will gradually be extended to all types of applications made to the RBI across all functions, according to the central bank's statement.

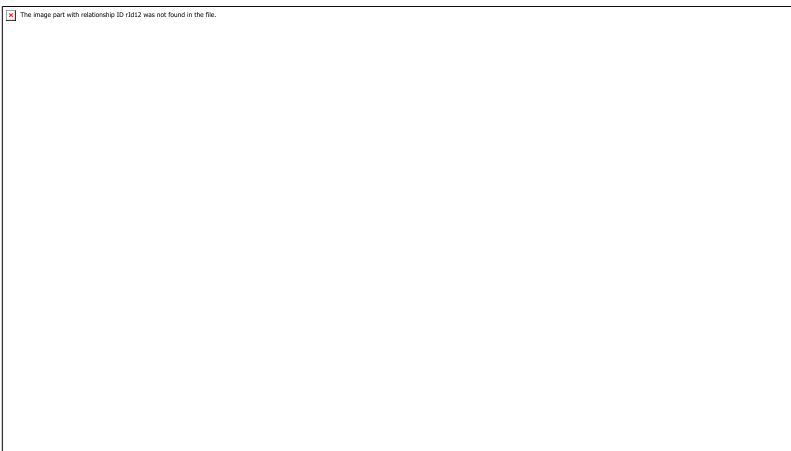
DAILY UPDATE 3:ECONOMY



Adani Power Ltd Opened A New Power Plant In Jharkhand That Will Supply Electricity To Bangladesh:-

Adani Power announced that it has begun supplying electricity to Bangladesh from its plant in Godda, Jharkhand. Adani Power Ltd (APL), a subsidiary of the Adani Group, has inaugurated the first 800 MW ultra-supercritical thermal power generation unit in Godda, Jharkhand. According to a company statement, the plant has begun supplying 748 MW of power to Bangladesh. "The Godda Power Plant is a strategic asset in the India-Bangladesh's long-standing relationship," said SB Khyalia, CEO of Adani Power, in the statement.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : AWARDS



Tripura Becomes Best Performer In Northeast In E-Procurement, Receives Award:-

Tripura has been recognised as the best performing northeastern state in terms of e-procurement implementation. Under the power department's Saubhagya Yojana, Tripura has been rewarded for completing the work within a

specified time frame. Various departments of the Tripura government are working transparently in the state through e-procurement. Notably, the Tripura government has made e-procurement mandatory in Tripura's delegation of financial rules for purchases of goods and services exceeding Rs. 25000.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :NATIONAL



Cabinet Approves New Mechanism To Fix Pricing For Domestic Natural Gas:-

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved revised domestic natural gas pricing guidelines for gas produced from state-run ONGC and OIL nomination fields, New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks and pre-NELP blocks where the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) requires government approval of prices. Last year, the Kirit Parikh committee on fair natural gas pricing recommended that the price of such natural gas be 10% of the monthly average of the Indian Crude Basket and be notified monthly.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



Tamil Nadu Govt's 'TN REACH' Initiative To Use 80+ Unused Helipads Soon:-

The State government plans to use helicopter services on more than 80 unused helipads across Tamil Nadu. Minister Thangam Thenarasu announced that an institution mechanism (Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters — TN REACH) will be developed to use helicopters for travel between cities and towns. Heli Disha, an

administrative guidance manual for helicopter operations, and Heli Sewa, a portal for providing online landing clearance for helicopter operations, would serve as the foundation for the mechanism.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : NATIONAL



PM Modi Flags Off Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express:-

In Hyderabad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express train. PM Modi, who arrived in town, signalled the start of the service from Secunderabad Railway Station. The train will cut the travel time between Secunderabad, Telangana, and Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, by nearly three and a half hours, making it especially useful for pilgrims. On January 15, Modi virtually inaugurated the Vande Bharat train service between Secunderabad and the Andhra Pradesh port city of Visakhapatnam.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : MISCELLANEOUS



KSINC Launches India's First Solar-Powered Tourist Boat:-

State-owned Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has launched the Sooryamshu, a solar-powered hybrid boat, in the Kochi backwaters. The 100-passenger air-conditioned vessel with upper and lower decks offers travellers the opportunity to cruise along the backwaters, where Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation

(KSINC) plans to introduce packages. The Rs 3.95 crore vessel was built in a Sri Lankan yard and is one of only a few in Kochi whose safety and other features have been certified by the Indian Registry of Shipping.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :AWARDS



C.R. Rao Wins International Prize In Statistics 2023:-

Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, a well-known Indian-American mathematician and statistician, will receive the 2023 International Prize in Statistics, the field's equivalent of the Nobel Prize, for his seminal work 75 years ago that revolutionised statistical thinking. Rao's work, which was completed more than 75 years ago, continues to have a profound impact on science, according to the International Prize in Statistics Foundation. Rao, regarded as a modern statistics pioneer, has worked in a variety of fields, including multivariate analysis, sample survey theory, and biometry.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :AWARDS



Bharat Biotech Wins Award At World Vaccine Congress 2023:-

Bharat Biotech has won the 'Best Production/Process Development' award at the World Vaccine Congress 2023 as part of the Vaccine Industry Excellence (VIE) awards. Bharat Biotech, based in Hyderabad, was the only Indian company to receive VIE awards in multiple categories, including best clinical trial company, best clinical trial network, best

central/specialty laboratory award, best contract research organisation, and best production/process development award. Bharat Biotech is the world's first manufacturer of iNcovacc, an intranasal Covid-19 vaccine.