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FOREWORD

We, at Team Vedhik is happy to introduce a new initiative - "Daily Current Affairs_The Hindu" compilations to help you with UPSC Civil Services Examination preparation. We believe this initiative - "Daily Current Affairs_The Hindu" would help students, especially beginners save time and streamline their preparations with regard to Current Affairs. A content page and an Appendix has been added segregating and mapping the content to the syllabus.

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We welcome your valuable comments so that further improvement may be made in the forthcoming material. We look forward to feedback, comments and suggestions on how to improve and add value for students. Every care has been taken to avoid typing errors and if any reader comes across any such error, the authors shall feel obliged if they are informed at their Email ID.

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Celebrating the unknown and the unsung

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch year-long celebrations to remember contributions of Alluri Sitarama Raju



G. KISHAN REDDY

Hundred years ago, in August 1922, the forests of the Godavari Agency in the Madras Presidency witnessed attacks on three police stations over three continuous days. Alluri Sitarama Raju, along with 500 tribal people, attacked the police stations of Chintapalli, Krishnadevipeta and Rajavommangi and walked away with 26 police carbine rifles and 2,500 rounds of ammunition.

Sitarama Raju did not belong to the tribal community, but understood the restrictions that the British colonial administration placed on the tribal way of life. Forced labour, embargoes on collect-

ing minor forest produce and bans on tribal agriculture practices led to severe distress among the Koyas of the Godavari Agency area. Known as the “Rampa Rebellion” or “Manyam Rebellion”, between August 1922 and May 1924, Alluri led a protracted battle against the British in support of the tribal community. Legend has it that Alluri himself would forewarn the British officers of an imminent attack and would challenge them to stop him with the superior resources that they had at hand. He was finally captured, tied to a tree and shot dead. However, the patriotic spark that he and several other heroes across the nation reinforced continues to thrive within all of us.

Has today’s India adequately heard about Alluri and the Rampa Rebellion? For that matter, the Rampa



Standing tall: The statue of the revolutionary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju on Beach Road in Visakhapatnam..

Rebellion serves as a proxy for the many struggles of tribal and non-tribal communities against British rule that have either been completely forgotten or have not got the attention that they deserve. Popular cinema has often

tried filling the gap and they have been fairly successful at that. However, film is just one dimension in restoring such incidents into our national consciousness.

To revive our memories and to remember the contri-

butions of heroes such as Alluri Sitarama Raju, Prime Minister Narendra Modi plans to be in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh on July 4. He will launch the year-long celebrations on the 125th birth anniversary of Alluri, enabling a new generation to be aware of the heroics of Alluri and the sacrifices he made for the tribal community.

It is the structured efforts of identifying and curating episodes in our past that we have lacked so far and *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* has given us an opportunity to address this. On March 12, 2021, India began a 75-week countdown to the 75th anniversary of Independence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* from Sabarmati Ashram and unveiled one of the world’s largest programmes of this nature in terms of scope and partici-

tion. *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unsung, the unknown and the underappreciated. It is a unique opportunity for the governments at all levels to come together with civil society, NGOs, spiritual organisations and passionate individuals to recognise the people and events that made us India. Several initiatives such as the recently held International Day of Yoga saw overwhelming mass participation. Now *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* has been extended for one additional year till August 15, 2023. This gives us several such opportunities to pay tributes to our heroes and recognise their contributions in building *Ek Bharat, Shresht Bharat*.

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EXPLAINER

Strains on India-Russia defence cooperation

Which are some of the major deals with Russia that are either pending or under review? How has the Russian government responded?

DINAKAR PERI

THE GIST

■ As the Russia-Ukraine conflict stretches on with no clear endgame, there are apprehensions on Russia's ability to adhere to the timelines for both spares and hardware.

■ Officials have stated that while some timeline lapses and shipping delays were possible, there would not be any dent on the Army's operational preparedness along the borders especially the Line of Actual Control.

■ Russian deals which have been deferred include the one for 21 MiG-29 fighter jets along with the upgradation of 59 existing MiG-29 jets and the manufacture of 12 SU-30 MKI aircraft.

The story so far: As the war in Ukraine stretches over four months with no end in sight, it has given rise to apprehensions on Russia's ability to adhere to timely deliveries of spares and hardware.

What is the status of India-Russia defence cooperation?

When the war began in February, top officers stated that the Indian armed forces have stocks of spares and supplies for eight to ten months and the expectation was that the war would end quickly. However, as it stretches on with no clear endgame, there are apprehensions on Russia's ability to adhere to the timelines for both spares as well as new deliveries.

With Russia being shut out of the SWIFT system, India and Russia have agreed to conduct payments through the Rupee-Rouble arrangement

Responding to questions on this issue in early May, Army Chief Manoj Pande acknowledged the Army's dependency on certain weapon systems specially in the area of air defence, rockets, missiles and certain tanks from Russia and Ukraine and said that as far as the immediate impact was concerned "the supply chain of certain spares and ammunition has got impacted to some extent, but we have adequate stocks to last for a reasonable period of time." He added that they are also looking at certain alternative mitigation measures and identifying alternate sources from friendly foreign countries while in the long term, this is also an opportunity for the private industry to step up production and meet the requirements.

The Defence Ministry and Services have carried out assessments on the possible impact on timely deliveries due to Western sanctions on Russia. Officials have stated that while some timeline lapses and shipping delays were possible, there would not be any dent on the Army's operational preparedness along the borders especially the Line of Actual Control.

In addition, the armed forces have also made significant emergency procurements in the last two years since the standoff in



Eastern Ladakh and have stocked up on spares and ammunition. Therefore, there shouldn't be any immediate urgency for spares and other requirements, officials noted. Russia has assured India that it would adhere to delivery timelines. However, as the war stretches on there are apprehensions that it could have an impact as the Russian industry would be caught up in replenishing the inventories of their own armed forces.

What is the status of deals underway/new deals pending with Russia?

The defence trade between India and Russia has crossed \$15 billion since 2018, in the backdrop of some big deals including the \$5.43 billion S-400 long range air defence systems. Other major contracts currently under implementation are construction of four additional stealth frigates in Russia and India, licensed production of the Mango Armor-piercing fin-stabilised discarding sabot (APFSDS) rounds for the T-90S tanks as also additional T-90S tanks, AK-203 assault rifles among others. However, there is some delay. For instance, the delivery of the second regiment of the S-400 is delayed by a few months as also the operationalisation of the agreement for the manufacture of 6.1

lakh AK-203 rifles at Korwa, Amethi in Uttar Pradesh.

There are also several big ticket deals currently under negotiation but several of them have been deferred by the Defence Ministry as part of the review of all direct import deals. This is in conjunction with efforts to push the 'Make in India' scheme in defence. Russian deals have also been deferred including the one for 21 MiG-29 fighter jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF) along with the upgradation of 59 existing MiG-29 jets estimated to cost ₹7,418 crore and the manufacture of 12 SU-30 MKI aircraft at an estimated ₹10,730 crore by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Another long pending deal for the manufacture of 200 K-226T utility helicopters in India is also under reconsideration due to the fact that the indigenous Light Utility Helicopter is now ready, as well as cost concerns. A formal decision on cancellation has not been taken yet, officials stated.

In addition, a deal for six Ka-31 early warning helicopters and a bigger deal for Iglu-S very short range air defence systems have also been deferred though the Army inducted a small number of Iglu-S systems brought under emergency procurement.

What is the status of payments?

With Russia being shut out of the global SWIFT system for money transfers, India and Russia have agreed to conduct payments through the Rupee-Rouble arrangement. With several big ticket deals including the S-400 under implementation, there are large volume of payments to be made.

The Central banks of the two countries had extensively discussed this issue, and officials recently said that small payments have been resumed and work is on to resolve larger payments. For the two countries, payments by the Rupee-Rouble arrangement is not new.

For instance, for the S-400 air defence systems signed in October 2018, with the looming threat of U.S. sanctions under CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act), the two sides had worked out payments through the Rupee-Rouble exchange. In fact, the delivery schedule got slightly delayed as the payment was tied up. However, at that time Russia was within the SWIFT system.

While India continues to remain Russia's largest arms buyer with a major chunk of legacy hardware from Russia and the Soviet Union, the volume of imports has reduced in the last decade.

Secure lines: An Indian Air Force MiG-29 jet takes off during a routine flying sortie at the IAF Air Base at Jamnagar on September 23, 2014. • AFP

After fall of city, Russia stakes claim to Luhansk

Zelensky refuses to accede territory

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KYIV

Russia claimed control on Sunday over the last Ukrainian stronghold in an eastern province that is key to achieving a major goal of its grinding war.

Ukraine's General Staff of the military reported that its forces had withdrawn from Lysychansk in Luhansk province, but the President said the fight for the city was ongoing.

If confirmed, Russia's complete seizure of Luhansk would provide its forces a stronger base from which to press their advance in neighboring Donetsk province and bring them one step closer to achieving one of President Vladimir Putin's major

goals: capturing the entire Donbas.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told Mr. Putin that Russia's troops, with members of a local separatist militia, "have established full control over the city of Lysychansk" and now hold all of Luhansk, according to a Ministry statement published on Sunday.

Earlier, however, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Kyiv's forces were still battling Russian soldiers on the city's outskirts.

"We cannot give you the final judgment. Lysychansk is still being fought for," Mr. Zelensky told a news conference in Kyiv.

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Dogged by inflation

Policymakers must focus on easing price pressures so as not to derail recovery

Two recent sets of macro-economic data – the Government's Index of Eight Core Industries for May, and S&P Global's survey-based Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector for June – posit an economy where industrial momentum is being weighed down by relentless price pressures. Provisional output in May across the eight core industries, spanning coal to electricity, grew by an average 18.1% from the corresponding month in 2021, when the COVID-19 pandemic's second wave had badly disrupted economic activity. Core output growth was led by double-digit year-on-year expansions in refinery products, electricity, steel and coal, which together account for three-fourths of the index. The four sectors bearing weights of about 28%, 20%, 18% and 10%, respectively, posted expansions of 16.7%, 22%, 15% and 25.1%, respectively. Cement and fertilizers, too, saw robust growth of 26.3% and 22.8%. However, on a sequential basis, growth in output over April 2022's levels was significantly slower, reflecting the 'optical illusion' created by low production in the year-earlier period. While the index as a whole registered month-on-month growth of 2.6%, petroleum products expanded 1.9%, electricity grew by 1.5%, and steel by a relatively healthier 5%. Disconcertingly, cement, a key building material that reflects activity levels in the job-intensive sectors, actually saw output shrink 3.2% from the preceding month.

The more up-to-date June PMI data separately show price pressures dampened manufacturing growth to the slowest pace in nine months. June's PMI reading eased to 53.9, from 54.6 in May, amid a broad-based slowdown in orders, production, exports and input buying as customers cut back on spending amid inflation worries. Inflation, in fact, so dominates companies' assessment of the outlook that it depressed business confidence to the lowest level in 27 months. A majority 95% of the purchasing managers at the approximately 400 manufacturing companies polled by S&P Global cited the elevated price pressures as the main reason why they foresee no change in output from current levels in the year ahead. The silver lining in the survey, though, is that manufacturers reported their first shortening of input lead times since the onset of COVID-19, a positive augury for businesses' ability to scale up production quickly once demand revives. The onus is on policymakers to ensure that both monetary and fiscal action is focused on reining in inflation. Anything less risks affecting recovery.

GST decision upsets dairy farmers

Officials of cooperatives say that prices of milk products will be increased with the imposition of tax

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The decision of the GST Council at its 47th meeting held last week in Chandigarh to impose a 5% tax on dairy products such as “pre-packed, pre-labelled curd, lassi and butter milk” and to increase the tax on dairy machinery and milking machines from 12% to 18% has drawn criticism from farmers’ organisations and milk cooperatives.

Various cooperatives are waiting for the notification of the Centre to take the next step, while farmers fear that the decision will result in an increase in the price of the products.

R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation



The increase in the GST on dairy machinery will have a direct impact on the price of milk. ■ THE HINDU

Ltd. (Amul), said the cooperative was waiting for the notification.

“We do not have any clarity at the moment. We have seen newspaper reports that GST will be levied on curd

and buttermilk. We are waiting for the notification,” he said, adding that the prices of both the products are likely to rise if GST is imposed on them. The increase in the GST on dairy machinery and

milking machines will have an impact on milk price too.

The Pradeshik Cooperative Dairy Federation (PCDF) of Uttar Pradesh, the largest milk-producing State in the country, will meet soon to assess the impact of GST on dairy products and the machinery. “The impact of this will be on the consumers as prices will increase. We have to assess the impact. We will consult with all district unions of farmers and will approach the government after that,” PCDF general manager Tapeshe Yadav said.

D.P. Singh, All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) leader from western Uttar Pradesh, said the decision will affect farmers directly. “There are a lot of farmers who make curd and buttermilk at their

homes and sell it in their neighbourhoods. Such a taxation will affect their livelihood,” Mr. Singh said.

Jitender Singh Hudda, farmers’ leader from Shamli, said the decision to increase GST on milking machines will impact the mechanisation of milking processes. “The government should also think about nutritional requirements of people,” Mr. Hudda said.

AIKS leaders Hannan Mollah and Ashok Dhawale said that the move will adversely affect over nine crore Indian households depending on the dairy sector for their livelihoods.

The AIKS called upon dairy farmers to rise in protest by uniting small entrepreneurs and cooperatives.

Targeting GI tag, Mayurbhanj's superfood 'ant chutney' to find more tables

For Odisha tribes, dishes made of weaver ants offer a cure to many illnesses and are known to boost the immune system and keep diseases at bay

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People often keep a safe distance from red weaver ants as their sting inflicts a sharp pain and reddish bumps on the skin.

Despite this, weaver ants are popular among the people, mostly of the tribes, of Mayurbhanj district in Odisha for the mouth-watering dish made of them – the *Kai* chutney.

This savoury food item, rich in proteins, calcium, zinc, vitamin B-12, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, copper, fibre and 18

amino acids, is known to boost the immune system and keep diseases at bay.

In Odisha, scientists are now fine-tuning their research to make a presentation for the Geographical Indications (GI) registry of *Kai* chutney. Applied under food category, the GI tag will help develop a structured hygiene protocol in the preparation of *Kai* chutney for standard wider use.

Geographical Indications labels enhance the reputation and value of local products and support



Lip smacking: Weaver ants are abundantly found in Mayurbhanj throughout the year. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

local businesses.

Weaver ants, *Oecophylla smaragdina*, are abundantly found in Mayurbhanj

throughout the year. They make nests with leaves of host trees.

“When required, leafy

nests of ants are plucked from their host trees and collected in a bucket of water before sorting and separation from leaves and debris. Larval and adult stages of the ants are preferred and are either eaten raw or turned into ‘chutney’ by mixing them with spicy ingredients,” said Jagannath Patra, a scientist at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

The chutney is prepared by mixing and grinding salt, ginger, garlic and chilly and is sold by tribal people in rural markets.

“The tribes of Mayurbhanj consume *Kai* chutney or soup to get rid of flu, common cold, whooping cough, to increase appetite and enhance eyesight naturally without corrective eye wear and to treat joint pain and stomach diseases, and for the development of a healthy brain and the nervous system,” Deepak Kumar Mohanty, a senior scientist with the KVK, said.

“The tribal healers also prepare medicinal oil by dipping the collected *Kais* in pure mustard oil. After 30

days, this oil is used as baby oil and externally used to cure rheumatism, gout, ringworm infection and skin diseases. So, it is the only panacea for the tribes,” the application for GI registry says.

“The *Kai* family consists of three category members – workers, major workers and queens. Workers and major workers are mostly orange-colored. *Kais* feed on small insects and other invertebrates, their prey being mainly beetles, flies and hymenopterans,” it said.

Wake-up call

Landslides in Manipur are related to avoidable, man-made actions

The landslide that occurred last week in the Tupul area in Manipur's Noney district will go down as one of the severest natural disasters in the State, with the death toll reaching 37 and 28 people remaining trapped below the debris even as rescue efforts were on. The tragic disaster has been compounded by the debris of the landslide blocking the Ijei river, creating a significant welling up of water which could inundate low-lying areas if the "dam"-like structure is breached. While the administration has sought to ease the water outflow from the stored water, inclement weather has hampered the pace of the efforts and the government and disaster management officials must now take precautions to ensure that the consequences of the disaster do not snowball even further. The fact that such a disaster occurred in a railway construction site in a landslide-prone area should give development planners and government officials in the State pause. While the Himalayan States in northern India and other States with hill/ghat terrain such as Kerala have registered the bulk of landslides in the last decade or so according to government data, the number of such incidents in Manipur (20 between 2014 and 2020) is not insignificant. The relatively high number of casualties accompanying these landslides and the fact that the Environment Ministry has itself acknowledged that the disasters were "anthropogenically" induced are a matter of serious concern for the State. The Ministry identified the causes of landslides in Manipur as "a result of modification of slopes for construction, widening of road, quarrying for construction materials, fragile lithography, complex geological structures and heavy rainfall".

As a post-facto exercise, the State government must look at whether sufficient soil and stability tests were done before choosing the site for railway construction work in the Tupul area. Researchers have corroborated the fact that the areas in western Manipur abutting the national highways fall under very high, high or moderate hazard zones. The severe landslide occurred in the Tupul area despite the government identifying susceptible areas in the State through the National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping project. The uncertain nature of rains, with the monsoon being more intense this year compared to predictions, has added to the problem. An early warning system for landslides is still being developed and refined by the Geological Survey of India and this could help reduce the scale of such disasters, once deployed across vulnerable States. While it is understandable that States in the Northeast are keen on accelerating connectivity projects to uplift a relatively economically backward region, disasters such as the landslide in Tupul point to the dangers of not taking ecological challenges related to deforestation seriously enough. This is a wake-up call for governments in States that are prone to landslides regularly.

EXPLAINER

The functioning of the National Investigation Agency

When and why was the NIA constituted? Can the agency move beyond domestic borders?

DEVESH K. PANDEY

The story so far: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the probe into the June 28 killing of tailor Kanhaiyya Lal (48) in Rajasthan's Udaipur over a social media post supporting suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nupur Sharma. Now, the Union Home Ministry has handed over to the agency the investigation of a similarly executed murder of pharmacist Umesh Kolhe (54) at Amravati in Maharashtra on June 21.

What is the NIA?

It is a central agency mandated to investigate all the offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India, friendly relations with foreign states, and the offences under the statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions of the United Nations, its agencies and other international organisations. These include terror acts and their possible links with crimes like smuggling of arms, drugs and fake Indian currency and infiltration from across the borders. The agency has the power to search, seize,



Instant justice: An accused in the Kanhaiyya Lal case at an NIA court on July 2. •PTI

arrest and prosecute those involved in such offences.

Headquartered in Delhi, the NIA has its branches in Hyderabad, Guwahati, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkata, Raipur, Jammu, Chandigarh, Ranchi, Chennai, Imphal, Bengaluru and Patna.

When did the NIA come into being?

In the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack in November 2008, which shocked the entire world, the then United Progressive Alliance government decided to establish the NIA. In December 2008, former Union Home Minister P.

Chidambaram introduced the National Investigation Agency Bill.

The Home Minister had then said the agency would deal with only eight laws mentioned in the schedule and that a balance had been struck between the right of the State and duties of the Central government to investigate the more important cases. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

The agency came into existence on December 31, 2008, and started its functioning in 2009.

Till date, the NIA has registered 447 cases.

What are the scheduled offences?

The list includes the Explosive Substances Act, Atomic Energy Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Anti-Hijacking Act, Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act, SAARC Convention (Suppression of Terrorism) Act, Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Maritime Navigation and Fixed Platforms on Continental Shelf Act, Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act and relevant offences under the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act and the Information Technology Act.

In September 2020, the Centre empowered the NIA to also probe offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act that are connected to terror cases.

How wide is NIA's jurisdiction?

The law under which the agency operates extends to the whole of India and also applies to Indian citizens outside the country; persons in the service of the government wherever they are posted; persons on ships and aircraft registered in India wherever they may be; persons who commit a scheduled offence beyond

India against the Indian citizen or affecting the interest of India.

How does the NIA take up a probe?

As provided under Section 6 of the Act, State governments can refer the cases pertaining to the scheduled offences registered at any police station to the Central government (Union Home Ministry) for NIA investigation. After assessing the details made available, the Centre can then direct the agency to take over the case. State governments are required to extend all assistance to the NIA. Even when the Central government is of the opinion that a scheduled offence has been committed which is required to be investigated under the Act, it may, suo motu, direct the agency to take up/over the probe.

Where the Central government finds that a scheduled offence has been committed at any place outside India to which this Act extends, it can also direct the NIA to register the case and take up investigation. While investigating any scheduled offence, the agency can also investigate any other offence which the accused is alleged to have committed if the offence is connected to the scheduled offence.

THE GIST

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General Studies Paper I

A	History of Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of art forms, literature and architecture from ancient to modern times;
B	Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present-significant events, personalities, issues;
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D	Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country;
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F	Political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.-their forms and effect on the society
G	Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India;
H	Effects of globalization on Indian society;
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K	Salient features of world's physical geography;
L	Geographical features and their location- changes in critical geographical features (including water bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes;
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R	Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States, Performance of these schemes;
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C	Inclusive growth and issues arising from it;
D	Infrastructure Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Government budgeting;
E	Land reforms in India
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