

## Current Affairs: 15/16.04.2022

### World Bank Projects India's growth forecast 8% for FY23

The **World Bank** has slashed the GDP growth forecast for India in **FY2022/23** to **8 percent** in its bi-annual "South Asia Economic Focus" report, due to the negative impact of the war in Ukraine on FY23 growth. Earlier in January 2022, growth forecast for FY23 was estimated at 8.7 percent.

### PM Modi inaugurates Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya at Teen Murti Complex in New Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya (or Prime Ministers' Museum)** on April 14, 2022, on the occasion of 132nd birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, as well as to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. PM Modi also bought the first ticket of the museum before its inauguration.

The museum is a tribute to each of the **14 prime ministers of India since Independence**, irrespective of their ideology or tenure. Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is located at the **Teen Murti complex in New Delhi** and has integrated the erstwhile Nehru Museum (now designated as Block I) with the newly constructed building (designated as Block II). The museum has employed cutting-edge technology-based interfaces to encompass heterogeneity in content and frequent rotation of display. Built at a cost of Rs 271 crore, the total area of the two blocks is over 15,600 square metres.

### Vice President presents International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021

Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021 to **Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh under the Indian nomination (individual) category and Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat under the institutional category**. The award was given during a function in New Delhi on April 13, 2022. The annual award has been instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation to recognise the work of individuals and organisations who have worked tirelessly to fight this disease and the prejudices associated with it. The award commemorates the compassion that Gandhiji possessed and service he rendered towards people afflicted with leprosy.

### Centre re-appoints Iqbal Singh Lalpura as Chairperson of National Commission for Minorities

Centre has re-appointed **Iqbal Singh Lalpura**, as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities. He is a **retired IPS officer of Punjab-cadre**. Lalpura was first appointed as Chairman in September 2021, However he resigned from the post in December to contest as the BJP candidate from Ropar assembly constituency, which he lost. The National Commission for Minorities was set up by the Government of India under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Union Government has notified six religious communities as minority communities. These are **Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians and Jains**.

### Tim Southee wins Sir Richard Hadlee Medal at New Zealand Cricket Awards 2022

**New Zealand pace bowler Tim Southee** has been awarded the **Sir Richard Hadlee Medal at the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) Awards** on April 14, 2022. This is Southee's first Sir Richard Hadlee Medal in his 14-year-long career. He has been awarded for his consistency

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hroughout the 2021-22 season. Sir Richard Hadlee medal is the **highest** **cricketing honour of New Zealand (Black Cap).**



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## **R Praggnanandhaa beat D Gukesh to win Reykjavik Open chess tournament**

Young Indian **Chess Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** has won the prestigious **Reykjavik Open chess tournament** on April 12, 2022. The final was played between R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot GM D Gukesh. The 16-year-old Praggnanandhaa scored 7½/9 to finish half-point ahead of Gukesh. The 2022 Reykjavik Open was a nine-round Swiss tournament, which took place at the Harpa Music and Conference hall in Iceland, from April 6-12.

## **World Art Day 2022: 15 April**

The **World Art Day** is observed every year on **15 April** to celebrate fine arts and promote awareness of creative activity around the world. The day was declared by the International Association of Art (IAA), an NGO working in official partnership with UNESCO. The first celebration of World Art Day was held on April 15, 2012. The date has been selected in honor of the birthday of Leonardo da Vinci, the famous painter of Mona Lisa. He was chosen as a symbol of world peace, freedom of expression, tolerance, brotherhood and multiculturalism as well as art's importance to other fields.

## **PM Modi dedicates K. K. Patel Super Speciality Hospital in Bhuj to the nation**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation, a **200-bed K K Patel Super Speciality Hospital in Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat**, via video-conferencing on April 15, 2022. This hospital has been built by Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj, Bhuj and is the **first charitable super speciality hospital in Kutch region**. It will guarantee quality medical treatment for people of Kutch including lakhs of soldiers, par military personnel and traders.

This initiative is in line with the policy of Central government to set up **at least one medical college in every district of the country**, so that India gets a record number of doctors in the next 10 years.

## **Uttarakhand Government announces 'Him Prahari' scheme for ex-servicemen and youngsters**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has announced a scheme named '**Him Prahari**'. The new scheme has been launched for **ex-servicemen and youngsters** and is aimed at **stopping the migration of people from the state**. The scheme will focus on areas where migration occurs at a rapid phase, especially the districts which have international borders. The state government will provide all necessary assistance to ex-servicemen and the youth, so that people stay put, and not move out. The scheme will be implemented with the help of Centre Government.

## **20th India-France Joint Staff talks concludes in Paris**

The **20th edition of India and France Joint Staff talks** was held in **Paris** on April 12-13, 2022. The focus of the meeting was on new initiatives under the existing bilateral defence cooperation mechanism and strengthening ongoing bilateral defence engagements. The meeting

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was co-chaired by Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff and **Air Vice Marshal B Manikantan** and Head of Bilateral Cooperation South/Staff HQ **Brigadier**

**General Eric Peltier.**

- The India-France Joint Staff talks forum has been established to enhance defence cooperation between both nations through regular talks at the strategic and operational levels.

## Agreement

### **IAF inks MoU with IIT Madras to develop solutions to maintain weapon systems**

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** for technology development and finding indigenous solutions towards the sustenance of various weapon systems.
- The partnership will significantly contribute in accelerating IAF's indigenisation efforts towards enhancing sustenance capability, obsolescence management and achieving 'Self Reliance'.

## International

### **Israel successfully tests new laser-based air defence system 'Iron Beam'**

- **Israel successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system 'Iron Beam'** which can destroy any airborne object including drones.
- Iron Beam is the **world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam** to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets, mortars, long range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc.

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## India to host Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023

**India** is the host nation for the **Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023 (SCCWC 2023)**, a mixed gender cricket tournament for street-connected children and young people worldwide.

The Tournament will be organised by Save the Children India (Bal Raksha Bharat) and Street Child United in September 2023. The 10-day event will see participation of 22 teams from 16 countries. SCCWC 2023 will be the second edition of the tournament. The inaugural edition was held in **London/Cambridge in 2019**, in which eight teams took part and Team India South emerged victorious after beating hosts England. SCCWC is a global platform that gives street children an opportunity to connect, share their experiences and present their demand of human rights to the world.

## India Shuttler Mithun Manjunath wins silver medal at Orleans Masters 2022 Finals

**In Badminton, India's Mithun Manjunath** lost to Toma Junior Popov of France, 21-11, 21-19, in the finals of the **Orleans Masters 2022 to settle for a silver medal.**

This was the first-ever BWF Super 100 final match played by Mithun Manjunath.

### • List of Winners

1. Men's Single – Toma Junior Popov (France) beat Mithun Manjunath (India)
2. Women's Single – Putri Kusuma Wardani (Indonesia) beat Iris Wang (USA)
3. Men's Double – Ruben Jille and Ties van der Lecq (Netherlands)
4. Women's Double – Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva (Bulgaria)
5. Mixed Double – Terry Hee and Tan Wei Han (Singapore)

## Save the Elephant Day 2022: 16 April

**Save the Elephant Day** is celebrated on **April 16** every year to raise awareness about the dangers elephants face and various difficulties they have to overcome to live. The Day is established by Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants. According to WWF data, at present the population of Pachyderms in India is around 20,000 to 25,000.

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- The theme of 2022 is **Lift Your Voice.**