

## 11 January, 2022 Current Affairs

### 1. Uttar Pradesh Govt Declares 4 Villages near Nepal Border as Revenue Villages



- Uttar Pradesh government declared four villages located near the Nepal border in the district as revenue villages. District Magistrate of Bahraich, Dinesh Chandra Singh said the decision was taken before the announcement of the general elections to the UP Legislative Assembly.
- These four villages are Bhavanipur, Tedhia, Dhakia and Bichhia located in Mihinpurwa tehsil of the district. All these villages are Vantangiya villages. The Vantangiya' community comprises people brought from Myanmar during the colonial rule to plant trees. There are around 225 families in these four villages consisting of over 1,500 members.
- A revenue village is a small administrative region with defined borders. One revenue village may contain many hamlets. A village administrative officer is the head officer of a revenue village. The people of these villages will now get the benefits of all the schemes of the government.
- **Uttar Pradesh Capital:** Lucknow
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
- **Uttar Pradesh Governor:** Anandiben Patel

## 2. Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel Appointed as Vice President of AIIB



- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Urjit Patel has been appointed as Vice President of the multilateral funding institution Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a period of three years.
- He will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB. He is expected to take charge from February 2022.
- He will succeed outgoing Vice President D J Pandian, who is in charge of sovereign and non-sovereign lending of the AIIB in South Asia, the Pacific Islands and South-East Asia.

**President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank:** Jin Liqun.

**Headquarters of AIIB:** Beijing, China.

**AIIB established:** 16 January 2016.

## 3. RBL Bank tie-up with Google to advance next-gen customer experience



- RBL Bank and Google announced a strategic collaboration to fuel the Bank's customer experience strategy. Through this, the bank will expand its value proposition to serve its rapidly growing customer base through the digital platform, Abacus 2.0.

- It will enable better customer data management, and analytics, enabling effective cross-selling within the Bank's large customer base. RBL Bank currently has over 4 million urban retail asset and liability customers.
- This collaboration will enable better customer data management, and analytics, enabling effective cross-selling within the Bank's large customer base and subsequently reducing the cost of customer acquisition, significantly.
- Through Abacus 2.0, the Bank aims to provide a superior and holistic one-stop solution to its existing and new customers, to seamlessly deliver its different product offerings across channels.

**RBL Bank Founded:** 1943

**RBL Bank Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**RBL Bank CEO & MD:** Rajeev Ahuja

**RBL Bank Tagline:** Apno Ka Bank

#### 4. Finance Ministry: Deposits in Jan Dhan accounts cross Rs 1.5 lakh crore



According to the finance ministry, the deposits in bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme have crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark. The total balance in accounts under the Jan Dhan scheme was recorded at Rs 1,50,939.36 crore as of December-end 2021.

The data revealed that over 44.23 crore accounts have been opened under the scheme. Of this, 34.9 crore accounts were opened with the public sector banks, 8.05 crore with regional rural banks, and the remaining 1.28 crore

with private sector banks. RuPay Debit Cards were issued to 31.28 crores PMJDY beneficiaries under this scheme.

#### **5. Bhupender Yadav chaired 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority**



- The 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held under the chairmanship of the union minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.
- Currently, there are 51 Tiger Reserves in India and more than 35 rivers originate from those areas which are crucial for water security.
- The environment minister launched an action plan for the reintroduction, protection and conservation of 7 major big cats in India including the cheetah, which has become extinct in independent India.
- Under the action plan, 50 of these big cats will be introduced in the next 5 years in various parks.
- He announced that 14 Tiger reserves across India have received accreditation of the global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS). He underlined the need to meetings of NTCA in the first week of April, August & December every year.

## 6. 'Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization' won 'International Craft Award 2021'



- Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization (KACV) from Kovalam, Kerala was awarded the 'International Craft Award for 2021' for the best craft village in the world by the World Crafts Council International.
- It is the only award India received in the non-individual category. The KACV was established by the Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (UL CCS) for the State Tourism Department of Kerala. In 2021, the Village of the Year award was won by 'Kraf Komuniti Ku' in Malaysia.

## 7. An important step towards strengthening the space sector

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science and Technology (KCCRSST) at Chandigarh University.
- The Union Minister also launched Chandigarh University's Defence Scholarship Scheme, worth Rs 10 Crore, for the wards of Defence Personnel of the three services.
- Kalpana Chawla was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space.

## 8. World Rapid Chess Championship 2021 won by Nodirbek Abdusattorov



- Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan), won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021 by defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia) in a tiebreaker and dethroning Magnus Carlsen, the current World Number 1.
- 2020 FIDE Championship was won by Magnus Carlsen.
- Nodirbek Abdusattorov is an Uzbek chess grandmaster and the reigning World Rapid Chess Champion. A chess prodigy, he qualified for the grandmaster title at the age of 13 years, 1 month, and 11 days. FIDE awarded him the title in April 2018.

## 9. Satish Adiga gets ICMR national award “Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award”

- A professor in the clinical embryology department at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), under Manipal Academy of Higher education (MAHE), Dr Satish Adiga has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for its national award.
- He will receive Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award from ICMR in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of in-vitro fertilization (IVF).
- He has contributed significantly to both clinical IVF and fertility research.

## 10. Forensic Science Laboratory won SKOCH award for combating crime against children

- The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) won SKOCH Award in the Silver category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children.
- The award was given out at the 78 SKOCH Summit. The “State of Governance” was the theme of the summit.
- Deepa Verma, the Director of the Rohini-based lab, has accepted the award on behalf of the lab.
- FSL is a scientific department and a participant in the criminal justice system whose mission is to investigate incidents of crime and violence against children who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm.