

Daily Current Affairs – April 21 &22, 2019**Important Days:****April 21 - National Civil Services Day**

- The Civil Service Day is celebrated on 21 April every year. The present civil services of India are mainly based on the pattern of the former Indian Civil Service of British India. Warren Hastings laid the foundation of civil service and Charles Cornwallis reformed, modernised, and rationalised it. Hence, Charles Cornwallis is known as 'the father of civil service in India'.

April 22 – World Earth Day

- Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin created the first Earth Day, on April 22, 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. United States Senator Gaylord Nelson came up with the idea for Earth Day after seeing the devastation caused by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which killed more than 3500 birds off the coast of California.
- The theme for Earth Day 2019 is '**Protect Our Species**'.

National Affairs:**Konkani translation of Indian Constitution released**

- A Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution was released by the Mangaluru Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha at the Rosario Cathedral in Mangaluru. The translation has been done by Professor Stephen Quadros Permude.

Foreign Secretary to have ‘bilateral consultations’ in Beijing

- Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary of India arrived to Beijing for “bilateral consultations”, amid signs that China may review its position on lifting its “technical hold” on listing the founder of terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Masood Azhar, as an international terrorist.

International Affairs:**U.S. to announce end to sanctions waivers for Iran oil imports**

- The United States announced that all importers of Iranian oil will have to end their imports shortly or be subject to U.S. sanctions. The U.S. reimposed sanctions in November on exports of Iranian oil after Mr. Trump unilaterally pulled out of a 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers.

Ukraine elections: Comedian Zelenskiy declares victory in presidential race

- In Ukraine presidential elections, the former entertainer and political novice Volodymyr Zelenskiy of the Servant of the People took 73 percent of the vote, with incumbent President Petro Poroshenko had just 25% of vote.

Science & Technology:**IISc team directly delivers protein into cells**

- Researchers at Bengaluru's Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have used a novel strategy to directly deliver proteins into mammalian cells. Proteins are big molecules and so cannot enter the cells on their own. So a team led by Govindasamy Mugesh substituted a hydrogen atom of the protein with an iodine atom to achieve a nearly sixfold increase in protein uptake by cells.

Defence Affairs:**Curtain Raiser - Naval Commanders' Conference**

- The first edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2019 is scheduled at New Delhi from 23 to 25 April 2019. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri is scheduled to address the Naval Commanders on the opening day and interact with them.

- The themes of 'Functional Reorganisation of Indian Navy towards improving Operational Efficiency' and 'Optimal Manning' will form the core of discussions towards finalising long term road map for the IN.

Indian, US Navies hold anti submarine warfare exercise

- Indian and the US Navies have held a joint submarine-hunting exercise in the Indian Ocean, aiming to lay the groundwork for coordinating maritime patrol and reconnaissance. The Indian P-8I Neptune aircraft from the Naval Air Squadron 312 based at Naval Station Rajali in Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu, joined the US P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron VP-8 “Fighting Tigers”, based in Jacksonville, Florida, in the exercise.

Sports Affairs:

Asian Athletics Championship 2019

- Annu Rani won the women’s javelin throw silver and Avinash Sable also won a silver medal in the men’s 3000m steeplechase in the 23rd Asian Athletics Championships held at Qatar.
- Tamil Nadu’s Arokia Rajiv and defending champion Muhammed Anas of Kerala entered the men’s 400m final.

Monte Carlo Tennis

- Flamboyant Italian Fabio Fognini followed up his shock victory over Rafael Nadal with a 6-3 6-4 win over Serbian Dusan Lajovic to claim his maiden Masters title in Monte Carlo.

Asian Weightlifting

- Jeremy Lalrinnunga smashes Youth World record, national senior record, Youth Olympics gold medallist Jeremy Lalrinnunga went on a record-smashing spree, claiming three world marks in a power-packed performance, to secure second place in his group at the Asian Weightlifting Championship in Ningbo.

Santosh Trophy 2019:

- Services won its sixth Santosh Trophy title with a 1-0 victory over home side Punjab with second-half strike by Bikash Thapa at Guru Nanak Stadium Punjab.

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