



## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 25-03-2022

### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Chatbot 'Maya'

- **Kerala** Tourism launched 24x7 WhatsApp **chatbot 'Maya'** to enable tourists get information and updates on tourism eco system in the State.
- It was launched by the Tourism Minister of Kerala, P A Mohamed Riyas.
- The Chatbot Maya will work as a virtual travel assistant for tourist and provide complete information for hassle-free travel experience.
- To access Chatbot, one can send a 'Hi' to the WhatsApp no: 7510512345 or by scanning the QR code to get the service.

#### Dynamic Map for Villages

- **Bihar** has become the first state in the country to introduce the concept of a dynamic map for villages which will get updated every time land ownership changes hands.
- The move is aimed to reduce legal disputes.
- According to the Bihar government, the state has seen almost 37,000 cases of some land dispute or the other.
- The move towards dynamic maps is part of a series of steps taken by the state government to implement long-pending land reforms.

#### IIT Madras - AquaMAP Water Management

- To solve India's water concerns, **the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** is constructing a new interdisciplinary water management and policy center known as '**AquaMAP**.'
- Aqua Map is administered by a board of directors led by the director of IIT Madras and an advisory board comprising water technology, management, and policy specialists.
- Mr. Krishnan Narayanan, President, Itihaasa Research and Digital, and Parasuram Balasubramanian, CEO, Theme Work Analytics, are both IIT Madras graduates who have

contributed a seed grant Rs 3 crore for two years and assisted in the drafting of the five-year plan.

- AquaMAP will collaborate with IIT Madras' other water research institutes, such as Sutram, the International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), the PCoE on Water and Sustainability, and other partners.

## Prime Minister to Inaugurate Biplobi Bharat Gallery

- PM **Narendra Modi** Inaugurated Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall, **Kolkata**.
- The gallery displays the contribution of the revolutionaries in the freedom struggle and their armed resistance to British colonial rule.
- It is to provide a historic view of the events that held till 1947 and to highlight the important role played by the revolutionaries.

## BANKING

### Airtel Payment Bank with ICICI Lombard

- Airtel Payments Bank has tied up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company to grant Smartphone Insurance in India.
- This facility is available on the Airtel Thanks app.
- This solution provides financial protection against damage to the phone and its screen resulting from accidents or liquid spills.
- Under the agreement the mobile insurance amount equal to the purchase price of the smartphones will be provided.
- The smartphone price under the range of Rs. 10, 000 to Rs. 1, 00, 000 will be considered.

#### About Airtel Payments Bank:

- HQ: New Delhi, Delhi.
- MD & CEO: Anubrata Biswas.

### EbixCash Partners with Axis Securities

- EbixCash Limited announced a strategic agreement with Axis Securities, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Axis Bank, to provide end-to-end trading services to customers of EbixCash.
- EbixCash is a technology enabled provider of digital products and services in the Business-2-Customer (B2C), Business-2-Business (B2B) and financial technology arena, through an

integrated business model.

- The association offers a 3-in-1 account to the customers of EbixCash, which allows them to integrate savings, Demat and trading accounts.
- With this partnership, EbixCash customers now have access to the seamless online platform of Axis Securities, empowering them to buy and sell stocks and other investment products.
- The customers can go for various investment instruments, including mutual funds, SIPs, investment advisory, portfolio management services, along with the option of opening a trading or demat account.

#### **About EbixCash:**

- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Chairman: Robin Raina.

## **AU Small Finance Bank and Tata Motors**

- **Tata Motors** has signed an agreement with **AU Small Finance Bank** to offer finance options to customers on the company's range of passenger cars.
- The institution is offering a repayment tenure of up to **seven years**.
- AU Small Finance Bank will offer exclusive solutions in rural, urban, and metro regions.
- The scheme will offer maximum financing on the vehicle as per each individual's requirements. Customers can also enjoy the benefit of EMI options with a repayment tenure.
- Customers can also apply for a car loan using AU 0101 App to avail pre-approved offers.

#### **About AU Small Finance Bank:**

- HQ: Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- MD & CEO: Sanjay Agarwal.

## **AWARDS & PRIZES**

### **Abel Prize 2022**

- Abel Prize is organized by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Government of Norway.

- The award for the year 2022 is given to **American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan** for his groundbreaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense and in particular algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects.
- He is also a fellow of the American Mathematical Society.
- He is also a recipient of the 2010 Wolf Prize for Mathematics and the 2014 Balzan Prize for Mathematics.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### Rajnish Kumar Joins Dun & Bradstreet's Advisory Board

- Former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman **Rajnish Kumar** has joined the international strategic advisory board of data and analytics firm Dun & Bradstreet.
- Kumar, a veteran banker, currently works on the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero MotoCorp and BharatPe.
- Prior to this, he was appointed non-executive director of HSBC's Asia unit.
- Dun & Bradstreet is contributing to empower MSMEs through technology-based finance, risk, compliance, data and marketing solutions in India.

### Adviser in Defence Ministry

- Lt. Gen. **Vinod G. Khandare** has been appointed as Adviser in the Ministry of Defence. He will work closely with the Defence Secretary.
- He served as the Military Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) under the Prime Minister's Office from 2018 to 2021.
- He was commissioned into 14 Garhwal Rifles in September 1979 and served for nearly four decades.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### A New Book by Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

- Nobel Peace Prize winners **Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu** co-authored a book titled '**The Little Book of Joy**' for children.
- The book will be published by Random House Children's Book and will be released in

September 2022.

- This book focuses on the meaning of true happiness, which is not in the materialistic world but lies in the nature of human beings.
- In 2016, they also co-authored the book titled “The book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a changing world’.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day for the Right to the Truth

- International Day for the Right to the Truth is celebrated on **24 March**.
- It is observed by United Nations concerning Gross human rights violations and for the dignity of victims every year.
- It also aims to contribute to those who have devoted their lives in the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all.

### World Tuberculosis Day

- World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated every year on **24 March**.
- It is celebrated to create awareness among the public to eliminate the disease.
- It was first celebrated in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB.
- The theme for the day 2022 is ‘**Invest to End TB. Save Lives**’.

## OBITUARY

### Former Chief Justice of India RC Lahoti

- Former Chief Justice of India **Ramesh Chandra Lahoti** passed away at New Delhi. He was at the age of 81.
- He was born on 01 November 1940 in Guna, Madhya Pradesh.
- Justice Lahoti was appointed as the 35th chief justice of India on June 1, 2004 and He retired on November 1, 2005

- He was also a former independent director on the board of directors of the Press Trust of India (PTI).
- Preamble: The spirit and Backbone of the Constitution of India and Canons of Judicial Ethics are the famous books authored by RC Lahoti.

## First Female Secretary of US Madeleine Albright

- **Madeleine Albright**, the first female U.S secretary of the state has died of cancer. She was at the age of 84.
- She was serving as US ambassador to the United Nations before joining the Nation top diplomat.
- In 2012 she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.



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