

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion -

- Ding Liren has become 17th world chess champion – the first from China – defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- Ding defeated Nepo in the last of the four Rapid tiebreaks. Ding takes over as winner of the World Chess Championship from Norway's Magnus Carlsen, who chose not to defend his title after a 10-year reign. He and Nepomniachtchi had finished on seven points each after the 14 first-stage games played in the Kazakh capital, Astana.
- Each had won three, with the other eight ending in draws. For the tie-break stage of the match, also in Astana, the contenders had only 25 minutes to make their moves, plus an additional 10 seconds for each move played.
- The 30-year-old won the rapid chess playoff by 2.5 points to 1.5, capitalizing on his opponent's mistakes, following the pair's 7-7 tie across 14 longer "classical" games.



2. ASEAN India Maritime Exercise, AIME-2023 -

- Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi on May 1st, 2023, led by RAdm Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023). The exercise is scheduled to take place from May 2nd to May 8th, 2023.
- The Harbor Phase of AIME-2023 will be held at Changi Naval Base from May 2nd to May 4th, 2023, and the Sea Phase will take place in the South China Sea from May 7th to May 8th, 2023.

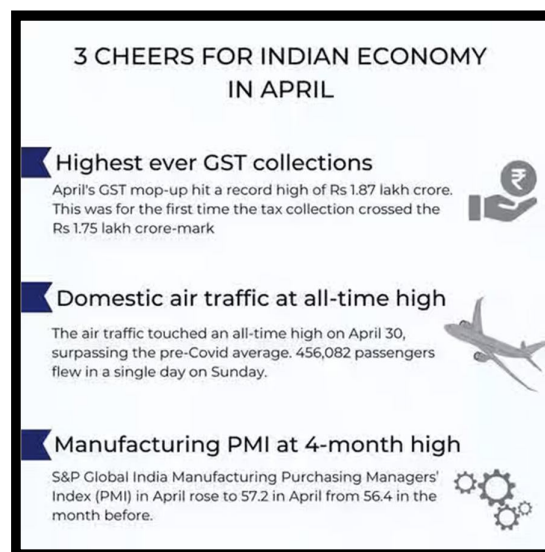


- The primary goal of AIME-2023 is to provide an opportunity for the Indian Navy and ASEAN navies to work together closely and conduct seamless operations in the maritime domain.
- INS Delhi, India's first indigenously-built guided missile destroyer, and INS Satpura, an indigenously-built guided missile stealth frigate, are part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based in Visakhapatnam.
- Both of these ships are fitted with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors and function under the operational command of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.



3. India's GST Revenues Hit Record High in April At Rs 1.87 lakh crore-

- The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue collection increased 12% in April 2023 to Rs 1.87 lakh crore.
- It is the highest monthly mop-up since the inception of the indirect tax regime in July 2017.
- The government has collected CGST of Rs 38,440 crore, SGST of Rs 47,412 crore, and IGST of Rs 89,158 crore (including Rs 34,972 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 12,025 crore.





- The highest GST collection was recorded in April 2022 at Rs 1.68 lakh crore.

4. 100 episodes of PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat -

- Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular radio programme, completed 100 episodes.



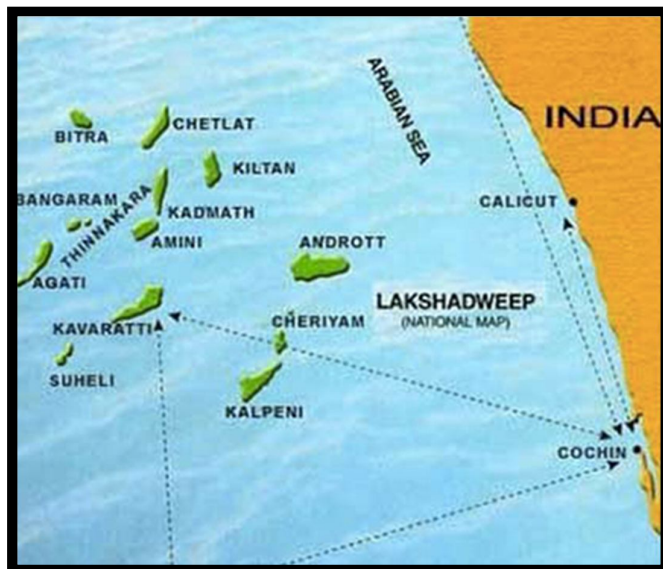
- At 100th episode PM framed the radio show as a national conversation that helps connect with the people — “a matter of faith, of worship”, and a “thaal of prasad” at the feet of “Janata Janardan”.
- Radio can also reach those people who do not own a mobile device and have Internet connection.
- Idea is to convey positivity and to spread optimism like during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns. Spreading awareness about government schemes and initiatives — Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga, digital payments, startups and unicorns etc.
- Almost every show includes little-known information about India's arts, craft, folk culture and heroes, etc. that inform and educate, and evoke and sustain listener interest.
- Radio Broadcasting began in June 1923 during the British Raj with programs by the Bombay Presidency Radio Club.
- Congress Radio, also known as Azad Radio, was an underground radio station that operated for about three months during the Quit India Movement of 1942.
- It was organized by Usha Mehta (1920–2000), then a 22-year student activist, with the help of amateur radio operators.



- All India Radio (AIR) was established in 1936 (named as Akashvani in 1956) is the national public radio broadcaster of India and is a division of Prasar Bharati. Its headquarter is in New Delhi. It is the sister service of Prasar Bharati's Doordarshan, an Indian television broadcaster.
- AIR's home service comprises 420 stations located across the country, reaching nearly 92% of the country's area and 99.19% of the total population.

5. Science 20 Engagement Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency begins -

- Science 20, during the opening session of the Thematic Conference on Universal Holistic Health in Bangaram Island, Lakshadweep, India emphasized the significance of respecting and acknowledging cultural diversity in promoting universal holistic health.
- Co-chair of Science 20 and President of Indian National Science Academy, Prof. Ashutosh Kumar Sharma, underscored the importance of incorporating traditional healing practices into modern healthcare systems in upholding cultural identity and values, aside from health and well-being.
- The two-day event, which had 48 delegates from G-20 countries, takes place as part of India's G20 Presidency.





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