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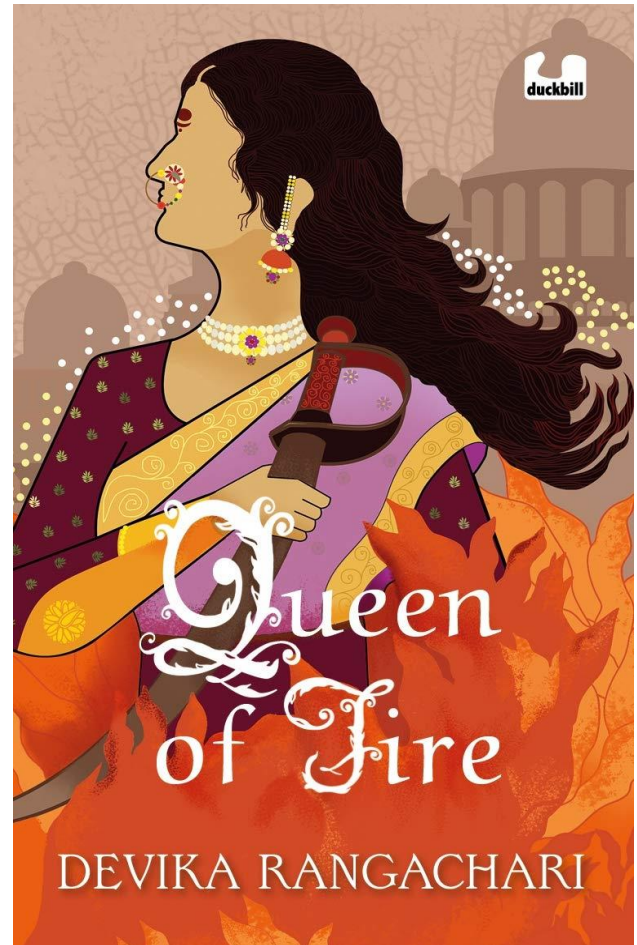
## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS Vol II

The Vol II of Weekly Current affairs consists of the brief information about every important event /news /days, etc of the first week of April 2022 ( 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 .

- State government of Karnataka has launched the campaign “**Vinaya Samarasya**”. The aim of the campaign is to create awareness among public against the caste prejudice in the state’s gram panchayats.  
This campaign is named after a boy named “Vinay”. He is a 3-year-old child of Dalit Caste. He stayed in temple Miyamar Hamlet for shelter in rain in September 2021. The village elders fined his family Rs 25,000 and force them to leave the village
- India and Turkmenistan have recently signed four agreement including financial intelligence and disaster management and agreed to expand bilateral trade and energy cooperation to further strengthen the multifaceted partnership.  
Note: Turkmenistan possesses very large reserves of natural gas.
- Several prehistoric artefacts and archaeological remains have been discovered along the banks of three rivers namely Bhavani , Siruvani and Kodumkara Pallam ( Anakkatti ) .
- Taliban ( Ruling in Afghanistan) has banned the production of Opium poppy in Afghanistan . The bright red flower in the Poppy production is used to make heroin . Poppies are the main source of millions small farmers in Afghanistan.
- Recently , Astronomers have discovered a new galaxy having ‘ Ghost-Like’ Appearance .This galaxy is named as UVIT J2022 ( Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope J2022). This galaxy is around 136 lightyears away from earth. This galaxy has ‘ghost’ like appearance in the optical images .
- Ergos has launched “Grain Bank Loyalty Cards’ for Farmers. Grain Bank is a post-harvest solution which allow the farmer to digitize its grain. This is easily accessible to lenders and processors and can buy online directly from farmers.
- Meenakshi Lekhi has recently launched the website “Temple 360” . Temple 360 is a digital platform where anyone can visit or do darshan of 12 jyotirlinga and Char Dham from any location . This website also allows a devotee to perform e-aarti and several other services like e-darshan, e-prashad.
- SEBI has launched “Manthan” Ideathon. It will promote innovation in securities market. Manthan will help to create pool of new ideas and solutions centred on the securities industry.
- India and France are conducting the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the bilateral Naval Exercise “ Varuna “ .
- India and Australia and recently signed “Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement” . Also known as “IndAus ECTA” . It will provide zero-duty access to 96% of India’s exports to Australia.
- Indian Air Force has organized a conclave at Air Force Station Hakimpet on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 to commemorate 60 years of glorious service by chetak helicopter in IAF .
- The 64<sup>th</sup> edition of Grammy Awards have been held at MGM Grand Garden Arena. Major category of the winner in the Grammy Awards are –
  - a. Album of the year – We Are
  - b. Song of the Year – Leave the Door Open
  - c. Record of the year – Leave the Door Open
  - d. Best New Artist – Olivia Rodrigo
- Falguni Shah has won the Best Children’s Album Award.

- Agriculture Minister of Haryana , J P Dalal has launched an online platform named as “Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana” with an initial corpus of Rs crore for the scheme. Farmers will get compensated for damage caused to their crop due to weather of other natural disaster like fire lightning ,etc
- Flipkart group has launched the “Flipkart Foundation” for the growth of rural area and women. Flipkart Foundation is a new platform that focus development of rural areas and providing equal opportunities to women other communities of society.
- Delhi government has launched a scheme named as “ Hobby Hubs” in government schools. This scheme will promote extracurricular activities like dance, music , arts, and crafts during the new academic session.  
For the academic session 2022-23, this project will be implemented only in single shift government schools.
- Pixxel has launched its first fully operational satellite TD-2. Pixxel is space start-up. TD-2 is a satellite which has camera of highest resolution. TD-2 is less than 15 kilogrammes.
- The Police in Andhra Pradesh has set up three “ She Auto” stands to provide sate transport to women and girls students. These three “She Auto” stands have been setup in RTC Bus stand , Mahilla University and Rui Hospital in Tirupati
- The 37<sup>th</sup> edition of Miami Open Tennis tournament was held from March 22 to 3 April in Miami Gardens , Florida . The winners of the tournament are : -
  - a. Men’s Single – Carlos Alcaraz .
  - b. Women’s Singles – Iga Swiatek
  - c. Men’s Double – Hubert Hurkacz/ John Isner
  - d. Women’s Double – V era Zvonareva / Laura Siegemund

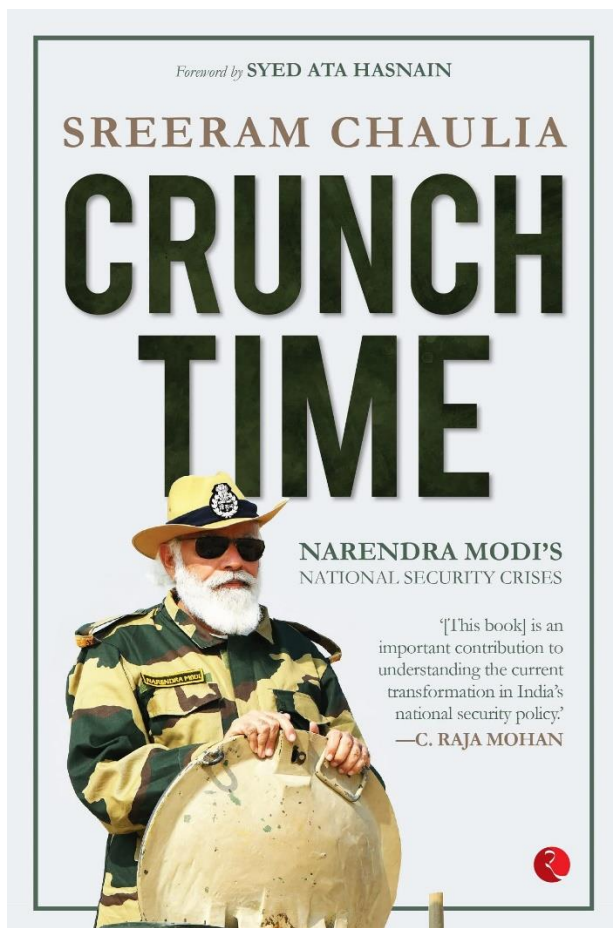
- “Queen of Fire” , authored by Devika Rangachari has been launched. This book depicts the story of Rani Lakshmibai . Devika Rangachari is a historian who has done research on gender in early medieval Indian history.



- International Day for Mine Awareness has been celebrated by United Nations on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to raise awareness about landmines and ways to clear them. The theme for International Day for Mine Awareness 2022 was “ Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe homes”.
- Richard Howard (Pulitzer Prize awardee ) has passed away at the age of 92. He was an American poet , teacher, and translator. Howard has won Pulitzer Prize for ‘Untitled Subject’ in 1970.
- Viktor Orban has been elected as the Prime Minister of Hungary fourth time. He is the

longest serving head of government in European Union.

- Vikas Kumar is the new Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). He succeeds Mangu Singh. Vikas Kumar third Managing director of DMRC after Mangu Singh and E Sreedharan.
- Aamir Khan has been introduced as the new brand ambassador of healthcare mobile application 'PharmEasy'.
- Google Pay has launched "Tap to Pay for UPI", new functionality to bring the seamless convenience of Tap to Pay to Unified Payment Interface (UPI). This initiative has been launched in collaboration with Pine Labs.
- A book entitled "Crunch Time : Narendra Modi's National Security Crises" has been launched by Meenakshi Lekhi (Minister of State for External Affairs). The book is authored by Dr. Sreeram Chauliahas.



- Australia defeats England by 71 runs in the finals and won the Women's World Cup on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022, at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand. The player of the tournament was: Alyssa Healy.
- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has estimated India's GDP growth to 7.4% in 2022-23. The report says that rising prices due to Russia-Ukraine conflict is the biggest challenge to the global economic survey.
- President Ramnath Kovind named new breed of yellow tulips "Maitri" in Amsterdam. This is the first presidential trip to Netherlands after 34 years.
- The Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book "Birsa Munda-Tribal Hero" written by Professor Alok Chakrawal, Vice Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur. The Minister of State for Education, Smt. Annapurna Devi was also present on the occasion. The book is a comprehensive attempt to bring to the fore the struggle of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom movement.
- Indian and Nepal signed four agreements and launched multiple projects on Prime Minister of Nepal three-day visit to India. These four agreements are –
  - a. Nepal signed a framework agreement to join the India-led International Solar Alliance.
  - b. An MoU was signed to enhance technical operation in the railway sector.
  - c. Indian Oil Corporation and Nepal Oil Corporation signed MoU for the supply of petroleum products for five years and for sharing technical expertise.
  - d. The two sides will work for joint development of power generation projects in Nepal.



- The United Nations Human Rights Council has appointed Dr. Ian Fry as the World's first independent expert for human rights and climate change. He is appointed for a period of three year. He holds dual citizenship of Tuvalu and Australia.
  - The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister , Narendra Modi has approved a hike of Dearness Allowance to central government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners by 3 per cent to 34 percent , over existing rate of 31 percent of the Basic pay/ Pension.
  - The School Chalo Abhiyan is being started in the Shravasti district , Uttar Pradesh. The scheme aims at transforming primary education and holistic development of primary schools. A target has been set to connect two crore children with the drive.
  - National Maritime Day is observed on 5<sup>th</sup> April every year. This year 59<sup>th</sup> edition of National Maritime Day was celebrated. The theme for National Maritime Day 2022 was "Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid 19".
  - Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as the chairman of Payments Council for the second time in 2022, previously he was elected as a chairman of PCI in the year 2018. In 2013, he served as Co-Chairman of PCI.
  - Book titled "Decoding Indian Babudom" has been authored by Ashwini Shrivastava. This book highlights India's administrative system and functioning of governance from a common man's point of view. The author recommended "15 sutras" to achieve good and effective governance.
  - TATA Power Renewable energy limited has commissioned a 300-Megawatt solar plant in Dholera , Gujarat with the country's largest single axis solar tracker system. This project will generate 774 million units of Renewable energy annually. This project will also help to reduce approximately 704340 Metric tonnes of carbon emission.
  - Ministry of Aayush has organised a grand programme for demonstration of Common Yoga Protocol at Red Fort , Delhi on the eve of World Health Day ( 7<sup>th</sup> April ). The theme for World Health Day 2022 is "Our Planet , Our Health".
  - International Sports Day for Development and Peace is celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> April every year. This year the theme for International Sports Day for Development and Peace was "Securing a sustainable and peaceful future for All : The Contribution of Sports."
  - Punjab state government has decided to provide "Digital Form J" on a real time basis. "J Form" is the sale receipt for a farmer's agricultural products in 'mandis'. These forms will be delivered directly to the farmer's WhatsApp number immediately after a sale is confirmed on the system by the commission agents and buyers.
  - Madhya Pradesh state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana" . Under this scheme government of Madhya Pradesh will provide a loan guarantee of Rs 1 Lakh - Rs 50 lakh for self-employment with the subsidies on the interest rates.
  - Union Environ Minister , Bhupendra Yadav has launched Awareness Mascot "Prakriti" and Green Initiatives for Effective Plastic Waste Management.
  - The state government has planned to implement Him Prahari Scheme in border areas. The Him Prahari Scheme is meant for ex-servicemen and youngsters and is aimed at stopping the migration of people from the state.
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