



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### India's 100 Food Streets Initiative

The **Health Ministry of India**, in partnership with the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, (MoHUA)** has proposed the **development of 100 food streets in 100 districts across the country**. The initiative aims to **promote safe and healthy practices in the food industry, reduce food-borne illnesses**, and improve overall health outcomes. The project will be implemented as a pilot scheme to demonstrate best practices for food businesses. This initiative will not only support the **"eat right campaign"** and **food safety** but also enhance the credibility of local food businesses. The project's benefits include creating employment opportunities, improving tourism potential, and boosting the economy.

The initiative will be implemented through the **National Health Mission (NHM)** in convergence with the **MoHUA** and with technical support from the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**. States and Union Territories will receive financial assistance of **₹1 crore per food street/district**, with assistance under the NHM provided in the ratio of **60:40 or 90:10, subject to standard branding according to FSSAI guidelines**.

Read more: [National Health Mission](#), [Eat Right Campaign](#)

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### Civil Services Day

The **Vice-President of India** addressed a gathering of civil servants at the **16<sup>th</sup> Civil Services Day (CVD) in New Delhi**, the **date 21<sup>st</sup> April is chosen to commemorate** the day when the first Home Minister of Independent India, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** **addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi and he referred the Civil servants as the 'Steel Frame of India'**.

**On this 16<sup>th</sup> CVD**, the crucial role played by civil servants in ensuring the **inclusive development of the nation** was emphasized. Civil servants were called upon to facilitate **uniformity in administration across the Union and the States so that federalism could flourish into cooperative federalism**. Highlighted the **Mission Karmayogi**, a National Programme for **Civil Services Capacity Building**, which is shaping the **future-ready civil service aligned to the vision of New India**. The importance of technology in complementing the leadership of civil servants for accelerated service delivery and citizen-centric governance is recognized. The Vice-President unveiled an e-book on the **'National Good Governance Webinar Series'** and inaugurated an exhibition on **'Good Governance Practices in India- Awarded Initiatives'**.

Read more: [Civil Services Day](#)

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### MEF Leaders Discuss Climate Action and Initiatives

Recently, the virtual meeting of the **Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate Change** was held, chaired by **US President** and attended by Heads of **State and Ministers from 20 major economies worldwide**. The **International Energy Agency**, stressed the urgency for **climate action to limit global temperature rise** and mentioned Indian Prime Minister's **call for LiFE, a lifestyle for the environment**. All MEF leaders recognized climate change as one of the biggest challenges and

voiced the need for joint efforts to upscale climate action.

Indian Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, and Labour & Employment emphasized **India's leadership in combating climate change, with per capita emissions one-third of the global average.** India's initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from various sectors, support for climate finance, and the **importance of LiFE in individual behavior change towards combating climate change** are highlighted. The meeting also discussed efforts to strengthen the financial capacity of **Multilateral Development Banks (MDB)** to address global challenges, including poverty reduction and **SDGs.**

Read more: [LiFE](#)

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## Heat Index

The **heat index**, which takes into account both air **temperature and humidity**, is an important **indicator of the perceived heat that people experience.** In Delhi, the **heat index in April 2022 reached dangerous levels, ranging from 44°C to 49°C.** The recorded heat index figures in Delhi are in the **"danger" category of the US National Weather Service classification**, which points to the likelihood of **heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and possible heat stroke in case of continued activity.** The **concentration of the slum population, lack of access to amenities, poor housing conditions, and non-availability of healthcare and health insurance,** can aggravate the heat-related vulnerabilities in Delhi.

There is direct relationship between the air temperature and relative humidity and the heat index, meaning as the **air temperature and relative humidity increase (decrease), the heat index increases (decreases).**

Read more: [Heat Index](#), [Heatwaves](#)

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