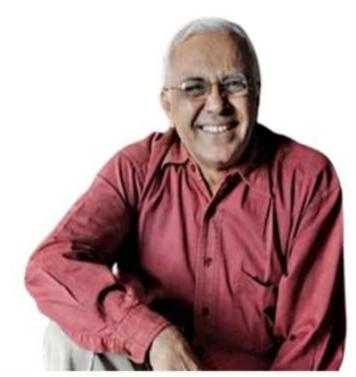
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## **Economy Current Affairs**



### 53rd GST Council meeting held on June 22, 2024, in New Delhi

The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, presided over by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, took place at Bharat Mandapam in <u>New Delhi</u> on June 22 2024. The next GST Council meeting tentatively scheduled for mid to late

#### August.

### Decisions of 53rd GST Council meeting,

- **Aadhaar-based authentication:** The council decided to implement a phased rollout of Aadhaar-based biometric authentication for registration throughout India. This aims to curb fake invoicing and improve compliance.
- Tax rate changes:
  - Milk cans: A uniform 12% GST rate was set for milk cans.
    - **Platform tickets:** Platform tickets for railway travel will now be exempt from GST.
  - **Cartons:** The GST rate on cartons was reduced from 18% to 12% to provide relief to apple farmers in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
- Relief for students: Hostel accommodation services with a monthly rent exceeding ₹20,000 will be subject to GST. However, hostels charging up to ₹20,000 per month will be exempt, providing relief for students.

#### GST Council in India:

#### Function:

- Established under the Constitution to oversee the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- Acts as a joint forum between the Central Government (Union Finance Minister) and all Indian states and union territories (represented by their Finance Ministers).

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Decides on GST tax rates (currently 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%).
- Determines exemptions for certain goods and services.
- Sets deadlines for filing GST returns and compliance procedures.
- Recommends changes to GST laws and regulations.
- Addresses revenue sharing between central and state governments.



### **International Current Affairs**



### António Costa's elected as the next President of the European Council

António Costa's was elected as the next President of the European Council on June 28,2024 in **Brussels**, Belgium. His mandate will last for two and a half years, succeeding Charles

Michel on December 1, 2024.

António Costa is a Portuguese politician and member of the Socialist Party. He served as the Prime Minister of Portugal from 2015 to 2022.

Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni was the only leader who voted against his appointment.



International Solar Alliance (ISA): Paraguay become the 100th country to join

Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member.

Paraguay handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi on 26 June 2024.

The ceremony involved Paraguay's Ambassador to India, Fleming Raul Duarte, and Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary of Economic Diplomacy and States Division at India's Ministry of External Affairs.

#### What is International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

The ISA was co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris. The ISA aims to promote the deployment of solar energy worldwide, increase energy access, ensure energy security, and drive the transition to sustainable energy sources. The primary goal of the ISA is to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through rapid and massive deployment of solar energy technologies.

The ISA Framework Agreement has 119 signatory countries, with 100 having completed the ratification process to become full members. Spain joined as the 99th full member in May 2024.





Wikileaks Founder Julian Assange released from UK Prison after deal with US Authorities

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was released from a UK prison on June 24, 2024, ending a year-long legal battle. This came after he struck a plea deal with US authorities.

As per the conditions finalised in a tentative deal with the US Justice Department, Assange will plead guilty to criminal charges but will serve no time in US custody. Assange was charged with conspiracy to obtain and disclose national defense information. The Wikileaks files, which revealed information about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, had been a point of contention.

Assange spent seven years in Ecuador's London embassy before being taken into custody in the UK. Swedish authorities dropped separate charges of rape and sexual assault against him in 2019.

Julian Assange will return to Australia after his release.

## **National Current Affairs**



India becomes World's Third-Largest Domestic Aviation Market

India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, after the U.S. and China. This ranking is based on data from aviation analytics firm Official Airline Guide (OAG).

India's domestic airline capacity doubled in the last 10 years, from 7.9 million seats in April 2014 to 15.5 million in April 2024. India replaced Brazil as the third-largest market; Brazil is now fourth with 9.7 million seats, followed by Indonesia in fifth with 9.2 million seats. India posted the highest annual average capacity growth rate among the top five countries at 6.9%, followed by China at 6.3% and the US at 2.4%.

IndiGo and Air India, which have over 1,000 planes on order, account for 90% of domestic seats in India. Low-cost carriers (LCCs) dominate Indian domestic capacity, accounting for 78.4% in April 2024. Comparatively, LCCs account for 68.4% of domestic capacity in Indonesia, 62.4% in Brazil, 36.7% in the US, and 13.2% in China.





### Vikram Misri appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India

The Indian government appointed Vikram Misri as the new Foreign Secretary. Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra on July 15, 2024.

Misri is currently the Deputy National Security Adviser and will assume his new role on July 15, 2024. He has served as private secretary to three Prime Ministers: Inder Kumar Gujral, Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi.

He was born in Srinagar in 1964, educated in Gwalior, and holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Delhi University's Hindu College and an MBA from XLRI.

Misri's diplomatic career includes notable postings, such as India's ambassador to China during the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes, ambassador to Spain in 2014, and ambassador to Myanmar in 2016. His early career included positions at Indian embassies in Brussels and Tunis and in various Indian diplomatic missions across Africa and North America.



### Extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year until June 2025. Tapan Kumar Deka is a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre.

The tenure of Bharat Lal as Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission has also been extended for one year up to June 30, 2025.



India is hosting 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council meeting from June 25 to 27 in New Delhi

India is hosting the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting from June 25 to 27 in <u>New Delhi</u>.

Delegates from over 30 countries and representatives of many international organisations are participating.

Discussions will focus on critical issues of the sugar and biofuel sector. An industrial tour to a grain-based distillery in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh will showcase India's biofuel technology. A workshop titled 'Sugar and Biofuels – Emerging Vistas' will be held at Bharat Mandapam, inaugurated by Minister Pralhad Joshi.

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India is nominated as the Chair of ISO for 2024 due to being the largest consumer and secondlargest producer of sugar. ISO has about 85 member countries, covering nearly 90% of global sugar production. ISO aims to foster mutual understanding and progressive approaches among major sugar-producing, consuming, and trading nations.



NEET (UG) Examination 2024; Director NTA removed, CBI to enquire into the alleged irregularities

Subodh Kumar Singh, Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), was removed from his position on June 23, 2024, amid controversy over the NEET

examination. Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and MD of India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.

**Investigation into NEET Irregularities**: The Ministry of <u>Education has handed over the</u> investigation of alleged irregularities in the NEET (UG) Examination 2024 to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

**Legislation**: The Central Government has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, to prevent unfair practices in public examinations.

**High-Level Committee Formation**: A High-Level Committee of Experts chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan and includes six other prominent members has been formed to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA.

### **Polity Current Affairs**



Om Birla elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha

BJP MP Om Birla was re-elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha on 26 June 2024. He was elected with a voice vote as the opposition, which fielded Congress MP K. Suresh, did not press for voting.

After his election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju escorted Mr. Birla to the Speaker's chair.

Om Birla had previously served as the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha since 2019.



### **GK Now Current Affairs**





# Rahul Gandhi appointed Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

On 25 June 2024, the Congress party announced Rahul Gandhi as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the 18th Lok Sabha. Rahul Gandhi is won from Raebareli constituency.

The position of LoP had been vacant since 2014, as no opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats.

The LoP is recognized as the leader of the largest opposition party with not less than one-tenth of the Lok Sabha seats. The Congress party secured 100 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, an improvement from 52 seats in 2019.

The LoP is a member of crucial committees such as Public Accounts (Chairman), Public Undertakings, Estimates, and various Joint Parliamentary Committees.

The LoP is entitled to membership in selection committees for heads of statutory bodies like the Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, CBI, NHRC, and Lokpal.

The LoP in both Houses were accorded statutory recognition under the Salaries and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977, with salary and allowances equivalent to a cabinet minister. The office of the LoP is not mentioned in the Constitution.



First Session of the 18th Lok Sabha from June 24 to July 3, 2024.

First Session of the 18th Lok Sabha which began on June 24, and scheduled to run up to July 3, 2024.

**Oath-taking ceremony:** All newly elected Members of Parliament (MPs), including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took oath. This session marked the historic first swearing-in ceremony in the new Parliament building.

Speaker election: The session will witness the election of the new Lok Sabha Speaker.

**President's address:** The President of India will address the House, outlining the government's agenda.

**Possible stormy sessions:** The opposition, strengthened after the elections, staged protests highlighting concerns about democracy and the controversial NEET-UG 2024 exam.

The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will also commence on June 27 and conclude on July 3.



### **Science and Technology Current Affairs**



DRDO handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Medium Range-Microwave

Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy on 26 June 2024 in New Delhi.

The Microwave Obscurant Chaff is a niche technology developed by DRDO's Defence Laboratory in Jodhpur. This technology obscures radar signals and creates a microwave shield around platforms and assets, reducing radar detection.

Special type of fibres has been assembled in the medium range chaff rocket. When fired, the rocket forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space, spreading over a sufficient area.



ISRO successfully conducted the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak'

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch\_Vehicle 'Pushpak' on

June 23, 2024 at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka. The experiment, named RLV LEX-03, demonstrated autonomous landing capability.

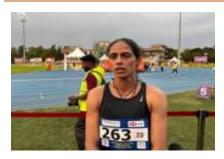
The Chinook helicopter released Pushpak from an altitude of 4.5 kilometers. Pushpak autonomously executed cross-range correction maneuvers and accomplished a precise horizontal landing at the runway center line, approaching with a speed of 320 kmph.

The experiment reaffirmed ISRO's expertise in acquiring critical technologies for the development of a reusable launch vehicle, which will help reduce launch costs and advance space exploration.

Pushpak employed multi-sensory fusion including an inertial sensor, radar altimeter, flush air data system, Pseudolite system, and NavIC navigation system.



### **Sports Current Affairs**



Kiran Pahal qualified for the Paris Olympics in women's 400m

Kiran Pahal from Haryana qualified for the Paris Olympics. She clocked 50.92 seconds in the semifinals of the women's 400m at the National Inter-state Athletics Championships in Panchkula. She secured her spot at the Paris Games by

finishing within the automatic standard of 50.95 seconds for the Olympics.

Pahal, 24, became the second fastest women's 400m runner in Indian history, behind Hima Das (50.79 seconds). Pahal finished ahead of Devy Aniba Zala of Gujarat (53.44) and Sneha K from Kerala (53.51).



India reached the final of T20 World Cup after defeating England

India defeated England by 68 runs in Guyana and reached into the finals of the 2024 T20 World Cup. Team India scores 171 and bowled out the England for 103 in 16.4 overs.

Brief score:

- India 171/7 (Rohit Sharma 57, Suryakumar Yadav 47; Chris Jordan 3-37)
- England 103 (Harry Brook 25, Jos Buttler 23; Axar Patel 3-23, Kuldeep Yadav 3-19).

Axar Patel was named 'Player of the Match' for his vital three-wicket haul and a quickfire 10 runs off 6 balls.

India's victory marks their third entry into a T20 World Cup final, following their triumph against Pakistan in 2007 and their loss to Sri Lanka in 2014.



Harmanpreet Singh to Caption of Indain Hockey Team at Olympic 2024

Hockey India announced a 16-member Indian men's hockey team for the Paris 2024 Olympics, scheduled from 26th July to 11th August.

The team will be led by Harmanpreet Singh (Caption), with Hardik Singh as the vice-captain.

- Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh is part of the squad.
- The defence line consists of Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Sumit, and Sanjay.

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- The midfield includes Raj Kumar Pal, Shamsher Singh, Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, and Vivek Sagar Prasad.
- The forward line features Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Mandeep Singh, and Gurjant Singh.
- Goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak, midfielder Nilakanta Sharma, and defender Jugraj Singh are named as alternate.

India is placed in Pool B with Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, and Ireland. To advance to the Quarter-Finals, India must secure a top-four finish in their pool. Pool A includes the Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, South Africa, and France.

The Indian men's team has a rich Olympic history with 12 medals: 8 Gold, 1 Silver, and 3 Bronze. The current team aims to add another medal to this tally.



Men's T20 World Cup: India Advanced to Semi-Finals by defeating Australia

India advanced to the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup after defeating Australia by 24 runs on 24 June 2024 in St. Lucia.

- India posted a target of 206 runs.
- Rohit Sharma scored 92 off 41 deliveries and was awarded Player of the Match.
- Suryakumar Yadav contributed 31 runs off 16 balls.
- Australia scored 181 for seven in 20 overs, with Travis Head scoring 76 runs from 43 balls.

India will face England in the semi-final in Guyana on 27 June 2024.

### **States Current Affairs**



Film City in Greater Noida: YEIDA and Babu Project sign Agreement

The Uttar Pradesh state government signed an agreement on 27 June 2024 to develop a film city in Greater Noida. Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) and Bebu Project LLP, owned by film producer

Bonnie Kapoor and Ashish Bhootani.

The project has an estimated cost of 1,510 crore rupees. The film city is planned to be completed within the next eight years. The initial phase, expected to be completed in three years, will focus on establishing essential film-related facilities and a film institute.

The film city will offer world-class film production amenities, including studios, open sets, hospitality services, and office spaces. The aim is to position the film city as a premier destination for filmmakers.



### Weekly Current Affairs MCQ: 23 June to 30 June 2024

### Q: Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?

- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B) S. Jaishankar
- C) Vikram Misri
- D) Ruchira Kamboj

### Ans : C) Vikram Misri

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### Q: Who has been elected as the next President of the European Council?

- A) Angela Merkel
- B) Emmanuel Macron
- C) António Costa
- D) Pedro Sánchez

### Answer: C) António Costa

António Costa's was elected as the next President of the European Council on June 28,2024 in **Brussels**, Belgium. His will succeeding Charles Michel on December 1, 2024.

# **Q**: Which country did India surpass to become the third-largest domestic aviation market?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Germany
- C) Brazil
- D) Japan

### Ans : C) Brazil

India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, after the U.S. and China.



### Q: Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) and Bebu Project LLP signed an agreement to develop a Film City at which location?

- A) Faridabad
- B) Yamuna Nagar
- C) Greater Noida
- D) Lucknow

### Ans : C) Greater Noida

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- A) Hima Das
- B) Devy Aniba Zala
- C) Sneha K
- D) Kiran Pahal

### Ans : D) Kiran Pahal

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### Q: Who won the 2024 T20 World Cup semifinal between India and England?

- A) India
- B) England
- C) The match was abandoned
- D) It ended in a tie

### Ans : A) India

India defeated England by 68 runs in Guyana and reached into the finals of the 2024 T20 World Cup.

### Q: Who was re-elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha on 26 June 2024?

- a) K. Suresh
- b) Rahul Gandhi
- c) Om Birla
- d) Kiren Rijiju



### c) Om Birla

BJP MP Om Birla was elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. He had previously served as the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha.

# Q: What happens when the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) is fired?

- a) It explodes on impact
- b) It forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space
- c) It releases flares
- d) It emits a high-frequency sound

### Ans : b) It forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space

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# Q: Who is the captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- a) PR Sreejesh
- b) Manpreet Singh
- c) Harmanpreet Singh
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### Ans : c) Harmanpreet Singh

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# Q: Which country became the 100th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in June 2024?

- a) Spain
- b) Paraguay
- c) India
- d) France

### Ans : b) Paraguay

The ISA was co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris. Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member in New Delhi on 26 June 2024.



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- A) Australia
- B) West Indies
- C) England
- D) New Zealand

### Ans : C) England

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### Question: Who is the founder of WikiLeaks?

- A) Julian Assange
- B) Edward Snowden
- C) Chelsea Manning
- D) Glenn Greenwald

### Answer: A) Julian Assange

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was released from a UK prison on June 24, 2024, ending a years-long legal battle. This came after he struck a plea deal with US authorities.

# Q: Who was appointed as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the 18th Lok Sabha on 25 June 2024?

- A) Mallikarjun Kharge
- B) Sonia Gandhi
- C) Rahul Gandhi
- D) KC Venugopal

#### Ans : C) Rahul Gandhi

### Q: Why was the position of Leader of Opposition vacant for 2014 to 2024?

A) No opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats

- B) The position was abolished
- C) The ruling party opposed the appointment
- D) There was a lack of eligible candidates

### Ans : A) No opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats

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The position of LoP had been vacant since 2014, as no opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats.

# Q: What is a significant aspect of this first Session of the 18th Lok Sabha which began on June 24, 2024?

- a) Introduction of a new voting system
- b) First oath-taking ceremony in a newly built Parliament building
- c) Introduction of a no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister
- d) Farewell address by the outgoing President

#### Ans : b) First oath-taking ceremony in a newly built Parliament building

This session marked the historic first swearing-in ceremony of newly elected Members of 18th Lok Sabha, in the new Parliament building.

## **Q:** Where is the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting held in India ?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Hyderabad

#### Ans : B) New Delhi

India hosted the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting from June 25 to 27 in New Delhi.

# **Q**: Which country is the largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar?

- A) Brazil
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Thailand

### Ans : B) India

Brazil is the largest producer of Sugarcane.



### Q: Who has been given a one-year extension as the Chief of the Intelligence Bureau in June 2024?

- A) Ajit Doval
- B) Rajiv Jain
- C) Tapan Kumar Deka
- D) Arvind Kumar

### Ans : C) Tapan Kumar Deka

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year until June 2025.

# Q: Who was removed from the position of Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA) in June, 2024 after irregularities in the NEET (UG) Examination 2024?

- A) Pradeep Singh Kharola
- B) Subodh Kumar Singh
- C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- D) Dr. Randeep Guleria

### Ans : B) Subodh Kumar Singh

Subodh Kumar Singh, Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), was removed from his position on June 23, 2024, amid controversy over the NEET examination. Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and MD of India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.

# **Q**: What act has the Central Government enacted to prevent unfair means in public examinations?

- A) Public Examination (Prevention of Cheating) Act, 2024
- B) Public Examination (Prevention of Malpractices) Act, 2024
- C) Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024
- D) Public Examination (Integrity and Fairness) Act, 2024

### Ans : C) Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024

The Central Government has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, to prevent unfair practices in public examinations.



**Q**: Who is the chairperson of the High-Level Committee of Experts constituted to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA. ?

A) Dr. Randeep Guleria

B) Prof. B. J. Rao

C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan

D) Prof. Aditya Mittal

### Ans : C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan

A High-Level Committee of Experts chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan and includes six other prominent members has been formed to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA.

#### Q: Where was the third and final landing experiment of ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak' successfully conducted?

A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

- B) Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka
- C) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Kerala
- D) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Ans : B) Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka

### **Q**: Who chairs the meetings of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council?

- a) The President of India
- b) The Prime Minister of India
- c) The Union Finance Minister
- d) The Governor of the RBI

#### Ans : c) The Union Finance Minister

The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, presided over by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, took place at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on June 22 2024.



# Q. How many tax rate slabs are currently recommended by the GST Council (as of June 2024)?

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) Five

### Ans : c) Four

GST tax rates (currently 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%).