

# SECOND WEEK CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Which is the first Indian city to get a road that is made out of steel waste?

A) Mumbai

B) Surat 🗹

C) Jaipur

D) Chandigarh

- Surat has become the first in India to get a road that is made out of steel waste. It is seen as an example of sustainable development.
- The road is built by Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India with CSIR India (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) & CRRI (Central Road Research Institute) with support from Ministry of Steel and Government think tank NITI Aayog.

2. 'Varnika' Ink Manufacturing Unit of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) has been inaugurated in which city?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mysuru 🗹





Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shaktikanta Das dedicated Varnika, the Ink Manufacturing Unit of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) to the nation in Mysuru. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

3. 'Balikatan' is a Joint military drills held between the Forces of US and which country?

A) Italy

B) Philippines 🗹



D) Sri Lanka

The Defence Forces of the United States and Philippines launched their largest joint military drills in the Philippines named 'Balikatan 2022'. The 12-day war games involve nearly 9,000 Filipino and American soldiers.

4. India recently signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) with which country?

- A) Japan
- B) Germany

C) Australia 🗹

D) France

- India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA). It seeks to provide -duty access to 96 per cent of India's exports to Australia. The exports include engineering goods, gems and jewellery, textiles, apparel and leather.
- The pact is expected to boost bilateral trade in goods and services to USD 45-50 billion over 5 years and generate over 1 million jobs in India.

5. Which Asian country has declared a nationwide public emergency amidst protests over economic crisis?

A) Myanmar

B) Afghanistan

C) Sri Lanka 🗹

D) Pakistan



- ✓ Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has declared a nationwide public emergency amidst protests over the worst economic crisis in the island nation.
- ✓ The special gazette notification declared a public emergency in Sri Lanka with immediate effect from April 1.

6. 'Sajibu Nongma Panba' is a traditional festival of which Indian state?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Manipur 🗹
- D) Assam



- 'Sajibu Nongma Panba' is a traditional festival for the followers of the Sanamahism religion in Manipur, as a Lunar New Year. The day is mostly observed on the first day of the lunar month of Sajibu.
- Also known as Meetei Cheiraoba or Sajibu Cheiraoba, the festival is celebrated by the Meitei people, one of the largest ethnic communities in Manipur.

7. Which city hosted the 'Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training' Meeting?

- A) New York
- B) Geneva 🗹
- C) Berlin
- D) Paris



'Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training' meeting was recently held in Geneva. In the meeting, the need for a basic vaccinology training module for healthcare personnel across the world was discussed. India was represented by Dr NK Arora, head of the COVID-19 working group in the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NTAGI).

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS)?

A) Urjit Patel

- B) CS Rajan 🗹
- C) Raghuram Rajan
- D) Viral Acharya
- The Union Government has appointed CS Rajan as Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) for a period of six months. Till March-end, the company has resolved debt amounting to Rs 55,000 crore.
- Out of which, Rs 21,000 crore has been discharged by way of monetisation of assets and debt repayment. The resolved debt amounts to 90% of the total debt that was expected to be resolved.

9. Which Indian state/UT has announced 'Vinaya Samarasya Yojana'?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka 🗹
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- The Karnataka government has announced 'Vinaya Samarasya Yojana', an awareness programme meant to eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats across the state. The scheme has been named after a three-year-old Dalit boy Vinay.



10. Which institution launched the 'DSLSA Legal Aid Clinic', to provide free legal assistance to women?

A) UN Women

B) National Commission for Women  ${f D}$ 

C) UNICEF

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- D) NITI Aayog
- The National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) has launched a 'Legal Aid Clinic'. It will act as a single-window facility for resolving grievances of women by offering them free legal assistance.

1. Which country is the host of 5<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Summit in 2022?

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A) India

- B) Sri Lanka 🗹
- C) Myanmar
- D) Bhutan
- The 5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit was hosted virtually by Sri Lanka, the current chair. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the conference virtually and announced USD 1 million in aid to promote the budget of the Bimstec secretariat.
- The theme of the Colombo summit is "Bimstec-Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy Peoples".

2. What is the rank of India in the 'Hurun global U-40 self-made billionaires 2022'?

A) Second

B) Third

C) Fourth 🗹

D) Sixth

- In the 'Hurun global U-40 self-made billionaires 2022', India is ranked at fourth place. USA leads the list with 37 billionaires, China second with 25 and UK is at third with 8. India had 6 U-40 self-made billionaires.
- Mark Zuckerberg (37) is the world's no.1 under 40 years with USD 76bn. Tiktok founder Zhang Yiming (39) is the second with USD 54bn.

3. Which Indian billionaire topped the 'Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022' in the country?

- A) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- B) Falguni Nayar 🗹





- As per the 'Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022', there are 124 self-made women billionaires in the world now, down 6 from last year. Three Indian women – Falguni Nayar of Nykaa, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon and Radha Vembu of Zoho feature in the latest Hurun list of women self-made billionaires.
- Falguni Nayar overtook long-time India's number one woman billionaire Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw to become the richest self-made woman in India.

4. Which Indian state signed a pact with WWF India to develop State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SBSAP)?

A) Karnataka

B) Assam

C) Arunachal Pradesh 🗹

D) Kerala

- Arunachal Pradesh signed a pact with WWF India to develop the State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SBSAP).
- The SBSAP will be aligned with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Pakke Declaration.

5. What is the name of the website launched for services related to broadcast in India?

- A) Broadcast Seva Portal 🗹
- B) Bharat Broadcast
- C) Atmanirbhar Broadcast



D) e-Broadcast Portal

- The government has launched a new broadcast services website to ensure faster filing and processing of applications for broadcast licenses, permissions and registrations.
- The 'Broadcast Seva Portal' will help satellite TV channels, teleport operators, MSOs, community radio stations (CRS) and private FM channels. It is also used for tracking applications, calculating fees and making payments.

6. Viktor Orban has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

A) Ukraine

B) Hungary 🗹

- C) Belarus
- D) Poland



Viktor Orban, Hungary's nationalist Prime Minister has been elected again for the successive fourth term. He is also the country's longestserving leader since the fall of communism in 1989.

7. Which Indian city is to be covered with Artificial Intelligencebased cameras, as part of Road Safety Project?

A) Chennai

- B) Kozhikode 🗹
- C) Mumbai



- D) New Delhi
- About sixty Artificial Intelligence-based cameras are to be installed around the Kozhikode city of Kerala, as a part of the State-level road safety project.
- This step is to be implemented for the purpose of exposing traffic rule violations and book them with solid digital evidence. The state government will spend ₹225 crore for the project.

8. Assam recently signed a MoU with which state, to resolve differences in the state border?

A) Sikkim

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- B) Meghalaya 🗹
- C) Manipur
- D) Arunachal Pradesh
- According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Meghalaya and Assam, 18.33 square kilometer will be with Meghalaya while 18.46 sq km will be with Assam.

9. Which is the venue of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) maiden Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22)?

A) Visakhapatnam

- B) Goa 🗹
- C) Pune
- D) Dehradun
- The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) held its maiden Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) at Goa and in Arabian Sea. 22 Observers from 15 IONS member navies, including Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Sri Lanka, UAE and UK among others also participated in the exercise.
- IMEX 22 was conducted in two phases at Mormugao Port, Goa and in the Arabian Sea.

10. Shahi Litchi earned the GI tag from which Indian state?

A) Bihar 🗹

B) Uttar Pradesh

- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Centre through Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is facilitating trial shipments into new global markets for Indian niche G−I tagged agricultural products.
- Bihar's GI tagged Shahi Litchi was exported from Muzaffarpur district of Bihar to London last year. As on date, there are 417 registered GI products and of them, around 150 GI tagged products are agricultural and food products.

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1. The 'Unbox Me campaign', which was launched recently, is associated with which day?

A) International Transgender Day of Visibility 🗹

B) Zero Discrimination Day C) World Humanitarian Day

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D) International Day for People of African Descent

- International Transgender Day of Visibility is observed on March 31. The USAID launched an initiative called 'Unbox Me campaign', which advocates for the rights of transgender children.
- It aims to raise awareness among parents, teachers and the society about gender identity during childhood. The campaign originated in India, where more than 90 per cent of transgender people leave their homes.

2. As per the data from the Reserve Bank of India, which bank recorded the highest value of frauds in April-December 2021?

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank 🗹

C) Bank of India

D) Bank of Maharashtra

According to data from the Reserve Bank of India, a total of 27 scheduled commercial banks and financial institutions have reported 96 cases of fraud, involving a total amount of Rs 34,097 crore during April-December 2021. While Punjab National Bank recorded the highest value of frauds worth Rs 4,820 crore.

3. Which racing driver won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022?

- A) Max Verstappen 🗹
- B) Charles Leclerc



D) Sebastian Vettel

Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022. Max Verstappen won the intense battle with Charles Leclerc to take his first victory of the season. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and Red Bull's Sergio Perez took third and fourth. George Russell finished fifth for Mercedes while ace driver Lewis Hamilton finished at 10th spot.

4. Which state has approved Renewable Energy Policy (2022-27)?

- A) Karnataka 🗹
- B) Assam
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala



The State Cabinet of Karnataka approved Renewable Energy Policy (2022-27). It aims for developing the State as a hub of renewable energy generation as well as manufacturing of equipment related to renewable energy. The policy also seeks to upgrade the renewable energy generation capacity of the State to 10 GW in the next five years.

5. Which is the first Union Territory of India to launch its MyGov platform?

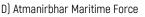
- A) Puducherry
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Jammu and Kashmir 🗹
- D) Chandigarh



- Jammu and Kashmir is the first India's first Union Territory to launch its MyGov platform. It was launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The platform aims for citizen engagement and achieve the goal of 'Good Governance'. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014.
  - 6. What is the theme of the 'National Maritime Day' 2022?

A) International trade and Economy

- B) Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19 ₽
- C) Gratitude towards Navy



- India recently celebrated the 59th National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy.
- 7. Which Union Ministry oversees the 'Stand Up India Scheme'?
- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance 🗹
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- D) Ministry of Science and Technology
- Ministry of Finance oversees the 'Stand Up India Scheme', which aims to promote entrepreneurship among women, Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST) categories, to help them in starting a Greenfield enterprise. The scheme has completed six years.

8. Gangaur Festival is predominantly celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Rajasthan 🗹
- C) Manipur
- D) Arunachal Pradesh
- Gangaur Festival is predominantly celebrated in the state of Rajasthan. Rajasthan Tourism Department organised the festival after two years gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival commenced on April 3 and continues for 18 days.

9. Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?

- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra 🗹
- B) Rudrendra Tandon
- C) Dinesh Bhatia





The Indian government appointed senior Indian Foreign Service officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new Foreign Secretary. The 1988batch IFS officer is currently serving as Ambassador in Kathmandu since January 2020. Vinay Kwatra will replace the incumbent Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

10. Ricky Kej and Falguni Shah are the recent winners of which award?

- A) Academy Awards
- B) Grammy Awards 🗹
- C) Pritzker Architecture Prize
- D) Abel Prize





Two Indian musicians were among the winners at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards. Composer Ricky Kej won his second Grammy Award as he won the award for Best New Age Album, jointly with Stewart Copeland for their album 'Divine Tides'. Indian-American singersongwriter Falguni Shah, called as Falu won in the Best Children's Music Album category for her album 'A Colorful World'.

1. 'Mes Aynak site' and 'Buddhas of Bamiyan', which were seen in the news, are located in which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) China
- C) Afghanistan 🗹
- D) India
- 'Mes Aynak site' and 'Buddhas of Bamiyan' are located in Afghanistan. The Taliban regime in Afghanistan has announced that it would protect the ancient Buddha statues in Mes Aynak.
- When Talibans ruled Afghanistan, they destructed the centuriesold Buddha statues in Bamiyan using artillery, explosives, and rockets. UNESCO included the remains of the Bamiyan Buddhas in its list of world heritage sites in 2003.

2. 'Ambedkar Young Entrepreneur (AYE)-Mentor program' is a new scheme of which Union Ministry?

A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  $oldsymbol{arDelta}$ 

B) Ministry of Finance

C) Ministry of Women and Child Development

D) Ministry of Education

The venture capital fund (VCF) scheme was implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to help aspiring entrepreneurs belonging to SCs and OBCs new businesses. As the performance of the scheme is not satisfactory, the Ministry is set to launch a "mentorship" programme.

3. India signed a MoU with which country to set up Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC)?

A) Japan

B) Nepal

C) Sri Lanka 🗹



D) Bangladesh

- India and Sri Lanka have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Indian public sector Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) to set up a state-of-the-art Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Colombo.
- The agreement is a part of India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for all in the Region) initiative in the Indian Ocean.

4. Which state won the 'best state' award at the National Water Awards 2022?

A) Uttar Pradesh 🗹

B) Assam

C) Gujarat

D) Kerala

- President Ram Nath Kovind recently awarded the 'best state' award at the National Water Awards 2022.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh topped among all Indian states in terms of water conservation while Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu secured the second and third place, respectively.
- Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, Thiruvanathapuram in Kerala, East Champaran district of Bihar and Indore in Madhya Pradesh

topped in the Best District Category for the north zone, south zone, east zone and west zone respectively.

5. 'Varuna' is the bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?

- A) France 🗹
- B) Japan
- C) Oman
- D) UAE
- India and France recently commenced their 20th edition of the bilateral naval exercise named 'Varuna' in the Arabian Sea.
- Naval ships, submarines, maritime patrol aircraft, fighter aircraft and helicopters of the two navies are participating in the exercise. The bilateral naval exercises between the two Navies were initiated in the year 1993. The exercise was christened as 'Varuna' in 2001.

6. 'Prakriti', which was recently launched, is mascot to create awareness on which field?

- A) Plastic pollution 🗹
- B) Gender Equality
- C) LGBTQ Rights



- D) Skill Development
- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched "Prakriti", mascot that spreads awareness about small changes in life that can curb plastic pollution.
- It also highlights various green initiatives taken by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to ensure effective Plastic Waste Management (PWM) in the country.
- 7. As per the update of World Health Organization's air quality database, what percentage of the world breathes unhealthy air?
- A) 25
- B) 49
- C) 75



- D) 99 🗹
- The 2022 update of the World Health Organization's air quality database highlights that 99 per cent of the world population breathes air that exceeds WHO air quality limits. As of now, over 6,000 cities in 117 countries are monitoring air quality.

8. Which country has started a pilot project to produce 'Green' Steel by burning hydrogen?

- A) Australia
- B) Sweden 🗹
- C) Poland
- D) Italy
- ✓ Sweden has launched a pilot project to reduce the carbon emissions involved in steel production by switching some of that process from burning coking coal to burning hydrogen.



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 HYBRIT or Hydrogen Breakthrough Iron-making Technology – is a joint venture between steel giant SSAB, mining company LKAB and Swedish state-owned power firm Vattenfall. As per World Steel Association, every metric ton of steel produced emitted twice that much carbon dioxide.

9. The Blue Nile River, which was seen in the news, originates in which country?

- A) Ethiopia 🗹
- B) Chile



- D) South Africa
- The Blue Nile, a subsidiary of the Nile River originates at Lake Tana in Ethiopia and travels through Ethiopia and Sudan.
- A shipwreck on the Blue Nile River happened in Sudan's Sennar province has killed 23 people, all of them female. The Blue Nile is an important transport route for people and goods in the African nations.

10. 'Wagner Group', is a private military company of which country?

A) USA

B) Russia 🗹





- D) China
- 'Wagner Group', is a private military company of Russia. As per British military intelligence, 1,000 mercenaries from the 'Wagner Group' are being deployed to eastern Ukraine.
- The group has been active over the past eight years in Ukraine, Syria and African countries. It has repeatedly been accused of war crimes and human rights abuses. The Wagner Group first went into operation during Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

1. As per the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022, what is the estimated growth rate of India in 2023-24?

A) 10.5%

- B) 9%
- C) 8% 🗹
- D) 6.5%

Manila-based Asian Development Bank recently released its flagship Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022. It projected South Asia's largest economy India to grow by 7.5% in the current fiscal year (2022-23) and by 8 per cent the next year (2023-24).

2. What is the theme of the 'World Health Day' in 2022?

- A) Our Planet, Our Health 🗹
- B) Climate Change Matters

C) Personal Hygiene and Public Hygiene



D) Take Care of You and Earth

April 7 is observed as World Health Day, to celebrate the creation of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 in the First Health Assembly. WHO leads the celebration to discuss health-related issues and to draw attention to specific health issues. The theme for this year's World Health Day is "Our Planet, Our Health".

3. Which institution released the 'Braving the Storms: East Asia and Pacific Economic Update' Report?

A) International Monetary Fund

C) Asian Development Bank

B) World Bank 🗹

A THE WORLD BANK

- D) BRICS Bank
- The World Bank released the April 2022 update 'Braving the Storms: East Asia and Pacific Economic Update'. As per the report, there are three risks for the region: financial tightening in the US, structural slowdown in China, and the war in Ukraine.
- The April 2022 issue of the report suggests bold reforms to avert the risks and grasp the opportunities.

4. Which milestone has been achieved by India's agricultural products export in the year 2021-22?

A) \$10 billion

B) \$20 billion

C) \$50 billion ☑



- D) \$100 billion
- India's agricultural products export touched a new milestone by crossing USD 50 billion in the year 2021-22. This is also the highest level ever achieved for agriculture exports from India.
- The agricultural exports have grown by 19.92% during 2021-22 to touch USD 50.21 billion. As per the data, the highest ever exports have been achieved for staples like rice (USD 9.65 billion), wheat (USD 2.19 billion), sugar (USD 4.6 billion).

5. The 'One Health' framework has been launched as a pilot project in which state?

#### A) Uttarakhand 🗹

- B) Gujarat
- C) Goa
- D) Haryana



- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has launched a pilot project in the state of Uttarakhand to implement the One Health Framework by One Health Support Unit.
- The key objective of the Unit is to develop a national One Health roadmap based on the learnings of the pilot project implementation.
  - 6. What is the theme of the World Autism Awareness Day 2022?
  - A) Inclusion in the Workplace 🗹
  - B) Quality Education for All
  - C) Leaving No one Behind
  - D) Disorder, not a disease
    - World Autism Awareness Day aims to create awareness about the obstacles that people with autism face every day. Each year, World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on April 2
- globally to spread awareness about autism spectrum disorder. This year, the theme of World Autism Awareness Day is ~ 'Inclusion in the Workplace'.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Meteorological Day' - 2022?

- A) Early Warning and Early Action 🗹
- B) Climate and Water

was founded.



- C) The Sun, the Earth and the Weather D) The Ocean, Our climate and Weather
- The World Meteorological Day is observed to commemorate the day on which 'World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)'
- √ WMO now has 193 member countries and territories. WMO has been observing World Meteorological Day since 1961 on March 23. The theme of this year's World Meteorological Day is "Early Warning and Early Action".

8. As per a recent report, which country has the lowest rate of insurance penetration across Asia?

A) Sri Lanka

- B) Afghanistan
- C) India 🗹
- D) Nepal

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- A recent report prepared by environmental platform Climate Trends has pointed out that India has the lowest rate of insurance penetration across Asia.
- ~ The Indian insurance companies were among the worst performers scoring below 10 per cent for the quality of their disclosures. Indian insurance companies failed to pay close to three-fourths of the claimed amount for Cyclone Amphan, which hit the West Bengal during May 2021.

- 9. Which city is the host of Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021)?
- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru 🗹
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Dehradun



- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched the logo, jersey, mascot and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021).
- The mascot is an elephant named as 'Veera'. The event to be held in Bengaluru, postponed due to the ongoing Covid crisis last year, will be the second edition of KIUG. It includes Yogasana and Mallakhamb for the first time.
  - 10. Which country won the ICC Women's World Cup 2022?
  - A) England
  - B) Australia 🗹
  - C) South Africa



- Australian Team defeated England by 71 runs in the final to win their record seventh ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.
- ✓ Alyssa Healy of Australia smashed 170 to take Australia to a mammoth 356 for five against England in the final. Another player Nat Sciver remained unbeaten on 148. The England team could score only 285 in 43.4 overs.

