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## Art and Culture Current Affairs

### Sri Lanka's National Poson Week begins

- In Sri Lanka, the National Poson Week begins today.
- The Poson festival will be held till 6th of June and will center around Mihinthale, Thanthirimale and the Anuradhapura Sacred City.
- The festival celebrates the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka by Emperor Ashoka's son Arhat Mahinda in 236 BC.

### Kheer Bhawani Mela 2023 organised in Kashmir Valley

- Kheer Bhawani Mela 2023 was celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir on 29 May 2023.
- The Kheer Bhawani Mela is an annual festival celebrated by both Kashmiri Pandits and locals of the Kashmir valley.
- The festival is held on Jyeshtha Ashtami and is considered sacred by the Kashmiri Pandits community.
- The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah attended the event.

### Nepal celebrates Bhoto Jatra

- It is part of a month-long chariot procession known as Rato Machhindranath Jatra.
- It originates at Pulchow where chariot made of wood without use of iron nail is created and the procession ends at Jwalakhel.
- In this a *lost & found* bejeweled Nepali vest *bhoto* of *Rato Machhindranath* is displayed to the public to find its "*rightful owner*" in accordance with the legend and as per tradition.



## Awards and Honours Current Affairs

### Jio Institute's Guruswami Ravichandran receives ASME Timoshenk Medal

- Jio Institutes Scientist Dr.Guruswami Ravichandran has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2023 Timoshenko Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).
- The Timoshenko Medal was established in 1957 in recognition of distinguished contributions to the field of applied mechanics.
- Guruswami Ravichandran is the founding Provost of Jio Institute.

### RINL presented with prestigious 'Greentech Safety Award 2023'

- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has won the GreenTech Safety Award 2023 under the Safety Excellence category for improving workplace safety in 2022-23.
- RINL was praised by the jury members for using drone technology to inspect high-rise structures and chimneys.
- It was awarded for its commitment to corporate citizenship, transparent accountability, and strategic sustainability.

### Goan writer Damodar Mauzo gets 57th Jnanpith Award

- Damodar Mauzo has been awarded the 57th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honor on 29 May 2023.
- He is a short story writer, novelist, critic, and scriptwriter in Konkani.
- He is the 2nd Goan to receive the award, after Ravindra Kelekar in 2008.
- His 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English.
- Mauzo's famous novel 'Karmelin' received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983.

### IIFA Awards 2023 announced: I

- Hrithik Roshan and Alia Bhatt won the Best Actor and Best Actress awards at the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2023 held in Abu Dhabi.
- Kamal Haasan was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema award at the IIFA 2023.
- Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva won many awards at the IIFA 2023 including Best Film, Best Playback Singer (Female), and Best Playback Singer (Male).

### IIFA Awards 2023 announced: II

- R. Madhavan won the award for Best Director at the IIFA 2023 for his film Rocketry: The Nambi Effect.
- Babil Khan won the award for Best Debut (male) for his performance in the movie Qala.
- The award for Best Debut (Female) was presented to Khushali Kumar for her performance in Dhoka Around the Corner.
- Anil Kapoor won the award for Best Supporting Actor (male) for the movie Jug Jugg Jeeyo.

### Haleon's "Know Your MiND" campaign sets Guinness World Record

- Hialeah, home to World's number 1 Multivitamin Brand Centrum, created a Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Online Video Album of People Saying the Same Sentence' under the 'Know Your MiND' Campaign led by team Centrum.
- It focuses on raising awareness about the daily nutritional requirements of women and the related long-term health implications.

### Department of Animal Husbandry, Chandigarh bags Skoch Silver Award

- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Chandigarh got Skoch SILVER Award 2023 for e-Governance for the computerization of medical records of livestock being treated by the department.
- This is the first of its kind project in the country.
- The main objective of the application is to facilitate animal owners' online registration of their animals for treatment.

### Bulgarian Writer Georgi Gospodinov Wins International Booker Prize

- Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov and translator Angela Rodel were named winners of the International Booker Prize with the novel "Time Shelter" -- a first for a book in Bulgarian.
- The prestigious award recognises works of fiction from around the world that have been translated into English and the £50,000 (\$62,000) prize is split equally between the author and the translator.

### 3 Indian peacekeepers to be honoured with UN's Dag Hammarskjöld medal

- Three Indian UN peacekeepers will be honoured posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal for their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.
- BSF personnel head Constables Shishupal Singh and Samwali Ram Vishnoi, who served with the Organization Stabilization Mission in the Congo and Shaber Taher Ali, who was employed in a civilian capacity with the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq.

### N. Chandrasekaran Receives France's Highest Civilian Award

- Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has been given France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur for his contributions to strengthening the trade relationship between India and France.
- In 2023, Tata Group-owned Air India had inked a multi-billion dollar deal with Airbus to buy 250 aircraft from Airbus.
- The award was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802.

### Akashvani Guwahati jointly bags 2nd rank in National Water Awards 2022

- Regional News Unit of Akashvani Guwahati secures second place in the Best Media category at the National Water Awards 2022.
- The award recognizes their efforts in promoting water resources conservation and management through awareness programs and interactive discussions.
- Their efforts in water conservation include awareness programs. This marks their first win in this prestigious category.



### Gauri bags Best Long Documentary Award at SA Film Festival of Montreal

- The documentary "Gauri", directed by Kavitha Lankesh, has received the "Best Long Documentary Award" at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal 2023.
- The film is about journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh, who was assassinated in 2017, and the current political crisis in India.
- The Kabir Centre for Arts and Culture in Montreal organized the 13th South Asian Film Festival of Montreal.

### Sanika Lahane wins The International Glamour Project Mrs. India 2023

- Sanika Lahane from Mumbai, India, has been crowned the 1st Place Winner of The International Glamour Project Mrs India 2023.
- She was sashed by Ms. International World, India - Shilpa Adam and crowned by the talented actress Minissha Lamba.
- The event was organized by The International Glamour Project Founder and Managing Director Dr. Swaroop Puranik and was hosted by Dr. Akshata Prabhu.

### Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar gets Govind Swarup Award 2023

- Professor Jayant Narlikar, a prominent astrophysicist, has been awarded the Astronomical Society of India (ASI) Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement award on 12 May 2023 in Pune Maharashtra.
- The award recognizes Narlikar's significant contributions to the field of astrophysics.
- The award aims to promote the study of astronomy and related sciences in India.

### 'Writing with Fire' Wins Peabody Award in Documentary Category

- "Writing with Fire," an Oscar-nominated documentary, has been honored with the prestigious Peabody Award in the documentary category.
- It has been directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh
- The documentary revolves around the only women-led newspaper in India- Khabar Lahariya, and how it transitions into digital journalism
- The Peabody announced the 35 selected winners for the year 2022

### Barbara Kingsolver, Hernan Diaz share fiction Pulitzer Prize

- The Pulitzer Prize for fiction was awarded to two novels Barbara Kingsolver's "David Copperfield," and Hernan Diaz's "Trust".
- Beverly Gage's "G-Man," was given the Pulitzer for biography.
- "His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice," by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa, won for general nonfiction.

### At 97, socialist Ramkishan becomes Man of the Century

- Former Lok Sabha MP Pandit Ramkishan was honoured with the title of Shatabdi Purush (Man of the Century) in New Delhi on 7 May 2023.
- He was elected once to the Lok Sabha – in 1977 – and four times to Rajasthan Assembly – in 1962, 1967, 1974 and 1990.

- The award was presented to him during the birth centenary celebrations of renowned socialist thinker and parliamentarian Madhu Limaye.

### Michael Douglas to receive honorary Palme d'Or at Cannes

- Veteran Hollywood star Michael Douglas will be felicitated with an honorary Palme d'Or at the 76th Cannes Film Festival.
- Douglas will be recognised for his brilliant career as well as his contribution to cinema, the festival organisers said in a statement.
- The festival will pay a tribute to the actor during the opening ceremony on May 16, 2023.

### Russian poet Maria Stepanova wins Leipzig Book Prize

- Maria Stepanova has been awarded the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023.
- The Russian-Jewish author, whose novel In Memory of Memory explores Stalinism and the fall of the Soviet Union, was nominated for the Booker Prize in 2021.
- She was honored in Leipzig for her volume of poetry, Girls Without Clothes.

### Three imprisoned Iranian female journalists win top UN prize

- Three imprisoned Iranian female journalists have been named as the winners of the United Nations premier prize for press freedom.
- The three winners are, Niloufar Hamed, Elaheh Mohammadi, and Narges Mohammadi.
- The U.N. Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization World Press Freedom Prize is named for Guillermo Cano, a Colombian journalism who was assassinated in Bogota in 1986.



## Banking Current Affairs

### Razorpay launches "Turbo UPI"

- Fintech major Razorpay has launched Turbo UPI in partnership with Axis Bank and the National Payments Council of India (NPCI).
- The new product will allow customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a third-party UPI app during checkout.
- The move comes after Paytm last week launched a similar product called "UPI SDK".

### Axis Bank unveils Sarathi platform for easy PoS onboarding of merchant

- Axis Bank has launched 'Sarathi', a digital onboarding platform aimed at simplifying the process for merchants to adopt Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (PoS) terminals.
- With Sarathi, merchants can complete the onboarding process in just four simple steps, ensuring a seamless experience.
- Sarathi enables live video verification, thus, eliminating the need for field verification.

### Google Pay launches RuPay credit cards support on UPI in India

- Google Pay, on 23 May 2023 launched RuPay credit cards support on UPI in India.
- The company has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to bring the feature to its customers.
- Users can link their RuPay credit cards with the Google Pay app.
- Launched in June 2017, the RuPay credit cards enable secured payments for purchasing goods and services.

### Kotak Mutual Fund launches Nifty 200 Momentum 30 Index Fund

- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, on 23 May 2023, launched an open-ended scheme called Kotak Nifty 200 Momentum 30 Index Fund.
- The new fund aims to track the performance of the top 30 companies within the Nifty 200, selected based on their Normalized Momentum Score.
- The NFO for this scheme will open on May 25 and will close on June 8, 2023.

### RBI to pay Rs 87416-crore dividend to govt for FY23

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a surplus transfer of Rs 87,416 crore to the government for the fiscal year 2022-23.
- This amount is almost three times higher than the previous year's transfer of Rs 30,307 crore.
- The RBI's sales of foreign exchange reserves, estimated to be around \$206 million until February 2023, significantly contributed to the increased surplus.

### SBI records highest-ever quarterly profit in Q4 2022-23

- The State Bank of India (SBI) reported Rs 16694 crore profit for Quarter-4 of 2022-23, with a net profit surge of 83%.
- SBI achieved a profit of Rs 50,232 crore for the entire financial year 2022-23, marking its highest-ever quarterly and yearly profit.



- The bank witnessed significant growth in net interest income, which rose by 29.5% to Rs 40,392 crore in Q4 compared to the 2022 fiscal year.

### Paytm launches Paytm SBI Card on RuPay Network with NPCI

- Paytm's parent company, One97 Communications Ltd, partnered with SBI Card and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch the Paytm SBI Card on the RuPay network on 19 May 2023.
- The Paytm SBI Card offers cashback and discounts on transactions made through the Paytm mobile app.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enabled users to link RuPay credit cards to UPI in 2023.

### RBI announces withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes from circulation

- The Reserve Bank of India, on 19 May 2023, announced to withdraw the ₹2000 denomination banknotes from circulation while retaining their status as legal tender.
- The withdrawal of ₹2000 banknotes aligns with the RBI's "Clean Note Policy".
- Individuals can exchange their ₹2000 banknotes up to a limit of ₹20,000 until September 30, 2023, to exchange or deposit their ₹2000 banknotes.

### Bank of Baroda launches electronic Bank Guarantee on its platform

- The Bank of Baroda has introduced an electronic bank guarantee on its digital platform.
- The new service will allow customers to issue, modify, and cancel bank guarantees online.
- The electronic bank guarantee will reduce the turnaround time and improve efficiency.
- It will also help customers save time and reduce paperwork.
- The service is available to both corporate and retail customers.

### AIBEA to launch 'Bank Clinic'

- The All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) plans to set up an online 'Bank Clinic' to assist bank customers with grievance redress. With the Bank Clinic, AIBERA hopes to earn goodwill of customers' and give feedback to Banks on the areas where there is deficiency in service.
- By launching the Bank Clinic, the Association hopes to earn goodwill of customers' and give feedback to Banks

### Fitch Lowers India's GDP Growth Forecast for This Year to 6% from 6.2%

- Fitch Ratings revises down India's GDP growth forecast for the current year to 6%.
- The rating firm has also re-affirmed India's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook.
- While India will be one of the fastest-growing sovereigns rated by Fitch, bolstered by "resilient investment prospects"

## Books and Authors Current Affairs

### HarperCollins India to publish Manjamma Jogathi's memoir

- HarperCollins India to publish Manjamma Jogathi's compelling memoir, "From Manjunath to Manjamma: The Inspiring Life of a Transgender Folk Artist."
- Manjamma Jogathi is a transgender folk artist who became the first transwoman to be the president of a government academy in India.
- She popularized the Jogathi Nritya dance form on a national level and won Karnataka's Rajyotsava Award in 2010.

### Odisha Guv Releases Odia Version of Gita Acharan

- Odisha Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal today released the Odia version of the book - "Gita Acharan - a practitioner's perspective" - at the Raj Bhawan in Bhubaneswar.
- The book has been written by senior Punjab IAS officer K Siva Prasad who is presently posted as the Additional Chief Secretary to Punjab Governor.

### Ruskin Bond releases his new book titled "The Golden Years"

- Ruskin Bond authored a new book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life".
- The book is published by HarperCollins India and was released on 19th May 2023 on his 89th Birthday.
- He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1992 for "Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra".
- He was also awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2014 for Literature and Education.

### A book 'Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration' released

- The book titled 'Supreme Court on Commercial Arbitration' by Dr. Manoj Kumar and fore worded by Shri. R. Venkataramani was released in May 2023.
- The book covers judgments spanning from the year 1988 to 2022 covering Arbitration Act, 1940, and Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and aims to provide a better understanding of the evolution of arbitration law in India.

### Gauri Khan launches her book "My Life in Design"

- Gauri Khan is a popular interior designer and unveiled her book 'My Life in Design' at the event.
- Talking about their own house, Shah Rukh shared a small story of how they went on to renovate it. It was renovated by Gauri himself.
- The launch was followed by a brief discussion wherein they spoke about the new book and their life as a family.

### K.K. Shailaja comes with her new book 'My Life as a Comrade'

- Former CEO of the Kochi Biennale Foundation and journalist K.K. Shailaja has come up with her new book 'My Life as a Comrade'.
- It has been co-written with Manju Sara Rajan.

- K. K. Shailaja is an Indian politician and former Health Minister of Kerala who hails from Kannur district.
- Shailaja currently serves as the Member of the Legislative Assembly representing Mattanur constituency.

### Book 'Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise' released

- A book titled 'Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise' has been released.
- It has been authored by Amitabh Kant, who is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and served as CEO of NITI Aayog.
- His other books include Branding India-An Incredible Story, Incredible India 2.0, etc.

### PM Modi launches book 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam in April 2023.
- He launched a book 'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih' at the closing ceremony.
- The 10-day confluence saw more than 3000 Saurashtrian Tamils come to Somnath on a special train.
- The programme began on April 17, with its closing ceremony now being held on April 26 at Somnath.



## Business and Economy Current Affairs

### Goldman Sachs hikes India's 2023 GDP forecast to 6.3%

- Goldman Sachs has revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2023 to 6.3%, citing a rise in exports.
- Goldman Sachs also lowered the country's investment growth forecast to 7.9% year-on-year in the calendar year 2023.
- The Reserve Bank of India has projected GDP growth at 7.8% in April-June, 6.2% in July-September, 6.1% in October-December, and 5.9% in Jan-March of 2024.

### AIC to launch insurance products for livestock, aquaculture

- Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) will launch products for the livestock, aquaculture, and sericulture sectors.
- AIC already has a 50 percent market share in the crop insurance market under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme.
- AIC got the license for introducing insurance products from the regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) in May 2023.

### Paytm launches bond investing on its platform for retail investors

- Paytm Money has launched an advanced bonds platform for retail investors in India on 22 May 2023.
- The platform allows retail investors to buy three types of bonds - government, corporate, and tax-free.
- Government of India bonds have a maturity ranging from 16 days to 39 years.
- The yield on these bonds is currently between 7-7.3% per annum.

### Aadhaar holders execute 1.96 billion transactions in April 2023

- In April 2023, Aadhaar holders executed 1.96 billion authentication transactions, indicating the growth of digital economy and usage of Aadhaar in India.
- Fingerprint-based authentication was the most popular method used by Aadhaar holders, followed by demographic and OTP-based authentications.
- More than 250.5 million eKYC transactions were carried out in April 2023 alone.

### S&P affirms India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-', keeps outlook stable

- Global rating agency Standard and Poor's has affirmed India's sovereign rating at "BBB-" and maintained a stable outlook on gradual recovery in the economy.
- India's recovery will gather pace through the second half of FY22, S&P said in a statement.
- India's strong external settings help to buffer the risks associated with the government's high deficits and debt stock.

### India's GDP likely to grow at 6.2% in 2023-24: Morgan Stanley

- According to a Morgan Stanley report released on 18 May 2023, India is expected to grow at 6.2 percent in the current financial year 2023-24.



- The Morgan Stanley report is titled as “Asia Economics: The Viewpoint: Addressing the Pushback to Our Constructive View”.
- Morgan Stanley is an American multinational investment bank and financial services company headquartered in New York.

### AWS to invest 12.7 Bn dollars in cloud infrastructure in India by 2030

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) has announced plans to invest 12.7 billion dollars in cloud infrastructure in India by 2030.
- The cloud platform offers more than 200 services, including storage, robotics, and artificial intelligence
- It will support an estimated average of 1 lakh 31 thousand 700 full-time equivalent jobs in Indian businesses each year.

### TiE Rajasthan signs MoU with Rajasthan Police

- TiE Rajasthan has signed an MoU with the state Police.
- With a purpose of strengthening the 'Technical Core Group (TCC)' of Rajasthan Police and simultaneously creating fresh opportunities for startups in the cyber-security and cyber-crime redressal space the MoU was signed.
- This MoU brings great opportunities for startups working in cyber-security & cybercrime space.

### SGX Nifty to be delisted; will be known as GIFT Nifty from July 3

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on May 16, 2023, received regulatory approvals to delist Nifty 50 futures from the Singapore Exchange (SGX) on July 3.
- The SGX Nifty will be known as GIFT Nifty and all SGX orders will be completely transferred to Gift City.
- The SGX Nifty is currently traded in Singapore but tracks the performance of India's Nifty 50 index.

### NSE launches WTI crude oil and natural gas futures contracts

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on 15 May 2023, launched the rupee-denominated NYMEX WTI Crude Oil and Natural Gas futures in its commodity derivatives segment.
- It will provide effective trading and hedging opportunities to market participants, with the availability of key energy products on a single trading platform.
- The NSE also signed a data licensing agreement with CME Group.

### India's trade deficit falls to 21-month low at \$15.2 bn in April 2023

- India's trade deficit fell to a 21-month low at \$15.2 billion in April 2023, which is a significant drop from \$30.2 billion in April 2022.
- India's overall exports in April 2023 were recorded at \$65.02 billion and imports dipped 7.9% to \$66.4 billion.
- The US remained India's top export destination in April 2023, followed by the UAE and China.

### ONGC Discovers Crude Oil and Natural Gas in Two Blocks in Mumbai



- ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) has made significant discoveries of crude oil and natural gas in two offshore blocks in Mumbai, signaling a positive boost for India's energy sector.
- The discoveries, which have been named 'Amrit' and 'Moonga'.
- ONGC's discoveries are expected to attract investment and foster development, creating opportunities for job creation and economic growth.

### Suniel Shetty launches food delivery app Waayu

- Actor Suniel Shetty has been roped in as a brand ambassador and investor in a new venture, 'Waayu', a food delivery app
- The app aims to help hotels and restaurants to log orders for food delivery without any commission.
- The app claims to be 15% to 20% less expensive than aggregators like Swiggy or Zomato.

### Cisco to begin manufacturing in Tamil Nadu

- CISCO would start manufacturing operations in India as it seeks to create a "more diverse and resilient global supply chain and support India's vision of becoming a global manufacturing hub".
- India houses Cisco's second-largest R&D centre, with the biggest being in the U.S. Cisco's manufacturing in India will be through contract manufacturers and partners.

### Vida, Powered by Hero, Sets New Guinness World Records Title

- VIDA, Powered by Hero, the emerging mobility brand of Hero MotoCorp - the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, has set a new Guinness World Records Title.
- The company's first electric vehicle, the VIDA VI scooter, ran for 24 hours non-stop and broke the existing world record for maximum distance achieved by nearly 350 kms.

### Fitch retains India's rating at 'BBB'

- Fitch Ratings affirmed India's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook.
- It expects the general government deficit (excluding divestments) to narrow to a still-high 8.8% of GDP in FY24 (2023 BBB median: 3.6%) from 9.2% in FY23.
- It expects the central govt to meet its budget's planned reduction in the deficit to 5.9% of GDP in FY24 from 6.4% in FY23.

### RBI mandates all wire transfers to have complete information

- The RBI has asked all banks, financial institutions to ensure all wire transfers to contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary to prevent them from being used as a channel for money laundering, terrorist financing platforms.
- The Reserve Bank of India has recently updated its instructions in the Master Direction on Know Your Customer (KYC).

### Visa launches CVV-free payments for tokenised credit, debit cards

- Visa has come up with a revolutionary solution to make online transactions smoother and safer.

- The company has launched CVV-free tokenized transactions for domestic payments in India, adhering to the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
- CVV, which stands for card verification value, is a three or four-digit number located on the back of a physical debit or credit card.

### India's forex reserves rise \$4.53 billion to \$588.78 billion

- India's foreign exchange reserves increased by \$4.53 billion to \$588.78 billion on a weekly basis as of April 28, 2023.
- During the prior week that ended on April 21, the reserves fell by \$2.16 billion to \$584.24 billion.
- According to RBI's latest data, India's foreign currency assets, the biggest component of the forex reserves, rose by \$4.99 billion to \$519.48 billion.

### HDFC Bank rolls out digital distribution platform for agents, partners

- HDFC Bank has introduced a Digital Distribution Platform to make it easier for its agents and business correspondents to sell services, especially in rural areas.
- HDFC Bank Smart Saathi provides a secure and user-friendly experience to its users.
- The newly launched feature will use advanced technology solutions to connect Business Correspondents (BCs) and Business Facilitators to the bank.

### India achieves highest ever GST revenue collection in April 2023

- The gross Goods and Services Tax, GST revenue collected in April this year is the highest ever at over 1,87,000 crore rupees.
- Out of the total revenue, Central Goods and Services Tax, CGST is 38,440 crore rupees, State Goods and Services tax, SGST is 47,412 crore rupees, Integrated Goods and Services Tax, IGST is 89,158 crore rupees and cess is over 12,000 crore rupees.

### Reliance General becomes first insurer to accept CBDC

- Reliance General Insurance has become the first general insurance company to accept RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (₹) for premium payments.
- The insurer has tied up with YES Bank to facilitate the collection of premiums in digital mode using the bank's e-rupee platform.
- e-rupee is a digital token, equivalent to a banknote, and is a sovereign currency backed by the RBI.

### NPCI Bharat BillPay launches NOCS platform

- NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) has launched the NOCS platform.
- It will provide reconciliation and settlement services for transactions undertaken on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) network.
- The NOCS platform is integrated with banks, fintechs and e-commerce players, and will soon go live with the first set of five banks.

## Committees and Recommendations Current Affairs

### Implementation of RPD Act

- A committee has been constituted by the Centre to frame uniform rules for the states to avoid delay in proper implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act across the country
- The committee has to submit its report within 3 months.
- The Ministry plans to notify the rules on April 14, the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar.



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## Defence Current Affairs

### Rafale jets carry out long-range mission in Indian Ocean Region

- Four Rafale fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force carried out a "strategic" mission over the Indian Ocean region demonstrating their long-range combat capabilities.
- The jets took off from the Hasimara Air Force station in the eastern sector.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out the mission at a time China has been ramping up its presence in the Indian Ocean region.

### Turkey has tested its own Tayfun short-range ballistic missile

- The Tayfun [Typhoon] ballistic missile – the missile with the longest range in Turkey's arsenal – was successfully test-fired over the Black Sea.
- The short-range ballistic missile was tested for the second time.
- The first test took place in October 2022; the missile then hit a target 560 km away.
- After TAYFUN will come the CENK rocket.

### Iran successfully tested a 2,000 km-range ballistic missile

- A new surface-to-surface 4th generation Khorramshahr ballistic missile called Khaibar with a range of 2,000 km (1,243 miles) and able to carry a 1,500-kg (3,300-pound) warhead is launched at an undisclosed location in Iran.
- It is capable of reaching the bases of arch-foes Israel and the United States in the region.
- Iran has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East.

### Indian Navy's newest warship tracks, destroys supersonic target

- The Indian Navy successfully carried out an engagement of a sea-skimming supersonic target using its latest indigenous guided missile destroyer INS Mormugao.
- Named after the historic port city of Goa on the West coast, Mormugao coincidentally undertook her first sea sortie on December 19, 2021, when Goa celebrated 60 years of liberation from Portuguese rule.

### AL MOHED AL HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise of India & Saudi Arabia

- INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA have arrived in Saudi Arabia to participate in the AL MOHED AL HINDI 2023 naval exercise.
- The exercise will involve the participation of naval forces from both countries and focus on joint operations and training.
- The exercise encompasses a series of exercises conducted on land and at sea by the two friendly navies.

### IAF grounds entire fleet of MiG-21 fighter jets following May 8 crash

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has grounded its MiG-21 fighter fleet following the crash on May 8 in Rajasthan.
- The fighters will resume flying in a phased manner after these checks.

- More than 400 MiG-21s have been involved in accidents that have claimed the lives of 200 pilots during the last six decades.
- The IAF is set to retire its three remaining squadrons of the MiG-21 Bisons by 2025.

### MH-60R helicopter undertakes maiden landing at sea

- The Indian Navy's MH60R helicopter has achieved a significant milestone by landing on the INS Kolkata.
- It is known for its exceptional surveillance, anti-shipping, and Search and Rescue capabilities.
- The integration of the MH60R helicopter with Indian Navy warships will further strengthen the Navy's capability to counter underwater threats and conduct surveillance operations.

### Kalvari Class Submarine Vaghsheer commences sea trials

- The Indian Navy's sixth and final Kalvari class submarine, Vaghsheer, has begun its sea trials. Vaghsheer is scheduled for delivery to the Indian Navy in early 2024.
- The submarine was launched on 20th April 2022 from the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).
- "Submarine commissioning strengthens Indian Navy amid rising Chinese presence in Indian Ocean."

### Defence production crosses one lakh crore rupees mark

- The Defence Ministry has said that the value of defence production in the Financial Year (FY) 2022-23 has crossed the figure of one lakh crore rupees for the first time ever.
- The current value of defence production in the year 2022-23 is a rise of more than 12 per cent as compared to last financial year.
- Defence licenses surge 200% increase in 7-8 years.

### India-Indonesia Bilateral Exercise Samudra Shakti - 23

- The 4th edition of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23 will take place in Batam, Indonesia.
- INS Kavaratti, Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft and Chetak helicopter are participating into the event.
- Exercise Samudra Shakti is aimed at enhancing interoperability, jointness and mutual cooperation between both the navies.

### India-made missile destroyer Mormugao test fires Brahmos missile

- INS Mormugao, the Indian Navy's latest guided-missile destroyer, successfully hit "bulls eye" during her maiden BrahMos supersonic cruise missile firing.
- The ship and her potent weapon, both indigenous, mark another shining symbol of 'Aatmanirbharta' and Indian Navy's firepower at sea
- INS Mormugao was commissioned on December 18, 2022.

### The Defence Ministry has approved the 4th Positive Indigenisation list



- The Defence Ministry has approved the 4th Positive Indigenisation List of 928 strategically-important Line Replacement Units, Sub-systems, Spares and Components.
- The Defence Public Sector Undertakings will undertake the indigenisation of these items through different routes under the 'Make' category and in-house development through the capabilities of MSMEs and private Indian industry.

### Indian Navy Ship (INS) Delhi, Satpura visit Sihanoukville, Cambodia

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Delhi and Satpura arrived in Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 12 May 2023 as part of the Indian Navy's deployment to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries.
- INS Delhi is India's first indigenously built guided missile destroyer.
- INS Satpura is also an indigenous multi-purpose stealth frigate, which can carry multi-role helicopters.

### CDS awards unit citations to 3 Tri-service units

- General Anil Chauhan, conferred CDS Unit Citations award to the Strategic Forces Command, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad & 2 PARA (Special Forces) for their exemplary performance for the Year 2021-22
- The CDS unit citations award was constituted after the establishment of the Office of Chief of the Defence Staff in 2019 to boost jointness and integration in the Armed Forces.

### Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy Successfully Conduct 35th CORPAT

- The 35th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted from 03 – 10 May 2023.
- INS Kesari & Thai Majesty's Ship (HTMS) Saiburi, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies participated in the CORPAT along the IMBL in the Andaman Sea.

### Common Uniform for Brigadiers and Above Rank Officers in Army

- Starting from August 1, brigadiers and above rank officers in the Indian Army will don a common uniform.
- The common uniform signifies a step towards modernization and standardization in the Indian Army.
- The headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belt and shoes of senior officers will be standardised as part of the decision.

### Indian Army to introduce common uniform for brigadiers and above ranks

- The Indian Army has decided that brigadiers and above rank officers will have a common uniform from August 1, 2023 irrespective of their parent cadre and appointment.
- The headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belt and shoes of senior officers will be standardised as part of the decision.
- There will be no change to the uniform worn by Colonels and below-rank officers.

### Air Force receives first batch of indigenous VTOL loitering munition

- The India Air Force has received its first indigenously designed and developed loitering munitions.
- These are capable of operating from all kinds of terrain and high altitude areas and can take down targets at a range of over 50 km, without exposing any personnel to risk.
- Developed by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), the autonomous system is designed for Vertical Take Off and Landing.

### INS Magar decommissioned after 36 years of service

- Indian Naval Ship Magar, Landing Ship Tank (Large) amphibious assault ship of the Indian Navy was decommissioned after 36 years of service on 6 May 2023.
- The ship was indigenously built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata.
- It was launched on 16 November 1984 and commissioned into the Indian Navy on 18 July 1987 by Admiral R H Tahiliani, then Chief of the Naval Staff.

### Postings of women officers of Territorial Army along LoC approved

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved posting of Women Officers of the Territorial Army along the Line of Control.
- They will now serve and train under the same conditions as their male counterparts.
- Territorial Army had commenced commissioning of women Officers since 2019, in Ecological Task Force Units, TA Oil sector units and TA Railway Engineer Regiment.

### Indian Air Force Heritage Centre to be inaugurated

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Chandigarh on 8 May 2023.
- He will also lay the foundation stone for Centre for Cyber Ops and Security.
- The Heritage Centre will comprise of artifacts, simulators and interactive boards, to highlight the various facets of operations in the Indian Air Force.

### DRDO & Indian Navy conducts trial of Air Droppable Container -150

- DRDO and Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of 'Air Droppable Container - 150 (ADC) from IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa.
- ADC-150' is an indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container with 150 kg payload capacity.
- It reduces the requirement for ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores.

### INS Satpura and INS Delhi to take part in AIME-2023

- Indian Naval Ships Satpura and INS Delhi have reached Singapore to participate in the inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) scheduled from 2 May 2023.
- The exercise will go on for seven days.
- The ships will also participate in International Maritime Defence Exhibition and International Maritime Security Conference being hosted by Singapore.



## Government Schemes and Policies Current Affairs

### City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 approved

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0).
- The program will run for a period of four years, i.e., from 2023 to 2027.
- The program envisages supporting competitively selected projects promoting a circular economy.

### Naveen Patnaik govt announces new housing scheme in Odisha

- On the fourth anniversary of his current five-year term, chief minister Naveen Patnaik-led cabinet cleared a new rural housing scheme 'Mo Ghara' targeting those left out in Central and state schemes.
- The government plans to spend Rs 2,150 crore over the next two years benefitting four lakh families under the scheme.

### Atal Bhujal Yojana water scheme extended by two years

- Union govt has extended the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) for two more years until December 2025.
- The scheme is active across 8,220 water-stressed Gram Panchayats within 80 districts of seven Indian states.
- Atal Jal plans to bring 450,000 hectares of irrigated area under efficient water techniques like drip irrigation and crop diversification.

### Govt to amend rules to auction lithium, rare earth minerals

- The Indian government has announced to the auction of newly discovered lithium and other rare earth minerals.
- The mines ministry is proposing an amendment to mineral concession rules 2016 to determine the methodology for fixing the value of the estimated resources.
- The Geological Survey of India has found significant lithium reserves totaling 5.9 million tonnes in Jammu and Kashmir.

### Union Minister Jitendra Singh addresses India Defence Conclave 2023

- Union minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed India Defence Conclave 2023.
- The Conclave 2023 features interactive panel discussions on the strategies that can be adopted for ensuring that the Indian defense forces are equipped with the latest technologies.
- The Union Cabinet also approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) at a total cost of over 6000 crore rupees from 2023-24 to 2030-31.

### CSS for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for The Judiciary

- The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Department of Justice (Ministry of Law & Justice ) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary is revamping judicial infrastructure of District and Subordinate Courts.

- The fund-sharing pattern under the scheme is 60:40 (Centre: State), 90:10 for 8 North-Eastern and 2 Himalayan States & 100% central funding for the UT.

### Govt cuts FAME-II subsidy on electric 2-wheelers from June

- The government has reduced the subsidy provided under the FAME-II (Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) scheme applicable on electric two-wheelers registered on or after June 1, 2023.
- The Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles (FAME) India scheme commenced on April 1, 2019.

### MoU signing for PM MITRA Park, Dhar on 21st May 2023

- The program for MoU signing between the Government of India (Ministry of Textiles) and the Government of Madhya Pradesh took place in the Dhar district of MP on 21.05.2023
- The proposal to set up PM MITRA Park in village Bhensola, Badnawar Tehsil, Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh received formal approval from the Government of India in March 2023.

### Education Ministry calls first meet aimed at unifying 60 school boards

- The Ministry of Education organised a workshop in New Delhi with the aim of unifying the 60 school examination boards operating in different States and union territories under one umbrella.
- The main component of this plan is PARAKH or the National Assessment Centre which has been set up as an organisation under National Council of Educational Research and Training.

### Union Health Ministry launches '75/25' initiative

- The Union Health Ministry has launched an initiative to provide standard care to 75 million individuals suffering from hypertension and diabetes by 2025.
- The initiative will be the world's largest expansion of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in primary healthcare.
- India has established over 150,000 Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) at the primary healthcare level to battle against NCDs.

### Govt to set up 1,100 new Farmer Producer Organizations in co-op sector

- The Cooperation Ministry, on 18 May 2023, announced to set up of 1,100 new farmer-producer organizations (FPOs) in the cooperative sector.
- Under the FPO Scheme, financial assistance of 33 lakh rupees is provided to each FPO.
- Further, financial assistance of 25 lakh rupees per FPO is provided to the Cluster-Based Business Organizations.

### Union Cabinet approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, on 17 May 2023, approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 17,000 crores.
- The scheme covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers, and ultra-small form factor devices.
- *The tenure of the scheme is 6 years.*
- The expected incremental production is Rs. 3.35 Lakh crore.



### Cabinet approves Rs 1.08 lakh cr fertiliser subsidy for Kharif season

- The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 1.08 lakh crore fertiliser subsidy for the 2023-24 Kharif season.
- The subsidy includes Rs 38,000 crore for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers.
- This also includes Rs 70,000 crore of urea subsidy earmarked in the Budget for the Kharif season 2023-24.
- The MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of fertilisers will remain unchanged at Rs 276 per bag.

### Centre finalizes comprehensive 'Model Prisons Act, 2023'

- Centre finalizes comprehensive 'Model Prisons Act, 2023' to focus on skill development of prisoners.
- It may serve as a guiding document for the States, and for adoption in their jurisdiction.
- Grievance redressal, prison development board, attitudinal change towards prisoners, provision of separate accommodation for women prisoners, and transgender are some features of the act.

### CBIC rolls out Automated Return Scrutiny Module for GST returns

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has rolled out the Automated Return Scrutiny Module for GST returns.
- This module will enable the officers to carry out scrutiny of GST returns of Centre Administered Taxpayers selected on the basis of data analytics and risks identified by the system.

### Union Minister Smriti Irani launches "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi" program

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani, on 12 May 2023, launched the "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi" program under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.
- It was launched to ensure the holistic development of all children under the age of 6 years.
- The program also aims to build children's skills in communication and early language, literacy, and numeracy.

### Min. of Power & Min. of Env't to develop Carbon Credit Trading Scheme

- The Ministry of Power and Ministry of Environment will develop Carbon Credit Trading Scheme for Decarbonisation.
- Government plans to develop the Indian Carbon Market with the objective to decarbonize the Indian economy by pricing the Green House Gas emission through trading of Carbon Credit Certificates.

### Sarbananda Sonowal Launches Harit Sagar Green Port Guidelines

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Launches Harit Sagar Green Port Guidelines to Achieve Zero Carbon Emission Goal
- The guidelines were launched to meet the larger vision of achieving Zero Carbon Emission Goal set by the Ministry.
- It envisages ecosystem dynamics in port development, operation, and maintenance while aligning with the 'Working with Nature' concept.

### Govt Working to Upgrade Mini Anganwadi Centres to Full-Fledged Centres



- Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani has said the government is working in a speedy manner to upgrade mini-Anganwadi centres to full-fledged Anganwadi centres.
- Ms Irani was addressing an event, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi in New Delhi
- The main objective of the event is to highlight the criticality of focusing on early childhood care and education.

### Union Health Ministry launches SAKSHAM LMIS

- Union Health Ministry launches SAKSHAM Learning Management Information System
- Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary launched the SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management), a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of MoHFW.
- This digital learning platform has been developed by the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi.

### PMSBY, PMJJBY & APY completes 8 years

- Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Atal PENSION yojana (APY) complete 8 yrs.
- These three schemes were launched by PM Narendra Modi in 2015 from Kolkata in West Bengal.
- The government had launched two insurance schemes PM Suraksha Bima Yojana and PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana to make the people belonging from unorganised sections financially secure.

### India amends apple import policy

- The central government has prohibited the import of apples where the CIF (Cost, Insurance, and Freight) import price is less than or equal to Rs 50 per kilogram.
- The import policy remains "free" for those apples costing above Rs 50 per kilogram.
- The amendment in apple import policy will not be applicable to India's neighbour Bhutan.

### Government launches Vivad se Vishwas scheme

- The Dept of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has launched the scheme, "Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs" for providing relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for COVID-19 period.
- The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The scheme was commenced from 17 April and the last date for submission of claims is 30 June.

### Narayan Rane launches the revamped CGTMSE Scheme

- Union Minister for MSME Narayan Rane launched the revamped CGTMSE Scheme in Mumbai in April 2023.
- CGTMSE has been provided with an additional corpus support of ₹9,000 crore in the Union Budget for FY 2023-24 to revamp its Scheme.
- The modifications included reduction in guarantee fees for loans upto ₹1 crore by 50% bringing the minimum guarantee fee to the level of 0.37% pa only.



## Days and Events Current Affairs

### World No Tobacco Day: 31 May

- Anti-Tobacco Day or World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31 May every year across the globe to make people aware and educate them about the harmful effects of tobacco on health.
- The Member States of the World Health Organization created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic.
- The 2023 year's theme for World No Tobacco Day is 'We need food, not tobacco.'

### Goa statehood Day: 30 May

- Goa is the smallest state in India by area and is famous all over the world for its beautiful beaches and famous architecture.
- Before 1961, Goa was a colony of Portugal that rule the region for about 450 years.
- In 1961, India launched Operation Vijay and annexed Goa and Daman and Diu with the Indian mainland.

### 29 May: 75th UN Peacekeepers Day

- The Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande laid wreath at National War Memorial in Delhi.
- "Peace begins with me" is the theme of the 75th anniversary of Peacekeepers Day.
- From Congo to Liberia to South Sudan, India has deployed more than 3 lakh troops as peacekeepers in over 51 UN peacekeeping missions.

### Veer Savarkar's 140th Birth Anniversary: 28 May 2023

- Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's 140th birth anniversary celebrated on 28 May 2023.
- He was born on May 28, 1883, and would have turned 140 years old in 2023
- Veer Savarkar was an activist, writer, and politician who contributed to the Indian independence movement.
- The Maharashtra govt decided to commemorate May 28 as Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din.
- He passed away in Mumbai in 1966.

### World Turtle Day: 23 May

- It is observed annually on May 23 to spread awareness regarding protecting turtles and tortoises and also their disappearing habitats across the world.
- The day promises a better future where humans and turtles can coexist peacefully.
- It began in 2000 and is sponsored by American Tortoise Rescue.

### Maharana Pratap Jayanti: 22 May

- Maharana Pratap Jayanti 2023 will be celebrated on May 22 to mark the birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap.
- He was a Rajput king who ruled the kingdom of Mewar in Rajasthan, India from 1572 to 1597.
- He was born on May 9, 1540, in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan.
- The Battle of Haldighati was fought between Maharana Pratap and Akbar's forces in 1576.

### International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May



- International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on 22 May every year to increase awareness and understanding of the issues of biodiversity.
- The day falls within the scope of the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2023 is "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity".

### National Anti-Terrorism Day: 21 May

- National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India on May 21 each year to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of India.
- The day highlights the significance of eradicating terrorism and promoting peace and harmony.
- India is among the 25-worst terror-hit countries, according to the 10th edition of the Global Terrorism Index.

### World Metrology Day: 20 May

- World Metrology Day is observed every year on 20 May celebrating the International System of Units.
- The date is the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 by representatives of seventeen nations.
- Metrology is the study of measurement.
- The theme for Wo
- World Metrology Day 2023 is Measurements supporting the global food system.

### World Bee Day: 20 May

- World Bee Day is observed every year on May 20th to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators for our ecosystems
- The UN Member States approved Slovenia's proposal to proclaim 20 May as World Bee Day in Dec 2017.
- On this day Anton Janša, the pioneer of beekeeping, was born in 1734.
- The theme for 2023 is "Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production"

### National Endangered Species Day: 19 May

- Every year on the third Friday in May National Endangered Species Day is celebrated annually.
- In 2023 it is being observed on 19 May to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation.
- Endangered Species Act 1973, focuses on the protection of wildlife and threatened species in India.
- The 2023 year's theme is, "Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the endangered species act!"

### World AIDS Vaccine Day: 18 May

- World's AIDS Vaccine Day or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is observed every year on 18 May.

- The day raises awareness about the ongoing global efforts to develop an effective vaccine against HIV/AIDS.
- It was 1st observed on 18 May 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of the first international AIDS vaccine trial, which took place in 1997.
- The trial, known as RV144, was conducted in Thailand.

### World Hypertension Day: 17 May

- Every year, May 17 is observed as World Hypertension Day.
- It aims to raise awareness about hypertension, also known as high blood pressure and its impact on public health worldwide.
- The day is organized by the World Hypertension League (WHL).
- The theme of World Hypertension Day, 2023 is '*Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer*'.

### World Telecommunication Day: 17 May

- World Telecommunication Day is observed every year on 17 May.
- It marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris in 1865.
- It has been celebrated annually on 17 May since 1969.
- The theme of ITU Day 2023 is "*Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies.*"

### World Migratory Bird Day was observed on 13th May

- National Zoological Park in collaboration with National Museum of Natural History successfully carried out the ninth day of the Mass Mobilization for Mission LiFE.
- World Migratory Bird Day observed on 13th May with the theme "*Water and its importance for Migratory Bird*"

### International Nurses Day

- International Nurses Day is an international day observed around the world on 12 May
- The first International Nurses day was observed in 1965.
- Florence Nightingale was a British Nurse and was the founder of Modern Nursing.
- She was the first woman who was awarded the Order of Merit in 1907.

### Victory Day observed in Russia on 9 May

- Victory Day is observed in Russia every year on 9 May,
- The day marks the 78th anniversary of Germany's capitulation in World War II after a relentless Red Army offensive pushed German forces from Stalingrad, deep inside Russia, all the way to Berlin, about 2,200 km.
- The Soviet Union lost at least 20 million people in the war.

### Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti: 9 May 2023

- Rabindranath Jayanti is dedicated to a great Bengali poet, novelist, writer and philosopher Rabindranath Tagore.
- As per Hindu calendar, it was celebrated on May 7, 2023.
- As per Bengali Calendar, it is being celebrated on 25th day of Boisakh which is on May 9, 2023.



- Year 2023 marks his 162nd birth anniversary.
- He even composed National Anthem of India and Bangladesh.

### World Thalassaemia Day: 8 May

- World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8 every year.
- The theme for 2023 is 'Be aware. Share. Care.'
- Panos Englezos, President and Founder of Thalassaemia International Federation created this day in 1994 in the memory of his son George and other Thalassaemia patients.
- Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder which is inherited by the children from their parents.

### World Red Cross Day: 8 May

- World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, also known as World Red Cross Day, is observed on May 8 every year.
- It commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.
- The day was officially established during the 20th International Conference of the Red Cross in Japan, in 1933.

### BRO celebrated its 64th Raising Day on 7 May

- Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 64th Raising Day on May 7, 2023 at all its detachments across the country.
- The main function 'Chief Engineers and Equipment Management Conference' was organised at BRO School & Centre in Pune.
- An MoU was signed between the BRO and GRSE for construction of indigenous Class 70R Double Lane Modular Bridges.

### World Athletics Day: 7 May

- World Athletics Day is observed on 7 May every year.
- World Athletics Day was instituted in 1996 by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to raise awareness of the physiological and psychological significance of sports.
- Every year on May 7, the IAAF organises numerous events to encourage individuals to participate in sports for their health.

### World Hand Hygiene Day: 5 May

- World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on the 5th of May every year.
- The day aims to promote the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of infection and promote good health.
- The history of World Hand Hygiene Day can be traced back to the year 2009 when the World Health Organization (WHO) launched the first Global Patient Safety Challenge.

### Giani Zail Singh's birth anniversary: 5 May

- 5 May marks the birth anniversary of former President Giani Zail Singh.



- The seventh president of India, Giani Zail Singh is remembered as the only Sikh politician who took the president's oath.
- served the nation as president from 1982 to 1987.
- In 1972, Zail Singh was elected as the Chief Minister of Punjab.

### Buddha Purnima: 5 May 2023

- Buddha Purnima, also known as Buddha Jayanti, is being celebrated on 5 May 2023.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Lord Gautam Buddha, revered as the founding figure of Buddhism.
- Year 2023 marks the 2585th birth anniversary of Gautam Buddha.
- Buddha was born in Lumbini, Nepal.
- He attained Nirvana at the age of 35.

### International Firefighters' Day: 4 May

- International Firefighters Day is observed on 4 May every year.
- It honours and pays tribute to the great work done by the firefighters while protecting the life and property of people.
- International Firefighters Day was established in 1999 to honour the sacrifices and bravery of firefighters worldwide.
- The day was inspired by the tragic event that took place in Australia on 2 December 1998.

### 60th Foundation Day of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on its 60th Foundation Day on 2 May 2023.
- The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is a leading business school in India.
- Established in 1963, it works as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It also functions as a civil services training institute.
- Its main campus is in New Delhi.

### World Press Freedom Day: 3 May

- 'World Press Freedom Day' is observed annually on May 3 to raise awareness of the importance of press freedom.
- The day was established in 1993 by the UN General Assembly on the advice of the UNESCO General Conference.
- The theme for the 30th World Press Freedom Day 2023 is "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other human rights."

### International Labour Day: 1 May

- International Labour Day is celebrated on 1 May every year. to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of labours' movement.
- It is also known as May Day.
- The tradition of Labour Day dates back to 19th century America.

- On May 1st, 1886 workers in Chicago organized a strike to demand an eight-hour workday.
- The first labour day was celebrated in India on May 1, 1923, in Chennai.

### Gujarat Day: 1 May

- May 1 comes as the establishment day for the state of Gujarat.
- It was on this day in the year 1960 that the former state of Bombay was segregated on a linguistic basis and two states were formed — Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- Gujarat also played a significant role in the commerce of Mumbai and Karachi during the British Raj.

### Maharashtra Day: 1 May

- Maharashtra Day or Maharashtra Diwas is celebrated on May 1 every year.
- The day commemorates the creation of the predominantly Marathi-speaking state of Maharashtra with the enactment of the Bombay Reorganisation Act in 1960.
- The Bombay Reorganisation Act in 1960 bifurcated the Bombay State into two separate states namely, Gujarat and Maharashtra.



## International Current Affairs

### **Etihad Airways named Environmental Airline of 2023**

- Etihad Airways has been named Environmental Airline of the Year 2023 for the second year running in the Airline Ratings awards.
- The Airline Ratings awards acknowledge the best of the aviation industry and rank airlines on their innovation, route networks, and safety score.
- The awards recognized Etihad's commitment to sustainable aviation through innovation and collaboration

### **China to send men to moon by 2030**

- China announced plans to send a manned mission to the moon by 2030 amid its deepening space race with the West
- The announcement was made by Lin Xiqiang, Deputy Director of the China Manned Space Agency, as China is preparing to send astronauts to its space station
- The goal is reportedly to achieve China's first manned landing on the moon by 2030 and carry out lunar scientific explorations.

### **UAE announces 13 year Space Mission to explore asteroid belt**

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 30 May 2023, announced plans for a groundbreaking space mission called MBR Explorer.
- The mission will explore the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and will be launched in March 2028.
- The mission will cover a distance of 5 billion kilometers over a 13-year expedition.
- The MBR Explorer will conduct close flybys of seven asteroids in the belt.

### **China launches 3 astronauts to Tiangong space station**

- In China, three astronauts, including a civilian, were launched to the Tiangong space station onboard Shenzhou-16.
- The civilian, Beihang University professor Gui Haichao, was put into orbit for the first time in space.
- Shenzhou-16 is the first mission to Tiangong since it entered the application and development stage.
- Tiangong is the crown jewel of China's space programme.

### **Zero-Emissions Public Transportation in Dubai 2050**

- Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority Sets Ambitious Goal for Zero-Emissions Public Transportation by 2050.
- This strategic move aligns with the United Arab Emirates' preparations for COP28 and the UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative.
- It is in line with the Dubai Economic Agenda D33's objectives.
- The strategy, aptly named "Zero-Emissions Public Transportation in Dubai 2050.

### China's 1st domestically developed large passenger jet C919 1st flight

- China's 1st domestically developed large passenger jet C919 made its first commercial flight from Shanghai to Beijing.
- Single-aisle, twin-engined aircraft has 164 seats and it carried more than 130 passengers on board.
- China has made significant investments in domestic jet manufacture in an effort to become self-sufficient in critical technology.

### WMO approves a global tracker for greenhouse gas emissions

- The World Meteorological Congress has approved a new greenhouse gas monitoring initiative to support urgent action in reducing heat-trapping gases.
- It aims to address critical information gaps and data assimilation under one comprehensive framework.
- The comprehensive observations will include surface-based and satellite-based monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O gases.

### Ireland becomes the first country to label alcoholic drinks for health

- Ireland becomes the first country to enforce mandatory health advisories on alcohol products.
- The policy was approved by the Irish Minister for Health and will be implemented from May 22, 2026.
- The health warnings will include information about risks like cancer and have received support from the World Health Organization.
- The warnings have been approved by both the European Union.

### US FDA approves Pfizer's Covid antiviral pill Paxlovid

- The US (Food and Drug Administration) FDA has granted full approval to Pfizer's oral antiviral COVID-19 treatment, Paxlovid, for adults at high risk of severe COVID-19.
- Paxlovid is the first oral antiviral pill approved by the FDA to treat COVID-19 in adults.
- The approval for the pill will provide doctors with more flexibility in prescribing it to adults with severe COVID-19 symptoms.

### Komagata Maru incident to be commemorated in name of Vancouver street

- A prominent street in downtown Vancouver is likely to be accord the honorary name of Komagata Maru Way to commemorate the incident in 1914 when the Japanese steamship of that name carrying 376 passengers from India was escorted away from city in British Columbia due to discriminatory laws that were then in place in Canada.
- Vancouver's city council is expected to give it a secondary name.

### Sydney's Harris Park renamed as 'Little India'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese officially named Sydney's Harris Park area in Parramatta as 'Little India' during a special community event for the Indian diaspora.



- Harris Park is home to a large Indian community and is well-established as a unique destination for Indian cuisine, and Indian-owned businesses.

### Rayyanah Barnawi, the first Arab woman astronaut to go to space

- Part of Axiom Space's private mission to the International Space Station (ISS), Rayyanah Barnawi became the first Arab woman astronaut to go into space.
- Born in September 1988 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Barnawi is a biomedical researcher.
- She is part of a team which recently went to the International Space Station (ISS) in a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

### INDEX 2023, Dubai

- INDEX Dubai 2023, the prestigious international exhibition celebrating its 30th year, commenced at the Dubai World Trade Center
- The event showcases the latest trends and innovations in the interior furnishings world.
- K Kalimuthu, Consul, CGI Dubai, inaugurated the India Pavilion.

### Nepal: PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal inaugurates Women's Volleyball tournament

- Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' inaugurated the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup in Kathmandu.
- A total of eight countries—India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan, including host Nepal -- are participating in the tournament.

### Bangladesh-US joint naval exercise begins in Chattogram

- The Joint Bangladesh-US Naval drill Exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' started at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram.
- The objective of the exercise is to increase the strategic capabilities of both countries and to acquire mutual technical and procedural knowledge.
- Chattogram Naval Area Commander Rear Admiral Abdullah AL Mamun Chowdhury attended the event as the Chief Guest.

### Arab League Summit in Jeddah Adopts Jeddah Declaration

- The 32nd Arab League Summit recently concluded in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with the adoption of the Jeddah Declaration.
- This declaration, focuses on fostering Arab unity and addressing various regional challenges.
- The declaration emphasizes the need for increased pan-Arab efforts to assist Syria in resolving its ongoing crisis, demonstrating a collective commitment to supporting stability.

### Nepal designates 2025 as a 'Special tourism year'

- Nepal has designated the year 2025 as a "Special tourism year" to support the recovery of the country's tourism industry.
- The President announced that the decade of the 2080s in the Bikram Samvat calendar would be recognized as 'the Visit Nepal decade'.

- A special honor the 'Samarmatha Special Honour' will be conferred on foreign nationals who contribute to promoting Nepal's cultural values.

### Montana to become first U.S. state to ban TikTok

- Montana Governor Greg Gianforte on Wednesday signed legislation to ban Chinese-owned TikTok.
- Montana will make it unlawful for Google and Apple's app stores to offer TikTok within the state, but will not impose any penalties on individuals using the app.
- The ban is to take effect Jan. 1, 2024, and is almost certain to face legal challenges.
- TikTok is owned by Chinese tech company ByteDance

### Japanese PM Fumio Kishida welcome G7 leaders in Hiroshima

- Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida welcomed the G7 leaders in Hiroshima where G7 leaders laid wreaths at the Peace Memorial Park.
- They also planted saplings at Memorial Park.
- The G7 leaders are currently in Japan to attend the G7 Summit scheduled to be held in Hiroshima from May 19-21.
- Japan assumed the G7 Presidency in 2023.

### Assad to attend first Arab League summit since start of Syria war

- Syria's President Bashar al-Assad is to attend an Arab League summit for the first time since it was suspended from the regional body 12 years ago.
- Syria was readmitted this month after states which had backed the opposition accepted his grip on power was secure.
- They include summit hosts in Saudi Arabia.

### Afghanistan reports first polio death of 2023

- Afghanistan reported its first death due to poliovirus in 2023 in Nangarhar.
- The Ministry of Public Health reported two cases of polio in Nangarhar.
- Polio is a severely contagious and disabling disease typically spread through contaminated water or food.
- The infection can induce complete paralysis within hours after invading the nervous system.

### Monkeypox No Longer A Global Health Emergency: WHO

- The World Health Organization declared that mpox no longer constitutes a global health emergency
- the decision was prompted by falling case numbers worldwide, but emphasised that the disease remains a threat, particularly in areas of Africa where it has long been present.
- Earlier, UN agency also declared that Covid-19 no longer constitutes a public health emergency

### COP28 President-Designate Calls for Action to Transform & Decarbonize

- COP28 President-Designate Calls for Action to Transform, Decarbonize, and Future-Proof Economies at UAE Climate Tech Conference

- The aim is to accelerate the development and deployment of technological solutions to decarbonize economies and reduce emissions by at least forty-3 % by 2030 in line with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report.

### Sharjah Police Launches 'Stay in Your Lane' Campaign

- The Sharjah Police launched a traffic campaign, "stay in your lane" in May to curb road lane violations.
- The aim is to improve traffic culture among drivers and other road users, educate them on the significance of adhering to traffic regulations and instructions, and inform them of the risks involved in the event of non-compliance with them.

### Arab League Re-admits Syria as Relations with Assad Normalize

- The Arab League readmitted Syria after more than a decade of suspension, consolidating a regional push to normalise ties with President Bashar al-Assad.
- The decision said Syria could resume its participation in Arab League meetings, while calling for a resolution of the crisis resulting from Syria's civil war, including the flight of refugees to neighbouring countries and drug smuggling.

### Cyclone Mocha likely to make landfall in Myanmar

- Cyclone Mocha is unlikely to hit the eastern Indian coast and Bangladesh.
- Instead, the cyclonic storm is likely to change its route and make landfall in Myanmar as a "severe cyclone" on May 13-14, 2023.
- Several districts across West Bengal will also receive light to moderate rain on May 8, owing to a rise in humidity levels and heat.
- Eighteen districts in Odisha are also on high alert.

### Mystery Chinese spacecraft returns to Earth after 276 days

- An experimental Chinese spacecraft returned to Earth on 8 May 2023 after staying in orbit for 276 days.
- It completed a landmark mission to test the country's reusable space technologies.
- The uncrewed spacecraft returned to the Jiuquan launch centre in northwest China.
- The test will provide a more convenient and inexpensive way to mount future space missions.

### Countries join hands to protect migratory birds

- Range countries of the Central Asian Flyway (CAF) have collaborated to strengthen conservation efforts for migratory birds and their habitats.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme/Convention on Migratory Species (UNEP/CMS) organised the meeting from May 2 to May 4, 2023, in New Delhi.

### Coronation of King Charles III took place on 6 May

- The coronation of King Charles III and his wife Camilla took place in London in a ceremony on 6 May 2023.

- Prince Charles was next in line to the throne and was crowned king after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022.
- Post the coronation, King Charles III will take over as the monarch after a 70-year reign of his late mother, the sovereign.

### WHO: Covid-19 no longer represents a global health emergency

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that Covid-19 no longer represents a global health emergency.
- WHO's International Health Regulations Emergency Committee discussed the pandemic at its 15th meeting on Covid-19.
- The organization declared the coronavirus outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern in January 2020.

### Russia now has its own ChatGPT, introduces GigaChat

- Sberbank, Russia's largest banking institution has announced the release and testing phase of the nation's first ChatGPT competitor named GigaChat.
- Sberbank claims GigaChat's novelty is its ability to communicate more intelligently in Russian than other foreign neural networks.
- It is able to answer questions, hold a conversation, and write program code to develop software.

### US: FDA approves world's first RSV vaccine for older adults

- The United States Food and Drug Administration has approved the world's first Respiratory Syncytial Virus - RSV - vaccine that is meant for older adults.
- However, the vaccine still needs approval from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before it can be rolled out to the public.
- The vaccine was found 83 percent effective against diseases caused by RSV.

### Uzbekistan President wins referendum to rewrite Constitution

- A vast majority of Uzbekistan's voters voted "Yes" to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's bid to rewrite the country's Constitution in a referendum.
- President Mirziyoyev's narrative is that the new Constitution gives emphasis on human rights, freedoms, gender equality, economic growth and prosperity.
- The new charter would also extend the presidential term to seven years, with a two-term limit.



## MoU and Agreements Current Affairs

### NHIDCL Ltd, IIT Guwahati sign MoU to facilitate research & development

- The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) signed an MoU with IIT Guwahati to facilitate research and development in civil engineering, road construction, planning, and design.
- The collaboration will address the challenges and promote technological innovations in the field of the construction of highways under extreme climatic and geographical conditions.

### ADB, India sign \$141 million loan for industrial corridor development

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Govt of India have signed a \$141.12 million loan to support infrastructure development in Andhra Pradesh.
- This financing is the 2nd tranche of a \$500 million multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for the program approved by ADB in 2016.
- The project aims to build infrastructure in three industrial clusters in Andhra Pradesh.

### Goa, Uttarakhand sign MoU to boost tourism

- The Government of Goa and the Government of Uttarakhand have signed an MoU to enhance tourism in both states.
- The MoU aims to promote bilateral cooperation in the travel and tourism sector.
- The MoU includes a provision for human resource development in the field of tourism.
- This MoU is a first of its kind in India, where two states are collaborating to promote tourism.

### Union cabinet approves MoU between ICAI and CA Maldives

- The Union Cabinet, on 18 May 2023, approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Chartered Accountants of the Maldives (CA Maldives).
- The MoU aims to foster cooperation in accounting between India and the Maldives.
- The MoU will also facilitate the export of accounting services to the Maldives.

### NTPC Green Energy ties up with HPCL Mittal Energy for green hydrogen

- NTPC Green Energy and HPCL Mittal Energy have signed an MoU to collaborate in renewable energy and green hydrogen.
- The two companies will work together to source 250 MW of renewable energy power for HPCL Mittal Energy.
- The company operates the Guru Gobind Singh Refinery at Bathinda, Punjab.
- The MoU between the companies is aimed at realizing green energy and green hydrogen objectives.

### Union Govt approves Project Collaboration Agreement between DHR & WHO

- The Union Government has approved the signing of the Project Collaboration Agreement between the Department of Health Research (DHR) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on Assistive Technology on 17 May 2023.

- The collaboration aims at providing access to assistive technology, fostering research and innovation, and developing and disseminating appropriate training programs.

### MoHUA and MoR jointly ink MoU with JICA for Project SMART

- The Min of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Min of Railways jointly signed an MoU with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for 'Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail' (Project-SMART).
- The MoU was inked for four High Speed Rail Stations- Sabarmati, Surat in Gujarat and Virar and Thane in Maharashtra

### MakeMyTrip collaborates with Microsoft

- MakeMyTrip has collaborated with Microsoft to make travel planning more inclusive and accessible by introducing voice assisted booking in Indian languages.
- The new, in-platform tech stack powered by Microsoft Azure OpenAI Service and Azure Cognitive Services, will converse with the user to offer personalized travel recommendations.

### India Post signs MoU with CAIT and Tripta Technologies

- India Post has signed a MoU with Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and Tripta Technologies for logistics services.
- It will benefit small and medium traders as they will be able to use India Post as a logistics service provider.
- It will provide shipping and the last mile delivery services to CAIT's strong trader base and small and medium business in the unorganised sector.

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### Sri Lanka's Dialog Axiata and Bharti Airtel sign binding term sheet

- Sri Lanka's top mobile telecommunication firm, largest telecommunications provider Dialog Axiata and India's Bharti Airtel have signed a binding term sheet for the merger of their Sri Lankan subsidiaries.
- With this merger, Bharti Airtel will get access to a large customer base in the island nation.
- Airtel would be issued new shares in Dialog upon completion of the transaction.

### India, Israel sign MoU on Industrial R&D Cooperation

- India and Israel have signed an MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on several key technology areas.
- These are aerospace, Electronics Instrumentation, etc.

- The Multi-Sectoral Agreement was signed between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR and Directorate of Defense Research and Development, Ministry of Defense of Israel in New Delhi.

### Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs signs MoU with RITES

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed an MoU with RITES Limited.
- It has been for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management & UWM under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
- The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of RITES will assist SBM-U for 3 yrs.
- Under SWM, the areas of engagement will be process standardization and engineering design of waste management facilities.

### Airtel Payments Bank collaborates with NPCI

- Airtel Payments Bank has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- It will roll out Face Authentication for AePS (Aadhaar-enabled Payment System) at its 500,000 banking points.
- Airtel Payments Bank is amongst the first four banks to offer Face Authentication for AePS in the country.



## National Current Affairs

### Government to waive off ISTS charges for Off-Shore Wind Projects

- The Government has waived Inter-State Transmission Charges (ISTS) for Off-Shore Wind Projects, Green Hydrogen, and Green Ammonia.
- This aims to promote offshore wind energy, expand Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia projects, and encourage renewable energy uptake from Energy Storage System Projects.
- The waiver applies to offshore wind projects commissioned by 31st December 2032 for 25 years.

### India leads globally in regulating anti-tobacco warnings on OTT

- India has become a global leader in spreading awareness about the deadly effects of tobacco consumption.
- The Union Health Ministry has notified new rules for anti-tobacco warnings on OTT platforms that if the publisher of online content fails to comply with new rules then the ministry will take strict action.
- This notification mandates OTT platforms to carry anti-tobacco warnings.

### Sivok-Rangpo Rail Project: Concrete lining of Tunnel 14 completed

- Tunnel number T-14 of the Sivok- Rangpo Rail Project (SRRP) in Sikkim has reached a major milestone as its final concrete lining was completed.
- This 1977-meter-long tunnel is the gateway of the railway network to Sikkim.
- The Sivok to Rangpo New Rail Link Project spans approximately 45 kilometers connecting West Bengal and Sikkim.
- It features 14 tunnels, 22 bridges, and five stations.

### Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 2nd meeting NICDIT

- The Apex Monitoring Authority, chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman, reviewed the activities of the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).
- The authority comprises of Finance Minister as Chairperson, Ministry of Commerce, Min of Railways, Min of Road Transport & Highways.
- The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers from four states and Ministers from nine states.

### MOIL achieves record manganese ore production in Q4 of FY2023

- Manganese Ore Mining Ltd. (MOIL) reported a record production of 4.02 lakh tonne of manganese ore in Quarter-4 of the financial year 2022-23.
- The company's total sales increased 3% YoY to 3.91 lakh tonnes.
- MOIL Limited operates eleven mines across Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh under the Ministry of Steel's supervision and has a lofty vision to almost double its production by 2030.

### DGCA approves for night landing facility at Kalaburagi Airport

- Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved the night landing facility at Kalaburagi Airport, Karnataka on 17th May 2023.



- The airport was inaugurated on in Nov 2019, by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka B S Yediyurappa.
- The airport has been amended from VFR (Visual flight rules) to IFR (Instrumental flight rules) for All Weather Operations.

### **Bandra-Versova sea bridge will be named after Veer Savarkar**

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that Bandra -Versova sea route in Mumbai will be named as Swatantra Veer Savarkar Bandra- Versova Sagari Setu.
- He was speaking at an event on the 140th birth anniversary of Swatantra Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in Mumbai.
- A new award "The Swatantra Veer Savarkar Shaurya Puraskar" will be given for incredible bravery deeds in the state.

### **PM Narendra Modi inaugurates new Parliament building**

- On May 28, 2023, the new Parliament building was officially opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Prime Minister was accompanied by priests from Karnataka's Shringeri Math during the ceremony.
- It is located in the Central Vista area of New Delhi and covers an area of approximately 65,000 square meters.
- It has seating for 888 members in the Lok Sabha and 384 members in the Rajya Sabha.

### **PM Modi to flag off Assam's first Vande Bharat Express on 29 May**

- PM Modi will inaugurate Assam's first Vande Bharat Express on May 29, 2023.
- The train will connect Guwahati with New Jalpaiguri and will cover the journey in 5 hours and 30 minutes.
- The Prime Minister will also dedicate 182 Route km of newly electrified sections, which will provide pollution-free transportation and reduce the running time of trains.

### **Oil India registers highest ever Net Profit of Rs. 6810.40 cr**

- Oil India Limited (OIL) has reported its highest-ever net profit since the company's inception at ₹6,810.40 crore in FY 2022-23.
- The company also reported the highest-ever pipeline throughput of 8.19 million metric tonne (MMT) and the highest-ever turnover of Rs 23,272.57 crore.
- Crude Oil and Natural Gas production has also shown growth of 6.95% and 6.27% respectively in 2023.

### **India announces plan to end tuberculosis by 2025**

- Prime Minister Modi launched the Tuberculosis (TB) Free India campaign, an ambitious plan to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025.
- India has the highest burden of TB in the world, with nearly 423,000 TB patients dying in 2016.
- The UN's sustainable development goals had set a target to eliminate TB by 2030.
- Tobacco use is an important factor in TB-related deaths in India, with 7.9% of deaths.



### Minor. Affairs Ministry supports Development of Unani Medicine System

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs has approved a grant of Rs. 45.34 Crores under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV) to promote the Unani Medicine facilities in India.
- The grant will support the upgradation of Unani Medicine facilities at Hyderabad, Chennai, Lucknow, Silchar, and Bengaluru.
- Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has also sanctioned Rs. 35.52 crores.

### NITI Aayog to hold 8th Governing Council Meeting on 27 May

- NITI Aayog will hold its 8th Governing Council Meeting on May 27, 2023, in New Delhi to discuss the theme of 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India'.
- The meeting will focus on eight prominent themes, including infrastructure, skill development, women empowerment, and health and nutrition.
- The Prime Minister, as Chairman of NITI Aayog, will preside over the meeting.

### Giriraj Singh launches SAMARTH campaign to promote digital transaction

- The Ministry of Rural Development launched the "Samarth Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50,000 Gram Panchayats" to promote digital transactions in rural areas.
- Union Minister Giriraj Singh, on 25 May 2023, launched the campaign in Lucknow.
- The digital Gram Sachivalays being created by the govt of UP in villages will have a provision of offering services of Bank Sakshis too.

### India to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of global SDG

- India is striving to eliminate Tuberculosis from the country by 2025, five years ahead of the global Sustainable Development Goal.
- India is the only country in the world to have developed its own mechanism for estimating its TB burden.
- The country has witnessed a 13 percent reduction in TB incidents from 2015 to 2022, surpassing the global reduction rate of 10 percent.

### PSU's start-up challenge to employ AI, renewables in ship design

- The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd is planning to rope in start-ups for employing artificial intelligence (AI) and renewable energy in ship design and construction.
- To encourage the development of innovative solutions, GRSE launched Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS).
- The scheme will address present challenges in the ship design and construction industry.

### Civil Aviation Ministry launches UDAN 5.1 for helicopter routes

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation, on 24 May 2023, launched UDAN 5.1 (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), which is designed specifically for helicopter routes.
- UDAN 5.1 aims to enhance connectivity to remote areas of India and achieve last-mile connectivity through helicopters.

- Airfare caps have been reduced by 25% to make flying in helicopters more affordable for passengers.

### Union Min Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated PCIM & H 'e-office'

- Union Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated an e-Office portal and an online portal at the Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad.
- The online portal will promote hassle-free access to pharmacopoeial monographs among stakeholders across the world.
- The new e-Office portal of PCIM&H streamlines office operations and improve efficiency.

### 'Sengol', The Golden Sceptre To Be Placed In New Parliament

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will place the 'sengol' next to the Lok Sabha Speaker's seat when he inaugurates the newly constructed Parliament building.
- This sceptre was handed over to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to mark the transfer of power from the British to Indians.
- The one accorded the 'sengol' is expected to impart a just and impartial rule.

### Bharat Gaurav Train for Sri Rameshwaram-Tirupati Yatra flagged off

- The Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train for "Sri Rameshwaram-Tirupati: Dakshin Yatra" was flagged off from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai on 23 May 2023.
- The tour package through this train will cover places like Mysuru, Bengaluru, Kanyakumari, and Tirupati.
- The tour is being conducted under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" & "Dekho Apna Desh" programs to promote domestic tourism.

### MoS Rajeve Chandrasekhar holds Digital India Dialogues in Mumbai

- Union Minister Rajeve Chandrasekhar held Digital India Dialogues on the Principles of the Digital India Act (DIA) in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 23 May 2023.
- The Act provide a strong legal framework for protecting the rights of Digital Citizens.
- It will also allow sectoral regulators such as RBI & SEBI to create additional safeguards, resulting in harmonization of different laws.

### Agri drone maker loTechWorld Avigation to set up pilot training center

- Indian agricultural drone manufacturer, loTechWorld Avigation, announced that it is in the process of setting up seven remote pilot training organisations (RPTOs) in five states by July.
- During the month of June, three of them will come up in Gurugram (Haryana), Chikballapur (Karnataka), and Samastipur (Bihar) and the remaining two in Rajamundry and Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

### Govt sets target to increase highways network to 2 lakh kms by 2025

- The construction of National Highways has witnessed around 48 per cent growth in the last nine years and its total length in the country has gone up to nearly 1.47 lakh kilometres against 98,000 kilometres in 2014-15.
- Earlier the pace of National Highways' construction was about 12 kilometers per day which has increased to 38 kilometers per day at present.

### SECL's Gevra coal mine in Chhattisgarh to be largest in Asia

- Gevra project of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) in Chhattisgarh in May 2023 became the first mine in the country to achieve 50 Metric Tons of coal production.
- The expansion of Gevra coal mine will help SECL achieve its goal of increasing coal production to 250 million tonnes per annum by 2025.
- The expansion of the Gevra coal mine will make it the largest coal-producing mine in Asia.

### National Anti-Terrorism Day: 21 May

- National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India on May 21 each year to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of India.
- The day highlights the significance of eradicating terrorism and promoting peace and harmony.
- India is among the 25-worst terror-hit countries, according to the 10th edition of the Global Terrorism Index.

### India achieves 47% growth in coal production in the past 9 years

- In the last nine years, India's overall coal production has gone up by 47 percent to 893.08 million tonnes (MT).
- This is the highest coal production in the country's history.
- Coal supply has also gone up by 45.37% to reach 877.74 million tonnes.
- The government launched 'Mission Coking Coal' in August 2021 to suggest ways to increase domestic coking coal production and utilization by 2030.

### India launches 1st commercial plane using sustainable aviation fuel

- AirAsia India successfully flew India's first commercial passenger flight using the indigenous Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blend on 18 May 2023.
- The flight departed from Pune to New Delhi and the SAF blend was supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL)
- By 2025, India aims to blend 1% SAF in Jet fuel, requiring around 14 crore liters of SAF per annum.

### MoS S.P. Singh Baghel moved from Law Ministry to Health Ministry

- Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel has been assigned as Minister of State in the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.
- Prof. Baghel was serving as Minister of State in the Law and Justice Ministry.
- Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal was assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice.



## MoS for Communications Devusinh Chauhan launches ORAN test bed project

- On the occasion of World Telecom Day, Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan today launched Open Radio Access Network (ORAN) test bed project for conformance, certification and interoperability testing of O-RAN based solutions at a function in New Delhi.
- It will facilitate testing of ORAN elements and will facilitate development of fully indigenous 5G radio network in India.

## 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meet to be held in Mumbai

- The second meeting of the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) will be held in Mumbai, Maharashtra from May 23 to 25.
- The first DRRWG meeting was held in Gandhinagar in March-April 2023.
- The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 to 2030 provides a concrete action plan to protect development gains from the Risk of Disaster.

## 1st Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting held on World Food India 2023

- The First Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting for World Food India 2023 was held on May 16, 2023 in New Delhi.
- The committee meeting was chaired by Smt. Anita Praveen, Secretary of Food Processing Industries (FPI).
- The meeting aimed to discuss the preparation and participation of Ministries/Departments/Organizations for the upcoming event.

## Country's first elevated 8-lane access control Dwarka Expressway

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari said the country's first elevated 8-lane access control Dwarka expressway of 29.6 km length is being built at a cost of Rs 9000 crore will be almost completed in April 2024.
- The road network of this expressway is of four levels.
- A 3-lane service road is being constructed on both sides of the expressway.

## Third G20 tourism meet to be held in Srinagar on May 22-24

- The 3rd G20 Tourism Working Group meeting will be held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir from May 22 to 24.
- During the working sessions, G20 delegates will discuss a potential roadmap that would link Tourism-sector with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The event will be based on 5 areas eg. Green Tourism, Digitalisation, Skills, Tourism MSMEs, and Destination Management.

## Ayush Min to inaugurate National Mission Conclave in Delhi on 18 May

- Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will inaugurate the National Ayush Mission (NAM) Conclave in New Delhi on 18 May 2023.
- The conclave aims to enhance coordination among stakeholders and strengthen the functioning of Ayush Health Wellness centers.

- The National Ayush Mission was launched in 2014 with the objective to preserve and promote India's traditional systems of medicine.

### PM Modi to inaugurate International Museum Expo 2023 in New Delhi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi tomorrow.
- The International Museum Expo is being organized as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day.
- The theme for this year is 'Museums, Sustainability, and Well Being'.

### Dr Jitendra Singh to inaugurate 8th All India Pension Adalat on 17 May

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the 8th All India Pension Adalat in Delhi on 17 May 2023.
- The Pension Adalat initiative was started on an experimental basis in 2017 by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare.
- The Pension Adalat will be linked through video conferences where Pension Adalats are being organized by Min/Depts across India to take up complicated cases.

### Phase V of Sagar Parikrama to be held from 17th-19th May

- The Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying has announced the commencement of Phase-V of the Sagar Parikrama initiative.
- The journey will start from Raigad, Maharashtra on 17 May and end in Canacona, Goa on 19 May 2023.
- Sagar Parikrama *symbolizes solidarity with fisherfolk and fish farmers.*
- Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala will participate in the event

### Jal Jeevan Mission achieves milestone of 12 crore Tap Water connection

- The Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved a milestone of providing 12 crore tap water connections to rural households in India on 16 May 2023.
- The mission has been successful in providing tap water connections to over 50% of rural households in the country.
- The mission was *launched in 2019* to provide tap water connections to all rural households by 2024.

### Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches Sanchar Saathi portal

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Sanchar Saathi portal on May 16, 2023.
- The Sanchar Saathi portal is a digital platform designed to provide training and support to people in rural areas to operate digital devices and access digital services.
- The portal aims *to bridge the digital divide and empower people* in rural areas to participate in the digital economy.

### DNA profiling of elephants as part census begins in Jharkhand.

- DNA profiling of elephants in Jharkhand's Palamau Tiger Reserve is underway, led by a team from the Wildlife Institute of India.
- Elephant dung is being collected for DNA analysis
- Cameras will be installed in the forest for cross-referencing.
- The census is set to finish this month.

### Hardeep S Puri launches mega campaign 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar'

- Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S Puri launched his Ministry's mega campaign 'Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar'.
- This campaign aims to champion, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (RRR) concept of waste management.
- Under this nationwide campaign, RRR Centres or one-stop collection centers will be set up.
- The RRR Centres are scheduled to be launched nationwide on the 20th of this month.

### Union Agriculture Min launches Biological Control Lab in Hyderabad

- The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory at National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The Lab will have an Insect Museum, weed museum and Natural Farming Cell.
- NIPHM promotes sustainable agricultural practices such as Agro Ecosystem Analysis for pest management.

### Env't. Minister Bhupender Yadav launches mobile application Meri LiFE

- Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav launched a mobile application, called Meri LiFE (My life) in New Delhi.
- This app is inspired by the concept of LiFE, envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP 26.
- It emphasizes mindful and deliberate utilization instead of mindless and wasteful consumption.

### Operation Samudragupt a joint operation off the Kerala coast

- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Indian Navy, in a joint operation off the Kerala coast, have seized approximately 2,500 kg of methamphetamine valued at about 15,000 crore and originating from Pakistan.
- The seizure is a part of Operation Samudragupt, which seeks to rid the Indian Ocean region of drugs by targeting drug trafficking on ships.

### Ladakh annual festival 'Monlam Chenmo' begins in Leh

- The annual five-day-long Great Prayer Festival, "Ladakh Monlam Chenmo," a mass prayer camp by Buddhist monks and nuns for world peace and happiness started in Leh, Ladakh.
- Monlam Chenmo is a major annual prayer of the Sangha Community of Ladakh gathered at one platform.
- The event is being organised by the All Ladakh Gonpa Association.

### MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches 3rd Semicon India Roadshow in Delhi

- The 3rd Semicon India Future Design roadshow was launched by Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar on 12 May 2023 in Delhi.
- The event was held at IIT Delhi with the aim to encourage innovation in the semiconductor design and manufacturing space.
- The event also aimed to facilitate investment in the semiconductor industry.

### Narendra Singh Tomar chairs 8th SCO Agriculture Ministers meet

- The 8th meeting of Agriculture Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries was held on 12 May 2023.
- It was held under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The meeting resulted in the adoption of a joint declaration on agricultural cooperation among SCO member states.

### AIFF declares June 23 as 'AIFF Grassroots Day' to honor P.K. Banerjee

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has declared June 23 as the 'AIFF Grassroots Day' to honor the legacy of late Indian football icon Pradip Kumar Banerjee
- Banerjee, who passed away in 2020, was a former India captain and coach who led the national team to the Asian Games gold medal in 1962
- He was also the first Indian to coach a foreign club when he took charge of East Bengal in 1970

### MyGov, in collaboration with IHM, Pusa launches YUVA PRATIBHA

- MyGov, in collaboration with IHM, Pusa launched 'YUVA PRATIBHA - Culinary Talent Hunt'.
- Its aim is to create awareness and increase the production and consumption of millet, the year 2023 has been declared as the '*International Year of the Millets*' by the United Nations, following a proposal by India, to position itself as a global hub for millet.

### Rashtriya Ispat Nigam - launches "Open challenge programme (OCP) 2.0"

- Atul Bhatt, CMD, RINL launched 'Open challenge program 2.0'
- The program is the second program in the series of OCP programs that are being launched by Kalpataru-CoE (Centre of entrepreneurship).
- This open challenge program is for selecting the startups in the field of Industry 4.0 technologies.

### PM Modi Commends Kutch Kadwa Patidar Samaj

- PM Narendra Modi has lauded Kadwa Patidar Samaj for their commendable work done during the Corona period.
- The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the efforts of Akhil Bhartiya Kutch Kadwa Samaj will give strength to the country's resolutions in this direction and will lead them to success.

### PM Modi to Inaugurate 3-Day International Museum Expo 2023 in Delhi

- PM Modi will inaugurate a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive three-day International Museum Expo-2023 on 18th May at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.



- This initiative has been undertaken to commemorate and celebrate the 47th International Museum Day
- The Expo aims at facilitating a holistic conversation and showcases the diverse cultural heritage exhibited by various museums across the country.

### ICMR successfully conducts trial run of blood bag delivery

- ICMR successfully conducts trial run of blood bag delivery under i-Drone initiative.
- The inaugural trial flight carried ten units of blood samples from Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Greater Noida and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), New Delhi.
- The trial run has been undertaken for the 1st time in the country.

### Jal Shakti Ministry Organizes Orientation Program

- Jal Shakti Ministry organizes orientation program for action-oriented implementation of "Catch the Rain" campaign
- The 2023 campaign is being implemented from 4th March 2023 to 30th November 2023 in all the districts of the country with the theme "*Source Sustainability for Drinking Water*".

### Meenakshi Lekhi Inaugurates 'Buddham Saranam Gacchami' Exhibition

- Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated the "Buddham Saranam Gacchami" Exhibition in the presence of senior Buddhist monks, Ambassadors, diplomats and Ministry officials on Wednesday at the National Gallery of Modern Arts, Delhi.
- The International Buddhist Confederation also actively participated in the event.

### PM Modi Multiple Scientific Projects on National Technology Day

- PM laid foundation stone of Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory- India
- He also dedicated 'Rare Earth Permanent Magnet Plant, Visakhapatnam' to the nation
- By this, India will join select group of nations with capacity to produce Rare Earth Permanent Magnets
- PM also dedicated to the nation 'National Hadron Beam Therapy Facility' and 'Fission Molybdenum-99 Production Facility'

### MyGov and Ministry of Culture, launches 'YUVA PRATIBHA'

- MyGov in collaboration with Ministry of Culture is launching a YUVA PRATIBHA – Singing Talent Hunt on May 10, 2023.
- The initial submission for the competition will be open for a period of one and half month.
- Top 3 Winners will be mentored for a period of 1 month with a mentorship stipend.
- 1st winner will get Rs 1,50,000, a trophy, and a certificate.

### ISRO to start online training programme for PG and UG students

- The Indian Space Research Organisation has announced a new introductory-level online training programme called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).

- START is aimed at postgraduate and final-year undergraduate students of Physical Sciences and Technology.
- The programme will cover various domains of Space Science, including Astronomy and Astrophysics, Heliophysics, etc.

### Financial Stability and Development Council meeting held

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 27th Financial Stability and Development Council meeting in Delhi, on 8 May'23.
- It was held in the presence of Ministers of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary and Dr Bhagwat Karad.
- It was discussed that the policy and legislative reform measures required to further develop the financial sector may be formulated and implemented expeditiously.

### SJVN secures 100 MW wind power project in Gujarat

- SJVN Ltd has secured a 100 MW grid-connected wind power project in Gujarat.
- The project was awarded to SJVN Green Energy Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SJVN, through a competitive bidding process followed by an e-reverse auction organized by Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited.
- The commissioning of the project is expected to reduce 576,067 tonnes of carbon emissions.

### UGC launches 'CU-Chayan', a unified faculty recruitment portal

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a new portal named 'CU-Chayan' for faculty appointments in central varsities.
- The portal will offer a range of features including a consolidated listing of job openings across all participating universities.
- Applicants will have a single login for applying to any of the universities, and personalised dashboards.

### Mansukh Mandaviya reviews 'Food Street Project'

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the 'Food Street Project' aimed at developing 100 healthy and hygienic food-streets.
- It seeks to encourage safe and healthy food practices, reduce foodborne illnesses and improve overall health outcomes.
- To operationalize the food streets, the National Health Mission will provide assistance of Rs 1 cr per food street.

### River-Cities Alliance Global Seminar organised by NMCG

- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized the 'River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' on 4 May 2023 in New Delhi.
- It witnessed participation from Embassies/High Commissions of select countries.
- World Bank, ADB, JICA and KfW also were part of it.

## RBI, BIS launch global technology competition 'G20 TechSprint'

- Reserve Bank of India(RBI) and Bank for International Settlements (BIS) have launched G20 TechSprint, a global technology competition.
- This is the fourth edition of the G20 TechSprint.
- It will focus on developing innovative technology solutions for cross-border payments.
- The competition is open for developers around the world for submitting application from till 4 June 2023.

## JNPA Port sets a global benchmark with a record

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), India's leading container port, has achieved a global milestone in container cargo handling with a remarkable turnaround time (TAT) of only 22 hours.
- It was given in the World Bank's 2023 Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report.
- This success follows JNPA's record-breaking handling of 6.05 mn twenty-foot equivalent units in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

## Microsoft introduces two initiatives to bolster support to Indian SMBs

- Microsoft India has introduced 2 new initiatives, an SMB (small and medium businesses) focused website and a dedicated helpline.
- The website Microsoft for Small and Medium Businesses, aims at bringing together business owners and entrepreneurs in India.
- Digital Transformation Helpline (1800-102-1147) offers SMBs dedicated support to navigate their digital transformation journey seamlessly.

## NTPC marks its first overseas capacity addition

- NTPC has marked its first overseas capacity addition, beginning with Bangladesh.
- The Group recently added Unit-1, a 660 MW capacity, of the 1320 MW (2x660) Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant (MSTPP) located in Rampal, Mongla, Bangladesh.
- It takes the Installed capacity of NTPC to 72304 MW.
- The project was executed in collaboration with the Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Pvt Ltd.

## Shantanu Thakur flags off MV-ITT LION (V-273)

- Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur flagged off MV-ITT LION (V-273) from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata as the inaugural shipment to operationalise the Sittwe Port in Rakhine State of Myanmar.
- The Port has been built under a grant assistance from the Government of India as part of Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP).

## Melanistic tiger dies in Similipal Tiger Reserve

- A rare melanistic tiger was found dead in the core area of Similipal Tiger Reserve area, in Odisha.
- The melanistic tiger is rarely found in the wild.

- A team of National Tiger Conservation Authority will investigate the circumstances under which the tiger died.
- The STR first reported the presence of melanistic tigers in 2007.
- The 2016 tiger census revealed six such tigers in the reserve.





## Appointments Current Affairs

### Bola Ahmed Tinubu sworn in as Nigeria's president

- Bola Tinubu has become Nigeria's president, succeeding President Muhammadu Buhari.
- Nigeria is forecast to become the world's third most populous nation by 2050.
- Tinubu was the former governor of Lagos.
- He has pledged to reunite the country amidst opposition parties contesting his election in court.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the swearing-in ceremony of President Tinubu.

### Justice Augustine George Masih as CJ of Rajasthan High Court

- The newly appointed Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, Justice Augustine George Masih will be administered oath by Governor Kalraj Mishra
- Justice Masih is the senior most puisne judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court and was appointed judge of that Court on July 10, 2008.

### Karnataka Bank appoints Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as new MD and CEO

- Karnataka Bank has appointed Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- He has nearly four decades of experience in commercial, retail, and transactional banking, technology, and payments.
- His tenure as MD & CEO will last for three years, effective from the date of assuming charge.
- He was a part of the founding management team at HDFC Bank Limited.

### Praveen Kumar Srivastava sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

- Praveen Kumar Srivastava sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Mr. Srivastava is a 1988-batch retired Indian Administrative Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

### WHO re-elects CAG of India as the External Auditor of WHO

- World Health Assembly re-elects Comptroller and Auditor General of India Shri Girish Chandra Murmu as the External Auditor of WHO for 2024-27.
- 114 Member States out of 156 States present and voting reposed their trust in CAG, India.

### Justice Ramesh D Dhanuka sworn as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court

- Justice Ramesh Devkinandan Dhanuka was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on 28 May 2023.
- Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office to Justice Dhanuka.
- He will retire on May 30, upon attaining the age of 62, and will have a tenure as chief justice of 3 days.
- Justice SV Gangapurwala was also sworn-in as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

### Suman Sharma sworn in as UPSC member

- Suman Sharma, a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service, has been appointed as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- She has had a distinguished career of over 30 years and has held several important positions in the Indian government.
- She was awarded the Best Search while working in the Investigation Wing of the Income Tax Department.

### R. Dinesh takes over as CII President for 2023-24

- R. Dinesh, the Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, has been appointed as the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President for 2023-24.
- Sanjiv Puri, the Managing Director of ITC, has been named as President-designate by the CII National Council.
- Rajiv Memani, the Chairman of EY India Region, has been appointed as Vice-President of CII.

### Jayakumar S. Pillai appointed as Deputy Managing Director of IDBI Bank

- IDBI Bank has appointed Jayakumar S. Pillai as Deputy Managing Director on the bank's Board.
- The appointment has been approved by the bank's board of directors and is valid for three years.
- Pillai has 32 years and 7 months of experience working at Canara Bank.
- He presently holds the position of Chief General Manager and Circle Head at Canara Bank, Mumbai.

### Mukesh Ambani joins advisory committee to COP28 President

- Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the 28th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian, other than Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment.

### Ex-Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood takes charge as new CBI Director

- Praveen Sood, on 25 May 2023, was appointed as the new Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director.
- Sood is a 1986-batch Karnataka cadre officer who has been appointed for two years from the date of assuming office.
- The three-member panel that included Sood's name comprised PM Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

### Sourav Ganguly named as brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism

- Former India cricket captain and former BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly has been named as the brand ambassador for Tripura Tourism.
- As an Ambassador, he will promote and try to attract more visitors to Tripura and give a boost to the tourism industry.
- It is a state in northeastern India and is bounded by Assam and Mizoram in the east and Bangladesh in the north, south, and west.



### K. Govindaraj elected as president of FIBA Asia

- Dr K. Govindaraj has been elected as the President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Asia.
- He has become the first Indian to lead the International Basketball Federation in Asia.
- Currently, He is the President of the Basketball Federation of India and the Karnataka Olympic Association.
- He replaced Qatar's Sheikh Saud Ali Al Thani, who served as head of FIBA Asia since 2002.

### Tata Chemicals re-appoints R. Mukundan as its MD & CEO

- Tata Chemicals' Board of Directors re-appointed Mr. R. Mukundan as Managing Director & CEO for another 5-year term, effective from November 26, 2023.
- The re-appointment of Mr. R. Mukundan was based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
- It is one of the largest chemical companies in India with operations in India.
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: 23 January 1939

### Indian-origin man becomes first turban-wearing 'Lord Mayor' of UK city

- Punjab born Jaswant Singh Birdi has become UK's Coventry city's first turban-wearing Lord Mayor.
- Jaswant Singh Birdi, who was born in Punjab and spent some time as a child in Calcutta in West Bengal, moved to Coventry 60 years ago and has served as a local councillor in the city for 16 years.

### Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla appointed as Indian Army's new MGS

- Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla has been appointed as the new Master General Sustenance (MGS) of the Indian Army.
- The MGS is responsible for maintaining the high state readiness of the force in both peace and war.
- Lt Gen Aujla will be one of the eight principal staff officers of the Chief of Army Staff.
- Commissioned into the Rajputana Rifles regiment, Aujla joined the forces in December 1987.

### Jayaprakash re-elected as President of Swimming Federation

- N. Jayaprakash and Monal D Chokshi were re-elected as President and Secretary of the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) on 22 May 2023.
- The SFI will focus on developing grassroots participation in swimming by holding camps and coaches' clinics at the State-level.
- SFI plans to propose to four states to set up an academy for a year-long camp where foreign coaches will be brought in.

### Govt appoints AK Jain as new PNGRB chairman

- A K Jain has been appointed as the new chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
- He is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre.
- He previously served as the Coal Secretary until Oct 2022.
- The PNGRB is responsible for regulating the oil and gas sector in India.
- The last PNGRB chairman was D K Saraf, who retired in Dec 2020.

### Arjun Ram Meghwal replaces Kiren Rijiju as Union Law Minister

- Arjun Ram Meghwal has been appointed the new Law Minister, while Kiren Rijiju has been handed the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- Meghwal has been assigned the Law Ministry in addition to his existing portfolios.
- Kiren Rijiju has been assigned the portfolio of Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- Meghwal is the current Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture.

### Paytm appoints Bhavesh Gupta as COO, President

- One97 Communications Limited (OCL), the parent company of fintech giant Paytm, on Tuesday announced that it has appointed Bhavesh Gupta as the company's Chief Operating Officer (COO) and President.
- Prior to joining Paytm in 2020, Gupta held multiple leadership roles including CEO of Clix Capital (formerly known as GE Capital), and Head of SME and Business Banking at IDFC Bank.

### Justice PK Mishra, advocate KV Viswanathan to be elevated as SC judges

- The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra as judge of the Supreme Court.
- The Collegium has also cleared the name of *senior advocate KV Viswanathan as a Supreme Court Judge*.
- The Supreme Court currently operates with 32 judges, while its approved capacity stands at 34 judges.

### Manoj Soni sworn in as Chairman of UPSC.

- The oath was administered by Smt. Smita Nagaraj, the senior most Member of the Commission.
- Dr Soni joined UPSC as a Member in 2017 and later assumed the duties of Chairman in April 2022.
- He has a background in Political Science and specialized in International Relation Studies.
- Dr Soni has served as Vice-Chancellor of M.S. University of Baroda and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University.

### Ravneet Kaur appointed chairperson of Competition Commission of India

- The Central government appointed Ravneet Kaur, a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS officer, as the new chairperson of the Competition Commission of India
- Sangeeta Verma has been serving as the acting Chairperson.
- As per the May 15 order, her appointment will be for five years from the date she assumes charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



### Vedanta appoints Sonal Shrivastava as its new Chief Financial Officer

- Vedanta Ltd has appointed Sonal Shrivastava as its chief financial officer with effect from June 1, 2023.
- She will be joining Vedanta from the Holcim Group, where she had joined in 2002 and was the chief financial officer for the Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa regions.
- Vedanta CEO: Sunil Duggal
- Vedanta Founder: Dwarka Prasad Agarwal
- Founded: 25 June 1965

### Duroflex announces Virat Kohli as new brand ambassador

- Duroflex Private Limited, a mattress and sleep products maker, has signed cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador on 15 May 2023.
- He will promote the importance of good sleep for better health.
- Its campaign is titled 'Great Sleep Great Health'.
- In 2023, Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh became the most valued celebrity for endorsements in 2022, replacing Indian batter Virat Kohli.

### Air Marshal Dixit takes over as Deputy Chief of Air Staff

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff on 15 May 2023.
- He is a graduate of the Staff Course, Bangladesh and National Defence College, New Delhi.
- He is a Qualified Flying Instructor as well as an Experimental Test pilot, with over 3300 hours of flying experience
- He participated in Operation Safed Sagar and Rakshak.

### IPS Officer Praveen Sood appointed as next Director of CBI

- IPS officer Praveen Sood has been appointed as the next Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years.
- Mr. Sood is currently serving as the Director General of Police of Karnataka.
- He will succeed incumbent CBI Director Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

### Elon Musk announces Linda Yaccarino as new Twitter CEO

- Elon Musk has confirmed that Linda Yaccarino is the new Twitter CEO
- She will primarily focus on business operations while Musk will focus more on product design and new technology.
- Yaccarino has been with NBCUniversal for more than 20 years and has held a variety of leadership positions.
- Currently, she is responsible for all of NBCUniversal's global advertising and partnerships businesses.

### Puma appoints K Balagopalan as India Managing Director

- PUMA India on 11 May 2023, announced that Karthik Balagopalan, the global director of retail and e-commerce, will succeed Abhishek Ganguly as the new managing director.

- He has been with PUMA since 2006, and previously held management positions in retail operations and business development at PUMA India.
- The new appointment will take effect on August 1, 2023.

### **NIIF appoints Rajiv Dhar as interim CEO**

- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has appointed Rajiv Dhar as its interim chief executive officer.
- He is currently the fund's chief investment officer, will take over from Vineet Nayyar.
- Dhar, has 25 yrs of experience in the financial sector, is expected to continue NIIF's focus on investing in infrastructure projects in India.

### **Badminton Asia Appoints BAI Joint Secretary Omar Rashid as CTO**

- Badminton Asia has named Omar Rashid as the Chair of the Technical Officials Committee.
- Omar Rashid, a Joint Secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), has been selected for this prominent role within Badminton Asia.
- He will oversee the development and implementation of rules and regulations, elevating the standards of officiating in badminton tournaments nationwide.

### **Accenture appoints Ajay Vij Country Managing Director in India**

- Accenture has appointed Ajay Vij as Country Managing Director, a newly created role, and Sandeep Dutta as the lead of its India Market Unit.
- Mr. Dutta, who was India Sales Lead, would now serve as the company's India business lead.
- Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson for Accenture in India, would retire as of June 30, 2023.

### **Krishna Bhat appointed Basketball Federation of India administrator**

- The Delhi High Court has appointed former Karnataka High Court judge P Krishna Bhat as the administrator of the Basketball Federation of India with immediate effect for conducting elections in the body.
- The administrator shall function till a newly-elected body takes charge of BFI.
- The Administrator shall decide whether, the present returning officer should continue to conduct the election.

### **Marico re-appoints Saugata Gupta as MD & CEO for two years**

- Marico has re-appointed Saugata Gupta as MD and Chief Executive Officer for a period of two years with effect from 1 April, 2024 to 31 March, 2026.
- He joined Marico in 2004 as the Head of Marketing and was elevated to CEO of India business in 2007.
- In 2014, he took over as Managing Director of the company.
- Marico has also appointed Rajan Bharti Mittal as an Additional Director.

### **Mark Nicholas to become next president of MCC**

- Former England cricketer and veteran commentator Mark Nicholas has been elected as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) on Wednesday.
- Nicholas will replace current president Stephen Fry and will assume responsibilities in October 2023.
- Mark scored over 25,000 runs - including an unbeaten hundred for MCC at Lord's against the 1985 Australians.

### Wakefit signs Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as brand ambassador

- Wakefit Innovations Private Limited, has signed actor Ayushmann Khurrana as Wakefit.co's brand ambassador.
- The actor will also help the brand in spreading awareness about sleep health and its importance in the modern context.
- In 2022, the company also announced its offline retail expansion and has launched 22 physical stores across the country with plans to open up more than 100 stores.

### Indian origin Ajay Banga set to be next President of World Bank

- Indian origin Ajay Banga has been confirmed as the next President of the World Bank.
- He is the former Mastercard CEO and will serve a five-year term as president.
- He was nominated for the post by United States President Joe Biden in late February 2023 and was the sole contender to replace departing World Bank chief David Malpass.
- He will start the new job on June 2.

### Air Marshal Balakrishnan takes over as AOC-in-C of S. Air Command

- Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of Southern Air Command on 1 May 2023.
- The Air Marshal is a recipient of the Presidential Awards of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and Vayu Sena Medal (VM).
- He is a Helicopter Combat Leader and a Type Qualified Flying Instructor.

### Laneige signs actor Athiya Shetty as first brand face for India

- Laneige, a Korean skincare brand has signed actor Athiya Shetty as its first-ever brand face in India.
- As part of the association, she will represent its line of skincare products.
- Laneige is a South Korean cosmetics brand launched by Amore Pacific in 1994.

### A K Mohanty appointed as new Atomic Energy Commission chairman

- Renowned physicist and Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- Mohanty succeeds K N Vyas to the post.
- Mohanty was appointed as the BARC director in March 2019.
- He has twice been the CERN Scientific Associate.

## Obituaries Current Affairs

### PM condoles demise of noted Sanskrit scholar Ved Kumari Ghai

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of noted Sanskrit scholar Ved Kumari Ghai.
- Born on December 16, 1931 in Jammu, Ved Kumari Ghai was Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee, the fourth-highest civilian award in 2010.
- She was head of the Sanskrit Department at Jammu University until her retirement on December 31, 1991.

### Congress' lone Lok Sabha MP from Maharashtra Balu Dhanorkar dies

- The Congress' lone Lok Sabha member from Maharashtra, Suresh aka Balu Dhanorkar, passed away at a private hospital in New Delhi.
- He was hospitalised for kidney stones in Nagpur but later shifted to Delhi after his condition turned critical.
- He represented Chandrapur Lok Sabha constituency.

### Tina Turner, 'Queen of Rock 'n' Roll', passes away in Switzerland

- Tina Turner, also known as the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, passed away on 25 May 2023.
- Turner was known for her electric stage presence and hits including The Best, Proud Mary, Private Dancer and What's Love Got to Do With It.
- Turner's life story was immortalized in a popular West End show that is still running.
- Turner's most well-known song is "The Best", released in 1989.

### Industrialist and philanthropist Karumuttu T Kannan passes away

- Karumuttu T Kannan, a prominent industrialist, and philanthropist, passed away on 24 May 2023.
- He was the Chairman & Managing Director of Thiagarajar Mills Ltd.
- Kannan held significant positions such as Chairman of the Textiles Committee in Mumbai, and The South India Mills' Association.
- Kannan held the distinguished role of Thakkar of Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Thirukoil in Madurai.

### RRR movie actor Ray Stevenson dies at age 58

- The actor Ray Stevenson, who played British Governor Scott Buxton in SS Rajamouli's RRR died at age 58.
- His death was announced four days before his 59th birthday.
- Ray also appeared in major TV shows such as Rome, Vikings and Dexter. He was known for roles in the Thor films and the Divergent series, as well as several UK TV shows like Band of Gold, Peak Practice and Murphy's Law.

### Veteran actor Sarath Babu passes away at the age of 71

- Veteran Tamil and Telugu actor Sarath Babu passed away on 22 May 2023 in Hyderabad.
- Born in 1951, he made his acting debut in the 1973 Telugu film Rama Rajyam.



- He made his debut in Tamil cinema with director K Balachander's Nizhal Nijamagiradhu in 1978.
- He acted in more than 200 films in Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam with actors like Kamal Haasan, Rajinikanth, and NT Rama Rao.

### Ex-Union min & BJP's Ambala MP Rattan Lal Kataria passes away

- Rattan Lal Kataria, former Union Minister and BJP MP from Ambala passed away on May 18.
- He served as the Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment till 7 July 2021.
- He was elected to the 16th Lok Sabha from Ambala.
- Previously, he was elected to the 13th Lok Sabha from Ambala as a candidate of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

### SP Hinduja, chairman of Hinduja Group, passes away

- Srichand Parmanand Hinduja, the eldest of the four Hinduja brothers and chairman of the Hinduja Group passed away on 17 May 2023.
- From the 1990s, he was consistently ranked among the United Kingdom and Asia's wealthiest people.
- In 2022, Hinduja topped the Sunday Times Rich List with an estimated wealth of £28.472 billion sterling.

### Mexican five-time World Cup veteran Antonio Carbajal dies at 93

- Antonio Carbajal, the first Mexican player to appear in five World Cups, has passed away at the age of 93.
- Carbajal, who was nicknamed "La Tota," played for Mexico between 1950 and 1966, making 11 World Cup appearances.
- He is best known for his record-setting five appearances at the FIFA World Cup.

### Renowned Corporate Lawyer Rajiv Luthra Passes Away

- Rajiv Luthra, veteran corporate lawyer and founder of the law firm Luthra and Luthra, died
- Rajiv Luthra played an instrumental role in conceiving the amendments to the Copyright Act, 1957.
- The government also appointed him to the Advisory Board of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to help frame the Competition Act, 2002.

### Renowned Bengali author Samaresh Majumdar passes away

- Renowned Bengali author Samaresh Majumdar passed away in May 2023.
- He is best known for his 'Animesh' series.
- The writer-poet has innumerable accolades under his belt, including Sahitya Akademi Award which he won for 'Kalbela' in 1984.
- Apart from this, he has been conferred the Anand Award and Bankim Award.
- In 2018, the West Bengal government honoured him with the 'Banga Bibhushan' award.

### Olympic gold medalist Tori Bowie passes away

- American sprinter Tori Bowie, a three-time Olympic medalist and a two-time world champion in track and field, passed away in May 2023.
- Bowie, who also won an Olympic 200m bronze and gold in the 4x100m relay at the Rio Games.
- She earned gold medals in the women's 4x400 m relays at both the 2016 Olympic Games and 2017 World Championships.

### Actor-director Manobala passes away

- Popular Tamil actor, comedian, director, and producer Manobala passed away in May 2023.
- Manobala debuted as an actor and assistant director in the 1979 Bharathiraja film Puthiya Vaarpugal.
- He then went on to direct over 24 films, debuting with the 1982 film Agaya Gangai starring Karthik and Suhasini.
- As a producer, he produced Sathuranga Vettai.



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## Person in News Current Affairs

### Jude Bellingham named Bundesliga Player of the Season 2022-23

- 19-year-old Borussia Dortmund player Jude Bellingham has been named Bundesliga Player of the Season for his incredible campaign in season 2022/23.
- The award is a well-deserved honor for the midfielder, who played a crucial role in BVB's title bid this season.
- At the age of 19, he became the youngest-ever captain of Borussia Dortmund.

### Chaman Lal elected 1st-ever Indian-origin Lord Mayor of Birmingham

- Councillor Chaman Lal, on 30 May 2023, become the first ever British-Indian Sikh to take oath as Birmingham's Lord Mayor.
- Lal, who is from the Ravidassia community of British Sikhs, was born in the village of Pakhowal in Hoshiarpur and later moved to the United Kingdom in 1964.
- He is a Labour Party leader who was first elected to Soho and Jewellery Quarter ward in 1994.

### Lionel Messi breaks Cristiano Ronaldo's European record for most goals

- Lionel Messi has broken the record for most goals scored in Europe's top five leagues.
- He scored his 496th league goal in PSG's Ligue 1 match against Strasbourg.
- This goal surpassed Cristiano Ronaldo's record of 495 goals.
- Messi is now the greatest scorer in Europe's top five leagues with 496 goals.
- He also has 247 assists to his name, compared to Ronaldo's 151.

### Nepali Sherpa climbs Mt Everest for record 27th time sets new record

- The Seven Summit Treks, an expedition organizing company of Nepal on Wednesday announced the new record set earlier this morning on Twitter
- Sherpa, a native of Thame village in Solukhumbu, Nepal has been working as Senior Guide at Seven Summit Treks.
- Experienced Sherpa climber, aged 53, with over two decades of mountain scaling. Started as support staff in the 1992 Everest expedition.

### Shubman Gill becomes first batter to score 100 in Test, ODIs, T20

- India's young batter Shubman Gill accomplished a milestone by becoming the only cricketer in history to score a century in Test, ODIs, T20I, and Indian Premier League in a calendar year.
- In the match against Sunrisers Hyderabad, Shubman played a blistering knock of 101 off 58 balls at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
- In the ongoing IPL, he has smashed 576 Runs.

### Pasang Dawa Sherpa becomes 2nd person to scale Everest 26 times

- Pasang Dawa Sherpa has become the second person to summit Mount Everest 26 times.
- He achieved the feat on May 7, 2023, breaking the previous record held by Apa Sherpa.
- He first climbed Everest in 1998 and has since made it his mission to conquer the peak as many times as possible.

- Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world, located in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas.

### Deepika Padukone appears on cover of TIME magazine

- Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has been featured on the cover of TIME magazine in May 2023.
- The American magazine described Padukone as a 'global star' bringing 'the world to Bollywood'.
- It had previously named Padukone among its list of 100 most influential people in the world in 2018.
- TIME magazine is a renowned weekly news publication based in the United States.

### Kivini Shohe & Andrea Kevichüsa to Represent Nagaland at Cannes FF

- In a first of its kind for the state of Nagaland, two film personalities Ms. Kivini Shohe and Ms. Andrea Kevichüsa, will be representing Nagaland at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival, 2023.
- Ms. Kivini Shohe is a prominent Filmmaker and a founding member of the Film Association of Nagaland.
- Ms. Andrea Kevichüsa is an Indian model and actor from Nagaland.

### Alia Bhatt Becomes Gucci's First Indian Global Ambassador

- Alia Bhatt is the first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci. She will make her appearance as their ambassador at the Gucci Cruise 2024 show in Seoul.
- Announcing the news, Gucci wrote, "Alia Bhatt is the House's newest Global Brand Ambassador.
- To mark the occasion, the actress, producer, and entrepreneur, was captured with the Gucci Bamboo 1947 bag."



## Science and Technology Current Affairs

### Nvidia joins \$1 trillion valuation club

- Nvidia Corp briefly joined an elite club of U.S. companies sporting a \$1 trillion market value, as investors piled into the chipmaker that has quickly become one of the biggest winners of the AI boom.
- The highest price target values the company at about \$1.6 trillion, on par with Google-parent Alphabet.
- Nvidia's stock has surged 200% since October.

### BPCL develops ethanol-diesel blend to reduce emissions

- BPCL has developed a diesel-ethanol blend to reduce emissions and achieve its net zero target by 2040.
- BPCL is focusing on petrochemicals and sustainable aviation fuel among other products to diversify its operations.
- It has also developed two new technologies, namely the 'K Model' for crude compatibility and 'BPMARRK' for quick and accurate real-time crude assay.

### Scientists reconstructed mathematical structure of Quantum Theory

- Researchers from S. N. Bose National Centre for Basics Sciences restructured the mathematical structure of the quantum theory.
- Information Causality is crucial in selecting the quantum composition rule among different mathematical possibilities.
- Scientists have been trying to re-derive the mathematical structure of quantum theory starting with physically motivated postulates.

### CML Biotech installs world's first integrated blood collection tube

- CML Biotech Ltd. has installed the world's first integrated machine 'HUSKY-ICHOR' for manufacturing blood collection tubes.
- The machine is manufactured by Canada-based Husky Technologies, a global leader in injection molds and molding machines.
- The integrated machine is capable of manufacturing 8 lakh blood collection tubes per day.

### 'Daam' virus steals call records, reads history from Android phones

- 'Daam' virus steals call records, reads history from Android phones; central agency issues advisory.
- An Android malware called 'Daam' that infects mobile phones and hacks into sensitive data like call records, contacts, history and camera has been found to be spreading.
- The virus is also capable of "bypassing anti-virus programs and deploying ransomware on the targeted devices".

### Microsoft unveils multilingual Jugalbandi AI chatbot

- Microsoft unveils multilingual Jugalbandi AI chatbot to help users easily access govt schemes.

- Jugalbandi was introduced to villagers in Biwan in early April 2022 and so far, the chatbot covers ten of India's 22 official languages.
- The bot supports both text and voice inputs in Indian languages.
- The chatbot uses GPT models via Azure OpenAI service.

### Indian scientists mimic interstellar comet using cosmic dust

- Indian scientists from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics have developed a visually realistic cosmic dust model to replicate the unusual polarisation of interstellar comet 2I/Borisov.
- The model uses a set of numerical algorithms called Rough Ellipsoid Structure Tools (REST) to create agglomerated debris and Rough Fractal Aggregates (RFA) from spheres.

### ISRO to launch new navigation satellite

- NVS-01 is the first of the second-generation satellites envisaged for the Navic constellation that will be launched by Isro at the end of May.
- It will be deployed in the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.
- The system was developed looking at the growing requirements of the Civil Aviation.
- The system is used in terrestrial, aerial, and marine transportation.

### Bezos firm wins Nasa bid to build astronaut lunar lander

- NASA has awarded Blue Origin, Jeff Bezos's company, a contract worth \$3.4 billion to build a spacecraft that will send astronauts to and from the moon's surface.
- Blue Origin will develop its Blue Moon lander to meet NASA's human landing system requirements.
- The contract includes one uncrewed demonstration mission to the lunar surface before a crewed demo on the Artemis V mission in 2029.

### Chinese scientists develop clawed microrobot for precision medicine

- Chinese scientists have developed a swimming microrobot complete with claws and a coat that mimics the red blood cell membrane.
- The robot is 20 microns in diameter and has claws inspired by tardigrades, a kind of tiny invertebrate.
- The claws allow for better navigation through the veins and show promise for precision medicine.
- The researchers monitored the robot's activity in a rabbit vein.

### 1st commercial passenger flight using Sustainable Aviation Fuel

- Country's first commercial passenger flight using an indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blend was successfully flown from Pune to Delhi.
- Air Asia flight flew from Pune to Delhi powered by SAF blended aviation turbine fuel supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- it a significant milestone in the country's efforts towards Net Zero emissions by 2070.

### Scientists develop high-performance, cost-effective Na-ion batteries

- IIT Bombay Scientists develop high-performance, cost-effective Na-ion batteries.
- Na-ion batteries are a next-generation energy storage system due to their cost-effectiveness.

- The new cathode material has *the potential to replace traditional lithium-ion batteries*.
- The use of sodium in Na-ion batteries reduces the risk of thermal runaway, making them safer than lithium-ion batteries.

### Google invests \$1 million to IIT-Madras AI research centre

- Google on 15 May 2023, announced an investment of \$1 million in the form of grants to Indian Institute of Technology Madras' (IIT Madras).
- Google has been announced as the inaugural 'platinum consortium' member of the IIT Madras newly formed Centre for Responsible Artificial Intelligence (CeRAI).
- It aims to promote use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through academic curriculum development

### Portal to track, recover lost mobile phones to be unveiled

- The government is going to launch a new portal, [www.sancharsaathi.gov.in](http://www.sancharsaathi.gov.in) on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.
- This new portal will help people track and find their lost mobile phones.
- The portal will be available throughout the country and cater to lost or stolen mobile phones connected to all telecom circles.

### Photonic memory developed by Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences

- A new photonic, functional memory based on tin oxide slanted nanorod arrays in which both the optical and electrical stimuli can be used to modulate switching characteristics shows potential for developing high-density and high-efficiency computing systems.
- The researchers from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bangalore have designed this functional memory.

### SpaceX Plans to Launch First Commercial Space Station in 2025

- SpaceX, the private aerospace company, has announced its ambitious plan to launch the world's first commercial space station by 2025
- It will mark a significant milestone in the commercialization of space exploration.
- Shortly after the first station, a small module called Haven-I is launched, crew members will be sent there via SpaceX's Dragon capsule.

### New Android malware discovered that steals passwords, 2FA codes

- A new Android malware known as 'FluHorse' has been discovered, which targets users in Eastern Asia with malicious apps that look like legitimate versions with over 1,00,000 installs.
- These malicious apps are designed to extract sensitive information, including user credentials and 2-Factor Authentication (2FA) codes.

### BITS Pilani Hyd. Develops Face Mask with Sensor to Check for Illness

- Researchers at BITS Pilani Hyderabad have designed a face mask equipped with a sensor to detect illness.
- The team designed and developed a 'Kirigami' based stretchable, flexible Laser induced Graphene (LIG) a 3-D carbon nanomaterial, for real-time attachments with surgical masks.

- The innovative face mask aims to provide real-time monitoring of vital health parameters.

### **POEM-2 successfully conducted on-orbit experiments in space**

- IN-SPACe, a commercial wing of ISRO has informed that PSLV Orbital Experimental Module, POEM-2 has been successfully conducting on-orbit experiments in space.
- POEM-2 with seven payloads is conducting in-orbit testing for various non-government entities.
- The valuable on-orbit data received offers scope for further development and new opportunities.



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## Sports Current Affairs

### UP Hockey wins 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship

- Uttar Pradesh Hockey won the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023 after defeating the Hockey Association of Odisha in the Final at the iconic Birs Munda Hockey Stadium, Odisha.
- Uttar Pradesh Hockey won the tournament by defeating the Hockey Association of Odisha 7-1.

### MS Dhoni becomes first Indian to record 300 dismissals

- MS Dhoni became the first Indian to record 300 dismissals in T20 cricket.
- The CSK captain also leads the wicketkeeping charts in the IPL with 180 dismissals in 243 innings, with 138 catches and 42 stumping.
- Dhoni also became the first player to feature in 250 IPL matches during the match.

### Jyothi Yarraji clinches gold medal at T-Meeting 2023

- Jyothi Yarraji bagged the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles event in the T-Meeting 2023 athletics meet, in Tilburg, the Netherlands.
- Jyothi Yarraji topped the heats with a time of 13.08s as she made her way to the final.
- The Andhra runner clinched the first gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles event at the Kurpfalz Gala 2023 athletics meet, in Weinheim, Germany

### Chennai Super Kings beat Gujarat Titans, win 5th IPL title

- Chennai Super Kings beat Gujarat Titans in the IPL 2023 final by five wickets at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on 30 May 2023.
- Chennai Super Kings has equaled Mumbai Indians' record for most IPL titles.
- Shubman Gill won the Orange Cap and he also became the youngest batter to ever do so in IPL history.
- Mohammed Shami won the Purple Cap with 28 wickets in 17 matches.

### Max Verstappen wins Monaco GP

- Two-time Drivers' championship winner Max Verstappen overcame rain to win the historic Monaco GP and defended his lead in the 2023 driver's rankings.
- While Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso came at second place, Alpine's Esteban Ocon finished third.
- Verstappen is chasing his third successive Drivers' championship win this year after winning the championship in 2021 as well as 2022.

### Premier League 2022/23 season

- Manchester City won the Premier League for the third time in a row.
- David de Gea wins Golden Glove Award for Premier League 2022/23 season.
- Kevin De Bruyne wins Player Maker of Year Award for Premier League season.
- Haaland wins the Premier League Golden Boot.

### India clinches title of CAVA Women's Challenge Cup 2023



- India has won the title of the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup held in Kathmandu.
- India defeated Kazakhstan in a shared set of 3-0.
- In the competition, Kazakhstan became the runner-up, Nepal third, Uzbekistan fourth, Sri Lanka fifth, Kyrgyzstan sixth, Maldives seventh, and Bangladesh eighth.

### Indian Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar wins gold

- Indian Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar won gold while compatriot Jeswin Aldrin finished bagged silver at the International Jumping Meeting at Kallithea in Greece.
- Successfully defending his title in the Men's long jump event, Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sreeshankar registered his season-best jump of 8.18 meter. He beat his compatriot and national record holder Jeswin Aldrin.

### Indian shooters Ganemat Sekhon, Darshna Rathore create history

- India for the first time won two senior individual medals in women's skeet at International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- Ganemat Sekhon won silver which was her second-ever individual world cup medal.
- In her first appearance at the senior level, Darshna Rathore won bronze making it her a first-ever.

### Sania Mirza appointed as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network

- Leading sports broadcaster Sony Sports Network has announced the exclusive onboarding Sania Mirza as the Tennis Ambassador for Sony Sports Network.
- Having won six Grand Slam titles across Australian Open (2), US Open (2), Roland Garros (1) & Wimbledon (1), including three women's doubles titles and three mixed doubles titles, she is one of the most successful tennis players in Indian history.

### Shirgaonkar elected unopposed as India Taekwondo Chief

- Namdev Shirgaonkar was elected unopposed as the President of the executive committee of India Taekwondo.
- He holds a Black Belt in Taekwondo.
- India will be featured in the upcoming Senior World Taekwondo Championship 2023 to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 25 to June 5.

### Sameer Verma wins gold; Rohan Kapoor-Sikki Reddy bag silver

- Indian shuttler Sameer Verma emerged victorious in men's singles competition at the 2023 Slovenia Open beating Su Li Yang while the duo of Rohan Kapoor and Sikki Reddy bagged silver in the mixed doubles event in Maribor, Slovenia.
- Verma won 21-18 21-14 against his Taiwanese opponent.

### Darshna lying third at Almaty Shotgun World Cup

- Former national champion and Khelo India Youth Games winner Darshna Rathore shot a 71 on day one of the women's skeet qualifications to lie third at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup.

- Darshna was the best Indian on the show as teammate Ganemat Sekhon shot 69 to be placed ninth among contenders and Maheshwari Chauhan was lying further back, having shot 67.

### Neeraj Chopra becomes World No 1 in javelin rankings

- Neeraj Chopra has become the world number one in men's javelin throw rankings issued by World Athletics.
- He topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of reigning world champion Anderson Peters from Grenada.
- Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic was third with 1416 points.
- Chopra won the Diamond League 2022 finals in Zurich, becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious trophy.

### Manchester City wins Premier League title for third consecutive time

- Manchester City was crowned the English Premier League champion for the third consecutive time following second-placed Arsenal's 0-1 loss at the hands of Nottingham Forest on Saturday.
- This is City's ninth League title overall and the fifth under Pep Guardiola.
- Guardiola's side is now four points clear atop of the league standings with 85 points in 35 games.

### BCCI announces Adidas as Team India's kit sponsor

- Adidas has been revealed as Team India's kit sponsor, in partnership with BCCI.
- India will be hosting the ICC Cricket World Cup this year from October-November.

### China claims record 13th Sudirman Cup title

- China claimed a record 13th Sudirman Cup title defeating South Korea 3-0 at Suzhou.
- Chen Yufei defeated World No.2 An Se Young 21-16, 22-20, in the women's singles to seal victory.
- In the men's singles, Korea's Lee Yun Gyu was easily outmatched by Shi Yuqi.
- The tournament is one of badminton's most important, because performances will count towards qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

### Daniil Medvedev wins maiden clay court title at Italian Open 2023

- Daniil Medvedev beats Holger Rune 7-5 7-5 in the final of the Italian Open to win his first ATP clay-court title.
- This is his first clay-court trophy and 20th career title.
- Medvedev's career includes the 2021 U.S. Open title and a period at No. 1 in the rankings.
- In the women's category, Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan won the title defeating Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina 6-4, 1-0.

### Shaili Singh clinched bronze medal at the Golden Grand Prix 2023

- Indian athlete Shaili Singh won a bronze medal in the women's long jump event with a jump of 6.65m at the Golden Grand Prix 2023 athletics meet in Yokohama, Japan.
- The Yokohama meet was a World Athletics Continental Tour gold-label event.
- German athlete Maryse Luzolo won the gold medal with an effort of 6.79m.
- Australian athlete Brooke Buschkuehl won the silver medal with a 6.77m leap.

### Rohit Sharma becomes 2nd Indian player to complete 11000 runs in T20

- Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma on 21 May 2023, became the second Indian batter after Virat Kohli (11, 864 runs) to surpass 11,000 runs in Twenty-20 cricket.
- He also becomes the seventh batter overall to score 11000 runs after Chris Gayle, Shoaib Malik, Kieron Pollard, David Warner, and Aaron Finch, and Virat Kohli.
- Chris Gayle has the highest number of T20 runs - 14,562.

### PM Modi to inaugurate 3rd Khelo India University Games in UP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony of the Khelo India University Games to be hosted by Uttar Pradesh on May 25.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath, Union Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Anurag Thakur, and Nisith Pramanik will also be present on this occasion.
- Apart from this, various cultural programs will also be organized

### South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 concludes in Itanagar

- South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 concluded in Itanagar.
- It was a three-day international event in which more than 100 athletes and officials from six countries Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal participated.

### Jyothi Yarraji clinches gold in women's 100 m hurdles

- Athlete Jyothi Yarraji won a gold medal in the women's 100 m hurdles at the Federation Cup athletics event at the Birs Munda Stadium in Ranchi.
- Jyothi topped the podium with a meet-record time of 12.89 seconds. She also crossed the Asian Championships qualifying standard of 13.63 seconds set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), as per Olympics.com.
- She hails from Andhra Pradesh.

### ICC ODI Rankings 2023: Ireland's Tector displaces Virat Kohli

- Ireland's Harry Tector jumped to 7th rank on the latest MRF Tyres ICC Men's ODI Batting Rankings released on 17 May 2023.
- He achieved a new rating of 722 points in ODI cricket which is the highest ever achieved by an Ireland player.
- South Africa's Rassie van der Dussen ranked second position with 777 points while Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq have taken third and fourth places.

### Annu Rani clinched gold medal on the second day of the Federation Cup

- Annu Rani clinches gold and crosses the Asian Games qualification mark at Federation Cup 2023.
- The event held at the Birs Munda Stadium, Annu breached the all-important qualifying standards with a throw of 59.24 m, way above the standard of 56.46 m set by AFI
- She also qualified for the Asian Athletics Championships, scheduled for July in Bangkok, Thailand.

### Gatka included in 37th National Games



- The traditional game of 'Gatka' is poised to get a significant boost nationwide as the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has officially included this sport in the 37th National Games-2023
- It will be held in Goa in October this year.
- During this national event, the IOA, in collaboration with the Government of Goa, would organize competitions for a total of 43 disciplines.

### Barcelona wins La Liga for 1st time since 2019

- Barcelona has won its first Spanish league title after the departure of Lionel Messi with a 4-2 victory against Espanyol
- Robert Lewandowski scored twice to lead the Catalan club to its first league title since 2019.
- Barcelona has won the top title in Spanish football a total of 27 times

### Prraneeth becomes India's 82nd Grandmaster

- V. Prraneeth became Telangana's sixth and India's 82nd Grandmaster when he outwitted GM Hans Niemann of the US in the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.
- He earned his first GM-norm at the First Saturday tournament in March 2022 where he also became an IM.
- He earned his second GM-norm at Biel MTO in July 2022.

### Pramod Bhagat wins two gold at Thailand para badminton international

- Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat won two gold and Sukant Kadam one gold and a silver in the Thailand Para badminton international
- Pramod defeated England's Daniel Bethell in the SL3 singles final with a 21-18 (retd) when the latter retired due to an injury.
- In the doubles final, Pramod and Sukant won the gold defeating Nitesh Kumar and Tarun 18-21, 21-14, 21-19.

### Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra bag silver medals

- Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra bag silver medals in 10-meter air rifle event at ISSF World Cup 2023.
- It was the first-ever ISSF World Cup medal for 21-year-old Hriday Hazarika as well as 19-year-old Nancy Mandhotra.
- The Baku meet is the penultimate stage of the ISSF World Cup for rifle and pistol shooters.

### Rhythm Sangwan registers highest score in women's 25m pistol event

- Indian shooter Rhythm Sangwan registered the highest-ever score in women's 25m pistol event when she recorded 595 in the qualification round at the ISSF World Cup in Baku.
- Sangwan bettered the previous best of 594, set by Bulgaria's Diana Iorgova in 1994.
- China's Luna Tao and Germany's Doreen Vennekamp had also equalled the tally in 2002 and 2023.

### Indian boxers settles for bronze at IBA Men's World Boxing C'ship

- Boxers Mohammad Hussamudin, Deepak Kumar, and Nishant Dev had to settle for bronze medal at the IBA Men's World Boxing Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Deepak lost to 2-time bronze medallist Billal Bennama of France 3-4 in a closely contested 51 kg Semifinal match
- While Nishant Dev went down fighting Asian champion Aslanbek Shymbergenov of Kazakhstan 3-2 in the 71 kg category Semifinal

### RR's Yashasvi Jaiswal smashes fastest fifty in IPL history

- Rajasthan Royals (RR) opener Yashasvi Jaiswal broke the record for slamming the fastest fifty in the history of IPL.
- The 21-year-old reached his half-century off 13 deliveries against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.
- The previous record was jointly held by KL Rahul and Pat Cummins, who had taken 14 deliveries each.

### Yuzvendra Chahal creates history, takes most wickets in IPL

- RR leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal created history by becoming the highest wicket-taker in IPL.
- He achieved this feat by dismissing KKR captain Nitish Rana in their IPL 2023 match
- Chahal took his tally of wickets in IPL to 184.
- He overtook Dwayne Bravo, who was the previous highest wicket-taker in IPL with 183 scalps.

### Asian Kabaddi Championship to be Held in South Korea

- In this Championship, a total of 12 teams will participate in the tournament, including defending champions India.
- The championship will be held in South Korea, showcasing the sport's popularity and growth in the region.
- The last edition of the Asian Kabaddi Championship was held in 2017 in Corgan, Iran.
- This edition's finals was played between India and Pakistan.

### Rhythm Sangwan Clinches Bronze Medal in Women's 10-Metre Air Pistol

- Rhythm Sangwan has won the bronze medal in the women's 10-metre air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- She scored 219.1 in the final to finish third behind Anna 2016 Rio Olympic champion Anna Korakaki of Greece and 2004 Athens Olympics gold medallist Olena Kostevych of Ukraine.
- It was Sangwan's first individual senior medal at the shooting World Cup.

### Indian Boxers wins Three Medals at World Boxing Championship

- Indian boxers have ensured three medals at the World Boxing Championships for the first time as they advanced to the semifinals in Tashkent.
- Deepak Bhorla at 51kg, Mohammed Hussamuddin at 57kg, and Nishant Dev at 71kg emerged victorious in their respective quarterfinal bouts.
- This is for the first time Indian men's boxers will bring home three medals home from a World Championships.

## FIBA Selects Qatar as Host for Marquee 2027 Men's Basketball World Cup

- Qatar has been chosen by FIBA (International Basketball Federation) to host the highly anticipated 2027 Men's Basketball World Cup.
- Doha will stage all games in the 32-team event
- The selection of Qatar as the host for the 2027 Men's Basketball World Cup reflects FIBA's confidence in the country's state-of-the-art infrastructure

## Dr. Akhilesh memorial Deccan Premier Carrom League

- Deccan Premier Carrom League to be held in Nizamabad.
- Players from the seven States ,Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Odisha, besides some internationals will be in action.
- For the first time in India, Carrom Live Platform will be paperless with the scores to be entered through mobiles, live scores and online statistics, besides live streaming.

## Mumbai Indians record fastest 200+ run chase in IPL history

- Mumbai Indians create history with the fastest 200-plus run chase in the history of the IPL.
- MI chased down 200-run target against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in 16.3 overs.
- The previous fastest 200+ run chase was achieved by Delhi Daredevils (DD), now known as Delhi Capitals (DC), against Gujarat Lions (GL). DD had chased 209-run target in 17.3 overs in IPL 2017.

## Laureus Sports Awards 2023

- Lionel Messi, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, and Carlos Alcaraz among the esteemed winners at the Laureus Sports Awards 2023.
- World Sportsman of the Year Award Lionel Messi
- World Sportswoman of the Year Award Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
- World Team of the Year Award Argentina Men's Football Team
- World Breakthrough of the Year Award Carlos Alcaraz

## Neeraj Chopra Claims Gold and World Lead at Doha Diamond League

- Neeraj Chopra secures a gold medal and sets a world-leading mark at the Doha Diamond League in athletics.
- Neeraj Chopra defeated Grenada's World champion Anderson Peters with an impressive World-leading 88.67m.
- Peters had won the Diamond League gold in Doha last year with a personal-best 93.07m

## Fakhar and Naruemol are ICC Players of the month

- Pak batter Fakhar Zaman and Thailand skipper Naruemol Chaiwai were named ICC men's and women's players of the month for April after both produced match-winning performances for their countries in ODIs,
- Fakhar becomes the first Pakistan player to the monthly accolade since Sidra Ameen in Nov 2022.
- Naruemol had consistent high scores in Thailand's historic ODI series victory against Zimbabwe.

## Fakhar Zaman, Naruemol Chaiwai crowned ICC players of the month

- Pakistan batter Fakhar Zaman was named the ICC Men's Player of the month for April 2023.
- Thailand skipper Naruemol Chaiwai was adjudged best in the women's section.
- Fakhar becomes the first Pakistan player to win the monthly accolade since Sidra Ameen in November 2022.
- Naruemol was named Player-of-the-Series for two unbeaten half-centuries.

### Indian weightlifters finish with three silver medals in South Korea

- In Weightlifting, Indian weightlifters finished the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 in Jinju, South Korea, with three silver medals.
- Ajith Narayana and Achinta Sheuli were the only two Indian weightlifters competing in the men's 73kg category.
- Ajith Narayana topped Group B with a combined lift of 307kg.
- Achinta Sheuli, meanwhile, finished second in Group B with a total lift of 305kg.

### Yuzvendra equals Bravo's record for most wickets taken in IPL

- Yuzvendra Chahal equalled the record of former Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Dwayne Bravo for the most wickets taken in the IPL history.
- Bowling against the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), he returned figures of 4 for 29 in four overs.
- Both Chahal and Bravo now have 183 wickets each to their credits.
- Since his debut in 2013, he has played 142 games.

### Praveen Chithravel sets national record in triple jump in Cuba

- Indian triple jumper Praveen Chithravel set a new national record with an effort of 17.37 metres on his way to winning a gold medal in the Prueba de confrontacion 2023 athletics meet in Havana, Cuba.
- Chithravel improved on the previous men's triple jump national record of 17.30m set by Renjith Maheswary at the third Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore in 2016.

### Max Verstappen wins Miami F1 Grand Prix

- Max Verstappen defeated Sergio Perez to win the Miami Grand Prix.
- Fernando Alonso, who started second, claim third-place.
- George Russell was fourth, finishing ahead of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz.
- Red Bull have now won all five races of the 2023 season.

### Alcaraz makes history with 10th title

- Carlos Alcaraz made history on 7 May 2023 when he captured the Mutua Madrid Open title.
- He defeated Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
- The Spaniard became the sixth-youngest player to reach 10 tour-level titles in the Open Era.
- Alcaraz was also champion at the 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals.
- The Spaniard has earned 10 of his trophies at ATP Masters 1000 events.

### Bindyarani Devi clinches silver medal in 55kg category



- In Weightlifting, India's Bindyarani Devi has clinched a silver medal in the women's 55kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 in Jinju, South Korea.
- China's Chen Guan Ling won the gold medal with a combined lift of 204 kg.
- Meanwhile in the men's 61kg category Group B, Shubham Todkar lifted a combined weight of 263kg to finish sixth among nine competitors.

### Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins silver medal at Jinju, Korea

- In the Asian Weightlifting Championships, India's weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga won a silver medal on 8 May 2023 at Jinju, Korea.
- He won medal in the snatch event with a lift of 141 kg in the 67 kg weight class.
- In the World Boxing Championships, Mohammed Hussamuddin of India defeated Russia's Savvin Eduard, 5-0 in a unanimous decision to enter into the 57 kg quarterfinals.

### Khelo India University Games 2022 logo, mascot, torch launched

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched the Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022's official logo, mascot, torch, anthem and Jersey in Lucknow.
- The 12-day-long event will be held in Varanasi, Noida and Gorakhpur, with Delhi's Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range hosting the Shooting competition.
- The Kabaddi competition begins in Noida on May 23rd, 2023.

### Pakistan's Babar Azam becomes fastest player to reach 5000 runs

- Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has become the fastest player to reach 5000 runs in the ODI format.
- He crossed the 5000 run-mark in 97 innings.
- Babar broke Hashim Amla's record of scoring 5000 runs in 101 innings.
- Azam has been the number-one batter on the International Cricket Council's rankings for ODIs for the last two years.

### Indian Archery men and women teams win 12 medals

- The Indian archery men and women teams emerged victorious and won 5 Gold medals, 5 Silvers and 2 bronze at Asia Cup-World Ranking Tournament, Stage II in Tashkent.
- In the compound women team event, Parneet Kaur, Raginee Markoo and Pragati defeated Kazakhstan 232- 223 to win gold.
- In Compound Men team event, team of Amit, Kushal Dalal, and Abhishek Verma beat Hong Kong, 233-226 to lift gold.

### Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title

- Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won Diamond League title in Doha on 5 May 2023.
- Czech Republic's Vadlejš stood second, with Grenada's Peters finishing third.
- With this win, Neeraj has also bagged the world lead.
- He gave his best throw of 88.67m.

### Napoli clinch first Serie A title in 33 years

- Napoli won their first Italian Serie A title in 33 years, clinching the Scudetto on 4 May 2023, at Udinese.
- The title is Napoli's third in Italy's top division and their first since Diego Maradona led them to championships in 1987 and 1990.
- It's the first time a club south of Italy's traditional soccer capitals of Milan and Turin has won the league since Roma claimed the title in 2001.

### Geoffrey Emmanuel first Indian to compete in FIM JuniorGP

- Geoffrey Emmanuel will make his debut in the FIM JuniorGP World Championship in Portugal in May 2023.
- He will be the first Indian to compete in the championship, which is considered a crucial stepping stone to MotoGP.
- Geoffrey will race for Cuna De Campeones in his maiden FIM JuniorGP season.
- The first round of the 2023 season is scheduled for May 5-7 at the Circuit de Estoril in Portugal.

### South Africa fast bowler Shabnim Ismail ends international career

- Fast bowler Shabnim Ismail has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- Ismail played in 241 international matches across one-day Internationals, Twenty20s and tests.
- She broke the record for the fastest ball recorded in women's cricket during that tournament when she was clocked at 128 kph (80 mph) against England in the semi-finals.

### Logo, mascot of Khelo India University Games 2022 to be launched

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur will launch the Logo, jersey, mascot and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG 2021) at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Gomti Nagar, Lucknow on 5th May.
- The 3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games will take place from May 23 to June 3, 2023.
- The opening ceremony is scheduled for May 25.

### Olympic silver medallist Nijel Amos gets 3-year ban for doping

- Nijel Amos, a 2012 Olympic silver medalist in the men's 800 m, has been banned for three years for doping.
- The runner from Botswana tested positive for the banned substance GW1516 last year in the run-up to the track world championships and received a reduction on the standard four-year ban because he admitted to the charges.
- The ban rules Amos out of 2024's Paris Olympics.

### Luca Brecel wins World Snooker Championship

- Luca Brecel won his first World Snooker Championship, in May 2023.
- He beat four-time champion Mark Selby 18-15.
- The World Snooker Championship is the longest-running and most prestigious tournament in professional snooker.

- First held in 1927, it is now one of the three tournaments that make up snooker's Triple Crown Series.

### Vantika becomes 11th women to achieve International Master title

- Vantika Agrawal is the new India Women No.3 in Chess and the 11th Indian women to achieve International Master title.
- She has played 4 International tournaments previously where she has increased her FIDE rating by 61 points.
- She has also won a bronze medal in the National Women's Championship held in Kohlapur in Jan 2023 and a gold medal for the Airport Authority of India in Feb 2023.

### Nepal wins ACC Men's Premier Cup

- Nepal has qualified for the Asia Cup 2023 after winning the ACC Men's Premier Cup.
- The team, led by Rohit Paudel defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by seven wickets in the final that was played across two days at the Tribhuvan University International Cricket Ground in Kirtipur.
- Nepal, therefore, joined India and Pakistan in Group A of the Asia Cup to be played in September 2023.

### India overtake Australia to become No. 1 Test side

- India has overtaken Australia to regain the number one position in the ICC men's Test team rankings.
- India's rating points have moved up from 119 to 121.
- India were last at the top for a month in December 2021.
- England remain in third position.
- The annual update to the ODI team rankings will be carried out on May 10, 2023.

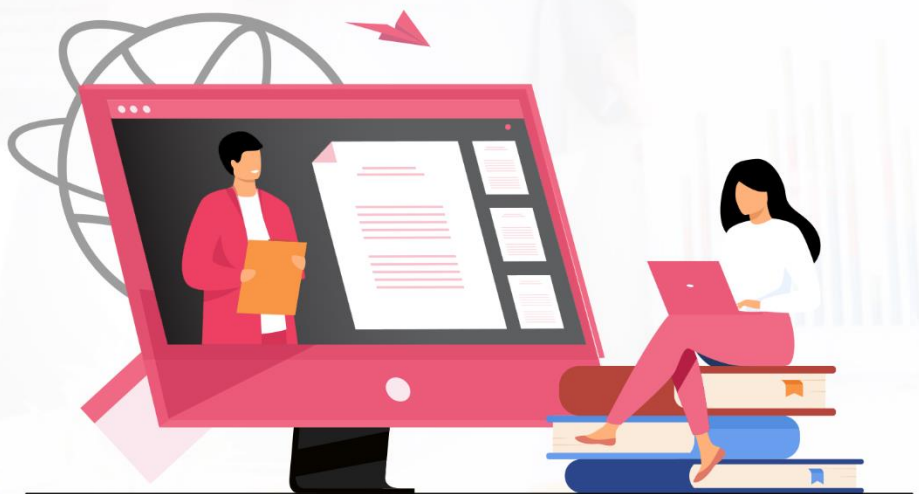
### Sreeshankar wins gold in MVA High Performance athletics meet

- Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar claimed the gold medal with a leap of 8.29 metres at the MVA High Performance athletics meet 1 held in Chula Vista, USA.
- He had won silver at the *2022 Commonwealth Games*.
- China's Ma Weidong secured the silver medal with a 7.99m leap, while his compatriot Huafeng Huang claimed the bronze with an effort of 7.61m.

### Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon win gold for India

- Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon, combined effectively to give India their first medal, a Gold in the ongoing ISSF World Cup Shotgun in Cairo, Egypt.
- The Indian mixed doubles pair defeated Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodriguez 6-0 in the final of the Skeet Mixed Team event.
- Italy took bronze medal.

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