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National

AnjiKhad bridge, first cable stayed rail bridge in India

- India's Union Railway Minister, **AshwiniVaishnaw**, has shared a timelapse video showcasing the construction of the AnjiKhad Bridge, the country's first cable-stayed rail bridge.
- With a total of 96 cables spanning a length of 653km, the bridge is part of the challenging **Udampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Link (USBRL)** Project in the Reasi district of **Jammu and Kashmir**.



India overtakes Saudi as Europe's top refinery supplier: Kpler

- **Kpler data** has revealed that **India** has become the largest supplier of refined fuels to Europe, surpassing **Saudi Arabia**. This comes as a result of Europe's reduced access to **Russian oil** and their growing dependence on Indian crude oil products.
- Europe is set to increase its refined fuel imports from India to over **360,000 barrels** a day, however this ultimately yields more demand for Moscow's crude, which carries freight costs.

A book called 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' written by ShashiShekharVempati

- At the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', a book called '**Collective Spirit, Concrete Action**' written by **ShashiShekharVempati**, former CEO of PrasarBharati (2017-2022) was launched.
- The book was released during a day-long National Conclave on Mann Ki Baat @100, held in the national capital on April 26. According to the author, 'Mann Ki Baat' is a combination of the power of radio and the vision of a nation's leader.
- Over the course of 15 chapters, the book special also offers insights and perspectives from grassroots change-makers and iconic personalities.



Supreme Court allows divorce on the grounds of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage"

- The **Supreme Court of India** has granted couples the **right to divorce** on the grounds of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" under **Article 142** of the Constitution.
- This ruling applies to cases where both parties seek a mutual consent divorce or where one partner seeks a divorce despite opposition from the other.

World Press Freedom Index 2023: India ranks 161 out of 180 countries

- According to the latest report from global media watchdog **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)**, India has slipped to the **161st position** out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index.
- The report was released by RSF, and it indicates a decline in India's ranking for press freedom. Nordic countries like **Norway, Ireland, and Denmark** ranked top three respectively while **Vietnam, China, and North Korea** were the bottom three countries on the index.



India edges past China to send more students to US in 2022

- As per a report by **US Immigration and Customs Enforcement**, there has been a significant rise in the number of Indian students who have gone to the **United States in 2022**.
- India has emerged as the leader when it comes to international students in the US, surpassing China, as reported by the US annual report which states that **64,300 students** from India went to the US in 2022, whereas the number from China declined to 24,796.

A book titled “MADE IN INDIA :75 Years of Business and Enterprise” by Amitabh Kant

- Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer **Amitabh Kant**, who served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022), has authored a new book titled **“Made In India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise”** published by the Rupa Publications India.

National Manufacturing Innovation Survey: Karnataka ranked the most ‘innovative’ State

- A survey on the degree of innovation among manufacturing firms found that **Karnataka**, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by **Telangana, and Tamil Nadu**.
- The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, released earlier this month, also found that innovation in manufacturing is the lowest in the Northeastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.



Uttar Pradesh govt plans ‘Ramaland’ in Ayodhya modelled on Disneyland

- **Ayodhya** as a global tourism hotspot, the **Uttar Pradesh government** is planning to develop a theme park **‘Ramaland’** modelled on **Disneyland** to narrate the story of Lord Ram.
- With Ramaland, the tourism department is looking to attract children and adults alike to showcase the legendary tales from Ramayan in the template of ‘learning with entertainment’.

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath;
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch);
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.

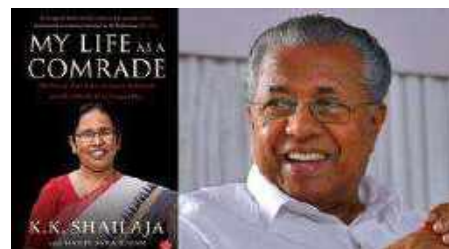
Foreign Ministers of SCO member countries meet in Goa

- The foreign ministers of eight member countries of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** are meeting in **Goa** on May 4 and 5. This meeting will set the stage for the **SCO Leaders’ Summit** to be held in July in New Delhi.
- India, the host country, attaches special importance to the SCO in promoting multilateral, political, security, economic, and people-to-people interactions in the region. India’s theme for its Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is **‘SECURE-SCO’**.



KK Shailaja’s autobiographical work titled ‘My Life As A Comrade’

- CPM central committee member and former health minister of Kerala, **KK Shailaja's** autobiographical work titled 'My Life As A Comrade' is set to be published by Juggernaut Books, a Delhi-based publishing house.
- In her new book, My Life as a Comrade, co-written with Manju Sara Rajan, former CEO of the Kochi Biennale Foundation and journalist, Shailaja writes about the course of her life that started in a small settlement in Malabar and eventually led her to a Cabinet position in the State government.



India leads as top source market for Sri Lanka's tourism for April 2023

- **India** led as the top source market for **Sri Lanka's tourism sector for the month of April 2023**. India regained the top spot after six months as almost 20,000 Indian tourists arrived in the island nation last month.
- Sri Lanka's Tourism Authority figures showed that 19,915 Indians had visited the island in April over 14,656 Russian tourist arrivals.
- Russians remained the top inbound market from October 2022 to March this year. Tourist arrivals from India in 2022 stood at 1.23 lakhs with a share of 17.1 per cent. In April, the arrivals topped 100,000 for the fourth consecutive time since in the island taking the total arrivals in the first four months to over 4.4 lakhs.



New Lithium deposits discovered in Rajasthan after J-K

- **Lithium** reserves have been discovered in **Rajasthan's Degana** following the recent discovery in **Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi**.
- The newly discovered reserves in Degana are believed to be larger than those found in Jammu and Kashmir and officials claim that they could meet up to 80% of India's demand for lithium. This is the first time that lithium reserves have been found in Degana.



Key Points

- Rajasthan Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot;
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur (Executive Branch);
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra.

A book titled "DroupadiMurmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills" by Kasturi Ray

- The book titled "**DroupadiMurmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills**" tells the inspiring story of a tribal girl who overcame obstacles to become a symbol of resilience, determination, and perseverance.

- Murmu achieved many milestones by taking an unconventional path, starting from leaving her small village in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha to becoming the first citizen of India. The author of the book is Kasturi Ray.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)

- The **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)** is currently under construction to link the major cities of Mumbai and Ahmedabad in India.
- Once completed, it will be the country's first high-speed rail line, resulting in a considerable reduction in travel time between the two cities from 6 hours 35 minutes to just 1 hour 58 minutes.

India operationalized Sittwe port in Myanmar

- The **Sittwe Port in Myanmar** has been put into operation by India, with the first shipment departing from the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata.
- The project is a part of the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport initiative**. The inaugural shipment, carrying 20,000 bags of cement weighing 1,000 metric tonnes, is expected to arrive at the Sittwe Port.



Santiniketan in tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage list

- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended **Santiniketan**, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a France-based international non-governmental organization, made the recommendation.
- The ICOMOS is an advisory body to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, comprising experts, representatives from local authorities, heritage organizations, and companies. **Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy** has expressed hope that the site would be formally inscribed on the World Heritage List in the World Heritage Committee meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in September 2023.



Mastercard Takes Over as ICC's Global Sponsor, Replacing BharatPe

- **Mastercard** has reportedly taken over from **BharatPe** as the global sponsor of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, a multinational financial services corporation based in the United States.
- Over the past year, **Mastercard** has been actively seeking to secure lucrative sponsorship deals and has already secured the title sponsorship rights for the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** international and domestic home fixtures from **Paytm**.

Supreme Court Rules Delhi Government has Control Over IAS and All Services in Delhi except Land, Police, and Law and Order

- In a significant judgment, the **Supreme Court** has granted control over all services in the national capital, including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), to the **Delhi government**, except for those related to land, police, and law and order.
- The Constitution Bench comprising **Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud** and Justices MR Shah, Krishna Murari, HimaKohli, and PS Narasimha passed a unanimous judgment on the matter.



AyushmannKhurrana Joins Indian Team as Ambassador for Special Olympics Journey to Berlin

- Bollywood star **AyushmannKhurrana** has been chosen to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming **Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities**, set to take place in Berlin from June 16 to June 25.
- Expressing gratitude, the actor considers himself lucky to have met numerous exceptional individuals throughout his journey.

Alia Bhatt appointed as first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci

- **Gucci**, the luxury fashion brand from **Italy**, has appointed Alia Bhatt as its first global ambassador from India. She will debut as the brand's newest global ambassador at the **Gucci Cruise 2024 show** in **Seoul** next week.
- This appointment is an important moment for both the brand and the Indian fashion industry, especially since it comes after **Bhatt's Met Gala debut**.

DeepikaPadukone appears on cover of TIME magazine

- Bollywood star **DeepikaPadukone** has been featured on the latest cover of **TIME magazine**. The iconic 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.
- Deepika is called 'the most popular actress in the world's most populous country'. On the cover, she is seen wearing a beige oversized suit and no shoes.

Cyclone Mocha: All About The Storm

- **Cyclone Mocha** was a very severe cyclonic storm that formed in the Bay of Bengal on May 10, 2023. The storm intensified rapidly, reaching peak winds of 160 kilometers per hour (100 miles per hour) before making landfall in Bangladesh on May 14.
- The storm caused widespread damage in Bangladesh and Myanmar, killing at least 100 people and displacing millions more. Cyclone Mocha was named on the basis of a suggestion made by **Yemen**.



National Medical Commission makes unique ID mandatory for doctors

- **Doctors** will now have to get a Unique Identification Number (UID) to be able to practice medicine in the country, as per the new regulations by the **National Medical Commission (NMC)**.
- The UID will be generated centrally by the NMC ethics board and thereby grant the practitioner, registration in NMR and eligibility to practice medicine in India. According to the new notification by NMC, there will be a common national medical register for all the registered medical practitioners of the country.
- The same will be maintained by the Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) under the NMC. This register will contain all the entries of the registered medical practitioners of all State Registers maintained by the various State Medical Councils and will have all relevant information regarding the medical practitioner.



Tungnath temple built by Pandavas declared national monument

- **Tungnath**, located in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand, is not only one of the highest Shiva temples in the world but also the highest among the five PanchKedar temples.
- **Recently, it has been designated as a national monument.** The Central Government declared Tungnath a monument of national importance in a notification dated March 27. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), led by Devraj Singh Rautela, confirmed that they had been working towards this recognition for a significant period.
- During the process, ASI actively sought public opinions and objections regarding the declaration of Tungnath as a national heritage.



6th Indian Ocean Conference- IOC 2023

- The **Indian Ocean Conference (IOC)** was established in 2016 and over the past six years, it has become the prominent consultative forum for nations in the region to discuss regional affairs. The objective of the IOC is to facilitate discussions on regional cooperation for **Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** by bringing together important states and principal maritime partners of the region on a common platform.
- The 6th IOC is set to take place on May 12-13, 2023, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and is being organised by India Foundation in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, and **S. Rajaratnam** School of International Studies in Singapore. The theme for the conference is "**Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future**". The conference aims to bring together a distinguished gathering of key stakeholders to chart the course for strengthening the Indian Ocean Region.

'Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration' book By Dr. Manoj Kumar Released

- A compendium of three volumes with Judgments spanning from the year 1988 till 2022 covering Arbitration Act 1940 and 1996, the book titled '**Supreme Court on Commercial**

Arbitration' by **Dr.Manoj Kumar** and fore worded by Shri.R.Venkataramani was released on 13.05.2023 being the founders day of Hammurabi & Solomon Partners.

- There has been substantial jurisprudence laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Country on Commercial Arbitration spanning over multiple statutory frameworks.

India observes National Dengue Day on May 16 every year

- **National Dengue Day** is observed on **May 16** every year to raise awareness about the mosquito-borne disease. Dengue cases usually surge in India during and after the monsoon season.
- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organises different events to observe National Dengue Day at several levels across the country. Dengue is caused by four distinct viruses and is spread by the female Aedes mosquitoes, which also transmit yellow fever, Zika viruses, and chikungunya.
- The recent information from a Lancet study indicates that between January and October of last year, approximately 1,10,473 cases of dengue were reported in India. As a result, it's critical to be aware of the disease's necessary preventative measures.

India & Bangladesh launch '50 Start-ups Exchange Programme'

- The initial batch of 10 start-up companies participating in the **50 start-ups exchange program** between **India and Bangladesh** have returned to Dhaka after a successful visit to India from May 8-12. These start-ups operate in various sectors, including e-commerce, health, transport and logistics, energy, education, and skill development.
- The exchange program facilitates visits between 50 start-ups from Bangladesh and 50 start-ups from India, aiming to foster partnerships, expand business relations, share experiences and knowledge, and promote collaboration among young entrepreneurs.
- The framework of this program was established during recent bilateral summits between the Prime Ministers of both countries.



India plans to challenge EU carbon tax at WTO

- According to government and industry sources, India is planning to lodge a complaint with the **World Trade Organisation** about the **European Union's** proposal to levy tariffs ranging from 20% to 35% on high-carbon goods like steel, iron ore, and cement from India.
- This move comes as part of New Delhi's effort to resist the **EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)**, a measure intended to incentivize local industries to adopt cleaner technologies to reduce carbon emissions, while also being discussed in bilateral talks.



Govt shuffles cabinet: Kiren Rijiju exited as Union Law Minister

- **Kiren Rijiju** has exited as Union Law Minister and will now take up the portfolio of **Ministry of Earth Sciences**. **Arjun Ram Meghwal** has been assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice in addition to his existing portfolios.
- Rijiju took over as the Law and Justice Minister on July 8, 2021. Prior to this, he served as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Youth Affairs and Sports from May 2019 to July 2021. Union Minister Jitendra Singh was holding charge of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

METRO sells India Cash & Carry to Reliance Retail for Rs 2,850cr

- The German retailer, **METRO AG**, has announced the full completion of the sale of its Indian cash and Carry business to **Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL)**, which operates the retail empire of Reliance Industries Ltd.
- As part of the deal, **RRVL** has acquired all 31 wholesale stores that were operated by **METRO Cash & Carry India** and the entire real estate portfolio, which includes six store-occupied properties.
- The deal, which was announced in December 2022, is reportedly worth ₹2,850 crore and will help Reliance Retail strengthen its dominant position in India's massive retail sector, which is one of the fastest-growing markets globally.

TN CM Stalin Inaugurates one of India's Biggest Skywalk Bridge

The recently inaugurated one of India's biggest Skywalk bridges, spanning 570 meters in length and 4.2 meters in width, was officially opened by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin**. This skywalk bridge serves as a crucial connection between the Mambalam railway station and T Nagar bus terminus. The project is part of a larger multi-modal initiative aimed at facilitating pedestrian movement.



Key Points

- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi;
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: M. K. Stalin.

PradhanMantriMatsyaSampadaYojana: Revolutionizing India's Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector

- **ShriParshottamRupala**, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, initiated the fifth phase of the SagarParikramaYatra in Karanja, Raigad, Maharashtra.
- The upcoming leg of the **SagarParikramaYatra Phase-V** will encompass various coastal areas such as Gateway of India, Karanja (Raigad District), Mirkarwada (Ratnagiri District), Devgad (Sindhudurg District), Malvan, Vasco, Mormugaon, and Canacona (South Goa).



RBI Announces Withdrawal of ₹2000 Banknotes from Circulation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has made a significant decision to withdraw the ₹2000 denomination banknotes from circulation. Although these banknotes will no longer be issued, they will retain their status as legal tender.
- The move comes as the objective of introducing the ₹2000 banknotes has been fulfilled, and other denominations now adequately meet the currency requirements of the economy.

Financial Times Global Ranking Puts IIM Kozhikode Among the Top Four Schools in India

- The **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK)** has achieved recognition in the prestigious Financial Times Rankings 2023 (FT Rankings). The debut in FT Rankings places IIM Kozhikode at the 72nd position among the top 75 providers of open-enrolment executive programs globally.
- This accomplishment further solidifies IIM Kozhikode's status as a leading provider of executive education worldwide.



Logo and Theme of India's G20 Presidency: Navigating Global Challenges Together

- India's presidency of the **Group of Twenty (G20)** holds immense significance as it assumes a central role in shaping global economic policies and addressing critical global challenges. As a platform that brings together the world's major economies, the G20 represents a unique opportunity for India to lead global discussions and drive impactful change.
- The theme chosen for India's G20 Presidency, "**Navigating Global Challenges Together,**" reflects the nation's commitment to fostering international cooperation in addressing pressing global issues.

Historic Scepter 'Sengol' Finds Home in New Parliament Building

- The upcoming inauguration of the new parliament building will feature an important addition, as Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will place a significant golden sceptre near the Speaker's seat, announced Union Home Minister **Amit Shah**.
- According to **Mr. Shah**, this sceptre holds historical significance as it was originally presented to India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, symbolizing the transfer of power from the **British** to the Indian people.
- The Home Minister explained that the sceptre, known as "sengol," derives from the Tamil word "**semmai,**" meaning "**righteousness.**"



Kerala Becomes India's First Fully E-Governed State, Achieving Total E-Governance

- **Kerala**, the southern state of India, is set to make history by declaring itself as the country's first "total e-governed state."
- Building upon its reputation as the first fully-literate state in **India**, Kerala has achieved this milestone through a series of policy initiatives aimed at transforming the state into a digitally-empowered society.
- With a focus on a knowledge-based economy and 100% digital literacy, the government has digitized the delivery of vital services across various domains, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and accessibility for all citizens.



Microsoft launches Jugalbandi, a multilingual AI-chat bot for rural India

- **Microsoft** has launched **Jugalbandi**, a generative AI-driven multilingual chatbot accessible via popular messaging platform, WhatsApp. The bot has been especially made to cover areas of rural India which aren't easily penetrated through media and lack access to government's welfare activities.
- The chatbot has been developed by AI4Bharat in collaboration with IIT Madras. It is aimed at providing personalised assistance by understanding user queries in multiple languages, whether spoken or typed. The chatbot was launched in April and has been tested in **Biwan**, a village near India's capital city of New Delhi.



Key Points

- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States;
- Microsoft Founded: 4 April 1975, Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States;
- Microsoft Chairman and Chief Executive Officer: SatyaNadella.

PM Modi Announced India to Open New Consulate in Brisbane

- Prime Minister NarendraModi informed that a new consulate would be constructed in Brisbane during his address at the Community Event in Sydney.
- He announced that India will establish a new consulate in Brisbane, Australia which aims to fulfill a long-standing demand of the Indian diaspora in Australia.
- It was announced during the address of NarendraModi at a packed stadium at Sydney's Qudos Bank Arena which was attended by more than 21,000 people across Australia along with the Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese.

Key Facts about India's New Parliament House

- Prime Minister **NarendraModi** will inaugurate the **new Parliament building** on Sunday, 28 May, showcasing its exquisite artwork and featuring a ceremonial sceptre called '**Sengol**' among its many highlights.
- Constructed at a cost of ₹971 crore, the new complex stands as a symbol of India's progress, reflecting the aspirations of the nation's 1.35 billion citizens. Its innovative triangular design optimizes space utilization and fosters efficient governance.



Centre to Launch New ₹75 Coin to Mark New Parliament Inauguration

- The Ministry of Finance has announced the launch of a special ₹75 coin to commemorate the inauguration of India's new parliament building.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will unveil the coin on Sunday, 28 May, coinciding with the celebration of India's 75 years of independence.

NTCA Constitutes New Committee to Oversee Cheetah Project

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has established an 11-member Cheetah Project Steering Committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Rajesh Gopal, secretary general of Global Tiger Forum, has been appointed as its chairman.
- The decision was taken after six cheetahs, who were brought as part of the translocation project, died in the last two months.
- The other 10 members include RN Mehrotra, former principal chief conservator of forest of Rajasthan; PR Sinha, former director of the Wildlife Institute of India; HS Negi, former APCCF, Wildlife; and PK Malik, former faculty at WII.



PM Modi Chairs 8th Governing Council Meeting of NitiAayog, Emphasizes Team India Approach for a Developed Nation by 2047

- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** recently presided over the **8th Governing Council** Meeting of NitiAayog, held at the New Convention Centre in New Delhi. The meeting saw the participation of Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors representing 19 states and 6 union territories.
- In his address, Prime Minister Modi underscored the importance of collaborative efforts between the central government, states, and union territories to realize the aspirations of the people and transform India into a developed nation by 2047.

Revised Guidelines for SPG: Special Force Safeguarding PM to be Led by ADG

- The security responsibility of the prime minister, currently undertaken by the **Special Protection Group (SPG)**, will now be overseen by an officer of the **Indian Police Service** holding the rank of at least an **additional director general (ADG)**.
- Junior officers will be appointed on deputation for an initial period of six years. The **Ministry of Home Affairs** recently issued new rules, outlined in a gazette notification under the **Special Protection Group Act of 1988 (34 of 1988)**, establishing these criteria.
- As per the notification, officers from the **All India Services** will be selected for deputation to the SPG by the central government, under the same terms and conditions applicable to officers of corresponding ranks in the central government.



Goa Statehood Day 2023 observed on 30th May

- The smallest state by area, **Goa** is famous for its beaches and the relics of its colonial past. It got its statehood on **May 30, 1987**. It was a Portuguese territory since Alfonso de Albuquerque conquered it in 1510 by defeating Adil Shah of Bijapur who was ruling the region.
- 400 years later, India took back Goa from the Portuguese. This year Goa celebrates its **36th anniversary of statehood**.

**Mukesh Ambani Joins COP28 Advisory Committee to Address Climate Crisis**

- Renowned Indian business tycoon **Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman and CEO of Reliance Industries, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to the President of the **Conference of the Parties (COP28)** of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Alongside esteemed global leaders, Ambani will play a crucial role in shaping the agenda and providing guidance in addressing the urgent climate crisis.

**A book titled 'NTR: A Political Biography' by Ramachandra Murthy Kondubhatla**

- Journalist, editor and writer, **Ramachandra Murthy Kondubhatla**, has authored a new book titled **"NTR-A Political Biography"** which presents a realistic picture of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), the star figure in the discourse on cinema and politics in the two Telugu States (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana).
- The book, published by HarperCollins India, commemorates the centenary year of NTR. The book uncovers many facets of NTR's life and his impact on Politics at the state and national level.

International

Santiago Pena wins Paraguay vote, keeps rightwing party in power

- On May 1, 2023, Paraguayans went to the polls to elect their next president. In a surprising turn of events, **Santiago Pena** of the **right-wing Colorado Party** emerged as the winner, defeating center-left challenger **Efraim Alegre**.
- The election result has raised concerns about corruption within **Paraguay's** political system, as the Colorado Party has been in power for almost eight decades and has been tainted by graft allegations.



AI 'godfather' Geoffrey Hinton quits Google

- **Geoffrey Hinton**, the man who won the **'Nobel Prize of computing'** for his work on neural networks and is known as the **godfather of AI**, is now speaking against the dangers of artificial intelligence.
- Hinton, alongside two other so-called godfathers of AI bagged the Turing Award in 2018 for their trailblazing work in artificial intelligence, recently quit his job at Google.



Key Points

- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998, Menlo Park, California, United States;
- Google CEO: SundarPichai (2 Oct 2015–).

Indo-Canadian RupiKaur book among most banned in US schools

- **RupiKaur**, a Canadian-Sikh poet, has made it to the list of 11 most banned books in US classrooms for the first half of the 2022-23 school year.
- Kaur's debut work, 'Milk and Honey', which was released in 2014, has been banned due to its exploration of issues related to sexual assault and violence, according to non-profit organisation PEN America, which provided the data. Last month, Kaur's Twitter account was also withheld in India due to the Khalistan issue.



JPMorgan Acquires First Republic Bank Amidst Recent Failures of Major US Banks

- American regulators announced that **First Republic Bank** had been taken over and that an agreement had been reached to sell the bank to JPMorgan Chase & Co. This marks the third major **U.S. financial institution** to fail in just two months.
- JPMorgan is set to acquire \$173 billion in loans and around \$30 billion in securities, which includes \$92 billion in deposits from First Republic Bank, but they are not taking on the bank's corporate debt or preferred stock.



Bastille Day celebration in Paris, PM Modi accepts French invite for the celebration

- The Ministry of External Affairs announced that French President **Emmanuel Macron** had extended an invitation to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** to be the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade in Paris on July 14, and that Mr. Modi had accepted.
- According to an official press release, a contingent from the Indian armed forces will also take part in the parade, which celebrates “**liberty, equality and fraternity.**”



Russia stages the 78th Victory Day parade at Red Square, Moscow

- Russia held the **78th Victory Day parade** anniversary on May 9th, at Red Square in Moscow to celebrate the historic victory of the **Soviet Union in 1945**, when they defeated Nazi Germany in World War II, also known as the Great Patriotic War.
- This year’s parade featured more than 10,000 individuals and 125 pieces of weaponry, which were all showcased by the **Russian Defense Minister, Sergey Shoigu.**

42nd ASEAN Summit begins in Indonesia with focus on becoming global growth center

- The **42nd Summit** of the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** has kicked off in Indonesia with a theme of “**ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth.**”
- The summit aims to demonstrate the bloc’s hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development. **President Joko Widodo**, who holds the presidency of the bloc, emphasized the enormous potential of the ASEAN region, which has a total population of around 650 million inhabitants and consistently outperforms the world average in terms of economic growth. He called on member countries to unite in terms of production power to make Southeast Asia the center of global growth.



Pakistan’s economic crisis: Hajj quota given up to Saudi Arabia

- For the first time in 75 years, **Pakistan** has made the decision to surrender its **Hajj quota** to **Saudi Arabia**. This move was prompted by the rising inflation in the country, which has caused thousands of Pakistanis to forgo the pilgrimage this year.
- In total, **Pakistan** has returned 8,000 unused seats, which will save the government a considerable amount of money totalling \$24 million.



Sri Lanka Supreme Court clears way to decriminalise homosexuality

- The **Supreme Court of Sri Lanka** has approved to decriminalize **homosexuality**, according to the Speaker of Parliament, in a move welcomed by **LGBTQ+** rights campaigners.
- Under current laws, **homosexuality** is punishable by imprisonment and fines, but activists have long campaigned for change. After hearing submissions from both sides, the **Supreme Court** ruled that the proposed legislation was not unconstitutional.



India among seven countries to benefit from Saudi Arabia's new e-visa system

- **Saudi Arabia** has introduced a new e-visa system to replace traditional visa stickers on passports.
- The initiative, which began in May 2023, is aimed at digitizing consular services and creating a new way to issue work, residency, and visit visas in seven countries: **Jordan, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Indonesia**. The move comes as part of efforts to automate consular services and “develop a mechanism for granting different kinds of visas”.



Google's Bard chatbot to launch globally, including India

- **Google** has announced that it will be rolling out its generative AI chatbot Bard in over **180 countries**, including India.
- Bard is a large language model (LLM) that can generate text, translate languages, write different kinds of creative content, and answer your questions in an informative way. In 2022, Google announced that Bard would be available in the United States and the United Kingdom. It is likely that the company will continue to roll out Bard to other English-speaking countries first.



WHO declares an end to global health emergency for mpox

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** announced on May 11 that the **global health emergency for mpox**, a viral disease formerly known as monkeypox, has ended after 10 months. This came after confirmed cases in over 100 countries since the disease started spreading globally in May 2022.
- The emergency committee of the WHO made the recommendation to end the health emergency, and WHO director-general **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** announced the decision during a press conference.

Sherpa becomes 2nd person to scale Everest 26 times

- **PasangDawa Sherpa**, also known as **Pa Dawa**, successfully reached the summit of **Mount Everest** for the 26th time, equaling the record set by another Nepalese guide. Accompanied by a Hungarian climber, the 46-year-old achieved this feat.
- According to the Himalayan Database, which documents mountaineering achievements in Nepal's Himalayas, Pa Dawa had previously climbed Everest 25 times, including two ascents in 2022. Since his initial successful climb in 1998, Dawa has consistently made the journey nearly every year.

Brazil, top chicken exporter, confirms first ever avian flu cases in wild birds

- **Brazil**, known as the world's leading chicken exporter, has recently confirmed cases of **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** in wild birds.
- Although these cases mark the first-ever occurrence in the country, the Brazilian government emphasizes that the situation will not lead to a ban on the importation of **Brazilian poultry products**, in accordance with guidelines from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH).
- While the avian influenza virus poses a threat to bird populations and the farming sector, the impact on Brazil's poultry industry remains limited.

PM Modi to visit Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia for G7 and Quad Summits

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will go on a three-nation tour, starting on May 19th and concluding on May 24th, which includes the **G-7 Summit** in **Japan** and the **Quad Leaders' Summit** in **Australia**.
- From the 19th to the 21st of May, the Prime Minister will visit **Hiroshima, Japan**, for the G-7 Summit under the Japanese Presidency, accepting an invitation from the Japanese Prime Minister **Fumio Kishida**.



Cannes Film festival 2023

- The **76th edition of the Cannes Film Festival** will showcase a dazzling array of films. Scheduled to occur from May 16 to 27, 2023. Accomplished Swedish filmmaker **Ruben Östlund** has been chosen to preside over the jury for the occasion.
- The festival's official poster, which pays tribute to actress Catherine Deneuve for her impactful contributions to the world of cinema, was created by **Lionel Avignon** and Stefan de Vivies at Hartland Villa using a photograph taken by Jack Garofalo during the filming of *La Chamade* (1968).
- The opening film for the festival is set to be *Jeanne du Barry*, directed by Maïwenn, while the festival will conclude with the popular Pixar motion picture *Elemental*, helmed by Peter Sohn.



Nepali Climber Makes Record, Climbs Mount Everest For 27th Time

- Nepali climber **Kami Rita Sherpa** reached the top of **Mount Everest** for the 27th time, reclaiming the record for the most summits of the world's highest mountain.
- The 53-year-old had held the title since 2018, when he ascended Everest for the 22nd time, passing the previous mark he shared with two other Sherpa climbers, both of whom have since retired.

Dr. L Murugan inaugurates India Pavilion at Marché du Film at 76th Cannes International Film Festival

- The **India Pavilion** was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. L Murugan, at the **76th Cannes International Film Festival** in France.
- The pavilion showcases India's rich culture, heritage, and its thriving creative economy to the global audience.
- The event witnessed the presence of Indian Ambassador to France, Jawed Ashraf, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prithul Kumar, and prominent figures from the Indian film industry.

5,000-year-old 'Great Grandfather' tress is officially the world's oldest

- A **5,000-year-old tree in Chile** has been officially recognized as the world's oldest. The tree, a Patagonian cypress, is located in the AlerceCostero National Park and is nicknamed "**Great Grandfather.**"
- It is estimated to be between 5,000 and 6,500 years old, making it the oldest living organism on Earth. The Great Grandfather tree is a massive specimen, measuring **28 meters tall and 4 meters (13 Feet) in diameter.**
- It is believed to have survived several major climate changes over the centuries, including the Little Ice Age. The tree is also a popular tourist destination, with thousands of visitors coming to see it each year.

Ruskin Bond wrote a new book titled 'The Golden Years'

- Indian author **Ruskin Bond** wrote a book titled "**The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life**". The Golden Years book is published by HarperCollins India and released on 19 May 2023, Bond's 89th birthday.
- "The Golden Years" focuses on Bond's experiences during the 60s, 70s and 80s.

World's Largest Car Exporter Title Shifts from Japan to China

- According to data from **China's General Administration of Customs**, in the first quarter of this year, **China** exported 1.07 million vehicles, a 58% increase compared to the same period in 2022, becoming the world's largest exporter of cars, surpassing **Japan**.
- In contrast, **Japan** exported 954,185 vehicles, an increase of 6% from the previous year.

SpaceX Sends First Saudi Arabian Astronauts to the International Space Station



- In a groundbreaking moment for **Saudi Arabia**, the country's first astronauts in decades have embarked on a journey to the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- Sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government, a female stem cell researcher named **Rayyanah Barnawi** and a Royal Saudi Air Force fighter pilot named Ali al-Qarni joined a crew led by a retired NASA astronaut from Kennedy Space Center.
- The mission was organized by Axiom Space, a Houston-based company, and executed by SpaceX.

'World Health Assembly' PM Modi addresses 76th Session in Geneva, Switzerland

- The Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi**, addressed the 76th Session of the **World Health Assembly** in Geneva, Switzerland.
- He congratulated the **World Health Organization (WHO)** on serving the world for 75 years and expressed confidence that the WHO would set goals for the next 25 years as it reaches its 100 year milestone.

WMO Approves Global Tracker for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- The World Meteorological Congress has made a groundbreaking decision to approve a new **greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring initiative**, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This initiative aims to support urgent action in reducing heat-trapping gases that contribute to rising global temperatures.
- The newly established **Global Greenhouse Gas Watch** will address critical information gaps, integrating various observing systems, modeling capabilities, and data assimilation under one comprehensive framework.
- The unanimous support from WMO's 193 members highlights the growing importance of greenhouse gas monitoring and the need to strengthen the scientific foundation for climate change mitigation efforts.



Defence

ASEAN India Maritime Exercise, AIME-2023

- **Indian Naval Ships Satpura** and **Delhi** on May 1st, 2023, led by **RAdmGurcharan Singh**, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural **ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)**.
- The exercise is scheduled to take place from May 2nd to May 8th, 2023.

Rajnath Singh inaugurates IAF Heritage Centre in Chandigarh

- India's Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** opened the country's first **Indian Air Force Heritage Centre** in Chandigarh on 8 May, under a memorandum of understanding between the **Indian Air Force** and the **Union Territory of Chandigarh**.
- The centre spreads over 17,000 square feet and celebrates the Indian Air Force's role in previous conflicts such as the 1965, 1971, and **Kargil Wars**, as well as the Balakot air strike, through murals and memorabilia.



Key Points

- India's Defence Minister: Rajnath Singh;
- Punjab Chief Minister: Bhagwant Mann;
- Punjab Capital: Chandigarh;
- Chief of Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari.

INS Magar – Indian Navy's Landing Ship Decommissioned After 36 Years of Service

- **INS Magar**, the oldest Landing Ship Tank (Large), was decommissioned by the **Indian Navy** after 36 years of service on May 06 at the Naval base in Kochi.
- The decommissioning ceremony was attended by **Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi**, Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, as well as **Air Marshal B Manikantan**, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Air Command.
- **Commander HemantSalunkhe** commanded the ship during its service. The event included the release of the ship's timeline and a special postage cover.



First Airbus C295 for India successfully completes its maiden flight

- The first **C295 aircraft** for India has successfully completed its inaugural flight, marking a significant achievement towards its delivery in the latter half of 2023.
- The tactical plane (used by **Indian Air Force**) took off from **Seville, Spain**, at 11:45 am local time on May 5th, landing three hours afterward at 2:45 pm.

India and Indonesia bilateral naval exercise Samudra Shakti-23

- The **ASW Corvette, INS Kavaratti**, which was built and designed in India, has reached Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise, **Samudra Shakti-23**, from May 14 to May 19, 2023.
- The Indian Navy's Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft and Chetak helicopter will also be part of the exercise, while the Indonesian Navy will be represented by **KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft**, and **AS565 Panther Helicopter**.

Key Points

- Chief of Naval Staff, India: **Admiral R. Hari Kumar PVSM**
- President of Indonesia: **Joko Widodo**
- Capital of Indonesia: **Jakarta**
- Currency of Indonesia: **Indonesian rupiah**

Indian Army's Gajraj Corps Conducts Joint Flood Relief Exercise 'JalRahat' in Assam

- The **Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army** recently conducted a joint flood relief exercise called '**JalRahat**' at Hagrama Bridge on Manas River in Assam. The purpose of the exercise was to validate joint drills and enhance coordination among multiple agencies involved in flood relief operations.
- The event witnessed the participation of various organizations, including the Indian Army, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), and police representatives. The exercise focused on coordinating preparedness and conducting rescue missions in flood-affected areas.



Defence Production in India Surpasses ₹1 Lakh Crore Mark on the Back of Crucial Reforms

- **India** has achieved a significant milestone in its **defence sector** as the value of defence production in the country crossed ₹1 lakh crore for the first time.
- This achievement is a result of key reforms implemented to boost growth in the sector and reduce reliance on military imports.
- The value of defence production has nearly doubled over the past five years, reflecting India's efforts to strengthen its position as a weapons and systems exporter.

Vaghsheer, Indian Navy's Final Kalvari Class Submarine, Begins 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 after completion of these trial. The submarine was launched on 20th April 2022 from the **Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**.



- The Ministry of Defence said MDL has delivered' three submarines of the Project – 75 in 24 months and the commencement of sea trials of the sixth submarine is a significant milestone.

INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA Arrive in Saudi Arabia, Kickstarting AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise

- Marking a significant milestone in the growing defense cooperation between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the **INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA** have arrived at Port Al-Jubail to commence the second edition of the **naval exercise, 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023.'**
- The visit of these Indian naval ships signifies the beginning of the harbor phase, highlighting the deepening defense ties and promoting regional stability in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf region.

Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023: Enhancing India's Defense Capabilities

- The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army recently conducted the highly anticipated exercise '**Sudarshan Shakti 2023**' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab.
- The exercise aimed to transform the forces into a modern, lean, and agile fighting combination capable of leveraging new-age technologies.
- With a focus on operational planning in a network-centric environment, this exercise validated the Indian Army's combat power, combat support, and logistic support capabilities.

Bangladesh-US Joint Naval Exercise held in Chattogram

- The '**Tiger Shark 40**' **Joint Bangladesh-US Naval drill Exercise** commenced at **BNS Nirvik** in Chattogram.
- The main aim of the exercise is to enhance the strategic capabilities of both countries and promote mutual exchange of technical and procedural knowledge.
- According to a press release from the **Bangladesh Inter Services Press Relations (ISPR)**, the exercise seeks to strengthen the existing positive relations between the armed forces of the two nations.



Appointments or Resign/Retired

BARC director A K Mohanty appointed as new Atomic Energy Commission chairman

- **Ajit Kumar Mohanty**, who is a well-known physicist and also serves as the director of the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- This appointment means he will be responsible for overseeing India's nuclear program and exploring the use of atomic power for non-military purposes. Mohanty will take over from K N Vyas.

Justice TS Sivagnanam appointed as Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court

- The Indian government has officially announced the appointment of Justice **TS Sivagnanam** as the Chief Justice of the **Calcutta High Court**. Justice Sivagnanam, who has been the senior-most judge at the court, had been serving as the Acting Chief Justice since March 31, 2023.
- The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended his appointment as the Chief Justice in February of the same year.



Margherita Della Valle named as CEO of Vodafone

- **Margherita Della Valle** has been interim **CEO of Vodafone Group** since **Nick Read** stepped down in December 2022. Vodafone Group announced that Della Valle has been named as permanent Chief Executive.
- Della Valle's career at Vodafone has included marketing, operational, commercial and financial positions.

Indian origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the next President of World Bank

- **Ajay Banga**, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the new **President of the World Bank**.
- The 25-member executive board of the **World Bank** elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.

Delhi HC appoints former Karnataka HC judge as Basketball Federation of India administrator

- Former judge of the Karnataka High Court, **P Krishna Bhat**, has been appointed by the Delhi High Court as the administrator of the **Basketball Federation of India (BFI)** to conduct elections in the organization.
- The appointment is effective immediately, and the administrator will continue to function until a newly-elected body takes charge of BFI.



Key Points

- Basketball Federation of India Founded: 1950;
- Basketball Federation of India Headquarters: New Delhi.

Neera Tandon, Indian-American, appointed as Domestic Policy Advisor in Biden Administration

- **Neera Tandon**, an Indian-American, was appointed as the **Domestic Policy Advisor** in the Biden administration. This move was made with the presidential election in mind, which is set to take place in 2024.
- Tandon's appointment is historic, as she became the first Asian-American to lead the **White House Advisory Council**.

Ex-NBCUniversal ad chief Linda Yaccarino named as new Twitter CEO

- Ex-NBCUniversal advertising executive **Linda Yaccarino** will take over as **CEO of Twitter**, Elon Musk said. Musk, who runs Tesla and Space X, said a day prior that he plans to transition to a role as executive chairman and chief technology officer.
- The announcement comes months after Musk pledged in December to step down as the head of Twitter as soon as he found someone "foolish enough to take the job." Yaccarino, who stepped down earlier on Friday as the ad sales chief at NBCUniversal, oversaw an international team of about 2,000 employees, according to the NBCUniversal website.



Key Points

- Twitter Parent organization: X Corp;
- Twitter Founders: Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, Noah Glass;
- Twitter Founded: 21 March 2006, San Francisco, California, United States;

Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood appointed next CBI director

- Praveen Sood, the **Director General of Police** in **Karnataka**, has been appointed as the next **director** of the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. The 59-year-old will take on the position for two years after **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal**'s term ends on May 25.
- With an impressive educational background, **Sood** has previously held roles including superintendent of police of Bellary and Raichur districts, commissioner of police of Mysore City, and police advisor to the government of Mauritius.

Manoj Soni to take oath as UPSC chairman

- Educationist **Manoj Soni** will take oath as the chairman of **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**. Soni, who joined the Commission as the member on June 28, 2017, has been performing the duties of the UPSC chairman since April 5, 2022. Prior to his appointment in the UPSC, Soni has served three terms as Vice-Chancellor.
- These include two consecutive terms from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2015 as VC of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), Gujarat; and one term as VC of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (The MSU of Baroda) from April 2005 to April 2008. A scholar of political science with specialisation in international relations studies, he has taught

international relations at Sardar Patel University (SPU), Vallabh Vidyanagar between 1991 and 2016, except for the period when he served as Vice-Chancellor of the two universities.

Duroflex appoints Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador

- The Indian mattress brand, **Duroflex** has appointed former Indian captain, and one of the best batters of the current era, **Virat Kohli** as its brand ambassador. Following this association with the 34-year-old star batter, the company would like to amplify the message of quality sleep to a wider audience.
- This partnership will highlight the mattress brand's unwavering dedication to raising awareness about the connection between getting enough sleep and living a healthier, more happy life.

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

- Air Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit** took over as the **Deputy Chief of the Air Staff**, according to the Minister of Defence. Ashutosh Dixit, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, was Commissioned in the fighter stream on December 6 in 1986.
- Mr Dixit is a qualified flying instructor as well as an experimental test pilot, with over 3,300 hours of flying experience on fighter, trainer and transport aircraft. He participated in operations 'Safed Sagar' and 'Rakshak',



Paytm appoints Bhavesh Gupta as president and COO

- One 97 Communications Ltd, the parent company of **Paytm**, announced the appointment of **Bhavesh Gupta** as the President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the fintech company.
- Previously serving as the Senior Vice President, Gupta will now take on the responsibility of overseeing various verticals within Paytm, including lending, insurance, online and offline payments, consumer payments, and spearheading important initiatives such as user growth, operational risk, fraud risk, and compliance. Gupta will report directly to Paytm's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Vijay Shekhar Sharma.



Key Points

- Paytm Founder: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- Paytm CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma (Dec 2010–);
- Paytm Parent organization: One97 Communications;
- Paytm Founded: August 2010.

GoI appointed Ravneet Kaur as CCI Chairperson

- The government has appointed **RavneetKaur** as the Chairperson of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. There has been no full-time Chairperson for the competition regulator since Ashok Kumar Gupta demitted office in October 2022.
- CCI Member SangeetaVerma has been acting as the Chairperson since October last year. The appointment of RavneetKaur, a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS officer, will be for a period of five years from the date of assuming charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest, as per the order dated May 15. The Chairperson will get a consolidated salary of Rs 4,50,000 per month without house and car.



Indian-Origin Cop Is Highest-Ranking South Asian Woman In New York

- Indian-origin Captain **PratimaBhullar Maldonado** has become the highest-ranking South Asian woman in the **New York Police Department (NYPD)**.
- She was promoted to the rank of Captain last month. Maldonado, 45, was born in Punjab, India, and moved to the United States with her family when she was 9 years old. She joined the NYPD in 1999 and has served in a variety of roles, including patrol officer, detective, and sergeant.

Siddaramaiah to be the next chief minister in Karnataka CM Race

- According to reports, **Siddaramaiah** is set to become the next chief minister of Karnataka, with **DK Shivakumar** as his deputy.
- The decision was reached by the **Congress party**, with both leaders agreeing to a rotational arrangement.
- **Siddaramaiah** will serve as the chief minister for a period of 2.5 years, after which Shivakumar will take over the position.

KV Viswanathan, PrashantMishratotake oath as Supreme Court judges

- **Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra** and senior advocate **KV Viswanathan** will be sworn in as Supreme Court judges, after the Central government cleared the appointment of the advocates.
- Their names were recommended to the Centre by the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) **DY Chandrachud**.

Dr K. Govindaraj Elected As New President of Basketball Federation of India

- **Dr K. Govindaraj** elected as the **President of International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Asia**. He is a Congress MLC. He is also the President of Basketball Federation of India and President of Karnataka Olympic Association. Govindaraj was unanimously nominated to take over as President of FIBA Asia.
- This is the first time that an Indian has been nominated as the President of FIBA Asia. The nomination was ratified at the FIBA Asia Congress making Govindaraj, the first Indian to lead the International Basketball Federation in Asia, which includes 44 countries.

Key Points

- International Basketball Federation Founded: 18 June 1932;
- International Basketball Federation Headquarters: Mies, Switzerland;
- International Basketball Federation President: HamaneNiang.

Suman Sharma 1990 Batch Sworn in as UPSC Member

- **Ms Suman Sharma**, 1990 batch, has taken the oath of Office and Secrecy as a Member of **Union Public Service Commission** and the oath was administered by the Chairman of UPSC, Dr. Manoj Soni.
- Ms.Suman Sharma has served as an officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax), and has had an illustrious career of more than 30 years, has held several important positions and has been closely involved with the subject matters of International Taxation, Transfer Pricing, Export Promotion Schemes, and Power Trading Agreements.

CAG Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected External Auditor of WHO for 4 year term

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been re-elected as the **External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO)** for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.
- The CAG is already holding this position in the WHO since 2019 for a four-year term from 2019 to 2023.
- The election was held yesterday in the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in Geneva. The CAG was re-elected, with an overwhelming majority of 114 out of 156 votes in the first round of voting.



Justice Rao Sworn In As Himachal Pradesh High Court CJ

- Justice **Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao** has officially become the 28th Chief Justice of the **Himachal Pradesh High Court**. In a ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla administered the oath of office to Justice Rao.
- Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was also present at the event. The proceedings of the oath ceremony were conducted by Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, who read out the Warrant of Appointment issued by the President of India in both Hindi and English languages.

Key Points

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla;
- Himachal Pradesh Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter).

Sachin Tendulkar now 'smile ambassador' for Maharashtra govt

- The Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party government named cricket great **Sachin Tendulkar** as Maharashtra's '**Smile Ambassador**' under the state's '**Swachh Mukh Abhiyan**' to spread awareness about oral health and hygiene across the state.



- The batting legend will be the face of the state medical education and drug department's SwachhMukhAbhiyan (SMA) and has offered his association free of cost, and for the entire duration the government wishes to run the programme.

Praveen Kumar Srivastava Sworn In as Central Vigilance Commissioner

- Praveen Kumar Srivastava, a retired 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been officially sworn in as the **Central Vigilance Commissioner**. The ceremony took place at RashtrapatiBhavan, where President DroupadiMurmu administered the oath of office to Srivastava.
- He had been serving as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner since December, following the completion of Suresh N Patel's tenure as the chief of the probity watchdog.



Honours/ Awards

Russian poet Maria Stepanova wins Leipzig Book Prize 2023

- **Maria Stepanova**, a renowned Russian writer currently residing in Berlin, has been awarded the **Leipzig Book Prize** for European Understanding in 2023. Her novel, **In Memory of Memory**, which delves into the themes of Stalinism and the collapse of the Soviet Union, earned her a nomination for the Booker Prize in 2021.
- However, it was her volume of poetry, *Girls Without Clothes*, that earned her the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize. This collection of poetry sensitively explores the often concealed violence against women and the power dynamics that fuel this oppression in a highly poetic manner.



Socialist Pandit Ramkishan Becomes Man Of The Century At 97

- Former Lok Sabha MP **Pandit Ramkishan** was recently awarded the title of **“Shatabdi Purush” (Man of the Century)** in New Delhi in recognition of his contributions as a socialist leader. The honor was bestowed on him during the birth centenary celebrations of Madhu Limaye, a renowned socialist ideologue and parliamentarian.
- Ramkishan is considered the most senior and iconic figure in Indian socialism and has been recognized as the “Socialist Shatabdi Purush”. The event was attended by senior politicians including former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechuri, INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala and JDU leader KC Tyagi.



Three imprisoned Iranian female journalists win top UN prize

- On May 3, UNESCO marked World Press Freedom Day by awarding its annual World Press Freedom Prize to three imprisoned Iranian female journalists.
- The winners, **Niloufar Hamed**, **Elaheh Mohammadi**, and **Narges Mohammadi**, were recognized for their work in reporting on human rights abuses in **Iran** and their commitment to truth and accountability.



Michael Douglas to Receive Honorary Palme d'Or at Cannes

- The Cannes Film Festival will honor **Michael Douglas** with an honorary **Palme d'Or** for his outstanding career and contributions to cinema.
- The 78-year-old actor will be celebrated during the festival's opening ceremony on May 16. Douglas has had a diverse career, starring in numerous acclaimed films like *The China Syndrome*, *Basic Instinct*, *Falling Down*, and *Behind the Candelabra*, all of which have previously been shown at Cannes.



Geoffrey Emmanuel first Indian to compete in FIM JuniorGP

- **Geoffrey Emmanuel** will become the first Indian to participate in the **FIM World JuniorGP World Championship**.
- Geoffrey, son of seven-time National Champion Emmanuel Jebaraj, 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.



President of India SmtDroupadiMurmu confers 37 Gallantry awards

- On May 09, 2023, the Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) was held in New Delhi, during which the President of India, **SmtDroupadiMurmu**, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, awarded **8 Kirti Chakras and 29 Shaurya Chakras to personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and State/Union Territory Police. Five of the Kirti Chakras and five of the Shaurya Chakras were awarded posthumously.**
- The gallantry awards were presented to individuals who demonstrated outstanding bravery, unwavering courage, and exceptional devotion to their duties. The names of the awardees were listed in the order in which they were presented with their respective awards.

Pulitzer Prizes 2023 Announced

- The **2023 Pulitzer Prize** winners were announced, with four of the 16 awards for journalism across 15 categories going to local outlets reporting on corruption among local officials.
- The Pulitzers are regarded as the highest honor that a U.S.-based journalist or organization can receive.
- The awards were announced by **Marjorie Miller**, the administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes. There are 22 Pulitzer categories. In 21 of those categories the winners receive a **\$15,000 cash award** and a certificate.



CM Yogi Adityanath honoured Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award

- Former President of India, **Ram NathKovind**, presented the **Bharat RatnaDr.Ambedkar Award** to Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** for his efforts in creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh.
- The award ceremony took place at the ShriShanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai, where Dr.Lalji Prasad Nirmal, a member of the UP legislative council, received the award on behalf of the Chief Minister.
- The event was organized by the Buddhanjali Research Foundation and was attended by RamnathKovind as the chief guest. This was the 13th edition of the award ceremony.



Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran Conferred With 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 strengthen the trade relationship between India and France.
- French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna gave the award to Chandrasekaran on behalf of the French President.

Narendra Modi conferred with Papua New Guinea and Fiji's highest honour

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** received the highest honours of **Papua New Guinea** and **Fiji**, an unprecedented acknowledgement of a non-resident in the two Pacific island nations.
- During his maiden visit to **Papua New Guinea**, Modi hosted a significant summit between India and 14 Pacific island countries to bolster bilateral ties.
- Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir Bob Dadae, awarded Modi with the Grand Companion of the **Order of Logohu (GCL)**, which is the country's highest civilian award.

Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov wins International Booker Prize for 'Time Shelter'

- Georgi Gospodinov's captivating novel, "Time Shelter," translated by Angela Rodel, has secured the prestigious **2023 International Booker Prize**.
- This remarkable achievement marks the first time a Bulgarian novel has been awarded this renowned **literary honor**.

Indian Peacekeepers Honoured Posthumously with Dag Hammarskjold

- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador **Ruchira Kamboj**, received the Dag Hammarskjold Medals on behalf of Head Constables Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi.
- The **Dag Hammarskjold Medal** is the highest honor awarded to UN peacekeepers. It is awarded posthumously to members of peacekeeping operations as a tribute to the sacrifice of those who have lost their lives in peacekeeping operations.
- The ceremony took place at the UN headquarters in New York to commemorate the **International Day of UN Peacekeepers**. The medal is named after the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold.



Cannes Film Festival 2023 awardee's list

- The **2023 Cannes Film Festival** has come to a close, with the **76th annual celebration of cinema** awarding the coveted Palme d'Or to **Justine Triet's** crime drama Anatomy of a Fall.
- French director Justine Triet became the third female director to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or for her film Anatomy of a Fall,



beating out 20 other films in competition for the top prize at Cannes Film Festival 2023.

Goan writer DamodarMauzo gets 57th Jnanpith Award

- **DamodarMauzo**, a Goan short story writer, novelist, critic, and scriptwriter in Konkani, has been awarded the **57th Jnanpith Award**, India's highest literary honor. Mauzo is the second Goan to receive the award, after RavindraKelekar in 2008.
- Mauzo's 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English. Many of his books have also been translated in different languages.
- Mauzo's famous novel 'Karmelin' received the SahityaAkademi Award in 1983. Renowned poet Gulzar was present during the function held at the Raj Bhavan near Goa capital Panaji.



IIFA Awards 2023 Announced: Check The Complete List Of Winners

- The **23rd season** of the **International Indian Film Academy Awards**, also known as IIFA, has made its return. Produced by Wizcraft International Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., this annual award ceremony recognizes outstanding contributions in the Bollywood film industry, including films, stars, filmmakers, and technicians.
- Since its establishment in 2000, the IIFA awards have been held in different countries worldwide. The inaugural ceremony took place on June 24, 2000, at the Millennium Dome in London, and the 22nd edition was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.



Sports

The World's 10 Highest-Paid Athletes 2023 by Forbes

- International soccer stars **Cristiano Ronaldo** (\$136 million), **Lionel Messi** (\$130 million) and **Kylian Mbappe** (\$120 million) are the top three highest-paid athletes.
- Ronaldo** leads the way with an estimated haul of \$136 million, including \$46 million from his playing salary and bonuses and \$90 million from endorsements, appearances, licensing income and other business endeavors.
- Mbappé**, who at age 24 comes in at No. 3 with \$120 million, and Johnson, who lands at No. 6 with \$107 million, make eye-popping debuts in the top ten.



Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty end India's 52-year wait for men's doubles medal in Badminton Asia Championships

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** made history on April 30, becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the **Badminton Asia Championships**.
- The Indian pair defeated the Malaysian duo of Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi in a thrilling three-game match that lasted for over an hour.



TT star and three-time Olympic medalist Kasumi Ishikawa announces retirement

- Japanese table tennis star **Kasumi Ishikawa**, who won three women's team medals at three consecutive Olympic Games, announced her retirement.
- Ishikawa, who won five national women's singles championships, was a key figure when the Japanese women's team won the silver medal, the country's first Olympic table tennis medal, at London 2012. She went on to help Japan win the women's bronze medal in Rio 2016 and silver again in Tokyo 2020.



Abhilash Tomy completes the Golden Globe Race, finishing second

- Indian sailor Commander **Abhilash Tomy** (retd.) will finally set foot on land, 236 days after setting sail in the **Golden Globe Race (GGR)**, a solo non-stop yacht race around the world.
- The retired Naval Commander, who is also a recipient of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, had on March 22, 2022, declared his participation in the Golden Globe Race 2022, one of the most dangerous and craziest of endeavours. The GGR began on September 4, 2022.

Dubai becomes the host for the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League

- Global Chess League (GCL)**, a joint venture between FIDE and Tech Mahindra, announced **Dubai** as the venue for the inaugural edition.



- In the presence of key dignitaries such as Dr.AmanPuri, Consul General of India, Dubai, ViswanathanAnand, five-time world chess champion, and Deputy President, FIDE, CP Gurnani, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Tech Mahindra, Parag Shah, EVP & Head, Mahindra Accelo and Member, Global Chess League Board, and JagdishMitra, Chairperson, Global Chess League Board, in the Gulf city.

Neeraj Chopra secures victory with 88.67 m throw at Diamond League 2023

- Olympic gold medal winner **Neeraj Chopra** has secured victory with **88.67 m throw** at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- Chopra's first throw was 88.67 which was a great way to start the new season. His first throw was enough to seal the victory for him but he still tried to push ahead.

Mark Nicholas set to become the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

- **Mark Nicholas**, a former England cricketer and well-known commentator, has been chosen as the next president of the **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**. He will take over from the current president, Stephen Fry, and begin his duties in October of this year.
- The announcement of his appointment was made during the MCC's Annual General Meeting.

Babar Azam becomes fastest to 5,000 ODI runs

- **Babar Azam**, the captain of the **Pakistan cricket team**, has set a new record by becoming the fastest player to score **5000 runs** in One Day International (ODI) cricket. He achieved this feat in 97 innings, breaking the previous record set by South Africa's **HashimAmla**, who reached the 5000 run mark in 101 innings.

Anurag Thakur Launches Logo, Mascot, Torch, Anthem & Jersey of Khelo India University Games 2022

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **ShriAnurag Singh Thakur** launched the official logo, mascot, torch, anthem, and jersey of the **Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022** on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow.
- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh **Shri Yogi Adityanath** was also present at the occasion. Addressing the gathering, **Shri Yogi Adityanath** welcomed all participating athletes, coaches, officials, and support staff to the **3rd Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022**.
- The mascot, **Jitu**, represents **the Barasingha**, an incredible mammal that embodies the spirit of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh.



Madrid Open 2023: Carlos Alcaraz successfully defended Madrid Open trophy

- **Carlos Alcaraz** has successfully defended his **Madrid Open** tennis trophy by beating a very good Jann-LennardStruff in three sets 6-4 3-6 6-3.
- The victory in just over an hour took the 19-year-old's winning streak to 10 matches and gave him a second consecutive title after victory last month in Barcelona.
- Alcaraz beat Rafael Nadal and world No. 1 Novak Djokovic on his way to the Madrid final a first in a clay court tournament and will climb to No. 6 in the world.



Max Verstappen wins the Miami Grand Prix 2023

- World champion **Max Verstappen** powered from ninth on the grid to beat Red Bull team-mate **Sergio Perez** and win the **Miami Grand Prix 2023**. The victory extends Verstappen's lead at the top of the standings and follows his triumph in the inaugural Miami race last year.
- Aston Martin's Spanish veteran Fernando Alonso took third for his fourth podium in five races this season as he continues to enjoy his late career revival. Charles Leclerc, who crashed late in qualifying and started seventh on the grid, finished in seventh place with Frenchman Pierre Gasly of Alpine in eighth.



Argentina's Lionel Messi wins Laureus sportsman of the year 2023

- Lionel Messi**, who led Argentina to victory in the 2022 World Cup as their captain, was honored with the **Laureus Sportsman of the Year award** at a ceremony held in Paris.
- In addition to that, Messi accepted the World Team of the Year award on behalf of the Argentina men's football team, who won the championship in Qatar.
- Messi also became the first athlete to scoop both the World Sportsman of the Year Award and the World Team of the Year Award in the same year.



Rajasthan Royals' Yashasvi Jaiswal scores fastest IPL 50 in 13 balls

- Yashasvi Jaiswal**, a player for the **Rajasthan Royals**, has been performing exceptionally well in the IPL 2023. During a match against the Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens, he set a new record by scoring the fastest 50 in IPL history, achieving this feat in just 13 balls.
- This surpassed the previous record held by KL Rahul and Pat Cummins, who both reached 50 in 14 balls while playing for Kings XI Punjab and Kolkata Knight Riders, respectively.
- Although Jaiswal's 13-ball 50 is the quickest in IPL history, it ranks as the second-fastest 50 in the T20 format. The record for the fastest 50 in T20s is held by former Indian batsman **Yuvraj Singh**, who achieved it in 12 balls against England in 2007.



FC Barcelona lifts 27th La Liga Title, First La Liga since 2019

- Football Club Barcelona (FC Barcelona)** has become the champions of Spain for the 27th time in the club's 123-year history, securing their first title since 2019. They achieved this feat by winning against local rivals **Espanyol** with a score of 4-2, which helped them to move 14 points ahead of **Real Madrid**, who are in second place.



- This win was accomplished with goals from **Robert Lewandowski, Alex Balde, and Jules Kounde**, and within just 53 minutes, Barcelona had taken a commanding 4-0 lead at the **RCDE Stadium**.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Official Brand Unveiled

- **The FIFA World Cup™ Trophy**, which is widely regarded as the most prestigious and recognized sporting symbol worldwide, has been revealed as a prominent feature of the official brand for the **FIFA World Cup 2026**.
- In a groundbreaking move, the brand incorporates an image of the actual trophy along with the specific year of the tournament, resulting in an innovative design concept that forms the foundation of the FIFA World Cup™ emblem for the 2026 edition and future events.
- This combination of the trophy and the hosting year allows for customization to showcase the distinctiveness of each host country while establishing a consistent and recognizable brand structure for the years ahead.

Key Points:

- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino.

Italian Open 2023: Daniil Medvedev Triumphs

- **Daniil Medvedev** defeated **Holger Rune** 7-5, 7-5 in the final of the 2023 Italian Open. Medvedev, the world No. 2, won his first clay-court title and sixth ATP Masters 1000 crown.
- Rune, the world No. 10, was playing in his first Masters 1000 final. In women's Singles, **Elena Rybakina** defeated **Anhelina Kalinina** 6-4, 1-0 (retired) in the final of the 2023 Italian Open. The match was delayed by rain for over four hours, and Kalinina was forced to retire after sustaining a left thigh injury while trailing 6-4, 1-0.



Neeraj Chopra becomes World No.1 in men's javelin rankings

- Tokyo Olympic gold medallist **Neeraj Chopra** has claimed number one ranking in men's javelin for the first time. Neeraj Chopra has topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Grenada's Anderson Peters.
- On 30 August, 2022, the Indian javelin throw ace rose to World No. 2, but was stuck behind Peters, the reigning world champion, since then.

Adidas named new India cricket team kit sponsor

- **The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** announced that **Adidas** will be the new kit sponsor of the Indian team.
- Adidas will replace KewalKiran Clothing Ltd, maker of Killer Jeans, which came in as interim sponsor after the then-sponsor Mobile Premier League Sports (MPL Sports) pulled out of the deal midway.

Third Edition of Khelo India Games Kicks Off in Uttar Pradesh

- The highly anticipated third edition of the **Khelo India University Games (KIUG)** has commenced in **Uttar Pradesh**, marking a significant milestone in the state's sporting endeavors.
- With over 4,000 athletes and officials from 207 universities across the country participating in 21 disciplines, the event is set to span 12 action-packed days. While the majority of events will take place in five cities of Uttar Pradesh, the shooting competitions will be held in New Delhi.

AmbatiRayudu Announces IPL Retirement Ahead of CSK vs GT Finals

- **AmbatiRayudu**, the Chennai Super Kings' star batter, announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League, confirming that the final of the 2023 edition against Gujarat Titans will be his last match in the tournament.
- AmbatiRayudu has been part of the Chennai Super Kings since 2018, and won two titles with the franchise; he had begun his **IPL career** with Mumbai Indians in 2010.

Max Verstappen wins Monaco Grand Prix 2023

- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** won the **2023 Monaco Grand Prix**, leading all 78 laps from pole position. The victory was Verstappen's fourth of the season and extended his lead in the Drivers' Championship to 39 points.
- The race was held in wet conditions, and Verstappen made the most of it, starting well and pulling away from the rest of the field. He never looked back, and cruised to victory. Fernando Alonso finished second, with Esteban Ocon in third. Charles Leclerc retired from the race after a collision with Carlos Sainz.



IPL 2023 final: Chennai Super Kings Beats Gujarat Titans

- **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** clinched their fifth **Indian Premier League (IPL) title**, equaling a record with **Mumbai Indians**. They secured a five-wicket victory over the Gujarat Titans (GT) amidst a backdrop of fireworks and jubilant celebrations.
- CSK's captain, Dhoni, received the IPL trophy and subsequently handed it over to Rayudu and Jadeja.
- Opting to bat first, the Gujarat Titans managed to score 214 for four, with B SaiSudharsan playing an outstanding innings of 96 runs off 47 balls. However, due to the rain interruption, CSK's target was adjusted to 171 runs to be chased in 15 overs.



Obituaries

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Arun Gandhi passes away at 89

- Mahatma Gandhi's grandson **Arun Gandhi** passed away at Kolhapur in Maharashtra. Born to Manilal Gandhi and Sushila Mashruwala in Durban on April 14, 1934, Arun Gandhi followed in the footsteps of his grandfather as an activist.
- Arun Gandhi is an Indian-American activist, speaker, and writer who is known for his work in promoting nonviolence and social justice.

Noted historian Ranajit Guha passes away at 100

- Noted historian **Ranjit Guha** has passed away. He was 100 years old, died at his residence in Austria. Born on May 23, 1923 at Barisal in present-day Bangladesh, Guha's family later shifted to Kolkata. He had studied in a school in the city and completed his post-graduation in History from Calcutta University.
- Guha retired from the Australian National University in 1988 after being previously associated with other renowned institutions. One of his well-known books is 'Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India'.

Tori Bowie, Olympic medal-winning US sprinter and former world champion, passes away at 32

- Former 100m world champion sprinter from the United States of America, **Tori Bowie**, died at the age of 32. The American was crowned world champion in 2017 and won three Olympic medals at the Rio Games in 2016.
- She won the Olympic Gold with the USA relay team at the Rio Olympics in 2016. Tori was born and brought up in Mississippi where she played basketball as a child before taking up track events.



Mexico football legend Antonio Carbajal passes away 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 was a key member of the Mexico team that reached the quarterfinals of the 1958 World Cup.
- He is best known for his record-setting five appearances at the FIFA World Cup, a feat replicated by only two other men since (as of 2018): Germany's Lothar Matthäus in 1998 and Rafael Márquez of Mexico in 2018.

Hinduja Group chairman SP Hinduja passes away at 87

- **Srichand Parmanand Hinduja**, the eldest of the four Hinduja brothers and chairman of Hinduja Group, died in London. He was unwell for some time. He was 87. They grew their family business, which includes commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland and private bank IndusInd, to several businesses across 38 countries, in sectors such as oil lubricants, chemicals, energy and IT.



- The group employs more than 200,000 people. A guide for more than two decades, Kami Rita Sherpa first summited the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) peak in 1994 when working for a commercial expedition. Since then, he has climbed Everest almost every year, several times leading the first rope-fixing team to open the route to the world's highest point.

Legendary Singer Tina Turner 'Queen of Rock' Dies Aged 83

- **Tina Turner**, the 'Queen of Rock'n'Roll' has passed away at the age of 83 after a long illness in her home in Kusnacht near Zurich, Switzerland.
- The singer, Tina Turner, rose to prominence after performing with her husband Ike Turner in the 1960s before overcoming his violent, abusive behavior to go on to become a chart-topping solo artist.
- Turner earned fans all over the world for her riveting live performances, and was best known for songs such as "Private Dancer", "The Best", "What's Love Got to Do With It" and "Proud Mary". Turner was diagnosed with intestinal cancer in 2016 and received a kidney transplant in 2017.

Important Days with theme

Why 1st May Celebrated as Gujarat Day 2023? History and Significance

- The first of May, commonly known as May Day or International Labour Day, is a significant date in Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- The Bombay Reorganization Act, which was passed on this day in 1960, created both states. It stands for the Gujarati people's history and culture. On this day, a number of events are planned to honour the celebrations.

Maharashtra Day 2023: History and Significance

- **Maharashtra Day** is celebrated on May 1st every year to commemorate the creation of the state of Maharashtra after the **Bombay Reorganization Act of 1960** was enacted.
- The law came into effect on May 1st, 1960, and thus this day is significant in the history of the state.

Labour Day 2023: Know Date, History And Significance

- May 1st is a globally recognized holiday that acknowledges the accomplishments of the labour movement. It is commonly referred to as **International Worker's Day** or **May Day**, and is commemorated with a public holiday across more than 80 countries.
- The celebration, known as Labour Day in several nations, honors the contributions of working individuals to society, emphasizing the importance of work and the strides made by the labour movement.

World Press Freedom Day 2023 observed on 3rd May

- Every year on **May 3**, we observe **World Press Freedom Day** to increase understanding about the significance of a press that is free and not influenced by external forces.
- The occasion emphasizes the importance of unrestricted journalism and advocates for the fundamental right of freedom of speech.
- This year's World Press Freedom Day focuses on the theme of **"Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights,"** which emphasizes the critical role of freedom of expression in safeguarding and promoting other human rights.



World Asthma Day 2023 observed on 2nd May

- **World Asthma Day** is a yearly event that takes place on the **first Tuesday of May**. Its aim is to increase awareness and encourage better management and care of asthma on a global scale.
- The day is coordinated by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in partnership with healthcare providers, patient groups, and public health agencies. In 2023, World Asthma Day observed on May 2.
- The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated **"Asthma Care for All"** as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day.



International Firefighters' Day 2023 observed on 04th May

- **International Firefighters Day** is a day dedicated to recognizing and honouring the brave individuals who put their lives on the line every day to save others.
- These firefighters demonstrate courage, strength, and selflessness as they work tirelessly to protect their communities, often putting themselves in harm's way.
- **On May 4th each year**, we have the opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for their unwavering commitment to keeping us safe from fires and other hazards.

World Athletics Day 2023 observed on 7th May

- **World Athletics Day**, established by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is celebrated on **May 7th each year**. The aim of this day is to promote sports and exercise as a means of preventing diseases and maintaining good health.
- The focus is on encouraging people to participate in athletics and other fitness activities to keep themselves healthy.

World Red Cross Day 2023 observed on 8th May

- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day** is celebrated annually on **May 8th** to honor the birth anniversary of **Henry Dunant**, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide humanitarian network that operates in almost every country across the globe.
- The network offers aid and support to people in need during various emergencies, conflicts, disasters, and other crises. The movement strives to alleviate human suffering, safeguard human dignity, and promote health, peace, and overall well-being. The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is **“Everything we do comes from the heart.”**
- International Committee of the Red Cross Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.



National Technology Day 2023 Observed on 11th May

- Every year on **May 11th**, India observes **National Technology Day** to recognize and honor the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of its scientists, engineers, and technologists in the development of the country.
- This day holds great cultural and historical importance, underscoring India's dedication to innovation and its quest for technological progress. This year's theme is **'School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate'**.

International Nurses Day 2023 Observed on 12th May

- **International Nurses Day** is observed on the **12th of May** every year to commemorate the birth of **Florence Nightingale**, the founder of modern nursing, who was born on **May 12, 1820**.
- Nightingale was a British nurse, statistician, and social reformer who laid the foundation for what we see as modern nursing – a structured, methodical process of nursing the sick back to health. International Nurses Day is a Global celebration that acknowledges and celebrates the commitment and bravery of nurses around the world.

International Day of Families 2023 observed on 15 May

- **International Day of Families** is celebrated on **May 15** to raise awareness of the importance of families and their role in society. The day focuses on the important role that families play in our society while also highlighting the issues faced by them. The International Day of Families is a global observance that is celebrated by countries around the world.
- In the United States, the day is celebrated by a variety of organizations, including the National Council on Family Relations, the Family Resource Coalition of America, and the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association. International Day of Families has been observed annually, with a different theme each year. The theme of International Day of Families 2023 is **‘Demographic Trends and Families’**.



World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 observed on 17 May

- **World Telecommunication Day**, now called World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, is observed on **May 17** under the auspices of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- This occasion serves to emphasize the influence of the Internet and various communication technologies on global communities. Numerous regions worldwide continue to encounter obstacles concerning connectivity, and the ITU endeavors to narrow this divide.
- The theme for this year’s World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is **“Enabling the least developed nations through information and communication technologies.”** The event will take place at the International Telecommunication Union headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland.



World Hypertension Day 2023 observed on 17th May

- **World Hypertension Day 2023:** World Hypertension Day in 2023 was observed on **May 17th**. This annual event aims to raise awareness about hypertension, its causes, and the importance of prevention and management.
- It serves as a platform to educate the public about the risks associated with high blood pressure and to promote healthy lifestyle choices, regular physical activity, and proper medical care to prevent and control hypertension. This year’s theme is **‘Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.’**



International Museum Day 2023 Observed on 18th May

- **International Museum Day**, observed on **Thursday, May 18, 2023**, serves the purpose of increasing recognition for the vital role that museums play in fostering cultural exchange, enhancing diverse cultures, and fostering mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among different communities.
- This day, as stated by the International Council of Museums, aims to raise awareness about the significance of museums as valuable platforms for promoting global



harmony and development. The theme for the 2023 International Museum Day is “**Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being.**”

International Tea Day 2023 celebrates on 21st May

- **International Tea Day** is an annual observance on **May 21st** to celebrate the long history and cultural significance of tea around the world.
- The day also aims to raise awareness of the importance of tea in fighting hunger and poverty, as well as the sustainable production and consumption of tea.

Key Points:

- Food and Agriculture Organisation Director-General: QuDongyu;
- Food and Agriculture Organisation Headquarters: Rome, Italy;
- Food and Agriculture Organisation Founded: 16 October 1945.



World Metrology Day 2023 is celebrated on 20 May

- To commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the **Metre Convention in 1875**, **Metrology Day** is celebrated on **20 May each year**.
- Metre Convention was an international treaty signed in Paris which established the basis for international agreement on units of measurement.
- The World Metrology Day project is an idea jointly by the BIPM and the OIML. The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is **Measurements supporting the global food system**.

India observes the National Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21

- India observes the **National Anti-Terrorism Day** on **May 21** every year. The day is observed to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi**, who was assassinated on this day in 1991.
- The day is also observed to spread awareness about the dangers of terrorism and to reaffirm India's commitment to combating terrorism.

Indian Commonwealth Day 2023 observed on 24th May

- **Commonwealth Day** is a worldwide celebration that takes place every year on **March 13**, although India and certain other countries mark it on **May 24**. The theme for this year's Commonwealth Day is “**Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future.**”
- Commonly known as Empire Day, the occasion aims to bring together 2.5 billion citizens of the Commonwealth to recognize their shared values and principles. It also emphasizes the importance of working together towards a sustainable and peaceful future for all.



India Observes Jawaharlal Nehru's 59th Death Anniversary

- This year marks the **59th death anniversary** of the former Prime Minister of India, **Jawaharlal Nehru**. Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Prime Minister of India after Independence and played a significant role in the freedom struggle of India.
- On the 59th Death Anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the legendary leader of India. PM Modi took this thought to Twitter and expressed his tribute.

World No Tobacco Day 2023 observed on 31st May

- **World No Tobacco Day** is an annual event held on **May 31**, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote awareness about the detrimental consequences of tobacco usage and advocate for policies aimed at reducing tobacco consumption.
- The primary goal of this initiative is to educate the public about the health hazards associated with tobacco use, encompassing both smoking and smokeless tobacco products.
- It emphasizes the significance of quitting tobacco and urges governments, organizations, and individuals to actively combat tobacco use. This year the theme for World No Tobacco Day is **“We need food, not tobacco”**.

