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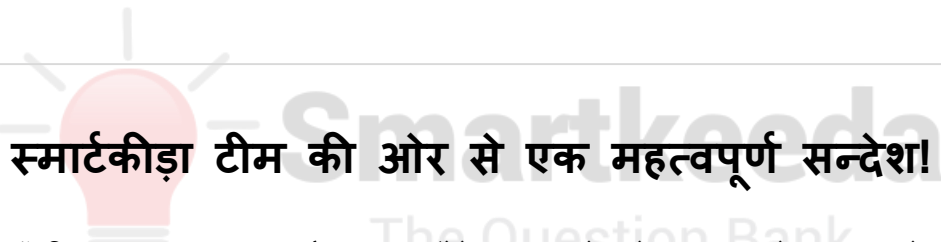
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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा

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## **National & States Affairs**

**1.** On May 1, The government has set a target to raise Foodgrain Production by 2% and to buy 42.74 MT for the central pool during 2021-22. The target of total food grains production for 2021-22 is set at a record 307.31 million tonne (MT), comprising 151.43 MT in Kharif season and 155.88 MT during Rabi. For 2021-22, the target for rice production has been fixed at 121.1 MT, wheat at 110 MT, pulses at 25MT, coarse cereals at 51.21 MT and oilseeds at 37.5MT. As per Economic Survey 2020-21, Agriculture's share in GDP has increased to 19.9% in 2020-21 compared to 17.8% in 2019-20. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Government's target during 2021-22: To raise Foodgrain Production by 2% | To buy 42.74 MT for central pool
- Total food grains production target for 2021-22: 307.31 million tonne (Rice – 121.1 MT & Wheat – 110 MT)
- Agriculture's share in GDP in 2020-21 – increased to 19.9%

**2.** On May 1, French company Alstom has successfully manufactured and delivered the 100<sup>th</sup> electric locomotive to the Indian Railways. As part of the largest FDI project of the railways, the Ministry of Railways and Alstom had signed a contract worth 350 Cr euros (Rs 25,000 Cr) in 2015. The locomotives were manufactured at Madhepura, Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Alstom ([France](#)) – manufactured & delivered the 100<sup>th</sup> electric locomotive to the Indian Railways
- The locomotives were manufactured at – Madhepura, Bihar
- [HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Suneet Sharma](#)

**3.** Maharashtra has decided to appoint 'Oxygen Nurses' to curb wastage of oxygen and to maintain data of oxygen storage at hospitals. Earlier, one nurse was attending to 45-50 patients but in future one oxygen nurse will attend to 15 - 20 patients. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Maharashtra – to appoint 'Oxygen Nurses' to curb wastage of oxygen at hospitals
- [Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

**4.** The Tamil Nadu government has launched a Unified Command Centre for COVID-19 management in all districts. The government also launched a Twitter handle, @104\_GoTN, for the benefit of people seeking beds for COVID-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Tamil Nadu – launched a Unified Command Centre for COVID-19 management
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)

**5.** On May 1, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that the government has set a target of road construction of worth ₹15 lakh Cr in next 2 years. Ministry for Road Transport and Highways will achieve the target of 40 km per day of highways construction in the current fiscal. He also announced that the Government is permitting 100% FDI in the road sector. India's National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) project is targeted to be completed by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government has set a target of road construction of worth ₹15 lakh Cr in next 2 years
- Road Transport Ministry has set a target to achieve 40 km per day of highways construction
- Government is permitting 100% FDI in the Road Sector

**6.** On May 1, Finance Ministry has cut the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on import of Oxygen Concentrators for personal use to 12% from 28%. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) announced this decision on Twitter. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Finance Ministry cut the IGST on import of Oxygen Concentrators for personal use to 12% (from 28%)
- [HQs of CBIC – New Delhi | Chairperson – M. Ajit Kumar | Founded in – 1964](#)

**7.** The SEBI has imposed a total fine of Rs 1.75 Cr on several entities for indulging in fraudulent trading in the scrip of Vakrangee Ltd. The entities have violated Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices norms. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – imposed a total fine of Rs 1.75 Cr on several entities in Vakrangee case
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)
- [HQs of Vakrangee Ltd – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Mr. Dinesh Nandwana](#)

**8.** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at IIT Madras, conceived by former alumni and built in just 5 days. City based TVASTA Manufacturing Solutions built it on a concept using 'Concrete 3D Printing' by former IIT-M students. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nirmala Sitharaman – inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at IIT Madras, Tamil Nadu (built in just 5 days)

**9.** The first-ever Electric Tractor in India has been tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (CFMTTI) in Budni (or Budhni), Madhya Pradesh. CFMTTI obtained the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories Certificate of Accreditation for Central Motor Vehicles Rules Test Laboratory on March 30. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The first-ever Electric Tractor in India is tested – at the CFMTTI, in Budni, Madhya Pradesh
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

**10.** On May 1, Mahindra Logistics has launched "Oxygen on Wheels" initiative to bridge the gap between oxygen production and its transportation in India, especially in Maharashtra, amidst the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra posted a series of tweets about the initiative. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Anand Mahindra – launched “Oxygen on Wheels” initiative to tackle COVID-19 Crisis in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of Mahindra Logistics – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Rampraveen Swaminathan

**11.** The Civil Aviation Ministry has granted conditional exemption to the Telangana government from the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021, for conducting experimental delivery of vaccines using drones within the visual line of sight range. This exemption will be valid for a period of one year or until further orders. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Civil Aviation Ministry – permitted Telangana government to use drones for vaccine delivery
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

**12.** Uttarakhand has suspended “Char Dham Yatra” in wake of rising Covid-19 cases. The portals of Yamunotri are scheduled to open on May 14, followed by Gangotri on May 15, Kedarnath on May 17 and Badrinath on May 18. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – suspended “Char Dham Yatra” in wake of rising Covid-19 cases
- Chota Char Dham circuit consists of: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath & Badrinath
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Tirath Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**13.** On May 4, Education Minister of Tripura Ratan Lal Nath has launched “Auro Scholarship Programme” of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of the state. The Programme provides the monthly micro-scholarship to the students in order to motivate them towards achieving better learning outcomes once students achieve benchmark performance in 10-min curriculum aligned Quizzes conducted on Auro Scholar App. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tripura – launched “Auro Scholarship Programme” of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

**14.** The Andhra Pradesh Government has selected Essar Steel Limited as the strategic partner for developing a high-grade steel plant under a joint venture in the Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. The Capital Expenditure of the Project will be Rs 11,606 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – selected Essar Steel Ltd as the strategic partner for ‘Kadapa Steel Plant’ (Cost – Rs 11,606)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



# International Affairs

**15.** An armed ethnic group in Myanmar known as the Karen National Liberation Army - an armed wing of Karen National Union (KNU), has seized a military outpost near the Thai border. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Karen National Liberation Army ([ethnic group in Myanmar](#)) – seized a military outpost near the Thai border
- [Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat | President – Win Myint](#)

**16.** Germany has decided to return the artifacts known as the “Benin Bronzes” to Nigeria. Thousands of plaques and sculptures were looted from the ancient Kingdom of Benin (now southern Nigeria) by British soldiers in an 1897. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Germany – to return the artifacts known as the “Benin Bronzes” to Nigeria (looted by British soldiers in an 1897)
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)
- [Nigeria – Abuja – Naira | President – Muhammadu Buhar](#)

**17.** On May 1, Tonnes of dead fish have washed up on the banks of Qaraoun lake on Lebanon’s longest river, the Litani due to polluted waters. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Tonnes of dead fish washed up on the banks of Qaraoun lake on Litani river ([Lebanon](#))
- [Lebanon – Beirut – Lebanese Pound | PM – Saad al-Hariri](#)

**18.** On May 3, Turkey has added cryptocurrency trading platforms to the list of firms covered by anti-money laundering and terrorism financing regulation. Last month Turkey's central bank banned the use of cryptoassets for payments. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Turkey – added cryptocurrency trading platforms to money laundering and terror financing rules
- [Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#)

**19.** On May 4, The Serum Institute of India (SII) will invest GBP 240 million in the UK to expand its vaccine business and set up a new sales office creating a large number of jobs. Downing Street has announced this as part of plans for a GBP 1 billion India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership creating around 6,500 jobs in Britain. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- SII will invest GBP 240 million in the UK to expand its vaccine business
- [HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla](#)



**20.** On May 4, The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has officially declared the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ebola outbreak. Since the outbreak declared on February 7, 2021, a total of 12 cases have been reported, including six deaths in the province. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Democratic Republic of the Congo – officially declared the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ebola outbreak
- [Democratic Republic of the Congo – Kinshasa – Congolese franc | President – Felix Tshisekedi](#)

**21.** On May 1, Ethiopia has added two armed groups to its “terror list”, including the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) and Oromo Liberation Front-Shene (OLF-Shene). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ethiopia – designated TPLF & OLF-Shene as ‘terror’ groups
- [Ethiopia – Addis Ababa – Ethiopian birr | President – Sahle-Work Zewde](#)

**22.** On May 1, The United States has placed India and 8 other countries on the ‘Priority Watch List’ for IP protection and enforcement in its “Special 301 Report”. The other countries that have been put on the list are Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Venezuela. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US – placed India & 8 other countries on the ‘Priority Watch List’ for IP protection in its “Special 301 Report”
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris](#)



## **Banking & Economic Affairs**

**23.** The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹40 lakh on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank, Shimla, for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions issued by NABARD contained in “Review of Frauds - Guidelines on Monitoring and Reporting System”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – imposed a penalty of ₹40 lakh on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank ([Shimla](#))
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25<sup>th</sup>\) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935](#)
- [HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu](#)

**24.** On May 1, The SEBI has issued a circular mandating alignment of the interest of key employees of Asset Management Companies (AMCs) with the unit-holders of the mutual fund schemes. As per the circular, minimum 20% of the salary/ perks/ bonus/ non-cash compensation (gross annual CTC) net of income tax of the key employees of the AMCs shall be paid in the form of units of mutual fund schemes. These units will be locked in for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – mandated all key employees of AMCs to contribute minimum 20% of their salary in Mutual Funds Schemes
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)



**25.** Gemini, a cryptocurrency platform, has announced to launch its first-of-a-kind Cryptocurrency Rewards Credit Card, in a partnership with Mastercard and WebBank. Cardholders will earn up to 3% back on qualifying purchases in bitcoin or any of the more than 30 cryptocurrencies available on Gemini. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gemini + Mastercard + WebBank = to launch its first-of-a-kind “Cryptocurrency Rewards Credit Card”
- HQs of Gemini – New York, US | Co-founder – Tyler Winklevoss
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, USA | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of WebBank – Utah, US | Chairman – Jack Howard

**26.** On May 3, The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 3 Cr on ICICI Bank for “contravention of certain directions issued by the RBI contained in Master Circular on ‘Prudential Norms for Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks’ dated July 1, 2015”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 3 Cr on ICICI Bank – for violating the ‘Prudential Norms’
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – “Hum Hain Na!”
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**27.** On May 5, The RBI has relaxed Overdraft (OD) facilities for state governments to manage the fiscal situation better. Accordingly, the maximum number of days of OD in a quarter is being increased from 36 to 50 days and the number of consecutive days of OD from 14 to 21 days. This facility will be available up to September 30, 2021. The Ways and Means Advance (WMA) limits of states have already been enhanced on April 23, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI relaxed Overdraft (OD) facilities for state governments
- Maximum number of days of OD in a quarter – increased to 50 days (from 36) – up to Sep, 2021
- Number of consecutive days of OD – increased to 21 days (from 14) – up to Sep, 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**28.** On May 5, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will give banks Rs 50,000 Cr to enable them to lend further for ‘healthcare needs’ in the Covid-19 crisis. On-tap liquidity of Rs 50,000 Cr at repo rate is being opened till March 31, 2022. Micro-Finance Institutions with Asset size over Rs 500 Cr shall receive loans from Small Finance Banks under PSL. This facility will be available up to March 31, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI will give banks Rs 50,000 Cr to enable them to lend further for ‘healthcare needs’ (opened till March 31, 2022)
- MFIs (with Asset size over Rs 500 Cr) – to receive loans from SFBs under PSL
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

## **Defence Affairs**

**29.** On May 1, The U.S. has approved the proposed sale of 6 “P-8I” patrol aircraft and related equipment to India for the use by Indian Navy. It is a deal estimated to cost \$2.42 billion and the aircrafts are manufactures by Boeing. The Indian Navy had procured eight P-8Is in a \$2.2-billion deal in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- US – approved the proposed sale of 6 “P-8I” patrol aircraft to India for Indian Navy | Cost – \$2.42 billion
- The aircrafts are manufactures by – Boeing ([Chicago, US](#))
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**30.** Indian Army has inaugurated the First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant of 56 KVA using Vanadium based battery technology in North Sikkim, at an altitude of 16000 ft. The project was completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Indian Army – inaugurated the First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant of 56 KVA – in North Sikkim
- It was manufactured in collaboration with – IIT Mumbai & by using – ‘Vanadium’ based battery technology
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Chandi Prasad Mohanty

**31.** On May 3, The Indian Navy has launched “Operation Samudra Setu-II” to meet India’s oxygen requirement amid the surge in Covid-19 cases in the second wave. As a part of the operation, the Navy has deployed 7 Indian Naval ships (INS) for bringing Oxygen Containers to India from other countries. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Indian Navy – launched “Operation Samudra Setu-II” to meet India’s oxygen requirement
- Total 7 INS are deployed to bring Oxygen Containers to India

**32.** NATO has launched a joint military exercises “DEFENDER-Europe 21” in Albania with thousands of military forces from the United States and other countries in the first such large-scale drills since World War II in the Western Balkans . DEFENDER-Europe is an annual large-scale U.S. Army-led, multinational exercise. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- NATO – launched U.S. Army-led joint military exercises “DEFENDER-Europe 21” in Albania
- Albania – Tirana – Albanian lek | President – Ilir Meta
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member States – 30



## Schemes & Initiatives

**33.** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched two new quick credit delivery schemes - "SHWAS" & "AROG" to help the MSMEs with required financial support. SHWAS is SIDBI assistance to the Healthcare sector in War Against Second wave of COVID19 and AROG is SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during COVID19 pandemic. These schemes envisage 100% funding upto an amount of Rs 2 Cr to a MSME unit at attractive interest rate of 4.50% to 6% p.a. within 48 hours. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- SIDBI – launched "SHWAS" & "AROG" to help the MSMEs financially
- Funding upto an amount of – Rs 2 Cr | Interest rate – 4.50% to 6% p.a.
- HQs of SIDBI – Lucknow, UP | MD & Chairman – S. Ramann | Established in – 1990

**34.** In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has launched the "Corona Warriors Scheme". Family members of health workers who have passed away while on Corona duty will be given honorarium of Rs 50 lakhs by the government. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Madhya Pradesh – launched the "Corona Warriors Scheme" | Honorarium of – Rs 50 lakhs
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**35.** On May 3, The government of Himachal Pradesh has decided to implement "Parvat Dhara Yojna" in 10 districts to rejuvenate and recharge aquifers in an effort to conserve natural water resources. The scheme has a provision of outlay of Rs 20 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Himachal Pradesh – launched "Parvat Dhara Yojna" to rejuvenate natural water resources
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

**36.** On May 2, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has declared 'Working Journalists' of the state as frontline Covid warriors. As many as 6,944 working journalists of Odisha have been covered under the "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana". They are getting health insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh each. Odisha has also announced an ex gratia of Rs 15 lakh for the next of kin of journalists who die of COVID-19 while performing their duty. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Odisha – declared 'Working Journalists' of the state as frontline 'Covid warriors'
- "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana" – a scheme of Odisha
- Health insurance cover of – Rs 2 lakh each | Ex gratia of – Rs 15 lakh
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**37.** On May 3, The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has issued detailed operational scheme guidelines and Narendra Singh Tomar has launched an online portal for “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry” (PLISFPI). PLISFPI was announced with a total outlay of Rs 10,900 Cr for 6-years during 2021-22 to 2026-27. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MoFPI – launched an online portal for “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry” (PLISFPI)
- A total outlay of PLISFPI for 6-years – Rs 10,900 Cr
- Narendra Singh Tomar – Ministry of Food Processing Industries (Morena, MP)

**38.** The Andhra Pradesh government will launch “CLAP” (Clean Andhra Pradesh) “Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam” programme on July 8, marking the birth anniversary of former chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy. Under YSR Jala Kala, two lakh borewells will be dug and 1.5 lakh pumpsets will be distributed, benefitting three lakh small and marginal farmers in the state. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – will launch “CLAP” (Clean Andhra Pradesh) “Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam” programme
- “Jala Kala” scheme – Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



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## **Sports & Games**

**39.** Former Sri Lanka Seamer and Coach Nuwan Zoysa was banned by the ICC from all forms of Cricket for 6 years after being found guilty of trying to fix matches and failing to disclose corrupt approaches from a suspected Indian bookie. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nuwan Zoysa (Sri Lanka) – banned from Cricket by the ICC for 6 years
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**40.** On May 1, Indian gymnast Pranati Nayak is set to compete at the Tokyo Olympics after qualifying through the continental quota. The 26-year-old from West Bengal is the second reserve behind Sri Lanka's Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh for the Asian quota and the only Indian to qualify in Gymnastic for 2020 Tokyo Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pranati Nayak (Gymnastic) – the only Indian to qualify in Gymnastic for “2020 Tokyo Olympics”
- Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh (Sri Lanka) – Gymnastic



**41.** On May 3, Sri Lanka all-rounder and former captain Thisara Perera has announced his retirement from International Cricket with immediate effect. The 32-year-old has represented Sri Lanka in 6 Tests, 166 ODIs and 84 T20s. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Thisara Perera ([Sri Lanka](#)) – retirement from International Cricket
- [Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee](#)
- [PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa](#)

**42.** On May 3, Lewis Hamilton has won the “Portuguese Grand Prix 2021” which is 97<sup>th</sup> victory of his career. While, Australia’s Jack Miller has won the “Spanish Grand Prix 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lewis Hamilton ([UK - Mercedes](#)) – won the “Portuguese Grand Prix 2021” (97<sup>th</sup> victory)
- Jack Miller ([Australia - Ducati](#)) – won the “MotoGP Spanish Grand Prix 2021”

**43.** Mark Selby has beaten Shaun Murphy to win 4<sup>th</sup> World Snooker Championship held in Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mark Selby ([UK - Snooker](#)) – won 4<sup>th</sup> World Snooker Championship



## **Important Days & Dates**

**44.** Maharashtra has marked the 61<sup>st</sup> foundation day on 1 May, 2021. Every year, 1 May is celebrated as Maharashtra Day along with Gujarat Day as both states were formed on this date. In the year 1960, the state of Bombay was divided into two new states which were Maharashtra and Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 1 – 61<sup>st</sup> foundation day of Maharashtra & Gujarat
- The state of Bombay was divided into 2 new states: Maharashtra & Gujarat – in 1960

**45.** May 1 is the “International Day of Workers” or “International Labour Day” dedicated to workers and labourers across the world. The day is popularly known as “May Day” and it was first celebrated on May 1, 1890. It was declared for the workers in Paris to dedicate every year on May 1 as the “Workers Day of International Unity and Solidarity”. In India, Labour’s Day was first celebrated in 1923 in Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 1 – “International Day of Workers” or “International Labour Day” or “May Day”
- The day was first celebrated in – 1890 (in India – in 1923)



**46.** On May 2, “World Tuna Day” was observed to promote the conservation and sustainable stock management of this deep sea species. More than 7 million tonnes of tuna and tuna-like species are harvested yearly across the globe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 2 – “World Tuna Day”

**47.** On May 2, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will organize year-long celebrations across India and abroad to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray. Satyajit Ray (May 2, 1921-April 23, 1992) was a renowned filmmaker, writer, illustrator, graphic designer and music composer. In recognition of his legacy, “Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema” has been instituted from this year to be given at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) every year. The award consists of a cash prize of ₹10 lakh. The Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata will be unveiling a statue of Satyajit Ray on its campus. The government of India had honoured him with the “Bharat Ratna”, the highest civilian award, in 1992. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 2 – 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of legendary filmmaker ‘Satyajit Ray’ (celebrations organized by I&B Ministry)
- He was recipient of – “Bharat Ratna” in 1992 (the highest civilian award)
- “Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema” has been instituted from this year
- [Location of Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute \(SRFTI\) – Kolkata, WB](#) (a statue of Satyajit Ray unveiled)

**48.** “World Laughter Day” is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits. This year the day falls on May 2. The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India. The day was arranged by Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 2 (first Sunday of May) – “World Laughter Day”
- The Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998 – in Mumbai, MH

**49.** Every year “World Press Freedom Day” is celebrated on May 3 to commemorate journalists and highlight the difficulties they face while reporting truth. The United Nations General Assembly declared May 3 as World Press Freedom Day in the year 1993. This year, the theme is “Information as a Public Good”. Maria Ressa has won the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 3 – “World Press Freedom Day” – by UNGA (since 1993)
- Theme – “Information as a Public Good”
- Maria Ressa ([Philippines](#)) – won the Guillermo Cano “World Press Freedom Prize 2021”
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA](#) | [President – Volkan Bozkir](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)



**50.** This year, May 5 was internationally observed as “World Asthma Day” by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). Every year, the day is observed on the first Tuesday of May. But for this year only, World Asthma Day was held on Wednesday, May 5. Starting in 2022, World Asthma Day will again be held on the first Tuesday in May. The first World Asthma Day was observed in 1998. Asthma or ‘wheezy chest’ is a fairly common disease. This year, the theme is “Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 5 – World Asthma Day – by GINA (since 1998)
- Theme – “Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions”

**51.** The International Firefighters' Day is celebrated on May 4 every year. The day is observed to honour the work and sacrifice made by firefighting experts. This Day was established following a tragic incident that took place in Australia's Linton Town on 2 December, 1998. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 4 – International Firefighters' Day

**52.** World Health Organisation (WHO) has observed World Hand Hygiene Day on May 5. This year, the theme of the campaign is “Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care”. While, the slogan is “Seconds save lives - clean your hands!”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 5 – World Hand Hygiene Day – by the WHO
- Theme – “Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care”

**53.** International Day of the Midwife (IDM) is annually celebrated across the globe on May 5. This year's IDM theme is “Follow the data: Invest in Midwives”. The State of the World's Midwifery (SoWMY) Report 2021 was co-led by United Nations Funds on Populations (UNFPA), World Health Organization (WHO), and International Confederation of Midwives (ICM). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 5 – International Day of the Midwife
- Theme – “Follow the data: Invest in Midwives”

## **Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes**

**54.** Bengaluru teacher Shyamala Ganesh, the former director of the Japanese Language School, will be conferred the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays”. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest award of Japan. Nripendra Misra won the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star”. The Japanese government also announced that Indira Misra will receive the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shyamala Ganesh – received the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays”
- Indira Misra – received the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays”



- Nripendra Misra – received the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star”

**55.** On May 1, Mumbai-born academician Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin, a professor of Arabic Literature, Department of NELC, University of Chicago, has been adjudged the winner of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sheikh Zayed Book Award. She won the award for her recent book “Arabic Oration: Art and Function” published in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin – adjudged the winner of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sheikh Zayed Book Award
- She won the award for her book – “Arabic Oration: Art and Function”

**56.** On May 1, ‘Jungle Cry’, a movie based on the true story of 12 underprivileged tribal boys from Odisha, has won the ‘Best Film’ (Jury) Award at 11<sup>th</sup> Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021. ‘Jungle Cry’ has been directed by Sagar Ballary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Jungle Cry’ – won the ‘Best Film’ (Jury) Award at 11<sup>th</sup> Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021
- The movie is directed by – Sagar Ballary

## **Appointments & Resignations**

**57.** Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) has appointed Mahesh Balasubramanian as Managing Director of the company for a period of 3 years. He has been appointed following the retirement of G Murlidhar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mahesh Balasubramanian – appointed as MD of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Mahesh Balasubramanian

**58.** In a first, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has appointed a woman officer Vaishali S. Hiwase to command a Road Construction Company (RCC) tasked to provide connectivity in a high-altitude area along the India-China border. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vaishali S. Hiwase – the 1<sup>st</sup> woman officer to command a Road Construction Company (RCC) – appointed by BRO
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary

**59.** The Biden administration in the US has announced the appointment of Daniel Smith, the Director of the Foreign Service Institute, as the new interim Charge d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi (India). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Daniel Smith – appointed as the new interim Charge d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi (India)

- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris](#)

**60.** On May 3, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Executive Director T. Rabi Sankar has been named as the 4<sup>th</sup> Deputy Governor of the central bank. He succeeds B. P. Kanungo as the Deputy Governor, who retired on April 2. Rabi Sankar now joins Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Patra and Rajeshwar Rao as the fourth deputy governor of the central bank. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- T. Rabi Sankar – named as the 4<sup>th</sup> Deputy Governor of the RBI (by succeeding - B. P. Kanungo)
- [Total Deputy Governors \(4\) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao](#)
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25<sup>th</sup>\) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935](#)

**61.** On May 1, A 1985 batch Senior IAS officer Tripurari Sharan was named as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar, but his tenure will be for a brief period of 2 months only. Mr Sharan succeeded Arun Kumar Singh who died of COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tripurari Sharan – named as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar
- [Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan](#)

**62.** From May 1, Vijay Goel has assumed the additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of THDC India Ltd (THDCIL). He joined the company in 1990 as a senior personnel officer (SPO) from NHPC Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vijay Goel – assumed the additional charge as the Chairman & MD of THDC India Ltd
- [HQs of THDCIL – Rishikesh, Uttarakhand | Chairman & MD – Vijay Goel](#)

**63.** The National Human Rights Commission member Justice (retired) Prafulla Chandra Pant has been appointed as the acting Chairperson of the Commission. A former Supreme Court judge, Justice Pant was appointed member of the NHRC on April 22, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prafulla Chandra Pant – appointed as the acting Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
- [HQs of NHRC – New Delhi | Chairperson – Prafulla Chandra Pant](#)

**64.** On May 3, World Badminton champion P. V. Sindhu along with Canada's Michelle Li has been nominated as Athlete Ambassador for the International Olympic Committee's "Believe in Sport" campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- P. V. Sindhu ([India](#)) + Michelle Li ([Canada](#)) = nominated as Athlete Ambassador for ICC's "Believe in Sport" campaign

- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

**65.** Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) President Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office and secrecy to 68-year old Stalin. A separate division 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudalamaichar' meaning 'Chief Minister in your constituency', was set up in the Secretariat. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin (DMK) – sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**66.** On May 3, Even as Mamata Banerjee has lost the assembly election in Nandigram to BJP's Suwendu Adhikari, she took oath as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Term. Article 164 of the Indian Constitution lays down the conditions of taking oath as a minister. In other words, Banerjee will get 6 months to get elected from any Bengal constituency in a by-poll to hold on to the CM's chair. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mamata Banerjee – took oath as the CM of West Bengal for 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Term – under 'Article 164'
- Constituency – Nandigram, West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

## Amount & Agreements

**67.** On May 3, The Central government has decided to provide an additional amount of up-to Rs 15,000 Cr to states as interest-free 50-year loan for spending on capital projects. The Department of Expenditure has issued fresh guidelines in this regard for financial year 2021-22. Rs. 2, 600 Cr was allocated for North-East and Hill States out of the Rs 15,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government will provide Rs 15,000 Cr to states for capital expenditure – as interest-free 50-year loan

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**68.** On May 1, According to a report by London-based consultancy firm Brand Finance, the total value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands has dipped 6% to \$433 billion in 2021. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has emerged as the strongest and the 10<sup>th</sup> most valuable and the 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest insurance brand globally. LIC's brand value increased 6.8% to \$8.65 billion. PingAn Insurance of China leads the most valuable insurance companies list with brand value of over \$44 billion. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Total value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands dipped 6% to \$433 billion in 2021
- LIC – the 10<sup>th</sup> most valuable & 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest insurance brand globally (\$8.65 bn)
- Topped by – PingAn Insurance (China) – \$44 bn



- HQs of Brand Finance – London, UK | CEO – David Haigh

**69.** On May 3, Online sales accounted for 19% of overall retail sales in 2020, up from 16% a year earlier, according to estimates from the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). South Korea reported the highest share at 25.9% followed by China & Britain. Global e-commerce sales rose 4% to \$26.7 trillion in 2019. China's Alibaba remained atop the rankings by GMV, followed by Amazon. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UNCTAD: Online sales accounted for 19% of overall retail sales in 2020
- South Korea (25.9% share) – largest contributor as per the report | 2<sup>nd</sup> – China | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Britain
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | UNCTAD Secretary-General – Mukhisa Kituyi

**70.** On May 5, India has retained the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the ICC Twenty20 team rankings but dropped a rung to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ODI chart, as per the ICC Men's Team Ranking of May 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "ICC Men's Team Ranking of May 2021"
- ICC Twenty20 Format: India – 2<sup>nd</sup> | 1<sup>st</sup> – England
- ICC ODI Format: India – 3<sup>rd</sup> | 1<sup>st</sup> – New Zealand, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Australia
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney



## **Acquisitions & Mergers**

**71.** DCB Bank has acquired stake in two companies - India INX & India ICC (both promoted by BSE) in GIFT City IFSC at Gandhinagar for a total investment of Rs 10 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DCB Bank – acquired stake (Rs 10 Cr) in 2 companies - India INX & India ICC – in GIFT City IFSC at Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Both companies are promoted by – BSE
- HQs of DCB bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Murali M Natrajan
- DCB bank – the 1<sup>st</sup> bank to start Aadhaar-based ATM service (in 2016)

**72.** On May 3, Motilal Oswal Private Equity (MOPE) has picked up a minority stake in Fincare Small Finance Bank for \$25 million (about ₹185 Cr) through a secondary acquisition. The deal was done by India Business Excellence Fund–III, a fund managed and advised by MOPE. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Motilal Oswal Private Equity – acquired a minority stake in Fincare SFB for \$25 million (about ₹185 Cr)
- HQs of MOPE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vishal Tulsyan

## **MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships**

**73.** Hyderabad-based CtrlS Datacenters, Asia's largest rated-4 hyperscale data centre has collaborated with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance as a strategic technology partner to enhance their overall technology infrastructure resilience. [{Read more}](#)

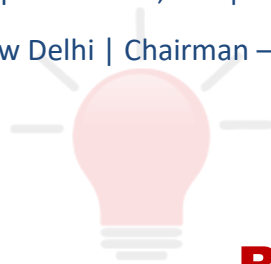
### **Key Points:**

- CtrlS + Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance = a strategic technology partnership
- HQs of CtrlS – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Sridhar Pinnapureddy
- HQs of Canara HSBC OBC Life Ins. – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Anuj Mathur

**74.** On May 4, JSW Renew Energy has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for 540 megawatt (MW) of wind-based electricity. JSW Energy marked its entry into the wind power generation sector by winning 810 MW projects in the auction conducted by SECI in August 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- JSW Renew Energy + SECI = a power purchase agreement (PPA) for 540 MW of wind-based electricity
- HQs of JSW Group – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sajjan Jindal
- HQs of SECI – New Delhi | Chairman – Praveen Kumar



## **Books & Authors**

**75.** On May 2, A book titled “Another Dozen Stories” is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar. The book was authored by Satyajit Ray. The book contains 12 stories. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Another Dozen Stories” book – authored by Satyajit Ray
- Translated from Bengali to English by – Indrani Majumdar

**76.** A book titled “Bengal 2021, An Election Diary” is authored by Deep Halder. This book speaks about the electrifying election that took place in West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Bengal 2021, An Election Diary” book – authored by Deep Halder

**77.** Meghan Markle (Duchess of Sussex) is releasing her first children's book titled “The Bench” on June 8. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “The Bench” book – authored by Meghan Markle (Duchess of Sussex)



## Obituaries

**78.** Ashatai Pathre, a freedom fighter from Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra passed away. She was 100 years old. She had participated in the Leave India movement started by Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in 1942. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Ashatai Pathre (Ratnagiri, Maharashtra) – a Freedom Fighter – passed away
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**79.** On May 1, Sitar maestro Pandit Devbrata Chaudhuri has died of Covid-related complications. He was 85. The sitarist belonged to the Senia Gharana of music. He had been awarded the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Pandit Devbrata Chaudhuri – Sitar maestro – passed away (Senia Gharana of music)
- Recipient of – Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri

**80.** On May 1, Actor Bikramjeet Kanwarpal has passed away due to Covid-19 complications. He was 52. He has been a part of many popular films, TV shows and web series. Bikramjeet Kanwarpal made his acting debut in 2003. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Bikramjeet Kanwarpal – an Actor – passed away

**81.** On May 1, The 1982 Asian Games Gold medalist rider Colonel Gulam Mohammad Khan (retired) has passed away in Pune. The renowned Equestrian was 74. He had joined the Indian Military Academy in 1973. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Gulam Mohammad Khan – an Equestrian – passed away (1982 Asian Games Gold medalist)

**82.** On May 1, US actress Olympia Dukakis, who won an Oscar for her role in the 1987 romantic comedy Moonstruck, has passed away at the age of 89. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Olympia Dukakis (US) – an Actress – passed away
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**83.** On May 1, Shooter Chandro Tomar, nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi', has passed away at the age of 89 due to Covid-19. She hails from the Baghpat village in Uttar Pradesh. Her feats ultimately inspired the award-winning Bollywood movie 'Saand ki Aankh'. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Chandro Tomar (nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi') – a Shooter – passed away
- She hails from – Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh





**84.** Aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma has died of heart attack in Bihar's Darbhanga district. He was 78. He played a key role in the development of India's first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas'. He was conferred with the Padma Shri award in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Manas Bihari Verma – Aeronautical Scientist – passed away (Padma Shri award 2018)
- He played a key role in the development of India's first LCA 'Tejas'

**85.** Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Jagmohan Malhotra has passed away. He was 94. Jagmohan served two terms as Jammu and Kashmir Governor - from 1984 to 89, and then from January to May 1990. He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jagmohan Malhotra – Former J&K Governor – passed away
- Padma Shri in 1971 | Padma Bhushan in 1977 | Padma Vibhushan in 2016

**86.** On May 4, IAS officer Parul Devi Das succumbed to COVID-19. An Assam-Meghalaya cadre officer, Das served as the Additional Chief Secretary of Assam. She was the first woman IAS officer from Assam and briefly served Meghalaya in the early 80s. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Parul Devi Das – Assam-Meghalaya cadre IAS Officer – passed away (first woman IAS officer from Assam)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**87.** On May 5, Former head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church and the longest-serving bishop in India Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom has passed away. He was 103. He was awarded Padma Bhushan by President Ram Nath Kovind in 2018. He served as Bishop in Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr Philipose Mar Chrysostom ([Kerala](#)) – India's longest-serving bishop – passed away
- Padma Bhushan in 2018

## **Person in News**

**88.** Vice President Kamala Harris will be immortalized in Madame Tussauds wax museum in New York City. She will become the first vice president to have a wax figure dedicated to her likeness at the museum. Both she and President Joe Biden will have wax figures unveiled later this year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kamala Harris – the 1<sup>st</sup> woman VP of the US to have a figure displayed at the 'Madame Tussauds wax museum'
- The museum is located in – New York, US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris



## Science & Technology

**89.** The new endemic damsels, *Euphaea thosegharensis* and *Euphaea pseudodispar*, belonging to the genus *Euphaea*, were spotted at Thoseghar in Satara district of Maharashtra. They were discovered by a team of researchers from Mumbai and Thiruvananthapuram-based Travancore Nature History Society. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- *Euphaea thosegharensis* & *Euphaea pseudodispar* (endemic damsels) – spotted in Satara, Maharashtra
- [Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

**90.** Stratolaunch has completed its second test flight of world's biggest airplane named 'Roc' with 6 Boeing 747 Engines for a second time. Stratolaunch is the aerospace firm founded by the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Stratolaunch (US) – completed its 2<sup>nd</sup> test flight of world's biggest airplane 'Roc' with 6 Boeing 747 Engines

**91.** On May 3, A Crew Dragon capsule namely "Resilience" of SpaceX has returned 4 astronauts (3 American & 1 Japanese) from the International Space Station, making the first US crew splashdown in darkness since the Apollo 8 moonshot. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Resilience" (SpaceX) – returned 4 astronauts from the International Space Station
- [HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002](#)

**92.** Scientists have rediscovered a new coffee species "*Coffea stenophylla*" in dense tropical forests in Sierra Leone. This coffee was demonstrated to have a superior flavour, similar to Arabica. The discovery was published in the journal Nature Plants. *Stenophylla* grows at a mean annual temperature of 24.9°C. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Scientists rediscovered a new coffee species "*Coffea stenophylla*" – in Sierra Leone
- [Sierra Leone – Freetown – Sierra Leonean leone | President – Julius Maada Bio](#)

**93.** On May 4, SpaceX has launched another 'Falcon 9' rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida with 60 Starlink satellites for the company's internet satellite constellation system. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- SpaceX – launched 'Falcon 9' rocket with 60 Starlink satellites into Orbit for High-Speed Internet – from Florida, US
- [HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002](#)

**94.** Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR), the deep-sea exploratory division of dredging company DEME Group, has been testing "Patania II", a 25-tonne mining robot prototype, in its concession in the Clarion Clipperton Zone since April 20. The Mining robot has stranded on Pacific Ocean floor at a depth of more than 4 km (13,000 ft). [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Global Sea Mineral Resources has been testing "Patania II" seabed mining robot – stranded on Pacific Ocean floor

**95.** On May 4, Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of insectivorous mammal, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. The species “Croidura Narcondamica” is a new addition to the list of mammals found in India. It increased the number of White-toothed shrew (genus Croidura) species in India from 11 to 12. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ZSI discovered a new species of a white-toothed shrew “Croidura Narcondamica” from Narcondam Island
- Narcondam Island – a part of the Andaman & Nicobar group of islands
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lieu. Governor– Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi
- HQs of ZSI – Kolkata, West Bengal | Director – K Venkatraman

**96.** On May 3, The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd’s (HAL) “Dhruv MK III” MR 2.5t helicopter has undergone a series of trials aboard an Indian Coast Guard ship at sea. The work took place aboard the ICGS Sujay, an offshore patrol vessel launched in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HAL’s “Dhruv MK III” MR 2.5t helicopter – successfully demonstrated a series of trials aboard the ICGS Sujay
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt

**97.** On May 4, Xylophis deepaki, first stumbled upon in a coconut plantation in Kanyakumari, is now reported to be an endemic species of Tamil Nadu and has been sighted in a few locations in the southern part of the Western Ghats. It is named after Herpetologist Deepak Veerappan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Xylophis deepaki (a species of snake) – discovered in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu
- It is named after Herpetologist Deepak Veerappan
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

**98.** On May 3, An Egyptian mummy that for decades was thought to be a male priest was recently discovered to have been a pregnant woman, making it the first known case of its kind. Scientists in Poland made the discovery while conducting a comprehensive study, which started in 2015. The findings were published in The Journal of Archaeological Science. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Researchers in Poland discovered a pregnant Egyptian mummy
- The discovery was published in – The Journal of Archaeological Science
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

**99.** On May 3, Scientists have discovered a new type of uranium that is the lightest ever known at the Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou, China. The newfound uranium, called “Uranium-214”, is an isotope, or a variant of the element, with 30 more neutrons than protons. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Scientists discovered the lightest form of uranium called “Uranium-214” – in Lanzhou, China
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**100.** On May 3, Facebook has partnered with the Indian government to launch a 'Vaccine Finder Tool' on its mobile app in India, which will help people identify places nearby to get vaccinated. The tracker tool will also aggregate and display walk-in options (for 45 years and above) along with a link to register on the Cowin portal and schedule vaccination appointments. The app will be available in 17 languages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Facebook + Indian government = partnership to launch a 'Vaccine Finder Tool' on its mobile app in India
- [HQs of Facebook – California, United States](#) | [CEO – Mark Zuckerberg](#) | [Founded in – 2004](#)





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