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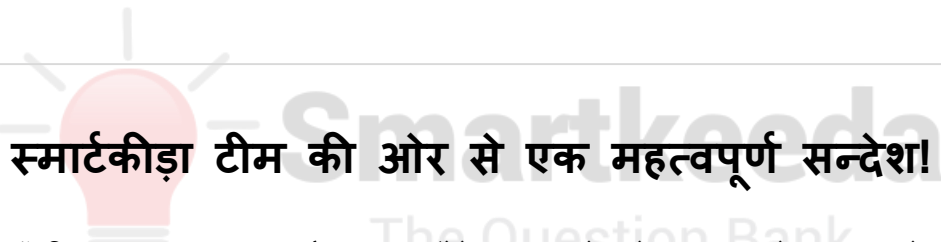
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हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

101. On May 3, Union minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that around 581 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants will be installed in various states and NHAH will be the Nodal Agency for executing civil and electrical work for these facilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 581 PSA medical oxygen plants – to be installed in various states
- Nodal Agency for this work – NHAH
- [HQs of NHAH – New Delhi | Chairman – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu | Founded in – 1988](#)

102. On May 4, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified a revenue threshold of Rs 2 Cr and a limit of 3,00,000 users for non-resident technology firms such as Google, Facebook, Netflix, to pay tax in India under new or revised bilateral tax pacts. This is part of the Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle, which was introduced in the Finance Bill 2018-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBDT notified a revenue threshold of Rs 2 Cr & a limit of 3 lakh users for non-resident technology firms
- [HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Pramod Chandra Mody | Formed in – 1944](#)

103. On May 4, Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) has started the supply of diesel that is blended with biodiesel made from UCO (Used Cooking Oil). The firm has received 51 kilolitres of biodiesel made from used cooking oil at its Tikrikalan terminal in Delhi. So far, Indian Oil has issued 23 LOIs for biodiesel plants with a total capacity of 557.57 tonnes per day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOCL – started the supply of biodiesel made from UCO (Used Cooking Oil) – in New Delhi
- India's target of blending 5% Biodiesel in Diesel by 2030
- [HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya](#)

104. On May 3, Eco-friendly initiative by 6 young girls from Assam may save lakes from water hyacinth menace as they have successfully used it to make biodegradable and compostable yoga mats. The mat called "Moorhen Yoga Mat" will soon be introduced to the world market as a unique product. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 6 young girls from Assam – developed a Biodegradable yoga mat called "Moorhen Yoga Mat"
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Sarbananda Sonowal | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

105. On May 4, Eight Asiatic lions at Hyderabad's Nehru Zoological Park have tested positive for the deadly coronavirus. This is the first known case of humans infecting the felines and making them sick in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8 Asiatic lions in Nehru Zoological Park ([Hyderabad](#)) – tested positive for SARS-CoV2 virus



106. On May 5, The IRDAI has issued the guidelines for a standard travel insurance product to enhance the financial safety net for people travelling (be it domestic or international). As per the guidelines, there will be five variants of the travel insurance product and these will be basic mandatory covers which will be uniform across the insurance industry. It provides health coverage up-to Rs 10 lakh on hospitalization and up-to Rs 1 Cr in case of death of the insured. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – issued the guidelines for a standard Travel Insurance Product
- Health coverage up-to Rs 10 lakh on hospitalization & up-to Rs 1 Cr in case of death
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash Chandra Khuntia | Executive Dr. – Suresh Mathur

107. On May 5, Section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020 has been notified by Ministry of Labour & Employment covering applicability of Aadhaar. The notification of section will enable Ministry of Labour and Employment to collect Aadhaar details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of L&E – notified ‘Section 142’ of the Social Security Code, 2020 covering applicability of Aadhaar
- ‘Aadhaar’ was made applicable to the Unorganised sector workers
- MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Kumar Gangwar | Constituency – Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

108. On May 5, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has launched “Sanjeevani Vehicles” - oxygen trucks to rush to any hospital in state capital Ranchi in case of an SOS. Similar vehicles are planned to be deployed at other districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jharkhand – launched “Sanjeevani Vehicles” - oxygen trucks to provide Oxygen to hospitals
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

109. On May 7, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched dedicated COVID-19 Helpline “Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100” for facilitating the people regarding COVID-19 related issues in Shimla. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched dedicated COVID-19 Helpline “Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100”
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

110. On May 7, NTPC Renewable Energy has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with state-run power utility Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam (GUVNL) to sell power from its upcoming 150 mega-watt (MW) solar project in the state at Rs 2.20/unit. NTPC Renewable is currently building 6,000 MW solar capacity across India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NTPC RE + GUVNL = signed a PPA to sell power from its upcoming 150 MW solar project
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of GUVNL – Vadodara, Gujarat | Chairman – Sunaina Tomar

111. On May 6, Axis Mutual Fund has launched their new fund - “Axis Global Innovation Fund of Fund”. The fund will provide investors with an opportunity to invest in Schroder International Selection Fund Global Disruption. The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens for subscription from May 10 to May 21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Mutual Fund – launched their new fund - “Global Innovation Fund of Fund”
- It will provide investors with an opportunity to invest in “Schroder International Selection Fund Global Disruption”
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

112. On May 6, The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has allowed Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vi and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) to start 5G trials in India. The initial duration of the trial will be 6 months. Apart from this, telcos will also be allowed to use their existing spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2500 MHz band frequencies for the trials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoT allowed Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vi & MTNL – to start 5G trials in India
- The operators are permitted to use their existing spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz & 2500 MHz

113. On May 6, Indian Railways inducted its 100th 12000 HP WAG 12 B locomotive. The loco is named WAG 12 B with number 60100. The locomotive is manufactured by Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt Ltd (MELPL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Railways inducted its 100th 12000 HP WAG 12 B locomotive
- It is manufactured by – Madhepura Electric Locomotive ([Bihar](#))

114. On May 6, In a first of its kind trilateral venture, an Israel-based company, Ecoppia, is producing an innovative Robotic Solar Cleaning Technology in India for a landmark project in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Israeli company signed its first deal in the UAE with the support of the International Federation of Indo-Israel Chambers of Commerce (IFIICC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ecoppia ([Israel](#)) – is producing an innovative Robotic Solar Cleaning Technology in India for its project in UAE
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu



115. On May 6, India's top oil PSUs - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), GAIL (India) Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) have committed Rs 100 Cr and signed an MoU with Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust for the redevelopment of Badrinath Dham, one of the holiest shrines of Hindus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC + ONGC + BPCL + HPCL = committed Rs 100 Cr for the redevelopment of 'Badrinath Dham' ([Uttarakhand](#))
- [Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Trivendra Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya](#)

116. On May 5, The name of Miyon ka Bara railway station in Rajasthan's Jodhpur has been changed to Mahesh Nagar after getting an approval from various departments. Earlier, in August 2018, the name of the village was officially changed from Miyon ka Bara to Mahesh Nagar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Miyon ka Bara railway station" – renamed as "Mahesh Nagar railway station" ([located in Jodhpur, Rajasthan](#))
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

117. On May 6, Oxygen saturation of 92 or 93 in COVID-19 patients should not be considered critical; instead, this level is only a buffer that enables the patient to reach hospital on time, according to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) director Randeep Guleria. According to a World Health Organisation training manual on pulse oximetry, if the oxygen saturation is 94% or lower, the patient needs to be treated quickly. A saturation of less than 90% is a clinical emergency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to AIIMS director: Oxygen saturation of 92 or 93 in COVID-19 patients should not be considered critical
- According to the WHO: Oxygen saturation of 94 or lower – needs to be treated quickly | 90% – Clinical Emergency
- [HQs of AIIMS – New Delhi | Director – Randeep Guleria](#)
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194](#)

118. On May 6, The Delhi government will provide free ration for two months to 72 lakh ration card holders and financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers in the city to help them tide over the COVID-19 crisis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – to provide free ration for two months to 72 lakh ration card holders
- Delhi – to provide financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to auto-rickshaw & taxi drivers
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev](#)

119. On May 6, The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwDs) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) has made it mandatory for all States/UTs to grant certificate of disability through online mode only using “UDID portal” with effect from June 1. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DEPwDs – made mandatory for all States/UTs to grant certificate of disability through online mode using “UDID portal”
- UDID – Unique Disability ID

120. Hyderabad based VINS Bioproducts Ltd has announced to start clinical trials for “VINCOV-19”, a product for coronavirus treatment, in partnership with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and the University of Hyderabad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- VINS Bioproducts + CCMB + University of Hyderabad = start clinical trials for “VINCOV-19”
- HQs of VINS Bioproducts Ltd – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – S. N. Daga
- HQs of CSIR-CCMB – Hyderabad, Telangana

121. On May 7, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a new mobile app “Dost for Life” for students and parents of CBSE-affiliated schools. The app has been designed for students of classes 9 to 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE – launched a new mobile app “Dost for Life” for students and parents
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shri Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962

122. On May 7, Bajaj Finserv has launched its public awareness campaign “Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein”, across digital and social media platforms, to educate customers and public at large on financial fraud risks and how to stay protected. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Finserv – launched its public awareness campaign “Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein”
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman and MD (CMD) – Sanjiv Bajaj

123. On May 7, The SEBI has notified relaxed rules for listing start-ups. The changes have been made to the framework for listing on the Innovators Growth Platform (IGP). The SEBI has reduced the period of holding of 25% of pre-issue capital of the issuer company by eligible investors to 1 year from the current requirement of 2 years. In 2015, SEBI introduced the Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) with a view to facilitate listing of new age start-ups. The ITP is renamed as ‘Innovators Growth Platform’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – reduced the period of holding of 25% of pre-issue capital of the issuer company by eligible investors to 1 year
- SEBI – renamed ‘Institutional Trading Platform’ as “Innovators Growth Platform”
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992



124. On May 7, The Labour Ministry has notified the changes in the investment pattern of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), paving way for the retirement fund body to invest up to 5% of its investible surplus in alternate investment funds (AIFs) that support infrastructure, MSMEs, venture capital funds and social venture capital funds. Investments can be made only in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) with a corpus equal to or more than Rs 100 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Labour Ministry – notified the changes in the investment pattern of the EPFO
- EPFO can invest up to 5% in alternate investment funds to support infrastructure & MSMEs
- Investments can be made only in AIFs with a corpus equal to or more than Rs 100 Cr
- [HQs of EPFO – New Delhi | CEO – Sunil Barthwal | Established in – 1952](#)

125. On May 7, The Telangana Government has imposed a total ban on Glyphosate, a controversial herbicide that is used in cotton farms to kill weeds. It is polluting soil and causing health hazards to human beings. The State Government has cautioned dealers, retailers and manufacturers that they would be punished under the Insecticides Act 1968 for any violation of the ban. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana – imposed a total ban on a controversial herbicide “Glyphosate”
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

126. On May 8, Mucormycosis or Black fungus, a fungal infection, is being found in Covid-19 patients and largely in cases of those who are diabetic but there is no big outbreak. The situation is being monitored and the treatment for mucormycosis is available. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mucormycosis” or “Black fungus” - a fungal infection – found in Covid-19 patients & especially in diabetic patients

International Affairs

127. On May 5, The Biden administration has approved \$550 million Crimson Solar Project in the California desert that will be capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes. It will be sited on 2,000 acres of federal land west of Blythe, California. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – approved \$550 million Crimson Solar Project in the California desert
- It will be capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)



128. On May 6, The newly rehabilitated 200 KW Hydro Power Plant at Chandannath Municipality in Nepal's Jumla district was virtually inaugurated. The small hydro power plant was built with Indian financial assistance of Nepali Rs 26.39 million. India has already completed 450 HICDPs in Nepal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 200 KW Hydro Power Plant at Chandannath Muni ([Nepal](#)) – built with Indian financial assistance (NRs 26.39 million)
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#)

129. On May 4, Germany has proposed accelerating the plans to cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions by setting a new goal of reaching 'net-zero' by 2045. Germany would increase its emissions reduction targets from 55% to 65% below 1990 levels by 2030, and to 88% by 2040. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Germany – to cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions by setting a new goal of reaching 'net-zero' by 2045
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

130. On May 6, Denmark has passed legislation to allow the screening of future foreign investments to ensure they don't pose a threat to national security. The new legislation was developed in part following security concerns over a bid by China's Huawei to build Denmark's 5G network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Denmark – passed legislation to allow the screening of future foreign investments for security concerns
- [Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen](#)

131. On May 6, The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved a Covid-19 vaccine from China's state-owned drugmaker Sinopharm for emergency use. It is also the first time the WHO has given emergency use approval to any Chinese vaccine for any infectious disease. The WHO has previously given emergency approval to Covid-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, and the latest, Moderna. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – approved a Covid-19 vaccine "Sinopharm" for emergency use – manufactured by China
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194](#)
- [China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

132. On May 8, The South Asian Journalists Association (SAJA) is advising news organisations against using the term 'India variant' or 'Indian variant', while describing the new strain of COVID-19 that reportedly originated out of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SAJA – is advising news organisations no to use the term 'India variant' for new strain of COVID-19
- [HQs of SAJA – New York, US | President – Mihir Zaveri](#)

133. On May 7, The Taliban has captured Afghanistan's second-biggest dam "Dahla Dam" after months of fierce fighting in their former bastion of Kandahar. Dahla was built by the United States nearly 70 years ago to provide water for irrigating land in about seven districts of Kandahar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Taliban – captured Afghanistan's second-biggest dam "Dahla Dam" after months of fierce fighting
- "Dahla Dam" (Arghandab Dam) – located in Kandahar, Afghanistan | It was built 70 years ago by – US
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | President – Ashraf Ghani

Banking & Economic Affairs

134. On May 5, Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM). As part of this initiative, the bank will provide payment, clearing and settlement services on the eNAM platform to facilitate trade between a buyer and seller of an agri produce. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – selected as a digital payments partner National Agriculture Market (eNAM)
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak

135. On May 5, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its in-principle approval for strategic divestment and transfer of management control in IDBI Bank Ltd. The Government of India (GoI) and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) together own over 94% stake in IDBI Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved strategic divestment & management control transfer in IDBI Bank
- HQs of IDBI Bank – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Rakesh Sharma | Established in – 1964

136. On May 7, The RBI's Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) has constituted a 6-member Advisory Group headed by Swaminathan Janakiraman to support it in reviewing the central bank's regulations and compliance procedures with a view to streamlining / rationalising them to make them more effective. The Authority has been set up initially for a period of 1 year from May 1, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI's RRA 2.0 – constituted a 6-member Advisory Group for a period of 1 year
- It is headed by S. Janakiraman ([Managing Director of SBI](#))
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

137. On May 5, The RBI has announced the second purchase of government securities worth Rs 35,000 Cr under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0) on May 20. The first purchase of Rs 25,000 Cr was made in April, 2021. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

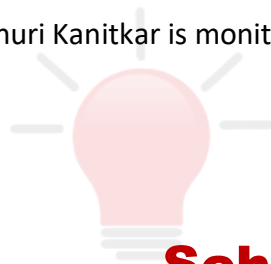
- RBI announced the 2nd purchase of government securities worth Rs 35,000 Cr under “G-SAP 1.0” – on May 20
- The first purchase of Rs 25,000 Cr was made in April | G-SAP – G-sec Acquisition Programme
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

Defence Affairs

138. Indian Armed Forces have launched operation “CO-JEET” to aid anti-COVID-19 efforts, like strengthening medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains. Lieutenant General Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar is monitoring the steps to provide relief to Covid-19 Patients. Under the ‘CO-JEET’ plan, personnel of the three wings of the armed forces - the Army, the Indian Air Force and the Navy have been pressed into service to help restore oxygen supply chains, set up COVID beds and provide help to the civilian administration in its fight to control the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Armed Forces – launched operation “CO-JEET” to aid anti-COVID-19 efforts
- Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar is monitoring the steps to provide relief to Covid-19 Patients



Schemes & Initiatives

139. On May 5, In Madhya Pradesh, Rs 379 Cr have been transferred into the accounts of 16 thousand 844 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan Sambal scheme. Meanwhile, “Free Swastha Aahar Yojana” (Healthy Food Scheme) for the corona patients of Bhopal is also being launched. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan Sambal scheme” & “Free Swastha Aahar Yojana” – Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel

140. On May 6, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the “Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana” (Chief Minister’s Covid Treatment Programme) for free treatment to all those from economically weaker sections in the state. The state government will give Rs 5000 as diagnostic advanced to every person who is receiving treatment under the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – announced the “Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana”
- Rs 5000 – to be given as diagnostic advanced to every person who is receiving treatment
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel



Sports & Games

141. On May 4, With Covid-19 pandemic spreading across India, All India Chess Federation (AICF) has launched the “Checkmate Covid” programme in order to assist the affected chess players. According to AICF, a sum of Rs 60 lakh has been raised till date under the “Checkmate Covid” initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AICF – launched the “Checkmate Covid” programme
- HQs of AICF – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | President – Sanjay Kapoor | Secretary – Bharat Singh Chauhan

142. On May 6, Barbora Strycova, a former top-ranked doubles player and Wimbledon singles semifinalist, has announced her retirement. Strycova won two WTA singles titles and 31 in doubles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic/Czechia) – retirement from Tennis
- Czech Republic/Czechia – Prague – Koruna | President – Milos Zeman

143. On May 8, Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton has scripted a world record as he became the first Formula One driver to seal 100 pole positions. He took the pole at the Spanish Grand Prix. Michael Schumacher is second on the list. Hamilton's first pole came in his debut season in F1 in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lewis Hamilton (UK - Mercedes) – made history with 100th pole at “F1 Spanish Grand Prix 2021”
- Lewis Hamilton – became the first Formula One (F1) driver to seal 100 pole positions

Important Days & Dates

144. International No Diet Day is an annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity. This day is celebrated on May 6 and its symbol is a light blue ribbon. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 6 – International No Diet Day

145. Every year, “Coal Miners Day” is observed on May 4 for the toughest professionals and the miners working in coal fields. Coal miners played a significant role in the Industrial Revolution (between 1760 and 1840). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 4 – “Coal Miners Day”

146. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has celebrated its 61st Raising Day on May 7. BRO is a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with a primary role of providing road connectivity in the border areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 7 – 61st Raising Day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded in – 1960
- Motto of BRO – “Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam”

147. On May 5, World Athletics Day 2021 was celebrated across the globe. The date is subject to adjustment, however, the month stays the same as May. The day was started in 1996 by the then President of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Primo Nebiolo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 5 – World Athletics Day 2021 (since 1996)
- HQs of IAAF or World Athletics – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe

148. On May 5, World Portuguese Language Day is set to be celebrated in 44 countries. Proclaimed in 2019 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), this is the second year that the World Day of the Portuguese Language is celebrated. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 5 – 2nd World Portuguese Language Day (since 2020)
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay

149. International Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on the second Saturday of May & October. This year, it falls on May 8. Bird Day was first observed on May 4, 1894. This year, the theme is “Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 – International Migratory Bird Day or World Migratory Bird Day
- It is celebrated on Saturday of May & October
- Theme – “Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!”

150. World Thalassemia Day is observed on May 8 every year, to mark attention towards Thalassemia, a blood disorder characterized by abnormal formation of haemoglobin. In India, every year over 10,000 children are diagnosed with Thalassemia. This year, the theme is “Addressing Health Inequalities across the Global Thalassemia Community”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 – World Thalassemia Day
- Theme – “Addressing Health Inequalities across the Global Thalassemia Community”



151. World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day is celebrated on May 8 every year. This date marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The theme of this year is “Together we are Unstoppable!”. The first Red Cross Day was celebrated on May 8, 1948. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 8 – World Red Cross Day or Red Crescent Day (since 1948) | Birth anniversary of – Henry Dunant
- Theme – “Together we are #Unstoppable!”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

152. On May 4, PM Narendra Modi is set to hold a Virtual Summit with his UK counterpart Boris Johnson, in which the leaders will launch the “Comprehensive Roadmap 2030”, to further enhance bilateral ties. India and the UK enjoy a Strategic Partnership since 2004. UK finalised new deals worth GBP 1 Billion to create 6,500 jobs. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an MoU with Rolls-Royce to establish packaging, installation, marketing and services support for Rolls-Royce MT30 Marine engines in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi (India) + Boris Johnson (UK) = Virtual Summit to launch the “Comprehensive Roadmap 2030”
- HAL + Rolls-Royce – for supporting Rolls-Royce MT30 marine engines in India
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt

153. On May 4, Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (I/c) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has participated in “G20 Tourism Ministers’ Meeting” held in Italy. The Minister congratulated Mr Massimo Garavaglia, Minister of Tourism, and Government of Italy for holding G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – participated in “G20 Tourism Ministers’ Meeting” held in Italy
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2021 – Italy | 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil

154. On May 5, India’s External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, France’s Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia’s Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne, met in London for the first India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue on 4 May 2021, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue – held in London, UK
- Dr. S. Jaishankar participated in the Dialogue
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | New PM – Jean Castex
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

155. On May 6, Hollywood star Tyler Perry has received “Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award” at the 93rd Academy Awards Ceremony or Oscars 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tyler Perry ([US](#)) – received “Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award” at 93rd Academy Awards Ceremony (Oscars 2021)

156. On May 5, Odisha government will present “Manoj Das International Literary Award” in memory of eminent litterateur Manoj Das. The award will be conferred on litterateurs from Odisha for their creative contribution to English literature every year. It will carry a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh. High school students in the state will be presented ‘Manoj-Kishore Literary Talent Award’ for their creative works carrying cash reward of Rs 1 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – to present “Manoj Das International Literary Award” (for contribution to English literature)
- Odisha – to present ‘Manoj-Kishore Literary Talent Award’ to High school students
- Odisha: [Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

157. On May 5, Bruce Springsteen has won the “2021 Woody Guthrie Prize”, which is given to an artist seen as carrying on the spirit of the folk singer whose music focused on the plight of the poor and disenfranchised. The New Jersey rocker called Guthrie had died in 1967 at age 55. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bruce Springsteen ([American singer-songwriter](#)) – won the “2021 Woody Guthrie Prize”
- [US – Washington, D.C.](#) – [US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

158. On May 6, Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) has bagged 5 awards (Lead to Leap, APY Makers of Excellence, Game Changers, Leadership Capital and Amazing Achievers) under various campaigns held for enrolment of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank – bagged 5 awards by the PFRDA
- [HQs of PFRDA – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Supratim Bandyopadhyay](#)

159. On May 6, An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist, Sankar Ghosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences of the US in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sankar Ghosh ([Indian-origin immunologist](#)) – elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences of the US

160. On May 7, Tennis legend Rafael Nadal has won the Sportsman of the Year award at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards that were unveiled at a Digital Awards Ceremony from Sevilla, Spain. The Sportswoman of the Year award went to Naomi Osaka. The World Team of the Year award was picked by the Bayern Munich football team. The Athlete Advocate of the Year was won by Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton. Liverpool footballer Mo Salah received the Sporting Inspiration Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Billie Jean King. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards 2021 – unveiled at Sevilla, Spain

Award	Winner
Sportsman of the Year Award	Rafael Nadal (Tennis)
Sportswoman of the Year Award	Naomi Osaka (Tennis)
World Team of the Year Award	Bayern Munich (Football)
Athlete Advocate of the Year Award	Lewis Hamilton (Formula One)
Sporting Inspiration Award	Mohamed Salah (Football)
Lifetime Achievement Award	Billie Jean King (Tennis)

161. On May 6, Actor Anupam Kher won the Best Actor award at the New York City International Film Festival for the short film titled Happy Birthday. The film also bagged the Best Short Film award at the film festival. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anupam Kher – won the Best Actor award at the “New York City International Film Festival”
- Happy Birthday – won the Best Short Film award at the “New York City International Film Festival”

Appointments & Resignations

162. On May 6, AINRC leader N. Rangasamy was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for the 4th time. AINRC won 16 seats in the 30-member house. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. Rangasamy – sworn in as the Chief Minister of Puducherry – for the 4th time
- Puducherry: CM – N. Rangasamy | Governor – Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge)

163. On May 4, Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Prior to this elevation, he was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the institute’s Crop Improvement Section. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raman Meenakshi Sundaram – appointed as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR)
- Location of ICAR-IIRR – Hyderabad, Telangana
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra | President – Narendra Singh Tomar

164. On May 6, The DMK government has appointed senior IAS officer V. Irai Anbu as the new Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu. Incumbent Rajeev Ranjan was transferred and posted as Chairman and Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Irai Anbu – appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

165. On May 4, Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO). She took over as the 38th President of FLO at the FLO's 37th Annual Session. [{Read more}](#)

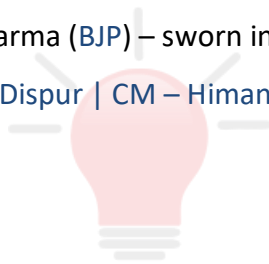
Key Points:

- Ujjwala Singhania – appointed as 38th National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO)
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sangita Reddy

166. On May 7, Himanta Biswa Sarma has sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam. The BJP won 60 of the 126 seats in the Assam Assembly election. Its allies, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and United People's Party Liberal (UPPL), won nine and six seats, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himanta Biswa Sarma (BJP) – sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



Amount & Agreements

167. On May 7, The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has given financial support of Rs 9,162 Cr to West Bengal during the last financial year for the development of agriculture and allied sectors amid Covid-19 pandemic. For 2021-22, it has estimated a credit potential of Rs 2.2 lakh Cr for West Bengal to be disbursed by various banks for the priority sector activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – gave financial support of Rs 9,162 Cr to “West Bengal” for the development of agriculture & allied sectors
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

168. On May 3, Global FDI flows dropped 38% in 2020 to \$846 billion, the lowest level since 2005, according to the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). China surpassed the United States last year as the leading destination for FDI. While, India stood at the third place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OECD: Global FDI flows dropped 38% in 2020 to \$846 billion (lowest level since 2005)
- Leading destinations for FDI: 1st – China, 2nd – US, 3rd – India
- [HQs of OECD – Paris, France](#) | [Secretary-General – Angel Gurría](#) | [Member countries – 37](#)

169. On May 5, The “2021 Global Report on Food Crises” (GRFC 2021) highlights the remarkably high severity and numbers of people in Crisis or worse or equivalent in 55 countries/territories. As per the report, 155 million people faced acute hunger in 2020. The number identified in the 2021 edition is the highest in the report’s five-year existence. The report is produced by the Global Network against Food Crises. Around 60-80% of the population in food crises depend on Agricultural economy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2021 Global Report on Food Crises” – released by Global Network against Food Crises
- As per the report: 155 million people faced acute hunger in 2020

170. On May 4, With Rs 55,500 Cr m-cap, Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) has entered into the league of top 100 most valued companies in terms of market capitalisation, after its stock climbed over 80% in the past one and half month. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SAIL (Rs 55,500 Cr m-cap) – entered into the league of top 100 most valued companies in terms of m-cap
- [HQs of SAIL – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Soma Mondal](#) | [Founded in – 1954](#)

171. On May 6, “2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions” report was released by Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) together with the United Nations Environment Programme. The assessment highlights that cutting human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% by 2030. India became a member of CCAC in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions” report – by CCAC
- Cutting human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% by 2030
- [HQs of CCAC – Paris, France](#) | [Established in – 2012](#)

172. On May 8, India was the top country of origin for vehicle imports into South Africa despite the lengthy COVID-19 lockdowns, according to the “Automotive Export Manual 2021” report released by the Automotive Industry Export Council. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Automotive Export Manual 2021” report – released by the Automotive Industry Export Council (AIEC)
- India – became top exporter of Automobiles to South Africa in 2020
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa

Acquisitions & Mergers

173. On May 7, The Carlyle Group has raised around Rs 3,936 Cr by selling 4.1 Cr shares in SBI Life through multiple block deals. SBI Life was incorporated as a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and BNP Paribas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Carlyle Group – sold 4% stake worth Rs 3,936 Cr in SBI Life
- HQs of Carlyle Group – Washington, D.C., USA | Co-Chief Executive Officers – Kewsong Lee, Glenn Youngkin
- HQs of SBI Life – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mahesh Kumar Sharma

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

174. On May 5, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has signed an agreement with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry. As per the agreement, EESL will conceptualise, propose and design technically sound alternate energy generation solutions for plants in the dairy cooperative sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDDB + EESL = an MoU to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Varsha Joshi | Established in – 1965
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma

175. On May 5, The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU on Migration and Mobility Partnership between India and the United Kingdom. A new India-UK “Global Innovation Partnership” was announced at the virtual “G7 Foreign and Development Ministers Meeting” in London. External affairs minister Jaishankar had virtually participated in the Summit. GIP will also develop an open and inclusive e-market place (E-BAAZAR) for cross border innovation transfer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the signing of an MoU on Migration & Mobility Partnership between India & UK
- India + UK = Global Innovation Partnership to develop an open and inclusive e-market place (E-BAAZAR)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

176. On May 5, The Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) has signed an MoU with the Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMA) to promote investment and manufacturing under India's AtmaNibhar Bharat initiative. TEMA will also join as a partner organization for "CONNEXT 2021", ICCC's 10 days-10 states Virtual Trade Mission to India from June 11 to 25. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICCC + TEMA = an MoU to promote AtmaNibhar Bharat
- TEMA – to join ICCC's 10 days-10 states Virtual Trade Mission to India called "CONNEXT 2021"
- HQs of TEMA – New Delhi | Chairman/President – N. K. Goyal

177. On May 5, Live streaming platform Bolo Indya has joined hands with MyGov India to launch a mass awareness drive regarding COVID-19 vaccination, precautionary measures and health issues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bolo Indya + MyGov India = partnership to launch a mass awareness drive regarding COVID-19 vaccination

178. On May 5, The one year of Covid-19 pandemic has pushed 230 million Indians into poverty with a 15% increase in poverty rate in rural India and 20% surge in poverty rate in urban India, according to a report titled "State of Working India 2021: One Year of Covid-19" by the Azim Premji University. A 10% decline in mobility was associated with a 7.5% decline in income. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "State of Working India 2021: One Year of Covid-19" report – by Azim Premji University
- One year of Covid-19 pandemic pushed 230 million Indians into poverty
- Increase in poverty rate: In rural India – 15% | In urban India – 20%

179. On May 3, PepsiCo Foundation has partnered with not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres. Under the partnership, over 1 lakh vaccines doses will be provided to communities. Moreover, over 100 oxygen concentrators will be provided to the Central government for distribution to various government hospitals across states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PepsiCo Foundation + SEEDS = partnership to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive

Obituaries

180. On May 4, Boxing Federation of India (BFI) Executive Director and seasoned sports administrator Raj Kumar Sacheti has passed away. He was 55. He was a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Boxing Task Force for the '2021 Tokyo Olympics'. He also worked as an assistant joint secretary of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Raj Kumar Sacheti – ED of Boxing Federation of India – passed away
- HQs of BFI – Gurugram, Haryana | President – Ajay Singh

181. On May 6, Former Union minister and Chief of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) Chaudhary Ajit Singh has passed away in a Gurgaon hospital due to COVID19 related complications. He was the son of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh. He was one of the first IITians in Indian politics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chaudhary Ajit Singh – a Politician – passed away [Chief of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD)]

182. On May 5, Legislative Department Secretary G Narayan Raju has died of COVID-19. He was 62. The legislative department in the Law Ministry also deals with issues related to the Election Commission. Raju was recently given a one-year extension as legislative secretary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G Narayan Raju – Secretary of Legislative Department – passed away

183. On May 7, Veteran music composer Vanraj Bhatia has passed away. He was 94. He received India's fourth-highest civilian honour, the Padma Shri in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vanraj Bhatia – a Music Composer – passed away (Padma Shri in 2012)

184. On May 6, Renowned social activist and Padma Shri awardee Gutha Muniratnam has passed away. He was 86. Muniratnam founded the Tirupati-based Rayalaseema Seva Samithi (RASS) as a social organisation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gutha Muniratnam – a Renowned Social Activist – passed away (Padma Shri)

185. On May 6, Former Union Minister Matang Sinh has passed away because of COVID-19 related complications. He was a former Rajya Sabha member from Assam. He was a close aide of former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao. He was elected to Rajya Sabha from Assam in 1992. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Matang Sinh ([Assam](#)) – a Politician – passed away (former RS member from Assam)
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

186. On May 7, Former Indian hockey player and member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics winning side Ravinderpal Singh has passed away at a Lucknow after battling COVID-19. He was 61. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravinder Pal Singh – Former Indian Hockey player – passed away (member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics)

Person in News

187. On May 6, Mohamed Nasheed, former President of Maldives and the current Speaker of Parliament, has injured in a bomb blast near his home. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohamed Nasheed – former President of Maldives & current Speaker of Parliament – injured in a bomb blast
- [Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa](#) | [President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih](#)

188. On May 7, Nepalese climber Kami Rita Sherpa has scaled Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for the most ascents of the world's highest peak. Rita (51) first scaled Everest in 1994. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kami Rita Sherpa ([Nepal](#)) – scaled world's highest peak 'Mount Everest' for the 25th time (breaking his own record)
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee](#) | [President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#)

Science & Technology

189. On May 6, A team of researchers from the marine research non-profit organization ProMare in collaboration with IBM built the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) ship, the "Mayflower 400". The ship also has its own 7-armed, stowaway octopus chatbot called 'Artie'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ProMare + IBM = built the world's first A.I. ship - "Mayflower 400"
- The ship has its own 7-armed, stowaway octopus chatbot called 'Artie'
- [HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US](#) | [CEO – Arvind Krishna](#)
- [HQs of IBM India – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [MD – Sandip Patel](#)

190. ICAR - Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) in Chennai has developed an indigenous vaccine called "Nodavac-R" for viral nervous necrosis (VNN) affecting several fish species. The disease is caused by Nervous Necrosis Virus (NNV). Nodavac-R is safe and can be injected to fingerlings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR-CIBA ([Chennai](#)) – developed "Nodavac-R" vaccine for viral nervous necrosis (VNN) – affecting fish species
- It is caused by – Nervous Necrosis Virus (NNV)



191. On May 7, NASA's Parker Solar Probe has detected natural radio emissions from Venus. It also detected Venus' upper atmosphere called "ionosphere" which is an electrically charged layer of gas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA's Parker Solar Probe – detected natural radio emissions from Venus
- "ionosphere" – an electrically charged layer of gas in the upper atmosphere of Venus
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

192. On May 6, SpaceX has successfully completed the high-altitude ascent and landing of the latest prototype, Serial Number 15 (SN15). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SpaceX – successfully completed the high-altitude ascent and landing of the latest prototype "SN15"
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

193. On May 6, The Long March 4C rocket lifted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi Desert of northwest China, placing "Yaogan-34" into a 680-mile-high (1,100 km) orbit. Yaogan-34 is described as an optical remote sensing satellite for surveying land resources, urban planning, road network design, crop yield estimation and disaster prevention and reduction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched the "Yaogan-34" Optical remote sensing satellite into orbit
- China: Capital – Beijing | Currency – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

194. On May 5, The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT Kanpur has launched "Mission Bharat O2", a 45-day open challenge for manufacturing high-quality indigenous, rapidly scalable oxygen generation units to help combat the emergency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIIC of IIT Kanpur – launched "Mission Bharat O2" challenge to combat shortage of oxygen

195. On May 5, In the West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya, 100-million-year old fossil bone fragments of sauropod dinosaurs have been found by researchers of the Geological Survey of India (GSI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 100-million year old bones of 'Sauropod Dinosaurs' discovered – in West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

196. On May 6, IBM has introduced the world's first 2-nanometre chipmaking technology. The technology could be as much as 45% faster than the mainstream 7-nanometre chips in many of today's laptops and phones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IBM – developed the world's first 2-nanometre chipmaking technology
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, USA | CEO – Arvind Krishna
- HQs of IBM India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD – Sandip Patel



197. On May 6, An international team of paleontologists has identified a new genus and species of hadrosaur or duck-billed dinosaur, “Yamatosaurus izanagii” on one of Japan’s southern islands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A duck-billed dinosaur species “Yamatosaurus izanagii” – discovered in Japan
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

198. On May 6, “AYUSH 64” is found to be useful in treating mild to moderate cases of Covid 19. “AYUSH 64” is a poly herbal formulation developed by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS). Initially, the drug was developed for Malaria in the year 1980 and now is repurposed for COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “AYUSH 64” – to be useful in treating mild to moderate cases of Covid 19 – developed by the CCRAS
- Location of CCRAS – New Delhi

199. On May 7, The Interpol has launched a mobile phone application “ID-Art” which will help identify stolen cultural property, reduce smuggling and increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artefacts. The app’s users can immediately cross-check if an object is among the over 52,000 items registered as stolen in the Interpol’s “Stolen Works of Art” database. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Interpol – launched a mobile phone application “ID-Art” to help identify stolen cultural property
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang

200. On May 7, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) have developed an artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm named “Atman AI” to help detect Covid-19 from chest X-rays. According to its developers, “Atman AI” has shown an accuracy rate of 96.73%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO + CAIR = developed an AI algorithm named “Atman AI” to help detect Covid-19 from chest X-rays
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Location of CAIR – Bangalore, Karnataka | Director – Upendra Kumar Singh



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