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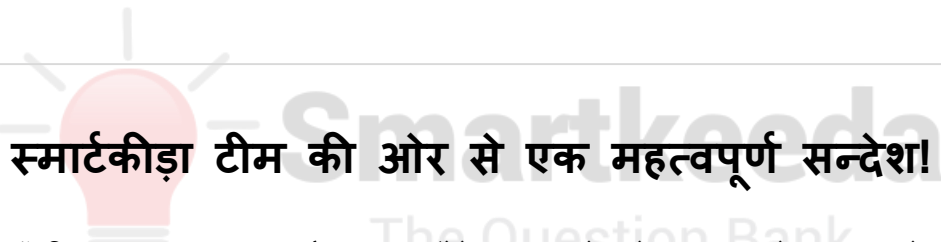
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## **National & States Affairs**

**501.** On May 20, With about 100 cases of the fungal infection being reported, Rajasthan has declared “Mucormycosis” or “Black Fungus” as an epidemic in the state under the Rajasthan Epidemic Act 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajasthan – declared “Mucormycosis” or “Black Fungus” as an epidemic in the state
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**502.** On May 18, The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi, has launched the NGMA’s “Audio-Visual Guide App” on the occasion of International Museum Day. It will be possible for museum viewers to listen to anecdotes and stories related to the treasured Indian modern art exhibited at the Gallery. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- National Gallery of Modern Art – launched the NGMA’s “Audio-Visual Guide App”
- Location of National Gallery of Modern – New Delhi | Established in – 1954

**503.** The 51<sup>st</sup> edition of virtual Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (IHGF) of Delhi fair has been inaugurated recently on May 20. It was organised by the by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH). This fair is India’s largest Virtual Fair in the Home, Fashion, Lifestyle, Textiles and Furniture sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 51<sup>st</sup> edition of virtual IHGF of Delhi fair – organised by the by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts
- HQs of EPCH – New Delhi | Chairman – Raj Kumar Malhotra

**504.** On May 12, The Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called “Mission Hausla” to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for Covid-19 patients. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – launched a drive called “Mission Hausla” to help COVID-19 patients
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Tirath Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**505.** On May 19, The SEBI has imposed a fine of ₹5.25 Cr on Cairn India for misleading public shareholders with its share buyback announcement in 2014 that was actually designed to induce the public to trade in the shares of Cairn. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – imposed a fine of ₹5.25 Cr on “Cairn India” for misleading public shareholders
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of Cairn India – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Ajay Dixit

**506.** On May 19, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI) has launched a hyper-flexible savings plan - “Vision LifeIncome Plus Plan” that provides guaranteed regular income plus flexible bonus pay-outs. This is Non-linked participating individual plan. This savings plan provides the customer with the comfort of a guaranteed regular income for up to 30 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance – launched a hyper-flexible savings plan - “Vision LifeIncome Plus Plan”
- This savings plan provides the customer with the comfort of a guaranteed regular income for up to – 30 years
- HQs of ABSLI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Kamlesh Rao

**507.** On May 19, Ministry of Home Affairs has announced regarding the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act for non-profit organisations (NGOs). It has decided to extend the validity of registration certificates for NGOs till September 30, 2021. The Home Ministry has also announced that existing FCRA account holders have to now open the FCRA account in the New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB) of the State Bank of India (SBI). This can be done by NGOs by June 30 or earlier. As per FCRA Amendment Bill - 2020, the NGOs which are supposed to receive foreign funding must have spent Rs 15 Lakh in voluntary activities and must be at least 3 years old before they make applications. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Home Affairs – to extend the validity of registration certificates for NGOs till September 30, 2021
- Existing FCRA account holders have to now open FCRA account – in New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB) of “SBI”
- NGOs must be at least 3 years old & must have spent Rs 15 Lakh in voluntary activities – to receive Foreign Funding

**508.** On May 19, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot has virtually launched a first of its kind 6-month Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Program on rehabilitation of Divyangjan. It was a result of the MoU signed between India & Australia for cooperation in disability sector. The Central Government has enacted the “Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016” which envisions a society inclusive of persons with disabilities. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Thaawarchand Gehlot (MoSJE) – launched a 6-month Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) Program
- Central Government enacted – “Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016”
- India + Australia = an MoU for cooperation in Disability Sector

**509.** As on May 19, the establishment of 22 new AIIMS has been approved under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) out of which 6 AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are already fully functional. PMSSY is a Central Sector Scheme and was launched in August 2003 to address imbalances in availability of tertiary care hospitals and improve medical education in India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Establishment of 22 new AIIMS – approved under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
- PMSSY – a Central Sector Scheme – launched in August 2003

**510.** On the occasion of World Bee Day on May 20 and in the auspicious context of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the project of setting up of a "Honey Testing Laboratory" at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the project of setting up of a "Honey Testing Laboratory" – at IARI ([New Delhi](#))

**511.** On May 21, The first destroyer of the Indian Navy, INS Rajput, has been decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. INS Rajput, the lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers built by the erstwhile USSR, was commissioned on May 4, 1980 and has rendered service to the Indian Navy for over 41 years. Her original Russian name is 'Nadezhny' meaning 'Hope'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- INS Rajput (first destroyer of Indian Navy) – decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam
- INS Rajput was commissioned on – May 4, 1980 (served for over 41 years) | Her Russian name – 'Nadezhny'

**512.** On May 20, The Central government has increased its share of subsidy for Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP) by 140% from Rs 500 to Rs 1,200 per bag. The Centre would spend an additional Rs 14,775 Cr on fertiliser subsidy in the current financial year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Central government – increased its share of subsidy for DAP by 140% – Rs 1,200 per bag (from Rs 500)
- DAP – Di-Ammonia Phosphate

**513.** On May 21, Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Panchayati Raj and Food Processing Industries, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app and Area officer monitoring App. NMMS app is launched to take the real time attendance of MGNREGA workers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar – National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app & Area officer monitoring App
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare – Narendra Singh Tomar (Constituency – Morena, MP)

**514.** On May 20, For empowering Indian women, Tata Communications has launched the "School of Hope and Empowerment" (S.H.E.) at the 2021 UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held in Berlin, Germany. S.H.E. is designed in collaboration with The Better India. S.H.E. is focused on aspiring women entrepreneurs aged 18-35 years from low-income backgrounds. The UNESCO has targeted to make Environmental Education a core curriculum component in all countries by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Tata Communications – launched the "School of Hope and Empowerment" (S.H.E.) – to empower Indian women
- UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development – held in Berlin, Germany
- HQs of TCL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945



**515.** On May 21, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) has rolled out “Mission HO2PE” in Assam. To supplement severe shortage of O<sub>2</sub> concentrators the “Mission HO2PE” has airlifted over 5000 oxygen concentrators into India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HUL – launched “Mission HO2PE” in Assam – to supplement severe shortage of O<sub>2</sub> concentrators
- HQs of HUL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sanjiv Mehta
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**516.** On May 20, After the spread of black fungus infections, Bihar has reported four cases of ‘white fungus’ or ‘candidiasis’ at Patna Medical College and Hospital. The white fungus damages the skin of the patients and on being neglected, poses threat to the lives of patients. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bihar – reported 4 cases of ‘white fungus’ or ‘candidiasis’ at Patna Medical College and Hospital
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**517.** On May 20, MSN Laboratories has launched “Posaconazole”, a drug used for the treatment of mucormycosis or Black Fungus. Posaconazole is a triazole antifungal agent. MSN has already launched Favilow (Favipiravir) and Oselow (Oseltamivir) that are used in treatment of COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MSN Laboratories – launched “Posaconazole” for the treatment of mucormycosis or Black Fungus
- HQs of MSN Laboratories – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sharath Kumar

**518.** On May 21, The Ministry of Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the UNICEF and its partner organisation YuWaah, with the support of over 950 coalition partners, has launched a pan-India campaign called “#YoungWarrior” to engage young people across the country to address the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and to keep their families and neighbourhoods safe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MoYA + MoHFW + YuWaah (UNICEF) = launched “#YoungWarrior” campaign to mobilise youth against COVID-19
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, USA | Executive Director – Henrietta H. Fore | Established in – 1946

**519.** On May 22, One Stop Centre Scheme (OSCs) has provided assistance to over 3 lakh women so far through 701 One Stop Centres in 35 States/UTs. The scheme is being implemented across India since 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 by Ministry of Women and Child Development. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- One Stop Centre Scheme (OSCs) – provided assistance to over 3 lakh women so far through 701 One Stop Centres
- The scheme is implemented by – Ministry of Women & Child Development | Launched in – 2015





**520.** On May 22, The Government of Haryana has launched “Sanjeevani Pariyojana” (Life Project), a monitored virtual home care initiative that gives people quick access to healthcare for mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Haryana – launched “Sanjeevani Pariyojana” (Life Project) - a monitored virtual home care initiative
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya](#)

**521.** On May 19, For violation of Code of conduct (CoC), the SEBI has imposed a fine of Rs 9 lakh on Biocon Ltd and Rs 5 lakh on its former Senior Vice President (R&D) Narendra Chirmule. He violated provisions of Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) norms. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – imposed a total fine of Rs 14 lakh on Biocon Ltd (Rs 9 lakh) & its designated person (Rs 5 lakh)
- [Former Senior Vice President \(R&D\) of Biocon – Narendra Chirmule](#)
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992](#)
- [HQs of Biocon Ltd – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Siddharth Mittal](#)

**522.** On May 21, Supreme Court of India’s E-Committee has released a manual for its top citizen-centric service-free “e-Courts Services Mobile app” in 14 languages. Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud is the Chairperson of e-Committee. The app is an Electronic Case Management Tool (ECMT) that was launched in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Supreme Court of India’s E-Committee – released a manual for “e-Courts Services Mobile app” in 14 languages
- Chairperson of e-Committee – Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- The app was launched in – 2017 | ECMT – Electronic Case Management Tool

**523.** The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) some years back prepared a Cheetah re-introduction project. Cheetah is expected to be re-introduced into India in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. India’s last spotted cheetah died in Chhattisgarh in 1947 and it was declared extinct in the country in 1952. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Cheetah – to be re-introduced into India in November – at Kuno National Park ([Madhya Pradesh](#))
- Last spotted Cheetah died in Chhattisgarh – in 1947 & declared Extinct in India – in 1952

**524.** The Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with India’s 5 renowned organisations, is organising a series of five webinars under the broad theme of “Be with Yoga, Be at Home”. The first among the series was held on 24 May by The Art of Living on “Finding inner strength amidst outer crisis”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Ayush – organising a series of 5 webinars under the theme of “Be with Yoga, Be at Home”
- [MoS of AYUSH – Shripad Yesso Naik | Constituency – North Goa](#)

## International Affairs

**525.** On May 19, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have hailed the Nuclear Cooperation between the two neighbours to build 4 Nuclear Power Plants in China costing about \$3 billion including Tianwan & Xudapu Nuclear Power Plants. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- China + Russia = Nuclear Cooperation to build 4 Nuclear Power Plants in China (Cost - \$3 billion)
- Tianwan & Xudapu Nuclear Power Plants = being built by China & Russia

## Banking & Economic Affairs

**526.** On May 19, Alankit Imaginations Limited has partnered with Digital Swiss Gold (DSG) allowing investors to buy and hold physical gold digitally in Switzerland as well as sell and send gold via a mobile app. Under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of the RBI, an individual can buy Gold starting from 1 gram and to a maximum limit of \$2,50,000 per financial year. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Alankit Imaginations Ltd + Digital Swiss Gold = to allow investors to digitally buy & hold physical Gold in Switzerland
- Limit for an individual to buy Gold: minimum – 1 gram & maximum – \$2,50,000 per FY
- HQs of Alankit Imaginations Ltd – New Delhi | Founder & Chairman – Alok Kumar Agarwal

**527.** On May 20, Kotak Mahindra Bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to the GIFT IFSC Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) of True Beacon Global. This is the first FPI licence issued to an AIF incorporated in GIFT IFSC by any custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in India. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – issued the first-ever FPI licence to the AIF incorporated in the GIFT IFSC
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let's make money simple”

**528.** On May 18, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr each on City Union Bank (CUB) and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB). In the TMB case, RBI imposed the penalty for non-compliance with some directions regarding “Cyber Security Framework in Banks”, 2016. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- RBI – imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 Cr each on City Union Bank & Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935
- HQs of CUB – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Dr. N. Kamakodi
- HQs of TMB – Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. V. Rama Moorthy



**529.** On May 20, Equitas Small Finance Bank has become the first Small Finance Bank to offer its NRI customer segment the ease of account opening online. The company will also be the only one in the Small Finance Bank sector to have Virtual Relationship Managers based on time zones. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Equitas Small Finance Bank – the 1<sup>st</sup> SFB to offer online account opening facility for NRIs
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, TN | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

**530.** On May 20, The SEBI has doubled the overseas investment limit of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) to \$1.5 billion (\$1,500 million) from \$750 million. All AIFs or VCFs will have to report the utilization of the overseas limits within 5 working days. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI – doubled the overseas investment limit of AIFs & VCFs to – \$1.5 billion or \$1,500 million (from \$750 million)
- AIFs or VCFs have to report the utilization of the overseas limits – within 5 working days
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**531.** On May 20, The RBI has approved transfer of Rs 99,122 Cr as surplus to the central government. This will be for the accounting period of 9 months from July 2020 to March 2021. It has also decided to maintain the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50%. The decision was taken during the 589<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – approved transfer of Rs 99,122 Cr as surplus to the Central Government (for July 2020 to March 2021)
- RBI – decided to maintain the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**532.** On May 22, The RBI has permitted cash withdrawal of Rs 2,000 per transaction with maximum limit of Rs 10,000 per month from various online wallets. Money kept in various online wallets like Amazon pay, Ola money, Mobikwik, Phone pe, Delhi Metro Card etc. can be withdrawn using an ATM or Point of Sale Terminal. Till date RBI has permitted 37 PPIs in India. Now maximum Rs 2 lakh can be kept in various wallets after completion of full KYC. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI – permitted cash withdrawal from various online wallets (i.e. Mobikwik, Phone pe, Amazon pay)
- Maximum limit: 2,000 per transaction & Rs 10,000 per month
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

## Schemes & Initiatives

**533.** On May 23, The Uttarakhand government has launched the “Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana” to take care of those children, who lost their parents or the sole earning member of the family to Covid-19 infection. The government will provide education and training to these children till they attain the age of 21 years. According to the provisions of the scheme, an amount Rs 3,000 per month would be given to them. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Uttarakhand – launched the “CM Vatsalya Yojana” to give Rs 3000/m to Covid Orphan Children (till 21)
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Tirath Singh Rawat | Governor – Baby Rani Maurya

**534.** On May 25, West Bengal government has recently approved 3 Welfare projects or schemes. The State Cabinet has approved the Student Credit Card scheme, Lakshmi Bhandar scheme and the Duare Ration (ration at doorstep) scheme. Under the ‘Khadya Sathi’ scheme, 1.5 Cr families will get free doorstep delivery of monthly ration. Under Lakshmi Bhandar scheme, female heads of general category families will be provided with Rs 500 monthly while SC/ST families will get Rs 1,000. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- West Bengal – approved 3 schemes: Student Credit Card, Lakshmi Bhandar & Duare Ration
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



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## Sports & Games

**535.** On May 20, On the eve of the 71<sup>st</sup> FIFA Congress, the FIFA Council approved key dates for the international match calendars. The FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup will be held in India from October 11 to 30, 2022. The FIFA Council also approved the tournament dates for the FIFA Women’s World Cup to be held in Australia and New Zealand 2023 from July 20 to August 20, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup 2022 – to be held in India (from Oct 11 to 30, 2022)
- FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023 – to be held in Australia & New Zealand
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino | Founded – 1904

**536.** New Zealand wicketkeeper-batsman BJ Watling has announced retirement from International Cricket. Watling, 35, has played 73 Tests, 28 ODIs and 5 T20Is for the BlackCaps. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- BJ Watling (New Zealand) – retirement from International Cricket
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | Prime Minister – Jacinda Ardern



**537.** On May 21, According to the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), the 2021 edition of the “Asia Cup T20 Tournament” has been postponed in 2023 due to COVID-19 pandemic. There has been no Asia Cup since 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Asia Cup T20 Tournament 2021” – postponed to 2023 | Venue – Sri Lanka
- HQs of ACC – Colombo, Sri Lanka | New President – Jay Shah
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**538.** On May 15, Richard Bland has won British Masters 2021 Golf tournament for first Tour title at 478<sup>th</sup> attempt. Richard Bland defeated Guido Migliozi to win his first European Tour title. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Richard Bland (UK - Golf) – won British Masters 2021 Golf tournament

**539.** On May 21, Ireland fast bowler Boyd Rankin has announced retirement from International and Inter-Provincial Cricket with immediate effect. He became Ireland's first wicket-taker in Test cricket in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Boyd Rankin (Ireland) – retirement from International and Inter-Provincial Cricket
- Ireland – Dublin – Euro | PM – Micheal Martin

**540.** On May 22, The 17-year-old American teenager Coco Gauff has beaten Wang Qiang at the “Emilia-Romagna Open” in her first clay-court final to win her career's second singles title. She is the youngest player ranked in the top 100 by the Women's Tennis Association. While, Sebastian Korda from America has won the Men's Title in Emilia-Romagna Open tennis tournament. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Coco Gauff (USA - Tennis) – won the women's singles title at “Emilia-Romagna Open”
- Sebastian Korda (USA - Tennis) – won the men's singles title at “Emilia-Romagna Open”

**541.** On May 22, Casper Ruud has claimed his second career title on the ATP Tour after beating Denis Shapovalov in the final of the Clay Court at the Geneva Open. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Casper Ruud (Norway) – won the Men's Singles title at “Geneva Open 2021” tennis tournament
- Norway – Oslo – Krone | PM – Erna Solberg

**542.** On May 23, Red Bull driver Max Verstappen has won the “Monaco Grand Prix” for the first time to take the Formula One championship lead from Lewis Hamilton. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> victory of his career. While, Jack Miller has won the “2021 French MotoGP” beating Marc Marquez. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Max Verstappen – won the “Monaco Grand Prix” for the first time (12<sup>th</sup> victory of his career)
- Max Verstappen (Netherlands) – Red Bull team
- Jack Miller (Australia) – won the “2021 French MotoGP” | Team – Ducati



**543.** On May 23, Atletico Madrid FC has won the 2020-21 “La Liga” title with a 2-1 win over Real Valladolid FC. This is only the second time in 17 years that a team other than Barcelona or Real Madrid won the title. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Atletico Madrid FC ([Madrid, Spain](#)) – won the 2020-21 “La Liga” title (beating - Real Valladolid FC)
- [Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez](#)

**544.** On May 23, Football’s world governing body FIFA is planning to host the men’s and women’s World Cups in every 2 years instead of its current 4-year cycle. FIFA has increased the numbers of teams at World Cup, with 48 teams instead of 32 at the men’s event from 2026 and the women with 32 teams from 2023, up from 24. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- FIFA is planning to host the men’s & women’s World Cups in every 2 years
- FIFA increased the numbers of teams at World Cup: 48 teams for men & 32 teams for women
- [HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino | Founded – 1904](#)

## **Important Days & Dates**

**545.** In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and in December 2002, the UN General Assembly has declared May 21 to be the “World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 21 – “World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development” – by UNGA (since 2002)
- UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity – in 2001
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Volkan Bozkir | Member Countries – 193](#)
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Established in – 1945](#)

**546.** The world is celebrating “International Tea Day” on 21 May. The United Nations had declared International Tea Day in 2020 to promote its health benefits due to its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 21 – International Tea Day – by the UN (2020)
- Largest tea producer in India – Assam
- [HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres](#)



**547.** “Anti-Terrorism Day” is observed on May 21 in India every year. This year commemorates Rajiv Gandhi’s 30<sup>th</sup> death anniversary as on this day in 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 21 – “Anti-Terrorism Day” (30<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of - Rajiv Gandhi | assassinated in - 1991)

**548.** On May 20, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has virtually commemorated the 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). On this occasion, Smt. Sitharaman released the “CCI Journal on Competition Law and Policy” and CCI’s “Competition Advocacy Booklets” translated into Bengali, Marathi and Tamil languages. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 20 – 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the CCI – commemorated Ministry of Finance & Corporate
- “CCI Journal on Competition Law and Policy” & CCI’s “Competition Advocacy Booklets” – released by N. Sitharaman
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

**549.** National Endangered Species Day is observed on the third Friday of May every year to highlight the increasing need to protect endangered species across the world. This year, this day falls on May 21. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 21 – “National Endangered Species Day” (third Friday of May)

**550.** To celebrate natural diversity and spread awareness, May 22 is marked every year as the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) globally. The slogan/theme for 2021 is “We’re part of the solution”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 22 – International Day for Biological Diversity
- Slogan/Theme – “We’re part of the Solution”

**551.** International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is annually observed across the globe on 23 May by the United Nations. Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries. The theme for this year is “Women’s rights are human rights! End fistula now!” The goal is to end the problem of obstetric fistula by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 23 – International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
- Theme – “Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!” | Goal to end obstetric fistula – by 2030





**552.** “World Turtle Day” is observed every year on May 23 with the purpose of educating people about the things that they can do to protect the habitats of turtles and tortoises. The day was founded in the year 1990 by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR). This year, the theme is “Turtle Rocks!” [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 23 – World Turtle Day (since 1990) | Theme – “Turtle Rocks!”

**553.** International Missing Children’s Day is an awareness event that is observed every year on 25<sup>th</sup> May to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction. Missing Children’s Day began as an observance in the USA in 1983. International Missing Children’s Day which observes the same date was launched a number of years later in 2001. The official emblem of the International Missing Children’s Day is “Forget me not flower”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 25 – International Missing Children’s Day (since 2001)
- Official emblem – “Forget me not flower”

**554.** Every year, 25<sup>th</sup> May is celebrated as the “World Thyroid Day”. The thyroid gland is a small organ that is located in the front of the neck and wrapped around the windpipe. The gland is shaped like a butterfly. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 25 – “World Thyroid Day” | Thyroid gland is shaped like a ‘Butterfly’



## **Meetings, Conferences and Summits**

**555.** On May 20, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has chaired the 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Health Ministers of Commonwealth Countries. The theme of the Meet is “Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – chaired the 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Health Ministers of Commonwealth Countries
- Theme – “Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies”

**556.** Under the science, technology and innovation track of the BRICS 2021 calendar, India has hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG) virtually from May 19 and 20. From the Indian side, the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, and the Department of Science & Technology (DST) coordinated the meeting. India assumed the BRICS Presidency from January 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG)
- Inter-University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune + DST = coordinated the meeting
- BRICS Member Countries – 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2021 – India

# Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**557.** On May 20, The naturalist Jane Goodall has been announced as the 2021 winner of the “Templeton Prize” in recognition of her life’s work on animal intelligence and humanity. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Jane Goodall ([UK](#)) – won the 2021’s “Templeton Prize”
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM of UK – Boris Johnson](#)

**558.** On May 18, Hockey India has won the prestigious “Etienne Glichitch Award” by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as a part of its 47<sup>th</sup> FIH Congress. The award was given in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in India. Sharon Williamson of New Zealand was named as the winner of the “HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award”. The “Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy” went to Croatia’s Ivona Makar for an individual who has made a significant mark on the development of umpiring. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Hockey India – won the prestigious “Etienne Glichitch Award” – by the FIH
- Sharon Williamson ([New Zealand - Hockey](#)) – won the “HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award”
- Ivona Makar ([Croatia - Hockey](#)) – “Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy”
- [HQs of Hockey India – New Delhi | President – Gyanendro Ningombam](#)
- [HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil](#)

**559.** On May 20, Suresh Mukund has won the “World Choreography Awards 2020” in the best choreography category for a television reality show. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Suresh Mukund – won the “World Choreography Awards 2020”

**560.** On May 22, The Shergaon Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh was awarded the best ‘BMC’ award in India at the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the India Biodiversity Award. The India Biodiversity Awards is a joint initiative by the Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry, National Biodiversity Authority and the UNDP. Shaji N. M., a farmer from Kerala was awarded the “Conservation of Domesticated Species” award in individual category. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Shergaon BMC ([Arunachal Pradesh](#)) – awarded as the Best ‘BMC’ at the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the “India Biodiversity Award”
- Shaji N. M. ([Kerala](#)) – awarded the “Conservation of Domesticated Species” award in ‘Individual category’
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra](#)



# Appointments & Resignations

**561.** Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has appointed Moeed Yusuf as the National Security Advisor of Pakistan. Since December 2019, Yusuf had served as special assistant to the prime minister on national security and strategic policy planning. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Moeed Yusuf – appointed as National Security Advisor of Pakistan
- [Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi](#)

**562.** Penpa Tsering has been elected Sikyong or President of the Dharamshala-based Tibetan Exile Government officially called the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Penpa Tsering – elected Sikyong or President of Tibetan Exile Government
- [HQs of CTA – Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh | President – Penpa Tsering](#)

**563.** On May 20, The Left Democratic Front (LDF) government led by CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Pinarayi Vijayan assumed office, after a 21-member Cabinet was sworn in by Governor Arif Mohammed Khan. Pinarayi Vijayan sworn in as Kerala Chief Minister for the second time. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pinarayi Vijayan – sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term [Party – CPI(M)]
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

**564.** On May 18, The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has appointed Arvind Kumar as Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. He is currently an executive director at Indian Oil Corporation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Arvind Kumar – appointed as Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL)
- [CPCL – a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd \(IOCL\)](#)
- [HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya](#)

**565.** On May 21, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has appointed Court of Appeal Judge Martha Koome as the East African country's first woman Chief Justice and head of the judiciary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Martha Koome – appointed as the first woman Chief Justice – Kenya
- [Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta](#)



**566.** On May 22, Shri Pradip Kumar Yadav, presently Director in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Liberia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pradip Kumar Yadav – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to – Liberia
- [Liberia – Monrovia – Dollar | President – George Weah](#)

**567.** On May 22, Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation. Narinder Batra became the first Indian to head the international federation of an Olympic sport in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narinder Batra – re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- [HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924](#)

**568.** On May 22, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal as its chief executive officer. Bansal was a member of the founding team of Aadhaar. He was appointed by the board of the RBIH which is headed by S. (Kris) Gopalakrishnan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajesh Bansal – appointed as the CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25<sup>th</sup>\) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935](#)

**569.** On May 21, Seasoned India Hockey Goalkeeper Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh has been re-elected as a member of the FIH Athletes Committee. He has been a member of the panel since 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- P. R. Sreejesh ([India Hockey Goalkeeper](#)) – re-elected as a member of the FIH Athletes Committee

**570.** On May 25, In exercise of the powers conferred by 'Article 223' of the Constitution, the President has appointed Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, senior-most Judge of Chhattisgarh High Court, to perform the duties of the Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from June 1, 2021. Justice Mishra was appointed as a permanent judge in November 2014. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prashant Kumar Mishra – appointed as the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court
- [The President of India appoints a Chief Justice of State High Court – under 'Article 223' of Indian Constitution](#)



## Amount & Agreements

**571.** On May 21, The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has announced a \$50 billion proposal to end the Covid-19 pandemic by vaccinating at least 40% of the population in all countries by the end of 2021 and at least 60% by the first half of 2022. IMF would inject \$9 trillion into the global economy by 2025 for faster resumption of economic activity. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- IMF – announced a \$50 billion proposal to end the Covid-19 pandemic
- Target: To vaccinate at least 40% of the global population – by 2021 & at least 60% by the first half of 2022
- IMF would inject \$9 trillion into the global economy – by 2025
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**572.** On May 12, Andhra Pradesh government has presented Rs 2.29 lakh Cr budget and estimated revenue of Rs 1.77 lakh Cr for FY 2021-22. The state government has allocated Rs 7,200 Cr for YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Scheme. Despite Covid-19 challenges, the State Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) of Andhra Pradesh grew at 1.58% against Nation's growth of 3.8%. The Per Capita Income of Andhra Pradesh at current prices increased to ₹1.70 lakh in 2020-21 against all India per capita income for 2019-20 stands at ₹1.34 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – presented Rs 2.29 lakh Cr budget for FY 2021-22 | Estimated revenue – Rs 1.77 lakh Cr
- Rs 7,200 Cr – allocated for “YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Scheme”
- Andhra Pradesh's GSDP grew at – 1.58% (against India's growth of 3.8%)
- Per Capita Income of Andhra Pradesh increased to – ₹1.70 lakh in 2020-21
- India's per capita income for 2019-20 – ₹1.34 lakh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

**573.** On May 20, Around 23 Cr Indians have been pushed into poverty during the past one year, as per the report titled “State of Working India 2021: One Year of Covid-19” released by Azim Premji University. The rural poverty rate increased by 15% points and the urban poverty rate was up nearly 20 points. The number of individuals who lie below the national minimum wage threshold (Rs 375 per day as recommended by the Anoop Satpathy committee) increased by 230 million during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “State of Working India 2021: One Year of Covid-19” report – released by Azim Premji University ([Bengaluru](#))
- Around 23 Cr Indians – pushed into poverty during the past one year
- Income of 230 million people – fell below National Minimum Wage Threshold (Rs 375 per day) during pandemic

**574.** On May 22, Billionaire Gautam Adani has replaced Chinese tycoon Zhong Shanshan to become the second-richest Asian, according to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index. Mukesh Ambani is Asia's richest person and chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd. Ambani's total wealth now stands at \$76.5 billion, making him the 13<sup>th</sup> richest in the world, followed by Adani at 14<sup>th</sup>. Adani's wealth surged by \$32.7 billion to touch \$66.5 billion, against Zhong's \$63.6 billion. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Asia's Richest Persons as per the "Bloomberg Billionaire Index" – as on May 21, 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mukesh Ambani (\$76.5 billion) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gautam Adani (\$66.5 billion) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zhong Shanshan (\$63.6 billion)

**575.** On May 21, As per the report, titled "Protected Planet Report 2020" released by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Over 21 million square kilometres has been placed within protected and conserved areas since 2010. As many as 82% of countries and territories increased their share of protected area and coverage of Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECM) since 2010. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Protected Planet Report 2020" report – released by UNEP-WCMC + IUCN
- 21 million Sq. Km – placed within protected & conserved areas since 2010
- Around 82% of countries & territories – increased their share of protected area and coverage of OECM since 2010
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

**576.** On May 20, India has technically slipped below Bangladesh in terms of per capita income as Bangladesh has reported its per capita income at \$2,227 in the financial year 2020-21. India's per capita income reached \$1,947.417 in FY21. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bangladesh (\$2,227) – surpassed India (\$1,947.417) in terms of per capita income
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

**577.** On May 22, Invasive species introduced by human activity are costing African agriculture \$3.66 trillion every year. The species found to cause the most crop losses was a moth known as "Phthorimaea Absoluta". The average cost of invasive alien species to the agricultural sector in Africa's 54 countries was \$74.3 billion each year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Invasive species are costing African agriculture \$3.66 trillion every year
- "Phthorimaea Absoluta" a moth – the species found to cause the most crop losses

## Acquisitions & Mergers

**578.** On May 20, ONGC Mangalore Petrochemicals Ltd (OMPL), a subsidiary of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL), has now become a wholly owned subsidiary of MRPL as MRPL acquires 100% stake in ONGC Mangalore. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- MRPL – acquired 100% stake in ONGC Mangalore Petrochemicals Ltd (OMPL)
- HQs of MRPL – Mangalore, Karnataka | Chairman – Shashi Shankar | MD – M. Venkatesh

**579.** On May 21, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its stake to 5.06% in Union Bank of India with acquisition of nearly 2% additional stake in the bank. LIC held 3.09% stake in UBI earlier. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- LIC – additional 2% stake in Union Bank of India (overall increased its stake to 5.06%)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | MD – Siddhartha Mohanty | Founded in – 1956
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rajkiran Rai G. | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**580.** On May 20, India and Oman renewed two MoUs on military cooperation along with its annexure as well as on maritime issues. The document was signed by Ambassador of India to Oman Shri Munu Mahawar. The MoUs were initially signed between the two sides in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India & Oman renewed two MoUs – on Military Cooperation & Maritime Issues
- The MoUs were initially signed – in 2018
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

**581.** On May 19, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance and India Post Payments Bank have announced a strategic partnership for Cash Management Solution. As part of the tie-up, IPPB will be offering cash management and collection services to MRHFL. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Mahindra Rural Housing Finance + IPPB = a Strategic Partnership for Cash Management Solution
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – J Venkatramu | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> Sep, 2018





## **Books & Authors**

**582.** A book titled “The Spiritual CEO” is penned by Secretary of Heartfulness Institute, S. Prakash. The book is a roadmap for how to build a better business, live a better life and make a bigger impact - all through the simple practice of ‘Korporate Karma’. It is published by Westland Publication. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “The Spiritual CEO” book – authored by S. Prakash
- Publisher – Westland Publication

**583.** On May 20, Bollywood actor Neena Gupta is all set to launch her autobiography “Sach Kahun Toh”. She wrote the book in 2020 during the lockdown. She recently played a grandmother in Netflix film Sardar Ka Grandson. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Sach Kahun Toh” an autobiography of – Neena Gupta (a Bollywood Actress)

## **Obituaries**

**584.** On May 19, Jyoti Krishan Dutt, former Director General of the National Security Guards (NSG) has passed away due to COVID-19 related complications. He headed the force during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. Mr. Dutt had served the CBI and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- J. K. Dutt – Former Director General of NSG – passed away (served in CBI & CISF also)
- HQs of NSG – New Delhi | DG – M. A. Ganapathy | Founded in – 1950

**585.** On May 19, Ranjit K. Dutta, the first Managing Director of Numaligarh Refinery Limited, has passed away at Kolkata after a brief illness. He was 75. He also held the position of CMD of Oil India Limited. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- R. K. Dutta – first MD of Numaligarh Refinery Ltd – passed away
- Numaligarh Refinery – located in Assam

**586.** Well-known Environmentalist Sunderlal Bahuguna has passed away due to COVID-related complications at AIIMS in Rishikesh. He was 94. A ‘Padma Vibhushan’ awardee, he was a Gandhian to the core. He had coined a slogan for the Chipko movement which is “Ecology is the permanent Economy”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sunderlal Bahuguna – an Environmentalist – passed away (‘Padma Vibhushan’ awardee)
- His slogan for the Chipko movement – “Ecology is the permanent Economy”



**587.** On May 22, Om Prakash Bhardwaj, boxing's first Dronacharya Awardee coach has passed away. OP Bhardwaj was India's National Boxing Coach from 1968 to 1989. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Om Prakash Bhardwaj – India's National Boxing Coach – passed away (Boxing's first Dronacharya Awardee)

**588.** On May 21, Lee Evans, the record-setting Sprinter has passed away. He was 74. He wore a black beret in a sign of protest at the 1968 Olympics then went onto a life of humanitarian work in support of social justice. Evans became the first man to crack 44 seconds in the 400 meters, winning the Gold medal at the Mexico City Games in 43.86. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lee Evans (USA) – a Sprinter – passed away
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**589.** On May 21, Former Indian boxer Sakti Mazumdar passed away after suffering a heart attack. He was 89. He had represented India at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sakti Mazumdar – Former Indian Boxer – passed away (He represented India at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics)

**590.** On May 22, Veteran music director Raamlaxman whose real name was Vijay Patil, passed away due to a cardiac arrest. He was 78. He was best known for his work on Rajshri Productions' blockbuster movies - Maine Pyar Kiya, Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! and Hum Saath Saath Hain. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vijay Patil (Raamlaxman) – a Music composer – passed away

**591.** On May 23, Padma Shri awardee Scientist Srikumar Banerjee, who was the former Chairperson of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), passed away. He was the recipient of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award. He was a council member at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Srikumar Banerjee – a Scientist – passed away (former Chairperson of the Department of Atomic Energy)
- Awards: "Padma Shri" & "Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award"
- HQs of DAE – Mumbai, MH | Chairperson – K. N. Vyas

**592.** On May 22, A renowned Journalist Rajkumar Keswani died of post COVID-19 complications. He was 72. He had penned a book on the classic film "Mughal-E-Azam" and was awarded the prestigious BD Goenka Award (1985) and Prem Bhatia Journalism Award in 2010. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajkumar Keswani – a renowned Journalist – passed away
- Awards: BD Goenka Award (1985) & Prem Bhatia Journalism Award (2010)

# Science & Technology

**593.** On May 19, IIT Ropar along with Australia based Monash University has developed a unique detector named “FakeBuster” to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody’s knowledge. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- IIT Ropar + Monash University (Australia) = developed a unique detector named “FakeBuster”
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

**594.** On May 19, A fossil fish that predates dinosaurs and was thought to have gone extinct has been found alive in the West Indian Ocean off the coast of Madagascar. The fish named Coelacanth was accidentally rediscovered by a group of South African shark hunters. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- “Coelacanth” - an extinct fossil fish – lived 420 million years ago is found alive in Madagascar (in Indian Ocean)
- Madagascar – Antananarivo – Malagasy Ariary | President – Andry Rajoelina

**595.** On May 20, Microsoft has announced to retire its iconic Internet Explorer (IE) browser in June 2022, as it envisions the future of Internet Explorer, which was launched in 1995, on Windows 10 in Microsoft Edge. Its usage share has since declined with the launch of Firefox (2004) and Google Chrome (2008), and with the growing popularity of mobile operating systems such as Android and iOS that do not support Internet Explorer. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Microsoft – announced to retire its Internet Explorer (IE) browser in June 2022
- Internet Explorer – developed by Microsoft – in 1995
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

**596.** On May 21, Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), the research laboratory of DRDO, has developed an antibody detection-based kit called “DIPCOVAN”. The kit will help people detect if they have previously been exposed to the COVID-19 virus and if their bodies had produced antibodies to combat it. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- DIPAS (DRDO) – developed an antibody detection-based kit called “DIPCOVAN”
- Location of DIPAS – New Delhi | Director – Dr. Bhuvnesh Kumar
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958



**597.** On May 21, As part of Artemis program, the NASA is planning to send its first mobile robot called “VIPER” (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover) to the Moon in late 2023 in search of ice and other resources on and below the lunar surface. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NASA – is planning to send its first mobile robot called “VIPER” to the Moon – in 2023
- VIPER – Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

**598.** On May 21, Astronomers at China’s Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory (LHAASO) in the Tibetan Plateau have detected the brightest light particle, gamma-ray photons up to 1.4 peta-electron volts (PeV) being emitted from the Milky Way galaxy. The light particle is 700 trillion times stronger than what can be seen by the human eye. The paper is published in the Journal Nature. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory ([China](#)) – detected the brightest light particle from Milky Way galaxy
- [China](#) – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



## Ordinance, Bills and Acts

**599.** On May 19, The US House has passed the legislation to counter a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes amid the coronavirus pandemic. The legislation, known as the “COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act”, was introduced by Democratic Republican Grace Meng of New York and Democratic Sen. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US – passed the legislation namely “COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act” – to counter a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**600.** On May 21, The Finance Ministry has formally notified the amendment to the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2015 and passed the “Insurance Amendment Bill 2021” to increase the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in the Insurance Sector to 74% from 49%. Insurance penetration in India is currently at 3.7% of the gross domestic product (GDP) compared to the world average of 6.31%. As per the amendments, at least one of the three top positions (Chairperson of the board, MD or CEO) in the Insurance Company should be held by a resident of Indian. [{Read more}](#)

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