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National & States Affairs

101. As on May 1, Ministry of Labour and Employment was working on a mechanism to process accident insurance claims by unorganised workers registered on the e-Shram portal. The portal was launched in August 2021 with the aim of creating a national database of unorganised workers. The ministry was in discussion to link the e-Shram portal with the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, the Centre's existing accident insurance scheme. The scheme would allow the workers to get the direct benefit transfer (DBT) through the e-Shram unique ID number. Moreover, in her Budget Speech 2022-2023, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the linking of 4 portals - National Career Service, e-Shram, UDYAM (for those interested in starting MSMEs) and ASEEM (Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour & Employment – to process accident insurance claims by unorganised workers on e-Shram portal
- Ministry of Labour & Employment – to link the 'e-Shram' portal with the 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana'
- [Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav](#) | [Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli](#)

102. On May 3, the Lokpal of India will finally move into a new office at World Trade Centre in south Delhi's Nauroji Nagar, according to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the administrative Ministry for the Lokpal. Spread over an area of 59,504 square feet, the office has been purchased for ₹254.88 Cr. On March 19, 2019, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh was appointed as India's first Lokpal. The appointment itself was made five years after the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act was passed in 2013. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lokpal of India – will move into a new office at World Trade Centre in south Delhi's Nauroji Nagar
- The office has been purchased for ₹254.88 Cr
- 'Lokpal & Lokayukta Act' – passed in 2013 | India's first Lokpal – Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh
- [India's first Lokpal – Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh](#)

103. On May 4, Odisha government has set up India's first Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb) that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state. The TriHOb is designed to be an effective, evidence-based and a policy-oriented centre. Besides, 'Mo School' Abhiyan Chairperson Sushmita Bagchi also launched a 'Tribal Family Health Survey' among the indigenous communities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – set up India's first Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb)
- 'Mo School' Abhiyan Chairperson Sushmita Bagchi – launched a 'Tribal Family Health Survey'
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

104. On May 1, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) launched "M15 petrol" (15% blend of methanol with petrol) on a pilot basis in Assam's Tinsukia district. It was launched by Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Rameswar Teli, in the presence of NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat and IOC Chairman SM Vaidya. Blending fuel with methanol will provide respite from the rising prices. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IOCL – launched “M15 petrol” (15% blend of methanol with petrol) on a pilot basis – in Assam’s Tinsukia district
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

105. On May 5, the Kerala government launched an Android app “Shaili” aimed at diagnosing and controlling lifestyle diseases among people in the State. The app has been set up as part of the population-based screening project launched by the Health Department under the ‘Nava Kerala Karma’ plan. As part of the health-screening project, ASHA workers have been tasked with collecting information from persons over the age of 30 in their respective areas about any lifestyle diseases. The app, set up under the ‘e-Health’ initiative, would help to collect and codify the information quickly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Govt – launched an Android app “Shaili” to diagnose & control lifestyle diseases among people
- ASHA workers have been tasked with collecting information about any lifestyle diseases from persons above 30
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

106. On May 6, Haryana government launched its ambitious “e-Adhigam” scheme under which nearly 3 lakh tablets were distributed to government school students of Classes 10 & 12. These devices come with pre-loaded content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB free data. The “Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules” (Adhigam) scheme was launched by CM Manohar Lal Khattar at Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak. The CM stated that out of the state budget of nearly Rs 1.70 lakh Cr, Rs 20,000 Cr has been earmarked for Education sector alone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched “e-Adhigam” scheme to distribute tablets to govt school students of Classes 10 & 12
- Adhigam – Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules
- Rs 20,000 Cr (out of the state budget of Rs 1.70 lakh Cr) – is earmarked for Education sector alone in Haryana
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

107. On May 5, Tata Power Solar Systems, wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, received India’s largest single solar EPC order of 1 GW for approx. Rs 5,500 Cr from SJVN. This EPC order has been designed keeping in mind the innovative use of ‘Make in India’ cells and modules. The project will be developed under the ‘CPSU Scheme’ of MNRE and will be completed within a period of 24 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power Solar Systems – received India’s largest single solar EPC order of 1 GW for Rs 5,500 Cr from SJVN
- The project will be developed under the ‘CPSU Scheme’ of MNRE
- HQs of Tata Power Solar Systems – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Ashish Khanna

108. On May 2, Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL) reported Rs 54,214 Cr revenue from operations for FY2021-22, a 46.2% higher year-on-year (YoY). With this, Adani Wilmar replaced Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) from the top spot in the local fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) market. HUL, which has been holding the top spot, in terms of yearly revenue, for years, reported Rs 51,468 Cr revenue for FY2021-22. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Adani Wilmar – became the largest FMCG Company in India (overtaking - HUL)
- Adani Wilmar – reported Rs 54,214 Cr revenue from operations for FY2021-22 (46.2% higher YoY)
- HQs of Adani Wilmar – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | MD & CEO – Angshu Mallick

109. On May 5, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Pashupati Kumar Paras launched 3 'One District One Product (ODOP)' brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme in New Delhi. The MoFPI has signed an agreement with NAFED for developing 10 brands of selected 20 ODOPs under the branding and marketing component of the PMFME scheme. With an outlay of Rs 10,000 Cr over a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the PMFME Scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for up-gradation of existing micro food processing enterprises. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pashupati Kumar Paras – launched 3 'One District One Product (ODOP)' brands under the 'PMFME Scheme'
- MoFPI + NAFED = an agreement for developing 10 brands of selected 20 ODOPs under the 'PMFME Scheme'
- Total outlay of "PMFMES" scheme – Rs 10,000 Cr | Launched in – June 2020

110. Redrawing the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir, a 3-member Delimitation Commission earmarked 47 Assembly seats for Kashmir division and 43 for Jammu. The panel, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, signed the final order giving 6 additional seats to Jammu and 1 more to Kashmir. Earlier, Jammu had 37 Assembly constituencies, and Kashmir had 46. Now, the restructuring takes the total number of Assembly seats in the Jammu & Kashmir to 90. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt released a new electoral map for Jammu & Kashmir
- 3-member Delimitation Commission earmarked 47 Assembly seats for Kashmir (1 new) & 43 for Jammu (6 new)
- Now, the total number of Assembly seats in J&K – 90 (from 83 earlier)
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

111. On May 4, President Ram Nath Kovind attended the 61st annual conference of Bodo Sahitya Sabha at Tamulpur, Assam. The President appreciated Bodo Sahitya Sabha for making invaluable contribution for the past 70 years in strengthening the Bodo language, literature and culture. So far 17 writers have been awarded Sahitya Akademi Awards for their works in Bodo language. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – attended the 61st annual conference of Bodo Sahitya Sabha at Tamulpur, Assam
- So far, 17 writers have been awarded Sahitya Akademi Awards for their works in Bodo language
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

112. On May 4, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) campus in Bengaluru that will help in stopping modern day crimes and have the upper hand against any threats. C-DAC, the state-run supercomputer developer, is implementing the project, which is part of PM Narendra Modi's zero tolerance policy on terrorism. NATGRID will be available to 11 central agencies and police of all states and union territories. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

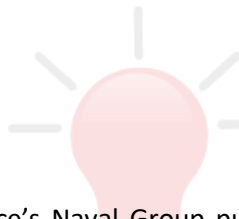
- Amit Shah – inaugurated NATGRID campus in Bengaluru that will help in stopping modern day crimes
- C-DAC – is implementing the project
- NATGRID will be available to 11 central agencies and police of all states & UTs
- HQs of C-DAC – Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director – Mahesh Kulkarni (functions under MeitY)

International Affairs

113. On May 5, the United Nations (UN) launched the “UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025” amid the backdrop of a global energy crisis and worsening climate emergency. The ‘Plan of Action’ was launched by some 30 leading organisations comprising UN-Energy. An Energy Compact Action Network was also launched to match those governments seeking support for their clean energy goals with those governments and businesses that have pledged over \$600 billion to support these commitments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- United Nations – launched the “UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025”
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945



Defence Affairs

114. On May 4, France’s Naval Group pulled out of India’s P-75I submarine project due to conditions mentioned in the request for proposal (RFP) related to air independent propulsion (AIP) system. Six conventional submarines are being domestically built for the Indian Navy under P-75I submarine project. RFPs were issued to two shortlisted Indian companies - Larsen and Toubro and Mazagaon Docks Limited. The ₹43,000 Cr-contract will be awarded by the Defence Ministry following a detailed evaluation of the responses sent by the two strategic partners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- France – pulled out of India’s ‘P-75I’ submarine project due to conditions mentioned in the RFP related to AIP
- RFPs were issued to two shortlisted Indian companies – Larsen & Toubro + Mazagaon Docks Limited
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

115. On May 2, the indigenous Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) successfully completed the validation trials towards meeting the specifications of the Army. The week-long Preliminary Service Quality Requirements (PSQR) validation retrials were conducted at the Pokhran field firing ranges from April 26 to May 2. The ATAGS is a 155mm, 52-calibre heavy artillery gun jointly developed by Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), the Pune-based laboratory of DRDO, in partnership with Bharat Forge and Tata Group. The ATAGS has demonstrated a range of over 45 km. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System – completed the validation trials towards meeting the specifications of the Army
- The trials were conducted at the Pokhran field firing ranges, Rajasthan
- ATAGS (heavy artillery gun) – jointly developed by ARDE (DRDO's lab) + Bharat Forge + Tata Group
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

Sports & Games

116. On May 3, Kerala emerged as champion of the 75th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy beating West Bengal at the Manjeri Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram. The hosts now have seven Santosh Trophy titles to their name and it was the first time they won the competition on home soil since 1993. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – the 75th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy (beating West Bengal)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

117. On May 2, Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history becoming the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships 2022. She lifted 153-kg in the 45-kg weight category, which includes 70kg in Snatch and 83 kg in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium. Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged the silver medal while Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal. The other Indian in the same weight category, Anjali Patel finished fifth. Before Harshada, Mirabai Chanu had won a bronze in 2013 and Achinta Sheuli won a silver medal in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harshada Sharad Garud – first Indian to win a Gold medal at the “IWF Junior World Championships 2022”.
- Silver – Bektas Cansu (Turkey) | Bronze – Teodora-Luminita Hincu (Moldova)
- HQs of IWFL – New Delhi | President – Sahdev Yadav | Secretary General – Anande Gowda
- HQs of IWF – Lausanne, Switzerland | Interim President – Dr. Michael Sheriar Irani (Interim) | Founded in – 1905

118. Ridhi Phor and Tarundeep Rai won a Gold medal in the ‘recurve mixed team’ event at the “2022 Archery World Cup Stage 1” at Antalya, Turkey. India thus ended its campaign in the first outdoor event of the year with two Gold medals. The first came through the ‘compound men’s team’ of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini. Tarundeep Rai had won silver medal at the Asian Games in Guangzhou 2010. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2022 Archery World Cup Stage 1” – held at Antalya, Turkey
- Ridhi Phor + Tarundeep Rai = won a Gold medal in the ‘Recurve Mixed Team’ event
- Abhishek Verma + Rajat Chauhan + Aman Saini = won a Gold medal in the ‘Compound Men’s Team’





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Persons in News

119. Priyanka Mohite from Maharashtra's Satara district has become the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8000 metres, after climbing Mount Kanchenjunga, the third highest mountain in the world (8,586m height). It is situated in the eastern Himalayas on the border between Sikkim, northeastern India, and eastern Nepal. The 30-year-old climbed the third highest peak on Earth on May 5, 2022. In 2020, she also won the prestigious Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award. She climbed Mount Everest in 2013, Mount Lhotse in 2018, Mount Makalu in 2019 and Annapurna 1 in 2021. Notably, she is also the first Indian woman to climb Annapurna 1 and Makalu. There are 14 8000m-plus height mountains in the world - seven in Nepal, two in China and five in Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Priyanka Mohite ([Maharashtra](#)) – became the first Indian woman to climb 5 peaks above 8000 metres
- She achieved the milestone after climbing 'Mount Kanchenjunga', 3rd highest mountain in the world (8,586m height)

Science & Technology

120. On May 5, a new plant species "Peperomia Albertiae" is discovered in Idukki district by researchers at the postgraduate and research department of Botany at St. Albert's College in Kochi. The discovery was published in the March edition of the Kew Bulletin journal of botanical garden, England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Peperomia Albertiae" a new plant species – discovered in Idukki, Kerala – by researchers of St. Albert's College (Kochi)
- Kerala: [Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

121. Russia launched a secret military payload into orbit around the earth using its new 'Angara 1.2' rocket. The launch took place at the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in the town of Mirny in the north-western Russian region of Arkhangelsk Oblast. This was the first operational flight of Angara 1.2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – launched a secret military payload into orbit around the earth using its new 'Angara 1.2' rocket
- Russia – [Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

122. Dr. Bina Modi, Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, was adjudged the "Woman Transforming India Award" at Indo-American Chamber of Commerce's 6th "Entrepreneur & Leadership Awards 2022". The Award was presented by the Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia. Dr Bina Modi is the President & MD of Godfrey Phillips India Ltd and Chairperson & MD of Indofil Industries Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Bina Modi – received the 'Woman Transforming India Award' at the 6th "Entrepreneur & Leadership Awards 2022"
- [HQs of Modi Enterprises – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Dr. Bina Modi](#)



123. The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) received the prestigious “Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020” for its scheme ‘One Nation One Ration Card’ (ONORC) on the occasion of 15th Civil Services Day in New Delhi. The ONORC which was started initially in 4 States in August 2019 was swiftly rolled out in a very short span of time in 32 States/UTs by December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dept. of Food & Public Distribution – received the “Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020” for its ‘ONORC’ scheme
- ONORC was started in August 2019

124. On May 5, a NASA’s climate research scientist, Agronomist and Climatologist, Cynthia Rosenzweig was awarded the “World Food Prize 2022”. She was awarded the \$250,000 prize in recognition of her innovative modeling of the impact of climate change on food production. World Food Prize Foundation award her as the founder of the Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project. She completed the first projections of how climate change will affect food production in North America in 1985 and globally in 1994. Nobel prize laureate Norman Borlaug created the World Food prize in 1986. M. S. Swaminathan is the first Indian to receive the World Food Prize in 1987. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cynthia Rosenzweig ([American Agronomist & Climatologist](#)) – received the “World Food Prize 2022” (\$250,000 prize)

125. On May 1, Doordarshan has won the 14th edition of “Exchange4media News Broadcasting (ENBA) Award” for its TV series based on pet care namely ‘Best Friend Forever’. Doordarshan’s TV series has been selected for the best in-depth Hindi series. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Doordarshan – won the 14th “Exchange4media News Broadcasting Award” for its ‘Best Friend Forever’ TV series

126. On May 5, the awards committee of Akhil Bharat Rachanatmak Samaj (ABRS), under the chairmanship of Mohan Joshi, awarded General Tej Kaul (retired) with the prestigious “Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Memorial (DNDM) Global Peace Award”. The award ceremony was held in New Delhi on the occasion of late Nirmala Deshpande’s 14th Memorial Day celebration. He has also been awarded with the PVSM (Param Vishisht Seva Medal), AVSM (Ati Vishist Seva Medal) and the VSM (Vishisht Seva Medal) by the President of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- General Tej Kaul – awarded with the prestigious “Dr. Nirmala Deshpande Memorial (DNDM) Global Peace Award”
- Other awards: PVSM, AVSM, VSM

127. On May 5, Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur announced that India will be the official ‘Country of Honour’ at the upcoming ‘Marche’ Du Film’, organised alongside the Cannes Film Festival, in France. It is the first time the Marche du Film has an official Country of Honour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – will be the official ‘Country of Honour’ at the ‘Marche’ Du Film’, organised alongside Cannes Film Festival, in France
- [France – Paris – Euro](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#) | [PM – Jean Castex](#)



Schemes & Initiatives

128. The second anniversary of Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme was observed on April 24, 2022. It is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj which is aimed to provide the record of rights to village household owners in rural areas and issue Property Cards. Under the scheme drone technology has been used for the first time to map actual property area of land owners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 24 – 2nd anniversary of ‘SVAMITVA’ scheme
- ‘Svavitva scheme’ – belongs to Ministry of Panchayati Raj | Launched by PM Modi – on April 24, 2020
- SVAMITVA – Survey of Villages & Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas

129. The Maharashtra Department of Prisons has launched a loan scheme titled Jivhala for inmates serving sentences in jails across the state. The scheme is being offered by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank. This is the first kind of credit scheme for prisoners in India. The credit scheme ‘Jivhala’ means ‘affection’ in Marathi. In the initial phase, a loan of Rs 50,000 will be given at a 7% interest rate. Inmates will be able to use the loans for education of their children, medical treatment of family members, legal fees, or any other expenses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched loan scheme titled ‘Jivhala’ (means ‘affection’ in Marathi) for inmates serving sentences in jails
- Scheme is offered by – Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank
- A loan of Rs 50,000 will be given at a 7% interest rate
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Important Days & Dates

130. Astronomers and sky enthusiasts marked the “International Dark Sky Week 2022” from April 22-30. The “International Dark Sky Week” is an annual event hosted by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). The event aims to raise awareness about the negative impact of light pollution and celebrate the night sky. According to IDA, light pollution is increasing at twice the rate of population growth and 83% of the world’s population lives under the light-polluted sky. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 22-30 – “International Dark Sky Week 2022” – hosted by the IDA
- 83% of the world’s population lives under the light-polluted sky
- HQs of IDA – Arizona, US | CEO – Ruskin Hartley

131. “International No Diet Day (INDD)” is celebrated on May 6 every year. The day is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle with a focus on health at any size and in raising awareness of the potential dangers of dieting and the unlikelihood of success. The day was created by Mary Evans Young in 1992 & celebrated in the UK for the first time. The symbol of International No Diet Day is a light blue ribbon. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- May 6 – “International No Diet Day (INDD)” | Symbol of the Day – Light Blue Ribbon
- The day was celebrated for the first time in the UK by ‘Mary Evans Young’ in 1992

132. On May 6, Southern Railway organised a grand programme to mark the 67th Railway Week celebrations. Railway Week is celebrated every year from April 10 to 16 in commemoration of the first train run on Indian soil on April 16, 1853 from Bori Bunder to Thane. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 10 to 16 – 67th Railway Week
- Southern Railway organised a grand programme to mark the 67th Railway Week celebrations
- HQs of Southern Railway – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | GM – B.G. Mallya

133. Every year on May 7, World Athletics Day is commemorated. On this day, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) was created as a social responsibility project called ‘Athletics for a Better World’. The day was established in 1996 by then-IAAF President Primo Nebiolo. The date is subject to adjustment, however, the month stays the same as May. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is the national governing body for athletics in India. AFI was established in 1946. It's a member of the IAAF, the Indian Olympic Association, and the AAA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- May 7 – World Athletics Day (since 1996)
- HQs of IAAF or World Athletics – Monaco | President – Sebastian Coe | Founded in – 1912
- HQs of AFI – New Delhi | President – Adille J. Sumariwalla | Secretary General – Ravinder Chaudhry



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Meetings, Conferences & Summits

134. On May 4, PM Narendra Modi, along with the prime ministers of Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, and Norway, attended the 2nd India-Nordic Summit hosted at Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen, Denmark. The summit was focused on post-pandemic economic recovery, climate change, renewable energy, and the evolving global security scenario. The first India-Nordic summit was held in Stockholm in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – attended the 2nd “India-Nordic Summit” in Copenhagen, Denmark
- The first ‘India-Nordic summit’ was held in Stockholm in 2018
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen

135. On May 2, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), along with IIM Ahmedabad, organised the first two-day “International Research Conference on Insolvency & Bankruptcy”. The Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Planning and Corporate Affairs, Rao Inderjit Singh, highlighted the journey of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016. The two-day research conference was held under the aegis of the Misra Centre of Financial Markets at IIM Ahmedabad. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IBBI + IIM Ahmedabad = organised the first 2-day “International Research Conference on Insolvency & Bankruptcy”
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Ravi Mittal | Established in – 2016 (set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

136. On May 5, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the 37th “Air Chief Marshal (ACM) P. C. Lal Memorial Lecture” organised by the Air Force Association in New Delhi. On the occasion, Mr. Singh released a book titled “Indo-Pak war 1971 - Reminiscences of Air Warriors”, a compilation of 50 articles penned by veterans narrating their experiences, edited by Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan. Air Chief Marshal P.C. Lal was the Vice Chief of the Air Staff during the 1965 war and had served as the 7th Air Chief during the 1971 war. ACM P. C. Lal was awarded the ‘Distinguished Flying Cross’ during the Burma Campaign in World War II. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1966 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1972 for his contributions during the two wars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – addressed 37th “Air Chief Marshal (ACM) P. C. Lal Memorial Lecture” in New Delhi
- Rajnath Singh – released a book titled “Indo-Pak war 1971 - Reminiscences of Air Warriors”
- The book is edited by = Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh + Group Captain Shailendra Mohan
- ACM P. C. Lal – served as 7th Air Chief during the 1971 war & Vice Chief of the Air Staff during the 1965 war
- ACM P. C. Lal’s awards: ‘Distinguished Flying Cross’ + Padma Bhushan (1966) + Padma Vibhushan (1972)

137. On May 2, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) in partnership with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted the “International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI 2022)” from May 4-6, 2022. The 3-day interactive hybrid conference will explore ways to strengthen the resilience of transitioning infrastructure systems, with an emphasis on human-centered approaches. The CDRI will also feature a ‘Resilient Infrastructure Marketplace’ to promote and strengthen opportunities for both the public and private sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CDRI + USAID = hosted the “International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI 2022)”
- HQs of CDRI – New Delhi | Member countries – 30 | Launched by Narendra Modi (in 2019)
- HQs of USAID – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Samantha Power | Founded in – 1961

138. On May 5, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the meeting of the National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC) in New Delhi. The NSAC is the apex body providing policy directions and guidance for port-led development - Sagarmala projects and reviews its implementation. Holistic development of coastal communities through a new initiative ‘Sagartat Samridhhi Yojana’ was also taken up for discussion in the meeting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – chaired the meeting of the ‘National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC)’ in New Delhi
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

139. On May 6, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) held a two-day Regional Conference in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. NHAI signed an MoU with Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (UPSRLM) to involve the self-help groups in taking up the plantations along the National Highways. The second MoU was signed between NHAI and AMMANN India Pvt Ltd to create a talent pool of highly skilled workforce, fully trained on advanced technologies in Highway construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance. In FY 2021-22, NHAI constructed a total length of 4,325 km, which is higher than the 4,218 km in FY 2020-21 and 3,979 in FY 2019-20. [{Read more}](#)

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- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Alka Upadhyaya | Founded in – 1988

Ranks, Report & Surveys

140. Around 193 million people in 53 countries or territories experienced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels in 2021, according to a report titled “Global Report on Food Crises 2022 (GRFC 2022)” by the Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC). The report is facilitated by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN). There were three main drivers for the food insecurity according to the report - conflict, weather extremes & economic shocks. [{Read more}](#)

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141. On May 2, India’s pharmaceutical exports have registered a growth of 103% since 2013-14, the best export performance of Pharmaceutical Sector ever till 2021-22. The exports have grown by almost USD 10 billion in 8 years - from Rs 90,415 Cr in 2013-14 to Rs 1,83,422 Cr in 2021-22. Almost 60% of the world’s vaccines and 20% of generic medicines are being provided by India. The largest number of FDA approved plants outside the US is in India. India’s pharmaceutical industry ranks 3rd globally in terms of volume (production) and 14th in terms of value. The current market size of the Indian pharmaceutical industry is around USD 50 billion. The share of pharmaceuticals and drugs in our global exports is 5.92%. [{Read more}](#)

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142. India installed 10 GW of solar capacity in 2021, a 210% growth compared to 3.2 GW in the same period the previous year, according to a report titled “Annual India Solar Market Update Q4 2021” by Mercom Communication India. India’s rooftop Solar installation witnessed a growth of 138% to 1.7 GW in 2021. The newly installed solar capacity in 2021 reached a record high, making up 62% of the total power capacity additions in 2021. The Open Access Solar Installations saw growth of 222% compared to the previous year. Fourth Partner Energy was the top open access installer during the year. While Tata Power Solar led the list of rooftop solar installers, accounting for 20% of the total installations. According to the report, utility-scale projects accounted for 83% of the total installations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- India installed 10 GW of solar capacity in 2021
- India’s rooftop Solar installation registered a growth of 138% to 1.7 GW in 2021
- Open Access Solar Installations registered a growth of 222% in 2021
- Top Open Access Installer during 2021 – Fourth Partner Energy | Top Rooftop Solar Installer – Tata Power Solar
- [HQs of Tata Power Solar Systems – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD & CEO – Ashish Khanna](#)

143. India’s total fertility rate (TFR) has declined from 2.2 children in 2015-16 to 2 children per woman now, according to the latest edition of the “National Family Health Survey (NFHS)” released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The TFR is currently below the replacement level of fertility of 2.1 children per woman. According to the report, the median age at first birth among women aged 25-49 is 21.2 years. The TFR ranges from 1.1 children per woman in Sikkim to 3 children per woman in Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

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144. On May 5, Ladakh (1104) recorded the highest Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) in India in 2020, followed by Arunachal Pradesh (1011), Andaman & Nicobar Islands (984), Tripura (974) and Kerala (969), according to the annual report on “Vital Statistics based on 2020 Civil Registration System Report (CSR)”. Sex ratio at birth is number of females per thousand males. Lowest sex ratio at birth was reported by Manipur (880). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Vital Statistics based on 2020 Civil Registration System Report (CSR)”:
- Ladakh (1104) recorded the highest Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) in India in 2020 | Lowest – Manipur (880)

145. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, improved to 54.7 in April from 54.0 in March. The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) is a measure of the prevailing direction of economic trends in manufacturing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index” – by S&P Global
- PMI manufacturing improved – to 54.7 in April (from 54.0 in March)



146. According to the latest available data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2020, about 76% of all prison inmates in India were undertrials, of which about 68% were either illiterate or school dropouts. Among the undertrials, about 20% were Muslims, while about 73% were Dalits, tribals or OBCs. Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir were found to have the highest ratio of undertrials in jails at 91%, followed by Bihar and Punjab at 85%, and Odisha at 83%. About 50% of all undertrials were charged with “offences against human body” and about 20% were charged with “offences against property”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Highest ratio of undertrials: Delhi and J & K – 91% | Bihar and Punjab – 85% | Odisha at 83%
- HQs of NCRB – New Delhi | Director – Vivek Gogia | Established in – 1986

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

147. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), the biggest bilateral trade pact between the two major economies, came into force on May 1, 2022. The agreement was signed on February 18, 2022 between the two sides. Secretary, Department of Commerce, B.V.R. Subrahmanyam flagged off the first consignment of goods consisting of jewellery items from India to the UAE under the India-UAE CEPA. Under the new customs system, the consignment will attract zero customs duty. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – attended the 2nd “India-Nordic Summit” in Copenhagen, Denmark
- The first ‘India-Nordic Summit’ was held in Stockholm in 2018
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

148. On May 4, Tata Power Community Development Trust (TPCDT) partnered with the Center for Autism and other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education (CADRRE) to launch ‘Pay Attention - A different mind is a gifted mind’, India’s first bridgital Autism support network. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neuro-developmental disorder of variable severity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TPCDT + CADRRE = to launch ‘Pay Attention - A different mind is a gifted mind’- India’s 1st Autism support network

149. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signs an MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to upskill the technical staff of the Department of Space in the ISRO. The MoU was signed by Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary MSDE and Shri S. Somanath, Secretary Department of Space/ Chairman ISRO. More than 4000 ISRO technical employees will be trained in the programme over the course of the next 5 years. The location of the training will be the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI), Mumbai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MSDE + ISRO = an MoU to upskill more than 4000 technical staff of the Dept. of Space in the ISRO at NSTI, Mumbai
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969



150. On May 5, Telangana government in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories and Laurus Labs as well as academia has set up a one-of-its-kind Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCTH) at the Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS) in Hyderabad. The FCTH is expected to boost adoption of flow chemistry from laboratory to manufacturing, and transition to more modern approaches to pharmaceutical manufacturing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana + Dr Reddy's Lab + Laurus = set up a "Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCTH)" in Hyderabad
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan





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