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LAW AND AMENDMENT

Supreme Court’s Decision on Maharashtra’s Political Crisis

- In June last year, the political upheaval in Maharashtra led to Uddhav Thackeray’s resignation as chief minister. Governor invited Eknath Shinde to form the new government on the basis of a letter of support from Opposition MLAs. Thackeray had resigned instead of going through the floor test.
- Recently, the Supreme Court ruled against the governor’s floor test order.
- The Supreme Court (SC) has declared the governor’s order to call a floor test for the Maharashtra government unconstitutional and invalid.
- The SC bench said that the governor did not have any objective evidence to doubt the confidence of the government. It also said that the floor test cannot be used to resolve internal party disputes.
- In other words, the SC has said that the governor overstepped his powers and that the floor test was unnecessary.
- The bench also said that it cannot quash a resignation that was submitted voluntarily. It noted that the post of Chief Minister (CM) had fallen vacant after Uddhav Thackeray’s resignation.
- The leader of the party that had won the most seats in the state assembly had extended support to Eknath Shinde.
- The bench declared that the decision of the governor inviting Mr. Shinde to form the government was justified.
- The bench further clarified that the decision of the Speaker recognizing the whip appointed by the political party is the only valid decision.
- It declared the appointment of Shinde as the leader of the Shiv Sena legislative party in the House and the appointment of Bharat Gogawale as the new Whip illegal.
- Conclusion: The Supreme Court’s ruling invalidated the Maharashtra governor’s decision asking Thackeray to face the floor test, but it did not reinstate him as chief minister.
- In 1985, the Tenth Schedule of the 52nd amendment to the Constitution of India was passed by the Parliament to limit political defections in India.
- The anti-defection law punishes individual Members of Parliament (MPs)/MLAs for leaving one party for another.
- It also resulted in the introduction of the new word 'Political Party' in the Constitution of India.
- Thus, political parties got recognition in the Constitution.
- The decision on questions as to disqualification on grounds of defection is referred to the Chairman or the Speaker of such House, which is subject to ‘Judicial review’.

TAMIL NADU AMENDED LAW ON JALLIKATTU VALID, SC

- The Supreme Court recently termed jallikattu a “type of bovine sport” existing in Tamil Nadu for at least a century.
- It did not interfere with the State legislature’s finding that the bull-taming event is part of the cultural heritage and tradition of the people.
- A Constitution Bench headed by Justice K.M. Joseph upheld the validity of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act of 2017, and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Conduct of Jallikattu) Rules of 2017.
- The court also found similar laws passed by Karnataka and Maharashtra, allowing bullock cart races and buffalo racing ‘kambala’, valid.
- The Constitution Bench held that the jallikattu law “substantially minimises” the pain and suffering of the animals participating in the event.

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- The judgment however directed that the district administrations and competent authorities in Tamil Nadu would be responsible to ensure that jallikattu events are conducted in strict compliance of the safeguards laid out in the 2017 Amendment Act and Rules.
- The court described jallikattu as an event during which “a bull is set free in an arena and human participants are made to grab its hump to score in the game”.
- The SC held that amendments had been passed by the state governments after the apex court had banned Jallikattu and similar activities in 2014 in the case *Animal Welfare Board of India vs A Nagaraja & Ors*.
- The state legislature had the legislative power to make these amendments in accordance with Entry 17 to List III of the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution. It added that the laws provided enough safeguards against the infliction of cruelty to animals and punishments. Since these amended laws had received presidential assent, they could not be faulted.

Article 142 of the Indian Constitution

- The Supreme Court recently held its extraordinary discretion under Article 142 of the Constitution can be used to do “complete justice” for couples trapped in bitter marriages by granting them divorce by mutual consent.
- It is possible in cases of irretrievable breakdown of marriage, without referring the parties to a family court where they must wait for 6 to 18 months for a decree of divorce by mutual consent.
- Under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the procedure to obtain a divorce by mutual consent is laid down.
- It deals with the Supreme Court's power to exercise its jurisdiction and pass an order for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.
- It provides the apex court with a special and extraordinary power and is meant to provide justice to litigants who have suffered traversed illegality or injustice in the course of legal proceedings.
- Article 142(1) states that “The Supreme Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction may pass such decree or make such order as is necessary for doing complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it, and any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India in such manner as may be prescribed by or under any law made by Parliament and, until provision in that behalf is so made, in such manner as the President may by order prescribe”.
- Significant cases where Article 142 was invoked:
 - ✓ **Babri Masjid Case:** The article was used in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case and was instrumental in the handover of the disputed land to a trust to be formed by the union government.
 - ✓ **Bhopal Gas Tragedy:** The SC invoked its plenary powers in the *Union Carbide vs Union Govt.* case and intervened to provide compensation to victims of the deadly Bhopal Gas Tragedy.

Supreme Court Rules Delhi Government has Control over Services

- Drawing the curtains on an eight-year-long legal battle between the Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government and the Centre, the Supreme Court has ruled that the Delhi government has legislative and executive powers over administrative services in the national capital.
- The unanimous ruling by a five-judge Constitution Bench said the decision would further “the basic structure of federalism”.
- The Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices MR Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli, and PS Narasimha passed a unanimous judgment on the matter.
- In 2015, a Union Home Ministry notification said that the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi shall exercise control over “services”. The Delhi government challenged this before the Delhi High Court, which in 2017 upheld the notification. On appeal, a two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court referred the issue to a larger constitution Bench.
- In 2018, a five-judge Constitution Bench in a unanimous verdict laid down the law that governs the relationship between Delhi and the Centre. The ruling was in favour of the Delhi government.
- While the Constitution bench decided the larger questions, the specific issues were to be decided by a two-judge Bench. In 2019, two judges delivered a split verdict on the specific issue of “services.”

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The split verdict then went to a three-judge Bench and eventually a five-judge Constitution Bench, which has now delivered its verdict.

➤ court decide:-

- ✓ First, the court concluded that Delhi under the constitutional scheme is a Sui Generis (or unique) model, and is not similar to any other Union Territory.
- ✓ It said Delhi presents a special constitutional status under article 239AA. Article 239AA specifically excludes land, police and public order from the purview of the legislative powers of the Delhi government.
- ✓ The apex court held that the L-G can exercise executive power on behalf of the Centre only in the three areas of public order, police and land in Delhi as mentioned in Article 239AA(3)(a).
- ✓ If the L-G differed with the Council of Ministers of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), he should act in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Transaction of Business Rules.
- ✓ However, in case the Parliament enacts a law granting executive power on any subject which is within the domain of NCTD, the executive power of the L-G can be modified to the specific extent provided in that law. This means that any change in the L-G's ambit of power should be supported by a parliamentary legislation which is subject to judicial review by the court.
- ✓ In its unanimous verdict, the Court ruled that the Delhi government has legislative and executive powers over services except for public order, police and land.

APPOINTMENT

Arjun Ram Meghwal replaces Kiren Rijiju as Union Law Minister

- Arjun Ram Meghwal appointed as new law minister of India.
- Arjun Ram Meghwal has replaced Kiren Rijiju as the Union Minister for Law and Justice.
- Meghwal has been assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice, in addition to his existing portfolios, in place of Kiren Rijiju.
- Kiren Rijiju has been assigned the portfolio of Ministry of Earth Sciences. Meghwal is the current Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture.
- Rijiju was appointed as the Law Minister in July 2021 in the place of Ravi Shankar Prasad.

CAG chief re-elected as External Auditor of WHO for 2024-27

- Comptroller and Auditor General, Girish Chandra Murmu has been selected as External Auditor of the International Labour Organization in Geneva.
- He has been selected for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.
- CAG will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of ILO, Supreme Audit Institution of Philippines.
- ILO had earlier shortlisted three Supreme Audit Institutions - India, Canada and UK, for technical presentations.

KV Viswanathan, Prashant Mishra to take oath as Supreme Court judges

- Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior advocate K V Viswanathan were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court.
- The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice of India, D Y Chandrachud.
- With this, the working strength of Supreme Court has reached its sanctioned judge strength of 34.
- It was working with 32 judges following the retirement of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and M R Shah.
- Their names were recommended to the Centre by the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud.

Dr. Manoj Soni takes Oath as UPSC Chairman

- Manoj Soni took oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

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- The Oath was administered to him by the UPSC Chairman Prof. David R. Syiemlieh.
- He became the youngest-ever Vice Chancellor in independent (India).
- UPSC is a constitutional body that conducts the prestigious civil services examination.
- It has been established under Article 315 of the Constitution and consists of a Chairman and ten Members, who are appointed and removed by President.

Ravneet Kaur appointed Chairperson of Competition Commission of India

- Ravneet Kaur has been named the first full-time woman Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India.
- CCI member Sangeeta Verma has been acting as the Chairperson since October 2022.
- Kaur is a 1988 batch Punjab cadre IAS officer.
- She will be the fifth full-time chairperson of the regulator body.
- Kaur has been appointed for a 5-year term.

Praveen Sood appointed as the new CBI Director

- Praveen Sood has been appointed as the next Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years.
- He will succeed Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, whose term ends on May 25.
- The decision was made in a meeting of a high-powered committee consisting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Shri Praveen Kumar Srivastava appointed as Central Vigilance Commissioner

- Shri Praveen Kumar Srivastava was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on 29th May, 2023
- President Draupadi Murmu administered him the oath of office and secrecy.
- Shri Srivastava was a retired Indian Administrative Service officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre of 1988 batch.

Justice Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala appointed as Chief Justice of Madras High Court

- Justice Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala was sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court on Sunday, May 28, 2023
- Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi administered the oath of office during a ceremony in Raj Bhavan after presenting him the warrant of appointment
- Justice Sanjay V Gangapurwala took over as the Acting Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court in December 2022.
- Genpact founder Pramod Bhasin has been appointed the new chairman of the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), effective April 1, 2023.
- Bhasin is currently also the chairman of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).
- He succeeds Rajendra S Pawar, the chairman and cofounder of NIIT Group.
- Pawar had served as the chairman of DSCI for a period of three years prior to this transition.

Ajay Banga confirmed as 14th President of World Bank

- Ajay Banga, who is of Indian origin, has been officially selected as the 14th President of the World Bank.
- The 25-member executive board of the World Bank elected Ajay Banga, who previously served as the CEO of Mastercard, to hold the position for a period of five years, starting from June 2.

Indian-origin officer becomes first top-rank South Asian woman in NYPD

- Pratima Bhullar Maldonado, an Indian-origin police officer, has become the highest-ranking South Asian female officer in the New York Police Department.
- She was recently promoted to the position of Captain and currently oversees the 102nd Police Precinct in South Richmond Hill, Queens.
- According to the NYPD, of the department's 33,787 members, 10.5 per cent are Asian.
- Maldonado runs the 102nd Police Precinct in South Richmond Hill, Queens.

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- She joined the NYPD in 1999 and has served in a variety of roles, including patrol officer, detective, and sergeant.

TS Sivagnanam designated as Calcutta High Court's Chief Justice

- Justice TS Sivagnanam has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, as per the notification released by the Law Ministry.
- He has been holding the post of judge since 2009.
- He has replaced Chief Justice Prakash Shrivastava.
- Also, he belongs to the Madras High Court and had been a senior judge in Calcutta HC.
- In October 2021, he was transferred to the Calcutta High Court where he has been serving since then. He is scheduled to retire on September 15, 2025.

Siddhartha Mohanty has been appointed as LIC Chairperson.

- Siddhartha Mohanty, interim LIC Chairman, has been appointed as regular chairperson of LIC till June 29, 2024.
- After this date, Mohanty will serve as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of LIC till June 7, 2025 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- In March 2023, Mohanty replaced MR Kumar as interim chairperson of LIC for three month period.
- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC): was formed in September 1956. It is headquartered in Mumbai.
- Its slogan is yogakshemam vahamyaham (Your welfare is our responsibility).

Economist Ludovit Odor appointed as Slovakia's caretaker prime minister

- Economist Ludovit Odor was appointed as the interim prime minister of Slovakia, who will lead the country until early elections.
- He is a politically independent economist who comes to the job straight from the board of the country's central bank.
- Odor and his caretaker cabinet were picked by President Zuzana Caputova.
- Slovakia is a member of the European Union, the Euro Zone, and NATO.
- Slovakia is struggling with high inflation due to war in neighboring Ukraine.

Bola Ahmed Tinubu sworn in as the President of Nigeria

- Bola Tinubu, from Nigeria's ruling All Progressives Congress party, has been sworn in as the new President of Nigeria.
- In February 2023, he defeated former Vice President Atiku Abubakar.
- The swearing ceremony was attended by the Indian defense minister, Rajnath Singh, who is on a three-day visit to Nigeria.
- Agenda of visit: To strengthen the India-Nigeria bilateral relations
- This is the first-ever visit of an Indian Defence Minister to Nigeria.

Justice Rao Sworn In As Himachal Pradesh High Court CJ

- Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao has officially become the 28th Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- In a ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla administered the oath of office to Justice Rao.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla;
- Himachal Pradesh Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter).

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Labour Day/ International Workers' Day celebrated on 1 May

- Every year on May 1, International Workers' Day is celebrated.

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- It is celebrated every year to pay tribute to the contribution of workers around the world.
- On May 1, 1886, the working class of America came together and rebelled against an unjust system.
- In 1889, the Second International, a worldwide organization of socialist and labor parties, declared May 1 as International Workers' Day to commemorate the Haymarket incident and to promote workers' rights.
- It is also celebrated as May Day. May Day has different stories of origin in different countries.
- However, the common theme in all countries is exploitation against the working class.
- On 1 May 1923, the first May Day in India was celebrated in Madras by the Labor Farmers Party of Hindustan.
- It was also the first time that the red flag was used as a symbol of Labor Day in India.

Gujarat and Maharashtra celebrated their 63rd foundation days on 01 May 2023.

- Gujarat celebrated its 63rd foundation day on 01 May 2023 as “Gujarat Gaurav Divas”.
- The Foundation Day celebrations were held in Jamnagar in the presence of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.
- Gujarat was formed after the bifurcation of erstwhile Bombay state in 1960.
- Maharashtra also celebrated its 63rd foundation day as ‘Maharashtra Din’.
- Chief Minister Eknath Shinde paid tribute to the martyrs of the Samyukta Maharashtra Andolan (संयुक्त महाराष्ट्र) in Mumbai.
- Sanyukt Maharashtra Andolan was started for demanding a separate state for Marathi-speaking people.
- He inaugurated Apla Dawakhana and Urban Arogyavardhini Centres, a special health scheme in the state.
- In 1960, Maharashtra was formed after the Bombay Reorganization Act was enacted by the Parliament.

World Press Freedom Day 2023 Observed on 3rd May

- World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on May 3 to raise awareness about the importance of freedom of the press.
- This year marks the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day.
- Theme 2023: Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other human rights
- This day was first proclaimed by UNESCO in 1991 in response to the increasing number of attacks on journalists around the world.
- In 1993, UNGA declared May 3 as World Press Freedom Day.

World Athletics Day observed on 7 May

- World Athletics Day 2023 is observed every year on May 7 to mark the importance of athletes and sportspersons globally.
- The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is 'Athletics for All – A New Beginning'.
- This day was established by the late Primo Nebiolo, the then-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The first World Athletics Day was held on May 15, 1996.
- The IAAF was founded in Stockholm, Sweden on July 17, 1912.

World Red Cross Day 2023 celebrated on May 8

- World Red Cross Day is celebrated on May 8 every year to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the Red Cross.
- World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day.
- The theme of World Red Cross Day 2023 is ‘Everything we do comes #fromtheheart’.
- This day recognizes the significant contributions of the International Red Cross toward providing humanitarian services to individuals regardless of their race, religion, or political beliefs.

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International Nurses Day 2023 observed on 12th May

- International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12th May to recognize the efforts of nurses for their dedication, compassion, and expertise in delivering quality healthcare services.
- 2023 Theme: Our Nurses. Our Future.
- This day commemorates the birth of Florence Nightingale (founder of modern nursing), who was born on May 12, 1820, in Italy.
- She was a nurse, statistician, and social reformer.
- She gained prominence during the Crimean War in the 1850s.

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 celebrated on May 17

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated annually on May 17 to raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other ICT.
- 2023 theme: Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies
- The first World Telecommunication Day was celebrated on May 17, 1969, to mark the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.

International Museum Day 2023 Observed on 18 May

- International Museum Day is observed annually on May 18 in order to recognize the vital role that museums play in fostering cultural exchange.
- 2023 theme: Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being
- This theme highlights the crucial role that museums can assume in advancing the concepts of well-being and sustainability.
- This day was first celebrated four decades ago in 1977 by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

Commonwealth Day 2023 celebrated on 24th May

- Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year on March 13, across the world, while India and some other countries observe it on May 24
- 2023 theme: Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future
- Aim: To unite 2.5 billion Commonwealth citizens in celebration of their shared values and principles and pursue a common future, centered on sustainability and peace
- It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness of the accomplishments of 54 Commonwealth countries in various areas.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2023 celebrated on 29 May

- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated every year across the globe on May 29 to highlight the efforts of the UN peacekeepers work to establish and maintain peace in conflict areas.
- 2023 theme: Peace Begins With Me
- The first UN peacekeeping effort commenced in the Middle East in 1948 and this year (2023) marks the 75th year of operation of UN peacekeeping
- The Dag Hammarskjold medal was posthumously awarded to peacekeepers who passed away in 2022.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

King Norodom Sihamoni, of Cambodia, Will visit India from 29 to 31 May

- King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India.
- The King will have bilateral meetings with President Droupadi Murmu and PM Modi.
- He will also pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat.

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- The visit marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.
- This visit by the King of Cambodia is taking place after almost six decades.

PM Modi to be Guest of Honour at France's Bastille Day Parade

- Prime Minister Modi will be the guest of honour at France's traditional military parade, which will be held during Bastille Day on 14th July.
- PM's visit coincides with the 25th anniversary of the strategic partnership between France and India.
- Bastille Day is named after the fall of a fortress that symbolized the French revolution of 1789.
- PM Modi will be 2nd Indian PM to be the guest of honour after Manmohan Singh in 2009.

Pakistan has become the largest recipient of ADB loans in Asia

- In 2022, Pakistan became the largest recipient of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded programmes/projects.
- According to the ADB Annual Report 2022, Pakistan received loans of USD 5.58 billion out of total loans of USD 31.8 billion to 40 countries.
- Pakistan is facing a deep economic crisis and it received concessional funding of USD 2.67 billion from the bank.
- The report has highlighted that Pakistan was also hit by devastating floods that killed more than 1,700 people. It has further worsened the economic situation.
- Afghanistan and Pakistan were severely impacted by rising food and energy prices.
- Drought and flash floods has increased food insecurity in Afghanistan. It has increased the prices of staple items.
- As per the report, ADB responded timely to emerging and ongoing crises in the Asia and Pacific region.
- Pakistan was one of the founding members of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1966.
- Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank established in 1966. Its headquarters is located in Manila, Philippines.

2025 to be observed as 'special tourism year' in Nepal

- The decade of the 2080s of Bikram Samvat will be marked as 'the Visit Nepal decade' and 2025 as the special year for tourism
- This was announced by the President of Nepal Ram Chandra Paudel while presenting the policies/programmes
- As per the latest statistics maintained by Nepal Tourism Board, Nepal recorded the arrival of over 3.26 lakh foreign tourists in the first 4 months of 2023
- President has announced that timely revisions would be made to tourism-related law.

PM Modi releases Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in Tok Pisin language

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with his Papua New Guinea counterpart James Marape released the Tamil classic 'Thirukkural' in the Tok Pisin language.
- Aim: To bring Indian thought and culture closer to the people of this southwestern Pacific nation.
- Tok Pisin is the official language of Papua New Guinea.
- Thirukkural is a collection of couplets on ethics, political and economic matters, and love, is written by Poet Thiruvalluvar.

Prime Minister Modi unveils Mahatma Gandhi Bust in Hiroshima

- During the visit to Japan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan.
- The Mahatma Gandhi bust has been gifted by the Government of India to the city of Hiroshima as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan.
- The 42 inches tall bronze bust has been sculpted by Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Vanji Sutar.
- The bust site, adjacent to the Motoyasu River, is close to the iconic A-Bomb Dome.

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SpaceX sends Saudi astronauts, including first Arab woman, to ISS

- Saudi Arabia's Rayyanah Barnawi has made history as the first Arab woman astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the private Ax-2 mission.
- She is a breast cancer researcher and was joined on the mission by fellow Saudi Ali Al-Qarni, a fighter pilot.
- The Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2) crew took off aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- The team also includes Peggy Whitson and John Shoffner.

Sri Lanka Supreme Court clears way to decriminalise homosexuality

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

NATIONAL NEWS

The New Parliament building was inaugurated by the Prime Minister

- PM Modi inaugurated the New Delhi Parliament House on May 28, 2023.
- He has also installed the Sengol with Nandi in the Lok Sabha chamber.
- About New Parliament;
- Constructed by: Tata Projects Ltd
- Three main gates: Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar, and Karma Dwar
- The new building can comfortably seat 888 members in the Lok Sabha chamber and 300 in the Rajya Sabha chamber
- The new Lok Sabha chamber has a peacock theme and Rajya Sabha's theme is based on National Flower, Lotus

Tungnath Temple Declared National Monument

- Tungnath temple will be declared a national monument.
- Tungnath Temple is actually associated with the Panchkedar temples which were built by the Pandavas.
- Tungnath temple, located in the Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand, is a significant pilgrimage site for Hindus.
- It is the third of the five Panchkedars of Uttarakhand.
- Tungnath Temple is situated at an altitude of 12800 feet.
- It is the only ancient 'Shivalaya' of its kind located at the highest point above sea level in Asia.

The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22 released

- According to a National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, conducted by the Department of Science and Technology and UNIDO.
- Karnataka has topped the ranking of the most innovative state in manufacturing, followed by Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Haryana.
- The survey also highlighted that Karnataka has the highest number of companies in manufacturing that carry out innovations.
- Bottom: North-eastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.

PM Narendra Modi left on a three-nation tour

- PM Narendra Modi embarked on tour to Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia on May 19, 2023.
- At first, he will attend G7 Summit in Japan at an invitation of Japanese PM Fumio Kishida.

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- G7 Summit preferences: Nuclear disarmament, economic resilience and security, food and health and development
- Later, he will visit Papua New Guinea to host the third Summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation with his Papua New Guinea counterpart James Marape.

Centre to launch an ‘Integrative Health policy’

- Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the National Ayush Mission Conclave in presence of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Minister of Health).
- Minister of Health informed that the Government will launch an ‘Integrative Health Policy’ for the health and wellness of public at large.
- It would be a joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Ayush.
- Two ICT initiatives of Ministry of Ayush i.e. E-Learning Management System and AHMIS were launched.

India launches ‘Operation Karuna’ to assist cyclone-hit Myanmar

- India launched 'Operation Karuna' to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha.
- Three INS (Shivalik, Kamorta, and Savitri) carrying relief material have already reached Yangon, Myanmar.
- The ships are carrying emergency food items, tents, essential medicines, water pumps, portable generators, clothes, sanitary and hygiene items.
- EAM Dr. Jaishankar informed that India continues to be the first responder in the region.

Reliance Chairman Mukesh Ambani on Advisory Committee of COP28

- Reliance Industries Ltd Chairman, Mukesh Ambani has been named as a member of the international advisory committee that will provide guidance and counsel to the presidency of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28), UAE.
- He is among 31 international experts named on the panel.
- The panel will inspire collaborative and transformative action across adaptation, mitigation, damage, food, and nature-based solutions.

Ministry of Education and World Bank organize School-to-Work Transition

- Ministry of Education and World Bank has organized a one of its kind workshops on School-to-Work Transition under the STARS Program in Mumbai.
- This workshop was attended by the Secretaries of Education and Skill Department of the six STARS states: Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- STARS program was launched for strengthening of Vocational Education and the workshop focused on discussion on a Skill Gap analysis.

STATE NEWS

Uttar Pradesh becomes first state to make digital health cards for children

- The Uttar Pradesh's Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City launched a “School Health Program”.
- This program has been started by Lucknow Smart City in three schools in Lucknow.
- A digital health report card for the overall physical and mental well-being of 1765 municipal school students is also being prepared under the project.
- The benefit of health insurance worth Rs 25,000 is also being given to these children.

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Punjab becomes first state to enforce 'right to walk'

- Punjab has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk' by making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansions of roads and construction.
- Reason: Every month more than 10 pedestrians/ bicycle riders are killed in road accidents due to encroachment on pedestrian footpaths
- Road-owning agencies include NHAI, the public works department, local bodies, and urban development departments.

Uttar Pradesh ranked second in country with 48 GI-tags

- Uttar Pradesh has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tags for three more ODOP crafts - Mainpuri tarkashi, Mahoba Gaura stone craft, and Sambhal horn craft.
- Uttar Pradesh has now 48 GI tags.
- Among the 48 GI goods of UP, 36 products belong to the handicraft category.
- Tamil Nadu has a maximum of 55 GI-tagged goods while UP and Karnataka have 48 and 46 GI products respectively.
- Tarkashi is a technique of inlaying brass, copper, or silver wires in wood.

MP becomes first state in country to provide free air travel to pilgrims

- Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to conduct pilgrimage by air on government expenditure, under the Mukhya Mantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana.
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has flagged off a regular Indigo flight carrying a batch of 32 senior citizens on pilgrimage to Prayagraj (UP) from Bhopal (MP) via flight.
- A help center was also set up at the airport for the convenience of the passengers.

Manipur Violence, Understanding the Conflict in Manipur between Meitei & Kuki

- The recent violence in Manipur stems from disputes over land and special privileges, which have created divisions between religious and ethnic communities in the state.
- The protests by tribals against the Meitei community have resulted in 54 deaths, including a mob killing of an Indian Revenue Services officer and the shooting of a police commando in his village.
- Tribes involved:- Meitei, Kuki & Naga
- Govt. Promulgated Article 355 in Manipur to take charge of the security of the state.

3 new conservation reserves declared in Rajasthan

- The Rajasthan government's recent declaration of three areas as conservation reserves has brought a ray of hope for wildlife conservation efforts and ecotourism in the state.
- As the state government declared three areas - Sorsan in Baran, Khichan in Jodhpur and Hamirgarh in Bhilwara - as conservation reserves.
- The new reserves are expected to protect rare and endangered species and provide a safe haven for migratory birds.

New Lithium deposits discovered in Rajasthan after J&K

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

Bhopal becomes 1st city to measure Sustainable Development Goals progress

- Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to measure its progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The city has adopted a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) process, which is a tool that helps cities to assess their progress on the SDGs and identify areas where they need to improve.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital Governor: Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Launches Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) Programme

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology.
- The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) and is part of ISRO's efforts to enable Indian students to become professionals in space science and technology.
- The START program is aimed at post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology.
- The programme will cover various domains of space science, including Astronomy & Astrophysics, Heliophysics & Sun-Earth interaction, Instrumentation, and Aeronomy. It will be delivered by scientists from Indian academia and ISRO centres.

ISRO's GSLV-F12 Successfully Places Navigation Satellite NVS-01

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved yet another milestone as its geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle (GSLV) rocket, GSLV-F12, successfully placed the navigation satellite NVS-01 into orbit.
- This launch aims to enhance the continuity of Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) services, providing accurate and real-time navigation in India and its surrounding region.
- The successful launch of the second-generation navigation satellite, NVS-01, ensures the continuity of NavIC services.
- NavIC, previously known as the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), was developed by ISRO to meet the positioning, navigation, and timing requirements of the country.

2023 FW13

- In a fascinating discovery, astronomers have recently identified an asteroid that behaves like a quasi-moon, orbiting Earth while being gravitationally bound by the Sun.
- This newfound celestial object, named 2023 FW13, has sparked excitement among space enthusiasts and offers a unique opportunity for scientific exploration.
- The quasi-moon that has captured astronomers' attention is named 2023 FW13.

Shenzhou-16 Mission

- China's space program continues to make remarkable strides as it successfully launched the Shenzhou-16 mission, sending three astronauts to its fully operational space station.
- Shenzhou-16 spacecraft was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China.
- This important mission marked the fifth manned mission to the Chinese space outpost since 2021, underscoring China's commitment to advancing its space program.

NVS-01 Satellite

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up for the launch of the NVS-01 satellite, a significant step towards bolstering India's navigation capabilities.
- Navigation Satellite-01, or NVS-01, is an advanced satellite that is scheduled for launch on May 29.
- It is designed to replace the IRNSS-1G satellite that was launched in 2016.
- With a mission life of 12 years, the NVS-01 satellite aims to enhance the existing navigation infrastructure by incorporating advanced technologies and capabilities.

Cyclone Mocha

- Cyclone Mocha, a powerful tropical storm, has garnered significant attention due to its potential impact on Bangladesh, Myanmar, and parts of northeastern India.
- According to the IMD, Cyclone Mocha is expected to make landfall on May 14.
- The cyclone's maximum sustained wind speed is projected to range from 150-160 kmph.
- This formidable force raises concerns about potential damage and the safety of coastal regions in its path.

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Aeolus Satellite

- Aeolus is a 1360-kilogram satellite launched into space by the European Space Agency (ESA) in an Earth Explorer research mission to demonstrate new space technology.
- This is the pioneering satellite mission that collected global profiles of Earth's wind, which is used to enhance weather forecasts and climate models.
- The satellite is equipped with a single, large instrument – a Doppler wind lidar – that measures the winds circulating around the planet.
- The initial mission duration of Aeolus in space was three years, and it became one of the highest impact-per-observation weather satellites.
- After five years, the spacecraft is now losing its fuel, and its tanks are almost depleted.

Horaglanis populi

- Researchers in southern India have made a fascinating discovery after a six-year-long survey for signs of subterranean creatures.
- They found a new species of subterranean catfish, which they named *Horaglanis populi*.
- This creature dwells only in underground aquifers, and encounters with them are often by chance.
- Researchers used several methods to locate the subterranean catfish, including draining wells and water tanks, searching wetlands, gardens, and plantations, and putting out bait traps in caves.

Arexvy

- The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the world's first respiratory syncytial virus vaccine called Arexvy.
- The vaccine, manufactured by British pharmaceutical company GSK, has been approved for individuals aged 60 years and above in the United States.
- Respiratory syncytial virus is a respiratory virus that is extremely infectious and gives rise to indications like cough, sneezing, fever, wheezing, runny nose, and a reduced appetite.
- This virus is air-borne as well as fomite-borne, transmitted through coughing and sneezing, through direct contact with an infected individual, or by touching objects with the virus on it

SPORTS

Chennai Super Kings won IPL 2023

- Chennai Super Kings win IPL 2023 beating defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets
- The match was played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.
- Shubman Gill won the Orange Cap for the IPL 2023 season.
- Mohammed Shami won the Purple Cap.
- Shubman Gill won the most valuable player of the season award for the IPL 2023 season on May 30.

Neeraj Chopra got first position in 2023 Doha Diamond League

- India's Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by winning the javelin throw title at the ongoing Diamond League in Doha.
- Top three in Javelin Throw
 - ✓ Neeraj Chopra (88.67m)
 - ✓ Jakub Vadlejch (88.63m)
 - ✓ Anderson Peters (85.88m)

India surpasses Australia to become No.1 Test team in the ICC rankings

- Indian Men's team has surpassed Australia to become the number one Test team in the latest rankings released by ICC on May 2, 2023.

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- Currently, India has topped the ranking with 121 points, while Australia ranked second with 116 points.
- Earlier this year, India posted a 2-1 series win against Australia to retain the Border-Gavaskar trophy for the fourth consecutive time.
- England, South Africa, and New Zealand placed third, fourth, and fifth spots respectively.

Cristiano Ronaldo becomes Forbes' highest-paid athlete for 2023

- According to Forbes, Soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) has become the highest-paid athlete in the world for 2023, after moving to Saudi Arabia's Al-Nassr.
- He has signed a £175 million-a-year contract with Al-Nassr, which will expire in 2025.
- He has earned \$136m (£108.7m) over the past 12 months.
- Lionel Messi (Argentina) ranked second with an earning of \$130 million, followed by Kylian Mbappé, LeBron James, and Canelo Álvarez.

Bindyarani Devi wins silver at Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023

- Indian weightlifter, Bindyarani Devi has won the silver in the women's 55kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023, held in South Korea.
- She had lifted a total weight of 194kg (snatch 83kg and 111kg in clean & jerk) in the non-Olympic 55kg category.
- Chen Guan Ling (China) won the gold medal with a combined lift of 204kg (snatch 90kg + clean & jerk 114kg) and Vo Thi Quynh Nhu (Vietnam) won the bronze with a lift of 192kg.

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz wins Madrid Open 2023

- Spanish tennis player, Carlos Alcaraz has successfully defended his title at Madrid Open 2023 and won his fourth ATP Tour trophy of the year and his tenth overall.
- In the final, he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff (German) 6-4 3-6 6-3.
- While Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus has clinched the Women's singles title at Madrid Open 2023.
- Other winners:
 - ✓ Men's doubles: Karen Khachanov / Andrey Rublev
 - ✓ Women's doubles: Victoria Azarenka / Beatriz Haddad Maia.

Indian shooters Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra bag silver medals

- Indian shooters, Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra have bagged silver medals in the men's and women's 10-meter air rifle events at ISSF World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- In the 10m air pistol mixed team, Sarabjot Singh and Divya TS won gold.
- Rhythm Sangwan secured a bronze medal in the women's 25m pistol event.
- In the overall medals tally, India finished its campaign second behind China.
- The Baku meet is the penultimate stage of the ISSF World Cup 2023.

Shaili Singh produces second longest jump at Indian Grand Prix 4 Athletics

- Long jumper, Shaili Singh won a gold medal in the women's long jump at the Indian Grand Prix 4 2023 athletics meet in Bangalore, Karnataka.
- She has logged a 6.76m effort, the second-best by an Indian after the legendary Anju Bobby George.
- With this win, she has also qualified for the Asian Games 2023, scheduled in Hangzhou, China, by breaching the women's long jump qualifying standard of 6.45m set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

India wins 3 gold and a bronze medal in Archery World Cup Stage 2 at Shangha

- Teenage Indian archer Prathamesh Jawkar (Archery World Cup Stage 2) defeated the world number one Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands to win a maiden World Cup gold medal in the men's individual compound section.
- In the non-Olympic compound section, India bagged 2 gold with the mixed team duo of Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam beating top-seeded Korean team 156-155.
- Mixed team duo of Sheetal & Rakesh also bagged gold.

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Daniil Medvedev wins Italian Open 2023

- The world's number three tennis player, Daniil Medvedev (from Russia) has clinched his maiden Italian Open 2023 title, after beating Holger Rune (Denmark).
- It is Medvedev's fifth title of 2023 and victory lifts him above Novak Djokovic to second in the world rankings.
- Other winners:
 - ✓ Women's Single Title: Elena Andrejevna Rybakina (Kazakhstani) after defeating Anhelina Kalinina
 - ✓ Men's Double: Hugo Nys and Jan Zieliński
 - ✓ Women's Double: Storm Sanders and Elise.

Murali Sreeshankar wins gold at International Jumping Meeting, Greece

- India's long jumper, Murali Sreeshankar has successfully defended his title in the men's long jump event at the 13th International Jumping Meeting 2023 in Kallithea, Greece.
- He registered his season-best jump of 8.18m to beat his compatriot.
- This was Murali Sreeshankar's third competition of the year and also the third gold medal.
- While Jeswin Aldrin has claimed silver with an effort of 7.85m.
- Jalen Rucker of Australia won bronze for a 7.80m effort in the 12-man field.

HS Prannoy wins his maiden BWF World Tour title 2023

- India's world No.9 shuttler, H.S. Prannoy has clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title 2023, held at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament.
- In finals, he beat Weng Hong Yang of China 21-19, 13-21, 21-18.
- He had previously clinched the title at the 2017 US Open.
- Women's singles: Akane Yamaguchi
- Men's Double: Kang Min-hyuk and Seo Seung-jae
- Women's doubles: Baek Ha-na and Lee So-hee
- Mixed doubles: Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai.

Argentina's Lionel Messi wins Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2023

- Argentina footballer, Lionel Messi has been named the Sportsman of the Year at the 2023 Laureus World Sports Awards.
- He was awarded for his remarkable achievements on the pitch in the past year, which included leading Argentina to victory in the FIFA World Cup.
- Sportswoman of the Year: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica) Athletics
- Team of the Year: Argentina Men's Football Team
- Breakthrough: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) Tennis
- Comeback: Christian Eriksen (Denmark) Football

INDEX AND RANKING

India to launch its own heat index next year

- India will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population and generate impact-based heatwave alerts for specific locations.
- IMD started issuing an experimental heat index for different parts of the country.
- It includes various parameters like wind, temperature, humidity, duration of exposure, etc.
- Impact of Heat waves: It has an immense impact on human health, causing cramps, exhaustion, stress, and heat stroke.

India slips in World Press Freedom Index, ranks 161 out of 180 countries

- According to the latest report released by global media watchdog Reporters without Borders, India's ranking in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index has slipped to 161 out of 180 countries.

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- In 2022, India was ranked at 150.
- Norway is ranked first for the seventh consecutive year, followed by Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland
- Last three: North Korea (180th), China, and Vietnam
- It is based on five indicators-Political, Economic, Legal Framework, Sociocultural, and Safety.
- RBI has released a report titled, 'Currency and Finance 2022-23' with a theme of 'Towards A Greener Cleaner India'.
- This report covers four major dimensions of climate change to assess future challenges to sustainable high growth in India.
- Areas: Unprecedented scale and pace of climate change; its macroeconomic effects; implications for financial stability; and policy options to mitigate climate risks.
- The country's goal of achieving the net zero target by 2070.

Survey Report on Data Governance Quality Index

- According to the Data Governance Quality Index for 2022-2023 Q3, conducted by DMEO, NITI Aayog, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has secured the second position among 66 ministries.
- The Ministry has achieved an impressive score of 4.7 out of 5.
- Aim of the survey: To measure the maturity level of administrative data systems and their use in the decision-making of various Ministries and Departments on the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

India's billionaire population estimated to rise to 19,119 in 5 Years

- According to 'The Wealth Report 2023', released by Knight Frank, India's ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWI) with a net worth of over \$30 million will rise by over half (58.4%) in the next five years.
- From the last count in 2022, the number is likely to grow to 19,119 individuals in the next five years in 2027.
- The billionaire population is also expected to reach 195 from the current 161 individuals in 2022.

Neeraj Chopra becomes World Number 1 in Men's Javelin Throw rankings

- As per the latest rankings released by World Athletics, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra has become the new world number one in the men's javelin throw with 1455 points.
- Anderson Peters from Grenadian ranked second, followed by Jakub Vadlejch, and Julian Weber.
- Neeraj Chopra also became the first Indian to win a gold medal in a track and field event at the Tokyo Olympics.
- In 2023, he won the Diamond League in Doha with a world-leading effort of 88.67m.

AI supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' ranked 75th in Global Supercomputing list

- India's AI supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' has secured the 75th position in the prestigious Top 500 Global Supercomputing List.
- The announcement was made during the 61st edition of the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) held in Germany.
- Airawat PSAI, stands as India's largest and fastest AI supercomputing system, with a remarkable speed of 13,170 teraflops (Rpeak)
- Other Indian supercomputers: PARAM Siddhi-AI (131), Pratyush (169), and Mihir (316).

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AWARDS

Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran Receives France's Highest Civilian Award

- N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, has been honored with the Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, France's highest civilian award, for his efforts in strengthening the trade relationship between India and France.
- Presentation ceremony: French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Catherine Colonna presented the award to Chandrasekaran on behalf of the French President.
- Trade collaboration: Chandrasekaran's contributions include Tata Group's multi-billion dollar deal with Airbus for the purchase of 250 aircraft and the establishment of Tata Technologies' innovation center in Toulouse, France, serving the aerospace and defense sector.

Barbara Kingsolver and Hernan Diaz win Fiction Pulitzer Prize 2023

- Barbara Kingsolver (American Novelist) and Hernan Diaz (Argentina Writer) were awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2023 in the fiction category.
- Barbara Kingsolver was awarded for her novel 'Demon Copperhead' and Hernan Diaz won for his novel 'Trust'.
- Other categories:
 - ✓ Drama: English, by Sanaz Toossi
 - ✓ Biography: G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century, by Beverly Gage (Viking)
 - ✓ Memoir or Autobiography: Stay True, by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)

President Droupadi Murmu confers 37 Gallantry awards

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred eight Kirti Chakras, including five posthumous, and 29 Shaurya Chakras, including five posthumous, upon the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State or Union Territory Police during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) in New Delhi.
- The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty.
- Post-independence, first three gallantry awards namely Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra were instituted by the Government of India on 26th January, 1950 which were deemed to have effect from the 15th August, 1947.
- Thereafter, other three gallantry awards i.e. Ashoka Chakra Class-I, Ashoka Chakra Class-II and Ashoka Chakra Class-III were instituted by the Government of India on 4th January, 1952, which were deemed to have effect from the 15th August, 1947.
- These awards were renamed as Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra respectively in January, 1967.

PM Modi conferred with the highest honours of Fiji and Papua New Guinea

- PM Modi has been conferred with the highest honors by Fiji and Papua New Guinea.
- He was conferred with the "The Companion of the Order of Fiji" by his Fijian PM, Sitiveni Rabuka for his global leadership.
- While Papua New Guinea conferred its highest civilian order, Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu for championing the cause of unity of Pacific Island countries.
- PM Modi is on a visit to Papua New Guinea to attend the third India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit.

Goan writer Damodar Mauzo conferred with 57th Jnanpith Award

- Governor of Goa, P S Sreedharan Pillai has presented the 57th Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary honor, to Goan writer Damodar Mauzo.
- 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English.
- Many of his books have also been translated into different languages.
- In 1983, he has conferred the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel 'Karmelin'.

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- He is the second Goan to receive the Jnanpith Award, after Ravindra Kelekar, who received the award in 2008.

First Bulgarian author wins International Booker Prize

- Bulgarian author Georgi Gospodinov won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter".
- The novel was translated into English by Angela Rodel and is the first Bulgarian novel to win the International Booker Prize.
- "Time Shelter" is a captivating and remarkable literary work that explores themes of time, identity, and the human experience.
- The International Booker Prize is an international literary prize held in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari conferred with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2022

- Union HM Amit Shah has presented the Maharashtra Bhushan Award for 2022 to Dr. Appasaheb Dharmadhikari at Raigarh, Maharashtra.
- He has played a significant role in organizing several tree plantation drives, blood donation drives, free medical clinics, and job fairs.
- Award: A shawl, citation and memento, and a cheque of Rs 25 lakh
- He was also awarded the Padma Shri in 2017.
- His father Dr. Narayan Vishnu Dharmadhikari was also awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan in 2008.

Kamal Haasan to be felicitated with Outstanding Achievement at IIFA 2023

- Veteran actor, Kamal Haasan will be honored with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema award at the 23rd IIFA Awards 2023, held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- He was awarded various awards including Padma Shri (1990), Padma Bhushan (2014), and Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2016.
- While Ritesh Deshmukh and Genelia D'Souza will be honored with Outstanding Achievement in Regional Cinema.
- Manish Malhotra will also receive the Outstanding Achievement in Fashion in Cinema.

WHO Director-General announces Global Health Leaders Awards 2023

- WHO DG, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will present two-lifetime achievement awards to Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum and Peter Piot at the 76th World Health Assembly held in Geneva on May 21.
- Professor Muyembe-Tamfum from Congo is being recognized for his innovation and contributions to the management and treatment of diseases such as Ebola virus disease.
- Professor Piot from Belgium is being recognized for his leadership in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Chandigarh bags first rank in National Water Award 2022

- Chandigarh has received the first rank in the best Urban Local Body category of the National Water Award 2022.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation declared the 4th National Water Award in 2022.
- The Ground Water Augmentation Awards and National Water Awards were launched in 2007.
- Aim: To encourage all stakeholders for adopting innovative practices of groundwater augmentation through rainwater harvesting.

'Gauri' bags 'Best Long Documentary Award' at SAFF, Montreal

- A documentary, titled 'Gauri' (directed by Kavitha Lankesh) has been awarded the 'Best Long Documentary Award' at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal 2023.
- It is based on journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh, who was assassinated in 2017.
- This film was commissioned by Free Press Unlimited, Amsterdam.
- The Free Press Unlimited mission stems from Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

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Georgi Gospodinov wins the International Booker Prize 2023 for Time Shelter

- Georgi Gospodinov (Bulgarian writer) and Angela Rodel (translator) bagged the 2023 International Booker Prize for their book 'Time Shelter'.
- It is the first book originally written in Bulgarian to be nominated for the award.
- The prize has recognized fiction translated into English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland in the year leading up to the award.
- Prize money: 50,000 pounds (about \$62,000) shared equally between the author and translator.

Hrithik Roshan and Alia Bhatt win the award for best actor at IIFA 2023

- Hrithik Roshan has bagged the Best Actor award at the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2023 held in Abu Dhabi.
- He was awarded for his performance in Vikram Vedha.
- While Alia Bhatt also won the Best Actor (Female) award for Gangubai Kathiawadi.
- Best Film: Drishyam 2
- Best Director: R Madhavan (Rocketry: The Nambi Effect)
- Supporting Role:
- Best Actor (Female): Mouni Roy (Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva)
- Best Actor (Male): Anil Kapoor (Jugg Jugg Jeeyo).

Three Indian peacekeepers honored with Dag Hammarskjold Medal

- Three Indians have been honored posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal.
- India's Permanent Representative at UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj has received the medal in honor of three Indian peacekeepers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2022
- BSF Head Constables Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi have served with the Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- While Shaber Taher Ali served in a civilian capacity with UNAMI.

Justine Triet's 'Anatomy of a Fall' wins Palme d'Or at Cannes 2023

- Crime drama 'Anatomy of a Fall' (directed by Justine Triet) was conferred with the Palme d'Or, the highest prize at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival.
- She is the third woman director to win Cannes' top honour.

Other awardees:

- ✓ Honorary Palme d'Or: Michael Douglas
- ✓ Best Actress: Merve Dizdar (for About Dry Grasses)
- ✓ Best Actor: Kōji Yakusho (For Perfect Days)
- ✓ Best Director: Tran Anh Hung (For The Pot-Au-Feu)
- ✓ Short Film Palme d'Or: 27 (directed by Flóra Anna Buda)

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book "Reflection" Launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

- A book, "Reflections", has been launched by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Eminent banker Narayanan Vaghul has authored the book.
- The book presents a vivid account of Vaghul's experiences of India's financial landscape.
- Sitharaman highlighted Vaghul's ideas and vision on women's empowerment, which will continue to be relevant and valuable for India as more women take on leadership roles in financial services.

NITI Aayog released "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023"

- NITI Aayog has released the "Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023" in collaboration with the UNDP.

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- Reason: To commemorate 75 years of India's independence and highlight and laud the efforts of Union Ministries and State Governments.
- This compendium includes 75 case studies cutting across 14 key social sectors.
- The aim of this exercise has been to synthesize lessons for the future to expand, enhance and improve life at the grassroots level.

'Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih' book has been launched by PM Modi.

- PM released the book during the closing ceremony of Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam.
- Shri Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval has composed the book.
- The book marks the relationship between Saurashtra and Tamil Nadu.
- It is based on the historical event of the auspicious confluence of the two holy places of Rameshwaram and Somnath.
- The Saurashtra Tamil Sangam was organised from April 17 to 26 in Somnath.

Goa Raj Bhavan launches first books under Governor's scheme

- Five books published under the Raj Bhavan's scheme for new writers titled 'Nayi Pahal' were released by Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai in a function at Raj Bhavan.
- The five books released were authored by Sanjay Ramesh Salelkar (Konkani), Pallavi Polekar (Marathi), Manohar Adpaikar (Marathi), and Pachu Menon (two books in English).
- The five titles are the first of 100 odd books that the Raj Bhavan plans on publishing in 22 different languages through its innovative scheme

BANKING, ECONOMY AND FINANCE

India sees exports to UAE surging to \$50 billion by FY 26/27

- India's exports to the UAE are expected to reach \$50 billion by 2026-27 from \$31.3 billion at present on the back of the free trade agreement between the countries.
- Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal has informed that the trade between India and the UAE has grown significantly after the implementation of the trade agreement on May 1, 2022.
- The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022.

India's unemployment rate at a four-month high in April 2023

- According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate of India has surged to a four-month high of 8.11% in April, compared to 7.14% in March 2023.
- The rise in the unemployment rate came on the back of higher labor participation, which has risen to 41.9% from 39.7% in March.
- Rural India: 20.3 million people entered the workforce and 95% of them got jobs
- Urban India: 5.2 million people entered the workforce, but only half of them got jobs.

Fitch lowered India's GDP growth forecast to 6% for 2023-24

- Fitch Ratings has predicted India's GDP growth forecast for 2023-24 to 6% from 6.2% and 6.7% in 2024-25.
- Reason: Headwinds from elevated inflation, interest rates, and subdued global demand
- The rating firm has also reaffirmed India's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating at 'BBB' with a stable outlook
- 'BBB' issuer default rating indicates that expectations of default risk are currently low and payment capacity to meet financial commitments is considered adequate

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Reserve Bank gold reserves rose 4.5% to 794.64 tonnes in 2022-23

- RBI has added 34.22 metric tonnes of gold in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023, taking the total gold reserves to 794.64 metric tonnes.
- RBI held 760.42 metric tonnes as of March 31, 2022.
- A recent World Gold Council (WGC) report showed that the RBI added 7 metric tonnes of gold in January-March 2023.
- The latest WGC report showed that the Monetary Authority of Singapore was the largest single buyer of gold (69 metric tonnes) during January-March 2023.

Indian economy expected to grow 6.7% in 2024: UN

- According to a UN report titled, 'World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2023', India's economy is expected to grow by 5.8% in 2023 and 6.7% in 2024 (CY), supported by resilient domestic demand.
- The report has also highlighted that the higher interest rates and weaker external demand will continue to weigh on investment and exports this year for the country.
- Inflation in India is expected to decelerate to 5.5% in 2023 as global commodity prices moderate.

Smriti Irani launches “Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi” campaign

- Union Ministry of WCD has launched a campaign named “Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi” for strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).
- This unique initiative is aimed at ensuring that India has a high-quality preschool network.
- ECCE is a significant component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 and is envisaged under the NEP.
- The work will be taken by Anganwadis across the country for providing nutrition as well as better education to children.

Dr Vijay Darda's new book 'RINGSIDE' to be released by Shashi Tharoor

- A book titled, “RINGSIDE – Up, Close and Personal on India and Beyond” will be released by renowned author Dr Shashi Tharoor on May 30, 2023.
- This book was written by Chairman of the Editorial Board of Lokmat Media Group and former MP Dr Vijay Darda.
- It is a captivating compilation of Darda's weekly articles, which were published in the Lokmat Media Group newspapers and other prominent national and regional dailies of the country between 2011 and 2016.

DEFENCE

First Batch of Women Officers Commissioned into Regiment of Artillery of Indian Army

- For the first time, the Indian Army has inducted five women officers into its Regiment of Artillery.
- Out of five, three women officers have been posted to frontline formations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
- Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil and Lt Akanksha have joined the Army's artillery units after completing their training.
- Out of the total of 186 Short Service Commissioned Officers, 121 men Cadets and 36 Women Cadets were inducted into various Arms and Services of the Indian Army.
- In 2019, the Army began the process of inducting women into the military police.

INSV Tarini on her return passage to India

- Indian naval sailing vessel, Tarini will be returned to India after a six-month-long transoceanic intercontinental expedition.

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- It commenced from Goa on November 17, 2022, and is scheduled to be completed at the same venue on May 24, 2023.
- During the expedition, Tarini sailed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil via Cape Town, South Africa, participating in Cape to Rio Race 2023
- Tarini will complete an arduous 17,000 nautical miles passage when she touches the Indian shores again.

India's defence production exceeds \$12 billion for first time

- India's defense production has increased by more than 12% from last fiscal year and crossed the 1 trillion rupees (\$12 billion) threshold for the first time.
- Reason: India is reducing its reliance on imports from countries such as Russia
- The value of India's local defence production jumped to 1.07 trillion rupees, as on March 31, 2023, and was expected to rise further once data from some private defence companies came in.

Iran successfully launched ballistic missile 'Kheibar

- Iran has successfully test-launched a ballistic missile with a range of around 2,000-km
- The liquid-fuel missile had been named the Kheibar, the latest version of the Khorramshahr.
- The missiles are capable of carrying 1,500 kg of warheads.
- The speed of the high-mobility tactical missile can reach Mach 16 outside the atmosphere and Mach 8 inside the atmosphere.
- Iran capital: Tehran; Currency: Iranian Rial

India-Saudi Arabia conducted bilateral maritime exercise

- Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) concluded the sea phase of the second edition of bilateral exercise 'Al Mohed Al Hindi 23', which was held in Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia from 23 - 25 May 2023.
- Indian Navy participated with the INS Tarkash, INS Subhadra, and Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft (MPA).
- The RSNF was represented by HMS Badr and Abdul Aziz, MH 60R helo, and UAV.
- The exercise culminated with debrief at sea followed by a traditional steam past.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA Launched the second Super Pressure Balloon

- The US space agency, NASA has launched a second football-stadium-sized, heavy-lift super pressure balloon (SPB), under its Scientific Balloon Program, from Wānaka Airport, New Zealand.
- The first scientific balloon was launched on April 16, following five failed attempts last year.
- Airways (New Zealand's air navigation services provider) works with Nasa to launch the balloons, which inflate fully in flight to 532,000 cubic meters and carry a scientific payload.

Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin selected to build NASA's Artemis V lunar lander

- NASA has selected Blue Origin to make its lunar lander for Artemis V, a mission slated to put astronauts near the moon's south pole in 2029.
- The Blue Origin contract will provide NASA with a second ride to the moon.
- Blue Origin will work with several industry partners like Lockheed Martin, Draper, Boeing, Astrobotic, and Honeybee Robotics.
- Blue Origin plans to use its New Glenn rocket, which has never flown before, to launch both its lander and this refueling shuttle.

SUMMIT AND CONFERENCES

G 7 summit

- The annual Group of 7 summit officially kicks off on 19 May 2023 in Hiroshima, Japan.
- The G7 is an influential international forum consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- The G7 aims to discuss and coordinate policies on global economic growth, security, and other pressing challenges.
- Topics of discussion will include international trade, security, the U.S.-China competition, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.
- The G7 summit will also include countries invited for the gathering, such as Australia, Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Korea, and Vietnam, who have significant roles in regional alliances amid the U.S.-China rift.
- The summit will be held in Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb during World War II.
- The G7 was formed in 1975 with six countries, and Canada joined in 1976, expanding the membership to seven countries.

UAE Govt. launches 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit

- The UAE government has launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, taking place at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.
- It is one of the international conferences in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the whole region.
- It is organized in partnership between Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, Remote Work Applications Office and the 'Machines Can See' company.
- Aim: To bring together experts from around the world to discuss the future of AI and its potential.

The 42nd ASEAN Summit begins in Indonesia

- The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia on May 8, 2023.
- 2023 theme: ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth
- Aim: To demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development
- ASEAN is an organization formed by the governments of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore in 1967.
 - ✓ Aim: To promote economic growth in the Southeast Asian region

Sixth edition of the Indian Ocean Conference starts in Dhaka, Bangladesh

- The sixth edition of the two-day International Indian Ocean Conference has been started in Dhaka, Bangladesh on May 12, 2023.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the conference.
- The conference is being organized by the India Foundation in association with the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2023 theme for this conference is 'Peace, Prosperity, and Partnership for a Resilient Future'.
- The event is being attended by about 150 delegates.

Arab League Summit in Jeddah adopts Jeddah Declaration

- The 32nd Arab League Summit has been concluded in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia with the adoption of the Jeddah Declaration
- This declaration focuses on fostering Arab unity and addressing various regional challenges.
- Highlights:
 - ✓ The unanimous decision to readmit Syria to the Arab League
 - ✓ The declaration emphasizes the need for increased pan-Arab efforts to assist Syria in resolving its ongoing crisis
 - ✓ It also proclaims the Arab League's commitment to the Arab Peace Initiative

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PM presides over 8th NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting

- The Eighth meeting of the NITI Aayog Governing Council was concluded in New Delhi, presided over by PM Modi as the Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- Theme: Viksit Bharat @2047: Role of Team India
- Eight prominent themes were discussed: (i) Viksit Bharat@2047, (ii) Thrust on MSMEs, (iii) Infrastructure and Investments, (iv) Minimising Compliances, (v) Women Empowerment, (vi) Health and Nutrition, (vii) Skill Development, (viii) Gati Shakti for area development and social infrastructure.

22nd Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

- Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs announced that India will host the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the virtual format on July 4, 2023.
- It will be held in the virtual format.
- All the SCO Member States, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been invited to attend the Summit.
- Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as Observer States.
- The theme of the Summit is 'Towards a SECURE SCO'. The SECURE acronym stands for Security, Economy and Trade, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity and Environment.
- India has set up new pillars of cooperation under its Chairmanship - Startups and Innovation, Traditional Medicine, Digital Inclusion, Youth Empowerment and Shared Buddhist Heritage.

FIPIC Summit 2023

- The Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit, hosted in Papua New Guinea, served as a significant platform for fostering cooperation in various areas such as trade, investment, climate change, and sustainable development.
- This multinational grouping, established in 2014.
- It aimed to promote collaboration between India and 14 Pacific Islands nations, including Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

'Sanchar Saathi' Portal launched by Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav

- Union Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has launched the 'Sanchar Saathi' portal.
- Sanchar Saathi Portal aims to empower mobile phone users by providing essential services.
- The portal provides services such as tracking and blocking of lost mobile phones.
- The Sanchar Saathi portal focuses on the needs and requirements of mobile phone users.
- It is a joint effort between the government and mobile phone service providers.
- It is an initiative developed by the Department of Telecom.

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CURRENT OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. Who won the gold medal at the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships in men's doubles category?
 - (a) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
 - (b) Ong Yew Sin and Teo Yee
 - (c) Dipu Ghosh and Raman Ghosh
 - (d) None of the above
2. When is celebrated International Labour Day?
 - (a) 19th May
 - (b) 24th May
 - (c) 1st May
 - (d) 6th May
3. Which states are celebrate their statehood days on 1st May?
 - (a) Gujarat and Maharashtra
 - (b) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
 - (c) Punjab and Haryana
 - (d) Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
4. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Indian government to promote unity among the states?
 - (a) Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas
 - (b) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
 - (c) Digital India
 - (d) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
5. When is celebrated World Asthma Day?
 - (a) 12th May
 - (b) 20th May
 - (c) 1st May
 - (d) 2nd May
6. Which team has surpassed Australia to become the number one Test team in the latest ICC rankings?
 - (a) South Africa
 - (b) New Zealand
 - (c) India
 - (d) England
7. Who won the presidential election in Paraguay in 2023?
 - (a) Efraín Alegre
 - (b) Santiago Peña
 - (c) Justin Trudeau
 - (d) Richard Wagner
8. Which Indian shooter won the gold medal in the skeet mixed team category at the ISSF World Cup Shotgun in Cairo, Egypt?
 - (a) Mairaj Ahmad Khan
 - (b) Ganemat Sekhon
 - (c) Option (a)
 - (d) (a) and (b) Both

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9. Who has been confirmed as the next President of the World Bank?
 - (a) David Malpass
 - (b) Ajay Banga
 - (c) Joe Biden
 - (d) Nirmala Sitaraman

10. The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of _____.
 - (a) Youth Development
 - (b) Millets
 - (c) Wine
 - (d) Forest

11. What is the ‘Machines Can See 2023’ summit?
 - (a) An international conference on AI in the UAE
 - (b) A summit for discussing advancements in robotics
 - (c) A workshop for digital marketing strategies
 - (d) A part of the G20 meeting

12. Why is Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting France in May 2023?
 - (a) To attend the Bastille Day Parade
 - (b) To meet French President Emmanuel Macron
 - (c) To mark the 25th anniversary of India-France Strategic Partnership
 - (d) All of the above

13. Who won the season-opening Javelin leg of Diamond League in Doha?
 - (a) Neeraj Chopra
 - (b) Anurag Singh Thakur
 - (c) Czech Republic’s Vadlejch
 - (d) Grenada’s Peters

14. When is celebrated World Athletics Day?
 - (a) 29th May
 - (b) 20th May
 - (c) 1st May
 - (d) 7th May

15. In the Asian Weightlifting Championships, which Indian weightlifter won the silver medal in Jinju, Korea?
 - (a) Sakshi Malik
 - (b) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
 - (c) Sushil Kumar
 - (d) Yogeshwar Dutt

16. Who did Mohammad Hussamuddin defeat in the men’s World Boxing Championships in Tashkent?
 - (a) Jack Root
 - (b) Saken Bibossinov
 - (c) Savvin Eduard
 - (d) None of the above

17. What is the name of the Foreign Minister of Israel, who is on a three day visit to India from 9th to 11th May?
 - (a) Mehdi Safari
 - (b) Eli Cohen
 - (c) James Cleverly
 - (d) None of these

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18. On 8 May, in Rajasthan, an Air Force _____ fighter aircraft crashed in a village in Hanumangarh district.
- MiG-21
 - F-16
 - Su-30MKI
 - Mirage 2000
19. Who presented the Gallantry Awards to Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/UT personnel on 9th May 2023?
- Prime Minister of India
 - Defense Minister of India
 - President of India
 - Chief of Army Staff
20. From where were cheetahs introduced in India?
- Nepal
 - Namibia
 - Kenya
 - Australia
21. Where did the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023 take place?
- New Delhi, India
 - Beijing, China
 - Jinju, South Korea
 - Tokyo, Japan
22. Where is the 35th Edition of Indo-Thai CORPAT conducted?
- Andaman Sea
 - Pacific Ocean
 - Arabian Sea
 - Indian Ocean
23. Who won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan?
- Shikha Narwal
 - Esha Singh
 - Rhythm Sangwan
 - None of the above
24. Who led the Indian delegation to the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
- Nirmala Sitharaman
 - Narendra Modi
 - Rahul Gandhi
 - Amit Shah
25. When is celebrated International Nurses Day?
- 12th May
 - 5th May
 - 21st May
 - 18th May
26. Which country is hosting the 6th Indian Ocean Conference?
- India
 - Bangladesh

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- (c) Indonesia
(d) Pakistan
27. Who has been appointed as the new director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on May 2023?
(a) Praveen Sood
(b) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
(c) (C) Rishi Kumar Shukla
(d) (D) Alok Verma
28. Who won silver medals in the men's 10m air rifle events at the ISSF World Cup 2023?
(a) Manu Bhaker
(b) Hriday Hazarika
(c) Abhishek Verma
(d) Deepak Kumar
29. What is full form of LiFE in MISSION LiFE ?
(a) My Life
(b) Life for Friendly Environment
(c) LiFEStyle For Environment
(d) Life at Forest and Environment
30. When was celebrated Mother's Day in 2023?
(a) 29th May
(b) 5th May
(c) 1st May
(d) 14th May
31. When did Sikkim celebrate its 48th Foundation Day?
(a) 22nd May 2023
(b) 30th May 2023
(c) 9th May 2023
(d) 16th May 2023
32. Who is the Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?
(a) Dr Manoj Soni
(b) Smt. Smita Nagaraj
(c) Dr. Om Nagpal
(d) Dr. S.R. Hashim
33. Which country hosted the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023?
(a) Bhutan
(b) Bangladesh
(c) India
(d) Maldives
34. Which of the following country is not a part of Quad Summit?
(a) India
(b) Japan
(c) Australia
(d) Nepal
35. When is celebrated World AIDS Vaccine Day?
(a) 29th May
(b) 18th May

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- (c) 21st May
(d) 7th May
36. Who has been appointed as the Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice in May 2023?
(a) Arjun Ram Meghwal
(b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
(c) Ashwani Kumar
(d) Arun Jaitley
37. When and where is the G7 summit 2023 scheduled to take place?
(a) 19-21 May 2023 in New York
(b) 19-21 May 2023 in Hiroshima
(c) 19-21 May 2022 in London
(d) 19-21 May 2022 in Tokyo
38. Who has been appointed as the New Chief Minister of Karnataka in May 2023?
(a) DK Shivakumar
(b) Siddaramaiah
(c) Thaawarchand Gehlot
(d) None of the above
39. Where was CABSAT 2023 conducted?
(a) America
(b) Bangladesh
(c) Australia
(d) Dubai
40. Who is the Speaker of the Lok Sabha?
(a) Sumitra Mahajan
(b) Manohar Joshi
(c) Om Birla
(d) Meira Kumar
41. What is the name of the operation launched by India to assist Myanmar after Cyclone Mocha?
(a) Operation Blue Star
(b) Operation Karuna
(c) Operation Cyclone
(d) Operation Vijay
42. Which note has been decided to be withdrawn by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 19th May under the "Clean Note Policy"?
(a) Rs. 200 note
(b) Rs. 100 note
(c) Rs. 500 note
(d) Rs. 2000 note
43. Which Indian sportsperson won the bronze medal in the women's long jump event at the Golden Grand Prix 2023 Athletics Meet?
(a) Shaili Singh
(b) Reeth Abraham
(c) Anju Bobby George
(d) B Aishwarya
44. How many medals did India win at the Archery World Cup 2023 Stage 2 in Shanghai, China?
(a) One
(b) Two

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- (c) Three
(d) Four
45. Who administered the oath of office to Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Senior Advocate Kalpathi Venkataraman Vishwanathan as judges of the Supreme Court?
(a) President Draupadi Murmu
(b) Justice KM Joseph
(c) DY Chandrachud (Chief Justice of India)
(d) Justice JB Pardiwala
46. Which two Indian naval ships reached Port Al-Jubail in Saudi Arabia?
(a) INS Tarkash and INS Vikramaditya
(b) INS Subhadra and INS Sahyadri
(c) INS Vikrant and INS Arighat
(d) INS Tarkash and INS Subhadra
47. Who conferred Fiji's highest honour, the Companion of the Order of Fiji, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
(a) President of Fiji
(b) Prime Minister of Fiji
(c) Governor-General of Fiji
(d) None of these
48. Which country is hosting the 44th edition of the ISO COPOLCO Plenary?
(a) India
(b) China
(c) Brazil
(d) United States
49. When were the Rs.2,000 notes issued by the Reserve Bank of India?
(a) 2015
(b) 2016
(c) 2017
(d) 2018
50. In the Italian Open 2023, which player won his first clay court title?
(a) Novak Djokovic
(b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Daniil Medvedev
(d) Holger Roon
51. On 22 May 2023, who became the world No. 1 player in the men's javelin throw rankings?
(a) Anderson Peters
(b) Rohit Yadav
(c) Arshad Nadeem
(d) Neeraj Chopra
52. Where was the 3rd Forum on India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC Summit) held?
(a) Australia
(b) New Zealand
(c) Papua New Guinea
(d) Fiji
53. Who is the first Arab female astronaut to go into space?
(a) Rayyana Barnawi
(b) Anousheh Ansari

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- (c) Sara Sabry
(d) Marsha Ivins
54. On which date is Commonwealth Day celebrated in India?
(a) 13 May
(b) 24 May
(c) 1 January
(d) 15 September
55. Who is the founder and CEO of meta?
(a) Will Cathcart
(b) Adam Mosseri
(c) Mark Zuckerberg
(d) Kavin Bharti Mittal
56. Which team did the Indian junior hockey team defeat in their first match at the Men's Asia Cup 2023?
(a) Australia
(b) Chinese Taipei
(c) Japan
(d) South Korea
57. Who won the gold medal in the men's long jump event at the International Jumping Meeting athletics 2023?
(a) Sandeep Singh Maan
(b) Sanjay Kumar Rai
(c) Murali Sreesankar
(d) Ankit Sharma
58. Which author won the 2023 International Booker Prize for his novel "Time Shelter"?
(a) Niel Gaiman
(b) Salman Rushdie
(c) Georgi Gospodinov
(d) None of the above
59. Who is the King of Cambodia?
(a) Philippe
(b) Charles
(c) Norodom Sihamoni
(d) Willem Alexander
60. What is the name of the bridge, which will be India's longest sea bridge in the coming days?
(a) Delhi Trans Harbour Link
(b) Kolkata Trans Harbour Link
(c) Mumbai Trans Harbour Link
(d) Chennai Trans Harbour Link
61. NVS-1 satellite was launched by which organization?
(a) NASA
(b) ESA
(c) ISRO
(d) SpaceX
62. Who is the Prime Minister of Nepal?
(a) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
(b) Dinesh Gunawardena

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- (c) Sheikh Hasina
(d) Surya Bahadur Thapa
63. Who won the Malaysia Masters Badminton Title 2023 in men's singles?
(a) Priyanshu Rajawat
(b) Lakshya Sen
(c) Sameer Verma
(d) HS Prannoy
64. Who has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO)?
(a) Jim Yong Kim
(b) Anshula Kant
(c) Ajay Banga
(d) Girish Chandra Murmu
65. Which of the following is the launch vehicle for Chandrayaan-3?
(a) GSLV Mark III
(b) PSLV
(c) Chandrayaan-2
(d) None of the above
66. Which team won Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023?
(a) Chennai Super Kings
(b) Mumbai Indians
(c) Gujarat Titans
(d) Kolkata Knight Riders
67. When is World No Tobacco Day observed?
(a) 1st January
(b) 31st May
(c) 15th August
(d) 25th May
68. Who was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?
(a) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
(b) Jagdeep Dhankhar
(c) Jai Prakash Singh
(d) RK Vishwakarma
69. Which player won the Orange Cap in IPL 2023?
(a) Nishant Sindhu
(b) Hardik Pandya
(c) Rashid Khan
(d) Shubman Gill
70. Who received Sengol for the first time?
(a) Narendra Modi
(b) Mahatma Gandhi
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Indira Gandhi

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ANSWER - KEY

CURRENT OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1	A	16	C	31	D	46	D	61	C
2	C	17	B	32	A	47	B	62	A
3	A	18	A	33	C	48	A	63	D
4	B	19	C	34	D	49	B	64	D
5	D	20	B	35	B	50	C	65	A
6	C	21	C	36	A	51	D	66	A
7	B	22	A	37	B	52	C	67	B
8	D	23	C	38	B	53	A	68	A
9	B	24	A	39	D	54	B	69	D
10	B	25	A	40	C	55	C	70	C
11	A	26	B	41	B	56	B		
12	D	27	A	42	D	57	C		
13	A	28	B	43	A	58	C		
14	D	29	C	44	C	59	C		
15	B	30	D	45	C	60	C		



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