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POLICY OF GOVERNANCE

PM INAUGURATED 91 FM TRANSMITTERS IN 18 STATES



Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 91 FM transmitters across 18 states and two union territories to boost FM radio connectivity in border regions and aspirational districts, benefiting an additional two crore people who did not have access to the medium so far.

KEY POINTS

- With these new transmitters set up in 84 districts, the coverage will further increase by about 35,000 sq km area, benefitting an additional two crore people who did not have access to the medium so far.
- These FM transmitters will play a key role in a range of services be it timely dissemination of information, weather forecast for agriculture or connecting the women self-help groups with new markets

MILLETS EXPERIENCE CENTRE (MEC)



KEY POINTS

- India's Agriculture Minister Narendera Singh Tomar recently launched the Millets Experience Centre (MEC) at Dilli Haat in New Delhi.
- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) has established the Millets Experience Centre in collaboration with the Agriculture Ministry.
- It aims to raise awareness of Millets and encourage its adoption among the general public.
- Consumer-oriented 'Millets Experience Centre' would not only promote the dietary benefits of millets but also popularize Shree Anna as a nutritional powerhouse.
- In addition to a unique dining experience, customers can also purchase a variety of ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook products from local millet start-ups at the MEC.

EKTA EVAM SHRADHANJALI ABHIYAN



KEY POINTS

- To honor the sacrifices and contributions made by its Karmyogis in nation-building, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is organizing “Ekta Evam Shradhanjali Abhiyan” as part of its 64th BRO Day Celebrations.
- On May 1, 2023, Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhry, Director General Border Roads, flagged off the multi-modal expedition from Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi.

INDIA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL LOGISTICS PARK



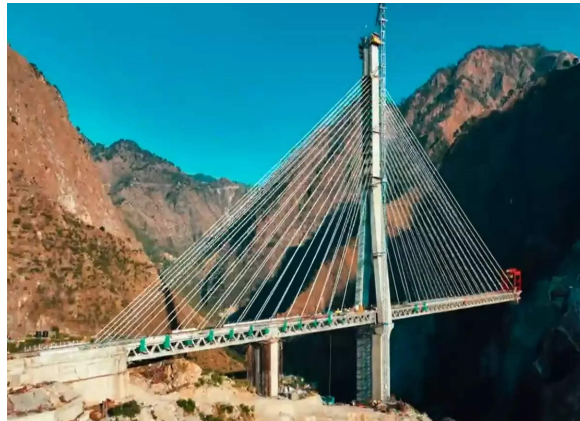
KEY POINTS

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal visited the construction site of India’s first International Multi Modal Logistics park in Jodighopa, Assam to review the progress.
- The jetty at the park is likely to be completed within this year.
- Union Minister expressed satisfaction at the pace of work as the road and railway connectivity is

also aimed at completion by end of this year.

- The park is being developed under the ambitious Bharatmala Pariyojana of the Government .
- First such MMLP, it is being made by NHIDCL in Jogighopa of Assam.
- The park will be connected to road, rail, air and waterways.
- This is being developed in 317-acre land along the Brahmaputra.

FIRST CABLE-STAYED RAIL BRIDGE



KEY POINTS

- Anji Khad bridge: India's Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, has shared a timelapse video showcasing the construction of the Anji Khad Bridge, the country's first cable-stayed rail bridge.
- The bridge is a part of a 326 km rail line connecting Udhampur to Baramulla via Srinagar, a crucial rail link between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of India.

NATIONAL SC-ST HUB SCHEME



KEY POINTS

- Recently, 5th meeting of High Powered Monitoring Committee under National sc-st Hub Scheme was chaired by Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- The National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) was established to offer professional assistance to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs in meeting the Central Government Public Procurement Policy requirements for Micro and Small Enterprises Order 2012, adopting suitable business practices, and leveraging the Stand-Up India.
- The key action areas of NSSH include vendor development, participation in public procurement, building reliable database, mentoring and handholding support, policy advocacy with states, credit facilitation, capacity building, private affirmative action, technology up-gradation, marketing support, and special subsidies under various schemes.

STATE'S FIRST PHARMA PARK IN LALITPUR DISTRICT



KEY POINTS

- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting up a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- The government has allocated a budget of Rs 1560 crore for the development and provision of necessary facilities to investors in Lalitpur Pharma Park.
- The government has made complete preparations to connect the Medical Device Park with metro, expressway, transport city, and bullet train.

75-25 INITIATIVE



KEY POINTS

- The Union Health Ministry launched an ambitious initiative of screening and putting 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes on Standard Care by 2025, to mark the World Hypertension Day.
- This was announced at the G20 co-branded event “Accelerating the Prevention and Management

of Hypertension and Diabetes”, organized by Union Health Ministry and WHO.

- Indian Government’s ambitious target of reaching 75 million people with Hypertension under standard care in primary healthcare by 2025 is the largest cover of NCDs in the world for primary healthcare.
- In addition to the 75/25 initiative, the Shashakt Portal was launched for training of 40,000 Primary Health Care Medical Officers on Standard Treatment Workflow for NCDs initiated to realize health care services closer to the community.

SANCHAR SAATHI PORTAL



KEY POINTS

- The Department of Telecommunications has introduced the Sanchar Saathi Portal, an innovative initiative aimed at empowering mobile subscribers and enhancing their security while increasing awareness of government initiatives.
- The Union Minister for Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched the Sanchar Saathi Portal during a function held in New Delhi.

INTERNATION ISSUES

INDIA OVERTAKES THE US AS EUROPE'S TOP REFINERY SUPPLIER



KEY POINTS

- India overtakes the US as Europe's top refinery supplier: Kpler data has revealed that India has become the largest supplier of refined fuels to Europe, surpassing Saudi Arabia.
- A recent report by analytics firm Kpler showed India has become Europe's largest supplier of refined fuels this month while simultaneously buying record amounts of Russian crude.
- The reliance of Europe on Indian crude oil products has surged. This increase can be linked with the ban on Russian oil.
- The decision was made at a meeting of the Parliament's Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation held in New Delhi and chaired by the Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia.

14th CLEAN ENERGY MINISTERIAL (CEM-14) AND 8TH MISSION INNOVATION (MI-8) MEET



KEY POINTS

- India is set to host the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM-14) and 8th Mission Innovation (MI-8) meeting in Goa from July 19th to 22nd, 2023.
- This year's Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) and Mission Innovation (MI) meetings will bring together governments, international organizations, private sector, academia, innovators, civil society, early career researchers and policymakers over a four-day program featuring high-level ministerial dialogues, global initiative launches, award announcements, minister-CEO roundtables and a wide array of side-events cutting across diverse themes of clean energy transition.
- Under the theme of "Advancing Clean Energy Together", high-level roundtables, side-events and technology showcases would enable stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of clean energy by encouraging development of policies and programmes which advance clean energy technology and solutions around the world.
- The Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) was established in 2009 as a high-level global forum to promote policies and programmes that advance clean energy technology, to share lessons learned and best practices, and to encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy.
- Mission Innovation (MI) is a Ministerial-level global forum of 23 Countries and the European Commission (on behalf of the European Union) to accelerate Clean Energy revolution and progress towards the Paris Agreement goals and pathways to Net Zero. The main objective of MI is to catalyse a decade of action and investment in research, development and demonstration to make clean energy affordable, attractive and accessible for all.
- It does this by taking steps to accelerate clean energy innovation to mobilise low-cost finance by international partners, enhance private sector investments and demand for clean technologies that advances R&D of clean energy technology.

20 BROAD GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES FROM INDIAN RAILWAYS TO BANGLADESH



KEY POINTS

- India handed over 20 broad gauge (BG) locomotives to Bangladesh.
- These locomotives can be used for both running passenger and freight trains.
- This handover will contribute to handling the increasing volume of passenger and freight train operations in Bangladesh.
- India's relationship with Bangladesh is civilizational, cultural, social and economic.

OPERATION KARUNA



KEY POINTS

- India launched 'Operation Karuna' to assist Myanmar which has been devastated by Cyclone Mocha.
- On May 18th three ships namely Indian Naval Ships Shivalik, Kamorta, and Savitri, arrived in Yangon with emergency relief material such as food supplies, tents, essential medicines, water pumps, portable generators, clothes, and hygiene items.
- The cyclone's impact reverberated beyond Myanmar's borders, causing severe destruction in Bangladesh.

AWARDS

LEIPZIG BOOK PRIZE FOR EUROPEAN UNDERSTANDING IN 2023



KEY POINTS

- Maria Stepanova Awarded 2023 Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding for her poetry collection Girls without Clothes.
- The prize ceremony was held at the opening of the 30th Leipzig Book Fair.
- Maria Stepanova, a powerful contemporary voice of Russian literature now living in exile in Berlin.

BAFTA FELLOWSHIP



KEY POINTS

- Popular UK-based Indian-origin actor-writer Meera Syal has been conferred a BAFTA Fellowship, the highest accolade bestowed by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) upon an individual in recognition of an outstanding and exceptional contribution to film and/or television.
- As a part of fellowship Meera will work directly with the arts charity over the coming year to inspire and nurture aspiring creatives through BAFTA's Year round learning, inclusion and talent programmes.
- BAFTA stands for British Academy of Film and Television Arts, BAFTA Awards are one of the most prestigious awards for creative industries worldwide and it is also considered as the highest accolade in the British entertainment industries.

57th JNANPITH AWARD



KEY POINTS

- Goan writer Damodar Mauzo Goa has received the prestigious Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary honour.
- Addressing a gathering after presenting the award, the governor said Mauzo is the "epitome of the Konkani literary culture."

PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND FIJI'S HIGHEST HONOUR



KEY POINTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with Papua New Guinea and Fiji's highest honour.
- This is the highest civilian award in the country and recipients of the award are titled Chief.
- Some of the previous international awards conferred by countries on Prime Minister Modi are The Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud (the highest honour of Saudi Arabia awarded to non-muslim dignitaries), State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan (the highest civilian honour of Afghanistan), the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award (the highest honour of Palestine awarded to foreign dignitaries) and Order of Zayed Award (highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates).

SPORTS

AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX



KEY POINTS

- Red Bull's Sergio Perez won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship, in Baku.
- Sergio Perez achieved a remarkable win at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in Baku beating his teammate and championship leader, Max Verstappen.
- Red Bull Racing extended their domination in Formula One, as they scored a double victory.
- The Mexican driver secured his sixth career win and became the first driver to win the grand prix twice, aided by a safety car period that fell in his favour after Verstappen had pitted.

BADMINTON ASIA CHAMPIONSHI



KEY POINTS

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty made history becoming the first Indian men's doubles pair to win a gold medal at the Badminton Asia Championships.
- It is only the second gold medal that India has won at the Badminton Asia Championships.
- The first was won by Dinesh Khanna in the men's singles category in 1965.
- Satwik and Chirag's victory is also the first big title win for them in 2023.
- The Badminton Association of India has announced a prize money of Rs 20 lakh for the historic gold medalists.
- This recognition is well-deserved for Satwik and Chirag, who have been in excellent form in the past year.
- They won the Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2022 and were part of the historic Thomas Cup-winning team.

NSC-CAVA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE CUP



KEY POINTS

- India has won the title of NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup held in Kathmandu. India won the title by defeating Kazakhstan in the final at the National Sports Council's Covered Hall in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu.
- India defeated Kazakhstan in a shared set of 3-0. India won the first set 25-15, the second set 25-22, and the third set 25-18. Along with this, India finished the competition by remaining undefeated.

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



KEY POINTS

- Ding Liren has become 17th world chess champion – the first from China – defeating Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in a tie-breaker.
- The first event recognized as a world championship was the 1886 match between the two leading players in the world.

NUMBER ONE RANKING IN MEN'S JAVELIN



KEY POINTS

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra became the world number one for the first time in his career in the latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics.
- Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra attained the number one spot in latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics.
- This is the first time Neeraj hit the top spot, also making him the first Indian to achieve this massive feat.

MONACO GRAND PRIX



KEY POINTS

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the 2023 Monaco Grand Prix, leading all 78 laps from pole position.
- Formula One champion Max Verstappen's lights-to-flag victory at the Monaco Grand Prix gave the Red Bull driver his fourth victory of the season and a record 39th overall for the team as he extended his championship lead to 39 points over teammate Sergio Perez.

SUMMITS

MACHINES CAN SEE 2023' SUMMIT



KEY POINTS

- The UAE government recently launched the ‘Machines Can See 2023’ Summit, an international conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.
- The conference aims to bring together experts from around the world to discuss the future of AI and its potential in contributing to the UAE’s vision of creating the next Silicon Valley.
- The summit was held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai explored the current advancements of AI, its applications, and its future in the UAE and the rest of the world.
- The event was hosted in collaboration with Dubai’s Department of Economy and Tourism and the Dubai Future Foundation.
- The summit featured presentations and panel discussions from various experts in the field of AI.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RUSSIA'S GIGACHAT



KEY POINTS

- The Russian state-owned company Sberbank launched its own artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot GigaChat as its answer to OpenAI's ChatGPT.
- GigaChat was initially designed to support multimodal interaction and communicate in Russian more intelligently.”
- The GigaChat architecture is based on the neural network ensemble model called NeONKA (Neural Omnimodal Network with Knowledge-Awareness), which includes several neural network models along with supervised fine-tuning and reinforcement learning with human feedback.

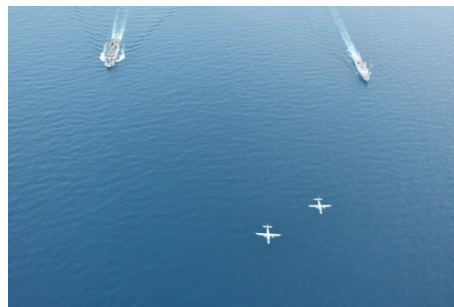
SUDARSHAN SHAKTI EXERCISE 2023



KEY POINTS

- The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army recently conducted the highly anticipated exercise 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab.
- The exercise aimed to transform the forces into a modern, lean, and agile fighting combination capable of leveraging new-age technologies

SAMUDRA SHAKTI-23



KEY POINTS

- The 4th edition of the Indo-Indonesia bilateral Exercise Samudra Shakti-23 concluded on 19 May 23.
- The sea phase held from 17-19 May 2023 witnessed the participation of ASW corvette INS Kavaratti with integral Chetak helicopter and a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- The Indonesian Navy assets included KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda with integral helicopter Panther and a CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- A series of complex exercises including tactical manoeuvres, weapon firings, helicopter operations, Air defence and Anti-Submarine warfare exercises were undertaken that enhanced interoperability between the two navies.
- The Objective of Samudra Shakti exercise is to enhance interoperability, jointness, and mutual cooperation between the two navies.

REPORTS

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING INOVATION SURVEY



KEY POINTS

- The survey offered an empirical understanding of current innovation activities of the manufacturing economy in India as well as ways to navigate organisational rigidity to facilitate market demand for innovations
- A survey on the degree of innovation among manufacturing firms found that Karnataka, overall, is the most “innovative” State, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu (DNH&DD), Telangana, and Tamil Nadu
- Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu had the highest share of innovative firms at 46.18% ,39.10% and 31.90%, respectively, with Odisha, Bihar, and Jharkhand reporting the lowest share of such firms at 12.78%, 13.47% and 13.71%, respectively.

RBI'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23



KEY POINTS

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its annual report for the fiscal year 2022-23.
- The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 based on the recommendation of Hilton Young Commission Report (1926).

NITI AAYOG'S ANNUAL HEALTH INDEX FOR THE COVID YEAR OF 2020-21



KEY POINTS

- The three southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana emerged as the top performers among the 'larger states' in the NITI Aayog's annual 'health index' for the Covid year of 2020-21.
- The annual health index measures the performance of states and UTs on a "weighted composite score incorporating 24 health performance indicators", was launched by the NITI Aayog in 2017.
- The Aayog brings out the index in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry and World Bank.
- The health index assesses states and UTs on two parameters – incremental performance (year-on-year progress) and overall performance. The states and UTs — categorised separately as 'larger states', 'smaller states' and UTs — are then ranked based on their scores.

ANNUAL HOUSING PRICE GROWTH



KEY POINTS

- "The rise in average prices in Mumbai was recorded at 5.5 per cent year-on-year (YoY), while it was 3 per cent YoY in Bengaluru, and 1.2 per cent YoY in New Delhi, compared to Q1 2022,".
- Dubai clinched the top position globally with an increase of 44.2 per cent in prime residential properties values.
- Mumbai moved up from the 38th rank in Q1 2023 based on the annual growth in high end or prime properties

PERSONS IN NEWS

PRESIDENT OF TURKEY



KEY POINTS

- Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan won re-election extending his increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade as the country reels from high inflation and the aftermath of an earthquake that leveled entire cities.
- Recep Tayyip Erdogan is set to extend his rule by another five years, joining the likes of Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, who served for 15 years.

CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSIONER



KEY POINTS

- Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava was sworn in by President Droupadi Murmu, as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- Praveen Kumar Srivastava, a retired 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre.
- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is the apex body responsible for maintaining probity in public administration, preventing corruption, and promoting good governance.

FIVE WOMEN OFFICERS INTO REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY



KEY POINTS

- The Indian Army inducted its first batch of “Five Women Officers” into the Regiment of Artillery.
- It is a significant move towards expanding woman's role in the armed forces.
- These officers will be given the same opportunities and challenges as their male counterparts.
- Women officers who joined the Regiment of Artillery are Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav and Lt Pious Mudgil.
- Along with them, 19 male officers have been inducted into the Regiment.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION



KEY POINTS

- Ajit Kumar Mohanty, who is a well-known physicist and also serves as the director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been selected as the new chairman.
- Ajit Kumar Mohanty, who is a well-known physicist and also serves as the director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.
- This appointment means he will be responsible for overseeing India's nuclear program and exploring the use of atomic power for non-military purposes.
- Mohanty will take over from K N Vyas.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF



KEY POINTS

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, according to the Minister of Defence.
- Ashutosh Dixit, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, was Commissioned in the fighter stream on December 6 in 1986.

- The Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS) of India is an Air Marshal-ranked officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The DCAS serves as the second-in-command of the Air Force and assists the Chief of the Air Staff in overseeing the operational readiness, planning, and execution of the IAF's missions and activities.
- The specific individual holding the position of DCAS can change over time due to rotations and promotions within the Indian Air Force. For the most up-to-date information, it is recommended to refer to official sources or the Indian Air Force's website.

DOMESTIC POLICY ADVISOR IN THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION



KEY POINTS

- Neera Tandon, an Indian-American, was appointed as the Domestic Policy Advisor in the Biden administration.
- Tandon will be the first Asian-American to lead any of the three major White House policy councils in history.
- In this role, she leads white house policy development on issues related to housing, child care, Education, Work force and agriculture.
- Neera Tandon was born in Massachusetts to Indian immigrant parents. She studied at the University of California Los Angeles and Yale University.

AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES



KEY POINTS

- Geeta Gupta's Remarks at the Opening Plenary Session of the Fifth Annual Capital Level Meeting of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network.
- This ambassador-at-large also has the rank of Assistant Secretary.
- The position was created by the Barack Obama administration in 2009.

SECOND PERSON TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST 26TH TIME

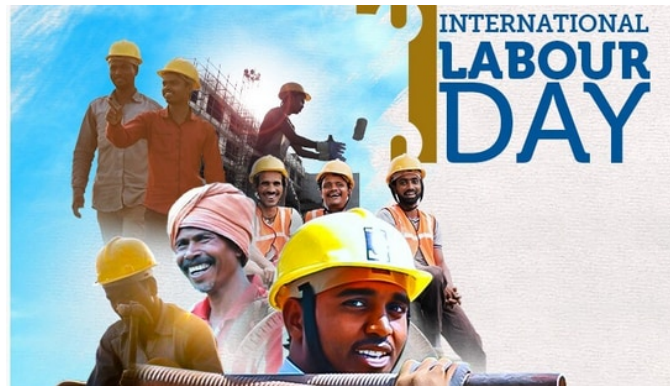


KEY POINTS

- Pasang Dawa Sherpa on May 14 ascended Mount Everest for the 26th time equalizing the record with Kami Rita Sherpa.
- Pasang Dawa also known as "Pa Dawa" reached the summit at leading a team of foreign climbers.
- Sherpas are known for their climbing skills, mostly use their first names, and make a living mainly by guiding foreign clients in the mountains.
- Nepal has issued a record 467 permits this year for foreign climbers seeking to reach the summit of Everest.

IMPORTANT DAYS

LABOUR DAY



KEY POINTS

- May Day or International Workers' Day is celebrated all over the world, including India on the 1st of May. Like in most countries, on May Day.
- The theme for Labour Day or the World Day for Safety and Health at Work is "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work."
- The roots of this day are traced to the 1886 Haymarket Riot, which involved violence between the police and workers.

WORLD TUNA DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Tuna Day is an annual celebration on May 2 that highlights the importance of managing fish stocks to maintain sustainability.
- In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly voted to officially observe World Tuna Day.
- At present, over 96 countries are involved in the conservation and management of tuna, which has an annual value of almost 10 billion USD.
- Tuna is rich in Omega-3 and it also contains minerals, proteins, and vitamin B12, among other advantages.

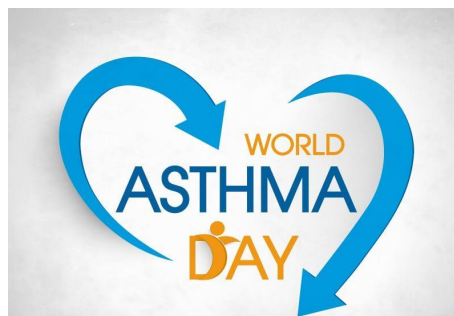
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY



KEY POINTS

- Every year, 3 May is a date which celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom, to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.
- This year's World Press Freedom Day focuses on the theme of "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights,"
- The UNESCO General Conference proposed the idea of World Press Freedom Day in 1991 to celebrate and promote the fundamental principles of press freedom. In 1993.

WORLD ASTHMA DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Asthma Day is a global healthcare event commemorated every year on the first Tuesday in May to promote awareness of asthma worldwide.
- This year World Asthma Day 2023 is on May 2nd.
- The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has designated "Asthma Care for All" as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day.
- World Asthma Day was first established by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in 1998.

WORLD ATHLETICS DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Athletics Day, established by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is celebrated on May 7th each year.
- The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is “Athletics for All – A New Beginning,”
- The first World Athletics Day was observed in 1996. The basic objective of World Athletics Day is to boost the participation of youths in athletics.

WORLD THALASSAEMIA DAY



KEY POINTS

- May 8 marks World Thalassaemia Day, which is a special day dedicated to raising awareness about a genetic disorder called Thalassaemia.
- Thalassaemia patients who are battling an inherited disorder where the oxygen-carrying proteins in the blood are lesser than normal.
- The theme for this year’s International Thalassaemia Day is “Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap.”

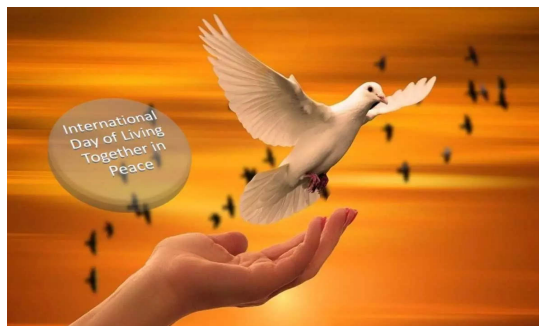
WORLD RED CROSS DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is celebrated annually on May 8th.
- It is the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Henry Dunant. The first 'International Red Cross Day', as it used to be known, was celebrated on 8 May 1948.
- The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is “Everything we do comes from the heart.”

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE



KEY POINTS

- The International Day of Living Together in Peace is celebrated annually on May 16.
- Living together in peace is all about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way.
- In 2017, the UN General Assembly reaffirmed its commitment by designating May 16 as the International Day of Living Together in Peace.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIGHT



KEY POINTS

- The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman.
- This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Telecommunication Day has been celebrated annually on 17 May since 1969.
- This day marks the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.
- The theme for this year's 2023 World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is "Enabling the least developed nations through information and communication technologies."

WORLD METROLOGY DAY



KEY POINTS

- To commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875, Metrology Day is celebrated on 20 May each year.
- The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is Measurements supporting the global food system.

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT



KEY POINTS

- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, also known as Diversity Day, is celebrated on May 21 every year.
- The United Nations General Assembly first declared this World Day in 2002, following UNESCO's adoption of the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, recognizing the need to "enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development and global peaceful coexistence."

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY



KEY POINTS

- In 2000, the UN General Assembly officially proclaimed May 22 to be the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB). The date was chosen to celebrate the adoption of the initial text of the CBD, on May 22, 1992.
- The theme of the 2023 International Day for Biological Diversity is “From agreement to action: Build back biodiversity”

WORLD TURTLE DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Turtle Day is an annual observance held every May 23rd.
- First created in 1990 by American Tortoise Rescue.
- World Turtle Day is marked to raise awareness about the need to protect turtles and tortoises and their nesting sites around the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END OBSTETRIC FISTULA



KEY POINT

- The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula was first observed on May 23rd, 2013
- “End Fistula Now” is the theme of the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula 2023.
- Obstetric fistula is a hole between the birth canal and bladder or rectum, caused by prolonged, obstructed labour without access to timely, high-quality medical treatment. It leaves women and girls leaking urine, faeces or both, and often leads to chronic medical problems, depression, social isolation and deepening poverty. Ninety percent of pregnancies involving fistula end in stillbirth.

WORLD VAPE DAY



KEY POINTS

- World Vape Day is an annual event celebrated on 30th May that was first celebrated in 2012.
- The World Vapers’ Alliance (WVA) is the organization that started World Vape Day.
- The World Vapers’ Alliance (WVA) is a non-profit organization that advocates for the rights of vapers and for the regulation of vaping products.

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY



KEY POINTS

- The annual World No Tobacco Day campaign observed on 31 May and it is an opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use.
- This year the theme for World No Tobacco Day is “We need food, not tobacco”.
- In 1987, the Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) created World No Tobacco Day to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.