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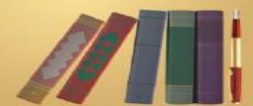
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TAMIL NADU

➤ **Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Karunanidhi Salai**

- ✓ The portion of East Coast Road (ECR) between Chennai and Mamallapuram - will be renamed 'Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Karunanidhi Salai' to honour the former CM's role in the development of the State Highways Department.
- ✓ CM Stalin also unveiled a memorial pillar and laid foundation stones for a number of projects, including a Rs 37 crore glass bridge to connect Thiruvalluvar Statue and Vivekananda Rock in Kanyakumari.

➤ **State's Information Technology (IT)**

- ✓ The state's Information Technology (IT) - will contribute over 10% to Chief Minister MK Stalin's vision for TN to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2030.
- ✓ This was announced by TN minister for IT T Mano Thangaraj in the Assembly on May 4.
- ✓ According to the Minister, this would be achieved by promoting areas like global capability centres, data centre services, software-as-a-service, start-ups and creative services among others.

➤ **Chennai Bus' Mobile App'**

- ✓ On May 4, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) - has launched the 'Chennai Bus' mobile app.
- ✓ Using this, passengers can find the live location of all MTC buses along a particular route, estimated arrival time, and nearest bus stops from any given location in the city.

➤ **Free Travel For Children Within 5 Years**

- ✓ On May 5, the Tamil Nadu government - announced free travel for children within 5 years of age in buses operated by all the government-run transport corporations
- ✓ This was announced by Transport Minister S S Sivasankar in the Assembly, while listing out new initiatives of his department for the year 2022-23.
- ✓ Presently, for children between 3 and 12 years of age, 'half-fare' (half of the fare collected from adult passengers) system is operational in the state.

➤ **Bed and Breakfast Scheme**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - has decided to revive the bed and breakfast scheme and hop-on-and-hop-off tours covering tourist spots in Chennai after a gap of almost ten years.

✓ The bed and breakfast scheme is aimed at ensuring economical accommodation for tourists in destinations where hotels are not available.

➤ **Free Breakfast Scheme**

- ✓ On May 7, Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - announced a free breakfast scheme for government school students studying in Classes 1 to 5 in the state.
- ✓ The nutrition scheme has been designed based on a study, which revealed that most children have nutrition deficiencies, said the CM
- ✓ Tamil Nadu will be the first state in the country to offer breakfast in government schools, along with the mid-day meal
- ✓ Tamil Nadu was the pioneer of the midday meal scheme as the first initiative to provide meals to children had been taken by the erstwhile Madras Municipal Corporation around 1920.

In pipeline | Here are the five schemes announced by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in the T.N. Assembly

■ **Free breakfast** for Class I-V government school children in a phased manner

■ Initiatives to **eradicate nutrition deficiency**

■ Setting up of **Schools of Excellence**

■ Setting up of **primary healthcare-like centres** in urban areas

■ Expanding the 'CM in Your Constituency' **grievance redressal scheme** to all 234 constituencies in the State

➤ **Amudham Project**

- ✓ On May 9, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman - inaugurated the 'Amudham project' to offer free cow milk to lactating mothers and children below two years in Coimbatore south constituency.
- ✓ It is a new scheme launched by Coimbatore South MLA Vanathi Srinivasan in the lines of Prime Minister's 'Poshan Abhiyaan' scheme, aimed at providing holistic nutrition to mothers and infants.

➤ **Iron Age began in T.N. 4,200 years ago**

- ✓ Excavations carried out by the Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology at Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri district have placed the beginning of the Iron Age in Tamil Nadu 4,200 years Before Present (BP) or 2200 BCE (Before Common Era).

➤ **Ramanjeri Reservoir Project**

- ✓ Creation of a reservoir in Ramanjeri is one of the long-discussed proposals. Spread over an area of nearly 9.20 sq. km, it will be the sixth reservoir in Tiruvallur to meet the rapidly growing water needs of the metropolis.
- ✓ The new reservoir across the Nagari will store 1.2 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) and its surplus will be diverted to the Poondi reservoir.
- **Greater Chennai Corporation - has added eight zones**
- ✓ The Greater Chennai Corporation - has added eight zones to the existing 15 for better civic administration.
- ✓ The number of wards will remain 200 and the boundaries will be the same.
- ✓ Till now, there were 15 zones in Chennai with 22 assembly constituencies, leading to administrative inconvenience.
- **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar**
- ✓ Twelve panchayats in Tamil Nadu - bagged the annual national panchayat awards 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar' of the Union ministry of panchayati raj for 'best performance'.
- ✓ The district panchayat of Tiruvannamalai, panchayat unions of Manachanallur (Trichy) and Mandapam (Ramanathapuram), panchayats of Akkaraipatti (Dindigul), Manmangalam (Karur), Chinnapatti (Madurai), Athikattuvilai (Kanyakumari), Gangaleri (Krishnagiri) and Kattathi (Pudukottai) bagged the national awards for improving delivery of services.
- **Urban Health and Wellness Centres (UHWC)**
- ✓ The Greater Chennai Corporation - will soon set up 200 urban health and wellness centres (UHWC) on the lines of 'Aam Aadmi Mohalla' clinics in Delhi.
- ✓ The clinics, set up mostly in congested and slum areas, will serve as a linkage between local community health and higher healthcare facilities.
- **Chess Olympiad to be held in Mamallapuram**
- ✓ A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the Tamil Nadu government and the All India Chess Federation (AICF) in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday for holding the Chess Olympiad. An official release said the 44th Chess Olympiad would be held in Mamallapuram between July 28 and August 10, and 2000 players from over 186 countries would participate in the event.
- **Perarivalan**
- ✓ SC orders release of Perarivalan, convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.

✓ The Supreme Court ordered release of Perarivalan, a convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, invoking powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

➤ **DISHA**

- ✓ On May 18, chief minister M K Stalin – chaired the first state level review of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA).
- ✓ The committee implements 41 developmental projects that are implemented through 15 departments with the centre's share
- ✓ During the meeting, the CM reviewed the implementation of six major schemes in the state.
- ✓ The first major scheme taken up for review was Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), followed by the formation of women self help groups.
- ✓ The third project taken up for review was providing drinking water connections for every single household under the Jal Jeevan scheme.
- ✓ The fourth scheme taken up for review was education for all and teachers education scheme followed by the National Agriculture Development Scheme (NADP) jointly implemented by centre and state.
- ✓ The sixth and final scheme that was taken up for review was the Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme.

➤ **Nanjarayan Tank - Tamil Nadu's New Bird Sanctuary**

- ✓ The Nanjarayan Tank is recently declared the 17th bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Nanjarayan Tank is located on the outskirts of Tirupur city around 60 kilometers from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It was built by King Nanjarayan as a source for irrigation. It is also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir.

➤ **Kalaigharin Anaithu Grama Orunginaintha Velan Valarchi Thittam**

- ✓ On May 23, Chief Minister M K Stalin - launched the DMK government's flagship programme 'Kalaigharin Anaithu Grama Orunginaintha Velan Valarchi Thittam' at the Secretariat
- ✓ The scheme is aimed at increasing cultivable area by bringing fallow lands under cultivation, augmenting water resources, increasing productivity to benefit the farmers.

➤ **Mettur Dam**

- ✓ This is the first time water is being discharged in May since Independence.
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday raised the shutters of the Mettur dam for the Kuruvai cultivation in the Cauvery delta districts, marking the opening of the dam for the first time in May since Independence.
- ✓ This was the first time that water was released in May instead of on the customary date of June 12. (In 2011, water was released on June 6.)

➤ **Ilaigar Thiran Thiruvizha**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government will organise 'Ilaigar Thiran Thiruvizha' at 388 places across the State to create awareness among the youth on the employment potential of various sectors and the training opportunities available to them to improve their skills, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Wednesday.

➤ **PM Unveils Infra Projects worth 31,530 crore in State**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for 11 infrastructure projects worth about 31,530 crore in Tamil Nadu, across railways, highways and housing sectors.
- ✓ The projects include the 14,872-crore, 262 km Bangalore-Chennai expressway, 5,852-crore four-lane elevated road in Neraluru to Dharmapuri section, about 2,900 crore worth Railways projects, a natural gas pipeline project and 1,428-crore multi-modal logistics park near Chennai.

➤ **Portal for Women to Self-Register Pregnancy**

- ✓ The Directorate of Public Health on Friday launched a portal to enable pregnant women to self-register for the unique RCH number. The number is mandatory to obtain birth certificates.
- ✓ Pregnancy and Infant Cohort Monitoring and Evaluation system was introduced in 2008 to enable registration of pregnancy and encourage institutional childbirth.

➤ **Dak Adalat**

- ✓ The Department of Posts will conduct a "Dak Adalat" at the office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Chennai city north division, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore, on June 14 at 11 a.m.

➤ **Nutrition Garden**

- ✓ A garden to create awareness on the importance of nutrition during the 1,000 days from pregnancy till a child attained the age of two was inaugurated at the Chengalpattu Medical College Hospital here on Friday by Health and Family Welfare Minister.

- ✓ The garden, which is called the '1,000 days of life nutrition garden', was developed under the corporate social responsibility initiative of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
- **AKRUTI to Take Roots in Kudankulam**
- ✓ The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, which is assisting unemployed youth living in 16 village panchayats near the Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) through its Advanced Knowledge and Rural Technology Implementation (AKRUTI) programme, is all set to launch a similar initiative in the villages surrounding Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP).
- **Ranipet**
- ✓ The newly carved out Ranipet district in the state - has set a world record by collecting 186.9 metric tonnes of plastic waste materials in just three hours.
- ✓ Earlier, Switzerland held the world record for collecting 128 metric tonnes of plastic waste materials in three hours.
- **Ennum Ezhuthum Mission**
- ✓ The state government - will implement "Ennum Ezhuthum Mission" from 2022-23 academic year to ensure all students up to eight years are able to read and possess basic arithmetic skills by 2025.
- ✓ The mission seeks to bridge the 17 months learning gap due to Covid-19 pandemic among primary students.

STATE

➤ **Greenfield Grain-Based Ethanol Plant**

- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar - inaugurated the country's first greenfield grain-based ethanol plant in Purnea recently on April 30.
- ✓ The project is a part of Bihar's ambitious plan for ethanol production using sugarcane, maize and rice to meet the country's fuel needs.
The Purnea plant is among the 17 ethanol production units proposed to be set up in the state and is expected to produce 65,000 litres of ethanol per day.

➤ **India's First Tribal Health Observatory**

- ✓ Odisha is planning to create India's only observatory, which will house data on the state's indigenous population's health.
The Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb) is the "first in the nation," according to the Information Department, and is aimed to be an effective, evidence-based, and policy-oriented centre.

➤ **Jivhala**

- ✓ The Maharashtra Department of Prisons - has launched a first-of-its-kind loan scheme titled 'Jivhala' for inmates serving sentences in jails across the state.
- ✓ The credit scheme is being offered by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.
- ✓ The pilot of the initiative was introduced for prisoners at Yerawada Central Jail in Pune, and will gradually be extended to nearly 60 prisons across the state.
- ✓ The scheme has been launched primarily for convicted inmates who are undergoing a prison sentence of more than three years.

➤ **Flow Chemistry Technology Hub**

- ✓ India's first 'Flow Chemistry Technology Hub' was opened in Hyderabad.
- ✓ "Flow chemistry", is also known as "continuous flow chemistry".
- ✓ It is the process of performing chemical reactions in a tube or pipe.

➤ **Tomato Flu**

- A new viral infection called **tomato flu** - infected 82 children, all below five years, in Kollam district of Kerala.
- ✓ This is a case of children experiencing undiagnosed and unidentified fever.
- ✓ The symptoms of this flu, also called Tomato fever, include rashes, skin irritation and dehydration.

➤ **Solar Power Installation**

- ✓ Rajasthan - becomes the first state in the country to exceed 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar power installations.
- ✓ The state has a total of 32.5 GW of installed power capacity, with renewables contributing 55%, followed by thermal energy at 43%, and nuclear energy the remaining 2%.

➤ **Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary**

- ✓ The Ramgarh Vishdhari sanctuary in Bundi in Rajasthan - was notified as the country's 52nd tiger reserve on May 16.

The Ramgarh Vishdhari is the fourth tiger reserve of the state after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra.



NATIONAL

➤ **M15 Petrol**

- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) rolled out M15 petrol - 15% blend of methanol with 85% petrol - on a pilot basis in Assam's Tinsukia district.
Its use can help lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by about 5 to 10% and improve air quality in the country.

➤ **Trunked Mobile Radio (TMR)**

- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI) - has introduced an exclusive radio communication system called 'Trunked Mobile Radio (TMR)'.
- ✓ The new system has been launched to ensure better coordination between their staff, airlines crew, Central Industrial Security Force and ground handling firms, posted in Chennai Airport.

➤ **National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM)**

- ✓ Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur - announced a grant of Rs 363 crore for the world's largest film restoration project under the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM).
- ✓ The restoration project is set to come up at the National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in Pune.

➤ **Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI)**

- ✓ RailTel - has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) - based access of its Public WiFi services across 100 major railway stations in the country.
- ✓ RailTel, a mini Ratna PSU, will provide internet services through 2,384 WiFi hotspots across railway stations in 22 states.

➤ **National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)**

- ✓ On May 13, NITI Aayog - launched the National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP) for open public use.
- ✓ The platform aims to provide free access to public government data by making them accessible, interoperable, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform.

➤ **Ethanol Blend in Petrol**

- ✓ The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018, to advance the date by which fuel companies have to increase the percentage of ethanol in petrol to 20%, from 2030 to 2025.
- ✓ The policy to introduce 20% ethanol in petrol will take effect from April 1, 2023.

➤ **Cotton Council of India**

- ✓ Government announced formation of the Cotton Council of India. The Cotton Council of India will be formed under the Chairmanship of Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- ✓ It will have representatives from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, Cotton Corporation of India, Cotton Research Institute, and the Finance Ministry.
- ✓ The main aim of the council is to bring improvement in the field of Cotton in India.

➤ **Amrit Sarovar**

- ✓ Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi - inaugurated the country's first 'Amrit Sarovar' in Patwai, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh recently on May 13.
- ✓ On 24th April 2022, Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by PM Modi with the broad aim of water conservation for the future and the Mission will be completed by 15th August 2022.

➤ **Rural Tribal Technical Training**

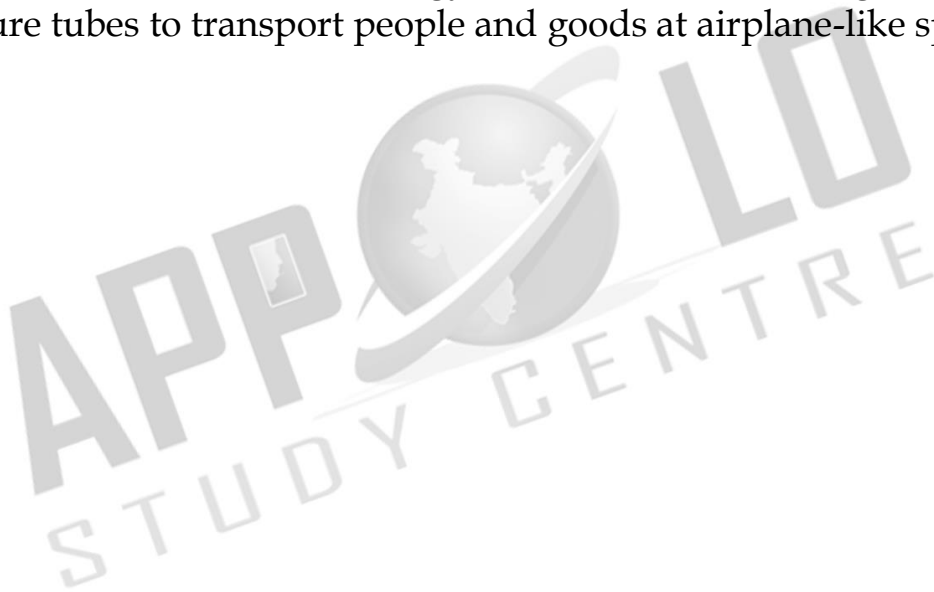
- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship - launched the pilot project for skilling tribal youth titled 'Rural Tribal Technical Training' at the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The centre will train beneficiaries to start their own businesses in five disciplines - electrical and solar energy, agricultural mechanisation, e-governance, plumbing and masonry, and two-wheeler repair and maintenance.

➤ **Centre of Excellence for Khadi**

- Union Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane - inaugurated the country's first ever 'Centre of Excellence for Khadi' in New Delhi recently.
- ✓ This centre will act as a hub for experimentation, innovation, and design for the Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC).

➤ **Skill India International Centre**

- ✓ The National Skill Development Council International (NSDCI) and the Indian unit of UAE's DP World, Hindustan Ports Private Limited - have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the country's first ever 'Skill India International Centre' at Varanasi recently.
 - ✓ The Centre will provide high quality training facilities to Indian youth and offer skills as per the demand of international employers in countries such as United Arab Emirates (UAE), Canada, Australia and other GCC regions.
- **Hyperloop**
- ✓ Indian Railways, IIT Madras to develop country's first hyperloop.
 - ✓ The Ministry of Railways will collaborate with IIT Madras for the development of an "indigenous" Hyperloop system.
 - ✓ Hyperloop works on a technology that would use magnetic levitation in lowpressure tubes to transport people and goods at airplane-like speeds.



SCHEMES

➤ Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)

- ✓ The scheme was originally launched on May 1, 2016, in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a target of releasing eight crore connections by March 2020.
- ✓ So far, over nine crore connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has been released. The PMUY 2.0 was launched in 2021-22, making a provision for release of additional one crore connections.

➤ Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY)

- ✓ Three social security schemes Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) - have completed seven years of their launch.
- ✓ The schemes were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ✓ PMJJBY and PMSBY are low-cost insurance schemes, while APY is a scheme to cover the old age requirements by providing regular pension.

COURT VERDICT

➤ 152-year-old Colonial-Era Sedition Law

- ✓ Supreme Court puts 152-year-old colonial-era sedition law on hold.
- ✓ The Supreme Court has ordered that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code should be effectively kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders the provision.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Bach Long (White Dragon)**

- ✓ Vietnam - opened the 'world's longest' glass-bottomed bridge named Bach Long (White Dragon) in northwest Son La province.
- ✓ The bridge's entire length is 632 metres (2,073 feet), and the floor is constructed of tempered glass created in France that can carry up to 450 people at a time.
- ✓ The bridge's glass bottom is made of three layers of each 40 mm thick super-tempered glass panels manufactured by French specialists Saint-Gobain.

➤ **UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025**

On May 4, the United Nations - announced the launch of 'UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025' to support the transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions

- ✓ The aim is to achieve the pledge made by the organizations in various areas at the time of the High-level Dialogue on Energy last September.
- ✓ During the occasion, an 'Energy Compact Action Network' was also launched.

➤ **Ferdinand Marcos Jr**

- ✓ On May 10, Ferdinand Marcos Jr, son of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos - claimed victory in the Philippine presidential elections.
- ✓ He has secured over 31 million votes in an unofficial vote count, more than double the tally of his nearest rival, liberal candidate Leni Robredo.
- ✓ Marcos Junior will begin a six-year term as president at the end of June.

➤ **Monkeypox**

- ✓ The United Kingdom - has confirmed first case of Monkeypox, the virus that passed from infected animals such as rats to humans.
- ✓ Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with Monkeypox virus, belonging to the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae, that does not spread easily between people.

➤ **Sri Lanka**

- ✓ Sri Lanka - has become the first Asia-Pacific country in this century to default on its debt.
- ✓ Defaults can damage a country's reputation with investors, making it harder to borrow the money it needs on international markets, which can further harm confidence in its currency and economy.

- **Sky Bridge 721**
- ✓ The world's longest suspension footbridge 'Sky Bridge 721' - has been opened up in the Czech Republic for tourists.
- ✓ The bridge was under construction for nearly two years and was officially opened recently on May 13.

- **Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF)**
- ✓ Iraq - is witnessing an outbreak of nose-bleed fever that causes people to bleed to death.
- ✓ The disease called the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) has claimed 19 deaths among 111 cases this year, according to the World Health Organization.

INDIAN & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India-Germany InterGovernmental Consultations (IGC)**
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi reached Berlin, Germany on the first leg of his official visit to three European nations, on 1 May 2022.
- ✓ Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will co-chair the 6th India-Germany InterGovernmental Consultations (IGC).

- **Second India-Nordic Summit**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - participated in the Second India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen in Denmark on May 4.
- ✓ The Prime Ministers of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway took part in the Summit.
- ✓ The Summit provided an opportunity to review the progress of the India-Nordic relations since the first India-Nordic Summit, which was held in 2018 in Stockholm.

- **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**
- ✓ US President Joe Biden - launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) with India and 12 initial partner countries.
- ✓ IPEF is aimed at strengthening ties in this critical Indo-Pacific region to define technological innovation and the global economy.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **India, UK adopt 'Roadmap 2030'**

- ✓ PM Modi and his British counterpart Boris Johnson adopted an ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' to elevate bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' in a virtual summit held on 4 May 2021.

➤ **Second Global Covid-19 Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be participating in the second global Covid Summit on 12 May 2022 at the invitation of US President Joe Biden.
- ✓ PM Modi will deliver his remarks on the theme - Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness.

➤ **Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022**

- ✓ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal - inaugurated the first 'Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022' in Mumbai on May 14, 2022.
- ✓ The conference was organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and the Mumbai Port Authority.

➤ **BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting**

- ✓ China - will host the BRICS foreign ministers meeting on May 19 via video conferencing.
- ✓ External affairs minister S Jaishankar will take part along with his counterparts from the five-member bloc.
- ✓ The theme of BRICS 2022 is 'Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development'.

➤ **'Umanage' Technology and Innovation Summit**

- ✓ The inaugural edition of 'Umanage', a three-day technology and innovation summit, would be held between September 21 and 23 this year.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu would host the event annually.
- ✓ It would focus on emerging technologies, including ClimateTech, Healthtech, Edtech, Agritech, Web 3.0 and Deep Tech, Smart Infrastructure, Smart and Green Manufacturing, Biotech, Platforms and Gig Economy, Creative Industry and Social Entrepreneurship, it added.

➤ **World Economic Forum (WEF)**

- ✓ The five-day annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland - concluded on May 26, 2022.
- ✓ The meeting was originally scheduled from January 17 to 21 but was postponed due to the outbreak of the Omicron variant.

➤ **NADI- 3 Asian Confluence River Conclave**

- ✓ External affairs minister S Jaishankar - inaugurated the two-day NADI- 3 Asian Confluence River Conclave that started in the Guwahati, Assam on May 27.
- ✓ NADI is an international river conference that focuses on the collective vision of cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and the Southeast Asian region.

➤ **National Women Legislators' Conference-2022**

- ✓ The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind - inaugurated the National Women Legislators' Conference-2022 in Thiruvananthapuram on May 26, 2022.
- ✓ The two-day conference was hosted by the Kerala Legislative Assembly as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

➤ **75th World Health Assembly**

- ✓ The 75th World Health Assembly - concluded in Geneva, Switzerland on May 28, 2022.
- ✓ This is the first in-person Health Assembly since the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- ✓ The theme of this year's Health Assembly is 'Health for peace, peace for health'. The Health Assembly started its annual meeting on May 22, 2022.

DEFENCE

➤ **INS Surat and INS Udaygiri Launched**

- ✓ Indian Navy Destroyer INS Surat and INS Frigate Udaygiri were launched by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on May 17, 2022.
- ✓ While INS Surat is the fourth and last stealth destroyer under the 'Project 15B' programme, INS Udaygiri is an Indian Naval frigate of 'Project 17A' programme.

➤ **CORPAT**

- ✓ The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced.
- ✓ The patrolling drill commenced in the northern Bay of Bengal and would continue between May 22 and 23.

➤ **Captain Abhilasha Barak**

- ✓ Captain Abhilasha Barak from Rohtak in Haryana - became the first woman combat aviator of the Indian Army.
- ✓ An engineering graduate from Delhi Technological University, 26-year old Barak was among 37 Army officers who successfully completed the rigorous flying training at Nashik-based Combat Army Aviation Training School.

➤ **Bongosagar**

- ✓ The third edition of Indian Navy (IN) - Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise 'Bongosagar' - commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh on May 24, 2022.
- ✓ The exercise was aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.

ECONOMY

➤ **GST- APRIL**

- ✓ The monthly collection under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) - has peaked to an all-time high of Rs 1.67 lakh crore in April 2022.
- ✓ The gross GST collection has crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh crore-mark for the first time in April 2022 and Rs 1 lakh crore-mark for the tenth month in a row.
- ✓ The growth in revenue collections in April, based on transactions in March, is the fastest pace of expansion since November 2021.

➤ **Repo Rate**

- ✓ On May 4, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - raised its key lending rate or repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40% with immediate effect.
- ✓ This was also the first instance of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) making an unscheduled increase in the repo rate.
- ✓ The central bank also hiked the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points.

➤ **FDI Inflow 'highest ever' at \$83.57 billion**

- ✓ The foreign direct investment (FDI) in the financial year 2021-22 has touched a "highest-ever" figure of \$83.57 billion.
- ✓ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry said this was "endorsement" of India's status among global investors.

➤ **GDP likely grew only 3.5% in Q4: ICRA**

- ✓ India's GDP growth may have slowed to 3.5% in the fourth quarter of 2021-22, from 5.4% in the October to December 2021 quarter, rating agency ICRA has projected.
- ✓ The economy's Gross Value Added (GVA) is expected to rise even slower at 2.7% between January and March 2022, compared with 4.7% in the previous quarter.

➤ **FDI flow into T.N. rises 30.1% in 2021-22**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu ended the 2021-22 fiscal with foreign direct investment (FDI) of 22,396 crore, up by 30.1% from the 17,208 crore it received in 2020-21.
- ✓ In dollar terms, the FDI increased to about \$3 billion in 2021-22 from about \$2.3 billion in 2020-21, according to data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **John Lee**

- ✓ On May 8, Hong Kong - formally confirmed John Lee as its next leader after an uncontested election.
- ✓ John Lee is a Chinese-backed hardline security chief who oversaw a crackdown on Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement.

➤ **Ranil Wickremesinghe**

- ✓ Opposition leader and former premier Ranil Wickremesinghe - was sworn-in as Sri Lanka's 26th prime minister on May 12.
- ✓ The 73-year-old United National Party (UNP) leader Wickremesinghe was sworn-in as prime minister by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

➤ **Rajiv Kumar**

- ✓ Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar would take charge as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on May 15 after the incumbent Sushil Chandra retires on Saturday, the Union Law and Justice Ministry announced on Thursday.

➤ **Katalin Novak**

- ✓ Katalin Novak – assumed office as Hungary's first female president for a five-year term on May 10.
- ✓ Novak, a former member of the government as minister without portfolio for family affairs, is also the country's youngest President at 44 years of age.

➤ **Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

- The UAE's federal council - elected Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, commonly referred to as MbZ, as the country's president on May 14.
- ✓ He has replaced Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who died at the age of 73 on May 13.

➤ **Yoon Suk-yeol**

- Yoon Suk-yeol - was sworn in as the South Korean president in a ceremony at Seoul's National Assembly recently on May 10, 2022.
- ✓ The 61-year old Yoon of the main conservative People Power Party had won a tight election in March 2022 to helm the world's 10th largest economy.

➤ **Elisabeth Borne**

- ✓ Elisabeth Borne - was appointed France's new prime minister on May 16.

- ✓ Borne is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson, who was PM in 1991-1992 under Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.

- **Anthony Albanese**
- ✓ Anthony Albanese - is set to become Australia's 31st Prime Minister after Labor Party registered victory against Scott Morrison's Liberal-National coalition in Australia's 2022 federal elections.

- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**
- ✓ WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus - was reappointed to a second five-year term by the UN health agency's member countries on May 24.
- ✓ Tedros, a former government minister from Ethiopia, has directed WHO throughout its management of the global response to Covid-19.

- **Rajesh Bhushan**
- ✓ Health Secretary to head key World Health panel.
- ✓ Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA).
- ✓ This year, the panel will discuss and prepare report on many important issues which includes budget for the WHO, prevention of sexual exploitation and reforms.

AWARDS

➤ **Whitley Gold Award**

- ✓ Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award.
- ✓ He has been awarded for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.
- ✓ This is his second Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) Award. He got the first in 2005.

➤ **World Food Prize**

- ✓ Cynthia Rosenzweig, an agronomist and climatologist, wins the World Food Prize.
- ✓ She is a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.
- ✓ World Food Prize Foundation award recognized Rosenzweig as the founder of the Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project.

➤ **Pulitzer Prize**

- ✓ Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui is among four Indians honoured with the prestigious Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category.
- ✓ Siddiqui and his colleagues Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave from the Reuters news agency have won the award.
- ✓ This is for the second time that Siddiqui has won the Pulitzer Prize.
- ✓ He was killed in 2021.

➤ **Royal Gold Medal 2022**

- ✓ Ahmedabad-based acclaimed architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi - was conferred the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture.
- ✓ BV Doshi is among the rare people to have been awarded both the Royal Gold Medal and the Pritzker Architecture Prize, often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture, in their lifetime.

➤ **Aster Guardian Global Nursing Award**

- ✓ Anna Qabale Duba, a Kenyan nurse stationed at the Marsabit County Referral Hospital - won the inaugural Aster Guardian Global Nursing Award on May 12.

- ✓ She received the award as the world's best nurse for endorsing education, campaigning against early marriage and outdated cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation in her community.
- **Sangita Kalanidhi Awards**
 - ✓ The Music Academy on Sunday announced Sangita Kalanidhi award winners for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.
 - ✓ Neyveli R. Santhanagopalan has been selected for the award for 2020, Tiruvarur Baktavatsalam for 2021 and Lalgudi G.J.R. Krishnan and G.J.R. Vijayalakshmi for 2022.
- **Global Health Leaders Award**
 - ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) - has conferred the "Global Health Leaders" award for 2022 on India's 10 lakh ASHA workers for their services during Covid-19.
 - ✓ An ASHA worker is an Accredited Social Health Activist, a community health worker instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as a part of India's National Rural Health Mission.
- **Tomb of Sand**
 - ✓ Indian novel 'Tomb of Sand' wins International Booker Prize.
 - ✓ Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for "Tomb of Sand,". Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English.
- **Geetanjali Shree**
 - ✓ Geetanjali Shree's Hindi novel 'Tomb of Sand' - becomes the first book in any Indian language to win the prestigious 2022 International Booker Prize.
 - ✓ She shared her award with Daisy Rockwell, who lives in Vermont, US, who translated her Hindi novel 'Ret Samadhi' into English and called it 'Tomb of Sand'.

PERSONALITIES

➤ **Kami Rita Sherpa**

- ✓ Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa - has climbed the Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for a record 26th time, breaking his own previous record set last year.
- ✓ Rita first scaled Everest back in 1994 and since then, has been making trips to the summit almost every year.

➤ **Devasahayam Pillai**

- ✓ Devasahayam Pillai - became the first Indian layman to be declared a saint by the Vatican on May 15.
- ✓ The previous saints from the country were religious people, nuns and priests from the church.
- ✓ Devasahayam Pillai was born a Hindu in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu and converted to Christianity in the 18th century.

➤ **Kenton Cool**

- ✓ On May 15, Kenton Cool, a 48-year-old British national - scaled the world's highest peak Mount Everest for the 16th time.
- ✓ With the achievement, Cool becomes the first non-Nepalese and the first British citizen to do so.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ **"INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors"**

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a book "INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors".
- ✓ The book has been edited by Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan. The book contains 50 Swarnim articles written in detailed narrations by veterans.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **ISRO 2024 Venus Mission**

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation will send a spacecraft to orbit Venus to study what lies below its surface, the space body's Chairperson S Somnath announced.
- ✓ ISRO is expecting to launch the mission by December 2024 with an orbital manoeuvre planned for a year after that.

➤ **Slender Loris**

- ✓ Slender Loris, an endangered animal protected under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, is set to get enhanced protection and habitat conservation once Tamil Nadu issues a government order declaring the forest areas bordering Karur, Dindigul and Tiruchi districts a Slender Loris Wildlife Sanctuary.

➤ **Cyclone Asani**

- ✓ On May 9th the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the severe cyclonic storm 'Asani' is likely to weaken in the next 48 hours.
- ✓ Asani is the first cyclonic storm of the season.
- ✓ Asani means 'wrath' in Sinhalese (Srilankan language).

➤ **Sagittarius A**

- ✓ On May 12, astronomers - announced the presence of a supermassive black hole, known as Sagittarius A*, at the centre of Milky Way galaxy.
- ✓ It's the first direct observation confirming the presence of the black hole
- ✓ Black holes are regions of space where the pull of gravity is so intense that nothing can escape, including light.

➤ **PHESGO**

- ✓ Multinational pharma giant Roche - has announced the launch of a new drug 'PHESGO' for the treatment of breast cancer patients.
- ✓ PHESGO is a combination of Perjeta (pertuzumab) and Herceptin (trastuzumab) with hyaluronidase
- ✓ It is the world's first-ever subcutaneous fixed-dose formulation in the history of cancer treatment.

➤ **Human-Rated Solid Rocket Booster (HS200)**

- ✓ Isro - successfully completed the static test of human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, on May 13.
- ✓ Based on the successful launch pedigree of this launch vehicle, including Chandrayaan-2, the GSLV-Mk3 has been identified as the launcher for Gaganyaan mission.

➤ **5G testbed**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed recently at the silver jubilee celebrations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) held through video conferencing on May 17.
- ✓ The testbed will enable startups and industry players to test and validate their products locally and reduce dependence on foreign facilities.

➤ **Sela Macaque**

- ✓ New Arunachal monkey named after Sela pass.
- ✓ A new species of old world monkey, "The Sela Macaque" was geographically separated from the Arunachal Macaque by the Sela, an eastern Himalayan pass located at an altitude of 13,700 feet.

➤ **PARAM PORUL Supercomputer**

- ✓ Param Porul is a state-of-the-art supercomputer dedicated to the nation at NIT Tiruchirappalli.
- ✓ PARAM PORUL supercomputing facility is established under Phase 2 of the National Supercomputing Mission.
- ✓ PARAM Siddhi-AI is the fastest supercomputer in India built under NSM with a capacity of 5.26 Petaflop.

➤ **Russia tests Zircon Missile**

- ✓ Russia on Saturday successfully tested Zircon hypersonic cruise missile.
- ✓ The missile was fired from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate stationed in the Barents Sea and hit a target stationed 1,000 km away in the White Sea in the Arctic, the Defence Ministry said.

➤ **Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey' (CHES)**

- ✓ Chinese scientists - have proposed a space project by the name 'Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey' (CHES) to find out habitable exoplanets for possible colonisation of space.
- ✓ Under the project, the Chinese space agency will survey the sky with a space-borne telescope to find a planet which may be habitable for humans.



SPORTS

➤ **Asia Badminton Championships**

- ✓ P.V. Sindhu won the bronze medal for the second time in the Asia Badminton Championships.
- ✓ She lost to defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semifinal.

➤ **IWF Junior World Championships**

- ✓ On May 2, Harshada Sharad Garud - created history to become the first Indian to win gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships in Heraklion, Greece.
- ✓ She lifted 153-kg in the 45-kg weight category, which includes 70kg in snatch and 83 kg in clean and jerk to finish on top of the podium.

➤ **75th Santosh Trophy**

- ✓ Kerala - were crowned champions of the 75th Santosh Trophy at the Payyanad Stadium in Manjeri, Malappuram on May 2.
- ✓ It was Kerala's seventh Santosh Trophy.

➤ **Deaflympics**

- ✓ Dhanush Srikanth - became the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Deaflympics on May 5.
- ✓ The 19-year old shooter from Telangana, clinched the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the 24th Deaflympics in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, after shooting a world-record score in the final.

➤ **Chessable Sunway Formentera Open Chess Tournament**

- ✓ On May 8, Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh - emerged champion in the 1st 1 in Spain.
- ✓ It was a hattrick of titles for him after he had previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open in recent weeks.

➤ **Avinash Sable**

- ✓ India's Avinash Sable broke a 30-year-old record of Bahadur Prasad in 5000m, setting a new national record with a timing of 13:25.65 at the Sound Running Track meet in San Juan Capistrano, USA.
- ✓ The 27-year-old from Maharashtra broke the old record of 13:29.70 set by Bahadur Prasad in 1992.

➤ **Jerlin Anika**

- ✓ On May 12, Tamil Nadu's Jerlin Anika - won three gold medals in the women's singles badminton event in the ongoing 24th summer Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul in Brazil.
- ✓ She bagged gold in individual women, mixed doubles and India team events.
- ✓ 18-year old Jerlin Anika of Villapuram in Madurai is a special child who can neither hear nor speak.

➤ **Thomas Cup**

- ✓ Indian Men's Badminton team has won Thomas Cup for the first time ever.
- ✓ It has defeated 14 times Champions Indonesia in Bangkok on 15 May 2022.
- ✓ India had never reached the Thomas and Uber Cup final before.
- ✓ It has become the 6th nation to win the Thomas Cup title after China, Indonesia, Japan, Denmark, and Malaysia.

➤ **Nikhath Zareen**

- ✓ Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen - won the Women's World Championships held in Istanbul with a 5-0 victory over Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas in the flyweight (52kg) final on May 19.
- ✓ The 25-year old Telangana boxer became only the fifth Indian boxer to win the world title with this victory.

➤ **Senior Women's National Championship**

- ✓ Odisha has won its first-ever gold in Senior Nationals and won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship.
- ✓ Odisha women's team defeated Karnataka 2-0 in the final.

OBITUARY

➤ **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed**

- ✓ UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed passes away.
- ✓ Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan served as the president of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi since November 3, 2004.
- ✓ Under his reign, the UAE has witnessed an accelerated development that ensured decent living for the people calling the country home.

REPORT

➤ Highest Sex Ratio at Birth

- ✓ Ladakh recorded the highest sex ratio at birth in the country in 2020, followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tripura and Kerala, according to the annual report on Vital Statistics based on 2020 Civil Registration System report.
- ✓ “Highest Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) based on registered events has been reported by Ladakh (1,104) followed by Arunachal Pradesh (1,011), A&N Islands (984), Tripura (974), and Kerala (969).
- ✓ Sex ratio at birth is the number of females per thousand males.

➤ India's Fertility Rate

- ✓ India's Fertility Rate Decreases to 2 from 2.2.
- ✓ India's total fertility rate (TFR) has declined from 2.2 children in 2015-16 to 2 children per woman now, the latest edition of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) showed.
- ✓ The TFR is currently below the replacement level of fertility of 2.1 children per woman. According to the report, the median age at first birth among women aged 25-49 is 21.2 years.

➤ United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

- ✓ The number and duration of droughts - has risen 29% globally since 2000, as per a new report from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) released on May 11.
- ✓ As per the report, the effect of severe droughts is estimated to have reduced India's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2-5% over the 20 years from 1998 to 2017.
- ✓ The report was released on the sidelines of the ongoing 15th session of the UNCCD conference (COP15) at Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- ✓ Globally, droughts caused economic losses of roughly \$124 billion during that period.

➤ Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health

- ✓ 1 in 6 global deaths in 2019 linked to pollution'
- ✓ Pollution caused nearly nine million deaths in 2019, or about one in six deaths worldwide. This number has remained effectively unchanged since the previous such analysis in 2015, by the Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health, says a report published in The Lancet Planetary Health on Wednesday.

- ✓ A report by The Lancet in 2019 said that noxious air killed 1.67 million Indians in 2019, or 18% of all fatalities.

STATE OF CLIMATE REPORT 2021

- Four major climate indicators – set new records in 2021, according to the ‘State of Climate’ report released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on May 18, 2022.
- ✓ Greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations, sea-level rise, ocean heat and ocean acidification were the highest since record keeping for these indicators began in the latter half of the 19th century
- ✓ The last seven years, from 2015 to 2021, were globally the warmest years on record, stated the report.
- ✓ The average global temperature last year was about 1.1 degree Celsius above the pre-industrial level (1850-1900).
- **World of Work**
- ✓ World may have lost 11.2 crore jobs: ILO.
- ✓ The “world of work” is being buffeted by multiple crises, says the ninth edition of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Monitor.
- ✓ The report says that after significant gains during the last quarter of 2021, the number of hours worked globally dropped in the first quarter of 2022, to 3.8% below the employment situation before the pandemic.
- ✓ About 11.2 crore jobs might have lost between this period, according to the report.
- **Profiting from Pain**
- ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic created a new billionaire every 30 hours, and it is expected that a million people could be pushed into extreme poverty at the same rate in 2022, according to a new Oxfam brief released on Monday.
- ✓ The brief titled “Profiting from Pain” is published for the World Economic Forum 2022 for its annual meeting for a five-day event at Davos.
- **60% E-Waste Recycling likely by 2023**
- ✓ Consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025, respectively, according to a draft notification by the Environment Ministry made public this week.

RANKING

➤ **World Press Freedom Index**

- ✓ India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index - has fallen down to 150th position from last year's 142nd rank out of 180 countries.
- ✓ The index, which was published on May 3 by Reporters Without Borders, categorises India as "one of the world's most dangerous countries for media" with an average of three or four journalists getting killed every year.

➤ **World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)**

- ✓ India - retains top spot as the world's fastest growing major economy with a growth forecast of 6.4% for this fiscal year.
- ✓ This was revealed by the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) mid-year report released on May 18, 2022.
- ✓ As per the report, the global economy this year is expected to grow by only 3.1% as against the earlier prediction in January of 4.0%.

➤ **World Air Power Index 2022**

- ✓ Indian Air Force Ranks 3rd.
- ✓ World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
May 1	International Labour Day	It recognizes employees' contributions to society and their willingness to make sacrifices.
May 1	World Laughter Day	World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year to spread happiness in the whole world
May 2	World Tuna Day	On May 2 every year, World Tuna Day is celebrated to spread awareness among people about Tuna fish regarding sustainable fishing practices
May 3	World Press Freedom Day	This year's World Press Freedom Day theme is "Journalism Under Digital Siege"
May 4	International Firefighter's Day 2022	The main aim of this day is to recognise and honour professional firefighters across the world
May 5	World Pulmonary Hypertension Day	The day's main aim is to increase awareness and understanding about pulmonary hypertension disease
May 5	World Hand Hygiene Day	Theme 2022 - Unite for safety: clean your hands
May 6	International No Diet Day 2022	On this day, people are made aware of body acceptance, leaving aside behaviour like body shaming, which includes people of all shapes and sizes
May 7	World Athletics	The basic objective of World

	Day 2022	Athletics Day is to boost the participation of youths in athletics
May 8	World Mother's Day	This day celebrates mother's unconditional love and sacrifices made by her for the children
May 8	World Red Cross Day	The theme of World Red Cross Day 2022 is 'BeHumanKind'
May 8	World Thalassaemia Day	Theme 2022: "Be Aware. Share, Care: Working with the global community as to improve thalassemia knowledge"
May 10	World Lupus Day	The day is observed every year to raise awareness about Lupus, which is a serious life-threatening autoimmune disease
May 11	National Technology Day 2022	Every year on this day, officials pay honour to India's scientists for their achievements
May 12	International Nurses Day	The Day is celebrated annually to honour and celebrate the invaluable and selfless contributions of nurses to sick patients all over the world
May 12	International Day of Plant Health	The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development
May 14	World Migratory Bird Day	The day raises awareness about the problems that migratory birds face.

		"Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds" is the theme of the campaign for 2022
May 15	International Families Day	Theme 2022 - Families and urbanization
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	The day is celebrated on the 16th of May throughout the world and with its annual observance, it aims to urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way
May 16	International Day of Light	The International Day of Light celebrates the role light plays in science, culture and art, education, and sustainable development
May 16	National Dengue Day	It is an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to spread awareness about dengue among people
May 17	World Hypertension Day	World Hypertension Day is observed every year on 17th May, to raise awareness and encourage hypertension prevention, detection, and treatment
May 18	International Museum Day	Theme 2022 - "The Power of Museums"
May 20	National Endangered Species Day	Theme 2022 - "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration"
May 20	World Bee Day	The Theme 2022 of World Bee Day is 'Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems'
May 21	International Tea Day	The day is known to create awareness about safe working conditions for the tea

		workers, fair trade and a sustainable environment to improve the production of tea
May 21	Anti-Terrorism Day	Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on 21 May, on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	Theme 2022 - "Building a shared future for all life"
May 25	World Thyroid Awareness Day 2022	Thyroid Federation international has announced the theme, "It's not you. It's your thyroid."
May 25	International Missing Children's Day 2022	The aims of the day are to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children and also honour those who have never been found and celebrate those who have
May 28	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	Theme 2022 - "making menstruation a normal part of life by 2030."
May 28	International Day of Action for Women's Health	The theme for 2022 is 'Resist and Persist'
May 29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	The theme for 2022 is "People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships"
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	Theme 2022 - "Threat to our Environment"