

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 22, 2023

NATIONAL

- **The first flight for this year's Haj pilgrimage — carrying 288 Indians — took off for Medina from Lucknow's Chaudhary Charan Singh International airport on May 21.**



- ✓ Mohammed Bin Salman Al Saud, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, is likely to welcome the first batch of pilgrims at the Medina airport.
- ✓ The flight from Lucknow will be the first flight across the world this year to land at Medina airport and, hence, the Crown Prince is expected to welcome it.
- ✓ According to the Uttar Pradesh government, around 14,114 pilgrims will depart from Lucknow to Medina from May 21 to June 6.
- ✓ Apart from pilgrims, around 60 Haj 'sevaks' will also travel to Medina to assist the pilgrims in their journey.
- ✓ Around 4,000 women pilgrims will also travel for Haj this year from Lucknow.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On May 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - virtually addressed the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland through a video message**



- ✓ PM congratulated the World Health Organization on completing 75 years and expressed confidence that global health agency would be setting goals for the next 25 years when it reaches 100 years of service.
- ✓ PM Modi highlighted India's commitment to international cooperation and informed that the country shipped almost 300 million doses of covid-19 vaccines to over 100 countries including many countries from the Global South
- ✓ Highlighting the benefits of traditional systems such as Yoga, Ayurveda and meditation, the PM explained that it addresses physical, mental and social aspects of health
- ✓ Further, the PM said, during it's G20 presidency, India are working with the theme of One Earth One Family One Future
- ✓ He expressed happiness that the WHO's first global centre for traditional medicine is being established in India last year.
- ✓ The PM also talked about India's healthcare achievement such as Ayushman Bharat scheme and government efforts to provide sanitation and drinking water to millions of families in the country.
- ✓ The 76th World Health Assembly is scheduled to be held from May 21 to May 30 in Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will be representing India at the event.
- ✓ This year's assembly revolves around the theme: "WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all."

PERSONALITIES

- **Gorkha veteran Hari Budha Magar - has become the first double above-the-knee amputee to climb Everest.**



- ✓ He reached the top of Sagarmatha, the Nepalese name of Mount Himalayas, on May 19.
- ✓ Nepalese Hari Budha Magar, who joined the British army in 1999, lost both his legs after stepping on an improvised explosive device (IED) during a patrol duty in Afghanistan in 2010
- ✓ Magar, 43, was on patrol in Afghanistan with the Gorkhas, a unit of Nepalis who have fought with the British army for over 200 years.
- ✓ Two below-the-knee amputees have reached the peak in the past — New Zealander Mark Inglis in 2006 and China's Xia Boyu in 2018.
- ✓ Magar was fitted with prosthetic legs and has climbed several peaks including Morocco's Mount Toubkal and Mont Blanc in Europe.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that there was a Nepalese law which bans double amputees, and also blind people, from climbing the world's highest mountain.
- ✓ However, Nepal's top court quashed the law — which was not in place when Inglis climbed the peak — in 2018

SPORTS

- **On May 21, Manchester City - won their third consecutive English Premier League (EPL) title and fifth in six years**



- ✓ They have become the second team in the EPL era to achieve the feat after Manchester United, who have won the title in 1993-1997 and 2007-2009.
- ✓ It is City's seventh league crown in a 12-year period during which the Abu Dhabi-owned club has changed the face of the English game.
- ✓ Pep Guardiola's Manchester City celebrated their Premier League title triumph with a victory over Chelsea on May 21.
- ✓ With this victory, City extended their winning streak to 12 consecutive victories in the league.
- ✓ They currently sit at the top of the table with 88 points from 36 matches, seven points ahead of second-placed Arsenal, who have played 37 games.

- **Indian athlete Shaili Singh - won a bronze medal with a big effort of 6.65m in the women's long jump at the Seiko Golden Grand Prix at Yokohama on May 21**



- ✓ The 19-year-old Shaili's first round jump of 6.65m remained her best in the World Athletics Continental Tour gold level event, though it was 11cm below her personal best.
- ✓ Maryse Luzolo of Germany took the gold with a wind-assisted jump of 6.79m.

