

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 23, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024

- ✓ Head of the Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan started Cyber Suraksha – 2024 on May 22, 2024.
- ✓ Defence Cyber Agency of India is in charge of the event, which runs from May 20th to May 24th.
- ✓ The main goal of Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024 is to improve the cyber defence skills of all cybersecurity organizations in the country.
- ✓ The goal is for the [military](#) and key government agencies involved in cybersecurity to work together better and come up with a more unified approach.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Blue Origin's NS-25 Mission

- ✓ Indian expatriate Gopi Thotakura joined the ranks of space explorers as the first Indian to embark on a journey beyond Earth's atmosphere.



- ✓ **The NS-25 mission**, part of Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin program, saw Thotakura and five other crew members lift off aboard the New Shepard spacecraft from a private ranch in West Texas.
- ✓ Among the crew was also **Ed Dwight**, marking the first time a Black astronaut ventured into space. .
- ✓ **Gopichand Thotakura**: An entrepreneur and pilot of Indian origin, Thotakura secured his place among the six crew members for the NS-25 mission.

SPORTS

➤ **World Para Athletics**

- ✓ **Mariyappan Thangavelu** Breaks Championship Record to Win Gold in High Jump at World Para Athletics.



- ✓ Tokyo Paralympics silver winner Thangavelu Mariyappan won a gold in T63 high jump with a World Para Athletics Championships' record of 1.88m.
- ✓ This was his first gold in a major event in eight years. The 28-year-old Mariyappan won gold in T42 high jump in the 2016 Rio Paralympics and a silver in the Tokyo edition in 2021 in T63.
- ✓ The T63 classification is for athletes with single through knee or above knee limb deficiency competing with a prosthesis.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Turtle Day: May 23**

- ✓ Every year, **World Turtle Day is observed on May 23**.
- ✓ It was started in the year 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue as a way of urging people to come together to understand tortoises and turtles better.



- ✓ It is observed to raise awareness about the lifestyle and habitat of turtles as well as tortoises and urge people to understand them better and contribute to their wellbeing.

