

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 13, 2023

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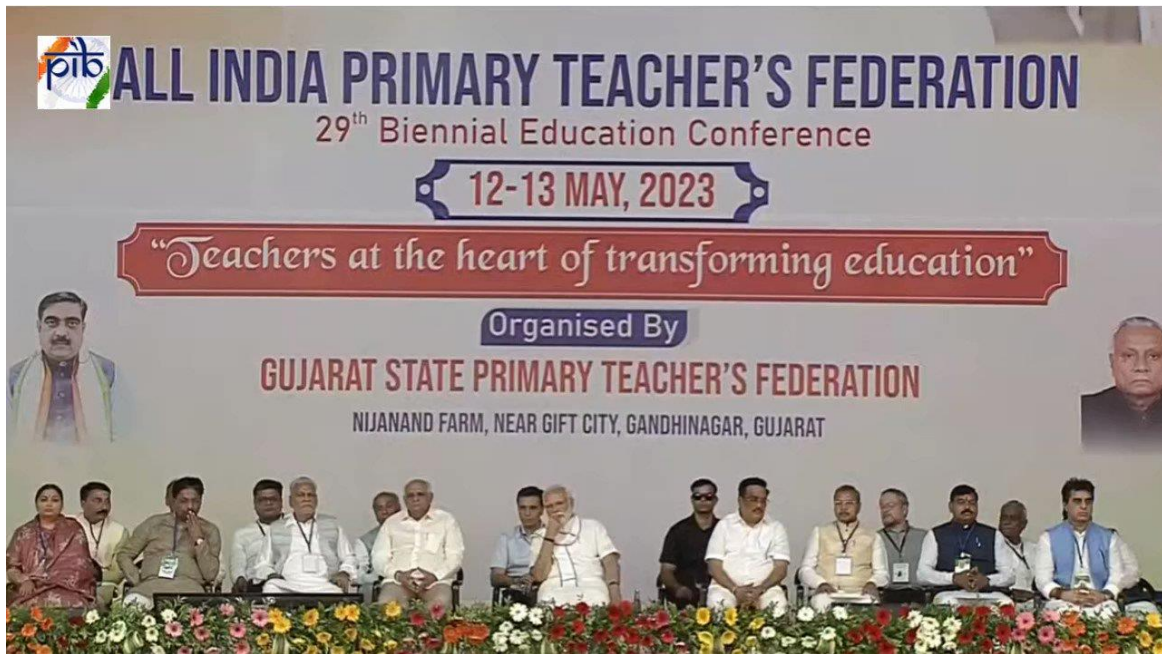
- **In a historic move, the California State Senate - passed a legislation that would ban caste-based discrimination in the State**
 - ✓ Senator Aisha Wahab, the first Muslim and Afghan-American elected to the state legislature, introduced the bill, SB 403, last month.
 - ✓ The bill, passed by 34-1 vote, would make California the first US state to add caste as a protected category in its anti-discrimination laws
 - ✓ In California, caste discrimination occurs across industries, including technology, education, construction, restaurants, domestic work, and medicine, according to civil rights organisation Equality Labs, one of the proponents of the bill.
 - ✓ California is the largest state in the United States in terms of population and size of the economy.
 - ✓ Earlier this year, Seattle became the first US city to outlaw caste discrimination after its local council passed a resolution moved by an Indian-American politician Kshama Sawant.

- **New York City - is set to become the largest US city to ban discrimination based on a person's weight.**
 - ✓ On May 11, the New York City council approved a bill that adds a person's weight to the list of characteristics that are protected from discrimination, along with race, gender, age, religion and sexual orientation.
 - ✓ The law would prohibit employers and businesses from discriminating in employment, housing and access to public accommodations.
 - ✓ The bill was approved by 44 of the city council's 51 members
 - ✓ Michigan and Washington states already prohibit the discrimination, as do some cities, like Washington DC.
 - ✓ The bill also prohibits discrimination based on height, and a separate bill would ban discrimination against people with tattoos.

- ✓ Under the bill, complaints about weight discrimination would be investigated by the city's commission on human rights, which already handles complaints over race, gender and pregnancy.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the 29th biennial educational conference of the All India Primary Teachers' Federation in Gandhinagar on May 12**



- ✓ The conference is being held at Nijanand Farm near GIFT City from May 11-13.
- ✓ The theme of this summit is 'Teachers at the Heart of Transforming Education'.
- ✓ More than 91 thousand teachers from various parts of India are attending the three-day convention.
- ✓ The conference was attended by a host of dignitaries, including Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Central Minister of Fisheries Parshottam Rupala, and others.
- **On May 12, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member countries - adopted a smart agriculture action plan that will work for ensuring food and nutrition security through use of technology.**
- ✓ The decision on the action plan was taken during the 8th meeting of agriculture ministers of SCO member countries through video conferencing
- ✓ Under the chairmanship of India, the meeting was being chaired by agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, China and Pakistan participated in the meeting along with India.

PERSONALITIES

- **Linda Yaccarino, the head of advertising of NBCUniversal - is set to become the next Twitter CEO**



- ✓ On May 12, Elon Musk has confirmed that the new CEO for Twitter, or X Corp. as it's now called, will be Linda Yaccarino, an executive with deep ties to the advertising industry.
- ✓ According to Musk, Linda will focus primarily on business operations, while he will focus on product design & new technology and would transition to the role of chief technology officer (CTO).
- ✓ It is also worth noting that Yaccarino is the first female Twitter CEO and also the first to come from a non-tech background
- ✓ Yaccarino has been with NBCUniversal for more than 20 years and has held a variety of leadership positions.
- ✓ Currently, she is responsible for all of NBCUniversal's global advertising and partnerships businesses.
- ✓ Yaccarino had served at Turner (formerly Turner Broadcasting System, Inc) for 19 years where her last role was mentioned as Executive Vice President/COO Advertising Sales, Marketing and Acquisitions.
- ✓ Yaccarino has been recognised as Business Insider's "Top 10 People Transforming Advertising".

DEFENCE

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - inaugurated the nation's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Chandigarh recently on May 8**
- ✓ The centre, spread over 17,000 square feet on Madhya Marg in Sector 18, depicts the IAF's role in various wars, including in 1965, 1971 and the Kargil War, besides the Balakot airstrike through murals and memorabilia.
- ✓ It houses five vintage aircraft and will provide visitors with cockpit exposure and an experience with flight simulators.

- ✓ Among the exhibits is a Gnat aircraft (Sabre Slayer), which was flown by Param Vir Chakra awardee Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon in the 1971 war against Pakistan



- ✓ It also houses the first IAF-made patent aircraft Air Force 'Kanpur-1 Vintage Prototype Aircraft', a single-engine indigenous flying machine designed and built by the late Air Vice Marshal Harjinder Singh in 1958 at Base Repair Depot Kanpur.
 - ✓ A Hindustan Piston Trainer-32 primary flying trainer aircraft, whose period of operation in the Indian Air Force was from 1977 to 2009, has been on display at the centre.
 - ✓ The centre also has a special segment which has been dedicated to women officers in the IAF for their contributions.
 - ✓ The attractions of the heritage centre also include SAM-III Pechora missiles.
 - ✓ The centre also has scale models of Netra aircraft, Parchand helicopter, Mi-26, MiG 29, indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft, C-130 J Hercules, IL-78 MKI Aerial refueller, Sukhoi SU-30 MKI, advanced light helicopter-Dhruv and Integrated Air Command and Control system workstation.
 - ✓ The heritage centre has been set up under a memorandum of understanding between the Chandigarh administration and the Indian Air Force in the presence of Banwarilal Purohit in June 2022.
 - ✓ The Chandigarh IAF Heritage Centre will be managed by the Chandigarh Administration
- **Indian Naval Sailing Vessel Tarini - is on her return passage to India after a 6 month long transoceanic intercontinental expedition**
- ✓ The expedition, covering 17,000 nautical miles, commenced at Goa on 17 November 2022 and is scheduled to complete at the same venue on 24 May 2023.



- ✓ During the expedition, Tarini sailed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil via Cape Town, South Africa and participated in Cape2Rio-2023 Race
- ✓ The vessel, with a crew of six officers including two women, braved storms, rough seas, strong winds and heavy weather as part of the expedition.
- ✓ INSV Tarini is known for circumnavigating the globe with an all-women officer crew in the historic expedition titled Navika Sagar Parikrama that began in 2017.
- ✓ During their 254-day expedition, the six member crew of Navika Sagar Parikrama covered 22,000 nautical miles

SPORTS

- **India - finished with three bronze medals at the 2023 World Boxing Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on May 12**

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HISTORIC FEAT FOR INDIA
A FIRST EVER IN MEN'S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

3 MEDALS SECURED

2023
DEEPAK BHORIA
MOHAMMAD HUSSAMUDDIN
NISHANT DEV

2021 AKASH KUMAR BRONZE	2019 AMIT PANGHAL SILVER	2019 MANISH KAUSHIK BRONZE
2017 GAURAV BIDHURI BRONZE	2015 SHIVA THAPA BRONZE	2011 VIKAS KRISHAN BRONZE
2009 VIJENDER SINGH BRONZE		

- ✓ Indian boxers Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Mohammed Hussamuddin (57kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) finished the event with bronze medals
 - ✓ With this, India was ranked joint fourth in the medals tally at the prestigious tournament with hosts Uzbekistan (9), Cuba and Russia (6 each) and Kazakhstan (5) taking up the top three spots.
 - ✓ This was also the very first time that India clinched three medals in a single edition of the tournament, making it the best-ever haul for the country at a single Worlds event
 - ✓ Deepak's (51kg) memorable campaign came to end as he lost to two-time World Championships bronze medallist Bilal Bennama of France in a flyweight contest decided by a bout review.
 - ✓ Nishant's (71kg) light middleweight category semifinal also went to a bout review with the judges ruling in favour of the 2022 Asian Championships champion and 2018 Asian Games silver medallist Aslanbek Shymbergenov of Kazakhstan
 - ✓ Two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Hussamuddin was forced to withdraw due to a knee injury about an hour before semifinals bout in the his 57kg category
 - ✓ Earlier, the 29-year-old Hussamuddin sustained a knee injury in his quarterfinals bout against J Diaz Ibanez of Bulgaria and decided against risking aggravation.
 - ✓ The prestigious tournament witnessed the participation of 538 boxers, including several Olympic medallists, from 107 countries.
 - ✓ Vijender Singh was the first male Indian boxer to win a World Championships medal, taking bronze in the middleweight division in 2009, followed by Vikas Krishnan in 2011, Shiva Thapa in 2015 and Gaurav Bidhuri in 2017.
 - ✓ No male Indian boxer has yet won a gold medal at the World Championships, with Amit Panghal's flyweight (52kg) silver medal in the 2019 tournament being the best result.
 - ✓ In the previous edition in 2021, Akash Kumar (bronze) was the nation's solitary medallist.
- **Former junior world champion Hriday Hazarika and Haryana's Nancy - clinched their first individual senior World Cup stage medals on May 12**



- ✓ They won silver in the men's and women's 10m air rifle competitions respectively at the on-going International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ✓ The Assam shooter, Hriday lost to Hungary's Zalan Pekler, while Nancy lost against China's Han Jiayu to bag the silver medals.
- ✓ During the course of the tournament, the Assam boy edged out Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Sheng Lihao and bronze medallist Yang Haoran.
- ✓ China's bronze medallist and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Sheng Lihao, broke his own world record set in Bhopal in March.
- ✓ China lead the medal tally with two gold, one silver and two bronze while India have one gold, two silver and one bronze.

