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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as chairman of MMA 1 Federation? **Mahavir Singh Phogat**
- Recently, Shahabuddin Chappu has been taken oath as the 22nd president of which country? **Bangladesh**
- Who has replaced Anurag Jain to be appointed as the Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade? **Rajesh Kumar Singh**
- Who has become the new Chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank? **Shreekant Bhandiwad**

01
MAY

INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS DAY
MAY



Importance:

To mark the proclamation by the first international congress of socialist parties in Europe on July 14th 1889 in Paris, France.

The date was chosen due to events on the other side of the Atlantic.

In 1884 the American Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions demanded an eight-hour workday, to come in effect as of May 1st 1886.

Motto: To honour the contributions of the laborers or working class people.

Note:

Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader, was the person who came up with the idea for Labor Day.

It is also known as May Day and is a public holiday in many countries across the world.

- Microsoft India president Anant Maheshwari has been appointed as the chairperson of which organisation? **Nasscom**
- Who has been elected as the president of Cycling Federation of India? **Pankaj Singh**
- Who has been taken charge as Chief Executive Officer of Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies? **Hari Hara Mishra**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Embassy Real Estate Investment Trust? **Aravind Maiya**

- What is the name of Fit India Champion who has become the first Indian to summit Mt. Annapurna? **Arjun Vajpai**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of LIC until June 2024? **Siddhartha Mohanty**
- Who has been appointed as new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda? **Debadatta Chand**
- Name the director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, who has been appointed as new chairman of Atomic Energy Commission? **Ajit Kumar Mohanty**
- Justice TS Sivagnanam has been appointed as Chief Justice of which High Court? **Calcutta High Court**
- Who has taken over as the 17th Commander-In-Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command? **Saju Balakrishnan**
- Who has been named as Chief Executive Officer of Vodafone? **Margherita Della Valle**
- Vanessa Hudson appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of which airways? **Qantas Airways**
- Who has been officially selected as the new President of the World Bank? **Ajay Banga**
- Who will be the next Air Marshal to be designated as Deputy Chief of the Indian Air Staff? **Ashutosh Dixit**
- Who has been appointed by the Delhi High Court as the administrator of the Basketball Federation of India? **P Krishna Bhat**
- Who has been appointed as the managing director of Accenture India? **Ajay Vij**
- Who has been chosen as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)? **Mark Nicholas**
- Name the Indian-American who has been appointed as Domestic Policy Advisor in Biden Administration? **Neera Tandon**
- Badminton Asia has appointed whom as the chair of technical officials committee? **Omar Rashid**
- Who has taken charge as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port, which has been renamed as Syama Prasad Mookerjee? **Rathendra Raman**
- Who has been appointed as the new CMD of Larsen & Toubro? **SN Subrahmanyam**
- Who has become the first woman CMD of India's largest NBFC, Power Finance Corporation? **Parminder Chopra**
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited has appointed whom as the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director? **Rajeev Dhar**
- Puma India has appointed whom as the new Managing Director? **Karthik Balagopalan**



- Who has been appointed as the new Twitter CEO? **Linda Yaccarino**
- Praveen Sood who has been appointed as the next CBI director, was the former DGP of which state? **Karnataka**
- Which bollywood hero has been titled as ambassador for special Olympics to support Indian Athletes at Berlin? **Ayushmann Khurrana**
- Who has been appointed as the first registrar of Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit, established by Ministry of Corporate Affairs? **Harihara Sahoo**
- The US Senate has approved which Indian American as the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department? **Geeta Rao Gupta**
- Who has been taken over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff? **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit**
- Who will take oath as the chairman of Union Public Service Commission in June 2023? **Manoj Soni**
- In May 2023, Ludovit Odor has been appointed as the new caretaker Prime Minister of which country? **Slovakia**
- Parent company of Paytm, One 97 Communications Ltd has appointed whom as the President and COO of Paytm? **Bhavesh Gupta**
- The government has appointed whom as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India

- (CCI)? **Ashok Kumar**
- As per the recent reshuffle, who has been assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice? **Arjun Ram Meghwal**
- Who has been appointed as new Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Chairman by Government? **AK Jain**
- Central government has cleared the appointment of which two advocates as Supreme Court judges? **KV Viswanathan and Prashant Mishra**
- Who has sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka for his second term? **Siddaramaiah**
- Parkash Singh Badal, who has passed away recently, was the former chief minister of which state? **Punjab**
- Recently, Rajneesh Karnatak has been named as new MD and Chairman of which bank? **Bank of India**
- What is the name of grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, who has passed away recently? **Arun Manilal Gandhi**
- Ranajit Guha, who has recently passed away, was a famous - **Historian**
- AR Khaleel who has been passed away recently was the former vice-president of which federation? **All India Football Federation**
- What is the name of the chairman of Hinduja Group, who died recently? **Srichand Parmanand Hinduja**

04
MAY



Motto: To recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible.

Note: The IFFD ribbons are linked to colors symbolic of the main elements firefighters work with – red for fire and blue for water. These colors also are internationally recognised as representing emergency service.

International Firefighter's Day

Importance:

To mark the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bush fire in Australia in 1999.

Inception: 1999
Edition: 24th

03
MAY



World Laughter Day

Facts:

The day was introduced by Dr Madan Kataria, the founder of the Worldwide Laughter Yoga Movement.

The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on 11 January, 1998 in Mumbai, India.

"HAPPY-DEMIC" was the first World Laughter Day gathering outside India. It took place on 9th January 2000, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Importance:

To mark the importance of laughing in our lives.

Inception: 1998

Edition: 26th

Motto: To raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.



National & International News

- Which state government has become the first to use a DNA database for unidentified bodies? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Mana village is located in which state which has been declared as the "first Indian village" by BRO? **Uttarakhand**
- Swagat Initiative was launched in which state as it has been completed 20 years in 2023? **Gujarat**
- Which country is the host of the "EU-India Aviation Summit"? **India**
- Who has inaugurated "Study in India Pavilion" at the Global Education & Training Exhibition in Dubai? **Dr Aman Puri**
- Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 91 FM transmitters in how many states? **18**
- Who has won Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023? **Sergio Pérez**
- Which state's statehood day has been observed on first May? **Maharashtra**
- First cable stayed rail bridge of India "Anji Khad" is being built in which district of Jammu & Kashmir? **Reasi**
- Recently, Indian government has launched a first of its kind Millets Experience Centre in collaboration with which agriculture company? **NAFED**
- The Supreme Court of India has granted couples the right to divorce on the grounds of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" under which article of the Constitution? **Article 142**
- Which government entity is organizing "Ekta Evam Shradhanjali Abhiyan" in May 2023 to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by its Karmyogis in nation building? **Border Roads Organisation**
- Which state government has launched "Geetha Karmikula Bhima" scheme? **Telangana**
- Under the Himachal Pradesh government scheme "Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi" how much monthly incentive will be given to the women of Spiti valley? **Rs 1500**
- Uttar Pradesh government has planned to build a theme park "Ramaland" in which city? **Ayodhya**
- India's first international multimodal logistics park is being built in which state? **Assam**
- Union Minister Nityanand Rai has recently inaugurated Dawki land port in which state? **Meghalaya**
- Uttar Pradesh government has approved the establishment of the state's first Pharma Park in which district? **Lalitpur**
- Recently Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated IAF Heritage Centre in which city? **Chandigarh**
- Recently, Telangana CM has laid the foundation stone of Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy has recently inaugurated a PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra in which city? **Secunderabad**
- Which government scheme has recently completed its 8 years on 9th of May 2023? **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana**

03
MAY

World Press Freedom Day



Importance:

To mark the proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.

Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.

Inception: 1993

Motto: To raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty.

2023 Theme: Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of expression as a driver for all other human rights

Organisation Involved: UNESCO
World Press Freedom Conference 2020: Hague, Netherlands

Note: Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right as stated in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated which edition of "One Earth One Health"? **6th**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the National Games in which state in October 2023? **Goa**
- Which Railway company has recently designated as "Navratana" Company in April 2023? **Rail Vikas Nigam**
- Recently, India has operationalized which port in Myanmar in May 2023? **Sittwe Port**



- Which ministry has recently launched "SAKSHAM" Learning Management Information System? **Health Ministry**
- Santiniketan has recently included in the tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage list. It is located in which state? **West Bengal**
- Which state government has introduced "School Health Program" digital health cards for children? **Uttar Pradesh**
- The fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival will be held from December 01 to 05 in which state? **Kerala**
- Which state has announced financial aid of Rs.10 lakh to discharged patients suffering from the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy? **Odisha**
- Which military unit is an auxiliary organization with part-time volunteers, who assist the Indian Army? **Territorial Army**
- Which ministry has achieved the 2nd position among 66 ministries in highly influential DGQI assessment for 2022-2023 Q3? **Ministry of Ports**
- Which has become the first in the country to establish a State-specific ranking framework for its higher education institutions? **Kerala**
- Tungnath temple was built by whom, which has recently been declared national monument? **Pandavas**
- Which state government has inaugurated National Homoeopathic Convention "Homeocon 2023"? **Uttarakhand**
- Recently, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has launched which app in May 2023? **Meri LiFE**
- The documentary "Gauri", which has received the "Best Long Documentary Award" at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal 2023, was directed by whom? **Kavitha Lankesh**
- Which state holds the second position in the country in terms of having the maximum number of Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged goods? **Uttar Pradesh**
- What is the name of online rural education initiative launched recently by Uttar Pradesh Government? **Pahal**
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has collaborated with which ministry to prioritize "Integrative Health" for the well-being of the public? **Ministry of Ayush**
- Asia's largest event focused on civil aviation "Wing India 2024" will be held in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Which is the first Indian city to adopt the localization of the UN-mandated SDGs? **Bhopal**
- Union Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of National Academy of Coastal Policing Campus in which state? **Gujarat**

- What is the length of recently inaugurated skywalk bridge in Tamil Nadu? **570 meters**
- Recently, which operation has been launched by the Government of India to help the people affected by Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar? **Operation Karuna**
- Campaign "Meri LiFE, Mera Swachh Shehar" has been launched by which Ministry? **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
- Which state has recently become the first to provide government-funded air travel for pilgrimage under the Mukhyamantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Operation Kaveri has been launched to evacuate Indians from which country? **Sudan**
- Which country has planned to introduce gold-backed digital currency to combat the falling value of their currency? **Zimbabwe**
- Recently, the second deepest blue hole of the world has been found at the coast of which country? **Mexico**
- Which country will host third in-person quad summit? **Australia**
- India will join international climate action in civil aviation from which year? **2027**
- Which country has recently overtaken Saudi Arabia as Europe's top refinery supplier? **India**

04
MAY



Coal Miners Day

Motto: To highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines. On this day several organisations, communities raises funds and awareness for other organisations in the coal mining area and workers.

Importance:

This day show appreciation for the sacrifices, honour the accomplishments and remember the tragedies that these hard working individuals experience.

Note: In India coal mining began in 1774 when John Sumner and Suetonius Grant Healthy of the East India Company commenced commercial exploitation in the Raniganj Coalfield along the Western bank of Damodar River.

- Recently a project "Return to Roots" has been granted by which country for Kargil, India? **Australia**
- Which country has launched "Gigachat" to compete with "ChatGPT"? **Russia**
- Which country has launched "Machines Can See 2023" Summit? **UAE**
- Recently, The first border haat has been inaugurated between India and which country? **Bangladesh**
- 42nd ASEAN Summit has recently begun in Indonesia on which theme? ASEAN Affairs: **Epicerter of Growth**
- India led as the top source market for which neighbouring country tourism sector for the month of April 2023? **Sri Lanka**
- Which country has hosted the first-ever physical Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Startup Forum? **India**
- Which international organisation has organised UN Global Road Safety Week from May 15-21 in 2023? **World Health Organization**
- Which country will host "ASEAN Tourism Forum 2024" with the theme "Quality and Responsible Tourism -Sustaining ASEAN Future"? **Laos**
- With which country, recently India has launched "50 Start-ups Exchange Programme"? **Bangladesh**
- Recently, An Indian Pavilion has been inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan in which country? **France**
- Report "The Billion Dollar Death Trade" has been launched by - **United Nations**
- Recently, Mahatma Gandhi bust has been unveiled by PM Modi in which country? **Japan**
- Which country will host Quad summit in 2024? **India**

01
JUNE

Happy
World
Milk
Day



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Inception: 2001(FAO)

Edition: 23rd

Organisation Involved: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Motto: To provide an opportunity to focus attention on milk and raise awareness of dairy's part in healthy diets.

CAMPAIGNS: Raise A Glass Of Milk

Importance:

To recognize the importance of milk as a global food

Why 1st June? This date was chosen because a number of countries were already celebrating a national milk day on or around this time.

03
JUNE

WORLD
BICYCLE
DAY



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Inception: 2018

Organisation Involved: United Nations

Note: The current blue and white #WorldBicycleDay logo again was designed by Isaac Feld and the accompanying animation was done by Professor John E. Swanson.

It symbolises various types of cyclists around the globe.

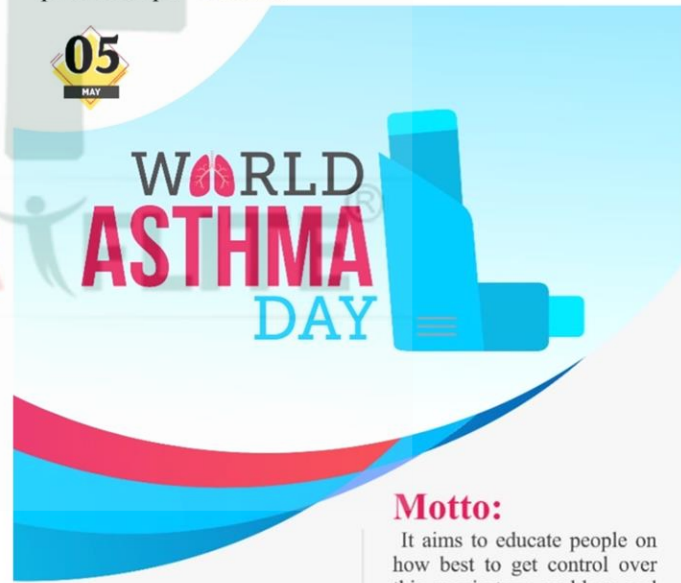
Importance: In

2018, the United Nations General Assembly decided this day to acknowledge the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle.

The Day is the result of Leszek Sibilski's campaign and the support of Turkmenistan and 56 other countries for World Bicycle Day.

Banking & Economy

- Ministry of Science and Technology has launched a mission to promote quantum technology with a budget of how much? **Rs 6003.65 crores**
- According to IMF forecasts, Indian economy will be grow with which rate for this fiscal year? **6%**
- Name the creator of the Indian Institute of Scientific Heritage and former scientist at CSIR, who has passed away recently? **Dr N Gopalakrishnan**
- Which state has emerged as the State with the highest market borrowings according to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which bank has introduced its digital distribution platform to connect business correspondents and business facilitators to the bank? **HDFC Bank**
- AdaniConneX is constructing an Integrated Data Center and Technology Business Park in which state? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Which company has launched CVV-free payments for Tokenised Cards in India? **Visa**
- According to a RBI Study, India would require at what least percent of GDP annually until 2030 for green financing? **2.5%**
- Company GetVantage has recently got licensed from RBI for which type of financial institution? **NBFC**
- Which bank has launched a retail banking initiative called "Vishesh" to create new customers in semi-urban and rural areas? **HDFC Bank**
- Which government entity has introduced the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system? **SEBI**
- Which bank has announced the Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IF-CAP)? **Asian Development Bank**
- Which bank has recently launched an Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system in collaboration with National E-Governance Services Limited? **Bank of Baroda**
- As per the Central Board of Direct Taxes, interest earned from which government scheme will not be subjected to TDS? **Mahila Samman Saving Certificate**
- Which company has revealed plans to invest \$12.7 billion into cloud infrastructure in India by 2030, aiming to meet the increasing demand for cloud services in the country? **Amazon Web Services**
- Which institution launched the "100 Days 100 Pays" campaign? **RBI**
- In April 2023, India has signed a MoU with which country on industrial research and development cooperation? **Israel**
- The government has proposed a modification to the Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules in collaboration with the whom? **RBI**
- Which General Insurance company has accepted the CBDC in tie-up with YES Bank? **Reliance General**
- Which company has signed a supplementary joint venture agreement with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited to develop nuclear power projects in the country? **NTPC**
- Which payment bank has collaborated with the NPCI to launch the Face Authentication for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System? **Airtel Payments Bank**
- Which company has taken over as the ICC's global sponsor by replacing BharatPe? **Mastercard**
- In May 2023, India has agreed to increase discussions on movement of skilled professionals, students with which country to enhance their bilateral economic partnership? **Canada**



05
MAY

**WORLD
ASTHMA
DAY**

Motto:
It aims to educate people on how best to get control over this respiratory problem and other allergic diseases.
1st celebrated: 1998
Edition: 26th
Organisation Involved: Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLB) and World Asthma Foundation.
Note: The first World Asthma Meeting held in Barcelona, Spain.

Asthma is a disease characterized by recurrent attacks of breathlessness, wheezing, chest tightness, and cough that vary over time in their occurrence, severity and frequency.

Awards & Recognitions

- Which government scheme has won the award for excellence in public administration? **PM Gati Shakti**
- Which cricket stadium has named a stand after Sachin Tendulkar on his 50th birthday? **Sharjah Stadium**
- What is the name of 14th Dalai Lama who has got 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award in Person After 64 Years? **Tenzin Gyatso**
- Which state has been awarded with the country's prestigious HUDCO Award (2022-2023) for best performing in Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which Maharatna company of India has been conferred with Global Gold Award by The Green Organization? **Power Grid**
- Who has been awarded the lifetime achievement award by the Telugu Association of London? **Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti**
- Who has been recognized with a 2023 Goldman Environmental Prize? **Alessandra Korap**
- Who has received Billboard's inaugural Latin Woman of the Year Award? **Shakira**
- Neeli Bendapudi, who has received the Immigrant Achievement Award 2023, is the current president of which university? **Penn State University**
- Recently, King Charles III has awarded Britain's honorary MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) to whom? **Dr MN Nandakumara**
- Who will be awarded by BAFTA fellowship in London, the highest honour awarded by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts? **Meera Syal**
- The Cannes Film Festival will honor whom with an honorary Palme d'Or award? **Michael Douglas**
- Who has won the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Biography category for making "G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century"? **Beverly Gage**
- Former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, has presented the Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2023 to whom? **Yogi Adityanath**
- Which port has bagged the Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan Award 2023? **Cochin Port**
- Who has received the inaugural Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award from the Astronomical Society of India? **Jayant Narlikar**
- In May 2023, Which mountaineer has become second to scale Everest 26 times? **Pasang Dawa Sherpa**
- What is the name of the current chairman of Tata Sons who has recently conferred with France's Highest Civilian Award? **N Chandrasekaran**
- Who has become the highest-ranking South Asian women in the New York Police Department? **Pratima Bhullar**

07

MAY



Motto:

To popularize sports among the youth, to promote athletics as the primary sport in schools and institutions and to encourage and introduce new talent and youngsters in the field of athletics.

Organised By: IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation)

World Athletics Day

Introduced by: Primo Nebiolo (Then President of IAAF)

1st Celebrated: 1996

Edition: 28th

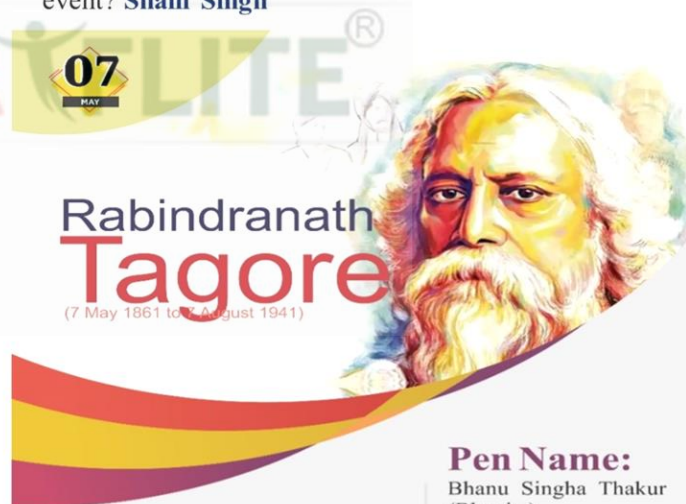
Note: IAAF was founded on the 17 July 1912 in Stockholm (Sweden). The IAAF is the world governing body for the sport of field athletics and track.



Sports

- Which football club has become the defending champion of Hero Super Cup 2023? Bengaluru FC
- Scheduled commercial banks have reported a robust credit growth of how much in FY23? **15.4%**
- Women's team medal winner at three consecutive Olympic Games Kasumi Ishikawa, who has announced her retirement, hails from which country? **Japan**
- Which Russian poet has won Leipzig Book Prize 2023? **Maria Stepanova**
- Who has become China's first world chess champion along with 17th world chess champion? **Levon Aronian**
- Who has won the snooker World Championship title? **Luca Brecel**
- Recently, Odisha government has decided to extend its sponsorship for both the Men and Women Indian Hockey Teams to which year? **2033**
- According to Forbes, who has become the highest-paid athlete? **Cristiano Ronaldo**
- Which country has won the ACC Men's Premier Cup and qualified for the Asia Cup 2023? **Nepal**
- Name the first Indian who will participate in the FIM World JuniorGP World Championship? **Geoffrey Emmanuel**
- Which city will host for the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League? **Dubai**
- Olympic silver medalist Nijel Amos, who has been banned for 3-years for doping, hails from which country? **Botswana**
- Who has become the fastest player to score 5000 runs in One Day International cricket? **Babar Azam**
- Who has won the Madrid Open 2023 trophy under Men's singles category? **C. Alcaraz Garfia**
- Which Indian athlete has recently set a new national record of triple jump? **Praveen Chithravel**
- In May 2023, who has won the Miami Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**
- Who has won the Laureus sportsman of the year

- 2023? **Lionel Messi**
- Name the women cricketer who has been crowned ICC player of the month for April? **Naruemol Chaiwai**
- Who has won the final of the ATP Challenger event? **Andy Murray**
- Who has become India's 82nd Grandmaster in 2023? **Vuppala Prraneeth**
- Which Football Club has won the 27th La Liga Title and their First La Liga since 2019? **Barcelona FC**
- Gatka Martial Art which has recently included in the 37th National Games 2023 is a traditional sport of which state? **Punjab**
- India has bagged how many gold medals at South Asian Youth TT Championship 2023? **16 gold medals**
- Who has won the Italian Open by beating Holger Rune by 7-5? **Daniil Medvedev**
- Who has clinched a bronze medal at the Golden Grand Prix 2023 athletics meet in the women's long jump event? **Shaili Singh**



Notable Awards: Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)

Note: He was the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize (1913) for his contribution to world literature.

Tagore penned down "Jana Gana Mana", the national anthem of India. He also wrote the national anthem for Bangladesh.

Pen Name:

Bhanu Singha Thakur (Bhonita)

Occupation: Writer, composer, playwright, essayist, painter

Language: Bengali, English

Notable Works:

Gitanjali, Gora, Ghare-Baire, Jana Gana Mana, Rabindra Sangeet, Amar Shonar Bangla

Science & Technology

- Which IIT from India will establish the first Indian Institute of Technology in Tanzania, Africa? **IIT Madras**
- In April 2023, SHUNYA team has secured second place in Solar Decathlon Build Challenge in the US, is a student-driven technical team of which Indian Institution? **IIT Bombay**
- The recently received "VTOL Loitering Munition system" by Air Force has been designed by whom? **Tata Advanced Systems Limited**
- Recently, Lithium reserves have been discovered in which state following the recent discovery in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi? **Rajasthan**
- Which state government has launches first of its kind "State Robotics Framework" to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem? **Telangana**
- The World Health Organization has declared an end to global health emergency for which disease? **Monkeypox**
- Which company has collaborate with NASA to

convert satellite data into High-Resolution maps using AI? **IBM**

- Recently, Indian Navy has attempted "BrahMos" supersonic missile ignition from which vessel? **INS Mormugao**
- Asia's first sub-sea research lab "Centre for Subsea Engineering Research" has been recently unveiled in which city? **Pune**
- Which petroleum company has announced to set up a Rs 500 cr ethanol plant in Una district of Himachal Pradesh? **Hindustan Petroleum**
- The 5,000-year-old "Great Grandfather" tree that has been officially declared the world's oldest is a tree of what? **Fitzroya**
- What is the name of Indian Navy's sixth and final Kalvari class submarine, which has begun its sea trials? **Vaghsheer**
- What is the name of Europe's most active volcano which has been erupted recently? **Mount Etna**

08

MAY



Motto: This day honours those millions of volunteers, staff and members across the world who protects human life and health.

Note: It is dedicated to alleviating human suffering, upholding human dignity, protecting life, and preventing emergencies and natural disasters such as flood, epidemics, and earthquakes.

Importance:

To mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross in 1828.

1st Observed: 1948
Edition: 76th

04

JUNE

INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF INNOCENT
CHILDREN VICTIMS OF
AGGRESSION



●●● This day affirms the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children.

Inception: 19 August 1982

Edition: 41st

Motto: To make people aware about the protection of children rights and highlighting their suffering

Importance:

To pay tribute to the victims of Lebanon War in 1982.

The purpose of the day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.



Miscellaneous

- Recently, India has celebrated 24th April as which day? **National Panchayati Raj Day**
- Every year on which day of April "World English Day" is observed as a way to honor the language? **23rd April**
- Which day has been observed on 25 April? **World Malaria Day**
- According to the SIPRI Report, what is the rank of India in Global Military Expenditure? **Four**
- World Intellectual Property Day 2023 has been observed on which day of April? **26 April**
- What is the rank of India out of 184 nations in Index of Economic Freedom? **131st**
- Which US State has recognized Indian festival "Diwali" as an official state holiday? **Pennsylvania**
- What is the rank of India in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023? **38th**
- Recently published book "Smoke and Ashes: A Writer's Journey Through Opium's Hidden Histories" has been authored by whom? **Amitav Ghosh**
- The 7th edition of the joint military exercise "AJEYA WARRIOR-23" is currently underway between India and which country? **United Kingdom**
- World Dance Day 2023 has been observed on which day of April? **29 April**
- Who has authored the book "Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih", revealed recently by PM Narendra Modi? **Somnath Sanskrit University**
- The recently launched book "Collective Spirit, Concrete Action" has been written by whom? **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**
- World Press Freedom Day 2023 has been observed on which day of May? **03 May**
- What is the rank of India in World Press Freedom Index 2023? **161**
- What is the name of the India's First female Rafale pilot who will participate in Exercise Orion in IAF team? **Shivangi Singh**
- Every year on which day of May is celebrated as Coal Miners Day? **04 May**
- International Firefighters Day has been observed on which day of May? **04 May**
- What is the theme for World Athletics Day 2023? **Athletics for All**
- Which day has been observed on 8th of May? **World Red Cross Day**
- Which vessel has recently decommissioned after 36 years of service? **INS Magar**
- Recently published book titled "My Life As A Comrade" is an autobiography of whom? **KK Shailaja**
- The recently launched book titled "Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills" has been authored by whom? **Kasturi Ray**
- Which company has topped in Everest Annual ITS rankings for seventh consecutive year? **Accenture**
- International Day of Argania 2023 has recently observed on which day of May? **10 May**



2023 Theme: Be Aware

What is Thalassaemia Disease? Thalassaemia is an inherited blood disorder characterised by less oxygen-carrying protein (haemoglobin) and fewer red blood cells in the body than normal.

Note: This disease is also known as Mediterranean anemia.

Importance:

It is a commemoration day in honour of all patients with thalassaemia and their parents who have never lost hope for life, despite the burden of their disease.

Organisation Involved: Thalassaemia International Federation

- How much has India recently extended Sri Lanka's credit line? **\$1 billion**
- National Technology Day 2023 has recently observed on which day of May? **11 May**
- India and Thailand has conducted which edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)? **35th**
- Recently launched book "The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India's Urban Spaces" has been authored by whom? **Varun Gandhi**

- International Day of Plant Health 2023 has recently been observed on which day of May? **12 May**
- The All India Football Federation has declared "AIFF Grassroots Day" on June 23 on the birth anniversary whom? **Pradip Kumar Banerjee**
- World Migratory Bird Day 2023 is celebrated every year on which day of May? **13 May**
- Which country has recently returned to Arab League after 11 years? **Syria**
- What is the theme of 6th Indian Ocean Conference- IOC 2023? **Peace Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future**
- Recently launched book "Supreme Court on Commercial Arbitration" has been authored by whom? **Dr Manoj Kumar**
- What is the name of bilateral naval exercise held recently between India and Indonesia? **Samudra Shakti - 23**
- What is the theme of International Museum Day 2023, observed on May 18? **Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being**
- Which city of India has ranked sixth in annual housing price growth among 46 cities globally? **Mumbai**
- Which day of May has been recognized as World AIDS Vaccine Day? **18 May**
- What is the theme of World Bee Day 2023 observed on 20th May? **Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production**
- The book "Guts Amidst Bloodbath : The Aunshuman Gaekwad Narrative" has been authored by whom? **Aditya Bhushan**
- In May 2023, Ruskin Bond has written which new book? **The Golden Years**
- International Tea Day has been observed on which day of May 2023? **21 May**
- International Day for Biological Diversity 2023 has been observed on which day of May? **22 May**

Second Sunday of May
Mother's Day



Importance:

To mark the celebration in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.

The day is an event to honour the contribution of mothers, acknowledge the efforts of maternal bonds and the role of mothers in our society.

On May 8th, 1914, Anna Jarvis efforts bore fruit after President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution that designated Mother's Day USA to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Motto: To express respect, honor, and love towards mothers

Attributed To: Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis

Note: In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase Second Sunday in May marked as Mother's Day.

Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
June 1	World Milk Day	To recognize the importance of milk as a global food
June 3	World Bicycle Day	To acknowledge the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle.
June 4	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	To make people aware about the protection of children rights and highlighting their suffering
June 5	World Environment Day	Beat Plastic Pollution
June 7	World Food Safety Day	Food standards save lives
June 8	World Ocean Day	One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together
June 8	World Brain Tumor Day	To mark the commemoration of this day by German Brain Tumour Association in 2000
June 12	Anti-Child Labor Day	To bring attention and join efforts to fight against child labour.
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often
June 15	Global Wind Day	To make people aware about the wind energy its uses & its power
June 20	World Refugee Day	To increase awareness among the people by sharing the experiences of refugees and their stories
June 21	International day of yoga	To spread awareness about the importance and effects of yoga on the health of the people.
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	To raise awareness to fight against substance abuse as well as the unlawful trade of drugs

Let's Recap

- Uttarakhand state the government has announced to set up a sports university in which district? **Haldwani**
- Who has been appointed as the AHF Athletes Ambassador from India for a term of two years? **Salima Tete**
- Recently, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated "Sagar Manthan", the real-time performance monitoring dashboard of which ministry? **Ministry of Ports**
- According to the recently released UNESCO report, how much percent of world's population does not have safe drinking water? **26%**
- Recently released book "A Matter of the Heart: Education in India" has been authored by whom? **Anurag Behar**
- What is the theme of this year's World Theatre Day? **Theatre and a Culture of Peace**
- Under the Aravalli Green Wall Project, how much area around the Aravalli Hill Range in the four states is to be made green? **05 km**
- Which General Insurance company has introduced an industry-first feature for health insurance policyholders called "Anywhere Cashless"? **ICICI Lombard**
- Which institution has been honoured with "Best Organizer Award" by Asian Hockey Federation in March 2023? **Hockey India**
- Who has been honoured with the Highest Civilian Award of Assam for the year 2023 "Assam Baibhav"? **Dr Tapan Saikia**
- Newly appointed president of New Development Bank Dilma Vana Rousseff was former president of which country? **Brazil**
- Recently, Election Commission of which state has selected Manjamma Jogati as a poll icon for transgender community? **Karnataka**
- Purple Day of Epilepsy has been observed on which day of March 2023? **26th March**
- Union Minister Amit Shah unveils the statues of Lord Basaveshwara and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in which city? **Bengaluru**
- The World Bank has given how much financial assistance to assist Assam in its efforts to improve its disaster preparedness? **\$108 million**
- The inaugural joint conference between the Indian and African army chiefs has scheduled to be held in which city? **Pune**
- The Ministry of Education has selected how many schools across the country for its PM SHRI program? **9000**
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) increased the interest rate for the financial year 2022-23 by how much? **8.15 Percent**
- In March 2023, the Sacred Hopi site was awarded the Water and Heritage Shield 2023 by the International Committee On Monuments and Sites International Science Committee. This site is located in _____ . **Arizona**



Motto: To raise awareness regarding the crucial role played by nurses in the society

Organisation Involved: International Council of Nurses

Inception: 1965

Edition: 56th

2023 Theme: Our Nurses. Our Future



Importance:

To mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

- Which country will host Shanghai Cooperation Organisation - National Security Advisors meeting? **India**
- Who has been taken over as ASSOCHAM President? **Ajay Singh**
- World Bank has approved 363 million dollar loan to provide clean drinking water to which state's rural households? **Karnataka**
- Recently, cricketer Shakib Al Hasan has surpassed whom to become the top T20I wicket-taker? **Tim Southee**

- Which company has approved the re-appointment of Praveer Sinha as their CEO and MD? **Tata Power**
- India's 2nd largest cricket stadium which is to be built in Jaipur will named after whom? **Anil Agarwal**
- Which country has recently becomes 31st NATO Member after Turkey's approval? **Finland**
- Recently, which regulatory body has observed its foundation day on 1st April 2023? **RBI**
- Which state has become first in India to have 100% electrified railway network? **Haryana**
- Who has been taken over as Chief Managing Director of PTC India? **Rajib K Mishra**
- Who has been appointed as the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources by the US Senate? **Richard Verma**
- According to the Ministry of External Affairs, which country can now trade with India using the Indian currency? **Malaysia**
- Which Payments Bank has launched WhatsApp Banking Services in April 2023? **India Post Payments Bank**
- According to Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, India's unemployment rate has risen to what percent in March 2023? **7.8%**
- Who has won Maiden Miami Opens Title 2023? **Daniil Medvedev**
- The recently launched book, "Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire" has been authored by whom? **Nandini Das**
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited by which country for the Bastille Day parade, which is scheduled for July 14th? **France**
- What is the name of first women selected by NASA for Artemis II Moon Mission? **Christina Koch**
- Which country has successfully launched the world's first ferry that runs on liquid hydrogen? **Norway**
- Who has successfully conquered the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in South Africa while wearing a traditional Gaddi dress (Luanchadi)? **Anjali Sharma**
- Indian Air Force will participate in "Cope India" fighter training exercise with which country? **USA**
- Reserve Bank of India has appointed whom as executive director? **Neeraj Nigam**
- What is the theme of National Maritime week 2023? **Amrit Kaal in Shipping**
- Which Government agency has recently celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on 1st April 2023? **Central Bureau of Investigation**

15
MAY



Importance:

To mark the proclamation by the UN General Assembly in 1993 that reflects the importance of families in the community.

Motto: To promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

Inception: 1994

Edition: 30th

Organisation Involved: United Nations

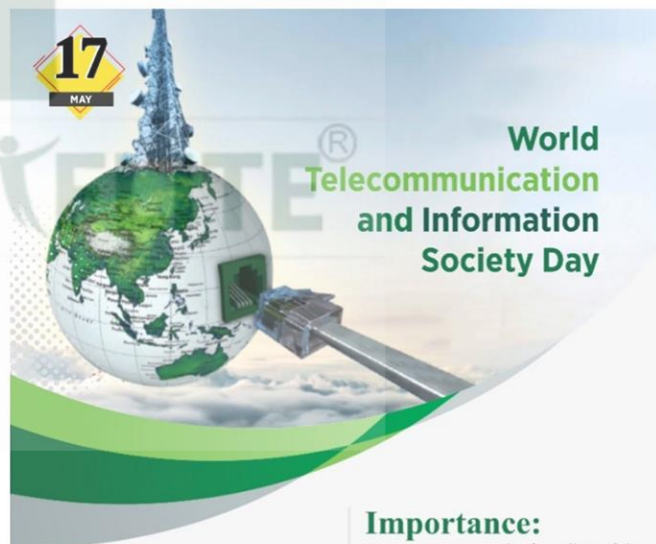
2023 Theme: Families and Urbanization

Note: On 9 December 1989, The General Assembly proclaimed The International Year of the Family.

- Who has won Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi in Classical Music category? **Palakkad Sreeram**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology's researchers has developed pocket-friendly device to detect adulteration in milk? **IIT Madras**
- The "War and Women" which has been launched recently at 52nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council written by whom? **Dr MA Hasan**
- Over a decade later, who has been awarded by Olympic Gold Medal? **Lashinda Demus**
- Hero Motocorp Board has appointed as its Chief Executive Officer? **Niranjan Gupta**



- Which state has topped in India Justice Report 2022 among large states? **Karnataka**
- Who has been appointed as the 40th president of FICCI Ladies Organisation? **Sudha Shivkumar**
- According to a report by the India Brand Equity Foundation, India will become world's second-largest solar manufacturer by which year? **2026**
- The Order of the White Eagle, the highest decoration of Poland, has been presented to whom by the President of Poland? **Volodymyr Zelensky**
- Which country has recently been removed as host of the 2023 FIFA Under-17 World Cup? **Peru**
- Recently, Aleksander Ceferin has been re-elected as president of which football association until 2027? **Union of European Football Associations**
- Dante Akira Uwai, who has won Medal Design Competition for Gangwon 2024, hails from which country? **Brazil**
- Which aerospace company has recently test-fired 3D-printed cryogenic engine? **Skyroot**
- Jagarnath Mahto, who has passed away recently, was the education minister of which state? **Jharkhand**
- Chhattisgarh's Nagri Dubraj, which has recently got geographical indication tag, is a variety of what? **Rice**
- In April 2023, Union Minister Amit Shah has unveiled 54-Foot-Tall Statue of Lord Hanuman in which state? **Gujarat**
- Marcha rice, which recently got the Geographical Indication tag, is mainly produced in which state? **Bihar**
- RBI has launched which centralized portal for licensing, approval applications? **PRAVAAH**
- Which state has become the best performer in northeast in e-procurement? **Tripura**
- The government has implemented changes to the pricing model of domestic natural gas in accordance with which committee's recommendations? **Kirit Parikh Committee**
- Recently, KSINC has launched India's first solar-powered tourist boat in which state? **Kerala**
- Which institution released the "World Energy Transitions: Outlook 2023" report? **International Renewable Energy Agency**
- Who clinches men's singles trophy of Orleans Masters Super 300 tournament? **Priyanshu Rajawat**
- Which country has successfully tested a homemade long-range, high-precision kamikaze drone, "Meraj-532" which is equipped with a 50-kg warhead? **Iran**
- National Safe Motherhood Day 2023 has recently observed on which day of April? **11th April**
- Which cricketer has become fastest to score 6000 runs in Indian Premier League? **David Warner**
- Name the Indian Grandmaster who defeated former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final to win the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event? **D Gukesh**
- Name the co-founder of Delhi's iconic Akshara Theatre who passed away at the age of 86 after a battle with respiratory ailments? **Jalabala Vaidya**
- The world's first conservation and breeding center for the critically endangered Asian king vulture will open in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Who has inaugurated a Tulip Garden in the Jammu region at Sanasar's Ramban Hill Resort? **Manoj Sinha**
- According to a survey conducted by Time Out, Which city has got first position in the best public transport in the world? **Berlin**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology has joined hands with UIDAI to develop touchless biometric system? **IIT Bombay**
- International Monetary Fund cuts India's FY24 GDP forecast to what percent? **5.9%**
- What is the name of the governor of Tamil Nadu who has given assent to bill banning online gambling? **Ravindra Narayana Ravi**



2023 Theme: Digital technologies for older persons and healthy ageing

Motto: To raise global awareness of societal changes brought about by the Internet and new technologies. It also aims to help reduce the digital divide.

Note: 17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Importance:

To commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17 May 1865.

World Information Society Day was an international day proclaimed by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis.

Previously known as: World Telecommunication Day

Instituted by: Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973

- Name the Indian Greco-Roman wrestler who has clinched a bronze medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023? **Vikas**
- The Telangana government has scheduled the Food Conclave-2023 on April 28 and 29 in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Which state government has initiated a project named "Sanjeevani" to uplift the livelihood of small dairy farmers? **Himachal Pradesh**

17
MAY



WORLD
HYPERTENSION
DAY



Motto:

Increasing high blood pressure (BP) awareness in all populations around the world. It is designated and initiated by The World Hypertension League (WHL), which is itself an umbrella to organizations of 85 national hypertension societies and leagues.

The WHL launched its first WHD on May 14, 2005. Since 2006, the WHL has been dedicating May 17 of every year as WHD.

1st celebrated: 2005

Edition: 19th

Organisation Involved: World Hypertension League (WHL)

2023 Theme: **Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer**

Note: Hypertension is a condition in which the force of the blood against the artery walls is too high.

- According to Chief Minister of Maharashtra May 28 will be celebrated as "Swatantrya Veer Gaurav Din" on the birth anniversary of whom? **Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**
- Which country has recently signed an agreement with India for Cross-Border Digital Payments? **Nepal**
- Recently the foundation day of Securities and Exchange Board of India has been observed on which day of April? **12 April**
- According to the Freedom in the World Index for 2023, which country has the least freedom in the world? **Tibet**
- What is the name of India's first semi-high-speed regional rail service given by National Capital Region Transport Corporation? **RAPIDX**
- The Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved eight projects worth Rs 638 crore. This Committee was chaired by whom? **G Asok Kumar**

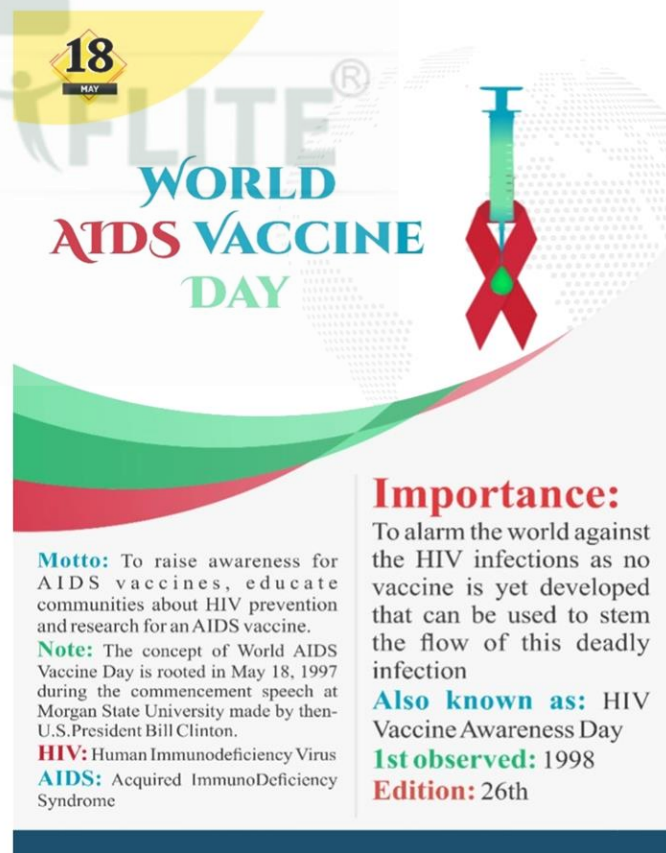
- Canara Bank and National Payments Corporation of India have collaborate to introduce cross-border bill payment service in which country? **Oman**
- Which country has become first to approve Oxford malaria vaccine for children? **Ghana**
- Which country will host maiden Global Buddhist meet for the first time in 2023? **India**
- Recently, RBI has re-appointed whom as the MD and CEO of AU Small Finance Bank? **Sanjay Agarwal**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Investment Officer of Life Insurance Corporation? **Ratnakar Patnaik**
- World Art Day 2023 has been observed on which day April? **15th April**
- According to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms, which state's CM is the wealthiest in India? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Save the Elephant Day 2023 has been celebrated on which day of April? **16 April**
- Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated a methanol plant in which state? **Assam**
- According to the Ministry of Railway, "Vande Metro" be rolled out by which year? **2023**
- Which country has emerged as India's biggest trading partner in FY23? **United States**
- Which bowler has become the fastest player to take 100 wickets in Indian Premier League? **Kagiso Rabada**
- Recently External Minister S Jaishankar has inaugurated Buzi Bridge in which country? **Mozambique**
- Which country has recently become founding member of International Big Cats Alliance? **Nepal**
- Which country will chair to chair Commonwealth group on reform of financial architecture? **India**
- Which state's Chief Minister has inaugurated Shar Nyima Tsho Sum Namyig Lhakhang (Gonpa)? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Recently, India has opened its 16th Visa application center in which city of Bangladesh? **Kushtia**
- World Heritage Day 2023 has been observed on which day of April? **18th April**
- Who has been honoured with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman? **Raj Subramaniam**
- Recently, Digital Health Summit 2023 was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in which state? **Goa**
- Recently, Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia has inaugurated India Steel 2023 in which city? **Mumbai**
- Who has been selected for Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023? **Utsa Patnaik**



Quick Bytes

- Arunachal Pradesh govt to set up Institute for Transforming Arunachal with NITI Aayog.
- SEBI approves HDFC Bank as new owner of HDFC AMC.
- Kerala becomes India's first e-governed state, CM Pinarayi Vijayan announces.
- Centre forms Steering committee to review, monitor Cheetah translocation project to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates International conference on India pharma, India medical device
- Tina Turner, 'Queen of rock 'n' roll' dies at 83.
- Himachal Pradesh to prepare green hydrogen policy
- The 76th World Health Assembly was inaugurated by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 21 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ADB will give \$ 141.12 million loan for the development of industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh
- The Indian Navy achieved a significant milestone on May 24, 2023 by performing the first-ever night landing of a MiG-29K onboard INS Vikrant.
- Recently, the Ministry of Education organized a workshop in New Delhi to discuss the integration of 60 school examination boards operating in different states and union territories.
- Ireland to become the first country in the world to introduce health warnings on alcohol
- Namdev Shirgaonkar was elected unopposed as the President of the executive committee of India Taekwondo on 23 May.
- Commonwealth Day of India is celebrated every year on 24 May
- World Turtle Day is an annual celebration held on May 23, founded by American Turtle Rescue (ATR).
- Hari Buddha Magar conquered Mount Everest with artificial legs
- Mizoram's flying lizard species has been officially named as Gecko mizoramensis.
- Sourav Ganguly named as brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- India and Australia sign agreements in the field of migration, mobility partnership and green hydrogen
- Denmark to help Rajasthan in managing water sector,

- to replicate its waste water management system.
- Parliamentary Affairs Ministry is set to organize a National Workshop on the National e-Vidhan Application, NeVA in New Delhi.
- Goa and Uttarakhand signed MoU to promote tourism between the states as part of the 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative.
- Bulgarian writer and translator win International Booker Prize for darkly comic memory novel.
- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra became the World No. 1 for the first time in his career.
- Carlos Alcaraz replaced Novak Djokovic at the No. 1 spot in the latest ATP rankings.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy formally launched the Machilipatnam port works worth Rs 5,156 crore recently.
- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will represent India in the 76th World Health Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland to be held from 21st to 30th May 2023.



18
MAY

**WORLD
AIDS VACCINE
DAY**

Importance:
To alarm the world against the HIV infections as no vaccine is yet developed that can be used to stem the flow of this deadly infection

Also known as: HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

1st observed: 1998

Edition: 26th

Motto: To raise awareness for AIDS vaccines, educate communities about HIV prevention and research for an AIDS vaccine.

Note: The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day is rooted in May 18, 1997 during the commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-U.S. President Bill Clinton.

HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus

AIDS: Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome

- The Ministry of Education, Government of India and US Department of State on 22 May launched the India-US Working Group on Education and Skill Development in virtual mode.
- BCCI ropes in Adidas as new kit sponsor of Indian cricket team
- International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is observed on 23 May.
- The third Khelo India University Games will begin with a Kabaddi event on May 23 in Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh.
- On 23 May, the second Trade and Investment Working Group meeting under the G20 India Presidency began in Bengaluru.

- Chennai to host Squash World Cup in June.
- Virat Kohli crosses 600-run mark in a single IPL season for third time.
- Supreme Court appointed Sapre Committee submits report on Adani-Hindenburg issue
- India will host the 44th edition of the annual ISO COPOLCO Plenary from May 23-26, 2023, by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- Uttar Pradesh surpasses Maharashtra in sugar production this season
- EPFO adds 1.39 crore members during financial year 2022-23
- Maharashtra becomes the first state in the country to approve Good Governance Regulations
- Third meeting of G-20, Tourism Working Group begins in Srinagar
- Amy Pope became the first woman Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency
- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav inaugurated CoE-SLM at ICFRE in Dehradun
- The International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on 22 May and aims to increase understanding of Earth's diverse ecosystems and encourage conservation.
- Union Minister Smriti Irani to inaugurate women labourers convention in Kerala.
- Canara Bank emerged as the largest buyer from GeM portal among the state-owned lenders in 2022-23.
- Recently three hundred school students from all 25 districts of Sri Lanka have received the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship.
- Italian Open: Elena Rybakina clinches women's singles title
- Amit Shah lays foundation stone of campus of National Academy of Coastal Policing
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the Jhelum Rajbagh Riverfront in Srinagar.
- Madhya Pradesh becomes first state to provide air travel for pilgrims under Mukhyamantri Teerthdarshan Yojana.
- The 3rd Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting will begin in Mumbai.
- 2025 to be observed as 'Special tourism year' in Nepal.
- Telangana Home Minister launches 'SAHAS' an initiative towards making workplaces safer for women.
- Operation Karuna: INS Gharial delivers medical supplies for people of cyclone-hit Myanmar.

18
MAY

International Museum Day

ICOM international
council
of museums

Motto:

To raise public awareness on the role museums play in the development of society today, on an international level.

It is celebrated to the promotion and protection of natural and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible.

Inception: 1977

Edition: 43rd

Organisation Involved:
International Council of Museums (ICOM)

2023 Theme: Museums, Sustainability and Well-being

Note: The ICOM is a worldwide network of over forty-four thousand museum professionals at twenty thousand museums in more than 138 countries.

- Second G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting begins in Mumbai
- Union Higher Education Ministry has discontinued the 'Shiksha Puraskar' and 'Hinditar Bhashi Hindi Lekhak Puraskar' awards.
- TCS-led consortium gets BSNL 4G order worth ₹15,000 crore.
- Centre to provide 30 per cent financial support for promotion of Green Shipping.
- U.S. signs security pact with Papua New Guinea amid competition with China

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to withdraw ₹2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation.
- Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force Collaborate for Maiden Afloat Training of Saudi Cadet.
- World Table Tennis Championships 2023: Sharath Kamal, Manika Batra to lead Indian campaign in South Africa.
- Centre promulgates ordinance to constitute National Capital Civil Services Authority
- World Metrology Day is celebrated annually on 20 May to commemorate the signing of the Meter Convention on 20 May 1875.
- Department of Pharmaceuticals to organise International Conference on 'India Pharma and India Medical Devices'
- Aditya Bhushan's book "Guts Amidst Bloodbath: The Anshuman Gaekwad Narrative" released.
- World Bee Day is held annually on 20 May to raise awareness and recognition of the important role that bees and other pollinators play in our ecosystem.
- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to build 350 more tunnels worth ₹1 lakh crore
- UK announces ban on Russian diamonds & metals ahead of G7 meeting in Japan.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on 18 May approved the proposed merger of Credit Suisse Group AG with UBS Group AG.
- India launches 'Operation Karuna' to provide aid to Myanmar
- Union Minister of Health, Chemicals and Fertiliser Dr Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 in New Delhi on 19th May.
- Madhya Pradesh cabinet approves 'Mukhya Mantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youth
- Defence production crosses Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time ever
- Secretary, Food Processing Industries (FPI) Anita Praveen, chaired the First Inter- Ministerial Committee Meeting with senior representatives from Ministries/Departments/Boards on 16th May 2023 in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation organised a curtain raiser event for Wings India 2024 and it is Asia's largest commercial, general and business aviation event to be held in January 2024.
- Government to set up 1,100 new Farmer Producer Organizations in cooperative sector.
- The Union Health Ministry announced the "75/25" initiative to provide standard care to 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes by 2025 through Primary Health Centers (PHCs).
- Rabindra Jayanti was organised in New Delhi on 12 May by the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA).
- Indian author Ruskin Bond wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life".
- World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed on 18 May and it emphasises the importance of making a vaccine for HIV, an incurable disease.
- International Museum Day (IMD) is an annual international event organised by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) on 18 May.
- On World Telecom Day, Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan launches ORAN test bed project.
- Union Government approves signing of Project Collaboration Agreement between DHR & WHO on Assistive Technology.



Motto: To raise awareness among all sections of people, about the danger of terrorism, violence and its dangerous effect on the people, the society and the nation as a whole.

Organisation Involved: United Religions Initiative (URI) & UN

Inception: 1991

Edition: 32nd

Note: This year marks the 32nd death anniversary of Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Importance:

To mark the death anniversary of India's most eminent Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi (20 August 1944–21 May 1991).

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to inaugurate the two-day National Ayush Mission Conclave in New Delhi.
- Union Cabinet approved an updated Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware manufacturing.
- IRDAI changes Surety insurance norms to expand market.
- India and European Union agree to coordinate their policies in strategic semi-conductor sector
- Sri Lanka's cabinet of ministers gives approval to state owned enterprise reform policy.

- under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- AK Jain appointed as new chairman of PNGRB by the government.
- Jal Jeevan Mission Achieves Milestone Of 12 Crore Tap Water Connections
- Cabinet approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme - 2.0 for IT Hardware
- World Hypertension Day is observed annually on 17 May to raise awareness about hypertension (high blood pressure) and promote preventive measures, early detection, and management of this global health issue.
- Odisha CM expands 'Special Development Councils' in 14 Districts
- Nepal's mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa scaled Mount Everest for a record 27th time
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the International Museum Expo 2023 in New Delhi.
- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed on 17 May and is organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- UGC launches redesigned website, UTSAH and two portals POP
- The third G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting will be held in Srinagar from 22 to 24 May.
- Libyan parliament suspends its prime minister Fathi Bashagha
- Sanchar Saathi Portal launched by Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav
- Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 8th All India Pension Adalat
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) hosts global meet on TV technology.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy released ₹123.52 crore under the YSR Matsyakara Bharosa scheme.
- Shubman Gill becomes the only cricketer in the history to score a century in Test, ODIs, T20I and Indian Premier League in a calendar year.
- IRDAI constitutes Expert committee for matters related to mental health
- Bank of Baroda partnered with National e-Governance Services Limited (NESL) to launch the Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system on digital platforms.
- Agriculture Minister Inaugurates Integrated Biological Control Laboratory in Hyderabad

International Day for Biological DIVERSITY

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MAY

Inception: 1993

Organisation Involved: Convention on Biological Diversity & UN

Motto: To increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

2023 Theme: Building a shared future for all life

Note: 1st World Biodiversity Day was observed on 29 December 1993, but in December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted 22 May for observance.

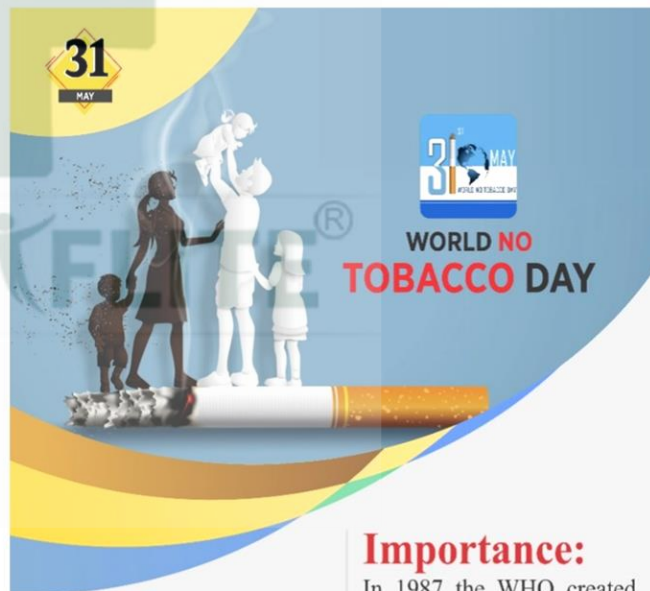
Importance:

To mark the proclamation by UN to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues in 1993.

Also known as: World Biodiversity Day

- India bags 16 gold medals at the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023
- After getting GI tag for three more One District One Product (ODOP) crafts, Uttar Pradesh has now come second in the country in terms of maximum number of items with Geographical Indication tag. Tamil Nadu leads with 55 GI-tags.
- PM Modi launches railway projects worth over 8,000 crore rupees in Odisha
- Parshottam Rupala launches Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V
- The government established the Expedited Corporate Exit Processing Center (C-PACE) and C-PACE is

- India & Bangladesh launch '50 Start-ups Exchange Programme'
- Inauguration of online education program 'Pahal' for rural children
- Duroflex ropes in Virat Kohli as brand ambassador
- Vedanta appoints Sonal Srivastava as its new CFO
- Ashutosh Dixit appointed as Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- Vuppala Praneeth becomes India's 82nd Grandmaster
- Kerala Healthcare Service Persons and Healthcare Service Institutions law to have harsher penalties.
- Praveen Sood was appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- Defence Ministry has approved the fourth Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) for DPSUs.
- CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) system to be launched across India.
- India's goods exports for 2022-23 scaled up to almost USD 451 billion, indicating a 6.9% year-on-year growth.
- SEBI proposes tighter norms for delisting debt securities.
- International Day of Families 2023 is observed on May 15.
- Indian shooters Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra bag silver medals in 10-meter air rifle event at ISSF World Cup 2023
- INS Kavaratti arrives in Batam to participate in India-Indonesia exercise 'Samudra Shakti'
- 29th Biennial Conference of the All India Primary Teachers' Federation
- second G20 Culture Group meeting, also known as the CWG meeting, took place on 14 May in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Doug McMillan, CEO of American multinational retail corporation Walmart.
- Minister of State Dr L Murugan to lead delegation to Cannes Film Festival
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in Nagasaki, Japan
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the National Homoeopathic Convention 'Homocon 2023'.
- Amit Shah inaugurates training program on legislative drafting
- The 3rd Energy Transition Working Group Meeting (ETWG) under India's G20 chairmanship began in Mumbai from May 15 to 17, 2023.
- World Migratory Bird Day 2023 was observed on 13 May this year with an aim to focus on the conservation of migratory birds.
- Coastal Road in Mumbai renamed after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj
- Sumit Mukherjee wins gold at BFAME Championships in Lahore
- International Day of Families is observed on 15 May to raise awareness about the importance of families and their role in society.
- Geeta Rao Gupta appointed US Ambassador for Global Women's Issues
- On 11th May 2023 Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) launched "Open Challenge Program (OCP) 2.0" as part of a series of OCP programs by Kalpataru-CoE (Center for Entrepreneurship).
- UAE's Sharjah Police launches 'Stay in your lane' campaign
- MyGov, IHM, Pusa launch 'Young Talent - Culinary Talent Hunt'
- Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandotra won silver medal in 10m air rifle event at ISSF World Cup 2023
- ICMR successfully tests blood bag delivery under iDrone initiative



Importance:

In 1987 the WHO created this day to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes

Inception: 1987

Organisation Involved: WHO

2023 Theme: We need food, not tobacco

Note: On May 15, 1987, the WHO passed a resolution, calling for April 7, 1988, to be the first World No Smoking Day.

This date was chosen to mark the 40th anniversary of the WHO.

On May 17, 1989, the WHO passed a resolution calling for May 31 to be annually known as World No Tobacco Day.

This event has been observed each year since 1989.

- DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) has imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on Air India for violating the rules.
- Former NBCUniversal ad chief Linda Yaccarino named CEO of Twitter
- Thiruvananthapuram to host fifth Global Ayurveda Festival in December
- Cochin Port bags Sagar Shreshta award 2023
- 728 Railway Stations across States and UTs covered under One Station One Product
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways ranked 2nd on Data Governance Quality Index
- The first ministerial meeting of the India and the European Union Trade and Technology Council (TTC) will be held in Brussels on 16 May.
- Bhopal becomes the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG).
- ISRO successfully tests semi-cryogenic engine at new facility in Mahendragiri.
- Hyderabad airport recognised as world's most punctual as per the recently released report by aviation analytical firm, Cirium.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Health Ministry and the Ministry of AYUSH sign MoU for research.
- FSDC meeting discusses global financial turmoil and India's economic stability.
- GST e-invoicing will include smaller firms from August 1.
- The 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) is taking place in Dhaka, Bangladesh from May 12-13, 2023.
- International Day of Plant Health is observed every year on 12 May.
- Supreme Court rules in favour of Delhi Govt in tussle with Centre
- Union Women and Child Development Minister, Smriti Zubin Irani launched "Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi", an Early Childhood Care and Education program under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0
- International Nurses Day is celebrated on 12 May across the world to honour the services of nurses.
- Rajasthan Royals opener Yashasvi Jaiswal etched his name in history by becoming the fastest fifty (50 off just 13 Balls) in the Indian Premier League against Kolkata Knight Riders
- National Technology Day is celebrated every year on 11 May.
- Indian Council of Medical Research and Ministry of AYUSH signed MoU
- IIT Madras researchers partner for development of materials and micro-device processing techniques
- Pakistan and China agree to extend CPEC to Afghanistan
- PM Modi lay foundation stone of scientific projects worth over Rs 5,800 cr
- Parminder Chopra, first woman to lead India's largest NBFC
- Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated the exhibition "Buddham Sharanam Gachhami" at the National Gallery of Modern Arts, New Delhi on 11 May.
- Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurates 'Buddham Saranam Gachhami' exhibition in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Modi to inaugurate and lay foundation stone of various projects worth around Rs 4,400 cr in Gujarat.
- ICMR successfully conducts trial run of blood bag delivery under i-Drone initiative.
- Bangladesh will host the 6th Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) scheduled to be held between May 12-13 in Dhaka.
- India and Canada agrees to explore enhanced cooperation in near future through a Memorandum of Understanding
- Poland will stop using the official name for Russia's Kaliningrad enclave and revert to its historic equivalent.
- Indian boxers secure historic three medals at World Boxing Championships.
- ISSF World Cup: India's Rhythm Sangwan wins bronze medal in Women's 10 metre air pistol event.
- Atanu Das and Mehuli Ghosh re-included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Union Health Ministry launched a learning management information system 'SAKSHAM', Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management.
- Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates Sittwe Port in Myanmar.
- IIT Madras, DRDO develop sensor technology for underwater communications.
- Andhra Pradesh CM launches public outreach programme Jaganannaku Chebudam.
- United States announces USD 1.2bn in additional military aid for Ukraine
- First Airbus C295 for India successfully completes its maiden flight
- Badminton Asia appoints Umar Rashid as chairman of the Technical Officials Committee
- IIT Roorkee unveils new labs to drive India's clean energy transition.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch projects worth ₹5,500 crore in Rajasthan.
- Biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju, known as 'the Frogman of India', has been chosen for Harvard University's prestigious Radcliffe fellowship.
- AWS launches skill development programme for quantum computing in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) gold reserves touched 794.64 metric tonnes in fiscal 2023.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping will host a two-day summit with the leaders of five Central Asian nations.
- Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023: Indian weightlifters finish with three silver medals in South Korea
- Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation (TNCF) was officially launched in Tamil Nadu.
- Max Verstappen won the Miami Grand Prix from ninth on the starting grid, with the fastest lap.
- The Petersberg Dialogue on Climate Change was held in Berlin from May 2-3, 2023.
- India Post signs MoU with CAIT and Tripta Technologies
- World Thalassaemia Day is a global health care event, observed every year on 8 May across the globe.
- Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar launches Phase-III of Thalassaemia Bal Sewa Yojana
- Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 27th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on 8th May in New Delhi.
- Sixth India- Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) held on 9th May in Ottawa.
- World Athletics Day is observed every year on 7th May.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank for International Settlements (BIS) launch G20 TechSprint, a global technology competition.
- Over 3800 Indians evacuated from conflict-hit Sudan under Operation Kaveri so far.
- Buddhist devotees in Sri Lanka celebrate Vesak on the day of Buddha Poornima.
- South Korea to provide USD 3 billion financing support to Bangladesh for metro line, CNG buses and railway signalling system.
- UAE government launches 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Incheon, South Korea.
- 21st meeting of Bangladesh-India Joint Steering Committee on Cooperation in Power Sector
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized the 'River-Cities Alliance (RCA) Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' on 4th May in New Delhi.
- India's First International Multimodal Logistics Park at Jogighopa, Assam
- Olympic and world title winning star athlete 'Tori Bowie' passes away
- Olympic silver medalist Nigel Amos banned
- Dubai to host inaugural edition of Global Chess League
- 4th edition of G20 TechSprint competition launched by RBI and BIS
- Devendra Fadnavis unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mauritius
- India is set to launch its own heat index next year to quantify heat hazard.
- U.S. Federal Reserve raises rates by another 25 basis points.
- Indian-origin Ajay Banga confirmed as the next President of World Bank.
- RBI DEPR: Adapting to climate change to cost India ₹85.6 lakh crore by 2030.
- India and Egypt hold 12th round of Foreign Office Consultations.
- India's CSIR and its Israeli counterpart sign MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation.
- India and Maldives launched construction of 'Ekatha Harbour' for the Coast Guard of the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a new portal named 'CU-Chayan' for faculty appointments in central varsities.
- The UAE government launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' summit in Dubai, one of the first international conferences in Artificial Intelligence (AI) across the region.
- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on 3rd May at NASC Complex New Delhi.
- Airtel Payments Bank in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) introduced face authentication for Aadhaar-Enabled Payment System (AePS).
- The Himachal Pradesh cabinet led by Chief Minister Sukhwinder Sukhu announced a monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women in Spiti Valley.
- Microsoft India launched two new initiatives to support small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in their digital transformation journey.

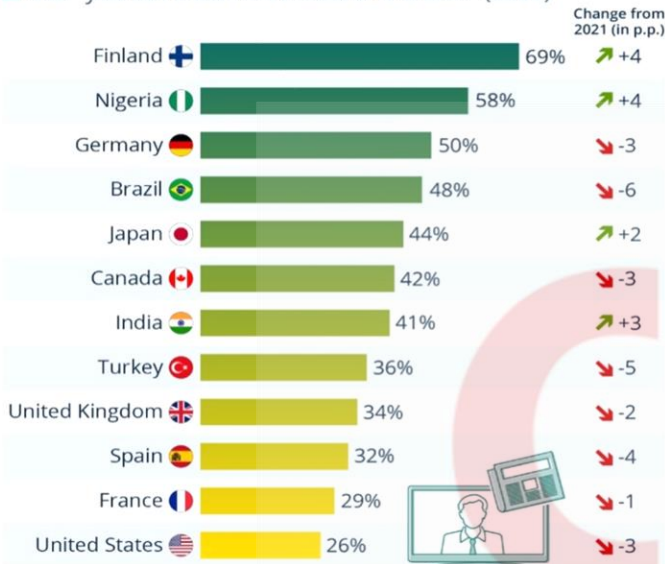


- Vanessa Hudson appointed as the new CEO of Qantas Airways Ltd
- Coal Miners Day is celebrated every year on 4th May to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and remarkable contribution of coal miners in the extraction of coal.
- World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on 3 May to increase understanding about the importance of a free press.
- India's First Undersea Tunnel in Mumbai Set to Open by November 2023.
- The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has launched the scheme, "Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs" for providing relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for COVID-19 period.
- Three jailed Iranian women journalists Niloufer Hamidi, Elaheh Mohammadi and Nargis Mohammadi win UN press freedom prizes
- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi celebrated Diamond Jubilee on 2nd May on 60th Foundation Day.
- Pandit Ramkishan, a famous socialist leader, was honoured with the title of "Shatabdi Purush" (Man of the Century) in New Delhi for his contribution to Indian socialism.
- Book "Made in India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise" by Amitabh Kant
- An eminent historian, Ranjit Guha passed away at the age of 100 in Austria.
- UIDAI allows residents to verify mobile numbers, email IDs seeded with Aadhaar.
- Yoga Mahotsav to mark 50 days countdown to International Day of Yoga begins in Jaipur.
- Government extends date to opt for higher EPF pension to June 26.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced Group Post Retirement Medical Benefit Scheme.
- India, Israel sign MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on technology.
- 30th edition of Arabian Travel Market begins at Dubai World Trade Centre.
- Indian Government bans 14 apps in Jammu and Kashmir, cites use by terror groups.
- Odisha state government begins survey of OBCs, after Bihar.
- 'Operation Kaveri': Total number of Indians brought back home now stands at 2,140.
- Justice T.S. Sivagnanam is new Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.
- The Supreme Court held that it can dissolve marriages on the ground of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" invoking special powers under Article 142.
- Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 57.2 from 56.4 in March.
- Year-end compliances rise April GST revenue to record ₹1.87 lakh crore.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised Asia's economic forecast in its regional outlook report.
- World Economic Forum (WEF) releases 'Chief Economists Outlook Report 2023'.
- Santiago Peña of Paraguay's ruling conservative Colorado Party wins presidential election.
- International Apparel and Textile Fair kicks off in Dubai featuring 90 Indian participants.
- Inaugural ASEAN-India maritime exercise begins in South China Sea
- Japan to train 1,000 Indian engineers for bullet train project.
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon win Gold for India in ISSF Shotgun World Cup
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited on 2 May to accelerate solid waste and used water management.
- India to hand-over fast Patrol Vessel ship & landing Craft to Maldives
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon win Gold for India in ISSF Shotgun World Cup
- Russian poetess Maria Stepanova wins Leipzig Book Prize 2023
- King Charles III confers Britain's Honorary MBE on Dr. M.N.Nandakumar
- British-Indian Meera Syal to be awarded BAFTA TV fellowship

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Where Trust in the News Is Highest & Lowest

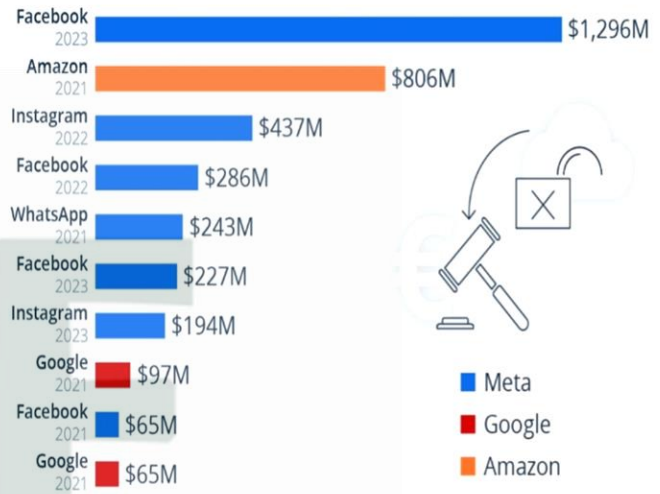
Share of respondents in selected countries who agree that "you can trust news most of the time" (2022)



2,000 respondents per country surveyed online Jan.-Feb. 2022
Source: Reuters Institute Digital News Report

Big Tech, Big Fines

Largest fines for breaching one or more articles of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU

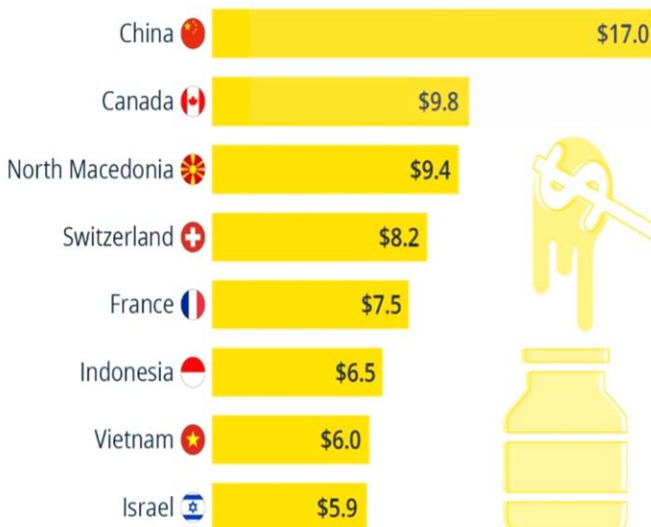


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Sources: CMS GDPR Enforcement Tracker, European Data Protection Board

Making Money With Honey

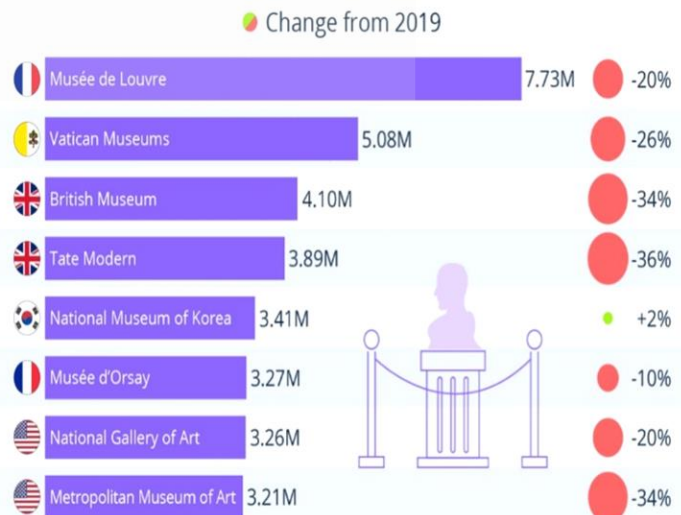
Countries with highest estimated honey revenue per capita in 2021



Sources: Statista Market Insights, World Bank

World's Top Art Museums Still Reeling From Pandemic Shock

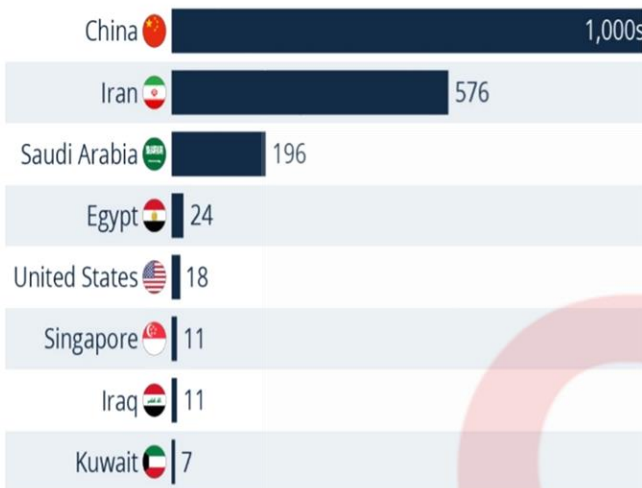
Art museums with the highest numbers of visitors in 2022



Source: The Art Newspaper

Where The Most Death Penalties Are Carried Out

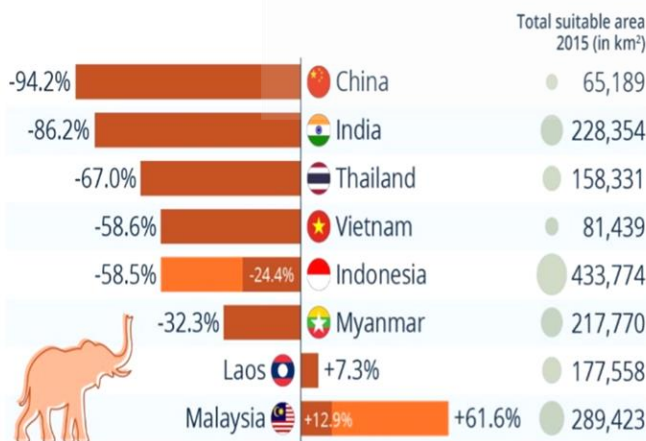
Countries with most executions recorded globally by Amnesty International in 2022 (lowest estimate)*



* China's government does not publish official execution data.
Source: Amnesty International

Major Loss of Asian Elephant Habitat Over Past Centuries

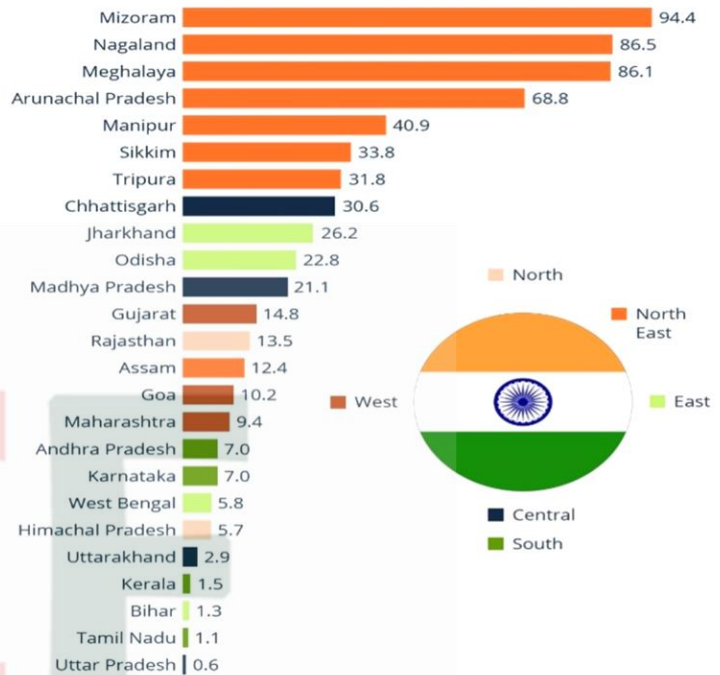
Change in the total area suitable as elephant habitat in Asian countries* between 1700 and 2015



Range between Sumatra & Borneo (Indonesia), peninsular & Borneo (Malaysia)
* countries with largest 2015 habitats
Source: De Silva et al. Multi-Century Loss of Elephant Ecosystems. Nature (2023)

North-East Is India's Tribal Stronghold

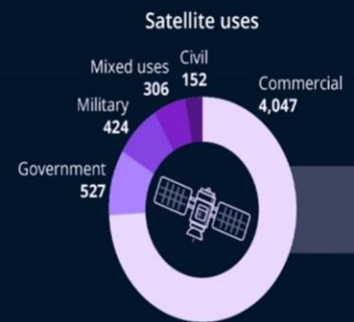
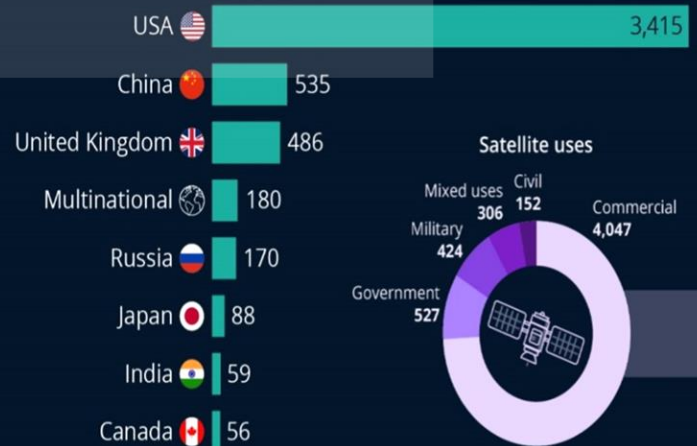
Scheduled tribes as a share of total population, by Indian state (in percent)



As of latest Census (2011). No scheduled tribes in Punjab and Haryana.
*excludes Union territories
Source: Census Commissioner/Ministry of Home Affairs India

The Countries With the Most Satellites in Space

Satellites currently orbiting Earth by country* (as of May 2022)

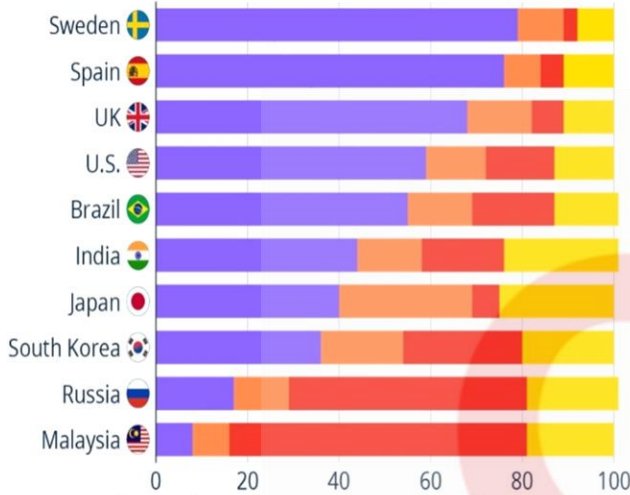


* Country of operator/owner
Source: Union of Concerned Scientists Satellite Database

Which Countries Support Same-Sex Marriage?

Share of respondents in selected countries who said that same-sex couples should have the following rights (in %)

- Right to marry
- Right to other legal recognition
- No right to recognition
- Not sure

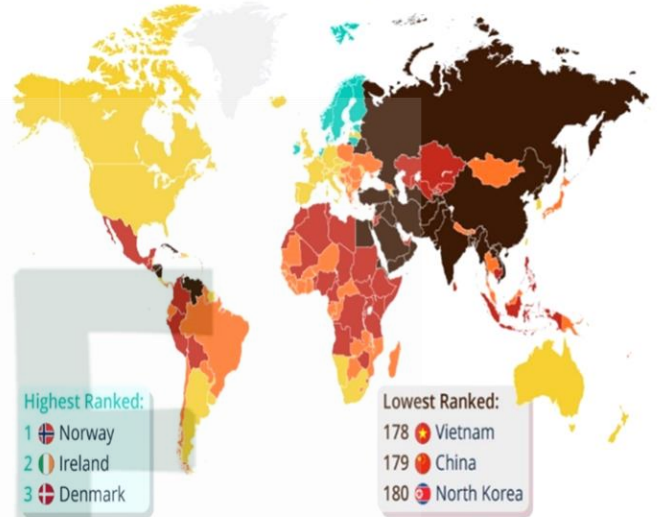


19,000 respondents aged 16 - 74 in 27 countries, surveyed April 23 - May 7, 2021. May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The State of World Press Freedom

Countries ranked by level of press freedom in 2023

- Good situation
- Satisfactory situation
- Noticeable problems
- Difficult situation
- Very serious situation

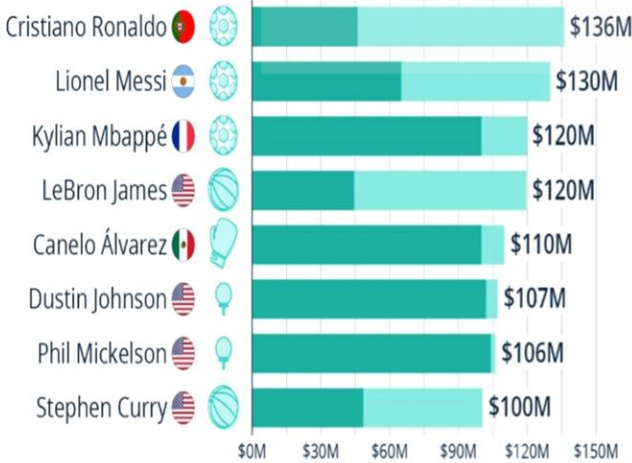


Source: World Press Freedom Index | Reporters Without Borders

The World's Highest-Paid Athletes

Income of the highest-paid athletes in the world between May 1, 2022 and May 1, 2023*

- On-the-field
- Off-the-field



* before taxes and agents' fees

Source: Forbes

The Most Dangerous Countries To Work In

Fatal/non-fatal occupational injuries per 100,000 workers per year*



* 72 countries analyzed. Latest available data ranging from 2016 to 2021

Source: International Labour Organization



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