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Important Days

13 MAY 2023 - World Migratory Bird Day

- ❖ United Nations (UN)'s (backed campaign) World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is annually observed across the globe on 2 occasions (2 peak days each year), the 2nd Saturday in May and in October, to raise awareness about the importance of migratory birds and their conservation.
- ❖ World Migratory Bird Day 2023 was observed on 13th May & 14th October 2023.
- ❖ World Migratory Bird Day 2022 was observed on 14th May & 8th October 2022.
- ❖ World Migratory Bird Day 2024 will be observed on 11th May & 12th October 2024.
- ❖ **Theme: "Water: Sustaining Bird Life"**.
- ❖ WMBD was initiated in 2006 by a collaborative partnership among 2 UN wildlife treaties, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and the non-profit organization, Environment for The birds.



Persons in the news

Karnataka DGP Praveen Chute appointed as CBI director

- ❖ Karnataka State Director General of Police (DGP) Praveen Chute has been appointed as the new Director of CBI.
- ❖ This information has been given by the Central Department of Personnel and Training in an order.
- ❖ Praveen Chute (59), a 1986-batch Karnataka division IPS officer, has been appointed as the new director of the CBI.
- ❖ Current CBI Director Subodh Kumar Jaiswal's 2-year tenure will end on May 25.
- ❖ In this regard, the Central Personnel and Training Department issued an order saying: The high-level committee has approved the appointment of IPS officer Praveen Chute as the new director of the CBI.
- ❖ After the completion of the tenure of Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, Praveen Chute will take over as the new CBI Director.



Central Bureau of Investigation

- Formed 1963 by resolution of home ministry
- Headquarters New Delhi, India

Geeta Rao Gupta appointed as US ambassador for women's issues.

- ❖ Indian-American citizen Geeta Rao Gupta has been appointed by the US State Department as its envoy for women's issues.
- ❖ Gupta appointment has been approved by the US Senate by 51 vote.



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- ❖ Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta will promote women's and girl child's rights keeping in mind the US foreign policy.
- ❖ Ms. Gupta said that women all over the world are facing various inequalities and abusive treatment, due to which they are not able to contribute properly to the economy.



Reports and honours

According To A Report Published By The United Nations, India Ranks First Among 10 Countries With 60 Percent Of Maternal And Infant Mortality And 51 Percent Of Premature Births.

This report, prepared at the end of the study conducted by the organizations of the United Nations such as the World Health Center and UNICEF, states that South Africa and Melinda Gates Foundation co-hosted International Maternity Published in Health Conference.



The report states:

- ❖ Last year 2020-21, there were 45 lakh maternal deaths worldwide.
- ❖ This includes 2.9 lakh mothers who died during childbirth
- ❖ 19 lakh infants
- ❖ 23 lakh children who died within days of birth.
- ❖ 7.8 lakh maternal deaths occurred in India alone.
- ❖ In the same year, India accounted for 17 percent of the world's births.

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- ❖ The Ministry has been awarded an impressive score of 4.7 out of 5, which highlights the ministry's unwavering commitment to achieving excellence in data governance.





Survey Report on Data Governance Quality Index

- ❖ This data-driven approach has had a significant impact on MoPSW, as it has enabled the Ministry to identify reforms and achieve its desired objectives in improving the implementation framework of government policies, schemes, and programs.
- ❖ Union Minister MOPSW and AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal expressed his appreciation for DMEO, Niti Aayog, and their report card of the Ministries/Departments.
- ❖ He believes that it will significantly aid in improving the implementation framework of government policies, schemes, and programs to meet the desired goals.
- ❖ A data-driven approach affords policymakers the ability to identify trends, opportunities, and areas for improvement accurately.
- ❖ With reliable data, Ministries can make informed decisions that lead to better outcomes for citizens.
- ❖ Data-driven decision-making is also cost-effective and enhances transparency, making it easier to track the progress of schemes and policies.



Awards and Honours

Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar Awarded The First ASI Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award 2022

- ❖ Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar, an eminent astrophysicist and past president of the Astronomical Society of India (ASI) was awarded the first ASI
- ❖ Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 for his outstanding contributions to the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics in India.
- ❖ In 2022, ASI celebrated its golden jubilee and instituted the Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement award for the year 2022, which was named after Professor Govind Swarup (1929-2020), who is widely recognised as the pioneer of Indian radio astronomy.
- ❖ Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar is the founding director of Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) Pune, Maharashtra.



Sports

Indian duo Divya TS and Sarabjot Singh won gold in ISSF Shotgun World Cup.

- ❖ On 11 May, Indian pair won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ❖ The Indian pair registered a 16-14 win over Serbian veterans Damir Micek and Zorana Arunovic in the final match.
- ❖ This was the second ISSF World Cup gold for Sarabjot, who won the individual air pistol in Bhopal in March 2023.



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- ❖ Divya has won the first senior medal at the international level.
- ❖ Turkiye's Ismail Keles and Simal Yilmaz won the bronze medal.
- ❖ Hriday Hazarika won the silver medal in the men's 10m air rifle event with a score of 251.9 in the final.
- ❖ Nancy also won the silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle event with a score of 253.3.
- ❖ Rhythm Sangwan has won a bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol.



Telangana's Vuppala Prraneeth became India's 82nd Grandmaster

- ❖ V. Prraneeth, a 15-year-old chess player from Telangana, achieved the title of Grandmaster, becoming the sixth from the state and the 82nd in India.
- ❖ He secured this milestone by defeating GM Hans Niemann from the US during the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.
- ❖ This victory also helped him surpass an Elo rating of 2500, specifically 2500.5.
- ❖ Prraneeth obtained his first GM-norm and the title of International Master (IM) at the First Saturday tournament in March 2022.
- ❖ He earned his second GM-norm at Biel MTO in July 2022, followed by his final GM-norm at the second Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2023 after nine months.



India's first grandmaster in chess - Viswanathan Anand

Government Welfare Oriented Schemes, Their Utility

A new Prisons Act is ready to replace the British rule Present Jails of 1894

- ❖ The law is a pre-independence law. The Act is almost 130 years old.
- ❖ The Act focuses on detention of criminals and enforcement of discipline and order in prisons. There is no provision in the Act for reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners.
- ❖ The central government has prepared a new law called 'Model Prisons Act 2023' to replace this Act.
- ❖ The new law attempts to change the old legal practices through measures including reduction of sentences for prisoners, special units for women and third gender prisoners, focus on reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners.
- ❖ The new law includes sections for punishment of inmates and prison officers for using prohibited items like cell phones in prisons, prison improvement board, high security open air prison, etc. The





new law also includes provisions to protect society from the criminal activities of persistent and serious offenders

- ❖ There are
- ❖ Also the Prisoners Act of 1900,
- ❖ Some sections of the Prisoners Transfer Act of 1950 have also been included in the new law.
- ❖ The prisons department in the country is in the state list. Prisoners also come under that list.

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launches mobile application Meri LiFE

- ❖ Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav today launched a mobile application, called Meri LiFE (My life) in New Delhi.
- ❖ Speaking on the occasion, Mr Yadav said that this app will showcase the power of citizens, especially young people in saving the environment.
- ❖ He also mentioned that through this app, simple actions in daily lives can have a larger climate impact.
- ❖ The Minister expressed hope that the portal and app together drive a national movement for LiFE.
- ❖ Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) was launched by the Prime Minister in October 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat and focuses on bringing about behaviour changes in individuals through simple easy to do actions.
- ❖ In order to further catalyze pan-India advocacy and awareness about LiFE, a month-long mass mobilisation drive is currently underway. This drive will culminate on 5th June this year in a mega celebration of World Environment Day.



Science and Technology

TROPICS Mission

- ❖ NASA launched two small satellites designed to track tropical cyclones in realtime from a base in New Zealand.
- ❖ The project, called the TROPICS mission, has the potential to improve weather predictions on devastating storms.
- ❖ TROPICS is an acronym for Time-Resolved Observations of Precipitation Structure and Storm Intensity with a Constellation of Smallsats.
- ❖ It will provide information on rainfall, temperature, and humidity, to see storms evolve on an hourly basis.
- ❖ The new storm trackers can fly over hurricanes every hour.
- ❖ The current satellites flies over hurricanes every six hours.



Banking and Finance

RBI: Banks to Commence '100 Days 100 Pays' Campaign For Return of Unclaimed Deposits

- ❖ As per the announcement of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 12, 2023, banks are set to commence a '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign, where they will trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within 100 days. The banks will commence the campaign on June 01, 2023.



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- ❖ Objective of '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign is to complement the ongoing efforts and initiatives by the RBI to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/ claimants.
- ❖ As per the RBI data, at the end of February 2023, the total amount of unclaimed deposits transferred to the RBI by Public Sector Banks in respect of deposits that have not been operated for 10 years or more was Rs 35,012 crore.



Tamilnadu News

Exemption age from 53 to 55 for appearing in special-sector examinations conducted for government employees for reasons of promotion, additional gratuity etc.

- ❖ The order for this has been issued by the Department of Human Resource Management.
- ❖ Promotion of Govt. Special and departmental exams are required for Gundap reasons to get additional grant. The order was issued in 1984. Meanwhile, the Tamil Nadu government also released the conditions for exemption from the examination in the same year.
- ❖ Accordingly, the salaried Government servant should be not less than 53 years of age. The Government Officer concerned must attempt at least five times to clear the examinations already conducted. As a proof of this, you should have a certificate of appearing in the examination center for five times in the relevant department or special examination.
- ❖ That is, it is important to have proofs like exam admit card. Also, there should be a press release about the pass list which may be published by the Civil Service Commission which conducts the examination. You can claim exemption from writing the exam by attaching these details. Also, the job description of concerned government employees should be satisfactory to avail the concession. This is the way things are now.
- ❖ Change in conditions! The retirement age for government employees has been raised to 60.
- ❖ Accordingly, the age limit for exemption from writing special and departmental examinations is also raised. The upper age limit for exemption from the examination was fixed at 53 when the retirement age for government employees was 58.
- ❖ Now, as the age of retirement has been raised to 60, the age of exemption from writing the Civil Servants Department and Special Examinations has also been raised from 53 to 55.
- ❖ No changes are made in other conditions. The order said that all the Secretariat Departments and Heads of Departments should keep in mind aspects such as increase in age limit while recommending requests for relaxation of rules for exemption from passing special and departmental examinations.



State Current Affairs

State Robotics Framework

- ❖ The Telangana government launched State Robotics Framework.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind policy in India.
- ❖ It aimed at creating a sustainable robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in the field of robotics.
- ❖ It focusses across four key domains - agriculture, healthcare, industrial automation and consumer robotics.
- ❖ The State has earlier launched five frameworks, covering the niche technology areas of Blockchain (2018), Drones (2019), AI (2020), Cloud Adoption Framework (2021), and Space Tech (2022).



International news

US team completes training for Indian Coast Guard

- ❖ A 12-day training camp conducted by the US Coast Guard training team for the Indian Coast Guard has concluded.
- ❖ In this training was imparted on various strategies to be adopted during patrolling, procedures to be followed during counter-narcotics, anti-smuggling, anti-human trafficking operations and other maritime security challenges that may be faced at sea.
- ❖ Additional training was also provided through a written test and practice events with patrol vessels. 5 regions are participating in this training camp More than a hundred Coast Guard officers attended.
- ❖ By getting this training, it will be helpful to use new technologies during patrolling in Indian maritime areas to strengthen the security work and improve the good relations and cooperation between the two countries.
- ❖ The closing ceremony was held at the Coast Guard Air Base.
- ❖ In this, Head of the Political and Economic Department of the American Consul Virsa Perkins, DIG of the Indian Coast Guard East. Satish Kumar also participated.



India tops 10 countries in maternal deaths!

- ❖ 60 percent of maternal and infant mortality worldwide According to the report published by the United Nations, India ranks first among the 10 countries with 51 percent of the births of infants.
- ❖ However, it has been revealed that the maternal mortality rate is decreasing due to health measures being taken in South Asian countries including India.
- ❖ This report, which was prepared at the end of the study conducted by the organizations of the UN, the World Health Center and Unicef, was published at the 'International Conference on Maternal Health' jointly organized by South Africa and the Melinda Gates Foundation.
- ❖ 60 percent of women living in the continent of Africa, Central and South Asia, where many deaths have occurred, do not perform even 4 of the 8 tests recommended by the World Health Organization during pregnancy.
- ❖ Governments must ensure access to quality and affordable health care for women and children before, after and during childbirth to prevent maternal deaths.





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- ❖ Access to essential medicines, safe water, reliable electricity and skilled and motivated health workers are essential for maternity care.

A diverse world is possible only with a diverse Asia

- ❖ The EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum (EIPMF) Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in Stockholm, Sweden. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, who participated in it, said:
- ❖ It is making a noise. The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as the center of international politics. The closer EU countries and the countries of the Indo-Pacific region work together, the more diversity there will be in the distribution of power. united
- ❖ Europe wants a pluralistic world. A diverse world is possible only with a diverse Asia.
- ❖ Cultural and historical differences can be seen between EU countries and India. But democratic politics, market economy, pluralistic society
- ❖ European Union countries and India are united in this.
- ❖ India is making major changes in various sectors including infrastructural development and green growth initiatives.
- ❖ India will continue to take steps to coordinate with the EU.
- ❖ The principle of Quad (four-square) confederation continues to evolve. Although the alliance focuses on the Indo-Pacific region, It is also giving importance to international development. He said that the Indo-Pacific region can be understood only if many countries work together.



The meeting with the Walmart CEO was constructive

- ❖ Walmart CEO Doug McMillan met Prime Minister Modi in Delhi.
- ❖ PM Modi tweeted about the meeting and said, "The meeting with Doug Macmillan, CEO of Walmart was constructive.
- ❖ We discussed various fields. It is gratifying to see that India has become an attractive destination for investments.
- ❖ Doug McMillan posted a tweet in this regard, in the record, 'We are working to strengthen logistics, capacity building and supply chain so that India can export 1,000 crore US dollars by 2027, and make India a global leader in exports of toys, seafood and other products.'





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