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16 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

15 May 2023 - International Day of Families

- ❖ The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Families is annually observed across the globe on May 15 to celebrate the importance of families and highlight their role in society.
- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about the social, economic, and demographic changes that impact families worldwide.



- ❖ **Theme "Demographic Trends and Families"**.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution 44/82 in **1989 and proclaimed the year 1994 as the "International Year of the Family"**.
- ❖ In 1993, UNGA adopted the resolution A/RES/47/237 titled "International Year of the Family and declared May 15 of every year as the International Day of Families.
- ❖ **The 1st ever International Day of Families was observed on 15th May 1994.**

United Nations (UN)

- ❖ Secretary-General- António Guterres
- ❖ Headquarters- New York, USA
- ❖ Establishment- 1945

16 May 2023 National Dengue Day

- ❖ Every year on 16 May, National Dengue Day is celebrated.
- ❖ It is an initiative to spread awareness about dengue among people by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❖ It encourages governments and people to take necessary precautions against dengue.
- ❖ Haryana, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi & Jammu & Kashmir are the main infected state by this disease.
- ❖ Dengue:
- ❖ It is a viral disease caused by the dengue virus (DENV, 1-4 serotypes DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4).





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- ❖ It transmits through the bite of Aedes aegypti female mosquito (which also transmit yellow fever, Zika viruses, and chikungunya) infected with any one of the four dengue viruses.
- ❖ High fever, Headache, Pain in muscles, bones, and joints are some common symptoms of Dengue.
- ❖ The first dengue vaccine Dengvaxia is developed by Sanofi Pasteur.
- ❖ **Theme: "Fight Dengue, Save Lives".**

Persons in News

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the Deputy Commander of the Air Force.

- ❖ Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari, who was in charge, was appointed South Western Air Command on April 30, and Ashutosh Dixit was appointed to the post. The post is a three-star officer rank next to the Chief of the Air Force.
- ❖ Trained at the National Defense Academy, Ashutosh Dixit joined the Air Force in December 1986 in the combat wing. He attended the Army College in Bangladesh and the National Defense College in Delhi.
- ❖ He has more than 3,300 hours of flying experience as a fighter pilot, trainer and cargo pilot.
- ❖ Ashutosh also participated in military operations like 'Safe Sagar' and 'Rakshak'. He has held various posts such as Director of Air Force Personnel Selection, Assistant to the Chief of Staff at Air Force Headquarters.



Pasang Dawa Sherpa becomes 2nd person to scale Everest 26 times.

- ❖ Mount Everest was first climbed in 1953 by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.
- ❖ Pasang Dawa Sherpa, also known as Pa Dawa, successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 26th time. Accompanied by a Hungarian climber, the 46-year-old achieved this feat.
- ❖ According to the Himalayan Database, which documents mountaineering achievements in Nepal's Himalayas, Pa Dawa had previously climbed Everest 25 times, including two ascents in 2022. Since his initial successful climb in 1998, Dawa has consistently made the journey nearly every year.
- ❖ Kami Rita, leading a team from the United States, is currently on a mission to surpass his own record by climbing Mount Everest for the 27th time.
- ❖ Nepal boasts eight of the world's 14 highest peaks, all exceeding 8,000 meters.
- ❖ Sherpas, who typically use their first names, are renowned for their exceptional climbing abilities and primarily earn a living by guiding foreign climbers in the mountains.

Mount Everest

- ❖ Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world, located in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas.



- ❖ The China–Nepal border runs across its summit point. Its elevation of 8,848.86 m (29,031.69 ft) was most recently established in 2020 by the Chinese and Nepali authorities.

Defence

Samudra Shakti-23

- ❖ The bilateral exercise between India and Indonesia, known as Samudra Shakti-23, has commenced recently. The indigenously built anti-submarine warfare corvette INS Kavaratti arrived at Batam, Indonesia to take part in this exercise.
- ❖ The primary purpose of the Samudra Shakti exercise is to enhance interoperability and mutual cooperation between the naval forces of India and Indonesia. By conducting joint exercises and sharing best practices, the navies aim to strengthen their operational capabilities and foster regional peace and stability.
- ❖ India has deployed the Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft and Chetak helicopter for the exercise, showcasing their advanced capabilities in maritime operations. On the Indonesian side, the KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft, and AS565 Panther Helicopter are participating.
- ❖ The Samudra Shakti-23 exercise is scheduled to continue until May 19.S



Awards and Honours

Pakistani-Canadian Author Musharraf Ali Farooqi Wins the Inaugural Armory Square Prize for Translation

- ❖ Pakistani-Canadian author, translator, and storyteller, Musharraf Ali Farooqi, who translated Siddique Alam's short story collection "The Kettledrum and Other Stories" from Urdu to English, won the inaugural edition of the Armory Square Prize for South Asian Literature in Translation.



Armory Square Prize:

- ❖ The Armory Square Prize for South Asian Literature in Translation is an annual effort launched in July 2022.
- ❖ The Prize is given to address the stark disparities in literary translation worldwide and support compelling storytellers from the Indian Subcontinent by raising their visibility in the United States of America (USA).
- ❖ It is sponsored by New York (USA)-based venture capital firm, Armory Square Ventures. Click here for the finalist of the Armory Square Prize.



Environment and Biodiversity

Swamp Deer in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

- ❖ As many as 19 swamp deer released into enclosures built at Magadhi Zone in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ With this, the number of swamp deer will increase to 37 at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ A separate enclosure was built for the swamp deer at the Magadhi zone of BTR which is named 'Barasingha Home' (Swamp Deer Home).
- ❖ They will be kept in the enclosure for about three years and then they will be released into the wild.
- ❖ This reserve is located in Madhya Pradesh's Umaria district.
- ❖ They were brought from Kanha National Park.



Banking and Finance

RBI asks banks to Ensure Complete Transition away from LIBOR from July 1, 2023

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued an advisory to banks and other RBI-regulated entities to ensure a complete transition from the international benchmark reference rate US\$ London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR) from July 1, 2023.
- ❖ After June 30, 2023, Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) will cease to publish Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR)



Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the
- ❖ Provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- ❖ Though originally privately owned, since nationalization in 1949, the Reserve Bank is fully owned by the Government of India.
- ❖ Thus, 2023 marks the 75th year of public ownership of the Reserve Bank and its
- ❖ Emergence as a national institution.
- ❖ Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra Governor- Shaktikanta Das

IRDAI forms 5-Member Committee under Chairmanship of Pratima Murthy to Advice on Mental Health Cover

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) constituted a 5-member expert committee comprising medical experts and insurers under the chairmanship of



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Pratima Murthy, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), to provide advice and inputs to IRDAI on matters related to mental health and insurance.

Insurance Regulatory And Development Au

- ❖ Chairperson - Debasish Panda
- ❖ Headquarters - Hyderabad, Telangana
- ❖ Establishment -2000



State current affairs

Punjab - Right to Walk

- ❖ Punjab has taken the lead among the states and UTs to implement the 'right to walk'.
- ❖ The state making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies, including the NHAI, to provide footpath and cycle tracks in all future expansion of roads and construction of new ones.
- ❖ It aims to reduce deaths related to road accidents of pedestrians and cyclists.
- ❖ It is the first state in India to provide such right.



Tamilnadu news

A 'Dhinam oru Thirukkural' came into effect.

- ❖ 'There must be a turning point every day'
- ❖ Following the order of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a separate electronic board has been placed in the Chief Secretariat. In this multi-hand, Thirukkural and its explanation are included. The Chief Secretary V. Irayanbu has ordered that all government offices in Tamil Nadu should have the Thirukkural and the explanation for it.
- ❖ According to this, in the legislative assembly secretariat, government department offices only blackboards are being used for thirukkural and explanation.
- ❖ In this situation, an electronic board has been installed in the head office instead of a blackboard. This plaque is placed at the fourth entrance gate of the main headquarters building.
- ❖ In it, Thirukkural and its meaning are included. Along with this, the English translation and the corresponding Tamil meaning are also included in the e-mail. The big board has characters in octal (digital) format like those found in major railway stations.

National current affairs

MoD approves 4th Positive Indigenisation List to promote Aatmanirbharta in Defence

- ❖ On May 14, 2023, the Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD) approved 4th Positive Indigenization List (PIL) of 928 strategically-important Line Replacement Units (LRUS)/Sub-systems/Spares & Components including high-end materials & spares.
- ❖ The import substitution value of this list is worth Rs 715 crore.
- ❖ Details of these items are available on SRIJAN Portal.
- ❖ These will only be procured from the Indian Industry after the timelines indicated in the list.



SCO adopted India's Proposal to Adopt Digital Public Infrastructure

- ❖ On May 13, 2023, the members of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) unanimously adopted India's proposal to support the development and adoption of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) like Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and DigiLocker.
- ❖ The proposal was adopted during the meeting between the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Ministers of SCO member states chaired by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Communications and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), Government of India.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh graced the Valedictory Ceremony of National Technology Week 2023 at Delhi

- ❖ On 14th May 2023, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MOS) (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, graced the valedictory ceremony of the 4-day long event "National Technology Week 2023" (11th to 14th May 2023) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ During the valedictory ceremony Technology Development Board (TDB) conferred the National Technology Awards 2023 upon Industries, Entrepreneurs & Scientists who contributed to bringing innovation to the market and support in contributing to the vision of "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat."
- ❖ The National Technology Awards 2023 was conferred to 11 winners following the two-tier evaluation process.

REMC Ltd launches National Energy Management Centre for Indian Railways

- ❖ Railway Energy Management Company (REMC) Limited, a subsidiary of RITES (Rail India Technical and Economic Service) Limited, has set up a National Energy Management Centre (NEMC) that has been established at its office in Delhi.
- ❖ The state-of-the-art NEMC was inaugurated by Naveen Gulati, Member Traction & Rolling Stock, Railway Board, in the presence of Rahul Mithal, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) RITES & Chairman REMC Ltd, and Additional Member, Traction, Railway Board.
- ❖ The aim of the NEMC is to oversee and handle the Procurement of energy for the Railways on a national scale.
- ❖ The NEMC will be pivotal for energy data collection from the 17 State Energy Management Centres (SEMCs) operating across the Railways.

Integrated Biological Control Laboratory launched by Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister in Hyderabad.

- ❖ On May 15, 2023, the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory (BC Lab) has been launched at the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad in Telangana.
- ❖ The new Integrated BC Lab is a state-of-the-art laboratory set up at NIPHM, with facilities to provide hands-on experience on production methods for biopesticides, biocontrol agents, Bio fertilizers, NPV, Pheromone and Botanicals.
- ❖ Use of bio-control agents, bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers will help in reducing the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers.
- ❖ As a result, the adverse impact on the environment and human health can be minimised, and this will help in carrying out activities to improve soil and plant health.
- ❖ The Laboratory will also have an Insect Museum, Weed Museum, Exhibition Hall, Natural Farming Cell, etc., where specimens of agriculturally important insects and weeds will be displayed in the best preserved or live forms.



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- ❖ NIPHM promotes sustainable agricultural practices like Agro Ecosystem Analysis (AESA) and Ecological Engineering (EE) for pest management with increased use of various biological agents, bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers.
- ❖ NIPHM is conducting regular training programs on various aspects of pest and disease management in various crops.