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18 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

18 May 2023 - World AIDS Vaccine Day

- ❖ World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed on May 18 every year to educate people and communities about the importance and need for HIV vaccine in preventing AIDS and HIV infections.
- ❖ The day also recognizes professionals who are working together in development of vaccine against AIDS.
- ❖ This day is also known as HIV Vaccine Knowledge Day.
- ❖ World AIDS Vaccine Day was first observed on May 18, 1998.
- ❖ Currently, there is no vaccine against HIV infections and to treat those who have it. Multiple researches are still going on to develop one.
- ❖ According to the World Health Organization, AIDS has claimed approximately 32 million lives till now and has affected 75 million people across the globe.
- ❖ It is because of these reasons that HIV vaccine awareness day or World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed.



18 May 2023 - International Museum Day

- ❖ The world observes International Museum Day on May 18 each year. Since 1977, the International Council of Museums (I.C.O.M.) has celebrated this day annually to pay tribute to the international museum community.
- ❖ **Theme : “Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being.”**
- ❖ Museums are vital venues for cultural exchange and enrichment, as well as for the development of peaceful coexistence and cooperation among nations and communities.
- ❖ This day encourages people to visit museums dedicated to many fields of human endeavour such as agriculture, fashion, astronomy, archaeology, art, and natural history.
- ❖ Together, let us embark on a journey to museums and learn about our historic past.



Persons in news

Manoj Soni becomes the new Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

- ❖ Manoj Soni joined the Union Public Service Commission as full-time member on 28 June 2017.
- ❖ He was vice chancellor of the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) from August 1, 2009, to July 31, 2015, and was vice chancellor of the Maharaja Sayajirao University (MSU) of Baroda from April 2005 to April 2008.



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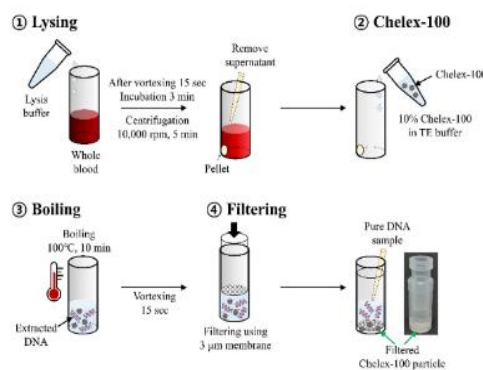
Union Public Service Commission

- ❖ It is a Constitutional Body under Articles 315-323 of the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ The chairman and other members of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) are appointed by the President of India.
- ❖ The members of UPSC can hold office for a term of six years or till they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.
- ❖ The Chairman and other members of UPSC can be removed from office only by order of the President.

Science And Technology

Non-Invasive Method to Extract DNA from fossil

- ❖ Scientists have developed a non-destructive DNA extraction method Palaeolithic Remains.
- ❖ In this, the objects were submerged in a sodium phosphate buffer while gradually increasing the temperature.
- ❖ DNA trapped in ancient bone and tooth artifacts is released into the solution and enables further sequencing and analysis.
- ❖ By washing the artifacts at temperatures of up to 90 degrees Celsius, we are able to extract DNA from the wash waters, while keeping the artifacts intact.
- ❖ The researchers applied this new method to a deer tooth pendant from Denisova Cave and managed to recover DNA of a wapiti (species of elk) and an ancient human.
- ❖ The DNA analyses allowed them to estimate the age of the pendant at around 19,000-25,000 years.
- ❖ Generally, DNA extraction from ancient skeletal material can be destructive or can alter the specimens.



Banking And Finance

Zomato Has Collaborated With ICICI Bank To Introduce Its Own Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Service Called 'Zomato UPI' For Select Users.

- ❖ This feature allows customers to make direct payments within the Zomato app by creating their own UPI ID, eliminating the need for redirection to external payment gateways like PhonePe, Google Pay, or other third-party apps.
- ❖ Users can utilize this service for both peer-to-peer transactions and merchant payments.



About Zomato:

- ❖ Founder & CEO- Deepinder Goyal Headquarters- Gurugram, Haryana
- ❖ Launched in 2010



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HDFC AMC Launches India's First Mutual Fund Focused On Defence Sector

- ❖ The HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) Limited, investment manager to HDFC Mutual Fund (HDFC MF) announced the launch of the 'HDFC Defence Fund' i.e. India's first mutual fund that plans to invest in the defence sector.
- ❖ It follows a bottom-up approach to portfolio construction within the defence ecosystem.
- ❖ **Objective:** To provide long-term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in equity and equity-related securities of Defence & allied sector companies.
- ❖ The new fund offering (NFO) of HDFC Defence Fund, an open-ended equity scheme would open on May 19, 2023 and close on June 2 2023.



HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) Ltd

- ❖ MD and CEO - Navneet Munot
- ❖ Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tamilnadu News

The Supreme Court has given judgment in the animal welfare organization's case against Jallikattu

- ❖ A 5-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice KM Joseph heard the matter and reserved the verdict in December last year.
- ❖ The Supreme Court Judges who ruled in this case today said that the Jallikattu Act of the Tamil Nadu Government is valid; It has categorically ruled that there is no ban on Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Supreme Court gave judgment to the anti-Tamil Beta network. The President has given his assent to the Tamil Nadu Act.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Government Act is not unconstitutional; The judges have solemnly ruled that this cannot interfere with the government's argument of cultural representation.
- ❖ The war that started that day in Marina has ended forever with the historic decision of Delhi Supreme Court today.

State News

Four-day long Uttarakhand Shree Anna (Millets) Festival concluded on 16 May.

- ❖ The Uttarakhand Shree Anna (Millets) Festival closing ceremony was held in Dehradun in the presence of Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ❖ It was started on 13 May to spread public awareness about the health benefits of coarse grain and to explain the state's potential to grow Millets.
- ❖ Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that Shree Anna will benefit small farmers and it will increase their income.





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- ❖ Millets are full of nutrition, it does not require fertilizer to grow and can be cultivated easily even in low rainfall.
- ❖ Agriculture Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Ganesh Joshi, Finance Minister Shri Prem Aggarwal and other public representatives were also present at the concluding event.
- ❖ Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that Devbhoomi of Uttarakhand has a diverse climate which is favourable for agriculture.
- ❖ Uttarakhand government is properly implementing schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture in the state.
- ❖ This year's importance of Millets is being spread under the International Year of Millets.

National current affairs

47th International Museum Expo 2023 will be inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi.

- ❖ The theme of this year's International Museum Expo is 'Museums, Sustainability and Well Being'.
- ❖ The professionals will play a key role in India's cultural diplomacy.
- ❖ Prime Minister will also inaugurate a virtual walkthrough of the upcoming National Museum at the North and South Blocks.
- ❖ The Prime Minister will also unveil the International Museum Expo mascot, a graphic novel - A Day at the Museum, Directory of Indian Museums, Pocket Map of Duty Path and Museum Card.
- ❖ The Mascot is a contemporized version of the Dancing girl made of wood in the Chennapatnam art style.
- ❖ The Directory of India Museums is a comprehensive survey of Indian museums. Museums Cards is a collection of 75 cards featuring illustrations of renowned museum facades from across the country.
- ❖ Museums Cards are an innovative way to introduce museums to people of all ages and each card has brief information about Museum.



International Current affairs

Globalization must be strong

- ❖ Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said that efforts are being made to create a credible cooperation between India and the European Union to ensure that globalization remains strong.
- ❖ The first ministerial meeting of India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) is being held in Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Union Minister of State for Information Technology Rajeev





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Chandrasekhar participated in the meeting to discuss bilateral cooperation in digital and environment-friendly technology.

- ❖ Minister Jaishankar said, 'The Trade and Technology Council is a significant milestone in the strategic partnership between India and the European Union. The Trade and Technology Council focuses on key sectors essential to the global economy and security.'