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## 20 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 20 May 2023 - Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday of the May)

- ❖ Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May. This day is celebrated to pay tribute to the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.
- ❖ According to the U.S. Department of Defense, "President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank military members for their patriotic service in support of our country."
- ❖ On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.
- ❖ The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense."



#### 20 May 2023 - World Bee Day

- ❖ World Bee Day was observed for the first time in 2018.
- ❖ **Theme: "Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production."**
- ❖ Bees and other pollinators, such as butterflies, bats and hummingbirds, are increasingly under threat from human activities.
- ❖ Not only do pollinators contribute directly to food security, but they are key to conserving biodiversity.
- ❖ To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the United Nations Organisation designated 20 May as World Bee Day.
- ❖ The goal is to strengthen measures aimed at protecting bees and other pollinators, which would significantly contribute to solving problems related to the global food supply and eliminate hunger in developing countries.
- ❖ We all depend on pollinators and it is, therefore, crucial to monitor their decline and halt the loss of biodiversity.





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Persons in news

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## Appointment of 4 additional judges to Madras High Court

- ❖ District Judges in Tamil Nadu or President Draupadi Murmu approved the appointment of 4 persons of the same status as Additional Judges of Madras High Court.
- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu has appointed Madras High Court Chief Registrar P. Thanapal, Krishnagiri District Chief Judge R. Sakthivel, Madras Labor Court Chief Judge C. Kumarappan, Coimbatore District Chief Judge K. Rajasekhar as Additional Judges of Madras High Court.
- ❖ They will hold the post for two years from the date of their assumption of office, according to a press release issued by the Central Law and Justice Department. They serve as Additional Judges for two years before becoming or being appointed as permanent Judges of the High Courts.
- ❖ Earlier, a collegium of senior judges of the Madras High Court recommended the appointment of these four as judges of the Madras High Court last year.
- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu sent the document to the judges to get their signatures. In which they are not only in English but also in Devanagari Signed (in Hindi) writing.



## Sports

### Traditional game 'Gatka' will be included in the 37th national game.

- ❖ Indian Olympic Association (IOA) approved the inclusion of Gatka in the 37th National Games-2023.
- ❖ The traditional game Gatka and Lagori have been included as demonstration sports.
- ❖ The 37th national game is scheduled to be held in Goa in October 2023.
- ❖ A total of 43 games will be organized at the national game in collaboration with the Government of Goa.
- ❖ For the first time, beach football, roll ball, golf, sepaktakraw, sqay martial arts, kallyarapattu and pencak silat will be medal sports at the 37th National Games.
- ❖ Yachting and taekwondo will also return in this edition after being excluded from the national games.





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Gatka	Lagori
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It is an ancient martial art form of 'stick-fighting' associated with the Sikh gurus.</li><li>❖ It was started by Shri Guru Hargobind Sahib ji.</li><li>❖ The word "Gatka" is of Indian origin and refers to a defensive weapon technique.</li><li>❖ It became a compulsory part of a Sikh religion in the 17th century.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It is also known as seven stones or Pithoo.</li><li>❖ It is a high-energy outdoor team game.</li><li>❖ It originated from Southern part of India.</li></ul>

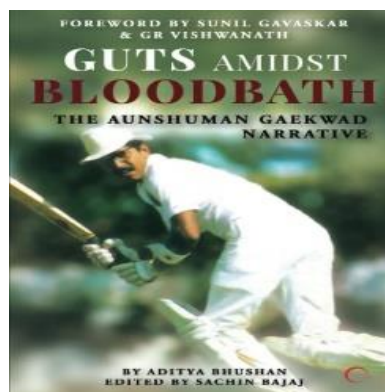
## Indian Olympic Association

President : P. T. Usha  
Founded : 1927  
Headquarters : New Delhi  
Secretary General : Rajeev Mehta  
Founders : Harry Buck, Arthur Noehren

## Books & Authors

### A book “Guts Amidst Bloodbath: The Aunshuman Gaekwad Narrative” by Aditya Bhushan

- ❖ Anshuman Gaekwad, a former Indian Test cricketer, released his semi-autobiographical book titled “Guts Amidst Bloodbath” at the Cricket Club of India (CCI).
- ❖ The occasion was graced by six former India cricket captains, namely Sachin Tendulkar, Gundapa Vishwanath, Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Ravi Shastri, and Kapil Dev.
- ❖ BCCI President Roger Bennie, Yajurvindra Singh, Karsan Ghavri, Zaheer Khan, Abey Kuruvilla, and Nayan Mongia were among the attendees, showcasing their support for Gaekwad and the book.
- ❖ This tale is a celebration of the man and his contribution to Indian cricket. It charts the journey of a boy from Baroda who went on to become one of the most respected figures in world cricket.





## Government Welfare Oriented Schemes, Their Utility

### Advance and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Authorisation Scheme.

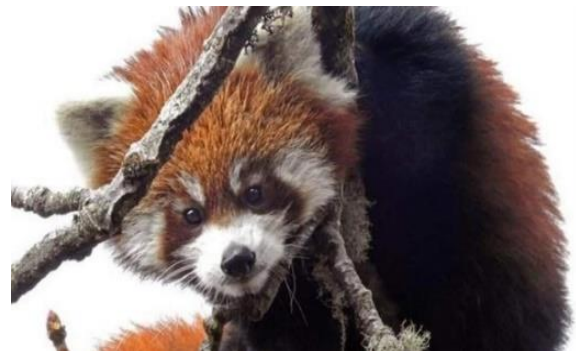
- ❖ This scheme aims to promote the competitiveness of Indian products in the global market by providing duty exemptions on imported raw materials required for the manufacture of export products.
- ❖ By eliminating import duties on these materials, the cost of the final export products is reduced, making them more competitive in terms of pricing.
- ❖ The scheme was launched in the year 2015 under the Foreign Trade Policy for the period 2015-2020.



## Environment & Biodiversity

### Regulating captive breeding of exotic animals

- ❖ The Union environment ministry notified the Breeders of Species Licence Rules -2023 recently.
  - ❖ India has introduced a license system to regulate the captive breeding of exotic animals.
  - ❖ It includes species protected under the Convention on International Trade in
  - ❖ Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- It allows breeders to obtain licenses for the breeding of various animals, such as bears, pandas, dogs, cats, apes, lemurs, birds, and reptiles.
- ❖ These regulations seek to better implement CITES and enhance wildlife protection measures in the country.
  - ❖ Under the new rules, individuals engaged in breeding captive species listed in
  - ❖ Appendix I of Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act 2022 must apply for a breeders' license within 90 days of the Act's commencement.



## Banking and Finance

### 2,000 Rupee Notes Withdrawal by RBI

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that it will withdraw Rs 2,000 notes from circulation.
- ❖ The RBI also said that the current Rs 2,000 notes in circulation can be paid into the bank account or exchanged at the bank from 23rd September to 30th September.
- ❖ In November 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the demonetization of old Rs.500 and Rs.1, 000 notes in circulation in the country.
- ❖ No new Rs 2,000 notes were printed after the financial year 2018-2019



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- ❖ RBI completely stops circulation of Rs 2,000 note through Automated Teller Machine (ATMs)
- ❖ At present the use of Rs.2,000 notes has reduced to a great extent among the people.
- ❖ 6.73 lakh crore (Total Rs
- ❖ While Rs 2,000 notes (37.3 per cent of notes) were in circulation, as on March 31, notes worth Rs 3.62 lakh crore (10.8 per cent) were in circulation.
- ❖ Further, the RBI has explained that this action is being taken for the reasons of money laundering, black money hoarding and providing quality currency notes to the people.



## PNB MetLife Launched India's 1st Dental Health Insurance Plan

- ❖ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan.
- ❖ This is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
- ❖ This launch reinforces PNB MetLife leadership in the industry with this one-of-a-kind, standalone, the dental health insurance plan that covers major dental procedures without the hassles of hospitalisation.
- ❖ PNB MetLife's new Dental Care Plan will help customers manage their dental health and ensure they do not have to dive into their savings or reduce their essential spending in order to make space for dental treatment. To provide convenience to its customers, PNB MetLife has tied up with more than 340 dental clinics.



## State News

### Kalari from the Udhampur District will be served at the G20 Summit in Srinagar.

- ❖ Kalari is a special Dogra culinary item, which will be served at the upcoming G20 Summit in Srinagar.
- ❖ The Government of India and the Jammu and Kashmir government have taken this initiative. It will promote Kalari at the global level.
- ❖ Kalari is being produced by women in the Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir for decades. Women use to sell it for their living.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (UMEED) is promoting Kalari. Now, women make money from their produce after joining the organization.
- ❖ UMEED is sponsoring self-help groups in the Dheeran village. The women of this area are members of these self-help groups.



### Kalari or Kaladi:

- ❖ It is a ripened cheese product indigenous to the Udhampur District of the Jammu division.



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- ❖ It is a very dense cheese which is made up of generally cow's or buffalo's milk. It can be also made up from goat's milk.
- ❖ Kalari Kulcha is a famous street food of Udhampur District.
- ❖ It is generally served hot with tomatoes, onions, bread and cabbage.

## Tamilnadu News

### Mini Tidal Parks in Thoothukudi, Salem, Thanjavur

- ❖ Chief Minister M. K. Stalin laid the foundation stone for the construction of mini tidal parks in Thoothukudi, Salem and Thanjavur districts.
- ❖ He laid the foundation stone for the construction of these parks through a video at a program held at the Chennai Chief Secretariat.
- ❖ When these come into use, employment will be available to thousands of youth in Thoothukudi, Thanjavur, Salem districts and their surrounding areas.
- ❖ On this occasion, Ministers K.N. Nehru Anbil Mahesh Poiyamozhi, T.R. B. Raja, Tuticorin Lok Sabha Member Kanimozhi, Chief Secretary V. Irayanbu, Additional Chief Secretary Industries Department S. Krishnan, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Managing Director Jayashree Muralitharan and others participated.



### A five-judge Constitution bench allowed Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The Supreme Court has upheld the validity of the state laws allowing the traditional bull-taming festival Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu. A five-judge Constitution bench, led by Justice K M Joseph, upheld Tamil Nadu's amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, according to Bar and Bench.
- ❖ Supreme Court upheld the amendments made by the legislatures of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Karnataka to The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960.
- ❖ This Judgement has been given by the Constitution bench headed by Justice KM Joseph.
- ❖ The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 has allowed bull-taming sports like Jallikattu, Kambala, and bullock-cart races.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu had amended the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act to allow Jallikattu in the state.
- ❖ The case, filed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and other applicants, challenged a state order authorizing the sport of bull taming in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Supreme Court also validated similar laws framed by the Karnataka governments allowing sports involving animals.





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- ❖ Jallikattu: It is also known as eruthazhuvuthal.
- ❖ It is traditionally played in Tamil Nadu as part of the Pongal harvest festival.

## International News

### Public business incubator

- ❖ Kerala Startup Business (KSUM) has been ranked as the world's best public/private business archive.
- ❖ The honour for the same was jointly received by the Secretary (Electronics & IT), Kerala, Rathan U Kelkar, and KSUM Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Anoop Ambika during the UBI Global World Rankings 2021-2022 event held as part of the World Incubation Summit 2023 (WIS 2023) in Ghent, Belgium.
- ❖ This report presents the Rankings and Recognitions derived from the World Benchmark Study 2021-2022 conducted by UBI Global, a Swedish-based innovation intelligence company and community. This is the 6th iteration of the study.



### MoUs signed for 2 Community Development Projects in Nepal under GOI Grant

- ❖ The Embassy of India in Kathmandu, Nepal and the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Government of Nepal, signed a Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for undertaking two High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Nepal under the grant assistance of the Indian Government.
- ❖ The 2 projects are the construction of the Malagiri Shanti Yogashram in Ramechhap District, Nepal and the Kedar Jyotipunja Multiple Campus, Doti District, Nepal.
- ❖ The 2 projects, one each in Health Care and Education Sectors, will be developed at a total estimated cost of Nepalese Rupees (NRs) 80.33 million.

#### About Nepal

- ❖ President- Ram Chandra Poudel
- ❖ Prime Minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- ❖ Capital- Kathmandu
- ❖ Currency- Nepalese Rupee (NR)