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**21 & 22 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs**

## Important Days

### 20-May 2023 World Metrology Day

- ❖ World Metrology Day is annually observed across the globe on 20th May to create awareness about the Metrology, scientific study of measurement and its application.
- ❖ The day also recognizes and celebrates the contribution the people who work in intergovernmental and national metrology organizations and institutes.
- ❖ The observance marks the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention on 20th May 1875.
- ❖ **Theme : "Measurements supporting the global food system".**
- ❖ The observance is a joint project by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures(BIPM) International Organisation of Legal Metrology(OIML - Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale).
- ❖ World Metrology Day is an annual celebration of the signature of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 by representatives of seventeen nations.
- ❖ The Convention set the framework for global collaboration in the science of measurement and in its industrial, commercial and societal applications. The original aim of the Metre Convention - the world-wide uniformity of measurement - remains as important today as it was in 1875.
- ❖ The World Metrology Day project is realized jointly by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures BIPM , and International Organization of Legal Metrology OIML. We hope that you enjoy this site and that your Country or Metrology Organization will join us and participate in this year's event.



## Places in the news

### Balloon festival in Utkai

- ❖ On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the formation of Utgai, the 10-day balloon festival was inaugurated by Tourism Minister K. Ramachandran.
- ❖ As part of this, a balloon festival was launched to attract tourists at the Crescent School Grounds in Utgai Burnhillpagu Thi.





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- ❖ In this, a fare of Rs.1,600 per passenger has been fixed.

## Opening of Tirupati Eyumalayan Temple in Jammu

- ❖ Tirupati Devasthanam is also building model temples like Tirupati Eyumalayan Temple in various cities of the country.
- ❖ Accordingly, the Eummalaiyan temple is being built in a scenic area amidst the Siwalik forests in Majeen region of Jammu. According to reports, the construction of the temple is nearing completion and the temple will be inaugurated on June 8.
- ❖ The sixth temple to be built outside Andhra Pradesh is being built in Jammu. Before this, Tirupati Devasthanam has built seven Malayan temples in Hyderabad, Chennai, Kanyakumari, Delhi and Bhubaneswar.

## Excavation work begins at Polpanai Kottayam

- ❖ The first phase of excavation work has started at Polpanaikottai under Veppangudi Panchayat of Puduk Kotdi District on behalf of the Department of Archeology of the Tamil Nadu Government.
- ❖ **Polpanai Kotta Background:** It is believed that during the Iron Age, the fort was situated on 17 acres and the habitations on 1.26 acres. The fort has a circumference of 2.5 km and the fort covers 5.66 acres.
- ❖ There are three entrance gates and 32 fort towers in the east, west and north. Muneeswaran and Karuppan on the four sides of the fort. There are temples and a water tank in the fort's inner courtyard. It is assumed that there may have been a residential area near it. Remains of iron smelting are found in the southern part.
- ❖ Already here on behalf of **Tamil Nadu Open University**. Excavation work was conducted under **the leadership of Inian**. Pots with Tamil script inscriptions, chess pieces, conch bangles, bone weapons and circular stones were found. Before that, a Veerakkal dating back to the 4th century AD with Tamil inscriptions was also found.

## Defence News

### INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA Arrive in Saudi Arabia, Kickstarting AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise

- ❖ Marking a significant milestone in the growing defense cooperation between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the INS TARKASH and INS SUBHADRA have arrived at Port Al-Jubail to commence the second edition of the naval exercise, 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023.'
- ❖ The visit of these Indian naval ships signifies the beginning of the harbor phase, highlighting the deepening defense ties and promoting regional stability in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf region.
- ❖ **INS TARKASH:** A State-of-the-Art Stealth Frigate Commissioned on November 9, 2012, INS TARKASH is a state-of-the-art stealth frigate belonging to the Talwar class.
- ❖ **INS SUBHADRA:** A Versatile Patrol Vessel Accompanying INS TARKASH is the INS SUBHADRA, a patrol vessel of the Sukanya class.



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## Awards and Honours

### 'Leadership In Human Resource Strategy' Awarded To Chennai Metro Rail.

- ❖ Chennai Metro Rail Corporation's services, insurance sector etc. have received the award of 'More than 90 leading practices in HR strategy'.
- ❖ First of all, this is a very special award given in the field of human resources by a people organization.
- ❖ These institutions had sent more than 200 articles.
- ❖ In this, the article entitled 'Leading Practices in Human Resource Strategy' submitted on behalf of Chennai Metro Rail Company's HR Department and its explanation has been informed that this telecommunication, information award has been received on the basis of automobile, technology, banking and finance.

## Sports News

### PM Modi will attend the inaugural function of the Khelo India University games in Lucknow.

- ❖ On 25th May, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the chief guest at the inaugural function of the Khelo India University games in Lucknow. It is the third edition of the Khelo India University games.
- ❖ Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and the Minister of State for Sports Nishith Pramanik will also take part in the event.
- ❖ The inaugural function will be organized in the Babu Banarasi Das stadium.
- ❖ On this occasion, many cultural programs will be also organized. More than 4,000 athletes in 21 sports discipline will participate in the event.
- ❖ The KIUG 2022 Games will be held in Varanasi, Noida, Lucknow and Gorakhpur. The mascot of the University Games is Jitu Barasingha.
- ❖ 'Shakti' is the official torch of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It is being organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in association with the Association of Indian Universities, the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federation.

#### **Khelo India University Games:**

- It is the largest university-level sports competition in India.
- The first edition of the Khelo India University Games was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2020.
- The main aim is to identify athletes in the age group of 18 to 25 years for the Olympics and the Asian Games. Jain University, Karnataka secured first sport in the 2022 edition of the Khelo India University Games.



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## Economy And Banking

### Adi Dravidas And Tribals Loan Assistance Under Special Scheme For Entrepreneurs

- ❖ SC, ST under the 'Annal Ambedkar Industry Pioneers' project on behalf of the Small and Medium Enterprises Department. Subsidy along with loan will be given to entrepreneurs.
- ❖ The 'Annal Ambedkar Industrial Pioneers Scheme' will be implemented as a special program to promote the economic development of Adi Dravi and tribal entrepreneurs on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Small, Small and Medium Enterprises Department.
- ❖ Under this scheme, the interested new entrepreneurs will be given grants along with loans for all kinds of business projects and business expansion related to manufacturing, commerce and services.
- ❖ 65 per cent of the total project cost will be provided as bank loan and 35 per cent will be subsidized as government share.
- ❖ 6 percent interest subsidy will also be provided under this scheme.
- ❖ To benefit under the scheme one can apply through the website [www.msmeonline.tn.gov.in](http://www.msmeonline.tn.gov.in) along with the scheme report, documents.

### The Withdrawal Of Rs.2,000 Notes Will Not Affect The Economy

- ❖ RBI's move to withdraw Rs 2,000 notes will not have any impact on the country's economy, said Arvind Panagariya, former vice-chairman of NITI Aayog.
- ❖ Rs 2,000 notes account for 10.8 percent of the total notes in circulation in the country. Of these, most seem to be used for illicit transactions.
- ❖ As of 2021, the average per capita income in the United States is \$70,000. The country's highest denomination note is \$100.
- ❖ With an average per capita income of around Rs 1,70,000 in India, a maximum denomination note of Rs 500 seems appropriate.

### 'No Immunity For President As Contract Party'

- ❖ Supreme court rules government cannot claim immunity from application of law to a contract merely because President is one party; judgment comes on a petition filed by Austrian pistol maker Glock Asia-Pacific against the Union over the appointment of an arbitrator to a dispute regarding a tender
- ❖ Supreme Court has held that the government can- not claim immunity from the application of law to a contract merely because one of the parties to it is the President of India.
- ❖ "We are of the clear opinion that a contract entered into in the name of the President of India, can- not and will not create an immunity against the application of any statutory



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- ❖ prescription imposing conditions on parties to an agreement, when the government chooses to enter into a contract," a Bench of Chief Justice of India and Justice P.S. Narasimha held in a recent judgment.
- ❖ Moreover, when tasked with the job to find an arbitrator, the state should ensure that the person it chooses is an "impartial and independent" adjudicator with no professional ties to it, past or present.
- ❖ The judgment came in a petition filed by pistol maker Glock Asia-Pacific Limit-**Equal Before Law**
- ❖ Article 299 (contracts made by Union or State in the name of President or Governor) does not give government power to break law
- ❖ Bench of CJI, Justice P.S. Narasimha pass order on plea over appointment of arbitrator
- ❖ Justice Narasimha, who authored the judgment, said the clause was a clear violation of Section 12(5) of the Arbitration Act.
- ❖ The provision mandates that any person with prior or existing relationship with any of the parties to the arbitration in the capacity of an employee, consultant, advisor or any other past or present business relationship, would be ineligible to be appointed as arbitrator.
- ❖ On the point that a contract entered into in the name of the President enjoys immunity, the Court said Article 299 (contracts made by the Union or State in the name of the President or Governor) of the Constitution does not give the government power to break the statutory law.

## SEBI Moots Mechanism For AMCS To Deter Possible Market Abuse, Fraud

- ❖ Capital markets regulator SEBI proposed that asset management companies (AMCS) set up surveillance and internal control systems for the deterrence of possible market abuse and fraudulent transactions.
- ❖ It further suggested that senior management of AMCS should be responsible to ensure that an institutional mechanism is put in place to detect and report possible misconduct by its employees, dealers, stock brokers or any other connected entities.
- ❖ Further, AMCS should have appropriate escalation and reporting mechanism for possible market abuse and fraudulent transactions in securities related to the AMCS' transactions, SEBI said in its consultation paper.
- ❖ This comes in the wake of SEBI passing orders in two instances of front-running pertaining to Axis AMC and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

## NPCI Introduces CVV-Less Payments For Tokenized Cards

- ❖ RuPay, the Indian payment network developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has rolled out a new feature that enables its cardholders to make Card Verification Value (CVV)-less payments if they have tokenized their debit, credit or prepaid cards on the merchant application or webpage, supporting this feature.
- ❖ This means the cardholder will not have to reach out to their wallet or remember any card

## What Are RBI Guidelines For Tokenization?



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- ❖ RBI mandated to store customer's card information in the form of an encrypted form i.e. Card-On-File (COF) to secure transactions. COF turns sensitive cardholder data into randomly generated 16 digit numbers called "token" with no meaningful value, if breached. These tokens then allow payments to be processed without disclosing any customer details like Card number, CVV, Card expiry date. This is called tokenization.
- ❖ Therefore this mandate disallows businesses, payment aggregators, and acquiring banks from storing customers' credit/debit/prepaid card information.
- ❖ This safeguards the card details of the customer from cyber frauds.

## **HMEL Signs Mou. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) To Source 250 MW Renewable Energy From National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Green Energy Limited (NGEL)**

- ❖ The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited, and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL), a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Mittal Energy Investment Private Limited, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to realise green energy and green hydrogen objectives and the Government of India's efforts towards energy transition.

## **No Tcs On Lrs Transactions Upto Rs 7 Lakh Via International Debit, Credit Cards From July 1, 2023.**

- ❖ The Government's Relaxation Of TCS Rules On International Debit And Credit Card Transactions Up To Rs 7 Lakh Brings Relief To Individuals Engaging In Small Transactions Abroad.
- ❖ The Indian government has recently announced a relaxation in the Tax Collected At Source (TCS) rules for international transactions made using debit or credit cards. Starting from July 1, 2023, individuals conducting international transactions up to Rs 7 lakh will be exempt from the 20 percent TCS levy.
- ❖ This exemption will also exclude these transactions from the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) limits of \$250,000 per annum.

## **Continuation Of Beneficial TCS Treatment**

- ❖ The existing beneficial TCS treatment for education and health payments will continue unaffected by the new relaxation. This ensures that individuals making payments for education and healthcare purposes will not be subjected to the TCS levy, regardless of the transaction amount. Importance of Accountability
- ❖ While the government has relaxed the TCS rules for small transactions, Finance Secretary TV Somanathan emphasized the need for accountability in larger transactions exceeding the LRS limits.
- ❖ The intention is to ensure that individuals comply with the prescribed limits and to implement taxation measures for significant transactions under the LRS scheme.



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- ❖ This step is seen as a reasonable approach to maintaining transparency and preventing misuse of funds.

## Tamilnadu News

### Appointment of two new members in the State Education Policy Study Committee; Time and extension

- ❖ 2 more members have been included in the committee to frame individual education policy for the state. Along with this, School Education Minister Anbil Mahes Poi Yamozhi said that the period for the committee has been extended by another four months.
- ❖ In the report he issued in this regard, the Tamil Nadu government decided to formulate a unique education policy for Tamil Nadu as an alternative to the national education policy.
- ❖ For this, a high-level committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of retired judge T. Murugesan.
- ❖ The committee has taken various measures during the last one year. Conducted discussions with various parties like students, teachers, parents. The goal of the judge-led panel is to provide a public policy statement with clearly defined objectives.
- ❖ Keeping this in mind, the committee has confirmed discussions with all concerned, starting from those working directly in the field to the top officials of the government.
- ❖ The committee is working with an in-depth research perspective to develop a unique state education policy for Tamil Nadu. The Government has full faith in the activities of the Committee.
- ❖ At this stage, the government has decided to add two new members to the high-level committee. Accordingly, the retired principal of Kaithe Millat Government College for Girls, D. Frieda Gnanarani, Head of the Department of Tamil Literature, Chennai Art Institute, G. Palani are included in the committee.
- ❖ The committee has been given an extension of another four months to submit its final report. Accordingly, the committee will submit its report by the end of September.
- ❖ On receipt of the Committee's report, the Government will carefully consider its recommendations. Tamil Nadu Minister Anbil Mahes Poyiamozhi said in his statement that Tamil Nadu will formulate a better education policy for Tamil Nadu considering the future welfare of the students and the development of the state.

## State News

### The Central Government promulgated the National Capital Delhi Territory Amendment Ordinance.



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- ❖ Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 has been promulgated by Centre to constitute National Capital Civil Services Authority.
- ❖ Now the same authority will make recommendations regarding transfer and posting of Group-A and DANICS officers working in Delhi territory.
- ❖ The Chief Minister of Delhi will be the chairman of this authority.
- ❖ The Chief Secretary of Delhi and the Principal Home Secretary will be members of this committee.
- ❖ All decisions in the Authority shall be taken by a majority of the members present.
- ❖ In case of no consensus, the decision of the Lieutenant Governor will be final.

## 1000-yrs old Handmade Paper-making art of Tawang has been revived by KVIC.

- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) played an important role in conserving and reviving the Handmade Paper-making art of Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Monpa Handmade Paper of Arunachal Pradesh has been revived with the committed efforts of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
- ❖ The art of making Monpa handmade paper started around 1000 years ago. It gradually becomes an integral part of local customs and culture in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ This handmade paper was the source of living for the local people of Tawang. This handmade paper was almost disappeared in the last 100 years.
- ❖ KVIC implemented its revival plan and this paper has become functional since 2020.
- ❖ KVIC Chairman Mr Manoj Kumar said that there is good demand for traditional handmade Monpa papers in the international markets.
- ❖ KVIC revival plan helped Monpa handmade paper to get recognition in the international market. It will also help in generating more employment.
- ❖ KVIC is also executing other activities for the growth of various village industries like pottery, chemical-based polymer, bee-keeping, etc.

## Foundation stone of National Academy of Coastal Police laid in Dwarka, Gujarat by Home Minister Amit Shah.

- ❖ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah was on a two-day visit to Gujarat.
- ❖ On May 20, Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the National Coastal Police Academy (NACP) at Dwarka in Gujarat,
- ❖ It will be built at a cost of Rs 470 crores.
- ❖ The total strength of Coastal Police personnel across the country is around 12,000 and once this academy becomes fully operational, there will be provision for training of 3,000 people in a year.
- ❖ In this way, within 4 years, 100% training of all the personnel engaged in coastal security of India will be completed.
- ❖ During the function, he also virtually inaugurated five coastal posts of BSF located on the Jakhau coast of Kutch district.
- ❖ Various developmental projects of Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation were inaugurated and foundation stone laid by Shri Shah.



## National News

### AirAsia India i5-767 becomes India's first commercial plane to take off using SAF from Pune to Delhi

- ❖ AirAsia India flight i5-767 became India's first commercial passenger flight to successfully take off using an indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blended Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from Pune (Maharashtra) to New Delhi (Delhi).
- ❖ It is a significant development towards the decarbonization of the aviation sector.
- ❖ SAF was supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) in partnership with Praj Industries Ltd. (Praj).
- ❖ Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) received the special flight at the airport.
- ❖ PUNE: India's first commercial passenger flight using an indigenously produced Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blend was successfully flown .
- ❖ AirAsia India flight i5-767 departed from Pune to New Delhi using a blend of indigenous Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) in partnership with Praj Industries Ltd.(Praj), airline officials said.
- ❖ This flight is a significant milestone in the country's efforts towards sustainable aviation and demonstrates the commitment of the Air India group, IOCL, and Praj Industries, with the support and guidance of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, to develop and propagate indigenous solutions to mitigate the environmental impact of aviation and pave the way for the widespread adoption of SAF in India.

### GNCTD Vs Union of India Issue on Control Over Services: SC ruled in favour of Delhi govt

- ❖ The judgment of a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court(SC) of India ruled in favour of the elected Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi(GNCTD) and stated that the GNCTD has legislative and executive control over services, except law and order and land, in Delhi.
- ❖ The SC also highlighted the significance of the people's mandate in a democracy expressed through an elected government.
- ❖ The Supreme Court today (May 11) ruled unanimously in favour of Delhi government on the issue of who controls the bureaucracy in the national capital.
- ❖ The 5-judge constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, held that the legislature has control over bureaucrats in administration of services, except in areas outside the legislative powers of the National Capital Territory (NCT). There are three areas outside the control of Delhi government: public order, police and land.



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- ❖ The CJI said an ideal conclusion would be that the Delhi government ought to have control over services, subject to exclusion of subjects which are out of its legislative domain.
- ❖ If services are excluded from its legislative and executive domain, the ministers and the executive, who are charged with formulating policies in the territory of NCTD would be excluded from controlling the civil service officers who implement such executive decisions, he said.

## Delhi:

- ❖ Chief Minister- Arvind Kejriwal
- ❖ Governor- Vinai Kumar Saxena
- ❖ Stadium R.K. Khanna Stadium; Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium
- ❖ Festival- Mango Festival; Qutub Festival

## USAID & IACC extends MoU for 5 years to Enhance Collaboration across Sectors

- ❖ The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 5 years to enhance collaboration between the American and Indian business communities across sectors including health, climate change, economic growth, education and women empowerment.
- ❖ Addressing the MoU signing event here, USAID Mission Director Veena Reddy said that the MoU leverages the combined capacities of the US government and the American and Indian private sectors to support shared development goals.

## About MoU:

- ❖ The scope of collaboration has expanded to encompass various areas, such as mental health, global health security, gender issues faced by youth, climate change, agriculture, and education.
- ❖ The signing of the MoU provided a chance to launch a mental health initiative that would focus on mental health in the post-COVID period.
- ❖ The renewal of the MoU was signed by Lalit Bhasin, IACC National President, and Veena Reddy, USAID Mission Director.

## International news

### Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Navy together Engage in first float training

- ❖ In a major move aimed at enhancing cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Royal Saudi Navy, the ships are in India for 24 days of training.



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- ❖ 55 cadets from Saudi Arabia's King Fahd Naval Academy arrived in Kochi, the headquarters of India's Southern Naval Command, for the first time with the Indian Navy.
- ❖ Capt. Sarvpreet Singh, senior officer of the First Training Corps, extended a warm welcome to the international trainees.
- ❖ A detailed briefing of the planned training module and activities during the float training was given to the trainers and director.
- ❖ The exercises will involve 24 days afloat training in various aspects like seamanship, navigation, fire fighting and emergency drills.

## India has handed over humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to Myanmar which was ravaged by cyclone Mocha.

- ❖ Ambassador Vinay Kumar handed over the relief material to the people affected by the Cyclone Mocha to Yangon Region Chief Minister under 'Operation Karuna'.
- ❖ The relief material brought by the Indian Navy Ship Shivalik,
- ❖ Indian Navy Ship Kamorta and Indian Navy Ship Savitri included food items, tents, clothes, water pumps, medicines, tarpaulins, hygiene and sanitary items, wheel chairs, face masks.
- ❖ Indian Navy Ship Gharial with emergency materials and medical kits will be arriving shortly to the Rakhine state.
- ❖ Cyclone Mocha swept across the Rakhine coast with wind speeds of over 200 kmph leaving a trail of devastation in its wake, particularly in Sittwe. The Cyclone, in addition to Rakhine state, severely damaged homes, infrastructure and farms in parts of Chin state, Magway and Sagaing regions.

## International food security

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the need for an integrated international food distribution system so that marginalized people are not affected.
- ❖ The G7 summit, which includes the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Canada, Japan, and the European Union, was held in Hiroshima, Japan.
- ❖ Regional and international issues, Indo-Pacific issue, Ukraine-Russia war issue, rising China dominance were discussed. Prime Minister Modi said in the conference:
- ❖ An integrated food distribution system should be established considering the welfare of marginalized people who are suffering the most in the world. Importantly, marginal farmers should be prioritized. The international fertilizer supply chain needs to be strengthened. It should be ensured that there is no political interference in fertilizer supply.
- ❖ Countries should focus on organic farming in order to address the risks in fertilizer supply. The benefits of octet technology should be extended to all farmers of the world.
- ❖ It is important to associate organic food with health-nutrition rather than modernity and commerce.

## The security of the Indo-Pacific region is important to the world



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- ❖ Prime Minister Modi said at the 'Quad' conference that the security of the Indo-Pacific region is very important for the entire world.
- ❖ With China's growing dominance in the Indo-Pacific region, the Quad alliance was launched to ensure the enforcement of international rules in the region.
- ❖ India, USA, Japan and Australia are included in that association.
- ❖ After the conclusion of the G7 summit in Hiroshima, the QUAD summit was held. Prime Minister Modi, US President Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida participated in it.
- ❖ At that time, Prime Minister Modi said, 'Quad Alliance has become an important platform for ensuring peace, stability and development in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad Consortium is moving forward with democratic principles at the core of its constructive agenda.

## The first nuclear attack occurred Mahatma Gandhi statue unveiled in Hiroshima

- ❖ On August 6, 1945, the world's first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. About 1.40 lakh people died in Hiroshima due to the atomic bomb dropped by America on that day.
- ❖ In this case, Prime Minister Modi has gone to Hiroshima to participate in the G7 summit.
- ❖ On the occasion of his visit, as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan, a bust of Mahatma Gandhi was presented to Japan on behalf of India.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Hiroshima, the site of the world's first atomic bomb attack.