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25 MAY 2023 DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Important Days

International Missing Children's Day 25 May

- ❖ International Missing Children's Day is observed globally on 25th May every year.
- ❖ This day is observed for missing children who have found their way home, remember those that are victims of crime, and continue efforts to seek out those that are still missing.
- ❖ 25 May is now widely referred to as Missing Children's Day, with the forget-me-not flower as its emblem.



About International Missing Children's Day:

The day was proclaimed in 1983, by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. In 2001, 25 May was the first formally recognized as International Missing Children's Day (IMCD), to a joint effort on the part of "International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), Missing Children Europe and therefore the European Commission".

World Thyroid Awareness Day 2022 Observed On 25th May

- ❖ World Thyroid Day is observed on May 25 to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments.
- ❖ The day came into existence in 2008 on a proposal by the European Thyroid Association (ETA).
- ❖ There's no separate theme for World Thyroid Day this year.
- ❖ However, for Thyroid Awareness Week observed between May 22 and 28, Thyroid Federation international has announced the theme, "It's not you. It's your thyroid."
- ❖ The theme focused on "making sure that people understand the most common symptoms of thyroid disorders and take the necessary steps to cure it".
- ❖ May 25 was officially adopted as World Thyroid Day during the Annual General Meeting prior to the European Thyroid Association (ETA) congress in September 2007.
- ❖ The date of May 25 also marks the anniversary of ETA's foundation in 1965. Hence, it was chosen to be as a day dedicated to creating awareness about thyroid disorders.



People in the news

Appointment of S. Vaithyanathan as Chief Justice of Madras High Court

- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu Uddha Ravi has appointed S.Vaidhyathan as the new Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
- ❖ D. Raja, who was the Chief Justice of Madras High Court, retired.
- ❖ Born in August 1962 in Coimbatore, Justice Vaidya Nathan completed his schooling and law studies in Chennai.





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- ❖ He started his career as a lawyer in August 1986 and was appointed as Additional Judge of Madras High Court in 2015.

Reports And Honours

According to the Department of Public Health, 68 percent of people with high blood pressure don't know they have it.

- ❖ Although lifestyle changes are known to be the main cause, co-morbidities such as diabetes and stress also lead to high blood pressure.
- ❖ As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, 33 people out of 100 are like that affected.



World Air Power Index 2022: Indian Air Force Ranks 3rd

- ❖ World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.
- ❖ This report has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the Chinese Aviation based armed forces (PLAAF), Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power.
- ❖ The report says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.



Awards And Honours:

Georgi Gospodinov & Angela Rodel Won International Booker Prize 2023 For 'Time Shelter'

- ❖ Bulgarian Writer Georgi Gospodinov and translator Angela Rodel won the International Booker Prize 2023 for the dark comic novel titled "Time Shelter".
- ❖ This becomes the first book originally written in Bulgarian (and translated into English) to win the International Booker Prize.
- ❖ The award carries a cash prize of 50,000 pounds, divided equally between the author and the translator.
- ❖ In addition, the shortlisted authors and translators each receive £2,500.
- ❖ The winners were announced by French-Moroccan novelist Leïla Slimani, chair of the 2023 judge panel, at an event at London's Sky Garden in the United Kingdom (UK).
- ❖ "Time Shelter" is Georgi Gospodinov's third novel to be published in English and it was published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, a British publisher of UK.



About International Booker Prize:

- ❖ The International Booker Prize is awarded annually for a single book, translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.



- ❖ The International Booker Prize was established in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize, a biennial prize for a body of work.
- ❖ Since 2015, the prize is awarded annually for a single book, written in another language and translated into English.

Environment

African Plume Heatwave

- ❖ The United Kingdom is set to face unprecedented heat wave conditions as meteorologists predict the arrival of the African Plume.
- ❖ It would result in "record-breaking" temperatures.
- ❖ The high-pressure system will cause severe heat conditions within the UK by the end of May.
- ❖ Temperatures are set to reach as high as 35 degrees Celsius.
- ❖ This meteorological phenomenon is characterised by a mass of hot air moving from the Sahara Desert to Europe.
- ❖ It causes a lengthy period of exceptionally high temperatures which may last for days or weeks.
- ❖ The intensity can vary each year, depending on the atmospheric conditions.



Meiogyne arunachalensis

- ❖ In the verdant forests of Arunachal Pradesh, a significant botanical discovery has been made.
- ❖ Researchers have identified a new species of tree and named it Meiogyne arunachalensis.
- ❖ Meiogyne arunachalensis exhibits morphological similarity to another species called Meiogyne maxiflora, which is found in Thailand.
- ❖ However, the newly discovered tree species demonstrates distinctive vegetative and reproductive characteristics that set it apart from its closest relative.
- ❖ Notably, Meiogyne arunachalensis stands out as the largest species in the Meiogyne genus, boasting impressive tree height and girth.
- ❖ The identification of Meiogyne arunachalensis as a new species enriches our knowledge of India's diverse flora.
- ❖ With a total of three known species belonging to the Meiogyne genus, India's botanical heritage continues to captivate researchers and nature enthusiasts alike.
- ❖ The discovery of Meiogyne arunachalensis serves as a testament to the remarkable biodiversity that thrives in the forests of Arunachal Pradesh and reinforces the need for its conservation.



Banking And Economics

Axis Bank Launches Digital Platform 'Sarathi'

- ❖ Axis Bank Ltd has launched 'Sarathi', a first of its kind digital
- ❖ Onboarding platform to enable easy installation of Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (POS) for merchants.
- ❖ Sarathi provides a seamless and hassle-free experience for merchants unlike the traditional onboarding process that can take several days.



What Is A POS Terminal?

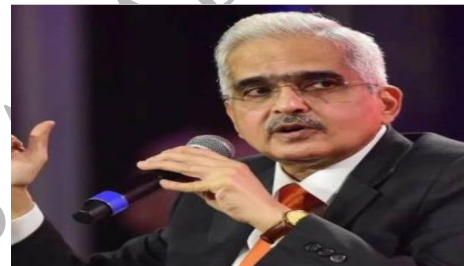
- ❖ A point-of-sale (POS) terminal is a hardware system for processing card payments at retail locations. A software to read magnetic strips of credit and debit cards is embedded in the hardware.
- ❖ The POS terminals empower the merchants to accept payment from customers, by swiping/dipping/tapping their debit/credit/pre-paid cards on it.
- ❖ On the swipe of a card, the POS terminal reads the magnetic strip to check for an ample amount of funds in the card and then transfers it.

About Axis Bank Ltd

- ❖ Managing director - Amitabh Chaudhry
- ❖ Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Establishment -1993

Inflation Likely To Fall Below 4.7%: RBI Governor

- ❖ In this regard, RBI Governor said at the post-annual meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industry held in Delhi: Inflation has reached a moderate level.
- ❖ GDP growth is steady.
- ❖ Current account deficit remains manageable.
- ❖ Retail price inflation eased to 4.7 percent in April. It is likely to fall below 4.7 percent next time.
- ❖ At the end of December last year, the total non-performing loan ratio of banks was 4.4 percent.
- ❖ Non-performing loans have been a major challenge for the Indian banking sector, which has now reduced.



Tamilnadu News

New shorter treatment regimen for TB preventive therapy

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Tuberculosis Summit held recently.
- ❖ In the Summit, Health Minister launched 3HP, a new shorter treatment regimen for TB Preventive Therapy.
- ❖ He also released the State Strategic Plan 2.0 and a TB awareness video.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the first State in the country to procure the medicines for providing to household contacts of patients with TB.



Excavation at Porpanai Kottai

- ❖ The State Archaeology Department began excavation at Porpanaikottai.



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- ❖ It is seeking to unearth an ancient fort in the village.
- ❖ This site is situated about 6.5 km to the east of Pudukkottai town.
- ❖ This is one of the new sites where the department has launched excavations this year.
- ❖ The earliest lithic evidence in the form of a memorial stone datable to 3rd - 4th century CE, on the palaeographical ground, found at this site.
- ❖ It looks contemporary to the Pulankurchi inscription.
- ❖ The memorial stone was raised for a hero Kanankumaran.
- ❖ He was a soldier of the close circuit, who died in a cattle raid carried on this village by Pongkongar Vinnakon.
- ❖ The ruined fort was probably built in the 13-14th century CE.



Job creation in Tamilnadu 2022-23

- ❖ As many as 14,05,171 jobs were created in Tamil Nadu's formal sector in Financial Year (FY) 2022-23.
- ❖ This is increased up by about 9.4% from 12,84,986 jobs in FY 2021-22.
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, the maximum addition was seen in the age group of 18-21, where 3,76,872 jobs were created in 2022-23.
- ❖ In the 22-25 age group, 3,6,8981 jobs were added in 2022-23, followed by 2,44,891 jobs in the more than 35 age brackets.
- ❖ In March, the top five States for net member addition were Maharashtra, TamilNadu, Karnataka, Haryana and Gujarat.
- ❖ These States together constituted 58.68% of net member addition.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's share in the overall net addition declined from 10.5% in 2021-22 to 10.1% in 2022-23.



State News

Chief Ministers of Assam and Meghalaya held talks to resolve disputes in six other sectors along the border.

- ❖ The meeting between Chief Ministers was held in Guwahati .
- ❖ The regional committees of Assam and Meghalaya would visit the six disputed sectors and submit their reports by July-end.
- ❖ After this, a Chief Minister-level review meeting will be held.
- ❖ After the meeting, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, in June the Chief Ministers of both the States will visit Karbi Anglong (Assam).
- ❖ Unrest is going on in Karbi Anglong (Assam). Chief Ministers will go there as a confidence-building measure in the last part of June.
- ❖ On 29 March 2022, Assam and Meghalaya signed an agreement to resolve disputes in six other sectors.
- ❖ Langpih, Borduar, Nongwah-Mawtamur, Desh Doomreah, Block 1 & Block II, and Psiar-Khanduli are the six sectors where disputes remain.





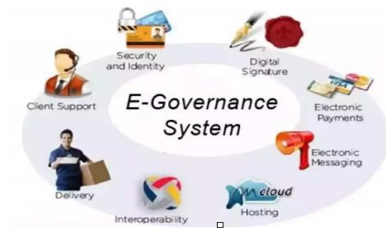
Madhya Pradesh government announces regularization of 6,000 illegal colonies.

- ❖ On May 23, the state government announced regularisation of all unauthorised colonies developed till December 31, 2022, in a major decision ahead of the assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Residents of over 6,000 illegal colonies in the state will be benefited.
- ❖ Necessary funds would be provided for the development of these colonies and as a token, 500 construction permission certificates were also given to the residents of some colonies.
- ❖ Giving another major relief to the residents of these illegal colonies, CM said that no development fee would be charged from the residents of these illegal colonies.
- ❖ For the development of such colonies, the amount of MLA and MP fund can be released.
- ❖ The chief minister also announced that meals at Rs 5 per person should be provided to all under the “**Deendayal Rasoi Yojana**”.
- ❖ The aim of the state government is to not let anyone live without food in the state.



Kerala Becomes India's First Fully E-Governed State

- ❖ Kerala, the southern state of India, is set to make history by declaring itself as the country's first “total e-governed state.”
- ❖ Building upon its reputation as the first fully-literate state in India, Kerala has achieved this milestone through a series of policy initiatives aimed at transforming the state into a digitally-empowered society.
- ❖ With a focus on a knowledge-based economy and 100% digital literacy, the government has digitized the delivery of vital services across various domains, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and accessibility for all citizens.
- ❖ By digitizing service delivery, the government has made it easier for citizens, regardless of their socio-economic background, to access essential services.
- ❖ To support the implementation of e-governance at all levels, the state IT Mission has developed digitized platforms and applications.
- ❖ Notably, the e-Office File Flow system has been introduced, enabling seamless digital workflows even at the village office level.
- ❖ This integration of technology ensures efficient administration and enhances the overall governance process.



National current affairs



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The scepter will be installed by Prime Minister Modi at the inauguration of the new Parliament building.

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi will receive the scepter and install it in the new Parliament Building - Lok Sabha.
- ❖ Scepter is derived from the Tamil word "semmai" meaning "justice".
- ❖ This scepter was received by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, on the night of 14th August 1947 from the Adeenams (Priests) of the Thiruvavaduthurai Adeenam (Monastery) in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Prime Minister will install the same scepter in the Lok Sabha.

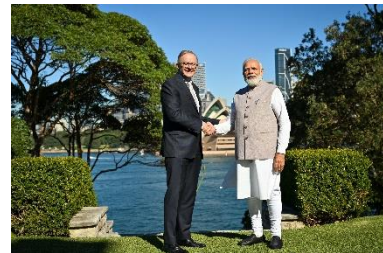


- ❖ The first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru received the scepter from Lord Mountbatten, symbolically representing the transfer of power from the British.
- ❖ The scepter was later kept in a museum in Allahabad.

International news

India and Australia Sign Agreements on Migration and Green Hydrogen Task Force

- ❖ The Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were exchanged following a bilateral meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in Sydney.
- ❖ During their constructive discussions, both leaders focused on enhancing strategic cooperation in the mining and critical minerals sector.
- ❖ Additionally, Prime Minister Albanese announced the establishment of a new Australian Consulate General in Bengaluru, which will serve as a vital connection between Australian businesses and India's thriving digital and innovation ecosystem.
- ❖ In a friendly gesture, Prime Minister Modi extended an invitation to Prime Minister Albanese and all Australian cricket fans to visit India for the upcoming Cricket World Cup this year.



India hands over 20 Broad Gauge Diesel Locomotives to Bangladesh under grant assistance.

- ❖ It Will help augment the capacity and efficiency of Bangladesh Railway for handling the growing volume of passenger and freight train operations in Bangladesh.
- ❖ These 20 locomotives are part of grant assistance from India which fulfils a commitment made during the visit of Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina to India in September 2022.
- ❖ Earlier, in July 2020, India had handed over 10 Broad Gauge locomotives to Bangladesh.
- ❖ The Government of India is also committed to undertaking training programmes for Bangladesh Railway personnel for skill development, and to undertaking projects for digitization of Bangladesh Railway operations, including for passenger and freight management systems.





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