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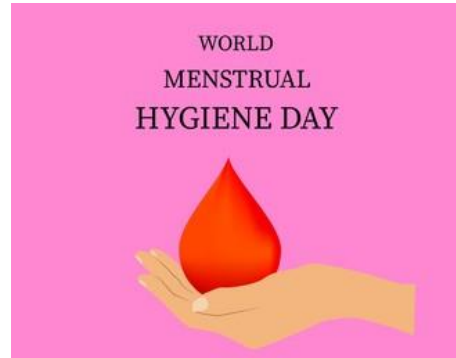
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28 & 29 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

28 May 2023 -Menstrual Hygiene Day

- ❖ Many women do not have access to feminine hygiene products, which can lead to shame and even dropping out of school. Donate to charities to help rectify this.
- ❖ **Theme : “No more limits to the empowerment of girls”**
- ❖ For a disturbingly large amount of the world’s female population, the few days a month of the menses are ‘a time of shame’.
- ❖ Menstruation is a natural process in which blood which was created by the body to cushion an egg is flushed from the body if the owner of the said egg does not become pregnant.
- ❖ It is a normal action which millions of women across the world experience, and this day seeks to remove any taboo associated with it.
- ❖ World Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed every year on May 28 across the globe to raise awareness regarding the onset of menstruation and menstrual hygiene.
- ❖ The day highlights the importance of menstrual hygiene as a part of our overall health and well-being.



29 May 2023 -National Memorial Day (last Monday of May)

- ❖ Memorial Day on May 29 conjures images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summer time for many Americans.
- ❖ But the last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to Honor those who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- ❖ It’s a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as “Decoration Day,” following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers.
- ❖ Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the “unofficial” start of summer, but let’s remember the heroes who made it all possible.



29 May 2023- International Day of UN Peacekeepers

- ❖ The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed annually on May 29th. It is a day dedicated to honouring the contributions and sacrifices of United Nations (UN) peacekeepers in maintaining peace and security around the world. The day also serves as a tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



- ❖ **Theme 75th anniversary “Peace begins with me”** recognizes the service and sacrifice of peacekeepers, past and present, including more than 4200 who have given their lives under the UN flag.
- ❖ It also pays tribute to the resilience of the communities that we serve, who continue to strive for peace despite many obstacles.
- ❖ This campaign also calls on each of us to join the global movement for peace. Alone, we can never succeed. But, together, we can be a strong force for change.



People in the news

India is observing the 59th death anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru

- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Prime Minister of India after independence and played a significant role in India's freedom struggle.
- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru was born on November 14, 1889 in Allahabad, India and died on May 27, 1964 in New Delhi.
- ❖ He was also one of the key leaders of India's freedom movement in the 1930s and 40s.
- ❖ He was the first Prime Minister of independent India (1947–64), established a parliamentary government and was noted for his neutral policies on foreign affairs.
- ❖ India celebrates Nehru's birthday on November 14 every year as Children's Day. He was very fond of children and children used to call him Chacha Nehru.



SV Gangaburwala sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi administers the oath of office to SV Gangapur Vala as the Chief Justice of the High Court.
- ❖ Munishwar Nath Bhandari, who was the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, retired on September 12 last year.
- ❖ Subsequently, Justice Duraisamy, who was appointed as the Chief Justice, retired. Subsequently, T. Raja was appointed as the Chief Justice in charge.
- ❖ D. Raja, who was the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court for 8 months, retired on May 24. Subsequently, S. Vaithyanathan was appointed as the Chief Justice.





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- ❖ In this situation, Judge S. who was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court. President Draupadi Murmu ordered the appointment of V. Gangapurwala.

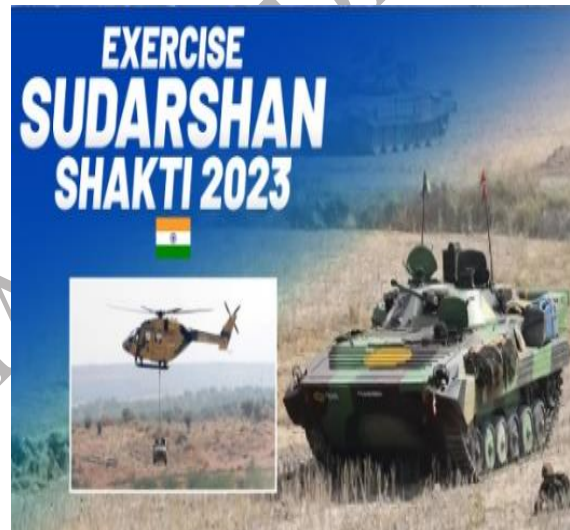
SV. Gangapurwala

- ❖ Born on 24.5.1962 in Maharashtra, Gangapurwala completed his law studies and started his national career as a lawyer in 1985.
- ❖ Gangapurwala, who was appointed as a Joint Judge of the Bombay High Court in March 2010, held the charge of the Chief Justice (CJ) of the Bombay High Court from December 2022.

Defence News

'Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023'

- ❖ The Sapt Shakti Command of the Indian Army conducted exercise 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab.
- ❖ The exercise aimed at transforming the forces into a modern, lean and agile combat combination capable of taking advantage of new age technologies.
- ❖ It focused on validating operational plans in a network-centric environment, involving combat power, combat support and logistics support.
- ❖ The exercise involved coordinated application of combat power, combat support and logistic support under all enemy threat zones including grey zone warfare.
- ❖ The exercise integrates force multipliers such as special forces and niche technologies, including drones, tethered drones, stray ammunition and electronic warfare.
- ❖ To facilitate the exercise to meet the stated objectives of the five pillars of transformation enunciated by COAS Gen Manoj Pandey in January 2023.
- ❖ "Sudarshan Shakti 2023" highlighted the commitment of the South Western Command and its attached units to maintain a high level of operational preparedness and capability to fight technology-intensive future conflicts.



Indian soldiers posthumously awarded the Dag Hammarskjold Medal

- ❖ The Dag Hammarskjold Medal is the highest award given to United Nations peacekeepers.
- ❖ The medals were received by Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations on behalf of the departed Head Constables.





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- ❖ The Dag Hammarskjold Medal is awarded posthumously to peacekeepers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations.
- ❖ The award ceremony took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to mark the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.
- ❖ The medal is named after Dag Hammarskjold, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Indian Medal Winners

- ❖ Shishupal Singh - (Chief Constable, Border Security Force)
- ❖ Sanwala Ram Vishnoi - (Stabilization work in the Democratic Republic of Congo) Shabar Tahar Ali - (Civilian Work in UN Assistance Mission for Iraq).

Summits and Conferences

8th meeting of NITI Aayog Governing Council chaired by PM Modi.

- ❖ The eighth meeting of the NITI Aayog Governing Council was held at the New Convention Center at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ❖ The meeting focused on the theme **"Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India."**
- ❖ Seven more major topics were discussed in the meeting.
- ❖ These include Thrust on MSMEs, Infrastructure and Investments, Minimising Compliances, Women Empowerment, Health and Nutrition, Skill Development, and Gati Shakti for area development and social infrastructure.
- ❖ Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of the States, Union Ministers and Vice Chairman and Members of NITI Aayog participated in the meeting.
- ❖ As a preparation for the 8th meeting of the Governing Council, the 2nd Chief Secretaries' Conference was held in January 2023, where these subjects were discussed extensively.



Sports News

India's ace shuttler HS Prannoy won the Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship 2023 title



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- ❖ India's star shuttler HS Prannoy won the gold medal in the Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship 2023 played in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ❖ Prannoy won the final by defeating China's Wang Hongyang in three games 21-19, 13-21 and 21-18. The match between the two lasted for 94 minutes.
- ❖ Prannoy became the third Indian after Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu to win the Malaysia Masters Championship.
- ❖ Also became the first Indian to win in the men's singles category.
- ❖ This is Prannoy's first medal this season.
- ❖ With Prannoy, India has won the championship 4 times.
- ❖ Gold came in Men's Singles for the first time. At the same time, India has won gold three times in women's singles.
- ❖ PV Sindhu twice and Saina Nehwal once won the championship.



Economy and Banking

SEBI Sets Up Intermediary Advisory Committee Chaired By Former SEBI ED S Ravindran

- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a 21- member Intermediary Advisory Committee chaired by the former SEBI executive director (ED) - S Ravindran.
- ❖ The committee will advise SEBI on changes in legal framework and increasing transparency in the functioning of market intermediaries like stock exchanges, depository participants, clearing corporations, among others.



Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- ❖ SEBI was constituted as a non-statutory body in 1988 and later it was established as a statutory body in the 1992.
- ❖ Chairperson- Madhabi Puri Buch
- ❖ Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

RBI Sanctions Merger Of Maratha Co-Op Bank With Cosmos Co-Operative Bank

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sanctioned the voluntary Scheme of Amalgamation of Maratha Sahakari Bank Ltd., Mumbai (Maharashtra) with the Cosmos Co-operative Bank Ltd, Pune (Maharashtra), the second largest urban cooperative bank of India, from May 29, 2023, in exercise of its powers conferred under Sub-Section (4) of Section 44A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949.
- ❖ In accordance with the scheme, all the 7 branches of Maratha Sahakari Bank Ltd., will
- ❖ function as branches of The Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited.



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- ❖ Merger of Maratha Sahakari Bank with Cosmos Co-op Bank has been approved by RBI.
- ❖ The scheme will become effective from May 29, 2023.
- ❖ The Maratha Sahakari Bank Ltd, - Mumbai, Maharashtra, was placed under directions from close of business on August 31, 2016. Here after, Maratha Sahakari Bank's branches will function as branches of The Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited, Pune (Maharashtra) .
- ❖ The Cosmos Co-operative Bank is a multi-state urban co-operative bank.
- ❖ Maratha Sahakari Bank was founded in the year 1946 for helping poor and needy people, in South Mumbai.



TCS-Led Consortium Bags Rs 15,000 Crore BSNL Contract For 4G Deployment

- ❖ A consortium led by Tata Consultancy Services Ltd, led by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, has bagged an advance purchase order worth Rs 15,000 crore from the central PSU under the telecom sector to deploy 4G network across India.
- ❖ A consortium comprising Tejas Networks Ltd, Center for Telematics Development (C-DOT) and central PSU ITI Ltd (formerly known as Indian Telephone Industries Ltd) has won the bid for BSNL's pan-India 4G project.
- ❖ 75% of the contract value will go to Tata Consultancy Services Limited.
- ❖ Tejas Networks, Tata Group's domestic gear company, will supply and service Radio Access Networks (RAN) equipment.



Tamilnadu News

Thiru. V.KA Street on May 31 in the city, "Makkalai Thedi Meyor Thittam" project.

- ❖ Mayor R. Priya Thiru. V.KA. On 31st May, he will receive petitions directly from the public at the Nagar Zonal Office.
- ❖ This project was launched on 3rd May last at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, North Vatta Rath.
- ❖ Following this, Thiru. V.KA. It will be held on 31st May from 10 am to 1 pm at Nagar Zonal Office.
- ❖ In this, the citizens of zone 6 can directly report to the mayor about the grievances and basic facilities required in their area and find a solution.





Chief Minister Stalin, Minister Udayanidhi thanked the Prime Minister for this year's Gallo India Games in Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The central government has accepted the request to hold the 'Gelo' sports competitions in Tamilnadu this year. For this, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ He said that like the 44th Chess Olympiad, Tamil Nadu will hold the 'Gelo India' sports matches very critically and promote Tamil culture and hospitality.
- ❖ 'Gelo India' has been given permission to hold sports competitions. Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udayanidhi Stalin also thanked.
- ❖ It is a matter of pride that Tamil Nadu has been chosen as the suitable state to host the 'Gelo India' Games. My thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for accepting Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's request to hold the tournament in Tamil Nadu and Union Minister Anurag Singh Tagore for making this possible.
- ❖ He said that Tamil Nadu Sports Development Department will conduct 'Gelo India' sports competition in a very good manner.



National News

PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate much-awaited new Parliament building.

- ❖ The building is a part of the redevelopment of the Central Vista project.
- ❖ On December 10, 2020, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of this new Parliament building.
- ❖ The project was earlier targeted to be completed by October 2022 but got delayed due to various reasons.

Key features of the building:

- ❖ It will have a built-up area of about 65,000 square metres.
- ❖ It will be composed of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Central Hall Joint Session, Central Lounge, Constitutional Hall, and the offices.
- ❖ The building is triangular in shape and it will have a lifespan of more than 150 years.





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- ❖ It can accommodate 888 members in the chamber of the lower house, and 300 in upper house chamber.
- ❖ In September 2020, the contract for the construction of the new Parliament House at an estimated cost of Rs 862 crore was awarded to Tata Projects.
- ❖ However, the cost of the project crossed Rs 1000 crore.

MORD Minister Giriraj Singh launches SAMARTH campaign to Promote Digital Transactions at Gram Panchayat Level

- ❖ A Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats namely 'SAMARTH' under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was launched in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) by the Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).
- ❖ This campaign was already initiated on February 1, 2023, by the MORD to promote digital transactions at the Gram Panchayat level in rural areas, and will continue till 15 August 2023.
- ❖ The event was addressed by the UP Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath.
- ❖ The key thrust of the campaign is to promote Digital Transactions in rural areas, particularly among women.

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)

- ❖ Union Minister- Giriraj Singh (Constituency- Begusarai, Bihar)
- ❖ Minister of State (MOS)- Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Faggan Singh Kulaste

PM Modi flags off Uttarakhand's 1st Vande Bharat train: Dehradun-Delhi

- ❖ Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually flagged off Uttarakhand's 1st semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Train connecting Dehradun with Delhi.
- ❖ The inaugural run of the train connects Dehradun to Delhi's Anand Vihar terminal.
- ❖ This will be the 6th Vande Bharat train connecting Delhi from a different state.
- ❖ This also marks the 18th Vande Bharat train in India.
- ❖ PM Modi also dedicate the newly electrified rail line sections in Uttarakhand. with this Uttarakhand will have its entire rail route 100% electrified.



About Uttarakhand:

- ❖ Chief Minister- Pushkar Singh Dhami
- ❖ Governor-Gen. (Retd.) Gurmit Singh



Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Launched National Medical Devices Policy, 2023 & Other Initiatives

- ❖ The Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), unveiled the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023, and launched the Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices during the inaugural event of the 8th International Conference on Pharma and Medical Device Sector in New Delhi, Delhi.



- ❖ Mansukh Mandaviya also launched a scheme titled 'Assistance for Medical Devices clusters for Common Facilities (AMD-CF)' to establish and strengthen common infrastructure facilities in the medical devices clusters and fortify testing facilities for medical devices.
- ❖ Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 8 International Conference on Pharma and Medical Device Sector which was organized by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for 2 days to promote India as a manufacturing hub of quality medical products in the pharmaceutical and Medical Device Sector.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ❖ Union Minister - Mansukh Mandaviya (Rajya Sabha - Gujarat)
- ❖ Minister of State (MOS) - Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar

International news

Electricity from Nepal to India

- ❖ Officials in Nepal said that electricity exports to India have started following the increase in power generation through hydropower projects.
- ❖ Nepal is generating electricity through hydroelectric power stations built on rivers originating from the Himalayas.
- ❖ As the monsoons begin, large amounts of electricity are generated.
- ❖ While the demand for electricity in Nepal is high during winter, its demand is low during summer. In this environment the country exports electricity.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that Nepal has exported electricity worth Rs.1,200 crore to India from June to November last year.

