

Daily Current Affairs- 05/02/2021

1. Union Ministers jointly launch unified web portal for monitoring progress of GOBARDHAN activities



- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Animal Husbandry Minister Giriraj Singh, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria jointly launched a unified web portal for monitoring the progress of GOBARDHAN activities across the nation.
- Gobardhan is an important component of Swachh Bharat Mission Phase-2 for organic solid waste management.
- **About GOBARDHAN Scheme:** Ministry for Drinking Water and Sanitation on April 30, 2018 launched the **GOBAR - DHAN (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Fund)** Scheme.
- Under GOBAR-DHAN scheme, solid waste of dung and fields will be changed into compost and fuels such as biogas and bio-CNG.

2. Kerala's first Human Milk Bank (HMB) to be opened on February 5



- The HMB shall open at the Ernakulam general hospital in the city by Health Minister KK Shailaja.
- The milk bank will be set up to ensure breast milk for newborn babies whose mothers cannot breastfeed them.
- **Note:** Rotary Club of Cochin Global took the lead to bring the project to the state with two such breast milk banks - one at Ernakulam and the other at Jubilee Medical Mission Hospital at Thrissur.
- The collected milk can be stored up to 6 months safely in the bank.

3. PGIMER, Chandigarh launches India's first 'Amputee Clinic'



- India's **first amputee clinic** has been launched by the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (**PGIMER**), Chandigarh. It was inaugurated by the PGIMER Director Prof. Jagat Ram.
- It has been set up to improve the care of amputee patients by providing a wide range of services under one roof and with significant coordination.
- It will comprise specialists from various departments including orthopaedics, prosthetists, PMR (physical and medical rehabilitation), psychologists, occupational physiotherapy and nursing departments.
- **Note:** PGIMER has also stated that it will run amputee schools based on the successful knee school being run at PGI.

4. Punjab CM launches 'Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai' Mission



- Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh launched the 'Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai' mission as part of the state government's campaign to accomplish the goal of 100 percent potable piped water supply in all rural households by 2022.
- The scheme is being funded by the World Bank, Jal Jeewan Mission of GoI, NABARD, and State Budget.
- He also inaugurated one **Mega Surface Water Supply Scheme** covering 85 villages in the Moga district, 144 new water supply schemes for 172 villages, 121 Arsenic, and Iron removal plants.
- **Facts about Punjab:**

Capital: Chandigarh
Governor: V. P. Singh Badnore
Chief Minister: Captain Amarinder Singh

5. Year-long birth centenary celebrations of legendary classical singer Pandit Bhimsen Joshi begins



- Different events have been organised including SwarBhaskar 100 by Jayateerth Mevundi, 'Abhivadan' by Arya Sangeet Prasarak Mandal.
- **Note:** Pandit Bhimsen Joshi (February 4, 1922 - January 24, 2011) was a vocalist from Karnataka.
- He received the Bharat Ratna in 2008.

6. The Department of Space has entered into a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with Skyroot Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.

- The NDA will enable the company to access the facilities and technical expertise available in ISRO centers to proceed with their launch vehicle development program.



About Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited:

It is an Indian private aerospace manufacturer and commercial launch service provider located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The company was founded by former engineers and scientists from ISRO, DRDO, and various aerospace companies.

- **Note:** The company has been developing its first launch vehicle, the “Vikram-I,” which is on track for its initial launch around December 2021.

7. Oxford names "Aatmanirbharta" as Hindi word of the year 2020



- The word was chosen by an advisory panel of language experts Kritika Agrawal, Poonam Nigam Sahay and Imogen Foxell.
- **Note:** Previous Hindi words of the year are *Aadhaar* (2017), *Nari Shakti* (2018) and *Samvidhaan* (2019).

8. Indian Cricketer Ashok Dinda announces retirement from all forms of cricket



- Fast bowler, Dinda, who has 420 first-class wickets in his bag, has also played 13 ODIs and nine T20s for India, taking 12 and 17 wickets respectively.
- Dinda made his T20 international Debut for India in December 2009 against Sri Lanka and his ODI debut against Zimbabwe in May 2010.

9. Ajay Singh re-elected as president of Boxing Federation of India

- Spicejet airlines chairman Ajay Singh defeated Ashish Shelar in a contest to get re-elected as president of Boxing Federation India for a second term at the

general elections held in Gurugram.



- **About Indian Boxing Federation:** It is the Indian national governing body for Olympic boxing and is India's member organization of the International Amateur Boxing Association. It is headquartered in New Delhi. Indian Boxing Federation is also known as all India boxing association.

10. Andy Jassy to replace Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO



- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has announced to step down from his position later this year as chief executive of the company he built from a startup into one of the world's most valuable firms.
- Andy Jassy is currently serving as CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- **Facts about Amazon:**
CEO: Jeff Bezos
Founder: Jeff Bezos
Founded: 5 July 1994
Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States