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BYJU'S Exam Prep experts have curated a Weekly Current Affairs Magazine which is a collection of important news & events that occurred in the 2nd week of May (8th - 14th) of May 2023. This file is important for the upcoming MBA exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

- According to the Fitch Ratings, what would be India's GDP growth forecast for 2023-24 _____ **6%**.
Note:
 - 6.7% in 2024-25
 - Reason: Headwinds from elevated inflation, interest rates, and subdued global demand
 - The rating firm has also reaffirmed India's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook
 - 'BBB' issuer default rating indicates that expectations of default risk are currently low and payment capacity to meet financial commitments is considered adequate
- RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.73 crore on which international bank for contravention of Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006 _____ **HSBC**.
Note:
 - HSBC has furnished incorrect credit information regarding several expired credit cards with nil dues to all four credit information companies.
 - The RBI imposed the penalty in the exercise of powers conferred under the provisions of Section 25(1) and Section 23(4) of the CIC (Regulation) Act, 2005.
- RBI has added how much of gold in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023, taking the total gold reserves to 794.64 metric tons _____ **34.22 metric tonnes**.
Note:
 - RBI held 760.42 metric tonnes as of March 31, 2022.
 - A recent World Gold Council (WGC) report showed that the RBI added 7 metric tonnes of gold in January-March 2023.
 - The latest WGC report showed that the Monetary Authority of Singapore was the largest single buyer of gold (69 metric tonnes) during January-March 2023.
- Which small finance bank has partnered RuPay to launch the Business Cashback Rupay credit card to meet the financial requirements of self-employed customers _____ **AU Small Finance Bank**.
Note:
 - Aim: To provide a diverse range of benefits to small businesses
 - It was launched in the presence of Dilip Asbe (CEO, NPCI) and Sanjay Agarwal (MD & CEO of AU SFB).
 - It simplifies financial operations for businesses with benefits like up to 2% cashback, 48 days of interest-free credit, and instant loans.
- Which life insurance has partnered with the Indian Industries Association (IIA) to provide life insurance plans to the MSME sector's workforce in Uttar Pradesh _____ **Max Life Insurance**.
Note:
 - Aim: To enhance accessibility and drive affordable insurance penetration across UP
 - Max Life is the appointed lead insurer for UP, under IRDAI's State insurance plan
 - It offers life insurance access to more than 11 lakh MSME workforce affiliated with IIA and their families in the State.
- Rukart has tied up with which bank for providing easy loans to customers for buying the cold storage system 'Subjee Cooler' _____ **SBI**.
Note:
 - Rukart sells 'Subjee Cooler' to enhance the shelf life of fruits and vegetables by 4-6 days.
 - It is a cold chain storage system that requires only 20 liters of water a day.
 - The cost of the product is Rs 50,000 each and one Subjee Cooler has a storage capacity of 100 kg.

- It is dedicated to minimizing the carbon footprint through innovative solutions.
7. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed stock exchanges to extend DMA to registered Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) with immediate effect. What is the extended form of DMA _____ **Direct Market Access**.
- Note:**
- Reason: To promote institutional participation in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs)
- DMA facilitates the clients of a broker to directly access the exchange trading system through the broker's infrastructure to place orders without manual intervention by the broker.
8. Yes Bank has launched which initiative for offering financial assistance to MSMEs manufacturers, who wish to install solar panels at their premises _____ **YES KIRAN**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To support the adoption of sustainable energy practices by small and mid-sized enterprises
- MSMEs will get various benefits such as reduced operational cost, a flexible loan tenure at competitive interest rates, and a broad range of tie-ups with leading solar panel manufacturers and installers to help MSMEs
9. RBI has stated that fees and charges payable in India on forex prepaid cards, store value cards, and travel cards must be denominated and settled in which currency _____ **Local**.
- Note:**
- The use of such cards is limited to permissible current account transactions.
- It is subject to the prescribed limits under the Foreign Exchange Management Rules.
- The RBI had previously stated that no prior permission from the bank is needed for such cards.
10. RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹2.92 crore on which bank for violation of various norms, including linking interest rates to external benchmarks, and opening savings accounts of ineligible entities _____ **Canara Bank**.
- Note:**
- A scrutiny of the bank was carried out by RBI in July 2020 based on a high-value fraud reported by another bank.
- After scrutiny, the RBI found that the bank failed to link interest on floating rate retail loans and loans to MSME to an external benchmark.
11. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will be participating in the GFIN Greenwashing TechSprint. What is the correct form of GFIN _____ **Global Financial Innovation Network**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To address the concern over exaggerated, misleading, or unsubstantiated claims related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) credentials
- GFIN support financial innovation in the interest of consumers.
- The RBI has invited Indian firms to participate in the TechSprint to address sustainable finance as a collective priority.
12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched which campaign for banks to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district of the country within 100 days _____ **100 Days 100 Pays**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and return such deposits to their rightful owners/claimants
- An unclaimed deposit is one that does not see any activity for 10 years or more and is deemed inactive.
13. Which branchless banking and digital network in India, has launched a new meta-commerce platform called _____ Mall _____ **PayNearby**.
- Note:**
- This platform is designed to enable easy access to goods and services and will be integrated with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform.
- Aim: To upgrade every retailer in its million+ active network and help them meet the demand of their customers
- Founder, MD & CEO, PayNearby: Anand Kumar Bajaj.
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Obituaries

1. Samaresh Majumdar, who passed away at 79, was a _____ **Renowned Bengali author**.
- Note:**
- He was best known for his political trilogy – Uttaradhikar, Kalbela, and Kalpurush.
- He has conferred the Sahitya Akademi Award for 'Kalbela', which was set against the backdrop of the Naxalite movement.

- He was awarded 'Bangavibhushan' by the West Bengal government in 2018.
 - Famous books are: Daur, Kalbela, Kalpurush, Garbhadharini, Uttaradhikar, Arjun Samagra, Satkahan etc
2. AR Khaleel, who passed away at the age of 9, was a former Vice President of which organization _____ **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**.

Note:

- He had also served as the president of the Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) for 28 years till 2018.
- He was a footballer, who ran Jawahar Union FC, one of Bengaluru's traditional clubs.
- He also donned managerial roles for the Indian National Teams in various age groups.

Important Days

1. World Red Cross Day is celebrated on which date every year to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the Red Cross _____ **May 8**.

Note:

- World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day.
- The theme of World Red Cross Day 2023 is 'Everything we do comes #fromtheheart'.
- This day recognizes the significant contributions of the International Red Cross toward providing humanitarian services to individuals regardless of their race, religion, or political beliefs.

2. World Thalassaemia Day is celebrated every year on which date to create awareness about the disorder and explore treatment options _____ **May 8**.

Note:

- 2023 theme: Be aware. Share. Care: Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap
- This day was created by Panos Englezos (President and Founder of the Thalassaemia International Federation) in 1994.
- Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that is inherited by children from their parents.

3. National Technology Day is observed every year on which date across the nation to commemorate India's nuclear test success that was conducted on May 11th, 1998, at Pokhran, Rajasthan _____ **May 11**.

Note:

- 2023 theme: School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate
- This term was coined by former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee to recognize the contributions of Indian scientists.
- On May 11, 1998, India successfully fired the Shakti-I nuclear missile at an Army test range in Rajasthan's Pokhran.

4. International Nurses Day is observed every year on which date to recognize the efforts of nurses for their dedication, compassion, and expertise in delivering quality healthcare services _____ **12th May**.

Note:

- 2023 Theme: Our Nurses. Our Future.
- This day commemorates the birth of Florence Nightingale (founder of modern nursing), who was born on May 12, 1820, in Italy.
- She was a nurse, statistician, and social reformer.
- She gained prominence during the Crimean War in the 1850s.

5. Which day is observed twice a year on the second Saturday of May and October _____ **World Migratory Bird Day**.

Note:

- Aim: To promote the conservation of migratory birds and raise awareness about their significance
- In 2023, May 13 marks the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day.
- 2023 theme: Water and its importance for Migratory Bird
- World Migratory Bird Day 2023 will be officially held on 13 May and 14 October.
- It is a worldwide initiative launched in 2006 by the AEWA and CMS Secretariats.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as his Domestic Policy Advisor to help him craft and implement his domestic policy agenda _____ **Neera Tanden**.

Note:

- She has replaced Susan Rice as Biden's Domestic Policy Advisor.
- She served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations, as well as presidential campaigns and think tanks.
- Tanden previously served as senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. The Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) has recommended whom as a new Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) _____ **Parminder Chopra**.

Note:

- She will be the first woman to be appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Maharatna company.
 - She has been working with the company since 2005.
 - **Power Finance Corporation:**
 - It is India's largest NBFC by net worth (all reserves).
 - It was incorporated on July 16th, 1986.
 - Registered office: New Delhi
3. Larsen & Toubro board has appointed whom as Chairman and MD, with effect from October 1, 2023 _____ **S N Subrahmanyam**.
4. Who has been confirmed by the US Senate as the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues in the State Department _____ **Geeta Rao Gupta**.

Note:

- He will succeed A M Naik, who steps down as Non-Executive Chairman of the L&T Group at the end of his tenure on 30 September 2023.
 - Currently, S N Subrahmanyam is serving as the CEO and MD of L&T.
 - He has also worked as Deputy MD & President leading L&T's infrastructure business to its position as the country's largest construction organization.
- She was confirmed by the US Senate by 51 to 47 votes.
 - Prior to this, she has worked as the Executive Director of the UN Foundation's 3D Programme for Girls and Women.
 - She also advises the UNAIDS Global Coalition on Women and AIDS and is on the boards of InterAction and the Moriah Fund.

Important News - India

1. Union Minister Nityanand Rai has inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in which Indian state _____ **West Jaintia Hills district, Meghalaya**.

Note:

- Aim: To promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh
 - The corresponding Land Port in Bangladesh is Tamabil, located in the Sylhet district.
 - The Dawki Land port will facilitate the movement of goods, people, and vehicles across the border.
 - It will also facilitate passenger movement across the border.
2. According to a report commissioned by the oil ministry, India should ban the use of diesel-powered four-wheelers in cities with over 10 lakh population by which year and switch to electric and gas-fuelled vehicles _____ **2027**.

Note:

- The report of the committee headed by former Oil Secretary Tarun Kapoor
 - It has also suggested phasing out motorcycles, scooters, and three-wheelers with internal combustion engines by 2035
 - It help India to achieve the goal of cutting emissions to net zero by 2070
3. Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary has launched the SAKSHAM. What is the expanded form of SAKSHAM _____ **Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management**.

Note:

- It is a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of MoHFW.
 - Developed by: National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi
 - SAKSHAM is a dedicated and unified platform for providing online training and medical education to all health professionals in the country.
4. India has achieved yet another major milestone under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) with what percent of villages achieving ODF Plus status under phase II of the Mission _____ **50%**.

Note:

- Top performing states (percentage of ODF Plus villages):
- Big States: Telangana (100%), Karnataka (99.5%), Tamil Nadu (97.8%) & Uttar Pradesh (95.2%)
- Small states: Goa (95.3%) and Sikkim (69.2%)
- UTs: A&N Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu and Lakshadweep (100%)

5. Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the Green Port Guidelines 2023, under the name of _____ 'Harit Sagar'.

Note:

- Aim: To promote environment-friendly practices across all our Ports
- It provides a comprehensive action plan for achieving targeted outcomes in terms of quantified reduction in carbon emission over defined timelines and achieving SDG.
- It also aims to minimize waste through reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling to attain zero waste discharge from port operations.

6. Union Ministry of WCD has launched which campaign for strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) _____ **Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi.**

Note:

- This unique initiative is aimed at ensuring that India has a high-quality preschool network.
- ECCE is a significant component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 and is envisaged under the NEP.
- The work will be taken by Anganwadis across the country for providing nutrition as well as better education to children.

7. The Union government has lowered the threshold limit of e-invoicing from Rs 10 crore to _____ **Rs 5 crore.**

Note:

- It will be mandatory for smaller businesses to carry out business transactions via e-invoices from August 1, 2023.
- In the exercise of the powers of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, the government has made the amendment in the notification on the recommendations of the Council.
- The threshold was lowered to Rs 10 crore on October 1, 2022.

8. India has extended a \$ 1 billion credit line for which country by one year, a backup infusion of dollars for essential imports Post-negotiations, the credit line was extended till March 2024 _____ **Sri Lanka.**

Note:

- The credit line, part of about \$ 4 billion in emergency assistance extended by India during the peak of Sri Lanka's financial crisis early last year, which was scheduled to end in March
- The situation has improved with Sri Lanka finalizing a nearly USD 3 billion bailout package from IMF

9. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) division of the commerce ministry has recommended imposing anti-dumping duties on imports of a specific type of optical fibre from which countries _____ **China, Korea, and Indonesia.**

Note:

- Reason: To protect the domestic industry from cheap inbound shipments
- The DGTR has recommended the duty after conducting an investigation on the dumped imports of 'Dispersion Unshifted Single-mode Optical Fiber' from these countries.

10. According to the Data Governance Quality Index for 2022-2023 Q3, conducted by DMEQ, NITI Aayog, which ministry has secured the second position among 66 ministries _____ **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.**

Note:

- The Ministry has achieved an impressive score of 4.7 out of 5.
- Aim of the survey: To measure the maturity level of administrative data systems and their use in the decision-making of various Ministries and Departments on the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

11. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister attended the 8th meeting of Agriculture Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries through video conferencing. Name the agriculture minister _____ **Narendra Singh Tomar.**

Note:

- During the conference, he informed that India's exports of agricultural and allied products have crossed four lakh crore rupees.
- He has also highlighted India's performance in the agriculture sector and contribution to global food security with food grain production.

12. Who has inaugurated a PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Warasiguda in Secunderabad _____ **Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide affordable healthcare and generate self-employment opportunities for youth
- It was launched to make quality generic medicines available to the common man at a low cost.
- PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana:

- Launched by: Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Initially launched in 2008

13. The Ministry of Railways and which ministry jointly signed an MoU with Japan International Cooperation Agency for 'Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail' (Project-SMART) _____ **MoHUA**.

Note:

- Project-SMART envisages developing surrounding areas of Mumbai - Ahmedabad High-Speed Railway (MAHSR) Stations.
- This also aimed to enhance accessibility and convenience of commuters & other stakeholders and to promote economic activities in the vicinity of station areas.

14. India Post, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), and Tripta Technologies signed an MoU for which portal _____ **Bharat eMart portal**.

Note:

- This portal will provide the facility of pick-up of consignments from the premises of traders and ensure delivery at the doorsteps of the consignees across the country.
- In the recent past, India Post has entered into similar agreements with GeM, Regional Centers of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).

15. Which AIIMS has collaborated with World Health Organization (WHO-SEARO) to ensure patient safety and quality control _____ **All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi (AIIMS)**.

Note:

- A core committee for Patient Safety and Quality at AIIMS is being constituted for the implementation of advanced patient safety and quality initiatives.
- For this initiative, AIIMS will follow the learning curriculum proposed by WHO in collaboration with Duke-NUS.

16. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal, and Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Canada have co-chaired the discussions for the sixth India- Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) in which city _____ **Ottawa**.

Note:

- MDTI is a bilateral mechanism that provides an institutional mechanism to discuss a broad spectrum of trade and investment-related issues and cooperation areas.
- The Ministers have also reviewed India-Canada CEPA negotiations.

17. The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in which country on May 8, 2023 _____ **Indonesia**.

Note:

- 2023 theme: ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth
- Aim: To demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development
- ASEAN is an organization formed by the governments of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore in 1967.
- Aim: To promote economic growth in the Southeast Asian region

18. Which edition of the two-day International Indian Ocean Conference has been started in Dhaka, Bangladesh on May 12, 2023 _____ **Sixth**.

Note:

- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the conference.
- The conference is being organized by the India Foundation in association with the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2023 theme for this conference is 'Peace, Prosperity, and Partnership for a Resilient Future'.
- The event is being attended by about 150 delegates.

19. The fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (Gaf 2023) will be held in which Indian state from December 1 to 5 _____ **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.

Note:

- The theme of the event is 'Emerging Challenges in Healthcare & A Resurgent Ayurveda'.
- Aim: To bring together Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders from around the world to showcase Ayurveda's potential in addressing health challenges
- The event will also feature over 750 research papers and 750 poster presentations on the sidelines.

Important News – State

1. The Uttar Pradesh's Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City launched which program _____ **School Health Program.**

Note:

- This program has been started by Lucknow Smart City in three schools in Lucknow.
 - A digital health report card for the overall physical and mental well-being of 1765 municipal school students is also being prepared under the project.
 - The benefit of health insurance worth Rs 25,000 is also being given to these children.
2. Union minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the trailer of the "first ever" movie in which language of his home state Arunachal Pradesh _____ **Tagin language.**

Note:

- The film "Love in 90s" will be tax-free and will ask the state government to promote it through other means as well.
 - The film looks at displaying the culture of the Tagin community before the whole country and the world.
 - Tagin or Ghasi Miri tribe is an indigenous community of the Tawang and West Kameng districts, Arunachal Pradesh.
3. Which state government has introduced a Robotics Framework, for providing a roadmap to promote a robotic ecosystem in the State _____ **Telangana.**

Note:

- This is the first-of-its-kind policy in the country.
 - The Government will set up a Telangana Robotics Innovation Centre (TRIC) to implement the framework, which will focus on the key pillars of infrastructure access, business enablement, fostering research and innovation, development of a skilled workforce, and responsible deployment.
4. PM Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth over 5,500 crore rupees in which Indian state _____ **Nathdwara, Rajasthan.**

Note:

- He has also laid the foundation stone for the gauge conversion project and for setting up a new line from Nathdwara to Nathdwara town in Rajsamand.
 - He dedicated three NH projects, including a six-lane Udaipur to Shamlaji section of NH-48 and the widening and strengthening work of the Bar-Bilara-Jodhpur Section of NH-25.
5. Which state has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk' by making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansions of roads and construction _____

Punjab.

Note:

- Reason: Every month more than 10 pedestrians/ bicycle riders are killed in road accidents due to encroachment on pedestrian footpaths
 - Road-owning agencies include NHAI, the public works department, local bodies, and urban development departments.
6. Which Indian airport has become the first in India to have a reading lounge _____ **Lal Bahadur Shastri International (LBSI) Airport.**

Note:

- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath's advisor Awanish Awasthi has inaugurated the lounge.
- Apart from books on Kashi, the lounge's library has a collection of literature and books in many international languages besides books of youth authors published under Prime Minister Yuva Yojana.
- The lounge has been established with the assistance of National Book Trust (NBT).

Important News- World

1. According to a report, released by the UN, an estimated 13.4 million babies were born pre-term in 2020, with 45% of them being born in just five countries, including India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China, and Ethiopia. What is the title of report _____ **Born Too Soon: Decade of Action on Pre-term Birth.**

Note:

- It is jointly produced by the WHO, UNICEF, and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH).
 - The global pre-term birth rate increased to 9.9% in 2020, compared to 9.8% in 2010.
2. WHO has declared which disease is no longer a global health emergency _____ **mpxv outbreak.**

Note:

- In July 2022, WHO declared mpox, previously known as monkeypox, a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).
 - This move indicates that the crisis due to mpox has come under control.
 - Mpox spreads through direct contact with body fluids and causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled skin lesions.
 - The WHO recently also declared an end of public health emergency status for COVID-19.
3. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)'s annual report, the number of internally displaced people around the world reached _____ as of the end of 2022 _____ **71 million**.

Note:

- The number of movements in which people fled in search of safety and shelter was also unprecedented in 2022 with a figure of 60.9 million.
- The conflict in Ukraine triggered nearly 17 million displacements and monsoon floods in Pakistan triggered 8.2 million.

Honor & Awards

1. With whom Barbara Kingsolver (American Novelist) has shared the Pulitzer Prize 2023 in the fiction category _____ **Hernan Diaz (Argentina Writer)**.

Note:

- Barbara Kingsolver was awarded for her novel 'Demon Copperhead' and Hernan Diaz won for his novel 'Trust'.
- Other categories:
- Drama: English, by Sanaz Toossi
- Biography: G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century, by Beverly Gage (Viking)
- Memoir or Autobiography: Stay True, by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)

2. ICC has named which cricket player as ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2023 _____ **Pakistan batter Fakhar Zaman**.

Note:

- While Thailand's skipper Naruemol Chaiwai as ICC Women's Player of the Month
- Fakhar Zaman: He becomes the first Pakistani player to win the monthly accolade since Sidra Ameen in November 2022.
- Naruemol Chaiwai: She chipped in with 55 runs across the T20I series that followed, her 29 in the second T20I helping her side edge out Zimbabwe in a five-wicket win.

3. Who has been named the Sportsman of the Year at the 2023 Laureus World Sports Awards _____ **Argentina footballer, Lionel Messi**.

Note:

- He was awarded for his remarkable achievements on the pitch in the past year, which included leading Argentina to victory in the FIFA World Cup.
- Sportswoman of the Year: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica) Athletics
- Team of the Year: Argentina Men's Football Team
- Breakthrough: Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) Tennis
- Comeback: Christian Eriksen (Denmark) Football

4. President Droupadi Murmu has conferred how many Gallantry awards to the personnel of the Armed Forces, CAPF, and State or Union Territory Police during the Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) in New Delhi _____ **37**.

Note:

- The 37 Gallantry awards include eight Kirti Chakras (including five posthumous) and 29 Shaurya Chakras (including five posthumous).
- The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage, and extreme devotion to duty

5. Name the eminent astronomer, who was awarded the first-ever Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award by the Astronomical Society of India (ASI) _____ **Prof Jayant V. Narlikar**.

Note:

- He was also a founder director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) in Pune.
- The ASI instituted the award in 2022 to recognize eminent Indian astronomers for their contributions to the field of astronomy and astrophysics.
- Prof Narlikar is known for his study of the Universe.

6. Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan has conferred CDS Unit Citations award to the Strategic Forces Command, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad and which special force _____ **2 PARA (Special Forces)**.

Note:

- Reason: For their exemplary performance for the Year 2021-22
 - The CDS unit citations award was constituted after the establishment of the Office of Chief of Defence Staff in 2019.
 - Aim: To boost jointness and integration in the Armed Forces
7. Who has won the inaugural edition of the Armory Square Prize for South Asian Literature in Translation _____
Musharraf Ali Farooqi.
- Note:**
- He translated Siddique Alam's 'The Kettledrum and Other Stories' from Urdu to English.
 - The book will be published by Open Letter Books in 2024.
 - The Armory Square Prize for translation was instituted by the American venture capitalist firm Armory Square.
 - Aim: To recognize literature from underrepresented traditions
8. Saantinketan has been recommended for inclusion in UNESCO's World Heritage List, is the home of which Nobel laureate _____ **Rabindra Nath Tagore.**
- Note:**
- The quaint town in West Bengal's Birbhum district is also home to the Visva-Bharti University built by Tagore.
 - Santiniketan, over 160 km from Kolkata, was originally an ashram built by Tagore's father Debendranath Tagore.
 - India has a total of 40 sites that enjoy the UNESCO World Heritage tag.
9. Who has won Swansea University's Dylan Thomas Prize 2023 for a "kaleidoscopic reflection of queer life and love in Nigeria" _____ **Writer Arinze Ifeakandu.**
- Note:s**
- Dylan Thomas Prize is a recognition of literary works by authors aged 39 or under and is one of the most prestigious awards for young writers.
 - His debut book is God's Children Are Little Broken Things', which is a collection of nine short stories on the themes of queer life, love, and humanity.

Sports News

1. Which tennis player has successfully defended his title at Madrid Open 2023 and won his fourth ATP Tour trophy of the year and his tenth overall _____ **Carlos Alcaraz.**
- Note:**
- In the final, he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff (German) 6-4 3-6 6-3.
 - While Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus has clinched the Women's singles title at Madrid Open 2023.
 - Other winners:
 - Men's doubles: Karen Khachanov / Andrey Rublev
 - Women's doubles: Victoria Azarenka / Beatriz Haddad Maia
2. Which state cricket academy has launched a Talent Scout Program for women to unearth new talents _____ **Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA).**
- Note:**
- The Talent Scout Wing which will comprise former men and women first-class cricketers and coaches, will help in identifying the talent across the state
 - The TNCA has formed four groups of four members each who will cover all 37 districts in Tamil Nadu.
 - Any player who is above 13 years of age can attend the trials.
3. Hriday Hazarika and which Indian shooter have bagged silver medals in the men's and women's 10-meter air rifle events at ISSF World Cup 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan _____ **Nancy Mandhotra.**
- Note:**
- In the 10m air pistol mixed team, Sarabjot Singh and Divya TS won gold.
 - Rhythm Sangwan secured a bronze medal in the women's 25m pistol event.
 - In the overall medals tally, India finished its campaign second behind China.
 - The Baku meet is the penultimate stage of the ISSF World Cup 2023.

Books and Authors

1. Who has launched the Hindi version of cybercrime named 'Cyber Encounters' _____ **Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami.**
- Note:**

- This book was co-authored by state director general of Police (DGP) Ashok Kumar and former DRDO scientist OP Manocha.
 - This book will help the readers in becoming aware of various cyber crimes as it has mentioned actually related cases.
 - It will serve to inspire people to protect themselves from cybercrime.
2. Oprah Winfrey has co-authored a book titled 'Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier' with which author _____ **Arthur C Brooks**.
- Note:**
- The book is expected to be released on September 12, 2023, by Portfolio Books.
 - This book will introduce readers to the incredible science of happiness, based on the best research available.
 - Other books by Winfrey: What I Know for Sure, The Path Made Clear, and Food, Health, and Happiness

Science and Defence

1. Which organization has launched NASA's two satellites to study tropical storms and hurricanes _____ **Rocket Lab**.
- Note:**
- The two CubeSats, the founding members of the agency's TROPICS network, launched atop a Rocket Lab Electron rocket, which was lifted off from New Zealand.
 - Aim: To improve forecasting and provide new insights into how tropical storms evolve and intensify
 - The TROPICS constellation will consist of four CubeSats in low Earth orbit.
2. IIT Madras and which organization have developed cutting-edge sensor technology for underwater communications _____ **DRDO**.
- Note:**
- The Indigenous technology will enable the fabrication of devices at a relatively lower cost.
 - 'Piezoelectric MEMS technology' is required to develop high-performance thin films and convert 'piezo thin film' into state-of-the-art futuristic naval sensors and devices for underwater applications.
 - The Piezo Thin Films are one of the vital components of piezo MEMS devices.
3. Which organization has collaborated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to launch a new geospatial foundation model _____ **International Business Machines (IBM)**.
- Note:**
- It is designed to convert satellite data into high-resolution maps of floods, fires, and other landscape changes to reveal the planet's past and hint at its future.
 - It is expected to be available for preview in the second half of 2023.
 - This model would be part of IBM's watsonx.ai, a next-gen enterprise studio.
4. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of scientific projects worth more than what amount on May 11 _____ **Rs 5800 crore**.
- Note:**
- One of the most significant projects is the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO).
 - The LIGO-India will be developed in Hingoli, Maharashtra.
 - It is an extremely sensitive interferometer of 4 km arm length and act as 'antennae' to detect gravitational waves.
 - It will work in synchronization with two observatories operating in the US.
5. Which space agency has successfully commenced testing of its semi-cryogenic engines, that would power future launch vehicles _____ **ISRO**.
- Note:**
- The very first integrated test on an intermediate configuration of the 2000 kN semi-cryogenic engine was carried out at the newly-commissioned Semicryogenic Integrated Engine & Stage Test facility at Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
 - The test is a step towards developing a 2000 kN thrust engine, which works on Liquid Oxygen (LOX)-Kerosene propellant combination.
6. Which space start up is aiming to launch a school bus-sized space station to orbit by late 2025 in association with Elon Musk's rocket firm, SpaceX _____ **Vast**.
- Note:**
- The cylindrical spacecraft dubbed Haven-1 is the latest platform planned as a replacement for the International Space Station (ISS).
 - The ISS is expected to retire in 2030.

- In 2021, NASA awarded \$415 million in development funds to four companies including Northrop Grumman and Blue Origin.
7. Which space agency has launched a second football-stadium-sized, heavy-lift super pressure balloon (SPB), under its Scientific Balloon Program, from Wānaka Airport, New Zealand _____ **US space agency, NASA.**

Note:

- The first scientific balloon was launched on April 16, following five failed attempts last year.
 - Airways (New Zealand's air navigation services provider) works with Nasa to launch the balloons, which inflate fully in flight to 532,000 cubic meters and carry a scientific payload.
8. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated India's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in which city _____ **Chandigarh.**

Note:

- It will highlight the IAF's role in various wars.
 - It also houses the first IAF-made patent aircraft Air Force 'Kanpur-1 Vintage Prototype Aircraft', a single-engine indigenous flying machine designed and built by the late Air Vice Marshal Harjinder Singh in 1958.
 - In June 2022, an MoU on the heritage centre was signed between the Chandigarh administration and IAF.
9. Which edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was concluded in the Andaman Sea on May 10, 2023 _____ **35th edition.**

Note:

- Aim: To reinforce maritime linkages between the two countries and ensure the safety and security of the international trade route in the Indian Ocean
 - INS Kesari, an indigenously built LST (L), and HTMS Saiburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate participated in the exercise.
10. Which edition of the India-Indonesia bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23 is being organized in Batam, Indonesia from 14-19 May 2023 _____ **4th edition.**

Note:

- Aim: To enhance interoperability, jointness, and mutual cooperation between both navies
- India Navy has participated with INS Kavaratti, Indian Navy Dornier Maritime Patrol aircraft, and Chetak helicopter.
- While the Indonesian Navy participated with KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235 Maritime Patrol Aircraft, and AS565 Panther Helicopter

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