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## 5 May 2023 - Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 4 May - International Firefighters' Day 2023

- ❖ International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is annually observed across the globe on 4th May to honour and recognise the incredible work done by the firefighters while protecting the life and property of people. IFFD also aims to pay tribute to the firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.
- ❖ The day 4th May is also marked as St Florian's Day. St Florian is the Patron Saint of Firefighters.
- ❖ IFFD's symbol: Red and Blue ribbon.
- ❖ International Firefighters Day (IFFD) was initiated to honour the deaths of 5 firefighters who died in the line of duty in the 1998 Wildfire at Linton, Victoria, Australia.
- ❖ .On 4th January 1999, Australian firefighter JJ Edmondson sent out the proposal to observe 4th May as International Firefighters Day.
- ❖ The first-ever International Firefighters Day was observed on 4th May 1999.



#### Buddha Purnima celebrations mark the birth of Gautama Buddha

- ❖ It also marks the day when he attained Enlightenment (Nirvan) under the Mahabodhi tree at Bodh Gaya.
- ❖ It is considered a 'triple-blessed day' - as Tathagata Gautama Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and Maha Parnirvana.
- ❖ In Hinduism, Buddha is considered the ninth incarnation of Lord Vishnu.
- ❖ His birth anniversary is also known as Vaisakhi Buddha Purnima or Vesak.
- ❖ The day is celebrated by Buddhists and Hindus around the world and is a major festival in countries such as India, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Thailand, Tibet, China, Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.



#### Buddha:

- ❖ He was born into a noble family of the Kshatriyas in Lumbini, Nepal in 563 BCE.
- ❖ His childhood name was Siddhartha Gautama and he belonged to Shakya clan.
- ❖ He attained enlightenment under a peepal tree in Bodhgaya.
- ❖ His first sermon is called Dharma Chakra Pravartana.

#### Persons In News

#### Mritanga Vidwan Guru Karaikudi Mani (77) passed away

- ❖ Born in Karaikudi in 1945, Mani was trained in Mritangam playing by his father D. Ramanatha Iyer at a very young age.



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- ❖ Later, he received additional training from Karaikudi Rangu Iyengar, Karaikudi Mani DR Harihara Sharma and KM Vaidhya Nathan. At a young age he played mridangam for many musical concerts with MS Subbulakshmi.
- ❖ He established the 'Karaikudi Pani' method of mridanga reading. A highly spiritual person, he accepted Swami Sura Jananda as his guru.
- ❖ He received the Sangeetha Natak Akademi Award in 1998.
- ❖ Many leading artistes including Karaikudi R. Ramesh, Tiruvarur Vaidyanathan were his disciples.
- ❖ He has many disciples in many parts of the world including America, Australia, Britain through the Sruthi Laya Kendra music school he started. He has composed works for many Bharatanatyam works.



## Places In News

### Uttar Pradesh govt plans 'Ramaland' in Ayodhya modelled on Disneyland.

- ❖ Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop a theme park 'Ramaland' modelled on Disneyland to narrate the story of Lord Ram.
- ❖ With Ramaland, the tourism department is looking to attract children and adults alike to showcase the legendary tales from Ramayan in the template of 'learning with entertainment'.
- ❖ The deliberate transformation of Ayodhya is estimated to value Rs 30,000 crore to the exchequer below 'Ayodhya Imaginative and prescient 2047' theme.
- ❖ The expenditure will likely be incurred collectively by the central and the UP governments.
- ❖ These initiatives embrace Sensible Metropolis Mission, widening of roads, fashionable bus terminals, unclogging the overhead electrical energy provide cables, beautification of ghats, cultural centres and so on.



## Reports and indices

### 'Is an End to Child Marriage Within Reach?' Report

- ❖ Child marriage remains a prevalent issue worldwide, with many underage individuals forced into marriage despite various rules and laws prohibiting the practice.
- ❖ The United Nations defines child marriage as a marriage under the age of 18 and considers it a fundamental violation of human rights.
- ❖ Both boys and girls are placed in disadvantageous positions by child marriage, with girls often experiencing early pregnancy, interrupted schooling, limited opportunities, and domestic violence.
- ❖ In contrast, boys may face adult roles for which they are unprepared, overburdened with economic pressure, and unable to progress in life. In this regard, the UNICEF recently released a report titled 'Is an End to Child Marriage Within Reach?'.



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Headquarters: New York, New York, United States  
Founded : 11 December 1946, New York, New York, United States  
Founders : United Nations General Assembly, Ludwik Rajchman  
Head : Catherine M. Russell

## The Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC) for 2023

- ❖ The Global Report on Food Crises (GRFC) for 2023 was produced by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) and released by the Global Network against Food Crises (GNAFC).
- ❖ The GRFC report serves as a reference document for acute food insecurity at the global, regional, and country levels.
- ❖ The primary objective of the report is to provide independent and consensus-based evidence and analysis that can inform humanitarian and development actions.



## 52% of Indian population had internet access in 2022: 'Internet in India Report 2022'.

- ❖ The 'Internet in India Report 2022' has been released by IAMAI and Kantar.
- ❖ According to the report, 52% of the Indian population or **759 million** people have got access of internet at least once a month in 2022.
- ❖ The number of internet users is likely to grow to 900 million. Out of total 759 million people, 399 million are from rural India, while 360 million are from urban India.
- ❖ Rural India continues to drive the growth of the internet in the country.
- ❖ By 2025, 56% of all new internet users in India will be from rural India.
- ❖ In Urban India, internet penetration witnessed only 6% growth in 2022.
- ❖ The internet penetration in Bihar is 32% and the internet penetration in Goa is 70%.
- ❖ Bihar has the lowest internet penetration while Goa has the highest internet penetration.

## Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launches VCI portal

- ❖ On 29th April 2023, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, launched a Veterinary Council of India (VCI) portal during the event organised to celebrate World Veterinary Day 2023 (29 April 2023) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.



- ❖ He also released the draft Minimum Standards of Veterinary Practices Regulation (MSVPR) 2023, and a list of outstanding veterinarians in the event.
- ❖ The event was organised to recognize and celebrate the important roles of Veterinarians in animal and human health and ecology.

## Economy / Banking/ Finance

### US Federal Reserve hikes interest rate by 25 bps.

- ❖ US Federal Reserve has raised interest rates by 25 basis points to 5.15 per cent for controlling inflation.
- ❖ It has become effective from 4 May 2023.
- ❖ Its main aim is to bring inflation under 2 per cent. It is the 10th consecutive increase since March 2022.
- ❖ The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has decided to raise the target range for the federal funds rate to 5 to 5- 1/4 percent.
- ❖ In March, inflation slowed to 5 per cent, which is still more than Fed's target.
- ❖ Fed's continuous sharp rate hike has triggered panic among investors.
- ❖ Recently, First Republic Bank collapsed and it has been acquired by JPMorgan.
- ❖ According to government data, job opening has fallen sharply in March to the lowest level in nearly two years.



## Tamilnadu News

### 'Freedom' products made by prison inmates: Sale in School Education Department premises

- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, clothes, coconut and coconut oil are produced by the prisoners lodged in the Central Jails of Puzhal, Velur, Palayangottai, Coimbatore and Madurai.
- ❖ Similarly, the inmates of the Trichy Women's Jail are engaged in the production of wheat and ragi breads. The prison department is currently marketing these products made by inmates under the brand name 'Freedom'.





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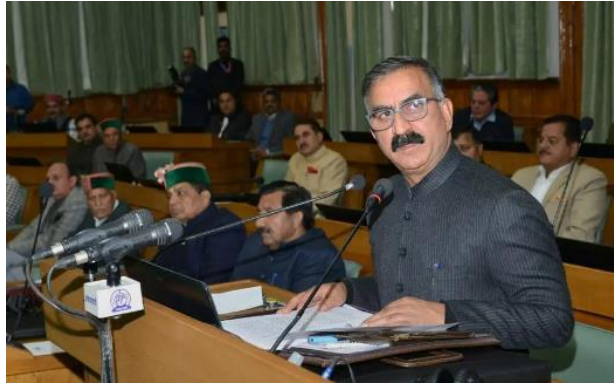
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## State News

### Himachal Pradesh government approved a monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women of Spiti Valley.

- ❖ The cabinet of Himachal Pradesh has approved a monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 as Indra Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi to all eligible women of the Spiti Valley.
- ❖ It will be given to all women above 18 years. It will be also given to Buddhist nuns.
- ❖ A sub-committee will be formed to formulate a White Paper on the state's financial position.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh government also gave approval to introduce e-stamping for the collection of stamp duty to promote ease-of-doing business.
- ❖ It also gave approval to continue a dual system of stamps, i.e. physical stamp paper and e-stamp paper from April 1 to March 31, 2024.
- ❖ After 1 April 2024, physical stamp paper will discontinue completely.
- ❖ Cabinet also gave the nod to increase the honorarium of Revenue Chowkidars or part-time workers from Rs 5,000 to Rs 5,500 per month.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh government also decided to constitute Atal Tunnel Planning Area.
- ❖ The state government will give Rs 600 for school uniforms through direct benefit transfer to all eligible students.



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- ❖ The deliberate transformation of Ayodhya is estimated to value Rs 30,000 crore to the exchequer below 'Ayodhya Imaginative and prescient 2047' theme.
- ❖ These funds are targeted to be invested in about 260 initiatives pertaining to tourism, aviation, infrastructure, housing, medical, vitality, tradition, city improvement, transport and so on.
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## National News

### Railway Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been awarded the “Navaratna” status.

- ❖ Railway Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a central public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, has been accorded the “Navaratna” status. It is noteworthy that RVNL was awarded the “Mini-Ratna” status in September 2013.
- ❖ Granting “Navaratna” status to RVNL is said to lead to enhanced delegation of powers and greater operational independence and financial autonomy.



### Karnataka ranked most innovative State by the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22

- ❖ According to the 'National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22: Summary for Policymakers', a joint study by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Karnataka has topped the Indian Manufacturing Innovation Index (IMII) ranking 2022 with an IMII score of 33.41.
- ❖ The NMIS 2021-2022 which aims to evaluate the innovation performance of manufacturing firms in the India was released by Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, DST, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).
- ❖ Telangana, Karnataka, and TN had the highest share of innovative firms at 46.18%, 39.10% and 31.90%, respectively, with Odisha, Bihar, and Jharkhand reporting the lowest share of such firms at 12.78%, 13.47% and 13.71%, respectively.



## International relations

### Solution to border issue: Jaishankar urges Chinese foreign minister

- ❖ Jaishankar held consultations with Qin Kong, who was in India to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Benuain, Goa on Thursday.
- ❖ The East Ladakh border issue was discussed for speedy resolution of the remaining issues and to ensure peace in the border areas'.



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- ❖ This is the second meeting between Jaishankar and Kin Kang in the last 2 months. Earlier, Jaishankar had held consultations with Kin Kong when he came to India last March to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.
- ❖ **Consultations with Russian Foreign Minister:** Jaishankar also held discussions with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who was in Benau to participate in the Foreign Ministers' meeting. In the wake of the war on Ukraine, India has procured cheap crude oil from Russia. After that, trade between India and Russia has decreased in the last few months.



## ADP should give importance to regional development.

- ❖ The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank was held on Thursday. Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who participated in it said:
- ❖ The world is witnessing various changes in issues such as fuel, food, fertilizers, credit, energy, food supply, sustainable development, financial stability.
- ❖ 'Resurgent Asia - Recovery, Reconnection, Reform' is the theme of the Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting. This theme is similar to the theme of 'One Earth, One Home, One Future' set by India under the G20 leadership.
- ❖ India has set a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2070. India is successfully marching towards that goal. Climate finance will play a key role in bringing net carbon emissions to zero.
- ❖ The Asian Development Bank was established in 1966 to focus on the development of the Asia-Pacific region. India became a member of the bank when it was established. India is also the 4th largest shareholder of the Asian Development Bank.
- ❖ Indian-origin Ajay Banga has been appointed as the new president of the World Bank and will take over on June 2.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed hope that the new president Ajay Banga will use his experience in the best possible way to achieve the goals of the World Bank.





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## Jaishankar consults with Director General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- ❖ India, which holds the presidency of the SCO Organization, will hold its annual conference in Goa in July. A meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the SCO was held in Benuain, Goa in view of this. As part of that, Jaishankar consulted with its CEO, who is in India, on the overall resolutions to be discussed at the SCO conference.
- ❖ Conducted Jaishankar, who posted on his Twitter page, said that innovative companies, traditional medicine, youth development, Buddhist tradition, science and technology will be the main topics of discussion in this conference.
- ❖ At the 2001 conference in Shanghai, China, Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan,
- ❖ SCO was established by the presidents of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ The main objective of this organization is to promote military cooperation and economic cooperation among the member countries. In 2017, India and Pakistan joined the organization as permanent members.

