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## 23 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### May 21 2023 - International Tea Day

- ❖ The United Nations (UN) International Tea Day is annually observed on 21st May globally to promote the ways to sustain the production and consumption of tea across the globe and also to learn the significance of tea in combating hunger and poverty.
- ❖ **Theme: “Bee engaged in pollinator-friendly agricultural production”.**
- ❖ International Tea Day also provides an opportunity for tea-producing countries, international organisations, governments and tea enthusiasts to collaborate and exchange knowledge and experiences related to tea production, trade and consumption.
- ❖ The day is observed by the Food and Agriculture Organisations (FAO) of the UN in collaboration with other relevant Organisations.



#### United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

- ❖ Director-General- Audrey Azoulay
- ❖ Headquarters- Paris, France

#### 21st May 2023 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

- ❖ The United Nations (UN)'s World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is annually observed across the globe on 21st May to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures.
- ❖ The day also recognises the need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable development and peaceful global coexistence
- ❖ The annual observance of the day is led by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



#### National Anti-Terrorism Day 2023 - May 21

- ❖ Anti-Terrorism Day is annually observed across India on 21st May to mark the death anniversary of former Indian Prime Minister (PM) Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1991 at Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.





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- ❖ 21st May 2023 marks the 32nd death anniversary of 6th Prime Minister of India PM Rajiv Gandhi (1984 to 1989).

## Significance

- ❖ Anti-Terrorism Day falls on May 21 thus commemorating the day when Rajiv Gandhi, India's former Prime Minister was assassinated.
- ❖ On National Anti-Terrorism Day, people pay their respects to Rajiv Gandhi and remember his contribution to the education sector.

## May 22 2023 - International Day for Biological Diversity

- ❖ United Nations (UN)'s International Day for Biological Diversity is annually observed across the globe on May 22 to raise awareness and promote the conservation of biological diversity.



- ❖ The day highlights the importance of biodiversity and its crucial role in sustaining life on Earth.
- ❖ **Theme "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity"**.
- ❖ The promotes the idea of an action plan agreed upon at a global level to implement all the measures that the agreement contemplates before 2030. Eating less red meat, avoiding fast fashion, and turning your backyard into a carbon sink.

## Importance of Biodiversity

- ❖ At the international and policy level, we need commitments to restore the Earth's ecosystems, following the examples set by the Everglades and farmers in the African Sahel.
- ❖ Indigenous and local communities are deep and rich sources of traditional knowledge of how best to care for increasingly fragile landscapes. Technological innovation is a crucial tool too.
- ❖ And with biodiversity worth more in monetary terms than the entire global economy, there's a clear business case to be made for investing in restoring the planet.

### Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD)

- ❖ Acting Executive Secretary- Dr David Cooper
- ❖ Headquarters - Montreal, Canada.
- ❖ Establishment - 29 December 1993

### United Nations (UN):

- ❖ Secretary-General- António Guterres
- ❖ Headquarters - New York, USA
- ❖ Establishment - 1945



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## People in the news

### Film actor Sarathbabu (71) passed away at a private hospital in Hyderabad due to poor health.

- ❖ **Film career:** Sarathbabu made his debut in the film industry in the year 1973 with the Telugu film 'Rama Rajjiyam'. He entered the Tamil film industry with the film 'Pattinab Pravesam'.
- ❖ The films 'Mullum Malarum' released in 1978 and 'Uthiripookkal' released in 1979 directed by Mahendran earned him a unique identity among the fans.
- ❖ In 1980, Sarathbabu acted alongside the late former Chief Minister Jayalalitha in the film 'Nadhiyit Vanda Kadal' directed by B.Lenin. This film was Jayalalitha's last film.
- ❖ Sarathbabu's film career saw him awarded the Tamil Nadu Government Film Award for Best Character Actor in 2017. Awarded for Best Supporting Actor in Telugu Films in 1987, 1988, 1989. Apart from Tamil and Telugu, Sarathbabu has also acted in Kannada, Hindi and Malayalam films.



## Places in the news

### Mysore bears at Vandalur Zoo 2 bears have arrived at Vandalur Zoo from Mysore, Karnataka.

- ❖ In the animal exchange system, As a male and a female to Vandalur Zoo 2 bears have been brought.
- ❖ The 3-year-old male bear is named Appu and the 2-year-old female bear is named Pushpa.
- ❖ Similarly, 6 fire chickens have been donated from Vandalur Zoo to Hampi, Shimoga and Cuttack parks in Karnataka.
- ❖ The bears brought to Vandalur are fed vegetables, fruits, honey and boiled eggs.
- ❖ These bears will be kept in isolation for 21 days and then visitors will be allowed to see them, he said.



## Defence News



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## INS Tarkash and INS Subhadra are participating in AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023 Naval Exercise in Saudi Arabia.

- ❖ Al-Mohed-Al Hindi is a joint Naval Exercise between India and Saudi Arabia. This is the second edition of the AL- MOHED AL-HINDI exercise.
- ❖ The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 21 - 25 May 2023 off Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The first edition of this exercise was successfully conducted in 2021. This year, maritime patrol aircrafts are also participating in the exercise.
- ❖ This exercise will deepen defence ties between India and Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2023' comprises a series of exercises conducted on land and at sea.
- ❖ INS TARKASH was commissioned in 2012 and is a state-of-the-art stealth frigate of the Talwar class. It is equipped with advanced weapon-sensor technology.
- ❖ INS TARKASH has actively participated in many humanitarian missions such as Operation Raahat, Operation Kaveri, etc.
- ❖ INS SUBHADRA is a patrol vessel of the Sukanya class. It served as a test bed for Dhanush ballistic missiles.
- ❖ This exercise will enhance maritime security, and enhance interoperability between the Indian and Saudi naval forces.



## Summits and Conferences

### Union Minister Piyush Goyal will inaugurate the 44th edition of the ISO COPOLCO Plenary

- ❖ The 44th edition of the coveted annual consumer policy forum - ISO COPOLCO Plenary will be organized from 23 to 26 May.
- ❖ The topics of deliberations at the plenary included challenges related to involving consumers, protection of their rights and legal modalities.
- ❖ This year's plenary is very important for India and the international community.
- ❖ Many leaders from government and business sectors will participate in the summit and an international delegation of eminent stakeholders will mark their presence.
- ❖ Different Workshops and addresses by several high-level speakers will be part of this ISO COPOLCO Plenary.



### International Standards Organisation (ISO):

- ❖ It was founded on 23 February 1947.
- ❖ It is an international body with 168 countries as members.
- ❖ It develops and publishes international standards in all technical and nontechnical fields except electrical and electronic engineering.
- ❖ It has published more than 24,500 international standards covering all aspects of technology



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## Sports

### Neeraj Chopra becomes world No. 1 athlete in World Athletics men's javelin throw rankings

- ❖ Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra has become the world number one player in the latest rankings of men's javelin throw released by World Athletics on 22 May 2023.
- ❖ Neeraj Chopra topped the table with 1455 points, 22 points ahead of Anderson Peters of Grenada. The Indian javelin legend had achieved world no. 2 ranking on August 30, 2022 but has been trailing world champion Peters since then.
- ❖ In September 2022, Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian athlete to lift the prestigious Diamond League trophy by winning the Diamond League 2022 final in Zurich.
- ❖ Neeraj Chopra, who holds the Indian national record in men's javelin throw, returned from the season-opening Doha Diamond League on 5 May 2023 and finished first with a throw of 88.67m. Anderson Peters had finished third in the Doha meet with a throw of 85.88m.



#### World Athletics Javelin Throw Top-5 Ranking (Men)

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| ❖ Neeraj Chopra (India)          | – 1,455 points |
| ❖ Anderson Peters (Grenada)      | – 1,433 points |
| ❖ Jakub Wadljev (Czech Republic) | – 1,416 points |
| ❖ Julian Weber (Germany)         | – 1,385 points |
| ❖ Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan)       | – 1,306 points |

### Daniil Medvedev wins first title on clay court of his career.

- ❖ Daniil Medvedev wins Italian Open by defeating Denmark's Holger Rune in the final. It is his maiden claycourt title.
- ❖ Daniil Medvedev defeated Holger Rune by 7-5, 7-5 in the finals. It is the fifth title for Daniil Medvedev in 2023.
- ❖ Daniil Medvedev has overtaken Novak Djokovic to reach second place in the world rankings. Daniil Medvedev has won total of 20 titles in his career.





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- ❖ In the men's doubles title, Hugo Nys and Jan Zielinski won the title by defeating Robin Haase and Botic van de Zandschulp. It is their maiden ATP Masters 1000 title.
- ❖ Storm Hunter and Elise Mertens won the women's doubles title by defeating Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula.
- ❖ Elena Rybakina won the women's singles final by defeating Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina.

## Economics and Banking

### India's Coal Production Grew By 8.5 Percent In April.

- ❖ Statistics released by the Ministry of Coal in this regard
- ❖ Earlier, the target was set to produce 7.71 crore tonnes of coal in April.
- ❖ 94.89 percent of that target has been achieved.
- ❖ State-owned Coal India and its subsidiaries alone produced 5.76 crore tonnes of coal last April.
- ❖ India is one of the top five largest coal producing countries in the world.
- ❖ However, as India is one of the largest dry fuel consuming countries, a large amount of coal is imported to meet the country's demand.
- ❖ In particular, India relies heavily on imports for coking coal, a key raw material used in steelmaking.

### RBI Cancels Certificate Of Registration Of 7 Nonbank Financial Companies ( NBFCs )

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of RBI Act, 1934 has cancelled the Certificate of Registration (COR) of seven Non- Banking Finance Companies (NBFC).
- ❖ With this, the notified companies are barred from transacting the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI), as defined in clause (a) of Section 45-I of the RBI Act, 1934.
- ❖ The 14 NBFCs have surrendered the Certificate of Registration (COR) granted to them by RBI.
- ❖ Thus, RBI, in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934, has therefore cancelled their COR.

#### Reserve Bank Of India (RBI):

- ❖ Governor- Shaktikanta Das
- ❖ Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ Establishment- 1st April 1935

### Tide And Transcorp Launch India's-First Recycled Polyvinyl Chloride ( PVC ) Rupay Card Tide And Transcorp

- ❖ Tide in partnership with the Transcorp International Limited launched India's first recycled Rupay card, along with Titanium MasterCard Card ( MCT ) Cards & Technology Pvt. Ltd. and NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).



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- ❖ PVC is an acronym for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). PVC cards are more durable than paper-based cards and can last longer without getting damaged or torn, along with security features.
- ❖ With this, all the 4 entities initiated industry-first initiative as part of an India-wide and global shift away from virgin plastic and accelerate reduction in carbon emissions. Each rPVC card will save 7g of carbon and 3.18g of plastic, which will be used in the production of a new card made with virgin PVC.

## TamilNadu News

### International Electric Vehicle Expo in Chennai on May 26

- ❖ The 2nd International Electric Vehicle Exhibition will be held from 26th to 28th May at the Trade Center in Nantambakkam, Chennai.
- ❖ With the support of the Government of Jharkhand, the exhibition is named 'International EV Show-2023' to showcase the development of the Indian electric vehicle industry.
- ❖ More than 200 electric vehicle companies including 7 companies from Tamil Nadu are participating in this exhibition.
- ❖ Namit Gupta, Director, Futurex Group, Sethupat, told reporters on Monday:
- ❖ Air pollution is the biggest threat to Indian cities. He said that this exhibition is being conducted to create awareness among the people of India about the benefits of electric vehicles, environmental damage due to carbon dioxide emissions and non-renewable resources.
- ❖ Futurex Group Project Director Kunar Mukesh, Project Manager Elahi, EV Nexus Group President Padmanabhan were present in this meeting.

### Natham land types henceforth known as 'Ryatuwari Manai' Tamil Nadu Government Order

- ❖ In order to facilitate the work of computerization of Natham land types, it has been decided to name these types of land as '**Ryatuwari Manai**'. The order was issued by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management.
- ❖ The work of computerization of land records was started in the year **2003**. The registers for '**Aa Register**' and City Lands are fully computerized.
- ❖ Software for computerization of Gram Natham type of land will be available soon. Thus, during computerization, there will be unnecessary confusion if the category names for the lands are different.
- ❖ For example, the name Government land is treated as Government land in computer software. This will prevent individuals from changing the name of the land. Considering this, the Land Land Commission has asked the Tamil Nadu government to come up with a single model for the names of Nattam lands.
- ❖ Subsequently, it has been decided to change the different names of the lands and give them a uniform name.
- ❖ Nattam Nansey, Nattam Pun Sei, Nattam Manai, Nattam Puram Tukku, Nattam with lessee name, Individual land with lessee name, Government land, Sarkar land and henceforth called Ryatwari land.
- ❖ If the natham includes sarkar puram tukku and kali natham, kali manai are common and not used by anyone, it will be classified as sarkar extramural.



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- ❖ According to the order of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Temples, Idukhas, Roads, State, Highways, Parks, Schools and other places of public use will be classified as sarkar puram course in Natham Survey.
- ❖ With this, the long-term problem of Natham land grabbers has been resolved. Land owners are also likely to get a computerized license.

## State News

### Vice President Dhankhar inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Kerala Legislative Assembly building.

- ❖ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was on a two-day visit to Kerala.
- ❖ He inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Kerala Legislative Assembly building in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ❖ He also released a souvenir of the Kerala Legislature International Book Festival.
- ❖ The Vice President also visited the Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala and interacted with the cadets.
- ❖ He also visited the famous Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram.

#### Legislative Assembly of Kerala:

- ❖ It is also known as 'Niyamasabha'.
- ❖ It is a five stories building.
- ❖ It was inaugurated by K.R. Narayanan on 22 May 1998. It is located in Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram.
- ❖ The Assembly complex is spread over an area of 61760 sq km.
- ❖ It is constructed in the classical style of Architecture of Kerala. It has strong influences of many contemporary styles.

### Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik reshuffled his Cabinet.

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik included three new ministers in his cabinet.
- ❖ Three senior MLAs Bikram Keshari Arukha, Sudam Marndi, and Sarada Nayak have been appointed as Ministers in the Odisha government.
- ❖ Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal administered the oath of office and secrecy to these ministers at Lok Seva Bhawan.
- ❖ Bikram Keshari has been allotted the Finance Ministry while Sarada Nayak received the Labour portfolio and School and Mass education to Sudam Marndi.
- ❖ The positions were vacant after the resignation of the two ministers and the assassination of Health and Family Welfare Minister Naba Kishore Das.
- ❖ Article 164 (1A) states that the strength of a council of ministers headed by the CM cannot exceed 15% of the strength of the assembly (the total number of MLAs) but it can't be less than 12 members either.
- ❖ Odisha Legislative Assembly has 147 members. The number in Odisha's Council of Ministers has increased to 22.

## National News

### UGC Launches 'NEP SAARTHI' to Involve Students in Implementing NEP 2020

- ❖ The University Grants Commission (UGC) has announced a new initiative titled 'NEP SAARTHI' (Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher



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Education in India)' to involve students in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

- ❖ Objective: To create an environment where students could engage and participate to make effective use of the provisions of NEP 2020.
- ❖ The University Grants Commission (UGC) has announced a new initiative titled 'NEP SAARTHI- Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India' to involve students in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

## University Grants Commission

Founder	- Maulana Azad
Head Quarters	- New Delhi
Locations	- India
Official Language	- English Hindi
Chairman	- <u>Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar</u>

## Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme: Vizag launches AP's first health insurance scheme for special children

- ❖ Visakhapatnam district launched "Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme" a first of its kind initiative in Andhra Pradesh (AP), to provide free medical services for Special children i.e. children suffering from autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities.
- ❖ The Visakhapatnam District Collector A. Mallikarjuna launched the scheme at a programme organised at the Bhavitha Centre at Akkayyapalem, Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ **The scheme was being operated by the Central Government through the National Trust, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- ❖ At a programme organised at the Bhavitha Centre at Akkayyapalem here on Saturday, Dr. Mallikarjuna said that the Central Government was operating the health insurance scheme through the National Trust, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. In Visakhapatnam district, the scheme was being run with the assistance of The Ability People.

## International news

### Top honors of Papua New Guinea, Fiji for PM Modi

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi made his maiden visit to Papua New Guinea. He participated in the summit between India and 14 Pacific Island countries held there.
- ❖ Papua New Guinea's highest award 'Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu' awarded by Prime Minister Modi was presented by the country's Governor General Bob Dade. It is the highest award given to the citizens of the country. Recipients of this award are known as 'Chief'.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that this award has been given to only a few people, including former US President Bill Clinton, who do not live in Papua New Guinea.
- ❖ The award of 'Companion of the Order of Fiji' is a great honor for India.



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## Israel ties up with The Indian Institute of Technology Madras to set up water technology centre

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has entered into a partnership with Israel to establish the 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT).
- ❖ This joint initiative aims to address the challenges in water resources management and water technologies in India.
- ❖ By leveraging the expertise of Israel, known as a global champion in water management, the center aims to develop tailor-made solutions for India's water requirements.
- ❖ This collaboration will be instrumental in achieving the objectives of India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' (MoHUA) 'AMRUT' Mission.
- ❖ The Letter of Intent (LoI) for the center was signed by representatives from both countries, highlighting the significance of this collaboration in ensuring water security for India.