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## 31 May 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 31 May 2023 - National Senior Health & Fitness Day

- ❖ Stay young, healthy and flexible by enjoying and celebrating National Senior Health & Fitness Day! Whether you're a senior yourself or you have one in your life, this day acts as a perfect reminder and motivator to enjoy the benefits that exercise and good health offer.
- ❖ A health and fitness event specifically targeted toward those who are a bit further along in years, National Senior Health & Fitness Day has been celebrated on the last day in May each year since 1993.
- ❖ The day was founded and continues to be organized by the Mature Market Resource Center (MMRC) with the purpose of encouraging folks to participate in some activities that will help them get and stay fit.



#### 31 May 2023 - National Smile Day

- ❖ Bring out that smile and make the world a better place! Of course, wearing a smile is a great idea for any day but especially on this one, which is National Smile Day.
- ❖ It's logical to assume that people have been smiling all throughout human history. Even for very tiny babies it doesn't take long until they catch a view of something they enjoy and learn to smile about it. Smiles have been bringing joy and delight to people of all ages for thousands of years. And it seems that smiling can even be good for one's health!
- ❖ National Smile Day acts as an important part of National Smile Month, which takes place in part of May and part of June every year. World Smile Day is another celebration dedicated to the smile, which is situated in the month of November.



#### 31 May 2023 - World No Tobacco Day

- ❖ Smoking has long been a habit so many of us would like to kick, but it is something that has proven to be difficult.
- ❖ The good news is that in recent times there has been more of a focus on people quitting smoking, and societies trying to go smoke-free.
- ❖ This is something that businesses and establishments have embraced, and it has helped with a surge in the number of people giving up smoking, but there are still a lot of people with a smoking habit.





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- ❖ We see it every day, people standing outside in the rain huddled over a burning stick of foul tobacco. The stench gets into their clothes, stains their teeth, and permeates the air around them.
- ❖ World No Tobacco Day is dedicated to those who are determined to leave this foul substance behind them and encourage others to do so as well.

## People in the news

### 'Smile ambassador' for Maharashtra govt

- ❖ cricket great Sachin Tendulkar as Maharashtra's 'Smile Ambassador' under the state's
- ❖ 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan' to spread awareness about oral health and hygiene across the state.
- ❖ The batting legend will be the face of the state medical education and drug department's "Swachh Mukh Abhiyan (SMA)" and has offered his association free of cost.
- ❖ The former Indian cricketer will be the campaign's brand ambassador for the next five years.



### Swachh Mukh Abhiyan

- ❖ One of the key objectives of the mission is to promote healthy oral hygiene practices among the deprived section of society.
- ❖ This is not the first time Sachin Tendulkar has been associated with a health campaign.
- ❖ In March, antiseptic brand Savlon made Tendulkar their first 'Hand Ambassador' for the Savlon Swasth India Mission. This campaign aims to highlight the importance of hand hygiene for a healthier nation.

## Geographical Landmarks

### Araku coffee and black pepper received organic certificate

- ❖ Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has granted organic certification to Girijan Co-operative Corporation (GCC), Visakhapatnam for Araku coffee and black pepper crops.
- ❖ This certification will have a positive impact on the market value of these products.



Araku Coffee	Arabica Coffee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It is cultivated in the Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh.</li><li>❖ It is grown in iron-rich soil which allows the coffee to ripen slowly.</li><li>❖ It is grown in the weather with hot days and cold nights.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It is grown around Vishakapatnam district in Andhra Pradesh and Koraput district in Orissa.</li><li>❖ It is grown in an area with an elevation of 3000 to 5300 feet.</li></ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It is grown in the red lateritic soil.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ It receives adequate rains from South-West and North-East monsoons.</li><li>❖ It is grown in soil with optimum pH levels of 6.0 to 6.5.</li></ul>
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## Economics and Banking

### Razorpay Unveils India's Fastest One-Step Payments Solution

- ❖ Razorpay has launched India's fastest one-step UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payment solution namely 'Turbo UPI' allowing customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a third-party UPI app during checkout.  
This Solution was developed in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank.
- ❖ Through this app, the payment steps are reduced from 5 to 1. To deliver a 5X faster payment experience. To support the businesses to achieve an increase in the success rate of UPI payments by 10%.

#### Razorpay

- ❖ Co-Founder and Managing Director - Shashank Kumar
- ❖ Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka
- ❖ Founded in 2014

### SEBI Reconstitutes Intermediary Advisory Committee Under The Chairmanship Of S.Ravindran Jain

- ❖ SEBI Reconstitutes Intermediary Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of S Ravindran Jain Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its intermediary advisory committee
- ❖ which would suggest it on matters related to changes in the legal framework and enhancing transparency in systems and procedures of market intermediaries including stock brokers, depository participants, and clearing members.
- ❖ The 21-member intermediary advisory committee would continue to be chaired by S Ravindran Jain, former executive director at SEBI.
- ❖ The campaign will be promoted across social and digital media, OTT (over-the-top) networks and television.
- ❖ The tagline reflects its objective to encourage customers to spend time and make memories with their loved ones.



## Govt Approves Digital Communication Framework Between Banks And CEIB

- ❖ Digital Communication Between Banks and CEIB Approved for Loan Defaults.
- ❖ The government has approved a new digital reporting and communication system to address loan defaults exceeding Rs 50 crore.
- ❖ Instead of relying on paper-based communication, the Union government has introduced a digital mechanism.
- ❖ Under this system, the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) will send digital reports to public sector banks within 15 days of a loan request at the pre-approval stage.

## Tamil Nadu news

### 128 crore blood pressure monitor factories in Tamil Nadu, Omron Healthcare Company

- ❖ An MoU was entered into in the presence of Chief Minister M. Kastal to start an automatic blood pressure monitor manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.128 crore.
- ❖ While Chief Minister M. K. Stalin is traveling to Tokyo, the capital of Japan to attract business investments, the leading company there, Omron Healthcare, has entered into an MoU to start a medical equipment manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Omron is engaged in manufacturing of industrial automation, healthcare, electronic components. It provides its products and services to 120 countries.
- ❖ Omron Healthcare is a global leader in the manufacture and sale of digital blood pressure nebulizers.
- ❖ Omron's investment not only reflects their confidence in the conducive business environment in Tamil Nadu, but also their confidence in its successful medical infrastructure. The company is also involved in the manufacturing of system monitors.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is giving a lot of importance to kagadhar. Tamil Nadu Government is providing easily available quality medical services.
- ❖ He said that Omran will play an important role in improving the medical infrastructure of Tamil Nadu by starting a manufacturing industry for the medical sector.

### Investment of Rs.130 crore in Mahila Samman scheme

- ❖ Over Rs.130 crore has been invested in the Chennai City Zone Post Offices under the Mahina Samman scheme, G.Natarajan, Head of the Chennai City Zone Postal Department said.
- ❖ Mahila Samman Savings Bond 'Women Value Scheme' was introduced by Union Finance Ministry on 31st March last. It was launched with the aim of empowering women.
- ❖ The scheme has become popular among women and general public as it offers high rate of interest. It is a two year programme.



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- ❖ Under this scheme a woman can open an account for herself or a guardian on behalf of her female child under 17 years of age with a minimum amount of Rs.1000 to Rs.2 lakhs.
- ❖ 7.5 percent interest will be given in this scheme. There is a facility to terminate the account at any time after 6 months subject to conditions. Up to 40 percent of account balance can be withdrawn after one year of account opening.
- ❖ In this case, under the Mahila Samman scheme, 18,266 accounts have been opened in the Chennai city zone till May 26 and deposits of Rs.134.24 crore have been received, he said.

## State News

### 6,000 rupees per annum for farmers by Maharashtra cabinet's new scheme

- ❖ The Maharashtra state government has launched a new scheme for farmers through which more than one crore farmers in the state will get Rs. 6,000 will be given.
- ❖ Namo Shedkari Mahasanman Yojana was approved in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in Mumbai.
- ❖ An amount of Rs 6,000 per annum under this scheme will be supplemented by the Centre's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.
- ❖ Maharashtra Cabinet has approved implementation of 'Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy' named 'Ai' to empower women in the tourism industry.



### The Telangana state government has established at least one de-addiction center in all the districts of the state

- ❖ The Telangana government claimed that at least one de-addiction center has been set up in all the districts (33) in the state.
- ❖ These centers provide free treatment to alcohol or drug addicts and provide yoga therapy and counselling.
- ❖ After the state reorganization of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, Andhra Pradesh created 18 de-addiction centers in 13 districts, while Telangana created none.
- ❖ The High Court criticized the state government for the delay in opening such centres. Following this, a month later, new drug de-addiction centers were set up.
- ❖ In this regard, a public interest litigation was filed in the High Court in 2016 and a request was made to order the Tamil Nadu government to open de-addiction centers in all districts.





## National news

### PM Narendra Modi flags off Assam's & Northeast's first Vande Bharat Express

- ❖ On May 29, 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually flagged off the Northeast region's first Vande Bharat Express which will connect Guwahati (Assam) with New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal).
- ❖ This is also the first "Made in India" Vande Bharat Express of Assam and the 3rd Vande Bharat Express connecting West Bengal.
- ❖ Vande Bharat Express is a semi-high-speed train built with indigenously developed technology.
- ❖ It would cover Guwahati to New Jalpaiguri a distance of approximately 411 kilometres within a span of 5 hours and 30 minutes. Earlier, the fastest train on the same route took 6 hours and 30 minutes to cover the distance.

#### Key People

- ❖ Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister (CM) of Assam, Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Assam, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways, and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, also attended the flagging-off ceremony of Vande Bharat Express which held at Guwahati Railway Station.

### Unemployment declines further to 6.8% in Q4FY23: 18th Quarterly PLFS by NSO

- ❖ On May 29, 2023, the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released its 18th quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) bulletin for January-March 2023 (Q4FY23).
- ❖ As per it, India's urban unemployment rate (UR) in Current Weekly Status (CWS) terms for persons aged 15 years and above declined to 6.8% during Q4FY23 from 7.2% in Q3FY23.
- ❖ The unemployment rate was 8.2% during January-March 2022.

#### Assessment

- ❖ A total number of 5,726 FSUS- First Stage Unit (UFS- Urban Frame Survey blocks) have been surveyed during Q4FY23. The number of urban households surveyed was 44,982 and number of persons surveyed was 1,72,089 in urban areas.
- ❖ Key Figures representing Persons of 15 years and above in Urban Areas in Q4FY23:  
i.UR in CWS among the male population in urban areas declined to 6% as compared to 6.5% in Q3FY23.
- ❖ UR in CWS among females also saw a decline during Q4FY23 to 9.2% from 9.6% in Q3FY23.
- ❖ The rate was 10.1% during January-March 2022.



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## International news

### Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni began his maiden visit to India.

- ❖ King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni, is on his maiden State visit to India from the 29th to 31st of May.
- ❖ His visit will mark the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.
- ❖ A Cambodian king last visited India in 1963.
- ❖ The King received a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30th May.
- ❖ The Cambodian king will hold bilateral meetings with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar.



#### India and Cambodia

- ❖ India-Cambodia relation is from the 1st century AD.
- ❖ India and Cambodia have cultural and economic linkages and deep-rooted people-to-people ties.
- ❖ India is actively assisting Cambodia in capacity building and human resource development.
- ❖ India has given grants and concessional loans to Cambodia for various developmental projects including the restoration of the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm and Preah Vihar.

### Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda will reach india on a four-day official visit.

- ❖ This will be his the first bilateral visit abroad after assuming office in December last year. He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation.
- ❖ During the visit, the Nepalese Prime Minister will hold extensive talks with Prime Minister Modi to discuss the diverse areas of the bilateral partnership between India and Nepal.
- ❖ In addition, Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda will be visiting Ujjain and Indore as part of his visit.
- ❖ The bilateral relations between the two countries have significantly strengthened in the last few years in all areas of cooperation.



### India extends credit facility of USD 1 billion available to Sri Lanka for use till March 2024

- ❖ The agreement marks an important step in continuing the financial support provided by from the Indian side to the Sri Lankan government for the procurement of essential items.





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- ❖ The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Sri Lanka's state minister of finance, Shehan Semasinghe, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Finance of Sri Lanka and representatives from the High Commission of India in Colombo.
- ❖ The officials from the State Bank of India joined the event virtually.
- ❖ The credit line was extended last year when Sri Lanka was in the midst of its worst ever economic crisis since its independence.
- ❖ The facility has been instrumental in the urgent procurement of critical supplies for the island nation such as fuel, medicines, food items, and industrial raw materials.

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