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## 1. Luca Brecel wins Snooker World Championship title



28-year-old Belgian snooker player Luca Brecel has won his first world title after defeating Mark Selby in a thrilling final at the Crucible in Sheffield. The match ended in a tie, with Selby putting up a strong fight to push Brecel to the brink. However, Brecel kept his composure and won 18–15 in the end. Brecel's victory also meant he became only the fourth modern-era world champion outside the United Kingdom at the Crucible Theater in Sheffield, joining Canadian Cliff Thorburn (1980), Republic of Ireland's Ken Doherty (1997) and Australian Neil Robertson (2010). joined as Brecel held his nerve after Selby cut his lead short, reversing large losses to defeat both seven-time world champion Ronnie O'Sullivan and Si Jiahui in the quarter and semi-final rounds respectively.

## 2. Sharad Pawar resigns from the post of NCP chief



On May 2, Sharad Pawar, one of the founders of the NCP, announced his resignation from the post of party president amid speculation that Leader of the Opposition in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and nephew Ajit Pawar may be inclined towards the BJP. Sharad Pawar announced his

resignation during the release of his autobiography 'Lok Majhe Sangati' in Marathi language. Sharad Pawar was born on 12 December 1940 in Maharashtra. He started his political career as a member of the Congress party and served as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on several occasions. In 1999, Sharad Pawar broke away from the Congress Party to establish the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). Since then, he has been the head of the NCP and has held several high-profile positions in the Government of India including Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Defense and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

## 3. New GST rules for businesses with a turnover of more than Rs 100 crore



From May 1, 2023, businesses with an annual turnover of Rs 100 crore or more will be required to comply with a new GST rule. This rule mandates uploading of electronic invoices on the Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) within seven days of issue. The IRP is used to verify that these invoices are indeed genuine and to assign them a unique Invoice Reference Number for GST purposes. This new rule replaces the current system wherein businesses upload invoices to the IRP on the day they are issued, irrespective of their actual issue date.

## 4. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, passed away at the age of 89



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Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, passed away in Kolhapur, Maharashtra after a brief illness. Born on April 14, 1934 in Durban to Manilal Gandhi and Sushila Mashruwala, Arun Gandhi followed in his grandfather's footsteps as an activist. For the last 24 years he used to go to Avni Sanstha. Avni Sanstha works to help girls, women, mainly homeless women. Arun Gandhi spent his early years in South Africa, where he experienced racial discrimination and apartheid. In 1946, at age 12, he moved to India to live with his grandfather, who became his mentor and taught him the principles of nonviolence and satyagraha (the power of truth). Arun Gandhi later moved to the United States and became a citizen. throughout your life, Arun Gandhi has worked to promote nonviolence and social justice in the United States and internationally. He has spoken and written extensively on the subject, and has worked with organizations such as the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute. Arun Gandhi is the author of several books, including "Legacy of Love: My Education in the Path of Nonviolence" and "The Gift of Anger: And Other Lessons from My Grandfather Mahatma Gandhi." Are included. He has received several awards for his work, including the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award and the Light of Truth Award from the Dalai Lama.

## 5. President Draupadi Murmu attends 36th Convocation of IGNOU



President Draupadi Murmu attended and addressed the 36th convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that many students find it difficult to pursue higher education due to their obligations and circumstances. Institutions like Indira Gandhi National Open University are helping in providing education to such students. Many employed/self-employed persons are pursuing education from Indira Gandhi National Open University to enhance their skills. Such 'earners and learners' can come out of under-employment by getting education through distance education. Thus, Distance education has wide socio-economic utility. Indira Gandhi National Open University is providing very useful service to such students by providing higher education through distance education. Indira Gandhi National Open University has played a commendable role in promoting 'Access to Higher Education'.

## 6. HDFC Bank launches HDFC Bank Smart Saathi



HDFC Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, has introduced HDFC Bank Smart Saathi, its digital distribution platform to connect Business Correspondents (BCs) and Business Facilitators (BFs) with the bank. The objective of the platform is to take banking products and services to the last

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mile, and contribute to the development of the country. The launch of HDFC Bank Smart Saathi is a significant milestone in HDFC Bank's mission to provide innovative solutions that meet the needs of its customers. By establishing a network of Business Correspondents and Business Facilitators, the Bank is committed to promoting financial inclusion in India. This network will play a vital role in taking banking products and services to the rural and remote areas of the country where majority of the population resides. Group Head, Government & Institutional Business, HDFC Bank According to Smita Bhagat, Alternate Banking Channels & Partnerships, Inclusive Banking Group & Start-ups, the prosperity of rural India is integral to realizing the vision of a \$5 trillion economy. In the next 12-18 months, the bank plans to reach two lakh villages through a combination of branches and agent network. The launch of HDFC Bank Smart Saathi is a significant step towards fulfilling this objective.

## 7. Meera Syal will get BAFTA Fellowship in London



Renowned UK-based Indian-origin actress and writer Meera Syal is set to receive the prestigious BAFTA Fellowship, the highest honor conferred by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. The award recognizes Syal's extraordinary contribution to film and television and his achievements in the arts. Sial's best-known works include "Goodness Gracious Me" and "The Kumars at No. 42", and he will be presented with the Fellowship Award on 14 May at the Royal Festival Hall in London during the BAFTA Television Awards. He has appeared in various productions such as Doctor Who, Paddington 2, The Sandman, Horrible

Histories, The Split and The Wheel of Time. The Fellowship is one of the highest honors conferred by BAFTA and is a recognition of exceptional contributions made to the arts and entertainment.

## 8. The rate of change in employment in India will be 22 percent in five years: WEF



The rate of change in employment in the Indian job market is estimated to be 22 percent over the next five years. A new study suggested that artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and data segments will be at the top. The World Economic Forum (WEF) in its latest 'Future of Jobs' report said that the rate of change (churn) of employment globally is estimated to be 23 per cent. In this, 6.9 crore new employment opportunities are expected to be created, while 8.3 crore posts will end. The WEF said that almost a quarter of jobs (23 per cent) will change over the next five years. A survey was conducted among 803 companies for the report. In India, 61% of companies think that wider application of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) standards will lead to job growth, This will be followed by increased adoption of new technologies (59%) and broadened digital reach (55%). The top roles for industry transformation in India will be AI and machine learning experts, and data analysts and scientists. The report also found that the manufacturing and oil and gas sectors have the highest levels of green skills intensity globally, with India, the US and Finland topping the list in the oil and gas sector.

### QUIZ

1. When was the World Press Freedom Day 2023 celebrated?

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- a) May 2
- b) May 3
- c) May 4
- d) May 5

Explain: Every year on May 3, World Press Freedom Day is celebrated all over the world. It is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of freedom of the press in any democracy. It is also celebrated to mark the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek. The theme for World Press Freedom Day 2023 is "Shaping a future of rights: Freedom of expression as a driver for all other human rights."

**2. Which actress has been signed by Laneige as the first brand face for India?**

- a) Athiya Shetty
- b) Sonakshi Sinha
- c) Sonam Kapoor
- d) Shamita Shetty

Explain: Korean skincare brand Laneige has signed actress Athiya Shetty as the face of its first brand in India. As part of the association, she will be representing her range of skin care products. Laneige is a South Korean cosmetics brand launched in 1994 by Amor Pacific.

**3. Where did the International Apparel and Textile Fair start?**

- a) Russia
- b) America
- c) Dubai
- d) Singapore

Explain: The International Apparel and Textile Fair (IATF) has returned to Dubai in 2023 for its 15th edition. The India Pavilion is being jointly organized by the Apparel Export Promotion Council, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and Federation of Indian Export Organisations. IATF has over 200 exhibitors from 22 countries.

**4. When was the World Asthma Day 2023 celebrated?**

- a) May 2

- b) May 3
- c) May 4
- d) May 5

Explain: World Asthma Day is an annual event observed on the first Tuesday of May. It aims to raise awareness of asthma globally and encourage better management and care. The day is coordinated by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), along with healthcare providers, patient groups and public health agencies. In 2023, World Asthma Day is observed on 2 May.

**5. Which Russian author won the Leipzig Book Prize 2023?**

- a) Larisa Vanieva
- b) Maria Vilinska
- c) Alexandra Marinina
- d) Maria Stepanova

Explain : Maria Stepanova, a famous Russian writer who lives in Verlin, has received the Leipzig Book Prize in 2023. His novel, 'In Memory of Memory', which delves into the themes of Stalinism and the end of the Soviet Union, has earned him a nomination for the Booker Prize in 2021. However, her poetry collection, 'Girls Without Clothes', won her the prestigious Leipzig Book Prize.

**6. What was the GST revenue collection in April 2023?**

- a) Rs 1.87 lakh crore
- b) Rs 1.98 lakh crore
- c) Rs 1.80 lakh crore
- d) Rs 1.83 lakh crore

Explain: The GST revenue collection in April 2023 stood at Rs 1.87 lakh crore, which is the highest tax collection figure ever. This information has been given by the Ministry of Finance. According to statistics, the GST collection has been Rs 1.87 lakh crore in the month of April, which is a record so far. Earlier in March 2023, the country's GST collection was Rs 1,60,122 crore.



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**7. Which famous historian has passed away at the age of 100?**

- a) Ramsharan Sharma
- b) Ranjit Guha
- c) Gaurishankar Hirachand Ojha
- d) Bipin Chandra

Explain: Renowned historian Ranjit Guha has passed away due to age related ailments. He was 100 years old. Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee gave this information on 29 April 2023. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has condoled his demise. He is survived by his wife Mechthild. Mamata Banerjee said that Guha was instrumental in inspiring young historians to study different societies.

**8. When is World Tuna Day celebrated?**

- a) May 3
- b) May 4
- c) May 2
- d) May 1

Explain: 'World Tuna Day' is celebrated globally on 2 May every year. This day is established by the United Nations (UN) to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish. Tuna is an important source of food for humans because tuna fish has many rich properties like omega 3, vitamin B12, protein and other minerals.

## One liner

How many medical device parks will be established recently under the National Medical Device Policy - **04**

Which state has recently received the 'HUDCO' award for cleanliness - **Uttar Pradesh**

Prime Minister Modi has recently inaugurated how many FM transmitters to promote FM connectivity - **91 transmitters**

Recently where has Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the 'NAMO Medical Education and Research Institute' - **Silvassa**

Who has recently released the book 'Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India' - **NITI Aayog**

Which IIT has recently launched 'Cyber Security Skills Programme' - **IIT Kanpur**

With which country has India recently signed a new work plan on quality infrastructure - **Germany**

Who has recently received the 'IAA's Meritorious Service Award 2023' - **Nawab Muhammad Abdul Ali**

Who has recently launched 'Hathkardha Portal' to make artisans and weavers self-reliant - **Piyush Goyal**