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## 1. First ministerial meeting of India-EU Trade and Technology Council to be held in Belgium



The first ministerial meeting of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) will be held in Brussels, Belgium on 16 May. The meeting will discuss ways to enhance cooperation in strategic technologies, digital connectivity, clean energy, trade and investment. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar will attend the meeting. At the same time, the European Union will be led by its Executive Vice Presidents Dombrovskis and Vestager. According to the ministry, in this meeting, three working groups will present reports for future cooperation between the two sides. The first working group deals with strategic technologies, digital governance and digital connectivity. The second working group deals with green and clean energy technologies, while the third working group deals with trade,

## 2. India-Indonesia's fourth bilateral exercise 'Samudra Shakti-23' started



Indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette INS Kavaratti arrived Batam, Indonesia to participate in the 4th edition of India-Indonesia bilateral exercise 'Samudra Shakti-23'. The exercise will see the participation of Dornier maritime patrol aircraft and Chetak helicopters of the Indian Navy. The Indonesian Navy will be represented by KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235 Maritime Patrol aircraft and AS565 Panther helicopters. Samudra Shakti aims to enhance interoperability and mutual cooperation between the two navies. The harbor phase of the exercise includes cross deck visits, professional interactions, subject matter expert exchanges and sports fixtures, while the sea phase includes weapon firings, helicopter operations, anti-submarine warfare and air defense exercises and boarding operations. Samudra Shakti to continue till May 19

## 3. India won 3 medals for the first time in the Men's World Boxing Championship held in Tashkent



India ended the IBA Men's World Boxing Championship 2023 with three medals in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Indian boxers Deepak Kumar, Mohd Hussamuddin and Nishant Dev ended their campaign with bronze medals. With three bronze, India finished joint fourth in the medals tally at the prestigious tournament, which was topped by hosts Uzbekistan with 9 medals, followed by Cuba and Russia (6 each) and Kazakhstan (5). 2019 Asian silver medalist Deepak (51kg) put up a tough fight against two-time world bronze medalist Bilal Benama of France in the semi-finals after a review of the bout. However, in the end they had to face

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defeat 4-3. Like Deepak, Nishant (71kg) too suffered a 2-5 defeat after review of his bout against defending Asian champion Aslanbek Shimberganov of Kazakhstan. meanwhile,

## 4. IBM and NASA collaborate to convert satellite data into high-resolution maps using AI



International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have introduced a new geospatial foundational model that can turn satellite data into detailed maps of floods, fires and other landscape changes. These maps can provide insight into Earth's history and offer glimpses into its future. The collaborative effort aims to make this geospatial solution available for preview later this year. Potential applications of the platform include assessing climate-related risks to agriculture, infrastructure and buildings, assessing forests for carbon-offset initiatives, and developing strategies to address and adapt to climate change by employing predictive models. includes helping businesses.

## 5. Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar receives India's first 'Astronomical Society Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award'



Pro. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar is the most fitting and deserving recipient of the first Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award of the Astronomical Society of India (ASI), an outstanding astronomer, Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) , was also the founder director of Pune and former chairman of ASI. Although the award was announced earlier this year at the 41st meeting of the ASI held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, Professor Narlikar was unable to travel to receive it. ASI President Prof. Dipankar Banerjee, Prof. Narlikar was present in Pune to personally hand over the award and felicitate him. On this occasion, Prof. Banerjee said, "Although the scope of work of Prof. Swarup and Prof. Narlikar differed widely, However, both remained deeply committed to the development of astronomy and astrophysics by building exemplary institutions and made great efforts to provide astronomy training to the younger generation. They both continue to serve as wonderful role models for generations to come. It is an honor for me to hand over the award to our dear teacher Jayant. Colleagues of the National Center for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA) are also Prof. Narlikar and are happy that this award in the name of its founder, Prof. Narlikar, who is the founder of the nearby institute IUCAA.

## 6. Linda Yacarino appointed as new CEO of Twitter



Social media platform Twitter has got a new CEO. Company owner Elon Musk gave information about it by tweeting on May 12. Earlier, Elon Musk had told that he has chosen a woman as the new CEO of the company. She will join the company in the next 6 weeks. Musk will be Twitter's executive

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chairman and chief technology officer. Linda, 59, is the chairman of Global Advertising and Partnerships at NBC Universal Media LLC. After joining NBC Universal Media in 2011, he created One Platform for the company. One platform changed the premium video ecosystem. The platform helps advertisers reach audiences across screens and formats. Linda is also known for commercial partnership with brands like Apple, Google. At the same time, publications like Fortune, Forbes have chosen her as an influential and powerful woman.

## 7. UN Global Road Safety Week 2023: Think Towards Balanced Transport



United Nations Global Road Safety Week is an annual event held in May to raise awareness about road safety and the importance of taking steps to prevent accidents. The week is organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Regional Commissions, and is supported by a wide range of partners including governments, non-governmental organisations, businesses and individuals. The week was first marked in 2007. It was no longer observed until 2013, and it has been celebrated every two years since then until 2019. It is a special global road safety campaign organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) which aims to raise awareness about road safety and accident prevention.

## 8. 'Smart School Smart Block' program started in Uttarakhand



According to the spokesperson, after launching the scheme from his assembly constituency here, the Chief Minister said that this is another big step towards making Adarsh Champawat and Adarsh Uttarakhand and this effort of innovation through science and technology will bring new opportunities in the education system of the state. Will set the dimensions. He said that this partnership of the State Government and Sampark Foundation is for the betterment of education to present an innovative and first of its kind study program in the government schools of the state. Vineet Nair, founder president of Sampark Foundation, which is running this scheme, said that initially 137 primary schools of the district would be linked to it, which would benefit 5484 children. He told that in five years all the primary schools of the state will come under its purview. Nair said that the objective of the scheme is to provide smart classes to every school and teachers should also be equipped with smart classes.

## ONE LINER

International Day of Families 2023 - 15 May

Linda Yacarino will be the new CEO of Twitter

US envoy for women's issues appointed - **Geeta Rao Gupta**

Indian pair \_\_\_\_\_ won gold medal in ISSF Shotgun World Cup - **Divya TS and Sarabjot Singh**

The world's most punctual airport has become – **GMR Hyderabad International Airport**

India observes \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of Pokhran nuclear tests of 1998 - **25th**

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Who has recently launched 'e-filing 2.0' and 'e-seva kendra' - **DY Chandrachud**

Recently who will roll out its Generative AI chatbot 'Bard' in more than 180 countries including India - **Google**

Recently UK has given long range cruise missiles to which country – **Ukraine**

Fifth edition of Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF 2023) to be held in – **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

## QUIZ

1. Which medal did the Indian pair Divya TS and Sarabjot Singh win recently in the ISSF Shotgun World Cup? ,

- a. Silver
- b. Bronze
- c. Gold**
- d. none of these

Explain: Indian shooters Sarabjot Singh and Divya TS jointly won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 for rifle and pistol shooters in Baku, Azerbaijan.

2. How many countries will be benefited from the new e-visa system of Saudi Arabia recently?

- a. 05
- b. 07**
- c. 09
- d. none of these

Explain: Seven countries benefit: Saudi missions in the UAE, Jordan, Egypt, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and the Philippines will now be able to issue electronic visas with QR codes that can be used to retrieve visitors' data.

3. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched 'Geeta Karmikula Bima Yojana'?

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Telangana**
- d. none of these

Explain: Geetha Karmikula Bima Yojana 2023 :- Popularly known as insurance for Toddy Tappers people, Chief Minister of Telangana State K.

Chandrasekhar Rao is a new beneficial program which has been launched for the citizens of Telangana.

4. Who has recently launched 'e-filing 2.0' and 'e-seva kendra'?

- a. Narendra Modi
- b. Piyush Goyal
- c. DY Chandrachud**
- d. none of these

Explain: Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud announced the launch of 'e-filing 2.0' and 'e-Seva Kendra and Facilitation Centre' in the Supreme Court. One can not only file cases through the e-filing software at the e-Seva Kendra, but can also avail other services to track the status of the case from any court or tribunal across the country.

5. Recently how many days campaign has been started by RBI to deal with unclaimed deposits?

- a. 100**
- b. 200
- c. 150
- d. none of these

Explain: These days the Central Reserve Bank (RBI) is seen in action regarding unclaimed deposits. The RBI is now going to launch a special 100-day drive on unclaimed deposits, under which banks will track and dispose of their top 100 deposits in every district of the country. The launch of the special drive was earlier discussed by the Finance Minister during the 7th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC).

6. Recently who will roll out its Generative AI chatbot 'Bard' in more than 180 countries including India?

- a. Meta
- b. Google**
- c. Microsoft
- d. none of these

Explain: Google's Conversation Generative Artificial Intelligence Chatbot service is being launched in

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more than 180 countries including India. The company announced this at Google I/O, its annual developer conference held at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, California. Bard was first introduced in February this year.

7. Recently who has planned to launch the first commercial space station in 2025?

- a. NASA
- b. ISRO
- c. SpaceX
- d. none of these

Explain: Aerospace company 'Vast' plans to launch its Haven-1 station by August 2025. For this, she is partnering with Elon Musk's space company SpaceX. According to the information given on vastspace's website, the mission will be launched with the help of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.

8. Recently IBM and who has collaborated to convert satellite data into high resolution maps using AI?

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Explain: International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have introduced a new geospatial foundation model that can turn satellite data into detailed maps of floods, fires and other landscape changes