

Weekly Current Affairs PDF April 30 to May 06, 2023

Current Affairs PDF- May 06, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

UK 'knitted satellite 'CarbSar' will see Earth day or night

Named CarbSar (Satellite) the mission will launch next year, and could help fill a gap in Britain's spying capacity. The satellite will use radar technology to see through cloud and will even work at night.

The Ukraine conflict has shown the value of such systems, which have been used to monitor Russian positions. The Britain is the only permanent member of the UN Security Council without its own system.

The two UK companies - Surrey Satellite Technology Limited and Oxford Space Systems - believe they can provide a similar, home-grown capability. They will start building their spacecraft this year - with government support - and with a launch on an American rocket already booked.

SSTL has a long-established reputation for aerospace manufacturing; the real novelty is in the OSS radar antenna. SSTL and OSS hope their CarbSar pathfinder will put them in a strong position to win future contracts to supply operational spacecraft to the UK government for both civil and military applications.

Mark Nicholas to become next president of MCC

Former England cricketer and veteran commentator Mark Nicholas has been elected as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

Nicholas will replace current president Stephen Fry and will assume responsibilities in October this year. His appointment was announced at the Club's Annual General Meeting. Nicholas, who was elected as a Member of MCC in 1981, is one of the most recognisable figures in televised cricket, leading coverage at the very top of the game across the world. Mark scored over 25,000 runs - including an unbeaten hundred for MCC at Lord's against the 1985 Australians - and took 173 wickets in a professional career spanning over two decades. He also captained Hampshire to four major trophies, three of which came in finals at Lord's.

NATIONAL

PM Modi to attend France's Bastille Day Parade as guest of honour on July 14

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend this year's Bastille Day Parade in Paris as the guest of honour on July 14, An Indian armed forces' contingent will also participate in the parade along with their French counterparts,

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership, Prime Minister Modi has accepted French President Emmanuel Macron's invitation to attend this year's Bastille Day Parade as the guest of honour.

Prime Minister Modi's visit is expected to herald the next phase of the India-France strategic partnership by setting new and ambitious goals for strategic, cultural, scientific, academic and economic cooperation, including in a wide range of industries, India and France have a shared vision on peace and security, especially in Europe and the Indo-Pacific, and uphold the objectives and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which are also the basis of their cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

India and Russia explore accepting RuPay and Mir cards for easy payments

India and Russia have agreed to explore the possibility of accepting each other's payment cards, RuPay (India) and Mir (Russia), for hassle-free payments between the two countries. During the latest meeting of the Internal Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC), which was jointly chaired by External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar and Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov, the decision was made.

Mutual acceptance of RuPay and Mir cards will facilitate transactions in Indian rupees and Russian rubles, making it easier for citizens of both countries to carry out cross-border payments. In addition, the meeting also explored the possibility of interaction between India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Russia's Faster Payments System (FPS).

SPORTS

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League title

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra began his Diamond League title defence with a comfortable win in the season-opening leg in Doha last night. The 25-year-old Chopra, who had pocketed the 2022 Diamond League Final trophy in Switzerland last September, beat a star-studded field with a best throw of 88.67m to begin his season in style. Chopra hit his straps in his first attempt itself with a world-leading throw of 88.67m, which was his fourth career-best effort, to position himself on the top of the pile. He maintained the lead till the end to win the event in his second appearance at the Qatar Sports Club. Czech Republic's Vadlejch stood second, with Grenada's Peters finishing third. With this win, Neeraj has also bagged the world lead.

Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch, was able to reach 88.63m, and world champion Anderson Peters, best attempt was 85.88m. The Czech Republic thrower moved up to second place, overtaking Anderson Peters. Neeraj made a foul on his fourth attempt.

Pakistan's Babar Azam becomes fastest player to reach 5000 runs in ODIs, breaks Hashim Amla's record

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has become the fastest player to reach 5000 runs in the ODI format. He crossed the 5000 run-mark in 97 innings. Babar broke Hashim Amla's record of scoring 5000 runs in 101 innings.

Virat Kohli stands at number 4 who took 120 matches - 114) innings, and Shikhar Dhawan at number 9 taking 119 matches - 118 innings.

About: Babar Azam - Mohammad Babar Azam, is a Pakistani international cricketer and captain of the Pakistan national cricket team in all formats. Regarded as one of the finest batters in contemporary world cricket, he is the only cricketer in the world to be in the top five rankings across all formats.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Accenture names Ajay Vij as Country Managing Director India

Accenture has announced new appointments to its leadership team in India, as the company appoints Ajay Vij as Country Managing Director, a newly created role, and Sandeep Dutta as the lead of its India Market Unit. As country managing director, Mr. Vij would expand his current responsibilities as the Corporate Services & Sustainability lead for India to provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making for key company priorities. Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson for Accenture in India, would retire as of June 30, 2023. During her 20-year career at Accenture Rekha M. Menon has held various roles across Accenture's growth markets. As Chairperson, she played an active role in growing Accenture's business, strengthening the company's presence in its communities and building relationships with key stakeholders including industry, government, and clients. She pioneered the India corporate citizenship strategy and championed the company's inclusion and diversity agenda.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Capital Small Finance Bank partners with Max Life to offer life insurance solutions

Capital Small Finance Bank Limited ("Capital SFB" / "bank") and Max Life Insurance Company Limited have announced their partnership to offer life insurance offerings to Capital SFB's customers. Through this tie-up, Capital SFB will offer its customers with a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans of Max Life. Capital Small Finance Bank Limited started operations as India's first Small Finance Bank in 2016. With an experience of over two decades in the banking industry and having operated as a local area bank before conversion, Capital SFB focuses on middle income group customer segment, with special focus on rural and semi-urban areas, via an optimum 'phygital' distribution of their products and services. Prior to Max Life, Capital Small Finance Bank has also partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Limited and HDFC life insurance Limited to provide their life insurance products to its customers.

Current Affairs PDF- May 05, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

Michael Douglas to be honoured with Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival 2023

Oscar-winning actor Michael Douglas is set to receive the highest honorary award, the Palme d'Or, at this year's 76th Cannes Film Festival. The veteran actor will be felicitated for his contribution to cinema and successful career that spanned over five decades. He is a 78-year-old actor well known for films like Fatal Attraction (1987), Wall Street (1987), Basic Instinct (1992), etc.

In a statement, the organisers said that the festival will pay a special tribute to the 78-year-old during the opening ceremony, scheduled for May 16. As part of the tribute, a previously unreleased documentary, titled 'Michael Douglas, The Prodigal Son', will be shown on the festival site for two days - from May 14 to May 16.

NATIONAL

Andhra Pradesh CM lays foundation stone of Vizag Tech Park

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for Rs 21,844 crore Vizag Tech Park in Visakhapatnam, a subsidiary of Adani Group company which will house 300 mega watt (MW) data centres. Adani Group managing director Rajesh Adani and Karan Adani among others were present at the venue.

Coming up on a 190-acre parcel of land, the IT park will house 200 MW integrated data centre at Madhurwada and another 100 MW one at Kapuluppada at an outlay of ₹ 14,634 crore and ₹ 7,210 crore respectively.

According to the Chief Minister, the tech park would provide direct employment to 39,815 people in a phased manner over seven years and indirect employment to 10,610 more. IT business parks, skill development centres and recreation facilities will be part of the tech park, which will bolster internet speeds and improve connectivity, said Mr Reddy and added that it will contribute to the overall development of the area.

Further, the Chief Minister noted that the tech park will propel Vizag into a tier-1 city, which will also deploy renewable sources of energy to power it up.

Logo, mascot of Khelo India University Games 2022 launched in Lucknow

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the Logo, jersey, mascot, torch and anthem of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2022 in Lucknow today. The 3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games will take place from May 23 to June 3. The opening ceremony is scheduled for May 25 at the Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow.

Speaking on the occasion, Anurag Singh Thakur said that Uttar Pradesh is moving forward in every field today. He said, Prime Minister's idea of making India a sports superpower will be fulfilled and Uttar Pradesh will play major role in this.

UP is organising the biggest Khelo India University games from May 23 to June 3. More than 4700 athletes from 200 universities across the country will participate in 21 sports disciplines in this event.

Mr, Yogi Adityanath said that Uttar Pradesh government is developing one stadium in every district and one mini stadium at block level. Work of developing sports ground and open gym in every ward and gram panchayat is also going on in the state.

Nityanand Rai inaugurates Dawki land port in Meghalaya

Union Minister Nityanand Rai inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district to promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh.

The Dawki Land Port is located in West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya, 55 km from the district headquarters, Jowai, and about 84 km from Meghalaya's capital Shillong. The corresponding Land Port in Bangladesh is Tamabil, located in the Sylhet district.

The Dawki Land port will serve as a vital trade and transportation hub between India and Bangladesh and will facilitate the movement of goods, people, and vehicles across the border. It will also facilitate passenger movement across the border.

The Union Minister of State also visited the Meghalaya Frontier of BSF and interacted with field commanders and troops on the ground.

BSG Inspector General Pradip Kumar briefed the minister about the area of responsibility of the Meghalaya frontier and discussed the various challenges on the Indo-Bangladesh international border and measures being taken to control trans-border crime.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

PM Prasad set to become next Coal India CMD

After getting the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) nod, Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad is set to be elevated as chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited. Prasad is currently posted as chairman cum managing director of Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) based in Ranchi.

According to the Public Enterprises Selection Board, Prasad was among seven candidates shortlisted and interviewed for the post. Among the other candidates also included executives from various companies,

A mining engineer from Osmania university, Prasad took over as the CCL CMD on September 1, 2020, and has more than three decades of experience in the mining sector. He is credited for the diversion of Nallah at Hingula opencast area to unlock coal reserve of 26 million tonnes (MT) in FY15 and the commencement of a new railway siding at the Talcher Coalfields.

Prasad also took over as the CMD of Bharat Coking Coal (BCCL) in August 2019. Both CCL and BCCL are subsidiaries of CIL.

Prasad will take over the baton from serving CMD Pramod Agrawal, whose term ends on June 30, 2023. Agrawal is a Madhya Pradesh cadre IAS officer, who took over the charge of CMD of the mining behemoth from Anil Kumar Jha in January 2020. He is the third officer from the Indian Administrative Service to hold the top post at CIL.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Buddha Purnima

Buddha Purnima, also known as Vesak or Buddha Jayanti, is one of the most important festivals in the Buddhist calendar. It is celebrated on the full moon day of the month of Vaisakha, The day marks the birth of Lord Gautam Buddha, who was born as Prince Siddhartha Gautam in Lumbini (now in present-day Nepal) around 563 BC.

In Bihar, Buddha Purnima is being celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety. The main function has been organized at Mahabodhi temple in Bodhgaya where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the pious Bodhi tree. Buddhist monks and devotees of different countries including Japan, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia have come to Bodhgaya to celebrate Buddha Purnima. A special prayer was organized under the Bodhi tree this morning in which monks of various countries participated. They prayed for world peace.

World Portuguese Language Day

The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) - an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity - to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's

General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "World Portuguese Language Day".

The Portuguese language is not only one of the most widespread languages in the world, with more than 265 million speakers spread through all continents, but it is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere. Portuguese remains, today, a major language of international communication and a language with a strong geographical projection, destined to increase.

With over 265 million speakers across the globe, the Portuguese language is among the most prevalent languages in the world. It is the most commonly spoken language in the southern hemisphere.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Cashfree Payments partners with YES Bank to offer international payment collection

Cashfree Payments and YES Bank have partnered to offer 'Global Collections', an international collection service for exporters, who are account holders of YES Bank. Under this partnership, the bank's account holders will be able to collect payments in over 30 foreign currencies using the Global Collections service. The funds so received can then be converted into rupee and settled into their local bank account in India within one business day.

In addition to having dedicated facilities in four currencies (USD, GBP, EUR and CAD), the product also enables global collections in over 30 currencies up to the equivalent of \$10,000 in line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Online Payment Gateway Service Providers (OPGSP) guidelines.

Exporters will be able to share their payment collection details with their buyers over email, SMS or WhatsApp, and the buyers will be able to make payments using local rails like Automated Clearing House (ACH), Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), etc.

Current Affairs PDF- May 04, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

The World's top 10 Highest-Paid Athletes list 2023 by Forbes

International soccer stars Cristiano Ronaldo with \$136 million, Lionel Messi with \$130 million and Kylian Mbappe with \$120 million are the top three highest-paid athletes. Ronaldo tops the list with an estimated pay of \$136 million, including \$46 million from his playing salary and bonuses and \$90 million from endorsements, appearances, licensing income and other business endeavors.

The world's ten highest-paid athletes collectively made \$1.11 billion before taxes and agents' fees over the last 12 months, which is the highest total ever.

Forbes calculates on-field earnings based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, while off-field earnings are an estimate of sponsorship deals, appearance fees and memorabilia and licensing income. It also includes cash returns from businesses that are operated by the athlete.

NATIONAL

Karnataka ranked the most 'innovative' State by the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey

Recently, the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22 was released by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The survey found that Karnataka, overall, is the most "innovative" State, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu (DNH&DD), Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.

Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu 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.

The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22 was conducted jointly by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in India in order to evaluate the innovation performance of manufacturing firms.

World's highest Chenab rail bridge is ready clearing all tests

Indian Railways has created history by building the world's highest Chenab Railway Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir. This bridge has been built between Bakkal and Kauri in Jammu and Kashmir, some 42 km from Reasi district, and on the middle line of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to Banihal. The bridge has passed all the mandatory tests.

This bridge is higher than the Eiffel Tower. The height of Eiffel Tower is 324 meters, however the height of this bridge is 359 meters. Its length is 1,315 meters. This bridge will be able to withstand wind with a speed of 260 kilometers per hour and is capable of withstanding an earthquake of magnitude 8 on the Richter scale. Presently single track has been laid on it.

The arch bridge between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district of Jammu, is 1,178 feet above the riverbed, forming a crucial link from Katra to Banihal. It is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL), a dream project worth Rs 35000 crore.

Buland Bharat: Army's surveillance, firepower training conducted in Arunachal

An integrated surveillance and firepower training exercise 'Buland Bharat' was conducted in the recently operationalised longest high-altitude Artillery Ranges of the eastern theatre.

The exercise involved the synergised application of surveillance and firepower capabilities of the Artillery and the Infantry in close coordination with Special Forces, Aviation and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

SPORTS

Fastest women's bowler Shabnim Ismail retires from international cricket

South African fast bowler Shabnim Ismail, who is credited with sending down the quickest delivery in women's cricket, announced her retirement from the international cricket.

This is a significant blow to South Africa, who heavily relied on Ismail's pace and skill in their recent Twenty20 World Cup campaign, where they finished as runners-up. Ismail, who

is 34 years old, played in 241 international matches across all formats, including one-day Internationals, Twenty20s, and tests. Her last appearance was in the World Cup final loss to Australia in February at Newlands. During the tournament, Ismail set a new record for the fastest ball ever recorded in women's cricket, with a speed of 128 kph (80 mph) in the semi-finals against England.

Shabnim Ismail has taken 317 wickets during her career. She is the highest wicket-taker for South Africa in both One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is). Ismail also holds the second-highest number of wickets in ODI cricket with a total of 191, behind only India's Jhulan Goswami who has taken 255 wickets in 204 matches for India.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Indian origin Ajay Banga set to be next President of World Bank

Indian origin Ajay Banga was confirmed as the next President of the World Bank. The World Bank's 25-member executive board last night elected former Mastercard CEO to a five-year term as president.

The Indian-born finance and development expert was charged with revamping the lender to tackle climate change and other global crises.

Banga, 63, was nominated for the post by United States President Joe Biden in late February and was the sole contender to replace departing World Bank chief David Malpass, an economist and former US Treasury official who served in the Trump administration. He will start the new job on June 2.

Banga's election came after World Bank board members interviewed him for four hours on Monday. The decision came in a vote by 24 of the board's members, with Russia abstaining.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Coal Miners Day

Coal Miners Day is observed every year on May 4th to recognize and honour the tireless efforts and significant contribution of coal miners in extracting coal, which is one of the most important fossil fuels used for various purposes, including power generation and industrial production. Demand for coal is also increasing for its use in cement and steel manufacturing.

Coal mining is a hazardous and strenuous task that involves digging, tunnelling, and extracting it from deep within the earth's crust, making it one of the most challenging occupations. On Coal Miners Day, all coal miners are acknowledged and celebrated for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance in extracting coal to fuel the nation's progress.

International Firefighters Day

International Firefighters' Day is observed on May 4, It is a day to honour the courageous men and women who risk their lives daily to save others. This day is an opportunity to show appreciation to those who serve their communities with selflessness and bravery, putting themselves in harm's way to protect others. Firefighters exemplify bravery, resilience, and selflessness, rushing into burning buildings and battling wildfires. Every year on May 4, the day recognises their dedication, sacrifice, their tireless efforts in keeping us safe.

International Firefighters Day was established in 1999 to honour the sacrifices and bravery of firefighters worldwide. The tragic loss of five Australian firefighters in a wildfire served as the inspiration for this annual commemoration. Jason Thomas, Chris Evans, Gary Vredeveltdt, Matthew Armstrong, and Stuart Davidson, all brave firefighters, lost their lives in the line of duty. Despite being sent for assistance, they perished while fighting the fire. As a result of this unfortunate incident, International Firefighter's Day was created.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Two-day meeting of Foreign Ministers of SCO to begin in Goa

Goa is all set to welcome the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) grouping for the upcoming Foreign Ministers' meeting. The meeting will be held in Goa today 4th May and tomorrow.

Foreign Ministers of member countries including China and Pakistan are expected to be present at the meeting. External Affairs Minister of India Dr S Jaishankar has arrived in Goa to take part in the meeting. He will also hold bilateral talks with his Russian and Chinese counterparts.

The Foreign Ministers' meeting will give India and other member countries a platform to discuss multilateral cooperation and dispute issues.

About SOC - The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an eight-member multilateral organization, established on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai. Member states of SCO are India, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Current Affairs PDF- May 03, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

Luca Brecel beats Mark Selby to become snooker world champion for the first time

Luca Brecel has won his first ever world title after beating Mark Selby 18-15 in an enthralling World Championship finale at the Crucible.

Brecel, 28, was made to wait for his crowning moment, with Selby staging a superb fightback after his opponent moved to within two frames of victory. Selby won the final two frames of the first mini-session, including a century break adding to the 147 he rattled in on Sunday.

He rallied to pull the scores back to 16-15 after the final interval. But the Belgian, who won 11 successive frames to complete a rousing fightback against Si Jiahui in the semi-finals, finished the job to claim world honours for the first time in his career.

Brecel's victory has established him as one of the rising stars of the snooker world. His talent, flair and determination have won him many admirers, and he has been tipped to achieve even greater things in the future. His victory at the Crucible is a testament to his hard work and dedication, and he will no doubt be looking to build on this success in the years to come.

Vanessa Hudson, Qantas Airways' first female CEO

Australia's flagship carrier, Qantas Airways Ltd, named finance chief Vanessa Hudson as its next chief executive officer, making her the first woman to lead the century-old airline.

Hudson will in November take over from Alan Joyce, whose 15 years in the job has made him the longest-serving current CEO of a major Australian company, and a towering figure in the global aviation industry.

Hudson's appointment makes her one of the few female executives leading a major company in Australia, although rival carrier Virgin Australia also has a woman CEO, Jayne Hrdlicka.

Qantas Chairman Richard Goyder said Hudson's handling of the finance and treasury portfolio during the COVID crisis was outstanding, putting her ahead of almost 40 candidates globally that the airline had short-listed for the job.

AI 'godfather' Geoffrey Hinton warns of dangers as he quits Google

Geoffrey Hinton, a computer scientist who played a significant role in developing the technology that powers popular chatbots such as ChatGPT and Bing, resigned from Google to speak up about the potential dangers of artificial intelligence. Hinton, who is 75 years old, had created the foundational technology for AI in collaboration with two of his graduate students at the University of Toronto back in 2012. He believes that AI is the next big thing for the tech industry, but also wants to highlight the risks associated with it.

About: Geoffrey Hinton - Geoffrey Hinton, also known as the "Godfather of AI," Geoffrey Hinton was an artificial intelligence pioneer. In 2012, Dr. Hinton and two of his graduate students at the University of Toronto created technology that became the intellectual foundation for the A.I. systems that the tech industry's biggest companies believe is a key to their future

NOTE - Geoffrey Hinton, has won the 'Nobel Prize of computing' for his work on neural networks.

NATIONAL

Yoga Mahotsav to mark 50 days countdown to International Day of Yoga begins in Jaipur

In Rajasthan, a 50-day countdown to the International Day of Yoga began at Shri Bhawani Niketan College in Jaipur. The program was organized by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga. Addressing the program, the Governor of Rajasthan Kalraj Mishra said that the basic foundation of Indian culture is yoga which is the biggest medium of self-development. More than 15,000 people take part in event

Union AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that to make life successful, one should move forward with yoga. He said that the whole world is adopting Yoga as a method of science. Mr. Sonowal said that this year's IDY will also witness many firsts, foremost being the demonstration of the Common Yoga Protocol in the Arctic and Antarctic region.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Press Freedom Day

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated annually on May 3 to raise awareness about the importance of a free and independent press. This day highlights the need for free and independent journalism and promotes the principles of freedom of expression.

The idea of World Press Freedom Day was first proposed in 1991 by the UNESCO General Conference, which recognised the need to celebrate the fundamental principles of press

freedom and to promote its defence. In 1993, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare May 3 as World Press Freedom Day.

Since then, the day has been celebrated every year to raise awareness about the importance of press freedom and to remind governments of their obligation to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression. It is also a day to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty and to support the safety and independence of journalists who work to bring information to the public.

THEME - This year's theme, 'Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights,' highlights the crucial role of freedom of expression in ensuring all other human rights are enjoyed and protected.

This year, World Press Freedom Day marks its 30th anniversary since the United Nations General Assembly's decision proclaiming an international day for press freedom. To commemorate this milestone, UNESCO organised a special anniversary event at the UN headquarters in New York. The anniversary edition of World Press Freedom Day included a full day of activities at the UN Headquarters on May 2.

According to the 21st edition of the World Press Freedom Index 2023, India acquires 161st rank out of all 180 countries around the world, While Norway topped the index.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

India, Israel sign MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation

India and Israel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on several key technology areas. These are aerospace, Electronics Instrumentation, Civil, Infrastructure and Engineering, Environment, Mining, Chemicals, and Petrochemicals and Agriculture. The Multi-Sectoral Agreement was signed between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR and Directorate of Defense Research and Development, Ministry of Defense of Israel in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said, this agreement will open a new phase in India-Israel partnership in areas like Innovation, Technology, and StartUps. He said that 2023 is a very important year for the country as India is holding the G20 presidency. and it is also the year when India and Israel are celebrating 30 years of successful diplomatic relations.

IA's MES inked MOU with IIT Kanpur to convert Army stations into carbon-neutral campuses

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Military Engineer Services (MES) Jhansi have signed an MOU to convert Army stations into carbon-neutral campuses. The MoU comes in accordance with the Earth Day 2023 and perceives to contribute towards India's vision of achieving net zero emissions by 2070. The MOU aims to establish a demonstrable model through a real-world example of achieving carbon neutrality.

The MoU was signed between Col. Akhil Singh Charak, Commander Works Engineer (CWE) & IITK alumnus, and Major Sunny Attri, Garrison Engineer from MES Jhansi, and Prof. A.R. Harish, Dean of R&D, IIT Kanpur. The signing of the MoU took place in IITK in the presence of Prof. Ashish Garg, Prof. Rajeev Jindal, and Prof. Aakash C. Rai, from the Sustainable Energy Engineering Department. Under the MoU, five campuses under the MES Jhansi cantonment have been identified initially, which will be converted into NetZero Carbon,

Net Zero Energy, Net Zero Water, and Net Zero Waste campuses/stations in a phased manner.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Pandit Ramkishan, a renowned socialist leader awarded the "Shatabdi Purush" title

Pandit Ramkishan, a renowned socialist leader in India, has been awarded the "Shatabdi Purush" (Man of the Century) title in New Delhi for his contributions to the socialist movement. The event was held during the birth centenary celebrations of Madhu Limaye, a renowned socialist ideologue and parliamentarian. Ramkishan is considered the most senior and iconic figure in Indian socialism and has been recognized as the "Socialist Shatabdi Purush". The award ceremony was attended by several senior politicians, including former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik, CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechuri, INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala, and JDU leader KC Tyagi.

About: Pandit Ramkishan -

- Pandit Ramkishan was a well-known socialist leader who played an active role in the movements led by other socialist leaders such as Jayaprakash Narayan and Lohia.
- He was imprisoned multiple times, including during the Emergency period. Ramkishan also served as a member of the Lok Sabha once, in 1977, and was elected four times to the Rajasthan Assembly in 1962, 1967, 1974, and 1990.
- Ramkishan was arrested several times while fighting for tribals, Dalits, and the poor.

Current Affairs PDF- May 02, 2023

NATIONAL

DRDO & Indian Navy conduct successful maiden test trial of indigenous Air Droppable Container

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of 'ADC-150' from IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa. 'ADC-150' is an indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container with 150 kg payload capacity. The trial was conducted to enhance the naval operational logistics capabilities by providing quick response to meet the requirement of critical engineering stores to ships (under distress), which are deployed more than 2,000 kms from the coast. It reduces the requirement of ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores. Three DRDO laboratories - Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam; Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra and Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru - have been involved in the development of ADC-150 container. The crucial flight clearance certification was given by Regional Center for Military Airworthiness (RCMA), Kanpur headed by Centre for Military Airworthiness & Certification (CEMILAC), Bengaluru.

ASEAN India Maritime Exercise, AIME-2023

Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi with RAdm Gurcharan Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet embarked onboard arrived at Singapore on 01 May 2023 to

participate in the Inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) scheduled from 02 to 08 May 2023.

The Harbour Phase of the exercise is scheduled to be held at Changi Naval Base from 02 to 04 May 2023 and the Sea Phase will be conducted from 07 to 08 May 2023 in the South China Sea. AIME 2023 will provide an opportunity for Indian Navy and ASEAN navies to work together closely and conduct seamless operations in the maritime domain.

INS Delhi, India's first indigenously-built guided missile destroyer and INS Satpura, an indigenously-built guided missile stealth frigate are a part of Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam and function under the operational command of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command. These ships are fitted with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors. The ships, during their port call at Singapore, will also participate in International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX-23) and International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) being hosted by Singapore.

OBITUARY

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Arun Gandhi passes away at 89

Arun Gandhi, the son of Sushila and Manilal Gandhi and the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, passed away at the age of 89. His son Tushar, daughter Archana, four grandsons, and five great-grandchildren survive him. The final rites of Arun Gandhi, who referred to himself as a "Peace Farmer," held in Kolhapur.

He penned books like 'Kasturba, The Forgotten Woman', 'Grandfather Gandhi, with Bethany Hegedus and illustrated by Evan Turk, 'The Gift of Anger: And other lessons from my grandfather Mahatma Gandhi', etc. Born on April 14, 1934, in Durban to Manilal Gandhi and Sushila Mashruwala, followed in his grandfather's footsteps as an activist.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, AVSM, VM new Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command

Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, AVSM, VM has taken over as the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) on 01 May 2023. The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the only Joint-services Command in India and serves as a model for the country's planned theatreisation of Army, Navy, and Air Force capabilities.

Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan is a distinguished alumnus of the National Defence Academy Khadakwasla, having been commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in 1986. With over 3200 accident-free fighter flying hours on various variants of MIG-21 and Kiran aircraft, he is an accomplished fighter combat leader. The Air Marshal has held various key positions throughout his illustrious career, including CO of a Bison Squadron, the first Commanding Officer of an AWACS Squadron, and Air Officer Commanding at the prestigious AF Station at Jodhpur. Before assuming Command of ANC he was the Senior Air Staff Officer at the IAF Training Command at Bengaluru.

Justice TS Sivagnanam Appointed As The Chief Justice Of Calcutta High Court

The Central Government has notified the appointment of Justice T. S. Sivagnanam, the senior most judge of the Calcutta High Court, as the Chief Justice of the High Court. He is currently serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court,

The Supreme Court Collegium (SCC) on February 9 recommended Justice Sivagnanam's name for the appointment as Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court.

About: Calcutta High Court - The Calcutta High Court is one of the oldest and most prestigious high courts in India. It was established in 1862, under the Indian High Courts Act, and is located in Kolkata, West Bengal. The Calcutta High Court has jurisdiction over the state of West Bengal and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Justice S.V. Bhatti appointed acting Chief Justice of Kerala

The Central government has appointed Justice S.V. Bhatti as the acting Chief Justice of Kerala. Justice Bhatti succeeds Justice S. Manikumar who retired on Saturday.

Justice Bhatti, a native of Madanapalli in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, began his career as a lawyer in Hyderabad in 1987. He had served as the standing counsel for several public sector companies, including Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Hindustan Shipyard and National Maritime University. He had also served as a special government pleader in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is an annual event organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma – GINA to improve asthma awareness and care around the world. World Asthma Day is held on the first Tuesday of May.

ABOUT: Asthma - Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease due to which a patient is not able to breathe properly, Nowadays, this disease is prevalent in children also.

As asthma can not be cured, it is possible to manage asthma to reduce and prevent asthma attacks, which are also known as episodes or exacerbations.

ABOUT: Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) - GINA is a World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993.

THEME - GINA has chosen "Asthma care for All" as the theme for the 2023 World Asthma Day. The majority of the burden of asthma morbidity and mortality occurs in low and middle income countries. GINA strives to reduce this burden by encouraging health care leaders to ensure availability of and access to effective, quality-assured medications. The 'Asthma care for All' message promotes the development and implementation of effective asthma management programs in all resource countries.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs signs MoU with RITES as Technical Support

The introduction of Used Water Management (UWM) as a newly funded component for towns with less than 1 lakh population, has led to a paradigm shift in urban sanitation. Focusing on accelerating Solid Waste and Used Water Management, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited, in the presence of Mr. Manoj Joshi, Secretary, MoHUA, Ms. Roopa Mishra, JS, MoHUA, Mr. R K Dayal, Executive Director-Urban Infra and Mr. Rahul Mithal, CMD, RITES, for technical assistance for Solid Waste Management (SWM) & UWM under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of RITES will assist SBM-U for a period of 3 years. Under SWM, the areas of engagement will be process standardization and engineering design of waste management facilities, like Material Recovery Facility, legacy waste etc. Under UWM, RITES will provide technical support for standards & specification in the field of sewage and faecal sludge management and reuse, engineering design and process of waste water treatment units. RITES will further assist with preparation of model tender document and procurement in the field of sewage, wastewater management and Solid Waste Management.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches a book 'Reflections' - by banker Narayanan Vaghul

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, has launched a book authored by eminent banker, Narayanan Vaghul, here. The book, titled 'Reflections', carries a vivid account of Vaghul's experiences spanning decades in India's financial landscape. Speaking after the launch on Friday, Ms Sitharaman commended Vaghul for his extensive experience in banking and his leadership qualities.

About: Narayanan Vaghul - Narayanan Vaghul is a Philanthropist and an ex banker professional from India. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in the Trade and Industry category in 2010 by the Government of India.

Current Affairs PDF- May 01, 2023

INTERNATIONAL

Sergio Pérez wins Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023

Red Bull's Sergio Perez won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship, in Baku. Sergio Pérez took advantage of a fortunately timed safety car to beat his teammate Max Verstappen to the victory in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix,

Verstappen started second behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc but swept past him on the long start-finish straight at the end of lap 3, the first lap on which drivers were allowed to use the DRS overtake assist system on the rear wing. Fernando Alonso finished in fourth place, showing strong pace for Aston Martin after issues in qualifying.

About: Sergio Pérez - Sergio Michel "Checo" Pérez Mendoza is a Mexican racing driver who races in Formula One for Red Bull Racing, having previously driven for Sauber, McLaren, Force India, and Racing Point.

Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion

Paris: Ding Liren became China's first world chess champion on Sunday after a rapid-play tie-break victory over Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi in Kazakhstan.

Ding, 30, takes over as winner of the World Chess Championship from Norway's Magnus Carlsen, who chose not to defend his title after a 10-year reign.

He and Nepomniachtchi had finished on seven points each after the 14 first-stage games played in the Kazakh capital Astana. Each won three, while the other eight ended in a draw.

For the tie-break stage of the match, also in Astana,. The contenders then played a tie-break round, in which they had only 25 minutes to make their moves, plus an additional 10 seconds for each move played.

Ding is rated higher than Nepomniachtchi in the faster formats of the game but had played very little such chess in official competitions since January 2020.

NATIONAL

The Indian Air Force Participates in Exercise INIOCHOS-23

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in Exercise INIOCHOS-23, a multi-national air exercise hosted by the Hellenic Air Force - Grece. The exercise will be conducted at the Andravida Air Base in Greece from 24 Apr 2023 to 04 May 2023. The Indian Air Force will be participating with four Su-30 MKI and two C-17 aircraft.

Objective - The objective of the exercise is to enhance international cooperation, synergy and interoperability amongst the participating Air Forces. The exercise will be conducted in a realistic combat scenario involving multiple types of air and surface assets. It will also enable the participating contingents to engage in professional interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices.

SPORTS

India's Mairaj Ahmad, Ganemat Sekhon Win Skeet Mixed Team Gold: Shotgun World Cup

Shooters Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon won India its first medal in the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup, winning the gold medal by defeating Mexicans Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodriguez 6-0 in the skeet mixed team event on Sunday (April 30) in Egypt. It was a second gold medal win in mixed team event for young Indian shooter Ganemat Sekhon, also a fourth senior World Cup medal, while veteran shooter Mairaj secured his fifth senior ISSF medal after the gold medal win. Notably, Mairaj and Ganemat had drawn a blank in the individual skeet competitions.

The Indian pair shot a combined 143 out of 150 in the 30-team qualification round. Their opponents, the Mexicans too finished with a combined score of 143. In the decider, Mairaj made full use of his experience to attain perfect four hits as their opponents missed three birds, giving India an important 2-0 lead. Mairaj put Mexicans under pressure and India on top as he yet again hit a perfect four in the second series. Mexicans Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodriguez missed three as India pulled through 4-0. Things got a bit intense in the final series with Mairaj missing two targets and Ganemat one, but their opponents missed four in all as India finally clinched a historic gold with a dominating win.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

BARC Director A K Mohanty appointed as new Atomic Energy Commission chairman

Renowned physicist and Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy. Mohanty was appointed as the BARC director in March 2019.

Born in Odisha in 1959, Mohanty completed his graduation in 1979 with Honours in Physics from the MPC College in Baripada and post-graduation from Cuttack's Ravenshaw College.

In 1983, he joined the Nuclear Physics Division of the BARC after graduating from the 26th batch of the BARC Training School. He obtained his doctorate from the Mumbai University. Mohanty worked in several areas of nuclear physics, covering collision energy from the sub-Coulomb barrier to the relativistic regime using the Pelletron accelerator at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), PHENIX and CMS experiments at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in the United States and CERN, Geneva. Mohanty held several honorary positions in various organisations. He served the Indian Physics Association (IPA) as its general secretary and later, as its president. He was the spokesperson for the India-CMS collaboration, director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, and director, Physics Group, BARC. He has twice been the CERN Scientific Associate, first during 2002-2004 and again during 2010-2011.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day

May 1 is globally known as International Labour Day. But for the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat, the day holds historical importance and is celebrated as Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day. The day is celebrated with enthusiasm as the foundation of the two states can be traced back to this day in 1960 following the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Bombay on linguistic grounds.

The day is celebrated in the two states with multiple parades, events, and ceremonies across the two states. In Maharashtra, the main function is organised at Shivaji Park in Dadar. And in Gujarat, the main event is held at the Sabarmati Waterfalls. The events highlight the culture and the traditions of the two states. In Maharashtra, the day is declared a public holiday.

As part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative, states across the country will now celebrate each other's foundation day, with Raj Bhavans holding commemorative events. The foundation day of Maharashtra and Gujarat on May 1 will be celebrated in Raj Bhavans across the country as part of the initiative,

International Labour Day / International Worker's Day

International Labour Day, popularly known as International Worker's Day or May Day is observed on May 01 every year. It is celebrated to highlight the importance of workers and their contribution to building society.

Workers' rights have always been a point of discussion. In many parts of the world, labours are underpaid and are forced to work under unsafe conditions. This day is a reminder to acknowledge the contribution of workers to society, from providing essential services to building infrastructure for the convenience of the general public.

The root of Labours' Day can be traced back to 1886 when the Haymarket Riot erupted involving violent clashes between the labourers and police. Thousands of workers marched through the streets of Chicago demanding an 8-

hour workday. In 1889, a worldwide organisation of socialist and labour parties, Second International, declared May 01 as International Workers' Day in the memory of Haymarket incident and to promote the rights of workers. Several reports suggest that Canada started celebrating Labour Day 10 years before the United States.

In India, the first May Day was celebrated by The Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan in Madras (now Chennai) in 1923.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Science 20 Engagement Group meeting under India's G20 Presidency to begin in Lakshadweep

In Lakshadweep, the Science 20 Engagement Group meet on Universal Holistic Health under India's G20 Presidency will begin at the Bangaram Island today morning – May 1 2023.

The focus of the two-day event will be to work on improved agricultural practices, greater access to nutritious food, healthier eating habits and more opportunities for ecologically conscious and sustainable food products.

The meeting will also address the interconnectedness of physical, mental and emotional well-being, recognising that all aspects of health are equally important.

Current Affairs PDF- April 30, 2023

NATIONAL

Anji Khad bridge, India's first cable stayed rail bridge

The Anji-Khad rail bridge, India's first cable-stayed rail bridge, is ready. The first bridge of its kind is made of 96 cables in total. Anji-Khad rail bridge will connect Katra to Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir. The bridge has been made using cutting-edge technology and is designed to withstand harsh weather conditions. The new bridge will help boost country's economic growth and tourism industry.

Indian Railways has achieved another milestone despite difficult geographic conditions in the state of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). All 96 cables on the first cable-stayed bridge of India, the Anji Khad bridge, have been fully installed in a record time of 11 months.

It is constructed over the Anji river, a tributary of the Chenab river between Katra and Reasi. The total length of the structure is 473.25 meters and its height (from the river bed to the formation) is 196 meters.

Earlier, an arch bridge design was proposed for the Anji Khad bridge, similar to the Chenab Bridge arch design. However, it was rejected and a new cable-stayed design was approved. A panel led by an ex-railway board chairman has suggested that the site is not suitable for an arch bridge (concerns over the geological stability of the region).

Abhilash Tomy completes the Golden Globe Race, finishing second; makes maritime adventure history

India's Abhilash Tomy made history by securing the second spot in the Golden Globe (GGR) race on Saturday. Abhilash Tomy's boat Bayanat reached the French coast on Saturday at 10.30 am IST, after sailing for 236 days. The 44-year-old is the first Indian and Asian to finish the Golden Globe race.

South Africa's 40-year-old sailor Kirsten Neuschafer, who finished in first place on Thursday night, was given a grand reception by the organizers. Kirsten took a few hours to cover the last 2–3 nautical miles as the sea suddenly became windless.

About: The Race - The non-stop round-the-world race, which is the longest and slowest race in the world, began on September 4, 2022, with 16 participants. The event expects the participants to use technology that existed before 1968 and none of the modern cutting edge navigation equipment.

The race has only three participants remaining as the others retired midway due to technical failures or accidents. Each participant uses a simple yacht with hull lengths ranging between 32 and 36ft. Abhilash, who took part in the race the previous edition in 2018 as well, had to retire midway after getting injured in the rough seas in the Indian Ocean. He was stranded, injured, in the ocean for three days until an aircraft picked him up. The season had 18 participants but only five of them could finish the race.

CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated new Dr. B R Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat
Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao formally inaugurated the new secretariat constructed at a cost of Rs 616 crore and equipped with state-of-art facilities. The CM will start working in his chamber in the new building complex at 1.20 pm the same day. All the departments will start functioning from the new premises State Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari recently instructed all the department officials to shift their offices from the current BRK Bhavan to the allotted floors in the new Secretariat. About three departments are being accommodated on each floor

At the recent BRS Formation Day meeting, the CM said that on the occasion of the inauguration of the new secretariat, public representatives and officials should reach there by 12.45 pm on Sunday. Ministers should occupy their chambers between 1.58 pm and 2.04 pm, he added.

KCR, who will open the Telangana state Secretariat Complex named after Br Ambedkar, has laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new secretariat building here at the existing location near Hussain Sagar lake in June 2019.

The new Secretariat building is also close to two more historical structures – 125 feet statue of the architect of Indian Constitution author Dr. BR Ambedkar, which was unveiled on April 14, coinciding with Ambedkar Jayanti and Martyrs memorial to remember the sacrifices of Telangana martyrs which are coming up alongside of the famous Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad.

SPORTS

Satwik-Chirag Create History; Become First Indian Pair To Win Gold At Asia Championships In 58 Years

The pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty created history by winning India's first gold in men's doubles at the Badminton Asia Championships. at the Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Indoor Halli in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This is India's first-ever gold medal in doubles at the event. India's only gold at the tournament came back in 1965, when Dinesh Khanna won the top prize in men's singles. Satwik-Chirag beat the Malaysian pair of Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi in an intense three-set clash. The Indian duo found themselves under massive pressure after losing the first set but responded in style and kept hold of their nerves to seal a 16-21 21-17 21-19.

Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa announced a big prize of Rs. 20 Lakhs to the duo for their historic triumph.

Carlos Alcaraz beats Stefanos Tsitsipas to retain title of Barcelona Open

The World No 2 Carlos Alcaraz retains Barcelona Open title without dropping a set, beats Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3 6-4 in Sunday's final; as he claimed a third trophy of the 2023 season. Dusan Lajovic and Holger Rune also claim ATP Tour titles, at Srpska Open in Bosnia and Herzegovina and BMW Open in Munich respectively.

Alcaraz may end up as the favourite for the French Open, which runs from May 28 to June 11, with world No 1 Novak Djokovic and 14-time Roland Garros champion Rafa Nadal nursing elbow and hip injuries respectively. Nadal has not played since the Australian Open in January and does not know when he will return to action, while Djokovic - beaten by fellow Serb Dusan Lajovic in the quarter-finals of the Srpska Open on Friday - has withdrawn from next week's Madrid Open.

SCIENCE & TEHNOLOGY

MIT Engineers has developed Synthetic nanoparticle and polymer injections could stop internal bleeding

A combination of synthetic nanoparticles and a polymer could offer a new way to stop internal bleeding, according to the creators of the system.

Developed by engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the two-component system can be injected into the body and help form blood clots at the sites of internal injury.

The materials, which mimic the way that the body naturally forms clots, could offer a way to keep people with severe internal injuries alive until they can reach a hospital

In a mouse model of internal injury, the team showed that the components performed significantly better than haemostatic nanoparticles that were previously developed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Govt appoints Debadatta Chand as Managing Director of Bank of Baroda

The government on April 29 announced the appointment of Debadatta Chand as Bank of Baroda's (BOB) Managing Director (MD), said BOB. Currently, Debadatta Chand is serving as the bank's Executive Director.

Chand succeeds Sanjiv Chadha, whose term was roughly extended for five months till June 30 by the government. The original term of Chadha ended on January 19 of this year.

Central Government has appointed Shri Debadatta Chand (DoB: 31.01.1971), Executive Director, Bank of Baroda, as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Baroda for a period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after 01.07.2023, or until further orders, whichever is earlier,

Govt appoints Rajneesh Karnatak as Bank of India MD and CEO

Rajneesh Karnatak has been chosen by the country's government as the managing director MD and CEO of the Bank of India (BOI). He will succeed Atanu Kumar Das, whose term as CEO ended recently.

Karnatak is the Union Bank of India's Executive Director at present. According to the announcement, he would serve as MD & CEO of Bank of India for a term of three years beginning on the day of assumption of office or until further instructions.