

National News

Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2023 joint naval exercise begins.

- The Joint naval exercise "Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2023" was launched on May 21 to enhance the growing defense cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.
- INS Tarkash and INS Subatra, the flagships of the Indian Western Naval Fleet, have visited Saudi Arabia's "Al-Jubail" port for this exercise. This exercise is the 2nd edition of which the first edition was successfully conducted in 2021.

Union Minister Smriti Irani has inaugurated a women labour convention in Kerala.

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani has inaugurated the "women labourers convention" organized by BMS Kerala Branch in Thiruvananthapuram.
- Irani said that 13 percent of supervisor posts in the 33,000 Anganwadis across the state would be filled up and the Anganwadis in Kerala should be further modernized with the help of technology.

India is scheduled to host the 44th edition of ISO -COPOLCO.

- India will host the 44th edition of the International Organization (ISO) Committee on Consumer Policy (COPOLCO) from May 23 to 26.
- The theme of this edition is consumer protection and legal frameworks, challenges for consumer engagement and empowering consumers for a sustainable future.

International news

"Rayyanah Barnawi" has the honor of being the first person to go into space in Saudi Arabia.

- Saudi Arabia's First Lady Rayyanah Barnawi has traveled to the International Space Station (ISS) along with Saudi Ali Alqarni, US Commander Peggy Whitson and pilot John Shoffner.
- A Falcon-9 rocket carrying a Dragon spacecraft lifts off from NASA's Launch Complex 39A. Stem cell researcher Rayyanah Barnawi has gone into space with funding from the Saudi Arabian government.

Bangladesh-US Joint Naval Exercise

- The Bangladesh - US joint naval exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' began on May 21 in Chattogram, Bangladesh.
- The objective of the exercise is to increase the strategic capabilities of the two countries and enhance mutual technology sharing and practical cooperation.

An Indian-origin Sikh has become the First turbaned Lord Mayor of England.

- British Sikh councilor Jaswant Singh Birdie of Coventry, England, has made history by becoming the "First Turbaned Lord Mayor" of central England.
- It is notable that He was born in Punjab and moved to Coventry 60 years ago.

State news

Madhya Pradesh becomes the First state in the country to Offer Free Air Travel to Pilgrims.

- Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to offer free air travel to pilgrims under the Mukhyamantri Tirth-Darshan Yojana.
- It is significant that the first batch of 32 senior citizens has flown from Madhya Pradesh to Prayagraj under this scheme.

Awards

Papua Guinea highest Civilian award has been given to Prime Minister Modi.

- Prime Minister Modi has been awarded Papua Guinea's highest civilian award, the "Grand Companion of the Order of Lokohuwai" for his leadership in global South issues and for his struggle for the unity of Pacific Island nations.
- The award was presented to Prime Minister Modi by Sir Bob Dadae, Governor General of Papua New Guinea. This includes the distinction of being the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the island nation.

Osaka Tamil International Film Festival

- The awards for Tamil films released in 2021 have been announced at the Osaka Tamil International Film Festival held in Japan.

Below is the list of recipients of awards at the ceremony.

CATAGORY	AWARDESS	MOVIES
Best Actor	Vijay	Master
Best Film	-	Sarpatta Parambarai
Best Actress	Kangana Ranaut	Thalaivi
Best Music Director	Yuvan Shankar Raja	Manadu
Best Director	Pa Ranjith	Sarpatta Parambarai

The President of Palau awarded Prime Minister Modi with the "Ebakl" award.

- The President of Palau presented the Ebakl Award to Prime Minister Modi on May 22nd.
- The award was presented to Prime Minister Modi by the President of Palau during the India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit.

Sports news

Bronze for India at Golden Grand Prix 2023 Athletics

- Indian athlete "Shaili Singh" won bronze in women's long jump at the "Golden Grand Prix" athletics event held in Yokohama, Japan in 2023.
- He jumped 6.65m in his third attempt to win this medal.

Daniil Medvedev has won his First Masters title at the Italian Open

- "Daniil Medvedev" has won his First clay court Masters title by defeating Holger Rune at the Italian Open 2023 in Rome.
- Daniil Medvedev defeated Holger Rune 7-5, 7-5 in the Italian Open final on May 21 to win the title.

Important day

National Anti-Terrorism Day

- India observes National Anti-Terrorism Day every year on May 21. This day is observed to commemorate the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who was assassinated on this day in 1991.
- The day is observed to spread awareness about the dangers of terrorism and reaffirm India's commitment to fighting terrorism.