

National News

The central government has launched a new Portal "to help people track and trace their lost mobile phones".

- The Central Government is going to launch a new Portal called "Sanchar Saathi Portal" to help people track and trace their mobile phones.
- The Portal will be officially launched on May 17 by the Ministry for Communication Ashwini, the central government said.

The central government made a "unique ID" mandatory for doctors.

- According to the new Regulations of the National Medical Commission (NMC), it has been announced that doctors will now have to obtain a "Unique Identification Number" (UID) to practice medicine in our country.
- This identification number has been developed with the focus of the NMC Ethics Committee to enable the practitioner to easily qualify for registration and medical practice in the NMR.

BrahMos supersonic missile from INS Mormugao has successfully hit the target and successfully tested.

- The Indian Navy has successfully test-fired its INS Mormugao (Guided Missile Launcher) BrahMos supersonic missile, aiming to demonstrate its maritime dominance.
- The missile hit the target at a speed of Mach 2.8, or nearly three times the speed of sound.

Shri Bhupender Yadav has launched a new app called "Meri Life".

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav said the "Meri Life" app will help track the progress of the "Mission Life" program to encourage individual and community action to protect the environment.
- The app will guide users to participate in life-related activities under the following 5 themes: saving energy, saving water, reducing single-use plastics, adopting sustainable diets and adopting a healthy lifestyle, according to Mission Life's goals.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister L. Murugan is leading the pro-India delegation to the "Cannes Film Festival".

- In the Cannes International Film Festival scheduled for May 16 to 27, the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. L. Murugan is to lead the Indian Team.
- "Showcasing India's Creative Economy to the Global Community" is the theme of the panel and it is significant that the restored Manipuri film 'Ishanhou' will be screened in the 'Classic' category at the festival.

The Government of India has approved the "Fourth Positive Indigenization list" to boost the defense sector.

- The Ministry of Defense has approved the "Fourth positive indigenization list" of 928 defense strategy acquired subsystems and components.
- This approval will reduce imports of defense PSUs and promote domestic production and the details of this list with an import substitution value of Rs.715 crores can be found on "SRIJAN" Portal.

International news

The India-Indonesia bilateral exercise 'Samudra Shakti-2023' began on May 14 in Badam, Indonesia.

- The indigenously built "Anti-Submarine Warfare Ship INS Kavaratti" left for "Badam" in Indonesia to participate in the fourth edition of India-Indonesia exercise 'Samudra Shakti-2023 began on May 14'.
- Samudra Shakti is an operational exercise aimed at enhancing "operational and mutual cooperation between the two navies".

Pa Dawa holds the record for most ascents of Everest.

- "Sherpa Pasang Thawa" from Nepal has climbed Mt Everest 26 times, equaling Kami Rita's record for most climbs.
- Pa Dawa has previously climbed Mount Everest 25 times, including two ascents in 2022. The first person in the world to climb Mount Everest most times - "Kami Rita".

The Netherlands has emerged as India's 3rd largest exporter

- The Netherlands will become India's third largest exporting country after the US and the UAE in 2022-23, According to the Commerce Ministry data released on May 14 .
- It is notable that India's trade with the Netherlands has increased from USD 8 billion in 2021-22 to USD 13 billion in 2022-23.

State news

14 Special Development Councils to be created - Odisha Chief Minister Announced

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced on May 14 that 14 Special Development Councils will be formed "to protect the unique identity and tribal culture of all tribal groups" in Odisha.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced that the state government has allocated 223 crore rupees in the financial year 23-24.

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- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the "Integrated Biological Control Laboratory" in Hyderabad on May 15.
- The Minister said that the use of bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers through this laboratory will help reduce the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers and improve soil and plant health.

Appointments

Praveen Sood appointed as the new director of CBI.

- IPS officer Praveen Sood has been appointed as the new Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for 2 years.
- It has been reported that Praveen Sood, who has served as Director General of Karnataka Police, will succeed CBI Director Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

Sports news

Praneeth from Telangana became the 82nd Grandmaster of India.

- V. Praneeth from Telangana became India's 82nd Grandmaster after defeating American GM Hans Niemann in the final round of the Baku Open 2023.
- With this Achievement, he became the sixth Grandmaster from Telangana and the 82nd Grandmaster from India.

Important day

International Day of Families 2023

- "International Day of Families" is celebrated every year on May 15 to "highlight the value of families and their important contribution to society".
- "Demographic Trends and Families" is the theme for 2023.