

## Weekly Current Affairs (16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023)

### Q1) Annu Rani clinched gold medal in the Federation Cup athletics 2023



- Olympian Annu Rani clinched gold medal in the **26<sup>th</sup>** “National Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships 2023” event held at the Birsa Munda Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand from 15 to 18 May 2023.
- With the victory, Annu Rani also breached the Asian Games 2023 qualifying standards set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- The 30-year-old Javelin thrower made an effort of **59.24m** well above the AFI’s mark of 56.46m.
- She also qualified for the Asian Athletics Championships scheduled for July in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### Other medallists

Medal

Category

Q2) The Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 date announced



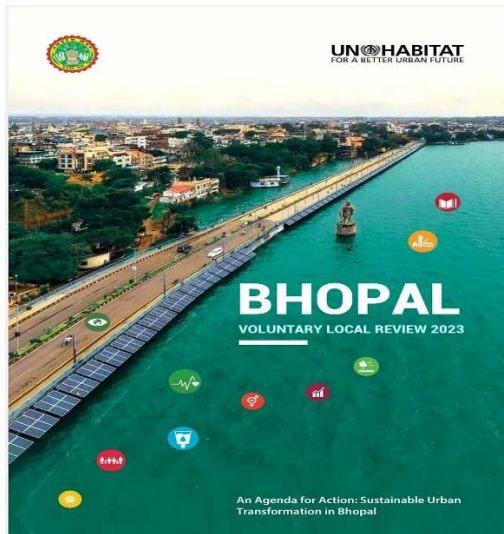
- The **11<sup>th</sup>** edition of the “Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023” is all set to take place in **Busan, South Korea** from June 27-30 2023 after a gap of 6 years.
- The last edition was held in Gorgan, Iran in 2017.
- Indian is the defending champions having beaten Pakistan 36-22 in the Kabaddi final in 2017.

#### Indian squad

Arjun Deshwal, Naveen Kumar, Pawan Sehrawat, Mohit Goyat, Sachin Tanwar, Aslam Inamdar, Surjeet Singh, Sunil Kumar, Parvesh Bhainswal, Nitesh Kumar, Vishal Bhardwaj, Nitin Rawal, Vijay Malik (standby player), Shubham Shinde (standby player).

- In the women’s category too, India are the defending champions beating South Korea 42-20 in the final in 2017.
- The Indian women’s kabaddi team is also the most successful side in the competition having won 4 gold medals.

### Q3) Bhopal becomes 1<sup>st</sup> city to measure SDG progress



- Bhopal becomes the first city in India to adopt the localisation of the United Nations- mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
- Bhopal will now have voluntary local reviews (VLR) to demonstrate the local government's capacity and commitment towards achieving the 2030 agenda for sustainable goals.

#### Voluntary local reviews (VLR)

- The VLR is a subnational review of the progress and challenges in implementing the SDG's at the local level.
- It is a bottom-up and participatory approach that involves multiple stakeholders, such as civil society, the private sector.
- It aims to enhance accountability, transparency and learning among local actors.

Q3) Mumbai Coastal Road named after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj



- Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde announced that the Coastal Road of Mumbai will be named after the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the eldest son of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- In the memory of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj on his 366<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, a grand ceremony was organised for the first time at Gateway of India.
- As an additional tribute, CM Eknath Shinde announced plans to install a grand salute of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj along the coastal highway.

Q4) Siddaramaiah to be next Chief Minister of Karnataka



- Karnataka Congress has decided to appoint 75-year-old Siddaramaiah as new Chief Minister of Karnataka while D.K Shivkumar (JDS) has been appointed his Deputy Chief Minister.
- The oath-taking ceremony is to take place in Bengaluru in May 20.

Summary of Karnataka Assembly election 2023

Total seats in Karnataka - 224

Of which 112 seats needed for forming a majority

Party	Seats
INC	135
BJP	66
JD(S)	19
Others	4

Q5) WHO Director-General announces Global Health Leader's Awards 2023



- The Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will present two-lifetime achievement awards to **1) Jean-Jacques Muyembe- Tamfum & 2) Peter Piot** at the 76<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly held in Geneva on May 21.
- Professor Muyembe-Tamfum from Congo is being organised for his innovation and contributions to the management and the treatment of diseases such as Ebola virus disease.
- Professor Piot from Belgium is being recognised for his leadership in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Q6) Uttar Pradesh ranked second in country with 48 GI tags



- Uttar Pradesh has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tags for three more ODOF crafts: **1) Mainpuri Tarkashi, 2) Mahoba Gaura Stone craft & 3) Sambhal horn craft.**
- Uttar Pradesh now holds the second position in the country with 48 number of **Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged goods.**
- Among the 48 GI goods of UP, 36 products belong to the handicraft category.
- In Varanasi region alone, 18 GI-tagged goods out of 23 belong to the handicraft category.
- **Tamil Nadu** has the highest number of 55 GI- tagged goods while UP and Karnataka have 48 and 46 GI products respectively.
- Tarkashi is a technique of inlaying brass, copper or silver wires in wood.

Q7) PM Modi to inaugurate International Museum Expo 2023



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 18 May 2023.
- The expo was organized as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 47<sup>th</sup> International Museum Day.

- Minister of Culture, Tourism, and Development of Northeast Region, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, and several other dignitaries were present at the event.
- He will also unveil several key initiatives including the Mascot, a graphic novel titled “A Day at the Museum”, the pocket map of Kartavya Path and Museum Cards.
- The Mascot is an artistic representation inspired by the **iconic Dancing Girl sculpture in the Channapatnam art style**.
- Indian Museums Directory serves as a comprehensive survey of museums in India.

International Museum Day - 18 May

Theme - **Museum, Sustainability & Well-being**

Q8) Jal Jeevan Mission achieves Milestones of 12 crore of Tap Water Connections



- The Jal Jeevan Mission, a flagship programme launched by the Indian Government, has achieved a significant milestone by providing 12 crore water tap connections across the country.
- This achievement marks a major step towards ensuring access to clean drinking water for every household.
- At the time of announcement of launch of JJM only 3.23 crore (16.64%) households in villages had access to piped water connection.
- Goa, Haryana, Punjab, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, D&NH & D&D are “Har Ghar Jal” certified states/UT’s.
- Tap Water Provided In 9.06 Lakh Schools And 9.39 Lakh Anganwadi Centres Across The Nation
- Till date, 5 states (Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat & Punjab) and 3 Union Territories (Puducherry, Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Andaman & Nicobar Islands) have reported 100% coverage.

Q9) The first meeting of India-EU trade, technology Council at Brussels



- The first ministerial-level meeting of the India-European Union Trade and Technology Council will be held in Brussels, Belgium on May 16 2023.
- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal is one of the co-chairs along with External Affairs Minister (EAM) and Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- Aim is to discuss ways to increase cooperation in strategic technologies, digital connectivity, clean energy, trade & investments.

Q10) ISSF World Cup 2023

- Indian rifle and shooters team ended their campaign with 4 medals to finish second in the medal tally in the 9<sup>th</sup> round of the ISSF World Cup 2023 held in **Baku, Azerbaijan** from 8-15 May 2023.
- India won total four medals including 1-G, 2-S & 1-B.
- Sarabjot Singh and Divya TS combined to win a gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event on Thursday, while Hriday Hazarika and Nancy Mandhotra bagged silver medals in the men's and women's 10m air rifle events, respectively.
- Rhythm Sangwan won the only bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event on Wednesday.
- In the medal tally, China topped the position.



Q11) ASEAN Tourism Forum 2024 will host by Laos



- The annual ASEAN Tourism Forum will be hosted by Laos in January 2024.
- The theme of the forum will be **“Quality and Responsible Tourism-Sustaining ASEAN Future.”**
- Previously, Laos hosted the ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2004 & 2013.
- The Laos government is working to promote the country’s potential as a nature-based tourism destination.

#### ASEAN Tourism Forum 2023

- The ASEAN Tourism Forum 2023 was held in **Yogyakarta (Indonesia)** on February 2-5, 2023.
- The theme of this summit was **“ASEAN: A Journey to Wonderful Destinations”**.

#### Other news

- 1) Telangana’s Prraneeth Vuppala (16) becomes **82<sup>nd</sup>** Grandmaster of India
- 2) Saturn overpowers Jupiter in the “Games of Moon” with 62 new moons orbiting Saturn bringing the total no. of **145 natural satellites**.
- 3) India launches **“Operation Karuna”** to provide assist to cyclone-hit Myanmar (Cyclone Mocha)

4) Chief Secretary of UP, Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated the online rural education programme “**Pahal**” at Government UP Sainik Inter College, Lucknow.

5) Author Musharraf Ali Farooqui has won the inaugural edition of the “Armoury Square Prize” for South Asian Literature in translation.

6) South Asian Film Festival of Montreal honours “Gauri”, a documentary film with “Best Long Documentary Award.”

7) Ruskin Bond wrote a new book titled “The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life.”

8) Spanish club F.C Barcelona claimed its 27<sup>th</sup> “La Liga title 2022-23” and first for four years.

9) Elon Musk appoints Linda Yaccarino as the CEO of Twitter.