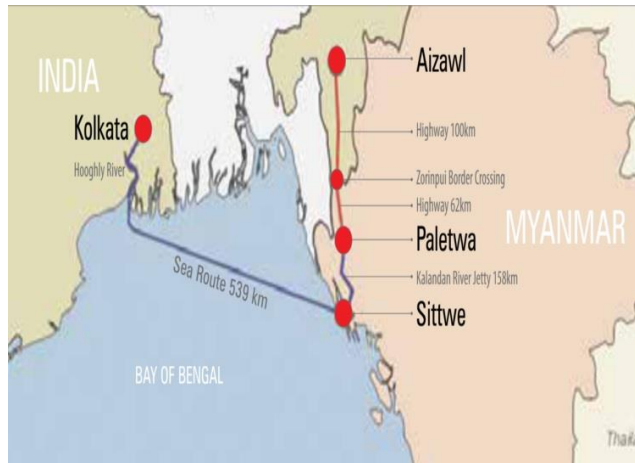


Weekly Current Affairs (1st-7th May 2023)

Q1) Assam CM to receive first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar on May 9



- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal will receive the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar on 9 May.
- The inaugural cargo ship was flagged off by the MoS of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shantanu Thakur from Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Kolkata to operationalise Sittwe Port.
- Kolkata Port now officially known as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust is the only riverine major port of India around 203 km from the sea.
- It is the oldest operating dock in India and was constructed by the British East India Company in 1870.
- Sittwe port development is part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP). Once operationalised, the Sittwe port will enable multi modal transit connectivity with the South East Asia.

Connectivity from Northeast India

- 1) From Paletwa in Myanmar to Zorinpui in Mizoram
 - 2) From Sittwe, Myanmar to Sarboom, Tripura
- Major cargo for export for Sittwe Port from Myanmar include Rice, Timber, Fish and seafood, Petroleum products and Garments and textiles. The major cargo for import for Sittwe Port by Myanmar include construction materials such as cement, steel and bricks among others.

Q2) Three jailed Iranian women journalists win UN Press Freedom prizes



- The United Nations announced its premier prize for Press Freedom has been awarded to three jailed Iranian female journalists for their commitment to truth and accountability.
- Three Iranian journalists are: **Niloufer Hamidi Elaheh Mohammadi and Nargis Mohammadi.**
- The award is formally presented by UNESCO on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on 31 May.
- The UNESCO World Press Freedom prize was started in 1997.
- The award is given to a person, organization or institution who at the risk of life has made an outstanding contribution to the defence and promoting press anywhere in the world.

Q3) DRDO and Indian Navy successfully conducted indigenous Air Droppable Container “ADC 150”



- DRDO and Indian Navy conducted the successful test trial of ADC 150” from IL 38SD aircraft, Goa.

- It is indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container with a 150kg payload capacity.
- The trial was conducted to enhance the naval operational logistics capabilities by providing quick responses to meet the requirement of critical engineering stores to ships.
- It reduces the requirement for ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores.
- The development of ADC-150 container was a combined effort of three DRDO laboratories – Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam; Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra; and Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru.

Q4) Government sets foodgrain production target of 332 MT for 2023-24

FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION

(in million tonne)



- Union Minister of Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated national conference on Agriculture for Kharif campaign 2023-24.
- During the conference, he announced that the Agriculture Ministry has set a record target of **3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24.**
- In 2022-23, 3,235 lakh tonnes (323.5 MLT) foodgrains were produced.
- The target for the production of Pulses is fixed at 292.5 lakh tonnes and Oilseeds at 440 lakh tonnes for the year 2023-24.

Q5) Mumbai to soon get India's first twin undersea tunnel



- According to a report, Mumbai will soon get India's 1st undersea tunnel by November 2023.
- The tunnels begin close to Girgaon (before Marine drive), travel under the Arabian sea, Girgaon Chowpatty and Malabar Hills and finally terminate at Priyadarshini Park.
- The high-speed coastal route aims to reduce the 45-minute peak time trip from Girgaon to Worli to only 10 minutes.
- The diameter of the tunnels is 12.19 meters which is 17-20 meters below sea level. About 1 km part is under the sea (2.07km tunnel).
- Construction of tunnels is a part of the Mumbai Coastal Road Project (MCRP) being built by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC).

Q6) India to launch its own heat index next year



- India will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population and generate impact-based heatwave alerts for specific locations.
- IMD started issuing an experimental heat index for different parts of the country.
- It includes various parameters like wind, temperature, humidity, duration of exposure etc.
- Impact of heat waves: It has an immense impact on human health causing cramps, exhaustion, stress and heat stroke.
- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Indian Government.

Present Minister of Earth Science - **Dr. Jitendra Singh**

Formation of IMD - **15 January 1875**

Q7) India's first International Multi-modal Logistics Park in Jogighopa, Assam



- the Union Minister of Shipping, Ports and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal reviewed progress of India's first "International Multi-modal Logistics Park" in Jogighopa, Assam.
- The park is likely to be completed within this year.
- The park is built under the ambitious project "Bharatmala Pariyojana"
- The park will be connected to road, rail, air and waterways.
- This park is being developed in 317-acre land along the Brahmaputra river.
- The MMLP will have all the facilities like Waterhouse, railway siding, cold storage, yard facility, water treatment plant etc.

Foundation stone of this project - **20th Oct. 2020**

Q8) National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22: Karnataka ranked the most “Innovative” state



- Recently, the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey for 2021-22 was released by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- According to the report, Karnataka overall is the most “Innovative” state followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu (DNH&DD) , Telangana and Tamil Nadu.
- Telangana, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu had the highest share of innovative firms at 46.18%, 39.10% & 39.10% respectively with Odisha, Bihar & Jharkhand reporting the lowest share of such firms at 12.78%, 13.47% & 13.71% respectively.
- The latest survey is a follow-up to DST’s first National Innovation Survey in 2011.

Q9) Dubai to host the inaugural Tech Mahindra “Global Chess League 2023”



- Dubai (UAE) will host the inaugural edition of the “Global Chess League 2023” set to take place from June 2 to July 2, 2023.
- The world’s largest and first franchise-based chess league will be held in Dubai in association with Dubai Sports Council, the league’s host partner.
- It will feature six teams with six players each, including a minimum of two female players and one icon player per team.
- GCL is a joint venture of FIDE and Tech Mahindra.
- The long-standing partnership between Tech Mahindra and FIDE will promote playing of chess in new and innovative formats, create opportunities for youth, and foster many champions globally.

Formation of FIDE - **1924**

President of FIDE - **Arkady Dvorkovich**

Deputy President of FIDE - **Vishwanathan Anand**

Indian chess legend & 5-time world champion - **Vishwanathan Anand**

Q10) Vantika Agrawal becomes 11th Indian women to achieve International Master title in Chess



- A 21-year -old Delhi girl, Vantika Agrawal is the new women’s world no.3 in Chess and 11th Indian women to achieve International Master (IM) title.
- Vantika became the women’s champion at the Menorca Open last month in Spain.
- She has also won a bronze medal in the National Women’s Championship held in Kolhapur in January 2023.
- She received the Women Grandmaster (WGM) title in 2021 and the Women International Master (WIM) title in 2017.
- She was honoured by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and even honoured with the President’s Award by former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee for her excellence in sports.

Some other names in Chess: **Harika Dronavali, Koneru Humpy, D. Gukesh**

Q11) Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinches Doha Diamond League 2023 title.



- India's star Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has started the 2023 season on a bright note by winning the Javelin throw title at the ongoing Diamond league in Doha.
- The 25-year-old Chopra, won the title with a throw of **88.67 m**.
- Last year, Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian athlete to be crowned Diamond league champion.

All awards given to Neeraj Chopra

Award	Year
Arjuna Award	2018
Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)	2020
Major Dhyan Chand Award	2021
Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)	2022
Padma Shri	2022

About 2023 Diamond League

- It is the **14th** season of the annual series of track and field meetings organized by World Athletics.
- The 2023 Diamond league will see total **14 meetings of 32 disciplines** starting from 5th May in Doha and ends on 17th September in USA.

Q12) Sports Minister launches logo, mascot of Khelo India University Games 2022



- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur and CM of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath launched the logo, mascot, torch and anthem of the 3rd edition of the “Kelo India University Games” (KIUG) to be held in Lucknow, U.P from 23 May to 3 June 2023.
- The opening ceremony is scheduled on May 25 at the Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow.
- The mascot of the game **Jitu, a Barasingha** an exotic vibrant state animal was unveiled by the CM of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath.
- Anurag thakur released the anthem of the game titled “*Khelo India- Har Dil Mein Desh*” composed and sung by singer Palash Sen .
- He then launched the official jersey of the University Games, which was worn by prominent players from Uttar Pradesh like Lalit Upadhyay, Sudha Singh and Divya Kakran.
- “**Shakti**” is the official torch for the Khelo India University Games.

Previous editions of KIUG

Edition	Venue	Winner	Medals
1 st	Kalinga University, Odisha	Panjab University, Chandigarh	46 (G-17)
2 nd	Jain University, Karnataka	Jain University, Karnataka	32 (G-20)

Other News:

Q1) Luca Brecel (Belgium) beats Mark Selby to win the maiden “World Snooker Championship 2023” held in Sheffield, England.

Q2) AL “godfather” Geoffrey Hinton quits Google.

Q3) Sergio Perez won the “Azerbaijan F-1 Grand Prix 2023”

Q4) A book titled “Collective Spirit, Concrete Action” written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati on the occasion on the 100th episode of “Mann Ki Baat”.

Q5) Hollywood star Michael Douglas is all set to receive the “Palme d’Or’ award, the highest honorary award at the fest at the **76th Cannes Film Festival 2023.**

Q6) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri has extended deadline of its “Smart Cities Mission” by June 2024

Start date of the Mission - **2015**

- A total of Rs. 71,000 crore has been released to the cities of which Rs. 38,000 crore is from the centre and the remaining from the states and urban local bodies.
- Rajasthan Forest Dept. creates 3 new wildlife conservation reserves taking total number to **26**.
 - 1) Sorsan in Baran (great Indian Bustard and blackbucks)**
 - 2) Khichan in Jodhpur**
 - 3) Hamirgarh in Bhilwara**