

## Weekly Current Affairs (8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

### Q1) Petersburg Climate Dialogue 2023



- The **14<sup>th</sup>** edition of the “Petersburg Climate Dialogue 2023” begins in Berlin, Germany from 2-3 May 2023.
- The 2-day conference was jointly organised by Germany and UAE,
- United Arab Emirates will host the **28<sup>th</sup>** Conference of Parties (CoP28) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) later in this year.
- The conference was attended by delegates from more than 30 countries and international organizations, including the United Nations Secretary-General, the President of COP28, and the German Foreign Minister, Annalena Baerbock.
- It was initiated in 2010 by former German Chancellor Angela Merkel.
- The conference discussed the status of climate finance and the need to mobilize funding for climate action.
- The President of COP 28 called for a tripling of renewable energy capacity by 2030 followed by a doubling in 2040.

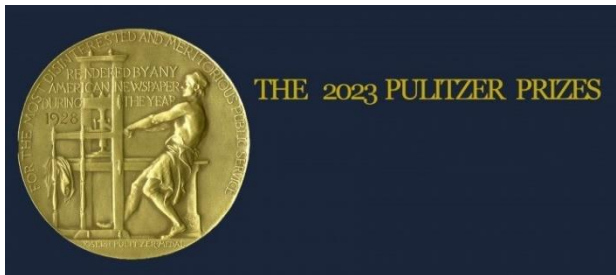
### Other Summits in 2023

- Quad Summit 2023 - **Australia**
- **28<sup>th</sup>** UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCC COP-28) 2023 - **UAE**

President for UNFCC COP-28- **Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**

- **5<sup>th</sup>** ASEAN- India Business Summit 2023 - **Kuala Lumpur**

## Q2) Pulitzer Prizes 2023 announced



- Total 16 awards across 15 categories were awarded in the **2023 edition of the Pulitzer Prize** with 4 awards in the field of journalism.
- The Pulitzers are regarded as the highest honour that a U.S.-based journalist or organization can receive.
- There are 22 Pulitzer categories. In 21 of those categories the winners receive a **\$15,000 cash award** and a certificate.
- The America Novelist, **Barbara Kingsolver** was the Argentinian writer, **Hernan Diaz** were awarded Pulitzer Prize 2023 in the “fiction category.”
- Barbara Kingsolver won the prize for her novel “Demon Copperhead” and Hernan Diaz won for his novel “Trust.”

### Other awardees

| Categories                   | Title & Author   |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Drama</b>                 | “English” by Sanaz Toossi  |
| <b>Biography</b>             | “G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century” by Beverly Gage (Viking)   |
| <b>History</b>               | “Freedom’s Dominion: A Saga of White Resistance to Federal Power” by Jefferson Cowie (Basic Books).                              |
| <b>Memoir/ Autobiography</b> | “Stay True” by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)   |
| <b>Poetry</b>                | “Then the War: And Selected Poems, 2007-2020” by Carl Phillips (Farrar, Straus and Giroux).                                      |
| <b>Music</b>                 | “Omar” by Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels.  |
| <b>General Nonfiction</b>    | “His Name Is George Floyd: One Man’s Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice” by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa (Viking). |

## About Pulitzer prize

- The Pulitzer prize was established in 1917 named in the honour of newspaper journalist Joseph Pulitzer.
- It is administered by Columbia University and is awarded for newspaper, magazine & online journalism across 22 categories.
- Each winner receives a certificate and a US\$15,000 cash reward.
- Gobind Behari Lal was the first India to be awarded Pulitzer prize in Journalism in 1937. He was the member of “Gadar Party” in America.

## Q3) Asian Weightlifting Championship 2023



- Asian weightlifting Championship 2023 was held in Jinju, South Korea from 5-13 May 2023.
- Indian weightlifting squad finished their campaign with **three silver medals**.

### Medal tally

| Rank     | Nations        | Medals                     |
|----------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>China</b>   | <b>21 (G-11, S-8, B-2)</b> |
| 2        | Thailand       | 7 (G-3, S-0, B-4)          |
| 3        | Chinese Taipei | 6 (G-3, S-0, B-3)          |
| <b>7</b> | <b>India</b>   | <b>3 (G-0, S-3, B-0)</b>   |

### All Indian Silver medalists

|                    | Category             |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bindarani Devi     | <b>Women's 55 kg</b> |
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| Jeremy Lalrinnunga | <b>Men's 67 kg</b>   |

Other Weightlifters: **Mirabai Chanu (49 kg)**, Narayana Auth (73kg),  
Shubham Todkar (61 kg)

Q4) PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY complete 8 years of inception



- “Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana” (PMSBY), “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana” (PMJJBY) & “Atal Pension Yojana” (APY) have completed their 8 years of providing social security cover on May 9.
- On completion of 8 years, the Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman said that 16.2 crore, 34.2 crore and 5.2 crore enrolments have been done under PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY respectively till 26th April 2023.
- PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY were launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **May 9 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal.**

#### About PM Suraksha Bima Yojana

- PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death or disability due to accident.
- Persons falling between age group of **18-70 years** having an individual bank or a post office account can apply under the scheme.

### About PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

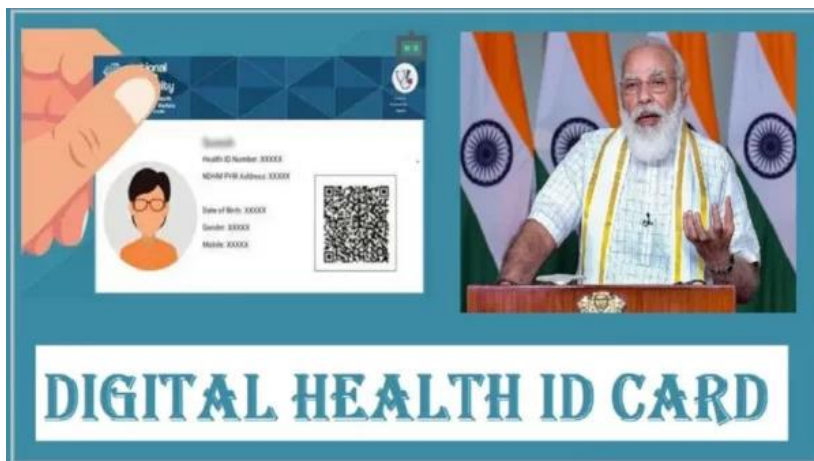
- PMJJBY is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death due to any reason.
- Persons in the age group of **18-50 years** having an individual bank or a post office account are entitled to enroll under the scheme.

### About Atal Pension Yojana

- The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched to create a universal social security system for all Indians, especially the poor, the under-privileged and the workers in the unorganised sector.
- APY is open to all bank account holders in the age group of **18 to 40 years** who are not income tax payers.

Union Minister of State for Finance - **Dr. Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad**

Q5) Uttar Pradesh becomes first state to make Digital Health Cards for Children.



- The Uttar Pradesh's Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City jointly launched a pilot project called "School Health Program" in Lucknow.
- The program aims to improve the health of students and has been implemented in three schools as a part of the pilot project.
- The program aims to improve the academic performance and future prospects of the children by identifying and addressing any health issues they may have.

- A digital health report card for the overall physical and mental well-being of 1765 municipal school students is also being prepared under this project.
- The benefit of health insurance worth Rs. 25,000 is also being given to these children.

Q6) Argentina’s Lionel Messi wins Laureus “Sportsman of the Year 2023”



- Argentinian footballer, Lionel Messi has been named as the “Sportsman of the Year” at the Laureus Sports Awards 2023.
- He was awarded for his remarkable achievements on the pitch in the past year, which included leading Argentina to victory in the FIFA World Cup final against France held in Qatar.

Other awardees

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| World Sportsman of the Year                    | <b>Lionel Messi</b>                              |
| World Sportswomen of the Year                  | <b>Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica athlete)</b> |
| World Team of the Year                         | <b>Argentina Men’s Football team</b>             |
| World Breakthrough of the Year                 | <b>Carlos Alcaraz (Spain tennis player)</b>      |
| World Comeback of the Year                     | <b>Christian Eriksen (Denmark footballer)</b>    |
| World Sportsperson of the Year with disability | <b>Catherine Debrunner</b>                       |
| World action Sportsperson of the Year          | <b>Eileen Gu</b>                                 |
| Laureus Sport for Good                         | <b>TeamUp</b>                                    |

Q6) Tungnath Temple: Monument of National Importance



- The Central Government recently issued a notification declaring the ancient temple of Tungnath as a monument of national importance.
- Tungnath Temple is located in the **Rudraprayag district, Uttarakhand**
- It is the highest **Shiva temple in the world** nestled at an altitude of 3,680 metres.
- It is one of the Panch Kedars and is believed to have belonged to an ancient era almost 1000 years old.
- It was built in the North Indian style of architecture and has a dozen shrines of other gods surrounding the temple.
- Panch Kedar is a group of five sacred shrines of Lord Shiva located in the Garhwal Himalayas, Uttarakhand.
- The five temples are the Kedarnath Temple, the Tungnath Temple, the Rudranath Temple, the Madhyamaheshwar Temple or Madmeshwar Temple and the Kalpeshwar Temple.

Q7) Punjab becomes first state to enforce "Right to Walk"



- Punjab has become the first state in India to implement the “right to walk” by making it mandatory for road-owning agencies to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansions of roads and constructions.
- Reason: every month more than 10 bicycle riders are killed in road accidents due to encroachment on pedestrian footpaths.
- Road-owning agencies include NHAI, the public works department, local bodies and urban public departments.

Q8) New Lithium deposits discovered in Rajasthan after J&K



- After Jammu & Kashmir, lithium reserves have been traced in the Degana district of Rajasthan.
- According to officials, the lithium reserves are higher than the ones recently found in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Officials are also informed that the quantity of lithium found here can meet around 80% of India’s demand.
- For the first time, lithium reserves were found in Jammu & Kashmir’s Reasi in February 2023.
- Lithium (Li) is a key component of batteries used in electric vehicles.

Q9) Border Haat between India and Bangladesh inaugurated at Bholaganj in Sylhet





- New Border Haat was inaugurated between India & Bangladesh at Bholaganj under Companyganj Upazila at Sylhet.
- The opening of the border haat at Bholaganj on the border between Sylhet in Bangladesh and the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya was greeted with great enthusiasm by people on both sides of the border.
- This is the fourth border haat in Sylhet division, out of which three are currently functioning. There are plans to open three more border haats in Sylhet division.
- The border haat will open from 10 am to 4 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- The Bholaganj border haat will have 26 stalls from India and 24 stalls from Bangladesh, where traditional items from both the countries will be sold duty free.
- The first **border haats were inaugurated in 2011 at Kalaichar in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya and Kurigram in Karnataka.**

## Q10) Men's World Boxing Championships 2023



### **MENS WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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- The IBA “World Men’s Boxing Championships 2023” were held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 1 to 14 May 2023.
- The tournament saw more than 400 boxers from across the globe, competing in 13 weight categories to claim victory and honour.
- It is organized by the International Boxing Association (IBA) and the Boxing Federation of Uzbekistan, with the support of the Uzbekistan Government.

#### Medal tally

| Rank      | Nation            | Medals                     |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Uzbekistan</b> | <b>9 ( G-5, S- 2, B-2)</b> |
| 2         | Kazakhstan        | 5 (G-4, S-1, B-0)          |
| 3         | Russia            | 6 (G-2, S-0, B-4)          |
| <b>12</b> | <b>India</b>      | <b>3 (G-0, S-0, B-3)</b>   |

#### Indian Bronze medalist

|               | Category                        |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Deepak Bhoria | <b>51 kg flyweight</b>          |
| Hussamuddin   | <b>57 kg featherweight</b>      |
| Nishant Dev   | <b>71 kg Light middleweight</b> |

- Prime Minister of India has conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Deepak Bhoria, Hussamuddin & Nishant Dev for their remarkable achievement in the tournament.

Other boxers in the tournament: **Shiva Thapa (63.5kg), Govind Sahani (48kg), Sachin Siwach (54kg), Akash Sangwan (67kg), Varinder Singh (60kg).**

Q11) Sixth edition of the Indian Ocean Conference starts in Dhaka, Bangladesh



- The sixth edition of the two-day “Indian Ocean Conference 2023” has been started in Dhaka, Bangladesh on May 2023.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the conference.
- The conference is being organised by the Indian Foundation in association with the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Theme for this year’s conference is **“Peace, Prosperity & Partnership for a Resilient Future.”**
- The event is being attended by about 150 delegates.
- The aim of the conference is to bring together heads of states/governments, Ministers, scholars, diplomats and bureaucrats from across the world in a single platform.

## Other news

1) The **42<sup>nd</sup>** “ASEAN Summit” begins started in Indonesia.

Theme – **“Epicenter of Growth.”**

### About ASEAN

Formed – 1961

Headquarter – Jakarta (Indonesia)

Members – 10 States and 2 Observers

(Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia,  
Laos, Brunei, Vietnam)

Motto- One vision, one nation, one identity

**India is not a member of this organization.**

2) Reserve Bank Gold Reserves rose to **4.5% to 794.64 tonnes in 2022-23.**

3) Scientists named the recently discovered black hole **“Scary Barbie”** after a beloved children’s character.