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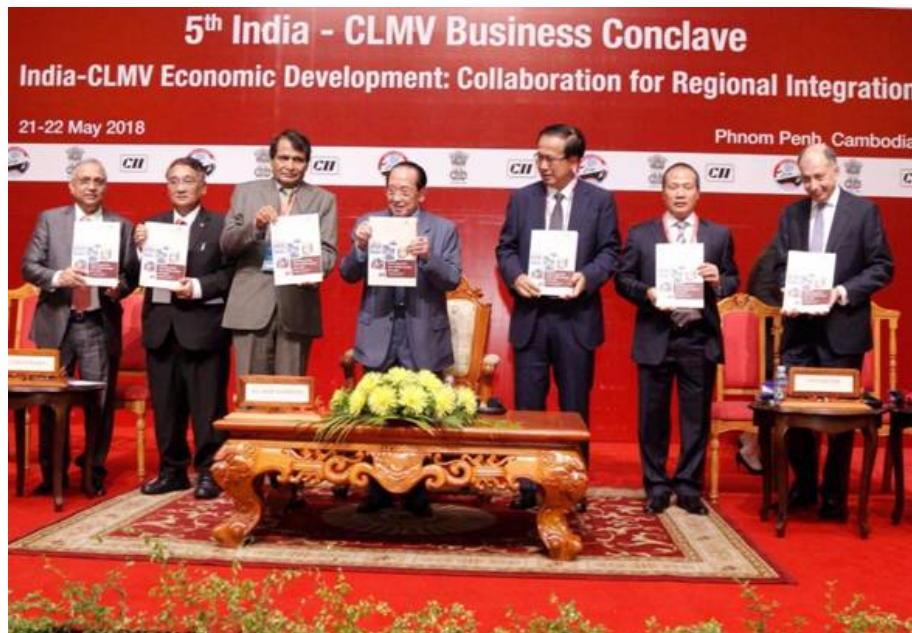
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Kummanam Rajasekharan as Governor of Mizoram and Prof Ganeshi Lal as Governor of Odisha under Article 153 of the Constitution.
 - Kummanam Rajasekharan will replace Lt. General (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma.
 - Prof Ganeshi Lal will take charge from Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik had been given additional charge of Odisha.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has created Women Safety Division to address issues related to security of women comprehensively amid rising concerns over women safety. The division will deal with all aspects of women safety in coordination with relevant ministries, departments, and state governments.
- ❖ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), the country's most valued and largest IT outsourcing company created history by becoming the first Indian company to reach Rs. 7 lakh crore market capitalization (m-cap) milestone.
 - M-cap is the value of a company that is traded on the stock market, calculated by multiplying a total number of shares by present share price.
- ❖ Fifty days after he left his Noida residence to make his second attempt to summit the Kanchenjunga, 24-year-old Indian Arjun Vajpai successfully managed to climb the third-highest mountain in the World.
- ❖ Shri Thanglura Darlong, (IFS: 1988), presently Ambassador of India to Romania, has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Albania, with residence in Bucharest (Romania).
- ❖ Shri Pradeep Kumar Gupta, presently Counsellor, High Commission of India, Accra has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Mali.
- ❖ The Navy conducted a security exercise, called "Prasthan", in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off the coast of Mumbai. The exercise, conducted by the Headquarters Western Naval Command, is held every six months.

NATIONAL

5th India-CLMV Business Conclave

- ❖ The 5th India-CLMV (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam) Business Conclave was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- ❖ It was jointly organized by Ministry of Commerce & Industry along with Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia.
- ❖ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is an institutional partner of the event.
- ❖ The business conclave provided an opportunity for developing a better understanding of CLMV economies for development and offered more scope for enhancement of economic engagement with India.
- ❖ CLMV region is considered as India's gateway to entire ASEAN and provides access to huge markets of these countries.



IMD's competitiveness rankings

- ❖ India has moved one notch higher, to the 44th place in terms of competitiveness, in the annual rankings compiled by International Institute for Management Development (IMD) which placed the US in the top slot.

- ❖ The US became the most competitive economy globally driven by its strength in economic performance and infrastructure, followed by Hong Kong (2), Singapore (3), The Netherlands (4) and Switzerland (5).
- ❖ The other top 10 countries include Denmark (6th), the UAE (7th), Norway (8th) and Sweden (9th) and Canada (10th).
- ❖ India has been ranked the 12th most competitive economy out of the 14 Asian countries on the list.
- ❖ Meanwhile, China (13th) continued with its steady rise in rankings over the past five years, climbing 10 spots since 2014.
- ❖ The IMD World Competitiveness Centre, a research group at IMD business school in Switzerland, has published the rankings every year since 1989.
- ❖ This year 63 countries are ranked with Cyprus and Saudi Arabia making their first appearance.

MoU between India & Netherlands

- ❖ Prime Minister of Netherlands inaugurated the Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum to take forward the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment of the Netherlands.
- ❖ The Netherlands has become the 64th signatory member of the International Solar Alliance.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India noted that the first Indo-Dutch Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Vegetables had started in Baramati, Maharashtra.

Patratu Super Thermal Power Project

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the first phase (2400MW) of NTPC's coal-based Patratu Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand.
- ❖ The project is 74: 26 Joint Venture between Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) and Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (PVUN), a subsidiary company of NTPC.
- ❖ The Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contract of the project is awarded to BHEL.

- ❖ This project will allocate 85% of power to Jharkhand and it will ensure providing 24×7 power availability to households in Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) scheme.
- ❖ The project also complies with new emission norms with high-efficiency ESP, FGD, and Nox emission control systems.

Bangladesh Bhavan

- ❖ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina inaugurated Bangladesh Bhavan at Vishwa Bharti University in Santiniketan, West Bengal.
- ❖ Bangladesh Bhavan in Santiniketan will house museum and library and it has been divided into four zones.
- ❖ Visva Bharati is public central university located in Santiniketan, West Bengal, founded by Rabindranath Tagore on 23 December 1921 who called it Visva-Bharati.
- ❖ Visva-Bharati means communion of the world with India and it is West Bengal's only central university.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India is Chancellor of the University.



ASEAN India Film Festival

- ❖ ASEAN India Film Festival was held in New Delhi from May 25 to 30, 2018.

- ❖ It was organized by Ministry of External Affairs (ASEAN Multilateral Division) as part of the series of events to commemorate 25 years of ASEAN and India relations.
- ❖ The film festival was non-competitive and its tagline was 'Friendship through Films'.
- ❖ It was aimed to serve as a vehicle of Cultural Exchange by providing access to new trends in filmmaking.

SPORTS

2018 Uber Cup

- ❖ Japanese women's badminton team has clinched the Uber Cup for the first time since 1981 when they defeated hosts Thailand 3-0 at the IMPACT Stadium.
- ❖ Ranked two in world singles, Akane Yamaguchi began Japan's title got off to a flying start as she beat World No. 4 Ratchanok Intanon 21-15, 21-19.
- ❖ Doubles pair Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota won the gold for Japan.
- ❖ Nozomi Okuhara spelled victory for her side as she defeated Nitchaon Jindapol.
- ❖ Earlier Japan lifted this coveted cup in 1966, 1969, 1972 and 1978. China won the title 14 times.
- ❖ The Uber Cup is also known as the Women's World Badminton Championship. It is second in prestige only to the Olympics as a national team event.



Munich Grand Prix

- ❖ Former World Shooting Champion Tejaswini Sawant had bagged the gold in the Grand Prix in Munich, Germany.
- ❖ Tejaswini had won the World Championship gold in the prone event in 2010 in Munich. She had recently won gold in the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast.
 - Gold- Tejaswini Sawant **(India)**
 - Silver- Anjum Moudgil **(India)**
 - Bronze- Olivia Hofmann **(Austria)**

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thyroid Awareness Day – 25 May

- ❖ The World Thyroid Day is observed every year on May 25 to spread awareness of thyroid health and educating about prevention and treatment of thyroid diseases.



- ❖ In 2008, European Thyroid Association (ETA) and American Thyroid Association (ATA) had joined hands to create, for the first time ever day devoted globally to Thyroid Gland and it's numerous and often 'invisible' symptoms.

- ❖ It was observed for the first time in 2009. Since then, it has been celebrated annually round globe together with its extension, International Thyroid Awareness Week, which surrounds main Day.

International Missing Children's Day – 25 May

- ❖ International Missing Children's Day is celebrated on May 25, the same day as the United States' National Missing Children's Day designated by Ronald Reagan in 1983.
- ❖ The Global Missing Children's Network (GMCN) was Launched in 1998 as a joint venture of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) and the US's National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC).
- ❖ Every year on May 25, GMCN members pay respects to International Missing Children's Day.