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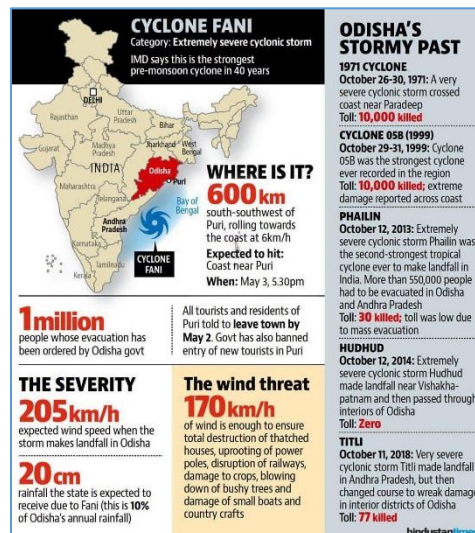
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 16<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) was held in Doha, Qatar. The theme of the meeting was “Partners in Progress”.

## NATIONAL

### Cyclone Fani

- ❖ One of the “rarest of rare”, cause to abundant rainfall and windstorm that gusted up to 240 kmph on May 3 in Odisha coastal region.
- ❖ It causes to huge infrastructural damage before weakening then entering into West Bengal.
- ❖ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has classified Fani as an "extremely severe cyclonic storm".
- ❖ The name 'Fani' for this cyclone was suggested by Bangladesh. Fani means snake.
- ❖ UN agency for disaster reduction has commended the Indian Meteorological Department's "almost pinpoint accuracy" of early warnings that helped Civil authorities conduct a well-targeted evacuation plan and minimise the loss of life.

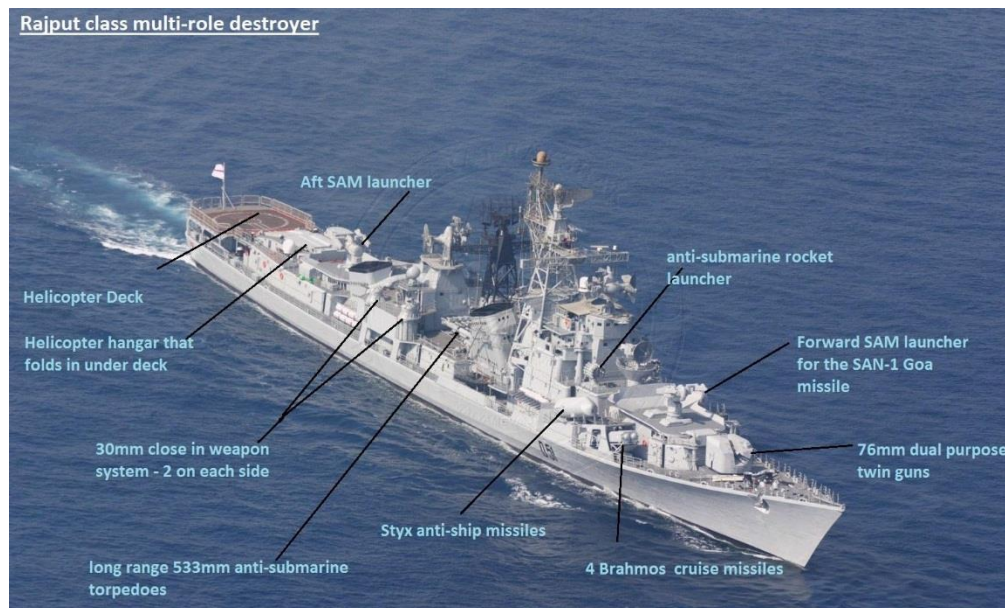


## INS Ranjit

- ❖ Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer - INS Ranjit has been decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam after having served for 36 years.
- ❖ It was the third of the five Kashin-class destroyers built by erstwhile USSR, and was commissioned in 1983.
- ❖ As of 2019, only one Kashin-class destroyers ship remains in service with Russian Navy, and five with Indian Navy as Rajput-class destroyers.
- ❖ It is first of five Rajput class destroyers to go out of service.
- ❖ She was launched formally on 16 June 1979 and was given its Russian name "Lovkly" meaning "Agile".
- ❖ It has been deployed in a number of operations including IPKF (Indian Peace Keeping Force) operations and Operation Talwar (1999) during Kargil conflict.

### Rajput-class destroyers

- ❖ The Rajput-class destroyers (also known as Kashin-II class or Project 61E) are modified versions of Soviet Kashin class destroyers.
- ❖ It includes INS Rajput, INS Rana, INS Ranjit, INS Ranvir and INS Ranvijay.
- ❖ The Rajput class destroyers were first to be fitted with Brahmos supersonic cruise missiles.





## INTERNATIONAL

### Global Registry of Violent Deaths

- ❖ Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI) has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD).
- ❖ It aims to establish the annual number of violent deaths worldwide.
- ❖ GReVD will count deaths caused by all forms of violence and display these in an open-source database.
- ❖ It enables monitoring of progress on the world's commitment to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' by 2030 (SDG-Goal 16).
- ❖ The database will hold a single entry for every violent death, including time, location, perpetrator, victim and type of violence.
- ❖ The first-phase of the project is funded by the Swedish Postcode Foundation and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development.

#### SIPRI

- ❖ SIPRI is an international institute based in Sweden and Established in 1966.
- ❖ It dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.
- ❖ It provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### ISRO's RISAT-2BR1

- ❖ ISRO is set to launch its Radar Imaging Satellite, the RISAT-2BR1 from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Its launch was earlier scheduled in 2020 after RISAT-2A but is now preponed.
- ❖ The RISAT, a remote sensing satellite, provide all-weather surveillance using synthetic aperture radars (SAR).
- ❖ RISATs are the first all-weather observation satellites from ISRO.
- ❖ It designed to provide a continuous view of earth either at day or night for the forces to detect border infiltration.
- ❖ The satellite will be launched using ISRO's own Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) called PSLV-C46.

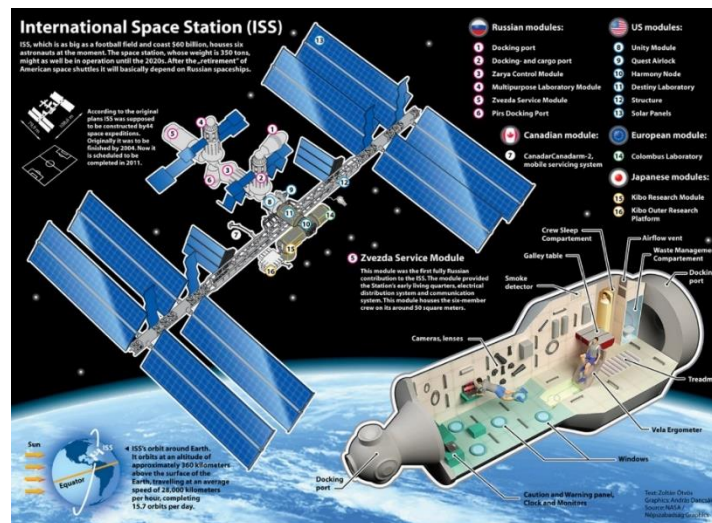
- ❖ ISRO is also planning to send its cartography satellite Cartosat-3 among other small defence satellites.

### About RISAT Series

- ❖ The RISAT series by ISRO are first all-weather earth observation satellites.
- ❖ These Radar imaging satellites are designed to all-weather surveillance using synthetic aperture radars (SAR)
- ❖ On 20 April 2009, RISAT-2 was deployed in orbit prior to RISAT- 1.
- ❖ RISAT-1 was successfully launched by PSLV-C19 on 26 April 2012 for a period of five years.
- ❖ It is first indigenous microwave remote sensing satellite designed and developed by ISRO.

### **Cargo mission to ISS**

- ❖ SpaceX successfully launched a Dragon spacecraft on a cargo mission for NASA to International Space Station (ISS).
- ❖ It was launched on a 'Falcon 9' rocket, from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It is being used for first time.
- ❖ It carries of research, supplies and hardware for astronauts living and working on ISS as part of the CRS-17 mission (17th resupply mission).
- ❖ It will remain at ISS for about four weeks before coming back to Earth with more than 1,900 kg of research and return cargo.





## STATES

### Rani Abbakka Force

- ❖ Mangaluru Police Commissioner Sandeep Patil flagged off the all-women police patrol unit named 'Rani Abbakka Force' in the city.
- ❖ It aims to handle issues pertaining to Women and Children.
- ❖ The Force has been named after the 16th-century warrior of coastal Karnataka, Queen Abbakka of Ullal near Mangaluru, who fought the Portuguese in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### PC Chandra Purashkaar 2019

- ❖ India's most reputed cardiac surgeon Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty was awarded 27th P.C. Chandra Puraskaar.
- ❖ This is the annual national award from the P.C. Chandra Group at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre.
- ❖ He is also known as 'The Man with Divine Hands'.
- ❖ In 2003, he has won Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan for medicine in 2013.

## SPORTS

### Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019

- ❖ The 8th edition Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 will be held in Jaipur from August 21 to 30.
- ❖ This is the first time Jaipur will host this prestigious tournament.
- ❖ Earlier in 2015, India hosted the event and finished at seventh place.
- ❖ This event will be organised by Asian Handball Federation (AHF).
- ❖ The tournament has been dominated by South Korea who has emerged champion in the all the seven editions of the tournament held so far.

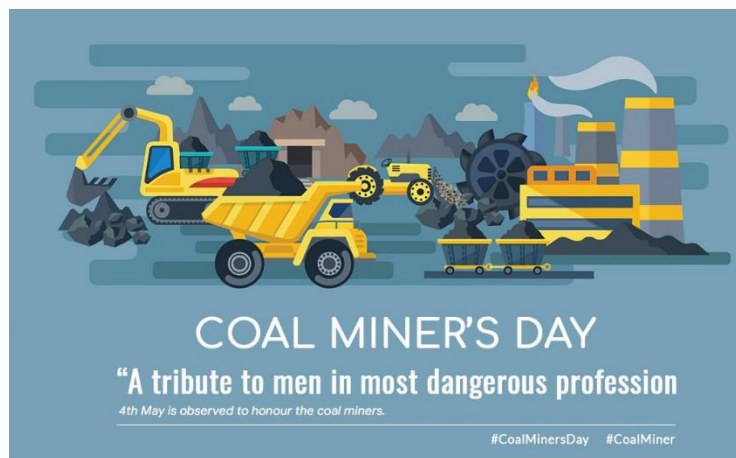




## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Coal Miners Day - May 04

- ❖ Coal Miners Day is observed every year on 4 May to highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines.
- ❖ On this day several organisations, communities raise funds and awareness for other organisations in the coal mining area and workers.
- ❖ The annual celebration of Coal Miners Day began in 1975.



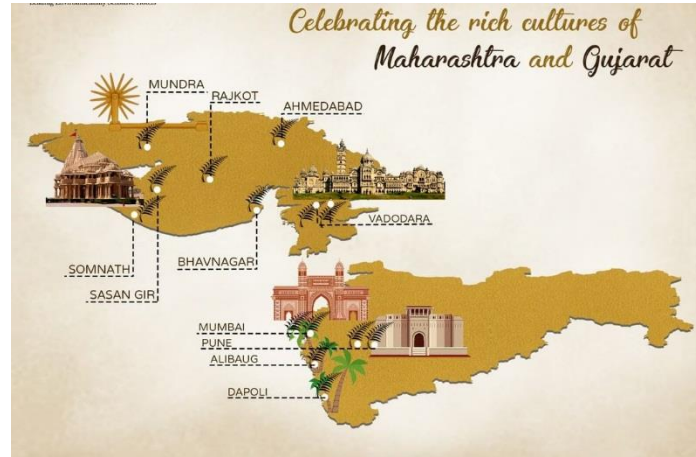
## MISCELLANEOUS

### Maharashtra Day' & 'Gujarat Day'- May 01

- ❖ May 1 is celebrated as 'Maharashtra Day' and 'Gujarat Day'.
- ❖ In 1960, the Bombay Reorganization Act was passed by India's Parliament to divide the multilingual state of Bombay into Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❖ The legislation came into effect on May 1, 1960.
- ❖ The state of Bombay formerly comprised of speakers of different languages such as Marathi, Gujarati, Konkani, and Kutchi.
- ❖ During the mid-1950s, a movement known as the Samyukta Maharashtra Andolan started demanding a separate Marathi-speaking state.
- ❖ while Mahagujarat Movement aimed at the formation of a state for Gujarati-speaking people.



- ❖ The movements ended with the creation of the Bombay Reorganization Act.



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