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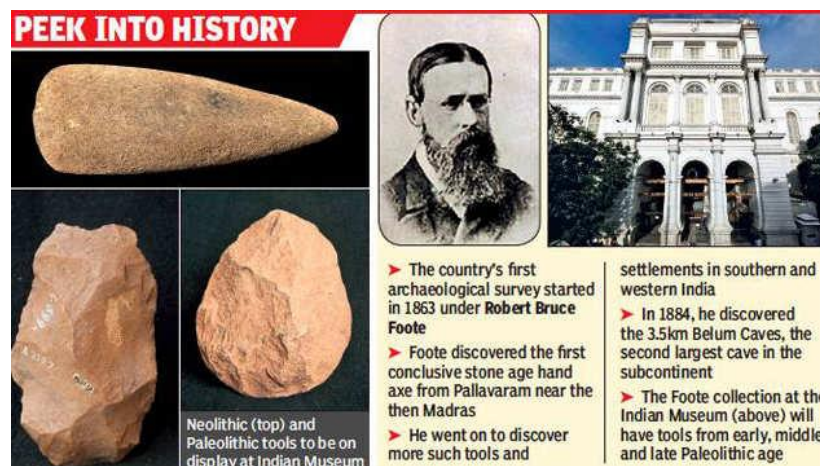
- ❖ Punjab Government has issued orders to all online food order and supply companies to display the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) “hygiene rating” of all the hotels registered or affiliated with them.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a 6-member committee under the chairmanship of Harsh Vardhan, Senior Advisor with Bain & Co. to review the existing state of “Mortgage Securitisation in India” and suggest measures to deepen it.
 - It is officially named as “Committee on the Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market”.
- ❖ According to a study based on National Sample Survey Organisation, India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. World Health Organisation standards are 22.8 per 10,000 people.
 - More than 80% of doctors and 70% of nurses and midwives are employed in the private sector.
- ❖ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) to ban the use of Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purifiers where total dissolved solids (TDS) in water are below 500 mg per litre.
 - If TDS is less than 500 milligrams per litre, RO system will not be useful but result in removing important minerals as well as cause undue wastage of water. 80% of water is wasted in Reverse Osmosis purifiers.
- ❖ Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Birender Singh Dhanoa has become the new Chairman of the Chief of Staff Committee (COSC).
 - The role of COSC is to advise the Defence Minister and through him to the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs on all military matters which require ministerial consideration.
- ❖ According to the recent Global Childhood Report, children born today have a better chance than at any time in history to grow up healthy, educated and protected.
 - It was released by “Save the Children” an NGO working for the education and protection of child rights. Singapore topped the list. India stood at 113th position.

- ❖ The UN Security Council has extended an arms embargo and sanctions on South Sudan for one more year despite resistance from African countries, Russia and China.
 - Resolutions in the 15-member Security council require a minimum of nine votes for adoption.
- ❖ Puerto Williams, a port and naval base on Navarino Island in Chile is now the world's Southernmost city.
 - Earlier Ushuaia in Argentina held that distinction.
- ❖ The proposed Jewar airport in Uttar Pradesh is expected to begin operations from 2023 with a capacity to handle 1.2 crore passengers annually.
 - It will serve as the second airport for the National Capital Region.

TAMIL NADU

Robert Foote

- ❖ On May 30, 1863 British geologist Robert Foote discovered Palaeolithic tools at Chennai Pallavaram.
- ❖ Foote established that ancient man lived in these regions.
- ❖ It is considered as India's first archaeological survey.



- ❖ He also found stone tools at Atirampakkam which are 1.5 million years old.
- ❖ Foote donated more than 4,000 artefacts to Government museum, Chennai.



NATIONAL

Second Term

- ❖ Narendra Modi was sworn in as 15th Prime Minister for a second consecutive five-year term on May 30th.
- ❖ The portfolios allocation of Union Council of Minister includes 24 Cabinet ministers, 9 Minister of State with Independent charge and 24 Minister of State.

	Cabinet Minister	Department		Cabinet Minister	Department
1	Rajnath Singh	Defence.	15	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Health and Family
2	Amit Shah	Home Affairs.			Science and Technology;
3	Nitin Jairam	Road Transport and Highways; and			Earth Sciences.
4	D.V. Sadananda	Chemicals and Fertilizers.	16	Shri Prakash Javadekar	Environment, Forest and
5	Smt. Nirmala	Finance; and Corporate Affairs.			Information and
6	Shri Ramvilas	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public	17	Shri Piyush Goyal	Railways; and
7	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare;			18
		Rural Development; and	Petroleum and Natural		
8	Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad	Panchayati Raj.	19	Shri Mukhtar Abbas	Steel.
		Law and Justice;	20	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minority Affairs.
Communications; and	Parliamentary Affairs;				
9	Smt. Harsimrat	Food Processing Industries.	21	Dr. Mahendra Nath	Coal; and
10	Shri Thaawar	Social Justice and Empowerment.	22	Shri Arvind Ganpat	Mines.
11	Dr. Subrahmanyam	External Affairs.	23	Shri Giriraj Singh	Skill Development and
12	Shri Ramesh	Human Resource Development.	24	Shri Gajendra Singh	Heavy Industries and
13	Shri Arjun Munda	Tribal Affairs.			Animal Husbandry,
14	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Women and Child Development; Textiles.			Jal Shakti.



	Person	Ministers of State (Independent Charge) in Ministry of
1	Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar	Labour and Employment.
2	Rao Inderjit Singh	Statistics and Programme Implementation; and Planning
3	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	AYUSH); Defence
4	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Development of North Eastern Region; Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space.
5	Shri Kiren Rijiju	Youth Affairs and Sports; Minority Affairs
6	Shri Prahalad Singh Patel	Culture; Tourism
7	Shri Raj Kumar Singh	Power; New and Renewable Energy; and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
8	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Housing and Urban Affairs; Civil Aviation; and
9	Shri Mansukh L. Mandav	Shipping; Chemicals and Fertilizers.

INTERNATIONAL

Currency Monitoring list

- ❖ The Trump administration in US has removed India and Switzerland from its Currency Monitoring list of major trading partners.
- ❖ China, Germany, Japan, South Korea still remain in that list.
- ❖ India was placed in that list in 2018.
- ❖ It had resulted in decline in scale and frequency of foreign exchange purchases in India in 2018.

ECONOMY

Secondary Market

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted a task force under the Chairman of Canara Bank TN Manoharan.
- ❖ It is expected to suggest policy and regulatory interventions required for development of “Secondary Market” in corporate loans.
- ❖ The secondary loan market in India is largely restricted to the sale to asset reconstruction companies.
- ❖ No formalised mechanism has been developed to deepen it.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Gaganyaan

- ❖ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for astronaut selection and training for Gaganyaan Programme.
- ❖ The program is scheduled for 2022.
- ❖ IAF’s Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) will undertake and lead the selection and training of astronauts.
- ❖ It will shortlist three sets of three astronauts (9 Members) to be trained for Gaganyaan mission.
- ❖ On 30 January 2019, ISRO had set up Human Spaceflight Centre at its headquarters in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It provides a unique micro-gravity platform in space to India for conducting experiments and test for future technologies.

ENVIRONMENT

Air Pollution

- ❖ The Union Environment Ministry has launched the song 'Hawa Aane De' to spread awareness about Air pollution.
- ❖ The song was launched ahead of the World Environment Day (WED) which is celebrated on 5th June every year.

- ❖ The National Clean Air programme (NCAP) was launched by Union Environment Ministry aiming for 20-30% reduction of PM 2.5 and PM 10 concentration in 102 cities.
- ❖ 84 cities have submitted their draft action plan.

New Wasp species

- ❖ Scientists have recently identified a new species of wasp from the genus in Goa.
- ❖ It was collected in the Western Ghats forests from Cotigao Wildlife sanctuary which is located in Southern Goa.
- ❖ It is named as “Kudakrumia rangnekari” after Parag Rangnekar, a Goa-based researcher.
- ❖ He has recorded 220 species of Butterflies in Western Ghats region of which 13 species had not been spotted earlier.
- ❖ Wasps are proficient at controlling pest populations and thus are deployed to protect crops.

STATES

e - Cigarettes

- ❖ The Rajasthan government recently announced its decision to ban production, distribution, advertisement and sale of e-cigarette in the state.
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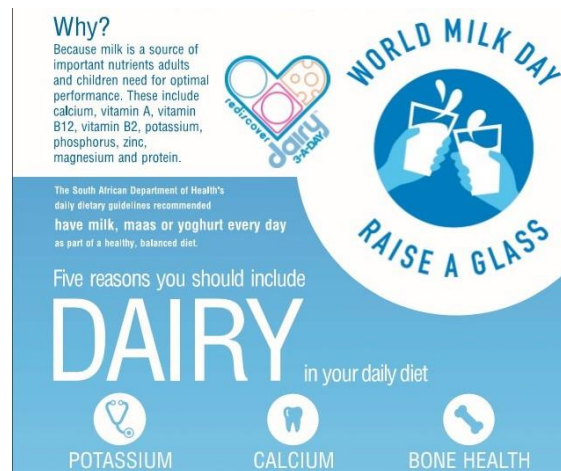
Arunachal Pradesh – New CM

- ❖ The Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) leader Pema Khandu was sworn-in as the 10th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ For the first time swearing-in ceremony was held in Itanagar’s landmark convention centre, named after his father Dorjee Khandu instead of Raj Bhavan.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Milk Day – June 1

- ❖ World Milk Day is observed on June 1 of every year.
- ❖ The day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 2001.



- ❖ It recognizes the importance of milk as a global food.
- ❖ The Day provides an opportunity to focus attention on milk and raise awareness of dairy's part in healthy diets, responsible food production, and supporting livelihoods and communities.

Global Day of Parents – June 1

- ❖ The Global Day of Parents is observed on the 1st of June every year.
- ❖ The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012
- ❖ The day provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.
- ❖ Family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of UNSDG (Sustainable Development Goals) 1 to 5.
