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#### MAY 14th & 15th

### INTERNATIONAL

## 1) India-EU Trade and Technology Council

- The India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) is set to hold its first Ministerial meeting in Brussels on 16 May.
- The meeting will be co-chaired by S Jaishankar, Piyush Goyal, and Ashwini Vaishnaw. The meeting provides a platform for high-level discussions and collaboration on various aspects of trade and technology cooperation.
- It focuses on fostering innovation, enhancing connectivity, and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

### **NATIONAL**

## 1) Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary

- The Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary is a testament to the region's commitment to conservation and protecting its rich biodiversity.
- An area of 44.06 square kilometers, the Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary offers a diverse landscape that is home to a wide array of flora and fauna.

## 2) Flow Batteries

Recently, scientists at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras have made significant strides in battery technology with their development of the nonaqueous all-organic redox flow battery.

### **About Flow Batteries:**

They utilize aqueous electrolytes such as hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, and alkali metal hydroxides.















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## 3) Data Governance Quality Index

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has been ranked at the second position in the Data Governance Quality Index.
- It is Administered by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office under NITI Aavog.
- The survey has the objective of evaluating the level of maturity of administrative data systems and their application in the decision-making process.



### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

## 1) Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has established the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to streamline the process of removing companies from the MCA Register.
- It's main aim is to reduce the burden on the registry and provide a convenient process for stakeholders to remove their company's name from the register.

#### **SPORTS**

## 1) Grandmaster from Telangana

- Vuppala Praneeth, a chess player from Telangana achieved the title of Grandmaster, becoming the sixth from the state and the 82nd in India.
- He secured this milestone by defeating GM Hans Niemann from the US during the penultimate round of the Baku Open 2023.













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### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1) NVS-01 satellite

- The Indian Space Research Organisation is set to launch NVS-01 satellite on May 29th. It is designed to replace the IRNSS-1G satellite, which was launched in 2016.
- NVS-01 satellite aims to enhance the existing navigation infrastructure by incorporating advanced technologies and capabilities.



## 2) Storm Shadow cruise missiles

- The United Kingdom has agreed to provide long-range Storm Shadow cruise missiles to Ukraine to strengthen its defense capabilities against invading Russian forces.
- Storm Shadow cruise missiles are manufactured by MBDA Missile Systems and possess remarkable capabilities. These conventionally armed, long-range missiles have a range of over 250 km.
- Storm Shadow missiles offer high precision and are capable of operating in all weather conditions.

### **DEFENCE**

## 1) Soaring Eagle exercise

Recently, South Korea Air Force started the Soaring Eagle exercise, a largescale training program aimed at enhancing its combat capabilities and ensuring the country's defense posture.













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### AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## 1) Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award

- The Astronomical Society of India has instituted the prestigious Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award to honor remarkable individuals in the field of astronomy.
- The award aims to acknowledge individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the field of astronomy throughout their careers.
- Jayant Naralikar, a distinguished figure in Indian astronomy, was the recipient of the inaugural Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award.



### IMPORTANT DAYS

# 1) International Day of Families

- The International Day of Families is observed on May 15th every year to raise awareness of the importance of families and their role in society.
- Theme of 2023: 'Demographic Trends and Families'











