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### MAY 17th

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) "Turning off the Tap: How the world can end plastic pollution and create a circular economy"

- A report titled "Turning off the Tap: How the world can end plastic pollution and create a circular economy" was released by UNEP.
- The report emphasizes the importance of adopting a circular economy approach in curbing plastic pollution across the world.
- According to the report, it is possible to reduce global plastic pollution by 80% by the year 2040. This ambitious goal can be achieved through strategic policies and market shifts that prioritize sustainable practices and the circular economy.

### 2) WHO guidelines on non-sugar sweeteners

- The World Health Organization has issued new guidelines advising against the consumption of non-sugar sweeteners as a means to prevent unhealthy weight gain and reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases.
- Non-sugar sweeteners, including aspartame, stevia, and saccharin, are commonly used as substitutes for sugar in packaged food and beverages.
- Non-sugar sweeteners do not possess any nutritional value and are not considered essential dietary factors.

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## NATIONAL

### 1) "Exercise Jal Rahat"

- The Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, in collaboration with other disaster management

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groups conducted a joint flood relief drill called 'Exercise Jal Rahat' at Hagrama Bridge on the Manas River in Assam.

- The exercise aims to enhance flood relief preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.


## 2) Tungnath temple

- The Tungnath temple is located in the Rudraprayag district of Garhwal Himalayas. Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India revealed that the temple is experiencing a tilt of around five to six degrees.
- The Tungnath temple (Uttarakhand) stands as a testimony to architectural brilliance amidst the majestic Garhwal Himalayas.
- It is renowned as the world's highest Shiva temple, built in the 8th century by the Katyuri rulers.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) Surety bonds

- Recently, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has made significant changes to the norms governing surety bonds.
- Surety bonds is a type of insurance policy that protects parties involved in a transaction or contract from potential financial losses.
- It main is to promote the growth of the surety insurance market and enhance the accessibility of these products.



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## 2) 8th All India Pension Adalat

- In Delhi, the 8th All India Pension Adalat was inaugurated by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh. It aims to resolve chronic pension-related cases.
- The All India Pension Adalat, launched on an experimental basis in 2017, has been instrumental in resolving pensioners' grievances efficiently.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1) Trachoma

- Recently, Benin and Mali, two West African countries, have successfully eliminated trachoma as a public health problem.
- Trachoma spreads through the direct or indirect transfer of eye and nose discharges, primarily from infected individuals, especially young children who serve as a reservoir for the bacterium.
- Globally, 15 countries, including Ghana, Gambia, Togo, and Malawi, have received WHO validation for successfully eliminating trachoma.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Telecommunication Day

- Every year, on May 17th, World Telecommunication Day, or World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed to emphasize the influence of the Internet and various communication technologies on global communities.

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- The day is observed by the International Telecommunication Union.
- Theme: “Enabling the least developed nations through information and communication technologies.”

## 2) National Dengue Day

- National Dengue Day is observed on May 16 every year to raise awareness about the mosquito-borne disease.
- Dengue is caused by four distinct viruses and is spread by the female Aedes mosquitoes, which also transmit yellow fever, Zika viruses, and chikungunya.

## APPOINTMENTS

### 1) Ravneet Kaur

- The government has appointed Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India.
- The appointment of Ravneet Kaur, a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS officer, will be for a period of five years from the date of assuming charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

### 2) Bhavesh Gupta

- One 97 Communications Ltd, the parent company of Paytm, appointed Bhavesh Gupta as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the fintech company.
- Bhavesh Gupta took on the role of CEO for Paytm’s lending business in 2020. With an extensive professional background, Gupta boasts 25 years of experience in financial services.

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