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## NATIONAL

### 1) Renewable Energy transfer project between India and Maldives

- India and Maldives have agreed to set up a transmission interconnection for the purpose of transferring renewable power.
- It's objective is to achieve a net-zero emission target by the year 2030 was discussed.
- Two Memoranda of Understandings were proposed during the meeting that was on the transmission interconnection under the One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) and the other one was on energy cooperation.

### 2) Workshop on "Innovative Agriculture"

- A Workshop on "Innovative Agriculture" is organised by NITI Aayog in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It's Aim is to understand the fundamentals, science, and processes behind natural farming practices were highlighted.
- Special focus is laid on step-wise adoption of natural farming. The importance of livestock and cattle to ensure better nutrition was also discussed.

### 3) Increase in Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for fertilisers

- The central government increased the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for this year's Kharif season (April to September 2022) to Rs 60,939 crore, as against Rs 57,150 crore for the whole of 2021.
- There was an increase in the prices of crop nutrients in the global markets due to the disruption of the supply chain after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

### 4) Indian embassy in Lithuania

- Union Cabinet gave its approval to a proposal for opening a new Indian embassy in Lithuania. This will be the first full-fledged embassy of India in the Baltic region.
- Lithuania was the first Baltic country that opened an embassy in India in the year 2008.
- Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are the Baltic countries.





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### 5) Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) program

- The Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) program was announced on 27th April 2022 by the government of India.
- It's aim is to create Microprocessors for the country's and the world's future and to achieve industry-grade commercial silicon and design for the next generation of microprocessors by the month of December 2023.
- RISC-V is an open and free ISA that will enable a new era of processor innovation through collaboration.

### 6) "Enterprise India"

- A Event titled "Enterprise India" was inaugurated by Narayan Rane, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- The objective is to promote entrepreneurship culture and generating awareness about the initiatives and schemes of the MSME Ministry across the nation.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) International Girls in ICT Day

- International Girls in ICT Day is observed on the fourth Thursday in April. This year International Girls in ICT Day is observed on 28th April 2022.
- It aims to inspire a global movement to increase the representation of girls and women in technology.
- Theme of 2022: Access and safety.

### 2) World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed on 28th April promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health.
- Theme of 2022: "Participation And Social Dialogue In Creating A Positive Safety And Health Culture".

### 3) World Stationery Day 2022

- World Stationery day is observed every year on the last Wednesday of April.





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- This year World Stationery Day 2022 is observed on the 27th of April.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) “Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping”

- A new book titled “Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping” authored by French journalist Roger Faligot.
- The foreword of the book is written by Vikram Sood. The book ‘Chinese Spies’ was originally published in French in 2008.
- Harper Collins India has published the book.

## OBITUARY

### 1) James Dringwell Rymbai

- The former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, James Dringwell Rymbai, died at the age of 88. The Meghalaya Government had declared three days of state mourning from April 21st to April 23, 2022, as a mark of respect for his sad and sudden demise.

