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### MAY 18th

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) United Nations declared November 26 as World Sustainable Transport Day

- United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to designate November 26 as World Sustainable Transport Day, which aims to raise awareness, educate the public, and foster international cooperation in addressing pressing issues related to transport sustainability.
- World Sustainable Transport Day seeks to promote environmentally friendly transportation practices that prioritize sustainability and reduce carbon emissions.

### 2) 'Age of first smartphone and mental wellbeing outcome'

- A study titled 'Age of first smartphone and mental wellbeing outcome' conducted in over 40 countries shed light on the potential psychological problems associated with children habituated to smartphones.

### Highlights:

- The study encompassed over 27,969 adults aged 14–18 years from various countries, including 4,000 adolescents and young adults from India.
- Individuals who received their first smartphone after 18 were less likely to experience mental distress.
- Early possession of smartphones was linked to a higher likelihood of experiencing psychological problems in adulthood.





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### NATIONAL

#### 1) Government Shuffles Cabinet

- Kiren Rijiju has exited as Union Law Minister and will now take up the portfolio of Ministry of Earth Sciences. Arjun Ram Meghwal has been assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice.


#### 2) LOGISEM – 23

- LOGISEM – 23, the National Logistics Management Seminar – was held in May based on the theme ‘Leverage Emerging Global Supply Chain to Enhance Logistics Capabilities While Absorbing Disruptions’ at the AF Auditorium in New Delhi.
- The seminar comprised three sessions, each focusing on key aspects of logistics management.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

#### 1) METRO sells India Cash & Carry to Reliance Retail for Rs 2,850cr


- The German retailer, METRO AG, has announced the full completion of the sale of its Indian cash and Carry business to Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, which operates the retail empire of Reliance Industries Ltd.
- During an agreed transition period, all METRO India stores will continue to operate under the METRO brand.



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### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### 1) Global Accessibility Awareness Day

- Every year on 18th May, Global Accessibility Awareness Day is observed to build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth and development of Persons with Disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.
- The day is observed by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

#### 2) World Hypertension Day 2023

- Every year on May 17th, World Hypertension Day in 2023 is observed to raise awareness about hypertension, its causes, and the importance of prevention and management.
- Theme: 'Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.'

#### 3) International Museum Day

- Every year on May 18th, International Museum Day is observed to fostering cultural exchange, enhancing diverse cultures, and fostering mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among different communities.
- Theme of 2023: "Museums, Sustainability, and Well-being."

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## OBITUARY

### 1) Srichand Parmanand Hinduja

- Srichand Parmanand Hinduja, the chairman of Hinduja Group, passed away in London. Their business includes commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland and private bank IndusInd, to several businesses across 38 countries.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Kami Rita Sherpa

- Kami Rita Sherpa of Nepal reached the top of Mount Everest for the 27th time, reclaiming the record for the most summits of the world's highest mountain.
- Kami Rita Sherpa first summited the 8,848-metre (29,029-foot) peak in 1994 when working for a commercial expedition.

### 2) Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur

- Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran has been given France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur for his contributions to strengthen the trade relationship between India and France.
- France's highest civilian award is the National Order of the Legion of Honour. It was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and is awarded to French citizens and foreigners for their outstanding service to France in the fields of military, civil, and cultural affairs.

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