

# MAY 19th

# INTERNATIONAL

## 1) G7 summit

- The G7 summit 2023 meeting was hosted by Japan. It is also known as Hiroshima Summit.
- The Group of Seven, composed of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, focuses on a wide range of topics, including economic policy, security, climate change, energy, and gender equality.

# 2) International North-South Transport Corridor

- Russia and Iran have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to construct a rail link that will bolster the International North-South Transport Corridor and facilitate the expansion of trade between India and Russia.
- The route will span from Rasht, an Iranian city on the Caspian Sea, to Astara in Azerbaijan.

# NATIONAL

## 1) "75/25" initiative

- The Union Health Ministry has launched the "75/25" initiative, aiming to revolutionize the management and prevention of non-communicable diseases in India.
- The program sets a target of providing Standard Care to 75 million individuals with hypertension and diabetes by 2025.
- By prioritizing hypertension and diabetes, two prevalent NCDs, the aim is to improve the overall well-being of millions of individuals.





# 2) Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 (PLI Scheme) for IT Hardware

- Recently, the union cabinet approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 (PLI Scheme) for IT Hardware with a substantial budgetary outlay of Rs. 17,000 crore.
- The scheme aims to bolster the manufacturing of IT hardware in India and further strengthen the country's position as a key player in the global electronics manufacturing ecosystem.
- The PLI Scheme 2.0 encompasses various sectors within the IT hardware industry. These include laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers, and ultra small form factor devices.

#### 3) International Museum Expo 2023

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan.
- It highlighted the issue of trafficking of ancient Indian art and antiques and noted that other countries are now returning items belonging to Indian heritage as India's status in the world continues to rise.





### STATE NEWS

## 1) Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana

- The Madhya Pradesh government launched a new scheme called 'Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' (Chief Minister Learn and Earn Scheme), aimed at providing opportunities for unemployed youth in the state.
- The scheme seeks to equip young individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance their employability and income potential.

#### 2) 5G technology training programme

- The Uttar Pradesh government launched a 5G technology training programme to enhance kill development opportunities under its Skill Development Mission.
- This initiative aims to equip the youth with the necessary skills in new and future employable technologies, recognizing the importance of 5G technology in shaping the telecom sector and the future economy.
- The programme acknowledges the vital role that 5G technology will play in transforming the telecom ecosystem, including hardware, software, and services.

#### 3) India's biggest Skywalk bridges

- India's biggest Skywalk bridges, spanning 570 meters in length and 4.2 meters in width, was officially inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.
- It serves as a crucial connection between the Mambalam railway station and T Nagar bus terminus.





# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# 1) Amanita phalloide

- Amanita phalloides also known as death cap mushroom, carries a notorious reputation for its deadly consequences when consumed.
- With liver failure and even kidney failure as potential outcomes, this mushroom poses a significant threat to those who mistakenly ingest it.
- Recently, a research has identified a potential antidote for the death cap mushroom, offering a ray of light in the fight against its toxicity.

## 2) Spitzer Space Telescope

- The Spitzer Space Telescope, renowned for its infrared imaging capabilities, has played a significant role in advancing our understanding of the universe.
- Spitzer Space Telescope was launched in 2003.
- The Spitzer Space Telescope stands out for its ability to observe the universe in infrared light, providing unique insights into celestial objects that emit heat rather than visible light.





# APPOINTMENTS

# 1) Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice KV Viswanathan

- Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior advocate KV Viswanathan will be sworn in as Supreme Court judges.
- KV Viswanathan is a senior advocate who has practiced in the Supreme Court for over 30 years. He has appeared in a wide range of cases, including constitutional law, criminal law, and commercial law.
- Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra is the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. He was appointed as a judge of the High Court in 2013 and elevated as its Chief Justice in 2021. He has also served as a judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World AIDS Vaccine Day

- Every year May 18 is observed as World AIDS Vaccine Day. The day emphasizes the importance of creating a vaccine for the incurable illness.
- HIV is a viral infection that specifically targets and weakens the immune system, rendering individuals more susceptible to diseases like tuberculosis, certain infections, and even cancer.



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