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## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 11-05-2023**

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **Union Health Ministry Launched SAKSHAM**

- Union Health Ministry launched the SAKSHAM Learning Management Information System and it was launched by Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan.
- SAKSHAM stands for Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management.
- It aims to provide online training and medical education to all health professionals across the country.
- This digital learning platform will facilitate comprehensive capacity building among health professionals.
- Currently, it offers over 200 public health and 100 clinical courses in an online format.
- SAKSHAM was developed by the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.

#### **Telangana Government Launches State Robotics Framework**

- Telangana government launches State Robotics Framework to establish self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and position the state as a leader in robotics in India.
- This includes setting up a Robo Park with testing facilities and co-working spaces as well as a world-class robotics accelerator for startups.
- It aims to support research and development, promote collaboration between academia and industry, and promote the adoption of robotics technology.
- The framework focuses on leveraging robotics in agriculture, healthcare, industrial automation and consumer robotics to drive growth and development.

#### **PMJJBY, PMSBY And APY Completed 8 Years**

- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) completed 8 years of providing social security cover.
- PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY were launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 09 May 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The three schemes are dedicated to the welfare of the citizens, recognising the need for securing human life from unforeseen decentralisation and financial uncertainties.
- PMJJBY is a one-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death due to any reason.
- PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death or disability due to accident.
- The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched to create a universal social security system for all Indians, especially the poor, the under-privileged and the workers in the unorganised sector.

## **Uttar Pradesh Government Plans to Develop a 'Ramaland' Theme Park**

- The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government is planning to develop a theme park 'Ramaland' modelled on
- It will be developed to narrate the story of Lord Ram and attract tourists.
- It will attract children and adults to showcase the story of Ramayan.
- Under 'Ayodhya Vision 2047', the planned transformation of Ayodhya is estimated to cost Rs 30,000 crore.
- The development plans include around 260 initiatives covering tourism, aviation, infrastructure, housing, medical, energy, culture, urban improvement, transport and more.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **World Health Organisation Chief Declares End to COVID-19**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has ended the global emergency status of COVID-19.
- According to WHO's Coronavirus Dashboard which has collated key statistics since early in the pandemic, the cumulative cases worldwide now stand at 765,222,932, with nearly 7 million deaths: the precise figure currently stands at 6,921,614.

- As of 30 April 2023, a total of more than 3 billion vaccine doses have been administered worldwide.
- On 30 January 2020, after the recommendation of the Emergency Committee, WHO had declared Covid-19 as a global health emergency.
- The WHO issued an updated Covid management plan on 03 May 2023.
- It will guide countries to manage Covid for the next 2 years.

## **BANKING**

### **RBI Imposed Fine of Rs 1.73 Crore on HSBC Bank**

- HSBC Bank has been fined Rs 1.73 crore by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for violating the Credit Information Companies Rules 2006.
- The central bank has accused the bank of providing false information about its credit cards to credit information companies.
- An investigation by the RBI has revealed that the bank had given wrong information about its expired credit cards.
- The RBI has imposed a hefty fine of Rs 1.73 crore on the bank for violating its rules.
- Apart from HSBC Bank, RBI has also imposed penalties on two co-operative banks for violation of norms.
- Thrissur Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd has been fined Rs 2 lakh for flouting gold loan norms.
- Bhilai Nagrik Sahakari Bank has been fined Rs 1.25 lakh for not depositing unclaimed deposits in time under the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund Scheme (DEAF Scheme).

### **AU Small Finance Bank Launches Business Cashback Rupay Credit Card**

- AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, an innovative solution tailored to meet the financial requirements of self-employed customers.
- The objective is to provide a diverse range of benefits to small businesses.
- The RuPay Credit Card simplifies financial operations for businesses with benefits like up to 2% cashback, 48 days interest-free credit, and instant loans.
- It also offers fire insurance, burglary, and housebreaking coverage, making it a one-stop

solution for businesses.

- The credit card also provides lifestyle and travel benefits.

## **FPI Licence to Alchemy India Long Term Fund Relocated to GIFT City**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to Alchemy's Fund for relocation to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) City.
- Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) involves an investor buying foreign financial assets.
- It involves an array of financial assets like fixed deposits, stocks, and mutual funds.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) operates the FPIs.
- The bank has re-domiciled Alchemy India Long Term Fund from Mauritius to India's GIFT City.
- In June 2023, Alchemy India Long Term Fund will complete 15 years of operation.

## **BUSINESS**

### **MakeMyTrip Teams Up with Microsoft**

- MakeMyTrip has tied up with Microsoft to make travel planning more inclusive and accessible by introducing voice-assisted booking in Indian languages.
- Microsoft Azure Open AI Service and Azure Cognitive Services will converse with the user to offer personalised travel recommendation
- The beta version of this integration has been introduced in English and Hindi for flights and holiday customers.
- The next stage of voice-assisted booking flow will cover other transport offerings.

## **SPORTS**

### **Badminton Asia Appoints Chairman of the Technical Officials Committee**

- Badminton Asia appointed Umar Rasheed, joint secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), as the chairman of the Technical Officials Committee.

- As chairman of the technical officials' committee, Rasheed will oversee the development and implementation of rules and regulations to elevate officiating standards in badminton tournaments across the country.
- Rashid is committed to strengthening the governance of badminton in India and the region, by upholding the integrity of the game and ensuring high quality officiating in all tournaments.
- Rashid also serves as the General Secretary of the Assam Badminton Association, contributing significantly to the development of badminton in Assam and the Northeast region of India.

## **Cristiano Ronaldo Tops Forbes' 2023 Highest-Paid Athletes**

- Cristiano Ronaldo became the world's highest-paid athlete after he signed a contract worth more than 200 million euros (\$219.98 million) with Saudi Arabian side Al-Nassr.
- After leaving Manchester United, Cristiano Ronaldo joined Saudi Football Club until 2025.
- His annual playing salary has increased by \$75 million.
- Lionel Messi is in the second spot with \$130 million while Kylian Mbappe is in third spot with \$120 million.
- LeBron James (\$119.5 million) and Canelo Alvarez (\$110 million) are in the fourth and fifth spots respectively.

## **DEFENCE**

### **Indian Navy Decommissioned INS Magar**

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Magar, Landing Ship Tank (Large) amphibious assault ship of the Indian Navy decommissioned after 36 years of exceptional service at the naval base in Kochi, Kerala.
- The chief guest for the event was Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande.
- The literal meaning of 'Magar' is a crocodile in English.
- This ship was commissioned by Admiral RH Tahlilani, Chief of the Naval Staff, on July 15 1987.
- INS Magar was built by the Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- INS Magar is 120 metres long and has a beam of 17.5 metres.
- It was deployed for milestone operations like Operation Pawan to support the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka.



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