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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR 2ND - 8TH MAY 2022

- International Labour Day 2022 observed globally on 1st May: International Labour Day is observed globally on 1st May every year. It is also known as International Worker's Day and May Day. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about Labour's rights and mark their achievements. In India, the first Labour Day or May Day was celebrated in Madras (now known as Chennai) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1, 1923.
- World Laughter Day 2022 celebrates on 1st May: World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of every May to remind people to laugh and make those around them laugh. This year the day is celebrated on 1st May. World Laughter Day was first celebrated in Mumbai in 1998 when Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the Laughter Yoga Movement, highlighted a theory through that movement.
- 3. Statehood Day 2022 of Maharashtra and Gujarat: Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1st May 2022. On May 1st, 1960, the bilingual state of Bombay was divided into two separate states by the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960: Maharashtra for Marathi speaking people and Gujarat for Gujarati speaking people. Gujarat was established as the 15th state of the Indian Union.
- 4. World Tuna Day observed 2022 On 2nd May: World Tuna Day is observed globally on 2nd May every year. This day is established by the United Nations (UN) to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish. In the year 2016, the General Assembly of the UN declared May 2 as World Tuna Day to spread awareness among people regarding the importance of conserving Tuna fish.
- World Press Freedom Day 2022 observed on 3rd May: World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on 3rd May every year. It is also known as World Press Day. The day also pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives. This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Journalism under digital siege,".
- World Asthma Day 2022 observed on 3rd May: World Asthma Day is observed every year on the first Tuesday of May to spread awareness and care about asthma in the world. This year it falls on 3rd of May 2022. An annual event is organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma. This year the theme is 'Closing Gaps in Asthma Care'. Asthma, the chronic inflammatory disease of the airways, affects 300 million people worldwide and India alone has 15 million asthma patients.
- International Firefighter's Day 2022: International Firefighter's Day is observed every year on May 4th to pay respect to those firefighting experts who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The main aim of this day is to recognise and honour professional firefighters across the world.
- World Red Cross Day 2022 observed on 8th May: World Red Cross Day is observed globally on 8th May every year. The day aims to broaden the public's understanding of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The theme of World Red Cross Day 2022 is #BeHUMANKIND (Believe in the power of Kindness). The theme of World Red Cross Day 2022 focuses on the power of kindness and how it can impact the whole world.
- Mother's day 2022: This year Mother's day is on 8 May 2022. The first Mother's Day was celebrated by Anna Jarvis in the year 1908 to honour her mother Ann Jarvis with a Memorial.
- 10. Vinay Mohan Kwatra assumes charge as India's new Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as India's new Foreign Secretary. A 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Mr Kwatra

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succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla who retired from service. Mr Kwatra was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before assuming the charge of the Foreign Secretary.

- Indian Army Red Shield Division signs MoU for 'Manipur Super 50': The project 'Manipur Super 50' is expected to be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.Red Shield Division of the Indian Army under the aegis of Spear Corps entered into a tripartite agreement with the State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF) and the National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO) to establish 'Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness' in Manipur's Bishnupur district. The project 'Manipur Super 50' is expected to be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.
- 12. To upgrade railway telecommunications, Railway Ministry signs an agreement with the C-DOT: The Ministry of Railways and the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to form a strong collaborative working partnership for coordination and resource sharing in the provision of telecommunication facilities in the delivery and implementation of C-Telecom DOT's Solutions and services in railways. Minister of Railways: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Executive Director and Chairman of the C-DOT Board: Rajkumar Upadhyay
- In Bengaluru, Prime Minister Modi introduced the Semicon India Conference 2022: The Semicon India Conference-2022 will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bengaluru will host this three-day conference. According to a Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) statement, the three-day conference is being held to advance Prime Minister Narendra Modi's objective of making India a leader in electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, production, and innovation. MeitY: Ashwini Vaishnaw, Cabinet Minister.
- 14. ICICI Bank launched India's 'open-for-all' digital ecosystem for MSMEs: ICICI Bank has launched India's first 'open-for-all' comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks. Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app. It provides sanctions of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'.
- 15. Andy Jassy will become Amazon's CEO on July 5th: Andy Jassy will officially become the CEO of Amazon on July 5th, the company announced at a shareholder meeting. Amazon announced that Jassy, who is the current CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS), would replace Jeff Bezos as CEO of the entire company.
 - Amazon.com Founded: 5 July 1994. Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.
- Maharashtra Cabinet approved first-of-its-kind 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project': Maharashtra Cabinet approved the 'Maharashtra Gene Bank', a first-of-its-kind project in India. To conserve genetic resources in Maharashtra including marine diversity, seeds of local crops, and animal diversity. In the next five years, an amount of Rs 172.39 crores will be spent on these seven focus areas.
 Capital: Mumbai, Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Chief minister: Uddhav Thackeray.
- 17. National Languages of India- Hindi or English: There is no national language of India as per the
- 17. National Languages of India-Hindi or English: There is no national language of India as per the constitution, Hindi and English both are considered the official language of India. As per Article 343 of the Indian constitution the official language of the country shall be Hindi in Devanagari script. Initially, after the

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independence of India, 14 languages were included in the constitution of India. The official languages of colonial India were English Urdu and Hindi. The Eighth Schedule to the constitution of India lists the official languages of India. Although there are hundreds of languages spoken across the country, the eighth schedule recognises a total of 22 languages as the official languages. While 14 of these languages were included in the constitution at first, the rest of the languages were added to the constitution through subsequent amendments.

- 18. Union Bank becomes first public sector bank to go live on Account Aggregator framework: Union Bank of India became the first public sector bank to go live on the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem. The framework facilitates sharing of financial information on a real-time basis between regulated entities. AAs are licensed by the Reserve Bank of India to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).
- 19. India has the world's biggest amount of real-time transactions, totaling 48 billion: India's payments system has been bolstered by the fact that it registered the highest number of real-time transactions in the world last year, with 48 billion. India surpassed China, which had 18 billion real-time transactions, and was 6.5 times larger than the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany combined.
- <u>20.</u> Kerala beat West Bengal to lift their seventh Santosh Trophy title: Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala. The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter in which plenty of chances were created at both ends with the finishing being astray. Player of the Tournament: Jijo Joseph.
- 21. CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated nation's first ethanol plant in Purnia, Bihar: Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105 crores. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant. Capital: Patna, Bihar Governor: Phagu Chauhan, Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar.
- 22. HDFC Life joined the United Nations as a signatory: HDFC Life has joined the UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), demonstrating its commitment to long-term value creation and sustainable growth. HDFC Life is dedicated to the Responsible Investment principles (RI). The Group feels that it is its moral duty as an active asset manager for policyholders who have entrusted their funds to HDFC Life to deliver maximum risk adjusted returns in the long run.
- 23. Under Project WAVE, Indian Bank has launched a pre-approved personal loan: The public sector bank, The Indian Bank has presented a pre-approved personal loan product under Project WAVE. The Chennai-based bank announced the World of Advance Virtual Experience, WAVE digital transformation project in January 2022 to introduce its first digital product, the Pre-Approved Personal Loan (PAPL), which intends to give consumers with rapid loan disbursements.
- 24. NATO Exercises' Defender Europe 2022 & Swift Response 2022 began: North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) exercise, Defender Europe 2022 (DE22) and Swift Response 2022 (SR22) began on May 01, 2022, aimed at building preparedness and interoperability between Allies and partners of the United States (US) and NATO. The exercises are scheduled from May 01 to May 27, 2022.

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- 25. INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, will be handed over to the Indian navy: The second sea trials of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant began, ahead of her anticipated induction into the Indian Navy in August next year. In August, the 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier, India's largest and most sophisticated warship, successfully conducted a five-day maiden sea cruise.
- Sangeeta Singh appointed as chairman of CBDT: Sangeeta Singh, a 1986 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been given additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), after incumbent JB Mohapatra retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on April 30.Formation: 1964; CBDT Headquarters: New Delhi.
- 27. Cochin Shipyard to build India's first home made Hydrogen-fuelled electric vessel: Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, announced that the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways would develop and build India's first indigenous hydrogen-fueled electric vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), kicking off the country's efforts toward green shipping.
- 28. Chhattisgarh launched 'Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana': Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel has launched 'Mukhyamantri Mitaan Yojana' (Mitaan stands for a friend), which will be implemented on a pilot basis in 14 municipal corporations including the cities like Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh. Under the Scheme, the residents of Chhattisgarh can avail around 100 public services at their doorstep.
- 29. PM Modi addressed the association with Canada at divulge of Sardar Patel statue: The inauguration of a statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first in North America, in Canada was praised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "a benchmark for relations between the two countries." The bronze monument was unveiled at a ceremony at the Sanatan Mandir Cultural Centre in Markham, Ontario. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the longstanding and dynamic relationship that exists between India and Canada, as well as the significant contributions to the Indo-Canadian community numbering over 1.4 million.
- 30. Rajiv Ranjan nomination as ex-officio member of Monetary Policy Committee, approved by RBI Board: The Reserve Bank of India's Central Board of Directors met for the 595th time. The meeting was held through video conferencing under the chairmanship of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, according to the RBI. The Board approved the appointment of Executive Director Dr. Rajiv Ranjan to the Monetary Policy Committee as an ex-officio member.
- 31. RBI Monetary Policy: RBI hikes Repo Rate by 40 bps to 4.40 percent: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held between May 2-4, 2022 has decided to increase the policy repo rate. The sudden RBI move the first hike after August 2018 is expected to push up interest rates in the banking system. RBI has also hiked the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.50 per cent effective from May 21, 2022.
 - Bank Rate: 4.65%, CRR: 4.50% (Effective from May 21, 2022.), SLR: 18.00%, Policy Repo Rate: 4.40%.
- 32. National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru campus inaugurated by Amit Shah: Home Minister,
 Amit Shah inaugurates the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) campus in Bengaluru. According to Home
 Minister Amit Shah, the Narendra Modi government has had a zero-tolerance attitude toward terrorism since
 the beginning. Mr Shah remarked during the inauguration of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)

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- premises in Bengaluru that security requirements have increased dramatically in terms of data, scope, and complexity compared to past issues.
- 33. Khelo India University Games 2021 won by JAIN University: JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021. Lovely Professional University (LPU) with 17 golds has placed second and Punjab University placed third with 15 gold medals. Siva Sridhar has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold. The closing ceremony of KIUG was held at Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru. Veera was the mascot of KIUG 2021.
- 34. Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022: India ranked 4th: The Times Higher Education (THE) has released the 2022 edition of its Impact Rankings. 8 Universities from India are placed in the top 300 universities in the world. The ranking is topped by Western Sydney University (Australia); followed by Arizona State University (The US), Western University (Canada). This year, a record 1,524 institutions from 110 countries participated in the rankings. Australia's Western Sydney University secured the top position globally in the overall ranking.
- 35. India to be 'Country of Honour' at Cannes Marche' Du Film in France: Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur has announced that India will be the official Country of Honour at the upcoming Marche' Du Film, organized alongside the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, in France.
- 36. Odisha to host India's first tribal health observatory: Odisha is planning to create India's only observatory, which will house data on the state's indigenous population's health. The ST and SC Development Department and the RMRC, a regional institution of the Indian Council of Medical Research, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard. The Tribal Health Observatory (TriHOb) is the "first in the nation," according to the Information Department, and is aimed to be an effective, evidence-based, and policy-oriented centre.
- 37. Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force established after India and Germany inked a joint declaration of intent: Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, R.K Singh and German Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Change Dr Robert Habeck virtually signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on an Indo-German Hydrogen Task Force. India has emerged as a global leader in the energy transition, with the world's highest pace of expansion in renewable energy capacity.
- 38. RPF launches Focused effort under "Operation Satark" from 5th April to 30th April: Railway Protection Force (RPF) has recently started "Operation Satark". Focused effort under "Operation Satark" was launched from 5th April to 30th April 2022 wherein 26 cases of transportation of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products worth more than Rs 44 Lakhs and arrest of 14 persons involved.
- 39. Haryana launched 'Vehicle Movement Tracking System' mobile app: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched a Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS) mobile app to track the vehicles carrying sand and other mining material. The app will be used at different checkpoints in all the districts of Haryana. All vehicle details including vehicle type, vehicle number, moving from, moving to, and driver details will be stored in it.

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40. UP villages to get free high-speed internet connectivity: Uttar Pradesh government will provide free wi-fi facilities at more than 58 thousand places in the villages of the state. This internet facility will be available for the people within 50 meters of the Gram Sachivalaya (village secretariat) building which is being built in every Gram Panchavat of the state

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<u>1.</u>	Atal Tunnel has received the 'Best Infrastructure Project' award recently. Atal Tunnel is located in which				
	state/UT?		-	-	
	A. Jammu & Kash	mir B. Ut	tarakhand C. I	_adakh D. Himacl	nal Pradesh E. Sikkim
<u>2.</u>	What is the theme for World Veterinary Day 2022?				
	A. The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis B. Strengthening Veterinary Resilience				
	C. Environment Protection for Improving Animal and Human Health D. Value of Vaccination				
	E. Antimicrobial Resistance - from Awareness to Action				
<u>3.</u>	Which bank has launched "World Gold", a new feature on its mobile banking platform for seniors and the				
	elderly?				
	A. Bank of India	B. State Ban	State Bank of India C. Bank of Baroda		
	D. Canara Bank E. Indian Overseas Bank				
<u>4.</u>	Which organization has approved a USD 47 million financial support to the Government of India for the				
	Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity?				
	A. International Monetary fund B. Asian Development Bank C. World bank				
	D. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank E. New Development Bank				
<u>5.</u>	Which state has become the first state in India to develop a website-based Migration Tracking System				
	(MTS) application?				
	A. Gujarat	B. Uttar Pradesh	C. Himachal Prades	sh D. Madhya Prades	sh E. Maharashtra
<u>6.</u>	Which of the following country has been designated as the Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book				
	Festival 2022?				
	A. Poland	B. Ukraine	C. China	D.United Kingdom	ı E. India
<u>7.</u>	Elon Musk, the world's richest man, agreed to acquire Twitter for				
	A. \$24 billion	B. \$54 billion	C. \$44 billion	D. \$34 billion	E. \$14 billion
<u>8.</u>	World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on the to learn about the role that intellectual property (IP)				
	rights.				
	A. 22th April	B. 23rd April	C. 24th April	D. 25th April	E. 26th April
<u>9.</u>	Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?				
	A. Amitabh Kant	B. Kamlesh N	Nilkanth Vyas	C. Arvind Panaga	riya
	D. Suman Bery E. Rajiv Kumar				
<u>10.</u>	Which country's Guadalajara City was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by UNESCO?				
	A. Guatemala	B. El Salvado	or C. Spain	D. Argent	ina E. Mexico
<u>11.</u>	Which organization has released a draft battery swapping policy?				
	A. National Development Council B. Invest India C. NITI Aayog				
	D. Central Vigilance Commission E. Small Industries Development Bank of India				
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- A. Australia
- B. Japan
- C. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- D. Malaysia
- 13. Atal Innovation Mission has launched the 2nd edition of the 2022. on 28th April
 - A. Household India Challenge (HIC 2.0)
- B. Atal New India Challenge (ANIC 2.0)
- C. Smart India Hackathon 2022
- D. New India Innovation Challenge (NIIC 2.0)
- 14. Which day is celebrated as the World Veterinary Day in 2022?
 - A. 25 April
- B. 26 April
- C. 28 April
- D. 30 April
- 15. Who among the following has taken over as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff?
 - A. Lt Gen C P Mohanty

B. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

C. Lt Gen B. S. Raju

D. Gen Prabhu Ram Sharma

ANSWERS

- 1) D
- 4) C

- 7) C
- 10) E

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- 2) B
- 5) E
- 8) E
- 11) C
- 14)

3) C

6) E

- 9) D
- 12)
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