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World Red Cross Day

- **World Red Cross Day** is being celebrated today to commemorate the 197th Birth Anniversary of its founder, **Jean Henry Dunant**.
- The theme for this year is “**Keeping Humanity Alive**” – a call to celebrate those who give their time, and sometimes their lives, to ease the suffering of others and protect their inherent human dignity.



- **In Nagaland, a series of programmes** are being organised by the Red Cross volunteers across the districts. Organised by the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch, a state-level programme will be held at Kohima with the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, as the honoured guest.
- In his message, Dr. Rio acknowledged the tireless efforts of Red Cross volunteers. He said they honour the countless Red Cross volunteers who serve with compassion, courage, and unwavering impartiality, even in the most challenging conditions.

World Athletics Day

- **World Athletics Day 2025, celebrated globally on May 7**, continues its tradition of promoting athletic participation, especially among youth, and advocating for health-conscious lifestyles.
- Initiated by the **International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)**—now known as World Athletics—this annual event encourages schools, colleges, and local communities to organize track and field competitions, thereby instilling the values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. World Athletics Day 2025 is being observed today, May 7, marking the **29th edition of the global celebration**.



- It is gaining renewed attention amid rising concerns about youth inactivity, obesity, and the mental health benefits of regular physical activity. The theme for 2025 is yet to be announced, but anticipation is high as World Athletics continues to focus on inclusivity, sustainability, and empowerment.
- **Aim and Objectives**
 - Encourage Youth Participation in athletics at the grassroots level.
 - Promote Physical Fitness through regular sporting activities.
 - Instill Olympic Values such as fair play, integrity, and teamwork.
 - Discover Young Talent with potential for national and international competitions.
 - Promote Gender Equality in sports participation.

- Increase Awareness about the long-term benefits of an active lifestyle.



- **Background and History**
- 1996: First observed under IAAF President Primo Nebiolo.
- 1912: IAAF was established following the Stockholm Olympics.
- 2001: IAAF renamed to International Association of Athletics Federations.
- 2019: Rebranded to World Athletics for a more modern identity.

Global Space Exploration Summit (GLEX) 2025

- GLEX 2025's theme is “Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance,” emphasising innovation, inclusivity, and international cooperation in space science.



- **GLEX 2025 is jointly organised by:**
- International Astronautical Federation (IAF) – the world’s leading space advocacy body.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) – as the primary host.
- Astronautical Society of India (ASI) – as the co-host.



GLEX2025

GLOBAL SPACE EXPLORATION CONFERENCE



- The conference represents a milestone in India’s expanding global space leadership, highlighting its transition from a regional space power to a key international player. **Founded in 1951, the IAF has over 500 members** from 78 countries, including major space agencies, private firms, research institutes, and universities.
- Its motto “**Connecting @ll Space People**” and vision “**A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity**” guide its efforts to promote global space cooperation.
- The GLEX series, organised by IAF, serves as a platform to share programmatic, technical, and policy insights and facilitate collaborative space missions across nations.

India & UK

- **India and the United Kingdom** concluded a **landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** described by both governments as a “historic milestone.” This comprehensive and mutually beneficial trade pact aims to enhance economic cooperation, eliminate trade barriers, and boost investment and job creation.
- Coming after **over two years of negotiations**, the agreement covers goods, services, investment facilitation, and mobility of professionals, and is set to significantly transform the economic landscape between the two countries. The deal also **includes a Double Contribution Convention** to resolve long-standing concerns related to social security contributions for Indian workers in the UK.



- India and the United Kingdom concluded a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on 6th of May after long talks between both countries.
- Key Features and Highlights of the India–UK FTA
- Zero Duty Access for Indian Exports : 99% of Indian exports to the UK will enjoy zero customs duty, offering a major boost to labour-intensive and manufacturing sectors. This is expected to double bilateral trade, currently valued at \$60 billion, by 2030.
- **Indian Tariff Reductions for UK Goods** : India has agreed to reduce or eliminate tariffs on 90% of UK tariff lines, with becoming duty-free within a decade**.
- Tariff reductions will be phased, ensuring a balance between liberalization and protection of domestic interests.

- **Key Indian Sectors Benefiting** : Textiles, footwear, marine products, leather, sports goods, toys, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, auto parts, organic chemicals – all will gain from enhanced market access.
- The textile industry is expected to see significant growth, as UK tariffs of up to 10% will be removed.



- **Benefits for UK Exporters** : Major tariff cuts in India for products such as,
 - Whisky and gin: reduced from 150% to 75%, then to 40% over 10 years.
 - Automotive parts: reduced from 100%+ to 10% under a quota.
 - Cosmetics, aerospace, lamb, medical devices, electrical machinery, salmon, soft drinks, chocolate, and biscuits.
- **Mobility and Labour Provisions** – The Double Contribution Convention
 - Indian professionals working in the UK and their employers will be exempt from social security contributions for 3 years, a longstanding demand of India.
 - This will reduce costs for Indian IT and service companies and make Indian talent more competitive in the UK market.
 - Strategic and Economic Significance
- **Boost to Labour-Intensive Sectors** : The FTA is expected to create employment, especially in MSMEs involved in textiles, apparel, footwear, and auto components. Start-ups and innovators are also expected to benefit from easier access to UK markets and capital.



- **Services Sector Integration** : Though not detailed extensively, the FTA sets the groundwork for deeper services trade integration, including IT, legal, and financial services, where India has a comparative advantage.
- **Geopolitical and Trade Policy Implications**
- This FTA is the UK's largest deal post-Brexit and the most ambitious trade pact ever signed by India.
- It signals India's growing importance in global supply chains and the UK's pivot to non-EU markets.
- **Sensitive Sector Protection**
- India excluded sensitive items like dairy products, apples, and cheese from tariff concessions to protect domestic farmers.
- This balance helps ensure that agricultural interests are not compromised.

Govt Extends Tenure Of CBI Director For One Year

- Government has extended the tenure of **CBI Director Praveen Sood** for one year beyond 24th of this month. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of Praveen Sood for a period of one year. Mr Sood is an IPS officer of Karnataka Cadre and was to retire on 25th of this month.



‘Depot Darpan’ Portal

- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs will launch the “Depot Darpan” portal** and mobile app enable real-time monitoring of food storage depots, aiming to improve quality, **safety, and transparency in warehousing**. Depot Darpan will use geo-tagged data, automated ratings, and supervisory validation to assess infrastructure and operational efficiency, with each depot receiving a star rating based on performance.



- **The platform integrates smart technologies** such as CCTV, IoT sensors (for CO₂, humidity, fire hazards, etc.), and AI tools like ANPR, FRS, and automated bag counting to enhance security and operational control. Around 2,278 warehouses—managed by FCI, CWC, and other agencies—will be covered under the initiative, empowering officials with mobile-based monitoring and automated performance insights.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When is International Thalassemia Day celebrated

- A. 7th May
- B. 8th May
- C. 6th May
- D. 9th May

ANSWER: B

2. What is the main objective of celebrating International Thalassemia Day

- A. Promoting sports and fitness
- B. Encouraging space research
- C. Fighting thalassemia through prevention, awareness, and quality care
- D. Celebrating global trade agreements

ANSWER: C

3. What is the theme for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2025

- A. Reach for Humanity
- B. Global Care and Support
- C. Keeping Humanity Alive
- D. Red Cross for All

ANSWER: C

4. What is the theme of GLEX 2025

- A. Expanding Earth Horizons
- B. Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance
- C. Mars and Beyond
- D. Future Space for All

ANSWER: B

5. Which two countries signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement

- A. India and the USA
- B. India and Australia
- C. India and Japan
- D. India and the United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

6. Who passed away on May 5, 2025, in Córdoba, Argentina

- A. Diego Maradona
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Luis Galván
- D. Gabriel Batistuta

ANSWER: C

7. What is the significance of May 7, 2025, in athletics

- A. International Olympic Day
- B. World Athletics Day
- C. Global Fitness Day
- D. Youth Sports Day

ANSWER: B

8. Which Indian Naval Ship arrived in Singapore for IMDEX Asia 2025

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Arihant
- C. INS Kiltan
- D. INS Kolkata

ANSWER: C

9. Name Of The Digital Platform Being Developed By The Election Commission Of India To Streamline Electoral Services

- A. eElector
- B. OneVote
- C. ECINET
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: C

10. Sanjay Gandhi National Park Is Located In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

11. What Kind Of Disease Is MASH (Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatohepatitis)

- A. A genetic brain disorder
- B. An autoimmune skin condition
- C. A serious form of fatty liver disease
- D. A bacterial lung infection

ANSWER: C

12. World Asthma Day 2025 Is Observed On Which Day

- A. May 3
- B. May 4
- C. May 5
- D. May 6

ANSWER: D

13. Which Country Won 2025 Sudirman Cup

- A. South Korea
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: B

14. Name Of The CBI Operation Launched In 2025 To Combat International Online Child Sexual Exploitation Networks

- A. Operation Carbon
- B. Operation Megh Chakra
- C. Operation Net Shield
- D. Operation Hawk

ANSWER: D

15. Which Country Is Collaborating With France To Develop A 1-gigawatt AI Data Centre In Europe

- A. Germany
- B. UAE
- C. Japan
- D. Canada

ANSWER: B

16. At Which International Event Will India Showcase The SVAMITVA Scheme And Gram Manchitra Platform In 2025

- A. United Nations Climate Summit 2025
- B. G20 Digital Land Forum 2025
- C. World Bank Land Conference 2025
- D. Global Rural Mapping Expo 2025

ANSWER: A

17. K V Rabiya, Was Known For Her Contributions In Which Field

- A. Science and Technology
- B. Social Work
- C. Sports
- D. Literature

ANSWER: B

18. Who Has Been Appointed As The Managing Director Of The National Film Development Corporation

- A. Prakash Magdum
- B. Rajesh Kumar
- C. Sunil Verma
- D. Arvind Sharma

ANSWER: A

19. Cabinet Declared Which Day As 'National Space Day' In India

- A. August 20
- B. August 23
- C. August 25
- D. August 27

ANSWER: B

20. Which Of The Following Vedanga Is Related To Metrics

- A. Kalpa
- B. Nirkuta
- C. Chhanda
- D. Shiksha

ANSWER: C