

NATIONAL

1. First cable-stayed railway bridge

Why in news – India's first cable-stayed railway bridge has been completed in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Key Points –

- Total length of cable - 653 km.
- Length of bridge - 725 metres.
- It is over Anji river, a tributary of Chenab River.

- b) 95% of the Bid security shall be refunded
- c) 95% of the Liquidated Damages (LD) deducted shall be refunded
- d) 95% of the Risk Purchase amount realized shall be refunded
- e) No interest shall be paid on such refunded amount.
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has developed a dedicated web-page for implementation of this scheme.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Largest supplier of refined fuels

Why in news – As per analytics firm Kpler, India has become Europe's largest supplier of refined fuels in April 2023.

Key Points –

- Europe's refined fuel imports from India are set to surge above 360,000 barrels a day, ahead of Saudi Arabia.
- Russia emerged as a major supplier to India for the first time in 2022-23 (FY23).
- Western price cap on Russian crude - USD 60 per barrel.

Earlier and Revised Definition of MSMEs			
Earlier MSME Classification			
Criteria: Investment in Plant & Machinery or Equipment			
Classification	Micro	Small	Medium
Manufacturing Enterprises	Investment < ₹ 25 lac	Investment < ₹ 5 cr.	Investment < ₹ 10 cr.
Services Enterprise	Investment < ₹ 10 lac	Investment < ₹ 2 cr.	Investment < ₹ 5 cr.
Revised MSME Classification			
Composite Criteria: Investment and Annual Turnover			
Classification	Micro	Small	Medium
Manufacturing & Services	Investment < ₹ 1 cr. & Turnover < ₹ 5 cr	Investment < ₹ 10 cr. & Turnover < ₹ 50 cr.	Investment < ₹ 20 cr. & Turnover < ₹ 100 cr.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. “Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs” scheme

Why in news – Ministry of Finance has launched the scheme for providing relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for COVID-19 period.

Key Points –

- It was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24.
- Additional benefits to COVID-19 affected MSMEs –
 - a) 95% of the performance security forfeited shall be refunded

REPORTS & INDICES

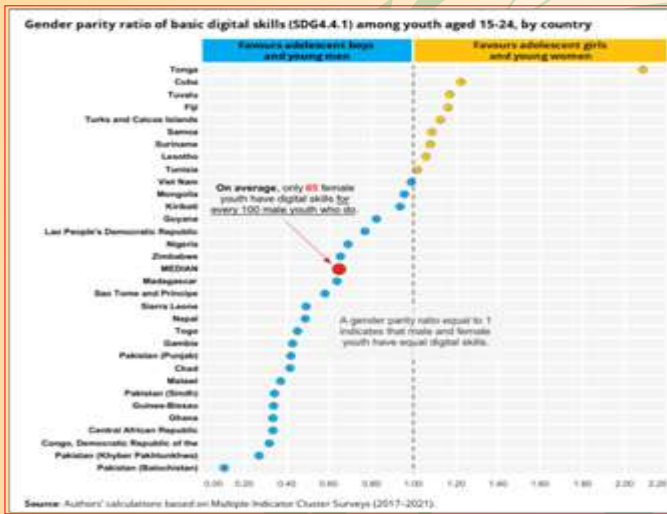
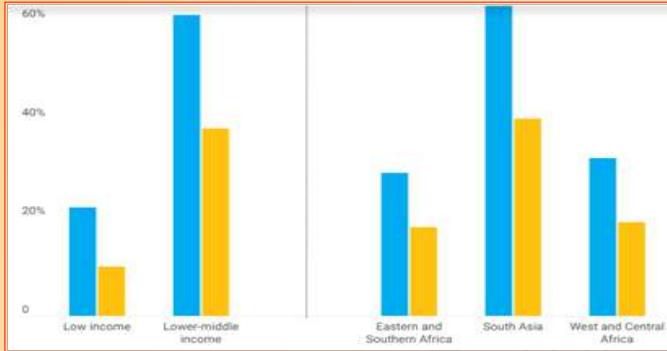
1. “Bridging the Digital Divide” report

Why in news – UNICEF released the “Bridging the Gender Digital Divide” report.

Key Points –

Findings –

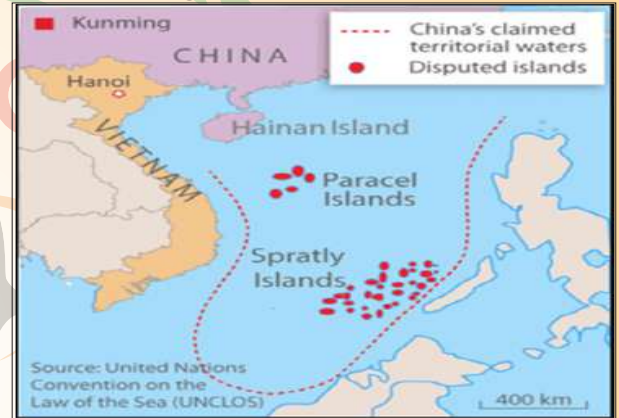
- In low-income countries, 90% of adolescent girls and young women aged 15-24 are offline, compared to 78% of adolescent boys and young men.
- The largest gap is observed in South Asia, favouring adolescent boys and young men by 27% points.
- Female youth are nearly 13 per cent less likely to own a mobile phone than male youth within the same household.



scheduled from May 2 to 8, 2023 in Singapore.

Key Points –

- Harbour Phase - Changi Naval Base, Singapore.
- Sea Phase - South China Sea.
- Participants from India - INS Delhi and INS Satpura.
- There has been little progress on the Code of Conduct for the South China Sea under negotiation since 2002.



SCIENCE – TECHNOLOGY

1. Geoffrey Hinton

Why in news – “Godfather Of AI” Geoffrey Hinton quits Google to speak freely about the dangers of Artificial intelligence (AI).

Key Points –

- He said he regrets the work he has devoted his life to because of how AI could be misused.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Palme d’Or honor

Why in news – Hollywood actor Michael Douglas would be awarded withan honorary Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

Key Points –

- He is a two-time Oscar winner.
- The 76th edition of the Cannes Film Festival would run from May 16 to May 27, 2023.

2. Highest-paid athletes list 2023

Why in news – Forbes released the latest highest-paid athletes list in 2023.

Key Points –

- **Top 5 –**
 - a) Cristiano Ronaldo (\$136 million)
 - b) Lionel Messi (\$130 million)
 - c) Kylian Mbappe (\$120 million)
 - d) LeBron James(\$119.5 million)
 - e) Canelo Alvarez (\$110 million)
- World's ten highest-paid athletes collectively made \$1.11 billion over the last 12 months, the highest total ever.

SECURITY

1. ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)

Why in news – The inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) was

2. World Press Freedom Prize

Why in news – UNESCO awarded the prize to 3 imprisoned Iranian female journalists "for their commitment to truth and accountability."

Key Points –

- Winners are –
 - a) Niloufar Hamed
 - b) Elahe Mohammadi
 - c) Narges Mohammadi.
- It is named for Guillermo Cano, a Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper in Bogota on December 17, 1986.
- UNESCO has awarded the prize to coincide with World Press Freedom Day on May 3 since 1997.

- Coal India Limited headquarter - Kolkata.



APPOINTMENTS

1. A K Mohanty

Why in news – Ajit Kumar Mohanty assumed charge as the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy.

Key Points –

- AK Mohanty is also the Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.
- Mohanty stated that the benefits of atomic energy go beyond carbon-free electricity, with contributions to national security, health care management, food security, and water security.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Coal Miners Day 2023

Why in news – It is observed every year on May 4.

Key Points –

- India's coal imports increased by 32% to 148.58 million tonne (MT) in April-February FY23 against 112.38 MT in the year-ago period.

Value addition -

- World first coal mine - Scotland (1575).
- India's first coal mine – Raniganj (1774).
- Raniganj Coalfield - Situated on the banks of the Damodar River.
- It was operated by John Summer and Suetonius Grant Heatly of the East India Company.
- Coal mines in India were nationalized in India in 1973, by enacting Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973.

SPORTS

1. Hockey team sponsorship

Why in news – Odisha decided to further extend its sponsorship for both the Men and Women's Indian Hockey Teams for another ten years till 2033.

Key Points –

- Odisha is the official sponsor of both the Men and Women National Hockey Teams since 2018.



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- Who has released a report titled “Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India” - **NITI Aayog.**
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh handed over a Fast Patrol Vessel and a Landing Craft Assault ship to which country – **Maldives.**
- Who became the new President of Paraguay - **Santiago Peña.**
- Who has released the document “Contribution of terrestrial animal source food to healthy diets for improved nutrition and health outcomes” - **Food and Agriculture Organization.**
- Which ministry participated in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023, being held from 01st to 04th May 2023 in Dubai, UAE - **Ministry of Tourism.**
- DRDO and which armed force conducted the successful maiden test trial of Air Droppable Container -150 (ADC) from IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa - **Indian Navy.**
- India and which country signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation with focus on several key technology areas – **Israel.**
- Who has announced resignation as chief of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) - **Sharad Pawar.**
- Who took charge as the Commander-in-Chief of the strategically vital Andaman and Nicobar Command - **Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan.**
- Who has released the “Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023” in collaboration with the United Nations Development - **NITI Aayog.**