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Most Important Weekly Current Affairs



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A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor

- The World Health Organization recently approved the Emergency Use of **Sinopharm** vaccine. **Sinopharm** vaccine was developed by China.

- **Himanta Biswa Sarma** is the new Chief Minister of Assam.

- **National Technology Day** on May 11. *Theme: Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future*

- The **Assam** State Disaster Management Agency and the **UNICEF** has jointly developed an *Online Flood Reporting System*.

- **NASA's** The **Perseverance** rover of Mars 2020 will study the floor of an ancient crater of Mars. The crater once held a lake. About the Study The Perseverance rover will use a camera called “**WATSON**” to capture detailed shots of the rocks.

- The **World Bank** recently released its “Migration and Development Brief”

- **China** recently launched **Changsei 2C** rocket from the Xichang satellite launch centre.

- **Tauktae** Cyclone is the first cyclone in 2021 in India. Origin is Lakshwadeep. It will affect the coastal areas of Kerala, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat. The name of the cyclone is suggested by **Myanmar**.

- Chinese Spacecraft **Tianwen 1** landed on Mars successfully.

- The Jupiter Icy Moon Explorer of the European Space Agency recently entered into a critical sequence of tests. The mission is called **JUICE**

- **Y Nuklu Phom** is the Nagaland Conservationist and has won Whitley Awards 2021

- **‘1971: The Beginning of India’s Cricketing Greatness’** the book is written by Borai Majumdar and Gautam Bhattacharya.

- **Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted** was awarded the 2021 **World Food Prize**

- **‘Dost for Life’** is the mobile application which was launched by CBSE.
- 12th May **International Nurses Day**, Theme: ‘Nurses: A Voice to Lead- A Vision for Future Healthcare’
- **Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted** was awarded the 2021 **World Food Prize**
- **IREDA** (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency) was conferred with the **‘Green Urja Award’** by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

What is Five Deeps Expedition?

The Five Deeps Expedition has provided data on the deepest points of five oceans in the world. They are the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and the Southern Oceans.

- **Java Trench** is the deepest point in Indian Ocean
- **Puerto Rico Trench** is the deepest in Atlantic Ocean.
- **Molloy Hole** is the deepest point in Arctic Ocean.
- **Mariana Trench**, the deepest point on the earth, located in the Western Pacific

What is DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice) Technique?

- **DSR technique** is direct seeding of rice. Here the seeds are sown in the field directly rather than transplanting the seedlings. A tractor powered machine is used to drill the seeds in to the soil.
- **Punjab** Government has decided to bring one hectare of land under DSR technique. This is being done as the Government is expecting shortage of migrant labour.

What is Ocean Rewilding?

- **Ocean Rewilding** is expected to come up in **COP26**. A network of 68 European organisations are working together to find ways to reinvigorate the marine life of the earth.
- Rewilding is restoring to its natural uncultivated state. This is done by introducing animal or plant species that have been exterminated

The NASA Spacecraft called the “**Osiris-Rex**” has started a two year long journey back to the earth. The spacecraft reached asteroid **Bennu** in 2018. It then spent two years flying around it and collected rubbles. **Rubbles** are rough fragments of brick, stones.





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“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”