

# 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Dialog Axiata, Sri Lanka's largest telecommunications

- Dialog Axiata, Sri Lanka's largest telecommunications provider and a subsidiary of Malaysian Axiata, has announced a binding term sheet with India's Bharti Airtel for the merger of their Sri Lankan subsidiaries.
- The proposed transaction will grant Airtel a stake in Dialog, representing the fair value of Airtel Lanka, and will allow Airtel access to a large customer base in the island nation.

## 2) 'Machines Can See 2023'

- The UAE government recently launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, an international conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) held at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.
- The event was held in partnership between the Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications Office and 'Machines Can See' company.



## **NATIONAL**

#### 1) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new instructions to all banks and financial institutions in the country to ensure that all wire transfers, whether domestic or international, contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary.
- The move is aimed at preventing wire transfers from being used as a channel for money laundering and financing terrorism.
- The updated instructions are part of the Master Direction on Know Your Customer (KYC) and are aligned with the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- 2) Visa, the global card transaction company















- Visa, the global card transaction company, has launched a new feature in India that allows users to make online payments without the need for a CVV number.
- The feature applies to tokenised credit and debit cards and is only available for domestic transactions in
- When a user tokenises their card, it is secured with a unique code and transactions are completed using a two-factor authentication process, which does not require the 16-digit card number or any other card
- The new authentication method protects users from cyber fraud as the token cannot be used on another platform.

## 3) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) announced that it has completed the sale of its Myanmar port, Coastal International Terminals Pte Limited, for \$30 million.
- The decision to exit the project was made based on recommendations by the Risk Committee in October 2021.
- The sale was initially announced in May 2022, following a military coup in Myanmar and subsequent crackdown on mass protests that drew international condemnation and US sanctions.



#### 4) Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for 2023-24

- As a part of the AazadiKaAmritMahostay, the Union Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, will launch the Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for 2023-24 on May 3rd, 2023.
- During the launch, he will interact with the beneficiaries of AHDF-KCC through CSC and State Animal Husbandry Department, extending the KCC facility to all small landless farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries activities.

#### **STATE NEWS**

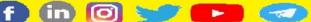
1) International Multimodal Logistics Park in Jogighopa













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- The construction of India's first International Multimodal Logistics Park in Jogighopa, Assam, is well underway, and the jetty is expected to be completed by the end of this year.
- The park, which is being built at a cost of Rs 693.97 crore, will provide direct connectivity to waterways, road, rail, and air, and is expected to be completed in 2023.
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, visited the site recently to review the progress and expressed satisfaction at the pace of work.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

## 1) Sandeep Dutta

- Accenture appointed Ajay Vij as Country Managing Director, a newly created role, and Sandeep Dutta as the lead of its India Market Unit.
- As country managing director, Mr. Vij would expand his current responsibilities as the Corporate Services & Sustainability lead for India to provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making for key company priorities.
- Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson for Accenture in India, would retire as of June 30 and primary responsibilities of the Chairperson would now be undertaken by the new appointees, according to the company.



#### **SPORTS**

## 1) Neeraj Chopra

- Olympic gold medal winner Neeraj Chopra has secured victory with 88.67 m throw at Doha Diamond League 2023.
- Chopra's first throw was 88.67 which was a great way to start the new season. His first throw was enough to seal the victory for him but he still tried to push ahead.

#### 2) Mark Nicholas

- Mark Nicholas, a former England cricketer and well-known commentator, has been chosen as the next president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).













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- He will take over from the current president, Stephen Fry, and begin his duties in October of this year. The announcement of his appointment was made during the MCC's Annual General Meeting.

## 3) Babar Azam

- Babar Azam, the captain of the Pakistan cricket team, has set a new record by becoming the fastest player to score 5000 runs in One Day International (ODI) cricket.
- He achieved this feat in 97 innings, breaking the previous record set by South Africa's Hashim Amla, who reached the 5000 run mark in 101 innings.

## 4) Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the official logo, mascot, torch, anthem, and jersey of the Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022 on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow.
- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath was also present at the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Shri Yogi Adityanath welcomed all participating athletes, coaches, officials, and support staff to the 3rd Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022.
- The mascot, Jitu, represents the Barasingha, an incredible mammal that embodies the spirit of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh.



#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## 1) World Athletics Day

- World Athletics Day, established by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, is celebrated on May 7th each year.
- The aim of this day is to promote sports and exercise as a means of preventing diseases and maintaining good health.
- The focus is on encouraging people to participate in athletics and other fitness activities to keep themselves healthy.











