

### May 29 – International Day of UN Peacekeepers

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 29 May, offers a chance to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilians personnel's invaluable contribution to the work of the Organization and to honour more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 98 last year. **2019 Theme: "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace"**

### May 29 – World Digestive Health Day (WDHD)

Every 29th May, the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), in collaboration with the WGO Foundation (WGO Foundation), celebrates World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) and initiates a yearlong, worldwide, public health campaign through more than 110 WGO Member Societies.

The theme for the World Digestive Health Day 2019 campaign is "**Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer.**"

### Hindi version of 'Digital Dilemma'

John Bailey, President of Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (popularly known as Oscar Academy), e-launched the Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, "Digital Dilemma", in Delhi.

John Bailey said that there are many challenges thrown by the technological changes in the film storage medium and this book will help film makers in understanding and planning the storage of born-digital material.

### 24-hour power supply to rural areas for agricultural work

In Uttar Pradesh, after successful implementation of **SAUBHAGYA** scheme, the government is now planning to provide 24-hour power supply to the rural areas of the state for agricultural work.

The state government will focus on providing quality power to the people of the state so that there will be no tripping or fluctuations and voltage issues.

### New geological epoch — the Anthropocene

A 34-member panel of the Anthropocene Working Group (AWG) voted 29-4 in favour of designating a new geological epoch — **the Anthropocene. The decision reflects how various facets of the Earth have been shaped by human activity.** The vote signals the end of the Holocene Epoch, which began 11,700 years ago.

## Malaysia to send back plastic waste to foreign nations

Malaysia says it will send back some 3,000 metric tonnes of non-recyclable plastic waste to countries including the U.S., U.K., Canada and Australia in a move to avoid becoming a dumping ground for rich nations. Sixty containers stacked with contaminated waste were smuggled in to illegal processing facilities in Malaysia

## Naveen Patnaik takes oath as Odisha Chief Minister

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik was sworn-in as Chief Minister of Odisha for the fifth consecutive term in Bhubaneswar. As many as 20 other members of the new Council of Ministers headed by Mr. Patnaik were also sworn in at the ceremony.

## Scott Morrison sworn in as Australia's prime minister

Scott Morrison was sworn in as Australia's Prime Minister after retaining the position in the country's general election. **Morrison became Australia's 30th Prime Minister** through an internal party vote last August in which he replaced Malcolm Turnbull as chief of the ruling Liberal Party.

## Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal – Chief Justice of Meghalaya HC

Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court. Governor Tathagata Roy administered him the oath. Justice AK Mittal was the judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court before his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.

## Sri Lanka, Japan, India sign deal to develop East Container Terminal at Colombo Port

Sri Lanka, Japan and India signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port. The joint initiative is estimated to cost between \$500 million and \$700 million. The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is significant, given that the countries had been negotiating the deal since last year, with little success.

## J80 World Championship

Asian youth champion Dr. Rohini Rau to lead all women Indian team for the J80 World Championship to be staged in Bilbao, Spain, from July 13 to 20. The J80 is a modern sports boat with competition in open water, away from the protected environment of harbours and lakes.