

23 May 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Mission Sagar

What's in News?

As part of **Mission Sagar**, **Indian Naval Ship Kesari** has entered Port Louis in Mauritius.

Details:

- The Government of India is providing assistance to friendly foreign countries in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and towards this, Indian Naval Ship Kesari is carrying COVID-related **essential medicines and a special consignment of Ayurvedic medicines for the people of Mauritius**.
- **Mission Sagar**, is in consonance with the **Prime Minister's vision of Security And Growth for All in the Region - 'SAGAR'**.
 - This mission highlights the importance accorded by India to relations with the countries of the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)** and builds on the excellent relations existing between the two countries to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Mission SAGAR has also included supplies for Maldives, Madagascar, Seychelles and Comoros to jointly meet the common challenges during the ongoing pandemic.
- The operation is being progressed in close coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, and other agencies of the Government of India.

India-Mauritius Relations:

- It may be recalled that the first consignment of 13 tonnes of essential medicines from India had arrived on 15 April, 2020 through the special Air India flight to Mauritius.
- This shipment again underscores the special and unique ties between India and Mauritius and their **longstanding partnership in the public health care sector**.

2. World Turtle Day

What's in News?

The **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**, along with the **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**, its project partner in the '**Biodiversity Conservation Initiative Phase II**', celebrated the World Turtle Day.

- In order to conserve Turtles and other wildlife, **NMCG has taken up several initiatives** including establishing conservation centres and creating public awareness about the subject.
- The purpose of World Turtle Day, May 23, sponsored yearly since 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue, is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.

Note:

Given that Biodiversity Conservation of the Ganga river basin is one of the pillars of the Namami Gange programme, the '**International Day of Biological Diversity**', was celebrated with great enthusiasm by NMCG and WII through a Webinar themed '**Our Solutions are in Nature**'.

Read more about [International Day of Biological Diversity](#) covered in 22nd May 2020 PIB Summary and Analysis.

3. Hunar Haat

What's in News?

Hunar Haat to restart from September 2020 with the theme of “**Local to Global**”.

- “Hunar Haat”, which provides market and opportunity to master artisans and craftsmen from remote areas of the country, has become a credible brand of rare exquisite indigenous handmade products.
- It has become “Empowerment Exchange” of artisans and craftsmen from across the country.

Read more about [Hunar Haat](#) covered in 9th February 2020 PIB Summary and Analysis.

4. Kangra Tea

- Kangra tea is a tea from the **Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh**.
- Both **black tea and green tea** have been produced in the Kangra Valley since the mid-19th century.
- Kangra tea was given the **Geographical Indication status in 2005**.
- Being **one of India's smallest tea regions** makes the Kangra green and black tea all the more exclusive.

International Tea Day:

- **International Tea Day** is observed annually on **May 21, according to the United Nations**.
- The concerning resolution was adopted on **December 21, 2019** and calls on the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) to lead the observance of the Day.
- The International Tea Day aims to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world.
- The goal of the day is **to promote and foster collective actions to implement activities in favour of the sustainable production and consumption of tea** and raise awareness of its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.

Note:

- The Indian Tea Industry is almost **two centuries old** with more than 1500 established tea gardens employing over 1 million workers. In addition, there are more than 2 lakh Small Tea Growers, who form a sizeable chunk of the Indian Tea Industry.
- **India accounts for 23% of the total tea production of the world** and is the **world's largest producer and consumer of black tea in the world**.

