

## Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - May 27, 2024

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Let's check this news about (Proboscis monkey) Then, we will move ahead.

## Enhanced Noses of Male Proboscis monkey

Proboscis monkeys, native to Borneo's rainforests, have evolved large noses in males to attract mates. These arboreal primates live in mangroves and swamps, mainly eating leaves. They are strong swimmers with webbed digits, forming harem groups. Deforestation threatens their habitat, leading to their endangered status on the IUCN Red List.



[Source: Wikipedia]

## Irradiation of Onions to increase shelf life

To extend the shelf life of onions, the Indian government plans to increase onion irradiation to one lakh tonnes this year, up from 1,200 tonnes last year. This low-dose radiation, which poses no health risk, prevents sprouting, making onions less perishable. The government aims to build a buffer stock and reduce post-harvest losses.



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[Source: Mint]

## World Thyroid Day observed on May 25

World Thyroid Day, observed on May 25th, emphasises thyroid health's importance. The 2024 theme is Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), underscoring thyroid disorders' global impact. Established in 2007 by the Thyroid Federation International, this day promotes awareness, early diagnosis, patient support, and research for conditions like hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, thyroid cancer, and goitre.



[Source: Mint]

## AstroSat observations

Indian astrophysicists, using AstroSat, discovered unusual variations in high-energy X-rays in the black hole binary system Swift J1727.8-1613. This finding could help us learn more about black hole properties and accretion dynamics. AstroSat, India's first dedicated multi-wavelength space observatory, studies celestial sources in X-ray, optical, and UV bands. It aims to understand high-energy processes in binary star systems, estimate neutron star magnetic fields, and conduct deep-field UV surveys.





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[Source: Wikipedia]

## Earth size exoplanet Gliese 12b discovered

Using NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) and other telescopes, astronomers have discovered Gliese 12b, the closest Earth-sized exoplanet, orbiting the red dwarf Gliese 12. Situated 40 light-years away, it's potentially habitable with an equilibrium temperature of 42°C. Its study may provide insights into atmospheric evolution and habitability pathways of exoplanets.



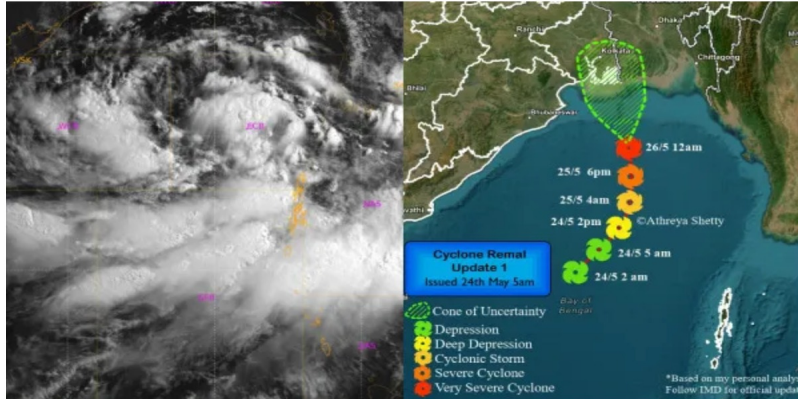
[Source: Wikipedia]

## Cyclone Remal in Bay of Bengal

Cyclone Remal is expected to hit the West Bengal and Odisha coasts. A cyclone is a large-scale system of air with very low pressure at its centre. It is characterised by inward spiralling winds, rotating counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere. Tropical cyclones form over warm ocean waters, move from east to west, and are classified by wind speed. Landfall is when the cyclone's centre moves over the coast, typically bringing strong winds and heavy rain.



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[Source: India Today]

## Neanderthal bones harbour oldest known human virus

A recent analysis of Neanderthal bones from 50,000 years ago revealed traces of three viruses also found in modern humans. These are the oldest human viruses ever discovered and suggest Neanderthals may have been susceptible to the same viruses we are today. Neanderthals were an extinct close relative of modern humans, living in Europe and parts of Asia. They disappeared about 40,000 years ago. Despite their stocky builds, they had large brains, made tools, controlled fire, and possibly buried their dead.



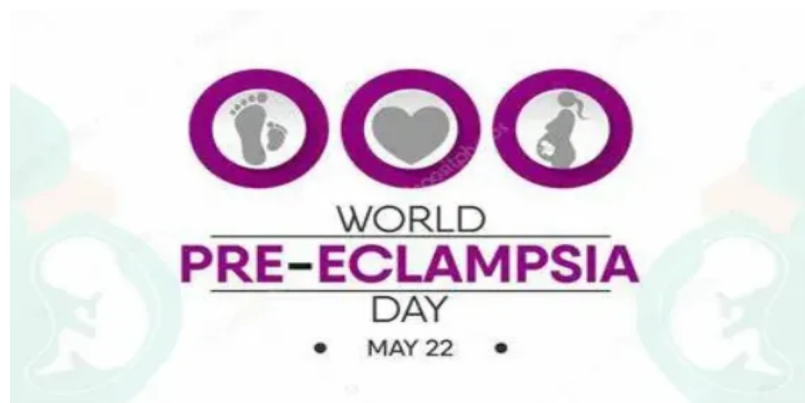
[Source: NDTV]

## World Preeclampsia Day observed on May 22

World Preeclampsia Day, observed on May 22nd annually, raises awareness about this potentially life-threatening pregnancy complication. Preeclampsia, characterised by high blood pressure and organ damage, affects 5-8% of pregnancies globally, posing risks to both mothers and babies. Early detection and proper management are crucial for preventing serious complications and saving lives.



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[Source: Mint]

## Ferroptosis occurs in severe Covid 19 patient lungs

Researchers at Columbia University have discovered that ferroptosis, a form of cell death, is the main culprit behind lung damage in severe COVID-19 cases. Ferroptosis represents a distinct mode of cell demise where specific cells perish due to the breakdown of their outer lipid layers. This finding could lead to improved treatments for the disease by targeting ferroptosis with therapeutic drug candidates. Ferroptosis was first identified at Columbia in 2012 by Professor Brent Stockwell.



[Source: PIB]

## Indian women's Compound archery team strikes Gold

Indian women's archery team continued their dominance, winning their third consecutive gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 2. They defeated Turkey in the finals without dropping a set. Jyothi Surekha Vennam missed out on a second gold in the mixed team event, settling for silver with teammate Priyansh.



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