

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 23, 2025**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

- **First- Ever Global Pandemic Treaty**
- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) adopted the world's first global pandemic treaty during its annual World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 20, 2025.



- ✓ The agreement, passed by a vote of 124 in favour, none against, and 11 abstentions, aims to create a more equitable and coordinated global health response to future pandemics.
- ✓ It comes after three years of negotiations since the devastating impact of COVID-19.
- ✓ The treaty marks a major milestone in global health governance, even as the United States remains absent, having withdrawn from WHO earlier in 2025.

### **ECONOMY**

- **India's Potential GDP Growth**

- ✓ Fitch Ratings has increased India's potential GDP growth to 6.4% for the next five years.



- ✓ This marks a rise of 0.2 percentage points from the previous estimate.
- ✓ The upgrade is mainly due to a significant increase in India's labour force participation in recent years.
- ✓ Fitch stated that the higher growth estimate is driven more by job creation than by productivity improvements.
- ✓ India's total-factor productivity (TFP) growth is expected to slow to its long-term average of 1.5.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Turtle Day – May 23**
- ✓ American Tortoise Rescue, a nonprofit organization established in 1990 for the protection of all species of tortoise and turtle, is sponsoring our annual World Turtle Day on May 23.



- ✓ Susan Tellem and Marshall Thompson, founders of ATR and World Turtle Day, advocate humane treatment of all animals, including reptiles.
- ✓ For the 25th anniversary, theme is Dancing Turtles Rock!

