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## June 2019 Important Days With Themes

Date	Day	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	World Milk Day	“Drink Milk: Today & Everyday.”
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Global Day of Parents	“Honor Your Parents”
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2019	Telangana State Formation Day	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	World Bicycle Day	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Financial Literacy Week	‘Farmers’
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Environment Day	“Beat Air Pollution”
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Food Safety Day	“Food Safety, everyone’s business”.
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Oceans Day	“Gender and Oceans”
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Day Against Child Labour	Children shouldn’t work in fields, but on dreams!
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	International Albinism Awareness Day	Theme: Still Standing Strong.
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Blood Donor Day	Blood Donation and Universal Access to Safe Blood Transfusion.
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	“Let’s grow the future together.”
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	World Refugee Day	Take A Step on World Refugee Day.
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Fifth International Yoga Day	Climate Action
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	'Health for Justice. Justice for Health'.
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	MSME Day	Big Money For Small Business: Financing the SDGs.
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Statistics Day	Statistics Day is Sustainable Development Goals.

## [June] Appointments & Resignations Current Affairs

- *Azim Premji to retire as Executive Chairman of Wipro.*
- *Ajit Doval to Be NSA for Another Five Years, Gets Cabinet Rank.*
- *Anita Bhatia appointed Deputy Executive Director for UN Women.*
- *Admiral Karambir Singh took charge as new Navy Chief.*
- *Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance CEO Pankaj Razdan resigns.*
- *Amit Agarwal appointed as IAMAI chairman.*
- *Arvind Kumar appointed new IB chief, Samant Kumar Goel to head RAW.*
- *K Natarajan takes charge as Indian Coast Guard chief.*
- *Viral Acharya resigns as RBI Deputy Governor.*
- *Canara Bank GM Sarada Kumar Hota appointed as National Housing Bank MD.*
- *PB Acharya sworn in as Manipur Governor*
- *Thawarchand Gehlot appointed leader of Rajya Sabha*
- *BJP MP Virendra Kumar to be Pro-tem speaker of Lok Sabha*
- *GIFT City appoints Tapan Ray as new MD*
- *Military government chief Prayuth Chan-ocha elected Thai PM*
- *R K Chibber appointed interim chief of J and K bank*
- *Rabi Mishra named RBI executive director, to supervise new regulatory cadre.*
- *RBI approves appointment of Rakesh Makhija as Chairman of Axis Bank*
- *SpiceJet chief Ajay Singh elected to IATA board*
- *Nayib Bukele sworn in as president of El Salvador*
- *Flipkart co-founder joins Ujjivan Small Finance Bank as Director*
- *CAG Rajiv Mehrishi elected as external auditor of WHO*
- *'Cyclone man' Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed IMD chief*
- *Indiabulls Housing Finance appoints Naveen Uppal as chief risk officer*

- *Zuzana Caputova sworn in as president of Slovakia*
- *MN Sarma to be new Secretary General of General Insurance Council*
- *Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi Assumes Charge as Commandant of Indian Naval Academy*
- *Kassym-Jomart Tokayev becomes' the new President of Kazakhstan*
- *Mohamed Ould Ghazouani elected as the president of Mauritania*
- *Yes Bank's former interim MD & CEO Ajai Kumar quits board*
- *BharatPe appoints Pratekk Agarwal as Chief Business Officer*

## [JUNE] Persons In News \ Current Affairs

### *1. Yuvraj Singh Announces Retirement from International Cricket*

He played around 400 cricket matches for India. He came into the India ODI fold in October 2000 in the ICC knockout tournament in Nairobi

### *2. 25-Year Old Chandrani Murmu, the candidate of Biju Janata Dal from Odisha became the youngest MP in India's history*

### *3. Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly by day a Hawk advanced jet aircraft*

### *4. Marcus Trescothick opening batsman, announced retirement from professional cricket*

### *5. India-born Priya Serrao crowned Miss Universe Australia title for 2019.*

### *6. Malaysia Badminton Legend Lee Chong Wei Announces Retirement. Lee spent a total of 348 weeks as world number one.*

### *7. Casio India announces Tiger Shroff as the G-Shock India brand ambassador.*

## [JUNE] New Books and Authors

Books	Authored By/Launched By/Published By
Cricket World Cup the Indian Challenge	Ashish Ray
Function of Data Sovereignty - The Pursuit of Supremacy	Vinit Goenka
The New Delhi Conspiracy	Meenakshi Lekhi
My Life, My Mission	Baba Ramdev

1. **Ashish Ray** pens down India's journey in WCs in new book "**Cricket World Cup the Indian Challenge**".
2. **Vinit Goenka** pens new book titled "**Data Sovereignty - The Pursuit of Supremacy**".
3. **BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi** pens debut novel named '**The New Delhi Conspiracy**', which talks of undercurrents of Delhi's political landscape.
4. **Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar** authored a book titled "**A Prime Minister to Remember**,"
1. **Yoga guru Ramdev** pens autobiography "**My Life, My Mission**".

## [JUNE] Summits & Conference News

1. **G-20 summit concludes in Osaka** Japan. The theme of the summit is Human-centred future society.
2. **Seed Testing Association (ISTA)** to hold 32nd Congress in Hyderabad
3. **Thaawarchand Gehlot** attended 2nd Global Disability Summit in Buenos Aires in Argentina. The objective of 3-day summit is to deliberate on issues across the world concerning empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities.
4. **16th Asia Media Summit** concludes in Cambodia to deliberate on many issues pertaining to media & broadcasting industry.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Asia Media Summit was hosted by India. The two-day summit was held under topic of Media Digitalization Focusing on Developing Markets.

***5. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attends G-20 ministerial meet on Trade & digital economy in Japan.***

***6. 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment GRIHA Summit held in Nagpur***

The theme of the Summit was 'Transformation Strategies for Built Environment'.

***7. The 5th CICA Summit, held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan***

***8. Outreach session of the G7 45<sup>th</sup> summit to be attended by India***

***9. The 14th Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit was held in Mecca.***

## **[JUNE] State News of India**

***1. World Bank approves \$147 Million Loan to the Government of Jharkhand to provide basic urban services to the people of Jharkhand & help improve the management capacity of urban local bodies.***

***2. India signs a \$ 250 mn Loan Agreement with the World Bank for the Rajasthan State Highways Development Program II Project to build the State's capacity to better manage its highways and improve traffic flows on selected highways.***

***3. India signs a Loan Agreement of \$328 Million the World Bank Executive for Improved Health Services in Andhra Pradesh to help improve the quality & responsiveness of public health services in Andhra Pradesh. The loan has a 23.5-year maturity which includes a 6-year grace period.***

***4. India signed a \$31.58 Million Loan Agreement with the World Bank for Uttarakhand projects that will help to improve State's ability to manage its Financial Systems & lead to Better Utilization of Development Resources***

***5. Delhi Metro becomes India's first project to receive power from waste-toenergy***

The Delhi Metro has become the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant. The DMRC has started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.

#### ***6. L&T Financial Services launches 'Digital Sakhi' in TN***

L&T Financial Services launched an educational programme 'Digital Sakhi' in 2 villages of Villupuram dist in TN. It is aimed at digital financial inclusion of rural women. It has identified 500 women from trades such as dairy, poultry and goatrearing etc.

#### ***7. Odisha CM unveils Flood Hazard Atlas***

Odisha govt unveiled a Flood Hazard Atlas for better preparedness. It will help identify the disaster-prone areas of the state to tackle the situation. It was prepared by National Remote Sensing Centre & Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA).

#### ***8. MP Cabinet passes resolution to increase reservation for OBCs to 27 %***

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet passed a resolution to increase reservation quota for Other Backward Classes (OBC) from existing 14 per cent to 27 per cent. The Cabinet has also increased by three per cent the dearness allowance for employees and pensioners.

#### ***9. WB sign \$287 million loan agreement for the Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme***

GOI, TN govt & WB signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the TN Health System Reform Programme. It aims to improve the quality of health care, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases & fill equity gaps in reproductive & child health services in TN.

#### ***10. The 10<sup>th</sup> National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in Tripura***

To raise awareness about science and environment through films, the 10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be organised in Tripura, in 2020. The film festival would include films from UNICEF, UNESCO & film-makers from different countries.

#### ***11. Odisha to provide transportation cost to school students***

Odisha government decided to provide transportation cost to students who stay more than a kilometre away from their schools. Only students with an attendance of more than 30% will get the transportation allowance.

#### ***12. Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project dedicated to nation***

A multi-stage, multi-purpose lift irrigation project, Kaleshwaram was dedicated to the nation by Telangana CM K Chandrashekhara Rao. It has become the world's biggest in terms of capacities. It is built across the Godavari river.

### **13. WHO award for Rajasthan Health Department**

WHO has selected the Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department for its award this year in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control. It is the only govt. body in India which will be awarded for its tobacco-free initiatives.

### **14. ADB approves Rs 1,650 crores infrastructure projects in Tripura**

The ADB will provide Rs 1,650 crore, out of which 80% will be grant-in-aid & the state will have to repay 20% loan. The ADB has approved a project worth Rs 1,650 crore to develop infrastructure in 7 districts headquarter towns of Tripura.

### **15. Uttar Pradesh govt hikes old-age pension**

In Uttar Pradesh, State Government has hiked old-age pension in the age group 60 to 79 years by rupees **100** monthly. The old-age pensioners would receive 500 rupees per month from the existing 400 rupees.

### **16. Bancha becomes the first solar kitchen only village in India**

Banacha in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh is the first village in India to have zero wooden stoves and almost no use for LPG cylinders with all its 75 houses relying on solar-powered stoves to meet their cooking needs.

### **17. Mela Kheer Bhawani Festival celebrated at Kheer Bhawani Temple in Kashmir**

The devotees of the Goddess Mata Kheer Bhawani fast and gather here on the eighth day of the full moon in the month of May/ June. Kheer Bhawani is the **Presiding Deity of most of the Kashmiri Brahmans.**

## **[JUNE] National News of India**

### **1. I&B Ministry institutes Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman**

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted a new award called **Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman from year 2019** to recognise contribution made by media in spreading awareness about Yoga and for promotion and commemoration of International Yoga Day.

### **2. India signs USD 400M loan agreement with World Bank to eliminate TB**

India has signed a loan agreement worth 400 million dollars with the WB to help treat & eliminate Tuberculosis from the country. WB supported program will cover 9 States & it will support the government's National Strategic Plan to end TB in India by 2025.

### ***3. Arjun Munda Launches 'E-Governance Initiatives for ST Welfare Schemes'***

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs launched the e-governance initiatives named **SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas** and **SabkaVishwas** for ST Welfare schemes. These e-governance initiatives will serve their purpose of the betterment of tribal communities across the nation.

### ***4. Union Cabinet clears NDIAC Bill, 2019***

The Union Cabinet cleared the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019. The Bill provides for setting up of an independent and autonomous body for institutional arbitration.

### ***5. Centre sets target of providing clean drinking water to all by 2024***

In states like UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand & Odisha, the clean drinking water is less than 5%. Hence, Centre has set target of providing clean drinking water to all by 2024. Emphasis will also be laid on water conservation.

### ***6. Hardeep S Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League***

Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League in New Delhi. The league will be a quarterly cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India. The objective of the Swachh Survekshan survey is to encourage large scale citizen participation.

### ***7. PM Modi Reconstitutes NITI Aayog; Shah Appointed Ex-Officio Member***

PM Narendra Modi reconstituted NITI Aayog, renaming Rajiv Kumar as its VC and appointing home minister Amit Shah, Defence minister Rajnath Singh, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman & agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar as its ex-officio members.

### ***8. Delhi Metro, bus rides to be free for women in Delhi***

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced free Delhi Metro and DTC bus rides for women in the capital city. The expenses of the free ride scheme will be borne by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi.

### ***9. Govt to provide broadband connectivity under BharatNet project to all gram panchayats***

Government plans to provide broadband connectivity under BharatNet Project to all gram panchayats in the country. According to Electronics and IT Minister

Ravi Shankar Prasad 128870-gram panchayats have been connected with optical fibre till date.

#### ***10. Govt develops National Strategic Plan to eradicate TB by 2025***

Govt has developed a National Strategic Plan to eradicate Tuberculosis by 2025. India ranks 35<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of TB cases per lakh population. As per the Global TB report, the estimated cases of TB are 204 per lakh population for the year 2017.

#### ***11. Flow of raw sewage into Ganga will be stopped by 2022: Shekhawat***

Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat asserted that flow of raw sewage into the river Ganga will be completely stopped by 2022 and the government is working on a Mission Mode to achieve the target.

#### ***12. Kasturirangan committee submits new draft education policy to HRD Ministry***

Former ISRO chief Dr. Kasturirangan led Committee submitted the draft National Educational Policy (NEP) to the HRD Minister. It recommends incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum, constituting a National Education Commission.

#### ***13. Indore's Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar airport gets 'international' status***

Indore's Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar airport declared as an international airport, considered as the busiest airport in Central India. It has been bestowed Worlds Standardization Certification by the United Kingdom.

#### ***14. HRD Ministry releases 5-year vision plan on Quality Education***

HRD Ministry has released a 5-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation & Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). The report has been prepared by experts from various areas, including promoting excellence, employability & entrepreneurship among others.

#### ***15. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation launches India's SDG dashboard***

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoPSI) in a bid to effectively track the progress on Agenda 2030, launched India's first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) dashboard. It is a framework with 306 statistical indicators.

#### ***16. Govt aspires for 500 GW renewable capacity by 2030***

India announced an ambitious aim to set up 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030. The plans were revealed by Renewable Energy ministry at

the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency council in Abu Dhabi

### ***17. Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates central command centre for ATFM***

Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the Central Command Centre for Air Traffic Flow Management in New Delhi to ensure higher standards of safety. It integrates flight data from subsystems like ATC Automation System, flight updates and flight update messages.

### ***18. Microsoft launches AI digital labs in India, to train 1.5 lakh students***

Microsoft will launch AI digital labs in India in collaboration with 10 higher educational institutions, including BITS Pilani & ISB. As part of the 3-year programme, Microsoft will support the select institutions with infrastructure, curriculum & content.

### ***19. Centre sets up committee headed by Kirit Parikh to review LPG marketing***

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is looking to review the existing structure of LPG marketing in India, to bring in more private players. For this, the Centre has set up a 5-member committee headed by economist **Kirit Parikh**.

### ***20. PM Modi hikes National Defence Fund scholarship assistance***

PM Modi has approved changes to the PM's Scholarship Scheme for wards of deceased defence personnel under the National Defence Fund . He approved the increase from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500 a month for boys and from ₹2,250 to ₹3,000 a month for girls.

### ***21. Culture Minister inaugurates the exhibition-'Astitva'***

MoS (I/C) of Culture & Tourism, inaugurated the exhibition titled "Astitva: The Essence of Prabhakar Barwe", at National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi. It is the first of its kind that will present his artistic oeuvre in four distinct phases.

### ***22. Central India gets its first Sikh museum in Raipur***

A museum exhibiting Sikh culture & tradition has opened in Ranchi. Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sikh Museum, located at Gurudwara Gurusingh Sabha in Guru Nanak Nagar was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on the 'Shahidi Divas' of Sikh's Guru Arjun Dev.

### ***23. NDMA conducts training programme for CBRN emergencies at Kandla Port***

National Disaster Management Authority conducted a basic training programme at the Deendayal Port Trust in Kandla, Gujarat. The 5-day training programme aimed at increasing the awareness & enhancing the preparedness of Seaport Emergency Handlers to respond to CBRN emergencies at the seaports.

#### *24. Two-day Elephanta Festival took place in Mumbai*

The two-day Elephanta Festival organised in Mumbai, took place at the Gateway of India. The MTDC organises the festival every year to promote tourism and the culture of Mumbai.

#### *25. 'Halwa' ceremony marks Printing of Budget 2019-20 documents*

Halwa is prepared and served to the entire staff in the Finance ministry who are directly associated with the Budget making and printing process, are required to stay in the ministry till the presentation of the Budget in the Lok Sabha.

#### *26. Two-day Yoga Mahotsava Inaugurated by Vice Chairman Niti Aayog*

A 2-day Yoga Mahotsava, Int. Day of Yoga 2019 was inaugurated by the VC, NITI AAYOG Rajeev Kumar at New Delhi. MDNIY under Ministry of AYUSH is organising the Yoga Mahotsav-2019 to sensitize the masses for celebration of IDY 2019.

#### *27. Hero MotoCorp Becomes First Two-Wheeler Manufacturer to Receive BS VI Certification*

Hero MotoCorp has become the 1<sup>st</sup> company to get BS VI certification for its Hero Splendor iSmart. Hero has received the type approval certificate from ICAT after ***the Splendor iSmart was successfully tested for BS6 compliance***

## [JUNE] International News Current Affairs

#### *1. Saudi Arabia becomes first Arab country to be granted full membership of FATF*

Saudi Arabia has become the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the Financial Action Task Force. Now, FATF **has 39 full members**, including the permanent members of the UN Security Council and most countries of the G-20.

#### *2. Luxembourg to be first nation outside Asia to host annual meeting of AIIB*

Luxembourg will host AIIB's annual meeting next month, the first time the

gathering has taken place outside of Asia. Luxembourg will also host the second annual Asian Infrastructure Forum, a networking event run by the bank.

### ***3. Canada to ban single use plastics from 2021***

Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that single-use plastics will be banned in the country from 2021 to reduce ocean waste. Less than 10 percent of plastics used in Canada are currently recycled.

### ***4. Qu Dongyu becomes first Chinese national to head UN food and agriculture agency***

Qu Dongyu became the first Chinese national to be elected to head the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization. He won 108 votes, followed by Catherine Geslain- Laneelle of France with 71 votes and Georgia's Davit Kirvalidze with 12.

### ***5. Nigeria's UN envoy Tijjani Muhammad-Bande elected UNGA President***

Nigeria's Ambassador to the UN, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, has been elected as the next President of the General Assembly. He will succeed incumbent Maria Fernanda Espinosa & was elected by acclamation as President of the 74th session of the General Assembly.

### ***6. FIFA re-elected Gianni Infantino as its President***

Gianni Infantino was re - elected for a second term as president of football's international governing body FIFA. Infantino has been responsible for expanding the 2026 World Cup from 32 to 48 teams.

### ***7. Saudi Arabia hires i-banks for bond meetings in Europe***

Saudi Arabia has hired Goldman Sachs and Societe Generale (SocGen) to help arrange meetings with fixed income investors shortly, potentially paving the way for the kingdom to launch its first bonds in euros.

### ***8. Mexico becomes 1st country to ratify 'new NAFTA' trade deal***

Mexico became the first country to ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement agreed late last year to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement at the behest of U.S. President Donald Trump.

### ***9. China launches rocket from Yellow Sea platform for first time***

China has launched a rocket from a mobile platform at sea for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, sending 5 commercial satellites and 2 others containing experimental tech. Into space. The Long March 11 rocket blasted off from a launch pad onboard a comm. ship in the Yellow Sea.

### ***10. Russia launched first Arctic train service***

In Russia, the first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway, set off from St. Petersburg. The tourists came from 7 countries including the US, Germany, Norway and Russia. The train is named, **Zarengold**.

### *11. IAAF To be Renamed As “World Athletics”*

The 107-year-old IAAF will soon be renamed as “World Athletics”. The decision to change the global governing body in athletics and to unveil a new logo arrived during the 217th executive council meeting of the organisation held in Monaco.

## [JUNE] Banking News | Current Affairs

### *1. Second bi-monthly RBI Monetary Policy Highlights: Repo Rate cut by 25 bps.*

Repo rate reduced by 25 bps to 5.75% for third time in a row. Reverse repo rate now stands at 5.50%, marginal standing facility (MSF) rate 6%. RBI cuts GDP growth forecast to 7 % from 7.2 % for FY20.

### *2. RBI observed financial literacy week from June 5-9*

RBI observed Financial Literacy Week across the country from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme 2019 was - '**Farmers and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system**'. It is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign.

### *3. RBI sets up panel to develop secondary market for corporate loans*

The Reserve Bank of India constituted a task force on development of secondary market for corporate loans. The six-member task force will have **T. N. Manoharan**, Chairman of Canara Bank, as its chairperson and will submit its report by the end of August 2019.

### *4. RBI relaxes norms for no-frills accounts*

As per the new norms of RBI, Banks are free to provide additional value-added services, including the issue of cheque book, beyond the above minimum facilities to basic account holders. However, banks cannot ask the customer to maintain a minimum balance.

### *5. RBI revises NPA norms, gives banks 30 days to review stressed loans*

RBI recently stated that the lenders must resolve non-performing assets (NPA) over Rs 2,000 crore within 180 days. Also, stated that in case of a default by a

borrower, lenders must undertake a prima facie review of the borrower account within 30 days.

#### ***6. SBI introduces repo-linked home loan product***

State Bank of India has introduced a repo rate-linked home loan product. Home loans under this product will be priced at **2.65%** over the repo rate of **5.75%**. So, the home loan interest rate will work out to **8.40 %**.

#### ***7. RBI to set up panel to review ATM fees, charges***

RBI has set up a committee to review ATM charges and fees. It is a move that could impact the charges paid by customers of other banks to use the facility. The panel will be headed by **VG Kannan**, CEO of Indian Banks' Association.

#### ***8. RBI relaxes leverage ratio for banks to boost their lending capacity***

RBI relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks to help them boost their lending activities. The leverage ratio stands reduced to **4%** for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) and **3.5%** for other banks effective from the quarter commencing Oct 1, 2019.

#### ***9. SBI plans to introduce YONO app in Singapore***

State Bank of India is planning to expand its market in Singapore by enhancing its relationship across small and medium enterprises (SMEs) contemplating introducing its YONO SBI app while having opened remittance services to all bank accounts.

#### ***10. ICICI Bank launches centre for MSMEs in Bengaluru***

ICICI Bank launched a centre in Bengaluru to provide business solutions exclusively to start-ups and MSME sector. The services offered include working capital loans up to ₹20 Cr, business loans up to ₹1 Cr, instant overdraft facility of ₹15 lakh etc.

#### ***11. Edelweiss ties up with Bank of Baroda for MSME loans***

Acc. to Edelweiss Financial Services, its unit ECL Finance has signed an agreement with BOB to explore co-lending or co-origination of loans to small businesses. The two will offer loans to MSME, self-employed persons as well as priority sector groups.

#### ***12. India's Forex reserves increase to 421.8 bn***

According to RBI's new data, country's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 1.875 billion to USD 421.867 billion in the week ending May 31, in which foreign currency assets, being a major component of the overall reserves.

#### ***13. RBI launches CMS for filing online complaints against banks, NBFCs***

RBI launched the Complaint Management System for lodging complaints against banks & NBFCs with a view to improving customer experience in timely redressal of grievances. Also, RBI plans to introduce an IVR system for tracking the status of complaints.

#### ***14. RBI assigns SBI as lead bank in three new districts in Telangana, MP***

RBI has assigned lead bank responsibility to SBI for 2 new dists (Mulugu & Narayanpet) in Telangana & 1 dist (Niwari) in Madhya Pradesh. Lead bank acts as a leader for coordinating the efforts of credit inst. in the allotted districts to increase the flow of credit.

#### ***15. Maruti Suzuki ties up with Bank of Baroda for dealer financing***

Maruti Suzuki has signed an MoU with Bank of Baroda to improve credit for its dealers and customers. The partnership will allow Maruti Suzuki to provide more comprehensive financing opportunities to dealers as well as customers.

#### ***16. SEBI sets up panel to review margins on derivatives***

Securities and Exchange Board of India has set up a working group, headed by NSE Clearing Ltd., to review the current framework of margins in the futures and options segment. It will submit its recommendations to the Secondary Market Advisory Committee.

#### ***17. RBI panel suggests measures to boost MSMEs***

RBI expert committee recommended a government-sponsored Fund of Funds (FoF) of Rs 10,000 crore to support VC or PE firms investing in the MSME sector. It also recommended setting up a distressed asset fund of Rs 5,000 crore to assist units in clusters

#### ***18. Number of wilful defaulters has surged 60% in 5 years***

GoI stated that the number of wilful defaulters has risen 60% in the 5 years up to FY19, but over ₹ 7600 Cr has been recovered from these defaulters. The total number of wilful defaulters stood at 8,582 at the end of FY19, against 5,349 at the end of FY15.

#### ***19. RBI releases report on Benchmarking India's Payment Systems***

RBI released the report on 'Benchmarking India's Payment Systems' which mentions that India is 'strong' in areas like having laws & cash in circulation per capita. It provides a relative position of payment system ecosystem compare to other payment systems

#### ***20. TCS to implement RBI's information and management system for 310 Crore***

IT major TCS will implement RBI's centralised information and management

system (CIMS) for seamless data collection and validations at a cost of ₹310.52 crore. The project must be completed within a year of the commencement of the contract with the RBI.

## [JUNE] Environment News | Current Affairs

### *1. IMD issues red-code warning to Delhi owing to rising temperatures*

Heat wave conditions continued unabated in Delhi even as the MeT department issued a "red-colour" warning to it. Red colour warning denotes extreme weather situations. The MeT department recorded a high of 46.8 degree Celsius, the highest in five years.

### *2. US Virgin Islands approves bill to ban toxic sunscreen*

Lawmakers in the US Virgin Islands have passed a bill banning the retail use of sunscreens and 10 personal-care products that contain toxic chemicals harmful for marine environment and ecosystems. The bill prohibits the sale, import and distribution of sunscreen and 10 personal-care products containing oxybenzone or octinoxate.

### *3. Forbidden Planet-NGTS-4b discovered*

Astronomers have discovered an exoplanet with its own atmosphere in the Neptunian Desert, NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet'. It is about three times the size of Earth. It has a mass of 20 Earth masses and temperature of 1000 degrees Celsius.

### *4. About 100 world cities used 70% of electricity from renewable sources in 2018: Report*

According to REN21's Renewables 2019 Global Status Report .Cities, at the forefront of energy transition, are increasingly adopting renewable options. At least 100 cities across the world reportedly generated 70 per cent or more of their electricity from renewable energy sources in 2018.

## [JUNE] Awards News | Current Affairs

### *1. Noted English writer Amitav Ghosh conferred Jnanpith award*

Noted English writer Amitav Ghosh was conferred the 54th Jnanpith award for 2018. It was given for his outstanding contribution in English. Mr Ghosh is the first English writer to get this award. The works of Amitav Ghosh cover a vast range of subjects.

## ***2. Maldives confers highest civilian award on PM Modi***

PM Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest civilian award, the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen. The award is in recognition of services PM Modi has offered to cement the longstanding ties b/w 2 countries & for the magnanimous assistance.

## ***3. Ex-President Pratibha Patil Awarded, Mexico's Highest Civilian Award***

The ambassador of Mexico to India, Melba Pria, presented "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle) to Ms Patil, who had served as the first woman president of the country during 2007-12, at a special ceremony held in MCCIA Bhavan.

## ***4. Malayalam actor Sheela honoured with J.C. Daniel Award***

Veteran Malayalam actress Sheela was honoured with prestigious J C Daniel Award for her contributions to Malayalam Cinema field. She is only the second woman to win this award after Aranmula Ponnamma in 2005.

## ***5. Google's Sunder Pichai and Nasdaq's Friedman to receive 2019 Global Leadership Award***

Google's CEO Sundar Pichai & Nasdaq president Adena Friedman have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC in recognition of the two companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.

## ***6. Nitesh Kumar Jangir wins Innovation Award in UK***

Nitesh Kumar Jangir has won the 2019 Commonwealth Secretary – General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award in London. He created Saans as a breathing support device to tackle avoidable deaths of premature babies from respiratory distress syndrome

## ***7. Priyanka Chopra to be honoured with UNICEF's Humanitarian Award***

UNICEF will honour Indian actress Priyanka Chopra with the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the UNICEF Snowflake Ball. The event will be held in New York. Priyanka is a global Unicef Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights.

## ***8. Social activist Makarand Tiloo receives 'Save Water Hero Award'***

Social activist Makarand Tiloo, received the 'Save Water Hero Award' for his efforts towards water conservation. A Laughter Yoga trainer & motivational speaker by profession, he started a campaign to save water by replacing leaking taps with new ones.

## ***9. Akshaya Patra wins BBC World Service Global Champion Award.***

Akshaya Patra, a non-profit organisation running one of the world's largest school meals project in India, has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award for the same.

### ***10. India's automobile major Mahindra wins Gold Award in South Africa***

Mahindra won the Gold Award for fairing on various indicators, including level of satisfaction among its network of dealers. The company has been in South Africa for the past 16 years.

### ***11. Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar to be honoured with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'***

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) honoured Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar with 'Distinguished Alumni Award'. They will be the first recipient of this award.

### ***1. Equator Prize 2019 won by Deccan Development Society***

The Women Sangams (groups) of Deccan Development Society (DDS) were honoured with Equator Prize 2019 by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for their contribution to ecology and innovations in rainfed millet cultivation.

### ***2. IIT Kanpur honours India's national badminton coach with honorary doctorate degree***

India's chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand was bestowed upon an honorary doctorate by IIT Kanpur on the occasion of their 52nd convocation. The badminton coach received the honour from former ISRO chairman and Chairman of Board of Governors of IIT Kanpur, Prof K Radhakrishnan.

### ***3. Scribe wins RedInk award for Aadhaar expose***

Rachna Khaira of The Tribune bagged the RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' for her expose during 2018 on the functioning of UIDAI and its Aadhaar data cache.

## **[MAY] Sports News | Current Affairs**

### ***1. Sourav Kothari wins Pacific International Snooker C'ship.***

Reigning World billiards champion Sourav Kothari lifted the 2019 Pacific International Snooker Championship-The Reventon Classic, in Melbourne. He defeated Tyson Crinis of Australia to bag the crown.

### ***2. French Open: Rafael Nadal lifts Men's Singles title for 12th time.***

In Tennis, world no. 2 Rafael Nadal has lifted the French Open Men's Singles title for the 12th time. In the summit clash played at Paris, he defeated **Dominic Thiem**. The 33-year-old became the first player to win 12 Singles titles at the same Grand Slam.

### ***3. French Open: Ashleigh Barty clinches her first Grand Slam singles title.***

In French Open Tennis, Australian Ashleigh Barty won her first Grand Slam singles title by defeating Marketa Vondrousova in the women's final. Men's Double winner - Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies.

### ***4. Sunil Chhetri becomes most capped India player.***

Sunil Chhetri became the most capped India player with 108 international matches. He overtook his mentor Bhutia's record of 107 matches when he captained India in the King's Cup opener against Curacao.

### ***5. ITF men's Futures tennis: Sidharth wins title.***

Sidharth Rawat outplayed Rio Noguchi of Japan to clinch his maiden title in the ITF men's Futures tennis tournament. He had a career-best rank of 430. David Haggerty is the President of ITF.

### ***6. FIFA women's world cup starts in France.***

The 8th installment of the FIFA Women's World Cup is underway in France. The United States enter the tournament as the defending champions & the most decorated national team in Women's World Cup history with 3 titles.

### ***7. Lewis Hamilton wins 7th Canadian Grand Prix.***

Lewis Hamilton has won the 2019 Canadian Grand Prix. Sebastian Vettel was penalized for dangerous driving against his rival. Monaco's Charles Leclerc finished third while Valtteri Bottas of Finland took the fourth position.

### ***8. Novak Djokovic tops ATP rankings.***

Serbia's Novak Djokovic has topped in the ATP Rankings followed by Rafael Nadal who won the French Open Men's title for 12th time recently. Austrian Dominic Thiem keeps his fourth place behind Switzerland's Roger Federer.

### ***9. Virat Kohli becomes fastest batsman to score 20,000 runs.***

Virat Kohli became the fastest batsman to reach 20000 international runs. He reached the milestone in only his 417th international innings. He became the 12th batsman & 3rd Indian after Tendulkar & Rahul Dravid to reach 20000 international runs.

### ***10. Lewis Hamilton cruises to French GP victory.***

Lewis Hamilton has won the French Grand Prix title. The five-time champion leads Bottas in 2019 title race by 36 points. Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari took fourth and fifth place respectively.

***11. Pankaj Advani clinches men's Asian Snooker Championship.***

India's ace cueist Pankaj Advani has clinched the 35th men's Asian Snooker Championship in Doha. He defeated Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon in the final to become the only one to win the Asian and World championships in all formats.

***12. Roger Federer defeats David Goffin to win record 10<sup>th</sup> Halle Open title.***

Roger Federer defeated David Goffin to win the Halle Open title for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. Federer fired 7 aces and broke Goffin's serve 3 times to down Goffin. He clinched the 102nd tour-level title that moved him to within seven of Jimmy Connors' record.

***13. Gary Woodland wins 119<sup>th</sup> US Open, his first major title.***

American Gary Woodland won the 2019 United States Open Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links in California. It is his first major career title. Woodland finished 13-under par for the championship and held off world No. 1 Brooks Koepka in the final round.

***14. Joshna Chinappa wins record 17<sup>th</sup> national squash title.***

Joshna Chinappa won a record 17th national squash title after outplaying Tamil Nadu's Sunayna Kuruvilla in the final. She won the match 11-5, 11-4, 7-11, 11-5 and thus broke a 27-year-old record set by Bhuvneshwari Kumari, who had won 16 titles.

***15. India Win FIH Series Finals Gold.***

India beat South Africa 5-1 in the summit clash to win the FIH Series Finals hockey tournament. Ranked at world no. 5 remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. Both teams have already qualified for the final round of the Olympic qualifiers.

***16. Indian Jr. women's hockey team clinch Cantor Fitzgerald U21.***

The Indian junior women's hockey team clinched the Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title after beating Ireland in the final at Dublin, Ireland. Mumtaz Khan finished as the highest goal scorer of the tournament with three goals in four games.

***17. Youth hockey: Central Railway, Union Bank emerge champions***

In Hockey, the Central Railway beat Western Railway in the women's final of the St Peters Youth Centre Open Hockey Tournament in Mumbai. In the men's final, Union Bank of India prevailed over Coorg eleven to emerge champions.

### ***18. Girish Koushik is India's 63rd Grandmaster***

22-year-old Girish Koushik from Mysuru became India's 63rd Grandmaster at the 37th Balaton International Chess Festival in Hungary. He duly crossed the 2500 Elo rating after the win

### ***19. Pranati Nayak wins bronze at Asian Artistic Gymnastic Championship***

In Gymnastics, India's Pranati Nayak clinched a bronze medal in the vault event at the Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. China's Yu Linmin and Japan's Ayaka Sakaguchi won the gold and silver medal at the same event.

### ***20. In Archery World Championships, Indian men's recurve team bags Silver Medal***

The Indian men's recurve team bagged a silver medal in the Archery World Championships at Den Bosch in The Netherlands. India thus ended their campaign with one silver and two bronze medals won in the women's compound team and individual events.

### ***21. Indian women's rugby team claims 1st-ever international Rugby 15s victory***

The Indian women's rugby team claimed a historic first-ever international Rugby 15s victory with a 21-19 win over Singapore to finish 3rd. The tournament was one of the qualifying rounds for the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup to be held in New Zealand.

### ***22. American Taylor Fritz wins maiden ATP title in Eastbourne***

21-year-old American Taylor Fritz claimed his maiden ATP title in Eastbourne, beating compatriot Sam Querrey 6-3 6-4 in the final. He is son of former top-10 player Kathy May. Karolina Pliskova clinched Eastbourne Women title beating Angelique Kerber.

## **[JUNE] Defence News | Current Affairs**

### ***1. Navy launches executes Operation Sankalp***

Indian Navy launched Operation Sankalp in the Gulf of Oman to re-assure Indian Flagged Vessels operating via Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman. INS Chennai and INS Sunayna have deployed to undertake maritime operations.

## ***2. Indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II test fired successfully***

India test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range off the Odisha coast. The missile can carry 500 to 1000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.

## ***3. India successfully launched indigenously developed HSTDV in Odisha***

India conducted a successful first test flight of the indigenously developed HSTDV from a base off the Odisha coast. It's uses include missiles of the future, and energy-efficient, low cost and reusable satellite-launch vehicle. It was test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

## ***4. Army's training exercise, "Kharga Prahar" held in Punjab***

The exercise "Kharga Prahar", was undertaken in the plains of Punjab by various units and formations of Army's Kharga Corps. The components of the Indian Air Force also participated in the exercise.

## ***5. India Test Fires Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile from Chandipur in Odisha***

Described as the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile with high rate of precision and accuracy, BrahMos can be fired from land, sea and air. BrahMos is a joint venture between the DRDO and the NPOM(a Russian military technology firm) of Russia.

## ***6. ISRO to launch Chandrayaan-2 in July***

The Indian Space Research Organisation has found a suitable window to launch India's second spacecraft to the moon, 'Chandrayaan-2'. ISRO sources have confirmed that GSLV Mark-III will launch Chandrayaan-2 from Sriharikota during the favoured window time.

## ***7. Indian Scientist Dipankar Banerjee to be Co-I for NASA's PUNCH mission***

Dipankar Banerjee, solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics appointed one of the Co-Investigator of the PUNCH mission. NASA has selected Texas-based Southwest Research Institute to lead its PUNCH mission which will image the Sun.

## ***8. NASA plans to send equipment to Moon from 2020 and 2021, in anticipation of a crewed lunar mission in 2024. The landers will deliver up to 23 small payloads of equipment provided by NASA.***

<b>Organization/Parameters</b>	<b>Rate/Figures</b>
FICCI	7.1% (FY20), 7.2% (FY 21)
World Bank	7.5%
Fitch Ratings	6.6% (FY 20)
DBS Bank	6.8% (FY 20)
FDI flow in 2018 (UNCTAD)	6%
ESI rate	4%

### ***1. India's GDP growth forecast at 7.1% for FY20: FICCI***

According to the FICCI survey, the country's median GDP is forecast at 7.1 per cent for FY20 and 7.2 per cent for FY 21. The minimum and maximum growth estimate stood at 6.8 per cent and 7.3 per cent, respectively for 2019-20.

### ***2. NPAs plunge to 9.30% in FY'19: CRISIL***

According to the CRISIL report, the NPAs stock has declined to 9.3% as of Mar 2019 after tripling to 11.5% in the 4 fiscals till Mar 2018. The gross NPA ratio of both public & private sector banks showed a half-yearly decline for the first time since Mar 2015.

### ***3. World Bank retains growth forecast for Indian economy at 7.5%***

As per the Global Economic Prospects report from the World Bank, the forecasted growth rate of India has retained at 7.5% for the current financial year. Also, WB stated that India's growth rate is expected to remain the same for the next two fiscals.

### ***4. CII launches new Index to measure fiscal performance***

Confederation of Indian Industry has launched a Fiscal Performance Index to assess state and central budgets. The Index will consider expenditure on infrastructure, education, healthcare & other social sectors beneficial for economic growth & tax revenues.

### ***5. Govt sets up working group to revise current series of WPI***

Govt has constituted a Working Group for the revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index. **Ramesh Chand**, a Member of NITI Aayog will be the chairman of the 18-member committee. The DPIIT is the nodal office for the Working Group.

### ***6. Fitch cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 6.6% for 2019-20***

Fitch lowered India's growth forecast to 6.6% for the current fiscal from 6.8%. In its latest Global Economic Outlook, the global rating agency retained its

GDP growth forecast for the next fiscal (2020-21) at 7.1% and 7.0% for 2021-22.

### ***7. DBS bank cuts India's FY20 GDP forecast to 6.8% from 7%***

DBS Bank has revised India's GDP growth for fiscal year 2020 downwards to 6.8% year-on-year (YoY) from 7% projected earlier, citing headwinds for exports amidst challenging trade outlook.

### ***8. Expert panel suggests ways to achieve \$5-trillion economy target: NITI Aayog***

The expert committee for Macroeconomics & Employment came out with suggestion to achieve \$5 Trillion economy target. Improvement of governance in PSU banks, enhancing growth rate of exports & employment generation were some of the key areas identified.

### ***9. FDI flow into India rises 6% to \$42 billion in 2018: UNCTAD***

FDI into India increased by 6% to \$42 billion in 2018 with strong inflows in manufacturing, communication, financial services & cross-border merger & acquisition activities making it the sub-region's largest recipient.

### ***10. Government reduces ESI contribution rate to 4 per cent***

The government has reduced the contribution under the Employees' State Insurance Act to 4% from 6.5%. It includes a reduction of 1.5% in employers' contribution to 3.25% from 4.75% and 1% reduction in employees' contribution to 0.75% from 1.75%.

### ***11. Nagaland occupies the top position in the unemployment rate: NSSO Survey***

According to the survey, The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18 by NSSO, Nagaland has the highest unemployment rate (21.4%) followed by Goa (13.9%) & Manipur (11.6%). Meghalaya has the lowest rate at 1.5%. Urban areas witnessed higher unemployment (7.8%) than rural areas (5.3%).

### ***12. PF tax-exempt on completion of five years of continuous service***

As per Fourth Schedule of the Income-tax Act, the accumulated PF balance due and payable to an employee is exempt from tax, if the employee has rendered continuous service with his employer for a period of 5 years or more.

### ***13. India accounts for 6.3% of global fish production: Fisheries department***

India is the second largest fish producing country in the world as it accounts for 6.3% of the global fish production. The fisheries sector in the country is growing at the rate of 7%, sustaining 14.5 million fishermen.

## [JUNE] Agreement News | Current Affairs

### *1. V.O.C Port inks MoU with Central Warehousing Corporation*

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to facilitate direct port entry (DPE) of cargo, which would help cut down on dwell time and costs.

### *2. SEBI, government sign data sharing deal to keep tabs on fraud*

To tackle rising instances of fraud, corporate sector regulators SEBI and the ministry of corporate affairs (MCA) will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for seamless sharing of data from corporates.

### *3. Flipkart ties up with banks, NBFCs to offer quick loans*

Flipkart has roped in banks, NBFCs to offer seller-partners working capital loans within 2 days under 'Growth Capital' programme. It has tied up with SBI, BOB, Axis Bank, Aditya Birla Fin, Tata Capital, Flexiloans, SIDBI, LendingKart, Indifi & Happy Loans.

### *4. ADB, MIGA to Expand Development Finance in Asia and Pacific*

Asian Development Bank & the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), agreed to cooperate more closely to increase the flow of private sector investment into emerging economies in Asia & the Pacific, in line with the 2030 development goal.

### *5. Manchester United sign Aaron Wan-Bissaka in £50m deal*

Manchester United signed England Under-21 right-back Aaron Wan-Bissaka from Crystal Palace in a £50m deal. He made his first-team debut for Palace last year & has agreed a five-year contract that will earn him up to £80,000 a week.

## [JUNE] Insurance News \ Current Affairs

### *1. Max Life launches unique 'My Protection Quotient' tool on second 'Protection Day'*

Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd launched a proprietary tool, 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) to ensure financial protection in the country. 'My Protection Quotient' is a smart tool designed to promote importance of term plans in protecting the financial future of families.

## ***2. Third-party insurance premium for two wheelers, cars to go up from June 16***

IRDAI has increased the mandatory third-party motor insurance premium by up to 21% for certain categories. It will be applicable from June 16. The new TP insurance for smaller cars (less than 1000 cc) will cost ₹ 2072 or 12% from the existing ₹ 1850.

## ***3. West Bengal launches free crop insurance scheme for farmers***

West Bengal government has announced a crop insurance scheme called **Bangla Shashya Bima** in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India for the 2019 Kharif season. The scheme is applicable for farmers in 15 districts of the state.

## ***4. IDBI Bank to distribute Max Bupa's health insurance products***

IDBI Bank & Max Bupa have signed a Bancassurance corporate agency agreement. Max Bupa will provide the services including pre-authorization of cashless claims within 30 mins & access to 'Point of Care' desks at leading hospital chains across the country.

## ***5. Max Bupa in pact with MobiKwik for health insurance***

Max Bupa has partnered with MobiKwik to promote bite-sized group insurance products. It will offer a cancer cover at nominal premium & HospiCash product. Priced at ₹135, Hopicash will offer ₹500/day hospital allowance for max 30 days in a year to customer.

# **[JUNE] Science and Technology Current Affairs**

## ***1. India's first solar-powered cruise boat to be rolled out in December***

Kerala is gearing up for the launch of India's 1<sup>st</sup> solar-powered cruise boat by Dec. It will be rolled out in Alappuzha. The hybrid vessel will be powered by a motor that can source energy from solar panels. Its battery will have 80 KWh power backup.

## ***2. Sri Lanka successfully launches its first satellite 'Ravana-1' into orbit***

Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Ravana-1', designed and developed by two local engineers, was successfully launched into orbit this week from the International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal

## ***3. MG Motors to manufacture electric vehicle EZS in India***

Automobile major MG Motors India plans to manufacture electric vehicle EZS at its facility in Gujarat, ahead of the vehicle's India launch in December. According to the company, the EV will offer a full-sized boot and room for five in the form of a compact SUV.

#### ***4. Indian astronomers find evidence of supernova remnants***

A team of Indian astronomers led by V. S. Veena of Indian Institute of Space science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram has found an evidence of a supernova explosion in a star-forming region called G351.7-1.2. The evidence is in the form of a high velocity jet of atomic hydrogen.

## **[JUNE] World towards India \ Current Affairs**

### ***1. India, Japan discuss strengthening collaboration in skill development***

Also, they discussed the proposal of speeding up Technical Internship Training Programme.

***2. India, France decide to deepen cooperation in cyber security sector*** & work towards curbing the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes & online radicalization.

### ***3. India notifies tax info exchange pact with Marshall Islands***

***4. The IAF has signed a Rs 300 crore deal with an Israeli defence firm to procure a batch of SPICE 2000 guided bombs.***

### ***5. India, China Agree to Seek Mutually Acceptable Solution to Boundary Issue***

India & China have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable & mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through negotiations.

### ***6. India, Indonesia set \$50-billion trade target by 2025: G20 summit***

### ***7. India extends \$15 million assistance to Niger for holding AU summit***

### ***8. India to impose retaliatory tariffs on 29 US products***

### ***9. DD India to be available in Bangladesh, South Korea***

India has entered into agreements with Bangladesh and South Korea to make DD India available to viewers in the two countries respectively. Under this agreement, Bangladesh's BTV World and South Korea's KBS World will also be made available on DD Free Dish.

***10. Japan to invest around Rs 13,000Cr in various projects in India's NE states***

**11. AIB made first investment in Nepal, commits \$90m to hydropower project**

**12. Mrs. Padmaja IFS has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Tuvalu.**

## [JUNE] Rank in the World \ Current Affairs

**1. India slips to 141 in annual Global Peace Index; Iceland retains top spot**

India has slipped by 4 points in an annual global index on peacefulness this year, finishing at 141 among 163 countries, while Iceland remained at the top position. The Global Peace Index (GPI) takes into account 23 indicators.

**2. Mumbai Most Traffic Congested City in The World, Delhi At Fourth**

As per the Traffic Index-2018, Mumbai is the most traffic-congested city for the 2nd consecutive year with commuters spending an average of 65% extra travel time. Bogota (63%) stands at 2nd place followed by Lima (58%), New Delhi (58%), Moscow (56%).

**3. India Ranks 95 Among 129 Countries in Global Gender Equality Index; Denmark tops**

India ranked 95<sup>th</sup> out of 129 countries in global gender equality index, looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation & equality at workplace. The SDGG Index has been developed by UK-based Equal Measures 2030.

**4. Kerala aced NITI Aayog's health index**

Kerala has topped among large states on overall health performance in NITI Aayog's Health Index followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The report ranks the states & UTs innovatively on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes.

**5. ONGC topples IOC to regain most profitable public sector company**

ONGC has toppled Indian Oil Corp to regain crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company. According to earnings statements of the listed companies, ONGC reported a 34% jump in its 2018-19 fiscal net profit to ₹ 26716 Cr.

**1. 31.4% of Indian children will be stunted by 2022: report**

Almost 1 in 3 Indian children under 5 yrs will still be stunted by 2022 going by

current trends & 31.4% of children will still be stunted by the 2022 deadline as per a report by UN World Food Programme in collaboration with MOSPI.

***2. India, projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country around 2027: UN report***

India, projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country around 2027, is expected to add nearly 273 million people between now and 2050. It was published by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

***3. Rajasthan, Andaman, West Bengal house best police stations in India: MHA***

3 best police stations in the country are in Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & West Bengal, as per Home Ministry. **Kalu police station** in Rajasthan's Bikaner district ranked 1 as it had all facilities including women's help desk & Wi-Fi

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