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Metals and gold objects have been found in Vembakota excavations.

- A gold plate and a gold ornament were found on June 6 in the ongoing 2nd phase of excavation at Vembakottai near Chatur in Virudhunagar district.
- Various types of artefacts including flintware and conch bangles have been unearthed during these excavations. In this situation, it is seen as significant here that “dudu and gold plate” made of gold have been found in the amount of 2 grams each.

A project called ‘Eyelids’ has been launched to protect the girl child.

- Tamil Nadu Director General of Police DGP C. Shailendrababu launched a program called “Eyelids” for the protection of boys and girls at a conference on protection of girl child held in Chennai on June 23.
- The project was launched with the aim of creating awareness among the people to protect girls from sexual crimes and to ensure the safety of girls in schools.

For the first time in India, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has started an initiative to know soil fertility details through the internet.

- In a program held on June 28 at Chennai Chief Secretariat, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. launched a website called ‘Tamil Manvalam’ to promote soil fertility and provide guidelines to farmers. Stalin started it.
- Through this website a website (www.tnagriculture.in/mannvalam) has been launched for understanding the soil fertility of all agricultural lands in Tamil Nadu. Also, the chief minister said that the soil types have been given zone-wise, district-wise and village-wise in the district in both Tamil and English languages for the benefit of the people.

A smart ambulance project called ‘M Siren’ has been launched to avoid the ambulance crowding.

- Due to the traffic congestion in Chennai, it is very challenging to take the patients and accident victims to the hospital within an hour, considering this, Traffic Division 3 of the Chennai Metropolitan Police Department has launched a new smart ambulance project called M Siren in collaboration with private hospitals on June 28.
- According to this scheme, the sirens in the ambulance vehicle will be equipped with a software called ‘Smart Siren’ and the transmitter will emit a signal when the ambulance moves on the road. This signal is designed to be ‘received’ by the software in the signal 200 meters ahead so that the ambulance can travel on time without getting stuck in traffic.

3 antiquities have been found in the excavations at Magalimedu.

- On June 28, 3 antiquities including a Chinese pot, a coin cast and a flint government stamp were found in the 3rd phase of excavation work at the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple complex near Jeyangondam area of Ariyalur district on June 28.
- In this case, the archaeologists have said that these objects confirm the trade and commercial contact between Tamil Nadu and China in the 11th century.



The Tamil Nadu Police Department has launched an app called “Cyber Alert”.

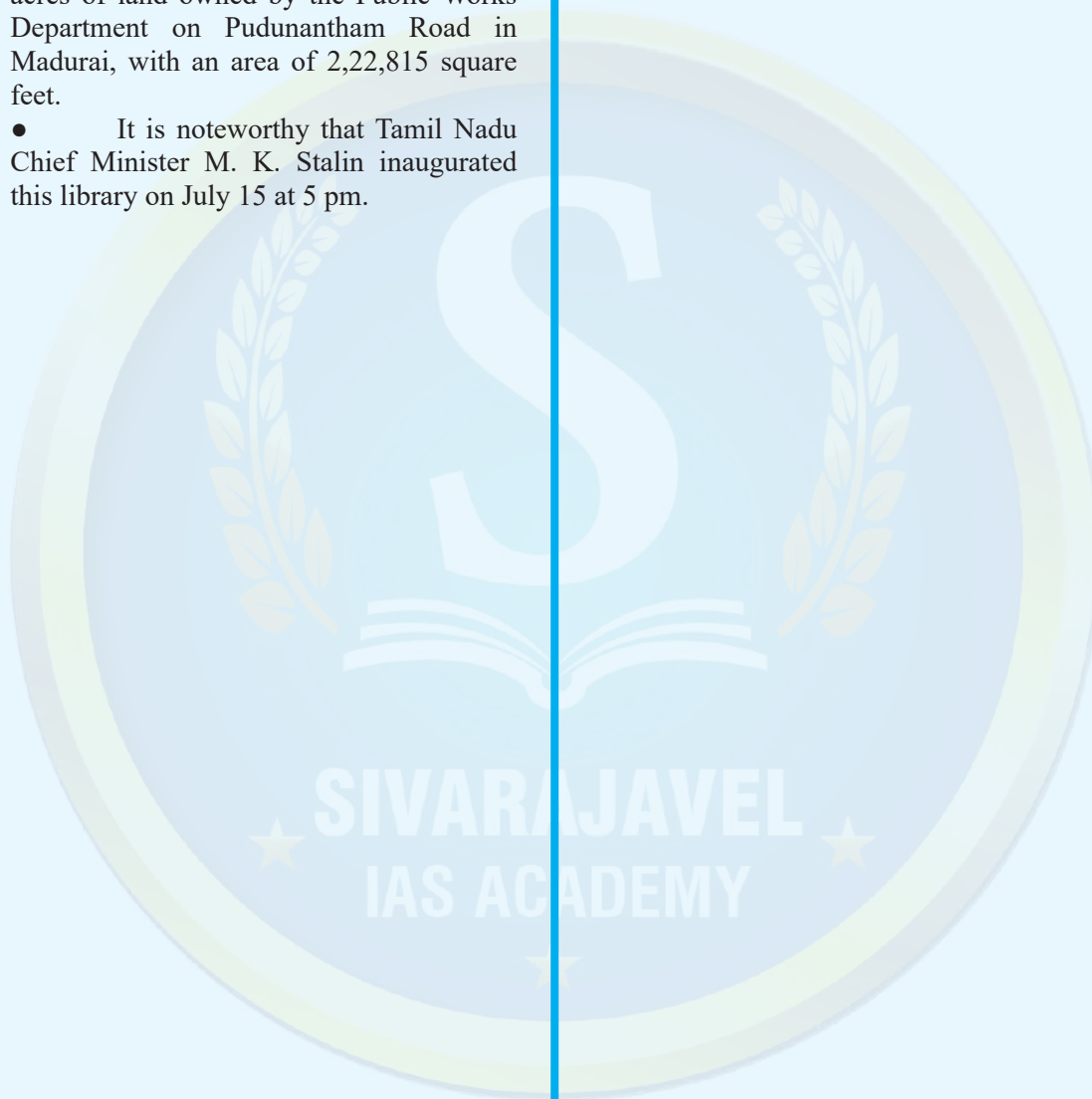
- Commissioner of Police Shankar Jiwal on June 28 launched a mobile app called “CyberAlert” for the benefit of the investigating officers and to prevent crimes before they happen, categorise the details of

cybercrime complaints and criminals.

- It is reported that through this app, details including phone numbers, bank account and email of cyber crime criminals will be provided in this app.

Largest artist century library opened in Madurai.

- ● On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the "Artist Centenary Library" has been opened grandly for the benefit of the students with modern facilities on 2.61 acres of land owned by the Public Works Department on Pudunantham Road in Madurai, with an area of 2,22,815 square feet.
- ● It is noteworthy that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated this library on July 15 at 5 pm.





New gallery on Liberation War opens at Indian Cultural Center in Dhaka

- A new gallery dedicated to the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War was inaugurated at the Indian High Commission's Cultural Center in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30 May.
- It is said to reflect India's role in winning the 1971 war between East Pakistan and West Pakistan and leading to the formation of a new country called Bangladesh.

“General government deficit to be reduced to 9.4% of GDP by 2022-2023 – RBI report.

- In its 2022-23 annual report, the Reserve Bank of India stated that “general government deficit and borrowings have been reduced to 9.4 per cent and 86.5 percent of GDP for 2022 and 2023 respectively.
- This value has been reduced to this value in 2020-2021 from a peak of 13.1 per cent and 89.4 percent respectively.

India-EU connectivity summit planned to be held in Meghalaya.



- The EU Delegation to India and the Asian Association are jointly planning to hold an “India-EU Connectivity Summit” in Meghalaya from June.
- It is to explore and develop the possibilities of increasing connectivity investments in India's north-eastern states and India's neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs 1 lakh crore scheme to increase grain storage capacity

- The Union Cabinet recently approved a Rs 1 lakh crore scheme to increase grain storage capacity in the cooperative sector.

- The central government has said that the project will support integrated waste management at the city level and climate-related reform measures at the state level and strengthen institutions at the national level.

Manchuk Mandaviya inaugurated the National Training Center for Food Safety and Standards Commission of India

- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandavia inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Center of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- FSSAI recognizes the importance of skill development for food business operators and other stakeholders and has established this National Training Center to provide various training programmes. An e-learning app was also launched to provide Food Safety and Certification (FoSTaC) for Street Vendors.

Launch of PM SVANidhi Mobile App.

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched a mobile app called PM SVANidhi “for street vendors to facilitate the loan application process and provide them with necessary information related to certain schemes”.
- The app aims to “instill self-employment among street vendors and restore their self-confidence. The project has been announced as an effort to “rehabilitate street vendors” affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Seven agreements have been signed between “India and Nepal” to promote various integrated partnerships.

- On June 1, India and Nepal signed seven agreements to cooperate in several areas, including “trade and commerce, hydropower projects, cross-border petroleum pipelines, development of integrated checkpoints and payment mechanisms”.
- The Prime Minister of Nepal said that these agreements will be a milestone in

the development of India-Nepal relations in the fields of “economy, education, energy, country’s infrastructure and people-to-people relations”.

Union Minister for Jal Shakti has launched an integrated registration portal called GOBARdhan.

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched an integrated registration portal for GOBARdhan to assess investment and participation in Natural Gas and CBG sector at India level.
- It will serve as a web repository to streamline the process of setting up CBG/Natural Gas plants in India. Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan) is a major development initiative of the Government of India, which aims to develop a “waste-to-wealth approach based on a whole-of-government approach to improve the overall economy of the country”.

NHPC and VUCL signed MoU for development of hydropower projects in Nepal.

- India’s state-owned NHPC and Nepal’s Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL) on June 1 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of Phukot Karnali Hydropower Project (480MW) in Nepal.
- This is expected to help harness the flow of the Karnali River for power generation and integrate the generated electricity into Nepal’s power system. The contract states that the installed capacity of the project will be 480 MW and the average annual generation will be around 2448 GW.

NTPC and UPRVUNL plan to collaborate on “development of renewable energy parks and projects.

- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and UPRVUNL have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to set up solar projects on Rihant Reservoir and other water bodies, development of solar PV project dedicated to solarization of Ayodhya city and renewable energy parks.
- It is reported that through this scheme, renewable energy resources can be used more for the development of the country and it can reduce the import of other energy

resources from other countries.

According to a recent report, India will become the UAE’s largest exporter by 2030.

- “India will be the largest exporter of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 2030,” International firm Standard Chartered said in its latest report.
- According to a recent report titled “The Future of Business: New Opportunities in High-Growth Corridors”, “UAE exports will reach USD 543 billion by 2030” and this growth will increase at a strong annual growth rate of 5.5 percent.

The Ministry of Railways has organized a two-day “Shindan Shivir” program in New Delhi.

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has organized a two-day Sindan Shivir program in Delhi.
- The program aims to promote the role of railways in India’s economic growth, safety and innovation.
- Sindan Shivir – An action plan to implement Prime Minister Modi’s Vision 2047.

14 Prohibition on Manufacture and Sale of Fixed Dose Compound(FDC) “Drugs.

- The central government has banned the manufacture, sale and supply of 14 fixed dose combination (FDC) “drugs containing two or more active drugs.
- The expert panel commission found that these drugs have no therapeutic value and may pose a risk to humans. It is noteworthy that these prohibited drugs are used as medicine for cold, cough and respiratory infections.

An MoU has been signed between the Indian Navy and the Indian Maritime University to enhance technical cooperation.

- An MoU between the Indian Navy and the Indian Maritime University to “Enhance Technical Cooperation” was signed in New Delhi on June 02, 2023.
- The MoU aims to enhance cooperation in various fields such as training, development, joint research, courses, Center of Excellence (Marine Engine), INS Shivaji and teams of Indian Maritime University on “face-to-face field level problem solving”.

An MoU has been signed to create employment for ex-servicemen.

- A Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) has been entered into between the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare and the Directorate of Resettlement to create more employment opportunities for ex-servicemen and corporates and to bring them on a common ground.

- It is said that the agreement will bridge a gap between skilled manpower and employment opportunities available locally for the betterment of the country and the lives of ex-servicemen.

The Center has set up a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the “incidents of violence” in Manipur.

- The central government has set up a commission of inquiry headed by former Guwahati High Court Chief Justice Ajay Lamba to look into the recent incidents of violence in Manipur.
- The central government said the commission will be run by 3 members and will look into the “causes and impact” of violence and riots targeting people belonging to various communities.

India and Maldives signed 10 agreements to implement 11 coral reef-based development plans (HICDP).

- India and Maldives signed 10 agreements to promote various cooperative collaborations, implement 11 Coral Reef-Independent Development Plans (HICDP) and jointly develop the country’s economy.
- The minister said the agreements will be a major catalyst for immediate implementation of water and sanitation initiatives in 34 islands, development of 4,000 housing blocks and development plans for roads and rehabilitation.

Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has released the Food Safety index for States.

- On Food Safety Day 2023 (June 7) with the theme ‘Food Quality Saves Lives’, Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandavia released the Food Safety Code for the state.



- The state of Gujarat has topped the National Food Security Index. Notably, Gujarat

ranked second among large states in the State Food Security Index (SFSI) for the 2021-22 assessment.

The Union Cabinet has approved the Marketing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for Kharif crops 2023-24.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Hon’ble Prime Minister Modi has approved the increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all kharif crops for the year 2023-24.
- The approval is said to ensure remunerative prices for farmers’ produce and encourage proper marketing of their produce. The Union Cabinet has also approved the list of prices for rice crops.

ONGC plans to open a National Disaster Mitigation Center in Jammu.

- Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri and Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone for ONGC’s “National Disaster Mitigation Center” and “Yatri Niwas” in Jammu on June 06.
- The minister said that if it is established, it will be possible to act quickly in times of calamity and provide immediate assistance to the people.

META International and the Ministry of Women and Child Development have jointly launched the “Amrit Generation” initiative.

- Union Minister of Women and Child Development (MWCD) Smriti Irani launched the initiative campaign “Amrit Generation” on June 07 in collaboration with Meta International.
- The Minister said that this initiative will serve as a platform to express the imagination of the youth between the ages of 14 to 18 years and express their passion and dreams for the future.

Introduction of Nyaya Vikas Portal

- With the technical assistance of NRSC, ISRO has launched a web facility called “Nyaya Vikas” to provide a transparent web portal service for better delivery of Centrally Funded Scheme (CSS) of Judiciary, Legal Drafts for Judicial Infrastructure and Judicial Infrastructure

Projects.

- It is reported that transparent service can be brought to the users through this portal.

Plan to hold a two-day summit of the G20 Labor Engagement Group at Patna.

- A two-day summit of the “G20 Group on Labor Engagement” is scheduled to take place on June 22 and 23 in Patna, Bihar. , it is reported that the conference will discuss the strategies to promote the theme of ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’.



- The Bihar state administration has announced that around 250 delegates from G-20 member states and other countries will participate in this summit and the state department of culture, arts and youth has been made the coordinating body for organizing the conference.

India, France and UAE launch joint maritime exercise

- India, France and the United Arab Emirates launched the first edition of the Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Gulf of Oman on June 07.
- The first exercise is aimed at enhancing “trilateral cooperation” between the three navies and taking measures to counter long-term and contemporary threats in the maritime environment. This training is planned to be conducted for 2 days.

Launch of 2 Year Action Plan for Integrated Water Resources.

- Haryana Chief Minister has launched a two-year Integrated Water Resources Action Plan (2023-25).
- According to the scheme, under 4 major sectors, 49.7 percent of water has been saved in 2 years. The project aims to address the challenges of water scarcity and water logging.

Hamari Pasha, Hamari Virasat

- Union Minister of State for Culture Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated the exhibition titled “Hamari Pasha, Hamari Virasat” at the National Archives of India campus in New Delhi on June 09.

- The Minister said that out of the 8000 languages spoken worldwide, about 788 languages are spoken in India alone and in the background of this, the exhibition has been set up as an effort to commemorate the rich heritage of our linguistic diversity as a single nation.

First National Training Conference

- Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the “First National Training Conference” on June 11, 2023 at the International Exhibition and Convention Center at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- This National Training Conference is to be organized by the “Skill Development Authority” to foster collaboration among training institutes for civil servants and to improve training infrastructure for civil servants across the country.

“International Yoga Divas Media Summons”.

- As part of the celebration of International Yoga Day 2023, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the media award for the second edition of the International Yoga Divas Media Summons on June 09.
- At the event, awards for “22 Indian languages and 11 in English” will be presented under the category of Best Media Content on Yoga in Newspapers, the ministry said.

525 megawatt (MW) of improved storage is planned to be built at Indira Sagar Dam.

- The Union Ministry of Power announced on June 09 that Narmada HydroElectric Development Corporation (NHDC) has approved a project to build 525 MW of improved storage near Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project will be “a part of the Indira Sagar project” and the Omkareshwar reservoirs will be used for the project, it said. The project is said to cater to the growing energy demand of Madhya Pradesh.

The central government has announced four major initiatives to strengthen cooperative banks in the country.

- The Central Government on June 09 announced four major initiatives to strengthen the 1,514 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCB) in our country.
- In the measures jointly announced by the

Reserve Bank of India and the Central Government, “allowing these banks to settle once and for all at par with commercial banks, allowing urban cooperative banks to open new branches” and various appointments have been released with the aim of these initiatives.

The Indian Army has signed a contract for defence equipment.

- The Indian Army has announced on June 09 that it has entered into an agreement with a Bengaluru-based defence firm to procure an indigenously developed “tactical LAN radio”.



- “Tactical LAN Radio” is a “state-of-the-art high-bandwidth wireless radio equipment” for providing reliable communications and aims to create a unique ecosystem for fostering innovation and technology development in the defence and aerospace industry.

HPCL has launched an aircraft-based study of “E27 and Ethanol” blended diesel.

- HPCL has initiated a research program in India, which is a subsidiary of “Oil Marketing”, which aims to promote ethanol blending in petrol by all establishments and in line with the “Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India by 2025”.



- E27 fuel is a mixture based on “27 percent ethanol and fossil fuel”. The study was published with the aim of reducing the country’s oil export and import costs, energy security, better air quality, lower carbon emissions, etc.

The Central Government has approved a plan to modernise and develop the Kochi Fishing Port.



- Union Fisheries Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala and Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for the “Modernization and Development of Cochin Fishing Port” project at Thoppampatti, Wellington Island on June 11.
- The minister said that this project will work with the objective of “utilising 700 fishing boats and improving the direct livelihood chain of about 10,000 fishermen and indirect livelihood improvement of 30,000 fishermen” operating in Kochi fishing port.

UAE – has emerged as the 4th largest investor in India this year.

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India from UAE has tripled this year to become India’s 4th largest investor. That means it has risen from USD 1.03 billion in 2021-22 to USD 3.35 billion in the last fiscal, according to recently released government data.
- Economists attribute this development to the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the two countries, which came into effect on May 1.

“Directorate Level Border Coordination Conference” between BSF and BGB has started in Delhi.



- The 53rd Director General level “Status Border Coordination Conference” between India’s Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh’s Border Guard Force (BGB) began on June 11 in Delhi.
- The four-day conference has been organised

to discuss “joint prevention of various cross-border crimes between the two countries and coordination for border security and border-related issues”. It is noteworthy that the BSF-BGB Coordination Conference was held in 2022 at “Dhaka”.

Plan to hold a conference on “Enhancement of Digital Security” on June 12.

- The G20 Organization has organised a Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) conference on June 12 in Pune with the theme ‘Development and Enhancement of Digital Security’.



- It is reported that the conference will focus on three key elements: public and efficient infrastructure of the digital platform, ensuring security in the digital public economy and promoting digital capabilities.

Central government scheme to create employment opportunities for ex-servicemen.

- The Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), a unit under the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defense (MoD), entered into an MoU with a private company, Kodak Mahindra Insurance(KMI Ltd) on June 12 in New Delhi.
- The agreement is aimed at bringing together leading large and medium corporates and ex-servicemen on a common platform to create more and more satisfying employment opportunities for them.

The Ministry of Education plans to host the 4th and final summit under India’s G20 presidency.

- The Union Ministry of Education has planned to hold the 4th and final Education Working Group (EdWG) conference under India’s G20 leadership from June 19 to 21 in Pune, Maharashtra.



- The theme of the conference is “Ensuring Basic Literacy and Numeracy in a Blended Learning Environment”. The central government said that the conference is expected to bring about some significant development in the education sector.

First indigenously developed animal derived tissue – Drug Control Organization of India approval.

- Drug regulator of India has approved a low-cost indigenously developed tissue engineering drug from mammalian organs.



- According to the Drug Regulatory Authority of India, the drug can rapidly heal skin wounds with minor scarring and is derived from animals and has been placed in the “Class D” category of biotechnological drugs.

Three schemes worth Rs 8000 crore have been introduced for “disaster development” in the country.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced three major schemes in which the Center will provide over Rs 8,000 crore to states to effectively deal with “floods, storm damage and strengthening of fire services and landslide mitigation” in urban areas of the country.
- The Home Minister mentioned that Rs 825 crore will be provided to “17 States and Union Territories” to mitigate the dangerous landslides in the country.

Introduction of “Y-Break” initiative in office workplaces of the country

- The Ministry of AYUSH has introduced an initiative called Y-Break in the office workplaces of the country. It has been introduced with the aim of creating “refreshment and refocusing” during stressful times in the workplace, according to the AYUSH ministry.
- It has been mentioned that through this initiative work balance will be created in the offices and the central government has urged to use these initiatives in the offices

of all the departments of the country.

A former CJI of India has launched a public-facing Indian law app.

- Former Chief Justice of India MN Venkataswamy on June 10 launched a multilingual “Indian Law App”.
- Best of all, this legal app can be used in 6 languages including ‘English, Hindi, Bengali, Punjabi, Gujarati and Marathi’. It is designed to provide legal assistance to citizens from the comfort of their own homes and a “Legal Aid” number is also linked to it in case any information is required.

The third G20 Framework Working Group meeting began in Kochi.



- The third Framework Convention under India’s G20 chairmanship began in Kochi, Kerala on June 13. This conference is scheduled to be held for 2 days.
- The purpose of this conference is to create a shared understanding of the policy of the member states and explore ways to promote global cooperation for the domestic efforts of countries.

To save birds and animals from the heat, BSF has launched an initiative called ‘Dani-Pani’.

- The Border Security Force (BSF), one of India’s paramilitary forces, has launched an initiative called ‘Dana-Bani’ to provide food and water to birds and animals affected by the scorching sun in Rajasthan’s Jaisalmer district.
- The BSF administration said that this initiative is being taken with the aim of protecting the birds and animals in the border area from extreme heat.

A contract worth Rs 500 crore has been signed to improve the information technology of the army.

- The Ministry of Defense has signed a contract for procurement of 1,035

equipment with Hyderabad-based Icom Telecom on June 15, 2023 in New Delhi to upgrade the information technology of the Indian Army.

- According to the contract, 1,035 5/7.5 tonne radio relay communication equipment containers worth Rs 500 crore will be procured.

India is participating in AIAF in France for the first time.

- India will participate in the Annecy International Animation Festival (AIAF) in France this year for the first time, the central government has announced.
- It is also reported that an Indian theatre designed on the theme of Saraswati Yantra will be inaugurated during this festival. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apoorva Chandra said that this festival will be a platform to showcase Indian creativity to the world.

India’s largest power generation company (NTPC) has been ranked 433rd in Forbes’ 2023 list.

- India’s largest public power generation company, National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), has been ranked 433rd in the latest Forbes Global 2000 data for 2023, up 52 places from the previous position.



- It is

significant that the company was ranked 485th in last year’s list and this rise shows NTPC’s emergence as a strong force in the global market, the Union Ministry of Power said.

The Indian Navy has launched an initiative called “Jully Ladakh” for the youth.



- The Indian Navy has launched an initiative called “Jully Ladakh” to increase awareness of public service in Ladakh and

improve connectivity with the youth and general public there.

- The initiative is aimed at creating awareness among the people in the northern region of Ladakh about the career opportunities offered by the Indian Navy including the central government schemes like Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the “Agnipath Project” in schools and colleges in the Ladakh region.

Central government plans to conduct a ‘Be safe on the Internet’ initiative.

- The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) plans to launch a ‘Be Safe on the Internet’ initiative in collaboration with Google.
- The initiative aims to create awareness among people about multilingual digital content, cyber security related educational programs and how to navigate information on the internet.

Rajasthan is number one in wind power generation.

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India organised a conference on World Wind Day in New Delhi on June 15.
- The conference is organised with the objective of discussing the possible ways to develop and accelerate wind energy in India. “Pawan – Urja: Empowering India’s Future” is the theme of the conference.
- Also in this conference, it has been mentioned by the Central Government that Rajasthan, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have achieved the highest wind capacity and occupied the top three positions in the financial year 2022-23.

The ancient festival of Arunachal Pradesh “Vihu Guh” has started.



- The Vihu Kuh festival, celebrated as a very traditional festival by the most ancient Tangsa tribe of Arunachal Pradesh, started on 15th June.
- This festival is celebrated annually to celebrate the harmony between humans, animals, birds and nature.

A 2-day “Science-20” Conference is planned to be held in Bhopal.

- The two-day “Science-20” summit under India’s G-20 leadership began in Bhopal on June 16. It has been announced that Ashutosh Sharma, President of the Indian National Science Organization, will preside over this conference.
- “Connecting Science with Society and Culture” is the theme for this conference.

The 4th National Water Awards will be presented by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar on June 17 in New Delhi.



- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar will present the country’s fourth National Water Awards in New Delhi on June 17. Recently the Ministry of Jal Shakti released the list of total 41 winners in 11 categories including co-winners for the fourth National Water Awards 2022.
- Madhya Pradesh in the best state category, Odisha’s Ganjam district in the best district category and Telangana’s Badratri Kothakudem district in the best village panchayat category have bagged the top positions in the list.

NITI Aayog and the United Nations have signed the Government of India – United Nations Cooperation Action Plan for Sustainable Development 2023-27.



- NITI Aayog and the United Nations Division in India signed the “Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Action Plan 2023-2027” in New Delhi on June 16.
- The agreement is aimed at enhancing bilateral cooperation through the United

Nations Development Organization (UNDO) joint venture for the Government of India to “promote gender equality, promote human rights, empower youth and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”.

Gandhi Peace Prize

- A jury headed by the Prime Minister announced on June 18 that the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 will be awarded at Geeta Press, Gorakhpur



- According to the organization, the event is being held to promote the ideal of contribution to social, economic and political change through non-violence and other Gandhian methods.
- The award will be presented by the Ministry of Culture and will carry a cash prize of one crore rupees and a certificate of appreciation.

The two-day G-20 Workforce Engagement Summit will be held in Bihar

- The two-day G-20 Workforce Engagement Summit is scheduled to be held on June 22 and 23 in Patna, the capital of Bihar. About 180 delegates from G20 member countries are expected to participate in this conference.



- During this two-day mega event, representatives of trade unions and officials from G-20 countries will meet and discuss issues related to labor and skills in agriculture, energy, employment, environment and related sectors.

An integrated simulator system has been attached at Kochi to enhance practical training of Indian Navy personnel.

- Indian Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on June 21 inaugurated the indigenously built Integrated Simulator Complex (ISC) at Southern Naval Base “Dhruv” in Kochi, Kerala.
- This will further enhance the training of the Indian Navy, whereby naval officers will have 70% real-time experience of navigation, naval operations and naval tactics, the Defense Minister said.

India’s HAL has entered into an MoU with an Argentinian company for space cooperation and development.

- Indian defence and aircraft manufacturing company Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has entered into an MoU with Argentina’s Fabrica Argentina de Aviones (FAdeA) for potential collaboration and development in the aerospace sector.
- HAL said, “The MoU was entered into to explore the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in the field of MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) and to ensure the space security of both countries.

DGR has signed an MoU with the private sector to create employment for ex-servicemen.



- The Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) under the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defense has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adecco India Private Limited in New Delhi on June 21 to create employment for ex-servicemen.
- The agreement is aimed at creating various job opportunities for ex-servicemen in IT, E-commerce, Telecom, Logistics, Defence, Aerospace and Defence, Facility Management, Digital Assessment Services.

North India's first "Skin Bank" opens in New Delhi.

- The first Skin Bank of North India or Northern States was inaugurated on June 20 at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.
- The centre has been started with the aim of helping deceased donors donate their skin to treat injuries caused by fire and other causes, said Sapharjung Hospital. The hospital has also mentioned that a separate website will be opened soon to facilitate this facility among people.

'INDUS X', an environmental initiative for India and US defence development, has been launched.



- INDUS X, an environmental initiative conference to enhance security between India and the US, has been launched on June 21 in Washington DC, the US capital.
- According to the central government, it has been launched with a focus on reforming export control norms and promoting deep collaboration in various fields including government academia, industry-based entrepreneurs, especially start-ups.

The Union Agriculture Minister has launched a mobile app called PM Kisan for e-KYC.

- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on June 22 launched PM Kisan, a mobile app that includes facial recognition.
- The Union Minister said that this app has been launched for the purpose of enabling farmers in remote or very small villages to scan their faces and do e-KYC without OTP or fingerprint.

US-based GE Aerospace has signed an MoU with India's HAL.

- US aerospace giant GE Aerospace has signed an MoU with the country's aerospace

company Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) to "manufacture fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force".

- GE Aerospace has partnered with India to manufacture the F414 engines to power the Indian Air Force's light fighter jet Mk2.

India has also signed an agreement to collaborate on the US's Star Artemis programme.

- India has also signed an agreement in June 2023 to collaborate on the US's Artemis program, which is set to launch its space mission next year. The agreement was signed during the current visit of the Indian Prime Minister to the US.
- The Union Minister also said that this agreement will take the bilateral relations to new heights and give a new impetus to the space industry.

India and UAE have an agreement for accredited economists.

- India and the United Arab Emirates have formally signed an agreement for a mutual recognition arrangement for accredited economists at the 141st/142nd Sessions of the Customs Cooperation Meeting of the World Customs Organization (WCO) held in Brussels, Belgium on June 23, 2023.
- The agreement is aimed at creating greater trade facilitation and ease of doing business and making it easier for economists to atomize.

Udyami Bharat – MSME Day' is scheduled to be celebrated on June 27 at Vigyan Bhawan.

- On the occasion of International MSME Day, the Ministry of MSME has planned to celebrate 'Udyami Bharat-MSME Day' on June 27, 2023 at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The Central Government has announced that the Ministry of MSME will take various initiatives for the growth and development of small farmers under the program called CHAMPIONS 2.0 during this day.
- Nagaland gets its first HIV-1 virus research laboratory.
- Nagaland state launched its first HIV-1 virus research laboratory at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on June 26.
- The research laboratory was officially inaugurated by Naga Hospital Commissioner & Secretary Health and

Family Welfare and Chairman Nagaland State AIDS Control Commission Y Kiketo Seema.

QCI and Government of Odisha have launched Odisha Kunwatta Sankalp Project in Bhubaneswar.

- The State Government of Odisha and Quality Commission of India in collaboration with Industry Associations – EEPC, OASME, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, PHDCCI, CIPET and FHRAI have launched Odisha Kunwatta Sankalp, Odisha's Quality Project on June 26 in Bhubaneswar.
- This project has been undertaken with the aim of improving quality in various sectors in the state of Odisha with the participation of many policy makers, practitioners academics, industry leaders.

DRDO has organized the Anuschandan Chindan Sivrai to promote defense and R&D in the industry and education sector.



- DRDO, the Defense Research and Development Organization, has organized the Anuschandan Sindan Shivri in New Delhi with an aim to foster defense research and development in industry and academia.
- This list of 75 technology priorities to encourage domestic innovation in defense technologies and build self-reliance has been published in this Chindan Sivir.
- Report Fish Disease
- Union Fisheries Minister Shri Parshotham Rupala has launched an app called “Report Fish Disease-RFD” on June 28 to strengthen farmer and fisherman based disease reporting system and improve public reporting of aquatic diseases in the country. It is noteworthy that this app has been developed by ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR) under the National Surveillance Program for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD).
- The Union Minister said that this mobile app is designed to improve farmers and fishermen based reporting, get scientific

advice for them if they have any doubts, reduce the losses due to diseases and increase the income of the farmers.

Green Hydrogen International Conference

- The Government of India has planned to host the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2023) from July 5 to July 7 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The conference aims to bring together the global scientific and industrial communities to discuss the latest developments and expand upon emerging technologies, explore and provide solutions for the evolving green hydrogen landscape.

Chandrayaan 3 to launch on July 13 – ISRO confirms

- ISRO officials have officially announced that Chandrayaan 3 will be launched on July 13 at 2:30 PM.
- The multi-featured Chandrayaan 3 spacecraft is set to embark on a journey aimed at safe and smooth landing on the lunar surface, conducting scientific experiments on the moon and rover exploration.

India and UAE have entered into two MoUs to promote trade.



- India and the United Arab Emirates on July 15 signed two MoUs for trade cooperation to use their local currencies for cross-border transactions and further develop their payment and messaging systems.
- The agreement envisages the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions covering all current account transactions and permitted capital account transactions between the two countries.



The UAE has announced its 13-year space mission to explore the asteroid belt.

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has “launched a pilot space mission to explore a major asteroid orbit between the planets Mars and Jupiter.
- Named MBR EXPLORER, this ambitious project of the UAE is announced to be launched in “March 2028”. The main objective of the project is to unravel the mysteries of our solar system’s formation and to find clues about the mystery that may be hidden in asteroid orbits.

The UAE has won the presidency of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).



- UAE National Meteorological Center (NCM) Director General Dr. Abdullah Al Mandoos has been elected as the new President of the WMO for a four-year term from 2023 to 2027.
- It is significant that this is the first time that “a GCC meteorologist from Asia” and an Arab meteorologist have been appointed as the head of WMO.

The UAE plans to host the “International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Assembly” in 2025.

- The United Arab Emirates has won the bid to host the “World Conservation Assembly of the International Union for Conservation of Nature” in 2025.
- With this move, the UAE further reaffirmed to the world its leadership commitment to “environmental protection, climate change action and sustainability”.

Japan joins US\$95 million undersea cable project

- The Japanese government announced on June 06 that Japan has now joined the United States and Australia as signatories to the US\$95 million “Undersea Cable Project” to improve connectivity in the Indo-Pacific region and connect the island nations of Eastern Micronesia.
- Security experts have said that India has a chance to join the Quad system as a defence alliance of the United States, Japan, Australia and India, and this initiative will be a way to escape China’s threats.

An exhibition for innovation start-ups specialised in security “iDEX” has been organised at the Research and Innovation Park at IIT Delhi.

- iDEX’s Partner Incubator and FITT-IIT Delhi are organising an exhibition for innovation start-ups specialised in security “iDEX” at the Research and Innovation Park at IIT Delhi.
- The event will feature a brief presentation of Innovations in Defense Excellence (iDEX) and showcase the progress of Indian start-ups in Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality, Power Systems, Specialized Drones and Drone Delivery Systems, Space Proposition Systems and other related technologies. The event was marked by the presence of German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius.

1.6 billion year old fossils discovered.

- Fossils of the Earth’s “ancient waterways” dating back 1.6 billion years have been found in oceanic rocks north of Australia.
- The discovery could trace the eukaryotic process to the ancestors of organisms that lived 1.6 billion years ago and could revolutionise scientists’ understanding of our earliest ancestors, scientists said.

The US Vice President has announced US\$100 million in aid to the “Caribbean region”.



- US Vice President Kamala Harris has approved a plan to invest more than \$100 million in the Caribbean.
- The US Vice President said in the announcement that this will help prevent widespread arms trafficking, alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Haiti and support climate change efforts.

The European Union has reached an agreement to reform the “asylum procedures” for the camp.

- After 12 hours of negotiations to secure approval from key members Italy and Greece, EU ministers approved a deal to overhaul asylum procedures for the camp.
- The agreement replaces the existing “Dublin Regulation” with process improvements such as the “New Asylum and Migration Management Regulation”. It is said to regulate how “asylum seekers” are admitted to the EU’s borders.

The World Bank has launched its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia.

- The World Bank has announced the launch of its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with the government of Bangladesh, with a USD 358 million financing agreement signed on June 14 in Dhaka.
- The World Bank announced that the project aims to improve road safety, reduce fatalities and injuries caused by road accidents, and repair high-risk highways and district roads.

Nusrat Chowdhury – America’s first Muslim female federal judge.



- Nusrat Chaudhry, a civil rights lawyer, has been appointed by the Senate as the first Muslim female federal judge in US history
- He will also serve as a Bangladeshi-American federal judge and as a federal judge for the Eastern District of New York, the US Senate said.

Petteri Orpo has been elected Prime Minister of Finland.

- On June 20, Finland’s parliament elected Petteri Orpo, a member of the conservative party, as prime minister, led by a four-party coalition, including the far-right Finns Party.
- Finnish President Sauli Niinisto accepted Orpo as Prime Minister.

Estonia – First Central European and Baltic country to legalize same-sex marriage.

- Estonia’s parliament approved a law on June 21 to legalize same-sex marriage. This makes it the first Central European country to recognize same-sex marriage.
- While same-sex marriage is legal in much of Western Europe and not yet recognized in Central European countries, the law has turned the world’s attention on Estonia.

The UN has adopted the first treaty on the conservation of marine life.

- The UN adopted the first Convention on the Conservation of Marine Life in the Seas and Oceans on 19 June.
- United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has hailed the historic agreement as ensuring the protection of seas and oceans. It is noteworthy that the representatives of all 193 member states happily ratified the agreement on June 19.

A summit for a global new financial deal has begun in Paris, the capital of France.

- The Summit for the New Global Financial Agreement, which was attended by more than 300 financial professionals from

various countries and sectors, kicked off on June 22 in Paris, France.

- The conference aims to address climate change-related financial issues through a series of round tables, including reforming the international financial framework, building strategic partnerships, restoring confidence and creating an enabling environment for the private sector.

India and France have entered into an MoU to manufacture warships in India.

- Defense Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) of India and France have signed MoUs for the joint production of submarines and warships and their components in Kolkata and Mumbai respectively for export to the rest of the world.
- These MoUs are said to further strengthen Prime Minister Modi's "Make in India" initiative. It has also been announced that Mumbai-based Mossack And Shipyard will work with the French Naval Group to manufacture "Scorpene-class submarines".



India plans to set up an office in Paris for DRDO to develop light fighter jet engine

- India's DRDO plans to set up a regional office in the French capital of Paris to jointly develop a light combat aircraft between India and France after the meeting between Indian Prime Minister Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron on July 14.
- The Prime Minister of India said that a blueprint for this initiative will be prepared between Safran, a French defense company, and India's DRDO.

A state of emergency has been declared to curb food inflation in Nigeria.

- President Bola Tinubu declared a state of emergency on July 14, 2023 to curb inflation in Nigeria.
- President Tinubu has passed a resolution in the country's parliament with the main objectives of improving agriculture, reducing the cost of food and creating jobs. Nearly 25 million Nigerians are at high risk of food insecurity this year (by 2023),

according to a January report by the United Nations.

IIT-Delhi plans to set up its new campus in UAE.

- The two countries signed an MoU in the presence of Prime Minister Modi on July 15 for the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi branch to set up its "first global regional campus" in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- The Prime Minister of India has mentioned that through this agreement, India's technological capabilities will be taken to a global perspective. It also said that Post Graduate (PG) courses will start from January next year and Undergraduate (UG) courses from September 2024.



Malaysia's economy to grow by 4.5% in 2023 – IMF report

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced in its latest report that the Malaysian economy will grow by 4.5% in 2023.
- “Following the re-opening of the Malaysian economy in April 2022, it is noteworthy that its growth reached 8.7% in 2022, driven by domestic demand and the performance of a strong export structure. “Inflation in Malaysia will rise to 3.3% in 2023,” the report said.

Introduction to Financial Inclusion Dashboard-ANTARDRIHSTI ”

- On June 5, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched the “Financial Inclusion Dashboard – ANTARDRIHSTI”.
- The system is said to provide the necessary insight to assess and monitor the progress of financial inclusion by capturing financial burden related parameters. As this dashboard is currently designed keeping in mind the RBI's internal application system, it is expected to further facilitate greater financial inclusion through a multi-stakeholder approach.

The World Bank announces that India's GDP growth will slow down to 6.3% for fiscal year 2024.

- India's economic growth will slow to 6.3% in 2023-24 due to rising borrowing costs and higher inflation in 2025-26, the World Bank said in its latest report.
- This is a significant 0.3 percentage point downward revision from the previous estimate of 6.6%. Nevertheless, India is expected to remain among the fastest growing economies, the report noted.

RBI has allowed banks to issue FOREX cards with rupee prepayment.

- In an effort to provide more payment options to Indians travelling abroad, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to issue RuPay Prepaid FOREX Cards to all Indian banks.
- These cards can be used at ATMs, point-of-sale (PoS) machines and online merchants abroad, the RBI notification said.

India's industrial production rose 4.2% this year.

- Our country's industrial production grew by 4.2 percent in April this year, the Union Ministry of Statistics and Plan Implementation said in a report released on June 12.
- If this manufacturing growth continues, the country's GDP is expected to rise above what has already been projected by this year. Meanwhile, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) expanded as mining output rose by 5.1 percent, the report said.

First Indian stock to touch 1 lakh

- After opening at ₹99,500 per share on the BSE on June 13, MRF became the “first Indian stock to touch one lakh rupees” by crossing an all-time high of ₹1,00,300 in the morning trade session.
- Notably, the stock has surged 45 percent in the past one year against a gain of 19 percent in the previous ratings survey, which has seen the company's strong profit base.

India's seafood exports hit an all-time high this year.

- India's seafood exports, volume and value, are set to reach an all-time high in the country's history in 2022-23.
- In the financial year Rs. India exported 1.7 million tonnes of seafood worth Rs 63,96,914 crore (USD 8.09 billion) at the latest point in the report, the report said. This high shows a growth of 26.73 percent in volume terms and 4.31 percent in value terms in 2021-22.

India's economic growth is expected to grow at 6.3 percent in the current financial year 2023-24, Fitch Ratings has mentioned in its report.

- Renowned international credit rating agency Fitch Ratings on June 22 said in its report that India's GDP economic growth will increase to 6.3 percent in the current financial year 2023-24 from 6 percent forecast.
- Fitch Ratings noted in the announcement that this growth shift is due to strong economic performance in the first quarter of this year.

IFFCO has signed an agreement to export nano liquid urea to the US.

- The Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Organization (IFFCO) has on June 22 entered into an agreement with California-based Kapoor Enterprises Inc. to export nano liquid urea to the US.
- India's IFFCO has so far exported more than 5 lakh nano liquid urea bottles to more than 25 countries.



Bank of Baroda has launched the “Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) Scheme”.

- Bank of Baroda, India's second largest public sector bank, has launched the “Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) scheme, a micro savings scheme for women and girls” in July 2023.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme has been introduced by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the financial year 2023-24 (in the Union Budget) for the future of women and children.
- Significantly, this is the third financial institution after Canara Bank, Bank of India and Post Office to introduce this facility.



PROGRAMS

Sri Sarbananda Sonowal has started a program called “Sagar Samriti”.

- Minister of Ports (MoPSW) and Minister for AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched an online dredging monitoring system on June 09 under a project named “Sagar Samriti” to improve the capacity of the Ministry.
- The online mining monitoring system aims to accelerate the MoPSW Ministry’s ‘Waste to Wealth’ campaign, the ministry said.

UNDP and DAY-NULM are collaborating on a project to promote women entrepreneurship.

- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – United Nations Development Organization (UNDP) has joined hands with National Urban Livelihoods Movement (DAY-NULM) in a joint venture to empower and empower women in the field of entrepreneurship.
- It is said to provide partnership support to startups, expansion and development of their own companies, especially in digital economy, electric mobility, waste management, food packaging, economic maintenance and many other sectors.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur has launched the initiative ‘Bharat in Paris’.

- Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur flagged off the “Bharat in Paris” campaign at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on June 23.
- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has launched this initiative to promote various sports across India to promote the Paris Olympics. It is noteworthy that the 2024 Olympic Games will be held in Paris, the capital of France, from July 26 to August 11.

Sagar Samajik Sahayag

- A new guideline for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has been launched by the Minister of Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal named ‘Sagar Samajik Sahayog’.

- These new guidelines empower ports and related sector organizations to undertake CSR activities directly. And these new CSR guidelines allow us to address the issues of local communities in a more collaborative and expeditious manner.

Champions 2.0

- Union MSME Minister Shri Narayan Rane has launched Champions 2.0, a website and mobile app to promote various initiatives of MSME Ministry and promote geo-technology of cluster projects and technology hubs.
- The initiative has been launched with the aim of taking the development of entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprises to the next level, the Union Minister said.



A new study has identified 62 drought-tolerant vascular plant species

- India's biodiversity hotspot, the Western Ghats, has 62 drought-tolerant vascular plant species that can be used in agriculture, especially in water-scarce areas, a new study has found.
- Out of a list of 62 species, 16 are Indian and 12 are endemic to the Western Ghats, highlighting the importance of WG as a global DT hotspot. According to the study, apart from rocks, tree trunks in partially shaded forests were also found to be important habitats for DD species.

Green panacea to help recover wastewater discharged during crude oil drilling and refining

- A material has been discovered to help recover wastewater discharged during crude oil drilling and refining. This green panacea is formulated with a mixture of plant-based biomass, biosurfactant and NPK compost.



- This "miracle mixture" helps prevent environmental pollution from water generation and helps maintain the green revolution. It also helps increase crop production to meet the ever-growing food demand.

India's star missile Agni Prime successfully test-fired.

- The new generation ballistic missile Agni Prime was successfully flight tested by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) on the evening of June 07 at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- This missile is one of India's Star Missiles (Most Capable). It is a ballistic missile

capable of operating with a dual navigation and guidance system. It is significant that this is the sixth missile in the Agni missile series.

Tata Elxsi has teamed up with ISRO to develop "crew recovery prototypes" for the Gaganyaan project.

- Tata Elxsi has partnered with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for "Crew Safe Recovery Service" for Gaganyaan project. It has designed and developed crew system protection equipment (CMRM) for "recovery crew training" during spaceflight.
- ISRO's Gaganyaan program will launch a crew into a 400-km orbit for a three-day mission and then land in the Indian Ocean waters after the mission, the agency said, to ensure the safety of the public.

Launch of India's first cannabis research program to develop drugs for neurology and cancer.

- CSIR and IIM Jammu have launched the country's first-ever research program on the use of cannabis for neurology and cancer medicine.
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the project was "introduced with the objective of developing better potential for manufacturing quality medicine for export in Neurology, Epilepsy and Cancer".

A recent report found that Viking disease may have been inherited from a gene inherited from Neanderthals.

- In Northern Europe many men over the age of 60 suffer from the dreaded viking disease. For those who have this disease, the symptoms of the fingers and toes are bent and there is a lot of anger.
- Researchers from the Karolinska Institute in Molecular Biology and Evolution have found that the ancestors of people with the disease may have inherited the gene from Neanderthals.

Omicron-precautionary vaccine has been developed using indigenous technology

- The Central Department of Biotechnology

has announced that an mRNA-based preventive vaccine against Omicron-microbe has been developed using indigenous technology.

- The vaccine, developed by Gennova Biopharmaceuticals with support from the Covid Suraksha Movement, has been approved by the Biotechnology Industrial Research Council. It has been approved by the Drug Control Directorate of India for its emergency use.





Introduction of two schemes to restore migratory forests and wetlands.

- Prime Minister Modi on June 5 launched two schemes, “Amrit Darohar and Mishti” to revive Alayati forests and wetlands across the country.
- If this Amrit Darohar Yojana is launched, the existing Ramsar sites will be protected through public participation and these sites will become a source of green employment opportunities for thousands of people and become eco-tourism centers.

Plan to conduct One Student One Tree Campaign 2023”.

- Minister of State for Education and External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh on June 5 announced the launch of the All India Institute of Technical Education (AICTE) “One Student One Tree Campaign 2023”.
- At the same time he published ‘Guidelines and Curriculum Framework for Environmental Education at Undergraduate Level’. He said that this campaign will bring awareness about Mission Life (Mission LiFE) among the people.



REPORTS AND INDICES

NIRF 2023 Rank has been released.

- The Union Ministry of Education has released the National Institutions Framework (NIRF) ranking for 2023 on June 5.



- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras is recognized as the best institute under the overall category. The Indian Institute of Research (IISC), Bengaluru was ranked second and IIT Delhi third.

India ranks 4th in the list of most polluted countries

- According to Oxford University's June 2023 data, Nepal tops the list of most polluted countries in the world. India has been given the 4th position in the list of "worst polluted countries" in the world.
- The notification said residents in South Asia breathe in an average of "99.73 micrograms per cubic metre" of particulate matter per day. It is remarkable that it is "20 times more" than the usual amount.

Jammu & Kashmir topped the Food Security Index 2022-23 for the third time in a row.

- It is seen as a remarkable achievement that Jammu and Kashmir has topped the Union Territory (UT) category in this year's Food Security Index.
- Notably, Jammu and Kashmir has bagged the third consecutive award in 2023, following 2021 and 2022. At the same time, Jammu and Kashmir has bagged the first prize for having the maximum number of Eat Right Mela districts in the country.

India tops the global ranking of digital money transactions.

- According to the latest data from MyGov India, India tops the list of five digital payment countries with "89.5 million digital transactions" by 2022.

- According to this data, India will account for 46 percent of global real-time digital transactions by 2022, a percentage that is higher than any other four leading countries, MyGov India said in its announcement.

Dhaka is the 7th most unlivable city in the world.

- According to the Global Liveability Index 2023 recently released by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU), Dhaka city has been ranked as the 7th least liveable city in the world for the second time in a row i.e. Dhaka is ranked 7th among the most unlivable cities in the world.
- The list was prepared based on several significant factors including education, health care, economic stability of the country, environment and infrastructure of 173 cities around the world. Dhaka occupies the 166th position.

IIT Bombay is ranked 149th globally in the QS World University Rankings.

- According to the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings, IIT Bombay is ranked 1st in India and 149th globally.
- It is noteworthy that this company, which was at the 172nd position last year, has advanced to the 149th position this year.

India ranks 67th globally on the Energy Transition Index.

- India has been ranked 67th globally in its Energy Transition Index released by the World Economic Forum on June 28. It also mentions India as the only major economy with energy transition pace across all dimensions.
- Sweden tops the list of 120 countries, followed by Denmark, Norway, Finland and Switzerland in the top five.



Bahnen-Tournee 2023: Bronze-Medal for India in Cycling.

- Indian cyclist “Essow Alban” won the bronze medal under the Men’s category at the UCI Class 1 Event-Final “Bahnen-Tournee 2023” cycling competition held at Dudenhofen, Germany.
- This feat also made him the “first Indian to win a medal at the World Cycling Championships”.

Pune University beat Osmania University to win its first gold medal in women’s tennis.

- “Savitribai Phule Pune University won its first gold medal by defeating Osmania University 2-0 in the women’s tennis tournament held at Ekana International Tennis Stadium, Lucknow.



- Meanwhile, “Jain University Women’s Tennis Players beat Madras University 2-0” to win the bronze medal.

Veer Chotrani, Anahat Singh win National Circuit Squash Championship

- Maharashtra’s Veer Chotrani and Delhi’s Anahat Singh won the men’s and women’s singles titles at the National Circuit Squash Tournament. The competition is jointly sponsored by Rubicon Consumer Healthcare and HPITS.



- Chodrani defeated Suraj Market in straight sets 11-9, 11-8, 11-6 and Anahat defeated Urvashi 11-7, 11-8, 11-3 to become the senior champion.

India have won the Junior Hockey Asia

Cup for the fourth time.

- The Indian hockey team beat Pakistan 2-1 in the final of the 2023 Men’s Junior Asia Cup at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex in Salalah, Oman on the night of June 1.
- By winning this year, the Indian team has earned the status of “Most Winning Nation” in the history of Men’s Junior Asia Cup.

Bronze for India’s Manjeet in UWW Ranking Series Wrestling.

- India’s Manjeet won bronze in the men’s 55 kg category at the UWW Ranking Series Wrestling Tournament held on June 1.
- The Indian defeated Yersin Abier of Kazakhstan 14-9 via VPO1 to win the bronze.



Taseem Fayaz won a silver medal in Judo Championship 2023.

- Taseem Fayaz, a young judoka from Srinagar, won a silver medal in the All India Inter-University “Judo Championship 2023”.
- Representing the “Kashmir Valley” in this tournament, Taseem has shown his immense talent and determination. Though he lost in the final, his outstanding performance has impressed everyone, Jammu & Kashmir Judo Sports Association said.

India’s leading sprinter has won two gold medals in the Flanders Cup 2023 athletics event.

- India’s leading sprinter “Amlan Borgohain” has won one gold medal each in men’s 100m and 200m races at the “Flanders Cup 2023” athletics event, popularly known worldwide as the “International Antwerp Athletics Gala” held at Merkshem, Belgium in June 2023.
- Bourgoïn crossed the line in 10.70 seconds and emerged as the fastest player of the

event and he crossed the line in the 100m national record in 10.25 seconds and in the 200m in 20.96 seconds ahead of Hoffman's 21.42.

Three medals for India in Asian Athletics Championship 2023 for Under-20 (U-20)

- India won a total of three medals, including two golds, in the U-20 "Asian Athletics Championships" held at Yecheon, South Korea on June 4, 2023.
- "Bharatpreet Singh" in men's discus throw and "Rezona Mallik Heena" in women's 400m race won gold medals in this event. Notably, "Anthima Paul" won India's third bronze medal in the women's 5,000m race with a time of 17 minutes 17.11 seconds.

Ahn Se Young wins her "4th Women's Singles Super Series title" at the Thailand Open.

- World No. 2 An Se Young of South Korea defeated China's He Pingjiao 21-10, 21-19 to win the Women's Singles Super Series title at the Thailand Open Badminton.
- It is noteworthy here that this is the 4th win in the Women's Singles Super Series and the 7th consecutive final.

Indian Wrestler "Manisha" has won Gold in UWW Ranking Series 2023.

- Indian competitors wrapped up the competition with three medals at the "2023 UWW Ranking Series" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on June 3.
- Ritika finished second with her best performance and Saritha More won the bronze medal. Meanwhile, India's tally in the series ended with 4 medals including 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze.

Second gold medal for India at ISSF Junior World Cup 2023.

- Indian shooters "Abinav Shah and Gautami Bhanot" bagged India's 2nd gold by winning the ISSF World Cup Junior 10m Air Mixed Team Final at Suhl, Germany.
- In this match held on June 4, 2023, the Indian team defeated the pair of France "Osien Muller and Romain Auffrere" by 17-7. India has so far bagged two gold medals and one silver and one bronze in this year's ISSF World Cup.

Dhanush Srikanth has won gold in the ISSF Junior World Cup 10m Air Shooting category.

- "Dhanush Srikanth" won gold for India at the 2023 International Shooting Sports

Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup under Men's 10m Air Shooting category.

- Dhanush scored 249.4 points from 24 shots in his final to claim the medal.

India have won gold in the men's shot put event at the U-20 Asian Athletics Championships.

- Siddharth Chaudhary has won gold in men's shot put at the ongoing Asian Under-20 Athletics Championship 2023 in South Korea.
- India's Siddharth Chaudhary won gold in men's shot put with a throw of 19.52m.
- Sunil Kumar" has won gold in the decathlon category at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships.
- Indian athlete Sunil Kumar has won gold in men's decathlon by scoring "7003 points" at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea on June 06.
- Apart from her, Pooja has won silver in women's high jump with a height of 1.82m and Bushra Khan has won silver in women's 3000m.

The Indian team has won the Women's Junior Asia Hockey Cup 2023.

- The Indian hockey team defeated the Korea hockey team 2-1 in the 2023 Women's Junior Asia Hockey Cup held at Kakamigahara, Japan on June 11.
- It is noteworthy that this is the first time that India has won the Women's Junior Asia Cup. For India, Neelam (40') and Annu (21') were instrumental in reaching the winning target.

Australia won the 2023 "ICC World Test Champions Tournament".



- Australia won the 2023 ICC World Test Championship trophy with a resounding 209-run win over India in a thrilling WTC final at

London's Oval.

- With this victory, Australia became the only nation to win the trophy in all types of competitions conducted under the ICC

Novak Djokovic won his 23rd Grand Slam title at the French Open.



- Novak Djokovic defeated Casper Ruud of Norway 7–6 (1), 6–3, 7–5 in the final of the French Open to win his third Roland Garros title and 23rd Grand Slam title.
- And with this win, he became the first man to win each of the Grand Slam tournaments three times, setting a world record.

The Indian pair has won the mixed doubles title at the Denmark Masters 2023.



- India's mixed doubles team Rohan Kapoor and Sikki Reddy won the Denmark Masters 2023 title on June 11.
- Rohan and Reddy won the title after defeating Denmark's Mats Westergaard and Christine Busch in straight sets 21-16, 21-17. And this title is the third title won by an Indian pair.

Murray clinched the 2023 Surbiton title.



- Andy Murray won his second ATP Challenger Tour title of the season on home soil at the Lexus Surbiton Cup on June 11.
- In this ATP Challenger Tour 125 grass-court event, he defeated former World No. 1 "Jurij Rodionov" 6-3, 6-2 in a rain-interrupted final.

Uruguay has won the first Under-20 World Cup in its history.



- Uruguay's national football team won its first U-20 World Cup on June 11, defeating Italy 1-0.

- Uruguay's Luciano Rodríguez scored his and his team's first goal in the 86th minute to set the foundation for the country's victory. The massive victory ended a streak of four consecutive victories by European teams in the last tournament.

India wins Asian Continental Women's Chess Championship

- Divya Deshmukh won the Asian Continental Women's Chess Championship held in Kazakhstan on June 11.
- It is noteworthy that in this nine-round continental tournament, Indian player Divya started the tournament as the runner-up and ended the eight-day tournament with 7.5 points.

The Indonesia Open started in Jakarta.



- The Indonesia Open Badminton tournament started on June 13 in Jakarta. The Indonesia Open is the third Badminton World Federation Super 1000 event or series of the season for each year, after the Malaysia Open and the England Open. It is important to note that the competition starts on June 13 and ends on June 18.
- Top Indian players including PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy are set to be in action in the opening round of the tournament on June 13, according to the Sports Department of

India.

The World Squash Championship started in Chennai.



- The World Cup Squash Championship begins on June 13 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The game was inaugurated by

Tamil Nadu State Youth Welfare and Sports Minister Udayanidhi Stalin at the Express Avenue(EA) Mall on June 12.

- Squash Championship President Jeana Woolridge said that it is a pleasure and satisfaction to have this World Cup in Chennai and Indian coach Chris Walker said that the Indian team will face good opposition in this World Cup.

Gold for India at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championship

- India ended their run with one gold, three bronze and three silver medals at the Asian Under-17 Wrestling Championship held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on June 13.
- India's Ankush won the country's only gold medal by defeating Iran's Amreza Ali Taimori in the 55 kg category.

Varun Tomar won gold in the air rifle category at the KSSM Shooting Championship.



- Varun Tomar, a recent Junior World Championship medalist, won gold in the men's 10m air rifle event at the Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship on June 15.
- Also in this final, Sagar Tangi from the army shooting division of six shooters stood third with 219.4 points.

Anjali has won gold in the 400m race at the National Inter-State Championship.

- Anjali Devi has won the gold medal in the women's 400m race at the National Inter-State Championships held on June 16.
- Returning to the track almost four years after recovering from a serious injury, the

Haryana native is again expected to play for the Indian team in the Asian Games following his gold medal win in the event.

Manju Rani has won gold in the National Inter-State Athletics Championship.



- Renowned national record holder Manju Rani of Punjab has won gold in the women's 35 km race walk event at this year's National Inter-State Athletics Championship.
- It is noteworthy that the 24-year-old battled for this victory after competing for 3 hours and 21 minutes in very tough conditions.

Archery World Cup 2023 – Indian recurve men's team wins bronze medal.



- India's men's recurve team won the bronze medal in Division – 3 at this year's Archery World Cup in Medellin, Colombia on June 15.
- It is noteworthy that this Indian recurve team consisting of Dheeraj Pommadevara (ranked four), Tushar Shelke and Mrinal Chauhan defeated China 5-3.

Indian archer wins gold at Archery World Cup 2023.



- Indian archer Abhishek Verma won the gold medal in the men's individual final at this year's Archery World Cup Volume 3 held in Medellin, Colombia.
- It is noteworthy that Abhishek defeated American James Lutz 148-146 in the final on June 18 to win the second gold in India's

medal tally.

Andy Murray wins 2nd “full-court” title in Nottingham Open final



- World legend Andy Murray defeated Arthur Kazaks 6-4 in the Nottingham Open final to win his second straight grass-court title ahead of Wimbledon 2023.
- With this win, it is expected that he will play well again in Wimbledon and win the title of champion.

India won the Intercontinental Cup for the 2nd time with a score of 2-0.

- India won the Intercontinental Cup for the second time in its history by beating Lebanon 2-0 in the final at the Kalinga Stadium in Odisha’s capital Bhubaneswar.
- India finished fourth in the previous edition of the tournament in 2019 and it is noteworthy that Sunil Chhetri opened the star game by scoring the goal in the 46th minute for India.

Indian pair win men’s doubles title at Indonesia Open

- Chirag Shetty and Satviksairaj Rangritty won the men’s doubles title at the Indonesia Open held on June 18 2023.
- Notably, the pair achieved a historic win against Malaysia’s So Wooi Yik and Aaron Chia and with this the pair moved up to No. 3 in the BWF World Rankings.

Egypt has won the Squash World Cup.

- Team Egypt won the SDAT-WSF Squash World Cup at Express Avenue Mall in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on June 17.
- Egypt won the trophy after defeating fourth-placed Malaysia 2-1 in the final. It is also noteworthy that Egypt won the World Cup in 2011.



Venus Williams wins Birmingham Classic

- World No. 697 Venus Williams defeats No. 48 Camila Giorgi at the Birmingham Classic tennis tournament on June 19. It was Williams’ first win against a top 50 player in four years.
- Seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus 43 defeated Giorgi 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (6). The match lasted three hours and 17 minutes.



Taipei Open Badminton Tournament Begins.

- The Taipei Open Badminton tournament begins on June 20 in Taipei, Taiwan, unified China.
- The Taipei Open Badminton Tournament begins on June 20 in Taiwan in unified China. HS Pranai will lead the Indian team in this tournament, according to the Indian Sports Department.

First player to play 200 international football matches.

- Cristiano Ronaldo became the first footballer to play 200 international matches with Portugal’s European Championship qualifier against Iceland on 20 June.
- He made his international debut in 2003 and became the first footballer to play 200 international matches and is also the highest international goalscorer.

Ryan Rasmi has won bronze at the Asian U21 Snooker Championship.

- India’s Rayan Razmi walked away with the bronze medal after losing 3-4 to Iran’s Milad Pourali Tarechhi in the Asian Under-21 Snooker Championship semi-final in the Iranian capital, Tehran.
- Pakistan’s Ahsan Ramzan has won the Asian Snooker Championship with a 5-2 victory in the 2023 championship.

Madhav Madan won India's first gold medal in swimming in the Special Olympics Games.

- Madhav Madan won the country's first gold medal in the swimming category at the Special Olympics Games held in Berlin, Germany with a time of 00:18.26 seconds.
- It is noteworthy that Madhav Madan won the gold medal and another Indian player Kritbhai Shankarbhai Chauhan won the bronze medal to increase India's medal tally.





AWARDS

RINL has been awarded the prestigious “Greentech Safety Award 2023”.

- RINL has received the prestigious “Greentech Safety Award 2023” under the Safety Excellence category for the year 2022-23 in recognition of its outstanding contribution towards improving workplace safety.



- The award was received on behalf of RINL by Sri AK Pakchi, Additional Director-in-Charge of the company from former Governor of Assam, Shri Jagadish Mukhi at the 21st Annual Greentech Awards on 30th May.

President of India Draupadi Murmu has been awarded Suriname’s highest civilian award.

- In Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname, Indian President Draupadi Murmu has been awarded the country’s highest civilian honour - “The Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star”.



- Suriname President Chandrika Persad Chandokhi honored our country’s President with this prestigious award and Draupadi Murmu is the first Indian President to receive this award.

An Indian writer has won the European Essay Prize for Lifetime Achievement.

- The Charles Whelan Foundation has announced the “45th European Essay Prize” for Lifetime Achievement to renowned Indian author Arundhati Roy.
- The Whelan Foundation said the prize was awarded for the French translation of

Arundhati Roy’s 2021 essays on the topic “Azaadi”.

The RBI Governor received the “Governor of the Year” award.

- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has been awarded the ‘Governor of the Year’ award by the Central Bank of London, England.



- The central bank said the award was given to him for leading the RBI’s important reforms, overseeing world-leading payments innovation and leading India through tough times with a consistent and well-crafted strategy

Shyam and Hari Parthia have received the “Global Leadership Awards” from the American Institute.



- The US-India Business Confederation (USIBC) has honoured Shyam and Hari Parthia, co-founders of the Jubilant Bhartia Group, with this year’s Global Leadership Award.
- USIBC Chairman said that application of deep scientific knowledge and integration of ethics with business practices has elevated this Indian group to the global stage.

Asian Fencing Championship – First Indian woman to win bronze medal

- Olympian Bhavani Devi became the first Indian to win a bronze medal at the Asian Fencing Championships in China.

- She lost to Uzbekistan's Zainab Taibekova 15-14 in the semi-finals to secure the bronze medal.

Vistara – won the ‘Best Airline in India and South Asia’ award for the third time in a row.

- Vistara has been ranked 16th globally in the 2023 World Aviation Awards by the international organisation Skytrax, up four places from last year.
- Vistara, a joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines, has won the ‘Best Airline in India and South Asia’ award for the third time in a row, showcasing the excellence of India’s aviation industry on the global stage.

The National Florence Nightingale Awards are presented by the President of India Murmu.

- Brigadier Amita Devrani and Major General Smita Devrani have been awarded National Florence Nightingale Awards by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu, in recognition of their service as Army Nurses for the year 2022 and 2023 respectively. This award has been presented to nearly 30 nurses.
- The award was instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and is given to recognize and appreciate the outstanding services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the community.



Some of the top awards have been given to women for their outstanding work.

- Lakshmi Narayanan, co-founder of Swatch Waste Picker Cooperative in Pune, Maharashtra, was awarded the Yashaswini Social Activist Award for making a positive and positive difference in society through her organisation.
- Dr. Sunitha Porte from Sangli has been awarded the prestigious Yashaswini Sahitya Literary Award for her literary skills in short stories and novels.

Sahitya Akademi Awards are given for various scholarships.

- The Sahitya Akademi Organization on June 24 announced its list of 22 Bal Sahitya Puraskar awardees and 20 Yuva Puraskar awardees for this year.
- In the Hindi language category, Suryanath Singh has been awarded the Paul Sahitya Puraskar for his collection of short stories ‘Koduk Ap’ and in Marathi, Eknath Avhat has been awarded the Paul Sahitya Puraskar for his film ‘Chand Dei Anand’.

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Ambedkar Law University has been awarded the Best State University Award.

- Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University was awarded the Best State University Award by Tamil Nadu Dairy Minister D. Posted by Mano Thangaraj on June 23.
- The award was presented at the Tamil Nadu Higher Education Summit in Chennai, India by the Confederation of Industry and Trade Associations in collaboration with The New Indian Express.

Greta Vikretha Gaurav has won the Samman Samaroh 2023 award.

- Union Health Ministry’s Department of Health and Family Welfare has been conferred the Great Vikreta Gaurav Samman Samaroh 2023 Award on June 26 in the category of “Highest Single Bid Procurement” in FY 22-23.
- The award ceremony is organized by the Government e-Marketplace Complex of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It was also mentioned in the program that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is leading the implementation of Make in India programme.

REC has been awarded a Golden Award by GeM.

- REC Limited has been awarded the Golden Award by GeM (Government e-Marketplace) in the 'Highest Single Bid Procurement' category for the financial year 2022-23 at the 'Great-Vikretha Gaurav Samman Samaro' held at Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi recently.
- The Golden Award was presented by Hon'ble Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry.



Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to be awarded France's highest civilian and military honour, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- Also former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela, King Charles - the Prince of Wales, former President joined the ranks of prominent world leaders. Among others are Angela Merkel of Germany, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.



Naval success in torpedo test to destroy underwater targets.

- On June 6, the Indian Navy successfully conducted an underwater target destruction test using a heavy duty torpedo developed by India under the Made in India programme.
- This missile, known as 'sea skimming', has the ability to attack and destroy a target floating in the sea from below. According to the Indian Navy, this missile has a range of almost 300 km and is capable of hitting the target.

India's industrial production rose 4.2% this year.

- Our country's industrial production grew by 4.2 percent in April this year, the Union Ministry of Statistics and Plan Implementation said in a report released on June 12.
- If this manufacturing growth continues, the country's GDP is expected to rise above what has already been projected by this year. Meanwhile, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) expanded as mining output rose by 5.1 percent, the report said.

Indian Army Team Participation in International Joint Peacekeeping Exercise X-Con Quest 2023



- The Indian Army contingent is participating in the international joint peacekeeping exercise X Khan Quest 2023 in Mongolia.
- The Indian Army is represented by a team from Garhwal Rifles. The 14-day exercise aims to improve the interoperability of the participating countries, share experience and train uniformed personnel for United Nations peacekeeping operations



The first Indian-origin Lord Mayor of Birmingham was appointed.

- British council “Saman Lal” is notable for being the “first British-Indian Sikh” to be sworn in as Lord Mayor of Birmingham.
- Born in Hoshiarpur, Punjab, he migrated to England in 1964 and became involved in politics and became a councillor.

Mr Bidyut Bihari Swain assumed charge as Member of Union Public Service Commission

- Mr Bidyut Bihari Swain took charge as a member of the UPSC on June 1. He was administered the oath of office by Dr. Manoj Soni, Chairman, UPSC.
- Bidyut Bihari Swain, who took charge of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Industries in 2021, has held the charge till May 2023.

IMD DG Mrityunjay Mohapatra selected as Vice President of World Meteorological Organization.



- India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Mrityunjay Mohapatra has been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on June 1.
- It is noteworthy that Odisha-based Mohapatra, who has been called the “Hurricane Man of India”, has been heading the country’s Chief Meteorological Office since 2019.

Argentina’s Celeste Salo has been appointed as the first woman president in the history of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

- Celeste Salo from Argentina has been appointed as the first woman Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- Salo has won the Congress of the “UN Climate and Meteorological Organization” by a landslide in the recent elections held in Geneva. Salo has served as director of Argentina’s “National Meteorological Service” since 2014.

Janardhan was appointed as the new Director General of Geological Survey of India.

- Janardhan Prasad was appointed as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) on June 2.
- It is to be noted that prior to this, he has been the “Additional Director & Head of Department (ADG & HoD) South Region since June 2020 and Chairman, Technical and Costing Committee (TCC) of National Mineral Exploration Trust.

Jane Marriott” was appointed as the first female British ambassador to Pakistan.

- The UK appointed senior officer Jane Marriott as the next British High Commissioner to Pakistan on June 15. With this appointment, she has earned the status of “First British Female Ambassador” to Islamabad, Pakistan.
- He was appointed to this post because of his outstanding handling of Britain’s international affairs vis-a-vis Iraq and Afghanistan in the past, the High Commission said in the statement.

Ravi Sinha has been appointed as the head of India’s spy agency, RAW

- Ibis officer Ravi Sinha has been appointed as the head of India’s spy agency “RAW” by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- He is currently working as a Special

Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat.

- It is to be noted that the current “RA” president, Samant Goyal, is set to complete his four-year tenure on June 30.

Swaminathan Janakiraman appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI

- Swaminathan Janakiraman has been appointed as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India for 3 years.
- Janakiraman is currently serving as the Managing Director of State Bank of India.





**IMPORTANT
DAYS**

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

- June 4 is observed every year to highlight to the world the physical and mental pain children around the world suffer.
- The day reaffirms the UN's important commitment to protecting children's rights and is expected to significantly prevent child abuse worldwide.
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World Environment Day 2023

- World Environment Day is celebrated on 5th June every year to draw attention to environmental issues and create awareness among the people to protect the environment.



- The theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'Beat Plastic Pollution' to focus on solutions to plastic pollution and take action.
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World Food Security Day 2023

- World Food Security Day is observed on June 7 every year to ensure that food is prepared, distributed and consumed to ensure adequate nutrition and good health.
- This year's theme is Food Standards Save Lives.

World Oceans Day 2023

- World Oceans Day is observed every year on June 8 to raise awareness among people around the world about the importance of seas and oceans and ways to protect them.
- The day was recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008. This

year's theme is 'Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing'.



World Brain Tumour Day 2023

- World Brain Tumor Day is observed annually on June 8 to raise awareness among individuals about brain tumor, one of the world's most dangerous diseases. An abnormal growth around the brain is called a brain tumor.



World Recognition Day 2023

- World Recognition Day is observed on June 09 every year to promote the value of World Recognition and honour its noble mission.
- This day is established by ILAC and IAF. This year's theme is Accreditation: Supporting the future of global trade.

WORLD ACCREDITATION DAY
ACCREDITATION:
SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL TRADE



World Day Against Child Labour 2023

- The Day Against Child Labor is observed every year on June 12 to highlight the plight of children involved in hard and mundane occupations to the world and to mobilize people's activities as a catalyst for a global movement against child labour.
- The day was first observed by the International Labor Organization (ILO) in 2002. Social Justice for All. End Child Labour! is the theme for this year.



World Blood Donor Day 2023

- World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on June 14 to honor the selfless acts of voluntary blood donors and to create awareness among people about the blood shortage in the world.



- The day was first officially celebrated by the World Health Organization in 2005 and is observed every year. Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often is the theme for this year.

Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023



- Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15 every year with the aim of protecting the elderly from mental, physical and emotional abuse. And this day was officially established by the United Nations

General Assembly in 2011.

- This year's theme is Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law, and Evidence-based Responses.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2023

- The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on 17 June to raise public awareness about international efforts to combat desertification in various places.
- "Her land. Her Land. Her Rights" is the theme for this year

Autistic Pride Day 2023.

- Every year June 18th is observed as "Autistic Pride Day" to create awareness among the public about Autism Spectrum Disorder and to make the world understand the need to end discrimination against those born with this disorder.
- The theme for this year is "Changing the Narrative: Contributions at Home, at Work, in the Arts and in Policymaking".

World Refugee Day 2023

- World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 every year to highlight to the world efforts to strengthen the protection of refugees after conflict and persecution and support them in restarting their lives.
- Hope away from home is the theme for this year.

9th International Day of Yoga-2023



- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has been celebrating June 21 as International Yoga Day since 2015.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will preside over the Yoga Day event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York
- The theme of the year 2023 is – "Yoga For Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

World Hydrographic Day 2023

- World Hydrography Day is observed every year on 21 June to promote understanding and awareness of hydrography among people and to appreciate the importance of this branch of hydrography in the advanced study of rivers, lakes, seas and oceans.

- “Hydrography – Underpinning the Digital Twin of the Ocean” is the theme for this year.

Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises Day 2023

- The United Nations General Assembly has declared June 27 as the “Day of Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises” to create awareness among the people of the world about the enormous contribution of such enterprises in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
- “Future-ready MSMEs for India@100” is the theme for this year



National Statistics Day 2023

- To commemorate and recognize the significant contributions made by Professor (late) Prashanth Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics and economic planning, the Government of India observes 29th June every year as National Statistics Day.
- “Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals” is the theme of this year’s Statistics Day.



International Tropical Day 2023

- International Tropical Climate Day is observed every year on 29 June to raise global awareness of the unique challenges and opportunities facing tropical regions and to embrace and recognize the extraordinary diversity of the tropics.
- This day provides an opportunity to take forward progress across regions, including the tropics, and acknowledge the region’s diversity and potential.



Plan to build India's "first net zero carbon village" in Bhiwandi.

- Union Minister of State Kapil Patil has announced that India's "first net zero carbon village" is being developed in Bhiwandi taluk in Maharashtra's Thane district
- Through this, 121 tribal villages are being developed as model villages of this project, he said. It is noteworthy that before this a school village in the state of Jammu and Kashmir had emerged as the first net zero carbon panchayat.

Launch of "Asia's Largest Cluster Development Project" in Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "Asia's largest, most historic and ambitious cluster development project has been launched in Thane.
- The project aims at the development of "well-equipped healthcare, sports, education, recreation and civic amenities" in the plan for re-engineered urbanisation. Shinde said the project was created for joint redevelopment of unauthorized and official dangerous buildings, mainly after the "Sairaj Building" collapse that claimed 18 lives.

Inauguration of "Glass Fiber Infrastructure Project" in Kerala.

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the Kerala Fiber Optic Network project on June 5 at Sankaranarayan Thambi Mandapam of the State Legislative Assembly.
- The project aims to ensure affordable internet access for all in the state and provide free internet to more than twenty lakh poor families.

The National Yoga Olympiad is planned to be organized in Madhya Pradesh.

- National Yoga Olympiad The central government has planned to organize the 9th International Congress of Yoga at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh on June 21.
- This National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated by Governor Mangu Bhai Patel

in Bhopal on June 18. It is also significant that this is the first time that the National Yoga Olympiad is being held outside the national capital, Delhi.

First Infinity Center of Kerala Start-up Scheme (KSUM) launched.

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the first Infinity Center of the Kerala Start-Up Program (KSUM) in Dubai on June 18.
- The center is designed with the aim of setting common goals across the globe to strengthen the ecosystem through new start-up companies.

New Center for AYUSH Health Services and Research opened in Goa.

- The Union Ministry of AYUSH has launched a new centre for health and AYUSH research services at Ribandar in Goa in July 2023.
- The AYUSH Ministry said the centre was launched with the aim of providing high-quality healthcare services at affordable cost to the public in the state and promoting research in traditional medicine. A library, a museum and a laboratory to study marine medicines have also been started.

2023 JUNE MONTH QUESTIONS

1) Recently, a gold plate and gold ornaments were found at Vembakottai located in _____ district

- A. Tirunelveli
- B. Virudhunagar
- C. Villupuram
- D. Dindigul

2) Where was a new gallery dedicated to the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War opened?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dhaka
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

3) India-EU Connectivity Summit was held in _____

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. New Delhi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Meghalaya

4) Consider the following statements

- 1) PM Street Vendors' Atma Nirbar Nithi (PM SVANidhi) was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- 2) It aims to provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors who have been badly affected by the Covid-19 lockdown to restart their livelihoods.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

5) Consider the following statements

- 1) Goparthan aims to assess investment and contribution to the natural gas and CBG sector at the Indian level.
- 2) It will act as a web repository to streamline the process of setting up CBG/Natural Gas plants in India.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A. Only 1 is correct
- B. Only 2 is correct
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

6) Karnali River is also known as _____

- A. Gagara
- B. Gangtok
- C. Kosi
- D. Brahmaputra

7) India will be the largest exporter of _____ by 2030

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran
- D. Sri Lanka

8) Chindan Shivir was implemented by _____

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Railways
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Finance

9) India and _____ signed an agreement on Coral Reef Based Development Projects (HICDP).

- A. Mauritius
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

10) National Bosan Week festival was celebrated on _____

- A. Nepal
- B. Indonesia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Sri Lanka

11) MBR Explorer is a space exploration mission of _____.

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. United States of America
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Russia

The answer is c

12) _____ has won the post of President of World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

- A. India
- B. Indonesia
- C. Bangladesh
- D. United Arab Emirates

13) _____ is planning to hold the “International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Meeting” in 2025.

- A. United States of America
- B. United Kingdom
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. India

14) ANTARDRIHSTI Portal was launched with the objective of facilitating _____

- A. Empowerment of women
- B. Fundraising
- C. Universal health care
- D. Insurance for Unorganized Sector Workers

15) Amrit Darohar and Mishti aim to revive _____

- A. Forest and wetlands in India
- B. Biodiversity of India
- C. Coastal ecosystem
- D. Himalayan ecosystem

16) 62 drought tolerant vascular plant species were recently discovered in _____

- A. Eastern Ghats
- B. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- C. The Himalayas
- D. Western Ghats

17) Suriname’s highest civilian award was given to _____

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Draupadi Murmu
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Rajnath Singh

18) _____ ranks first in National Institutional Framework (NIRF) rankings for 2023

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Ahmedabad
- C. IIT Allahabad
- D. IISC Bangalore

19) India ranks _____ in the list of most polluted countries

- A. 2nd
- B. 3rd
- C. 4th
- D. 5th

20) Bahnen-Tournee 2023 is associated with which sport?

- A. Long jump
- B. Javelin throwing
- C. Boxing
- D. Cycling

21) Veer Chotrani is associated with which sport?

- A. Tennis
- B. Squash
- C. Badminton
- D. Cricket

22) Manjeet is associated with which sport?

- A. Boxing
- B. Wrestling
- C. Squash
- D. Cricket

23) Manisha is associated with which sport?

- A. Boxing
- B. Wrestling
- C. Squash
- D. Badminton

24) World Milk Day is observed on _____

- A. 1 June
- B. 2 June
- C. 3 June
- D. June 4

25) Telangana state formation day is celebrated on _____

- A. 1 June
- B. 2 June
- C. 3 June
- D. 4 June

26) World Bicycle Day is observed all over the world on _____.

- A. 1 June
- B. 2 June
- C. 3 June
- D. 4 June

27) The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on _____.

- A. 1 June
- B. 2 June
- C. 3 June
- D. 4 June

28) World Environment Day is celebrated on _____

- A. 2 June
- B. 3 June
- C. 4 June
- D. 5 June

29) World Food Security Day is observed on _____.

- A. June 5
- B. June 6
- C. June 7
- D. June 8

30) India's "First Net Zero Carbon Village" will be developed in _____

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

31) The fibre optic infrastructure project will be launched in _____

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana

32) World Oceans Day is observed on _____

- A. June 07
- B. June 08
- C. June 09
- D. June 10

33) Consider the following statements

- 1) The undersea cable project aims to improve connectivity in the Indo-Pacific region and connect the island nations of Eastern Micronesia.
- 2) Japan, USA and Australia have joined this project

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1 is correct
- B. Only 2 is correct
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

34) _____ ranks first in the National Food Security Index.

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

35) The World Development Report is published by _____

- A. IMF
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. World Bank
- D. UNDP

36) ONGC plans to open a National Disaster Mitigation Center at _____.

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Andhra Pradesh

37) World Brain Tumour Day is observed on _____

- A. June 07
- B. June 08
- C. June 09
- D. June 10

38) Observe the following statements regarding Agni Pratham Missile

- 1) Agni Prime is a ballistic missile capable of operating with a dual navigation and guidance system.
- 2) Agni Prime is notable as it is the sixth missile in the Agni missile line.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1 is correct
- B. Only 2 is correct
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Neither 1 nor 2 are correct

39) Amrit Generation is an initiative of ____

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Finance

40) Where are the fossils of organisms found that lived in Earth's "ancient waterways" 6 billion years ago?

- A. America
- B. Australia
- C. England
- D. India

41) World Recognition Day is observed every year on ____ to promote the value of World Recognition and honour its noble mission.

- A. June 08
- B. June 09
- C. June 10
- D. June 11

42) In this year's Food Security Index, the Union Territory (UT) has ranked ____ at the top position.

- A. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Puducherry
- D. New Delhi

43) Purpose of Sagar Samriti is to

- A. Capacity building of the Ministry of Shipping
- B. Construction of roads in coastal areas
- C. Port leading development
- D. Improving the mangrove ecosystem

44) Which of the following countries is the number one in global digital money transactions?

- A. China
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. America
- D. India

45) Where is the National Archives of India located?

- A. Chennai
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mumbai
- D. New Delhi

46) Consider the following statements

- 1) The country's oil export and import costs are low
- 2) Energy conservation
- 3) Better air quality
- 4) Low carbon emissions

Which of the above are the advantages of using ethanol blended fuel?

- A. 1,2&4 only
- B. 2,3&4 only
- C. 1,2,&3 only
- D. 1,2,3&4

47) World Day Against Child Labor is observed on ____.

- A. June 11
- B. June 12
- C. June 13
- D. June 14

48) Who among the following won the title of Surbiton?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Andy Murray
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal

49) Who among the following won the French Open tennis?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Andy Murray
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal

50) Which country won the 2023 Women's Junior Asia Hockey Cup?

- A. South Korea
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Japan

51) _____ has emerged as the 4th largest investor in India

- A. US
- B. UK
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Russia

52) Where is the 4th and final Education Working Group (EdWG) conference held under the G20 leadership of India?

- A. Pune
- B. Mumbai
- C. Puducherry
- D. New Delhi

53) The _____ organisation has approved a low-cost indigenously developed tissue engineering drug from mammalian organs.

- A. Drug Controller of India
- B. Union Ministry of Health
- C. Union Ministry of Drugs and Fertilizer Control
- D. Central Medical Association

54) "X Equerine" is a joint military exercise between India and _____

- A. England
- B. Maldives
- C. China
- D. Indonesia

55) World Blood Donor Day is celebrated from which year

- A. 2002
- B. 2004
- C. 2005
- D. 2007

56) World Wind Day is observed in 2023

- A. June 13
- B. June 14
- C. June 15
- D. June 16

57) _____ won gold in the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championship

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Uzbekistan

58) Where was the G 20 summit of 2023 held?

- A. Indonesia
- B. India
- C. America
- D. Germany

59) Consider the following statements

- 1) Indian Law app can be used in 6 languages
- 2) It is designed to provide legal assistance to citizens from their homes in a great way

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A. Only 1 is correct
- B. Only 2 is correct
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Both statements are wrong

60) Purpose of Y-Break is to

- A. Reducing stress
- B. Capacity building of rural youth
- C. Providing incentives to women
- D. Conservation of cultural symbols

61) Dana Bani initiative for conservation of birds and animals is implemented by _____

- A. B.S.F
- B. Indian Army
- C. Assam Rifles
- D. Indian Air Force

62) Elder abuse is observed on _____

- A. June 13
- B. June 14
- C. June 15
- D. June 16

63) The World Bank has announced the launch of its first dedicated road safety project in South Asia with the government of _____.

- A. Nepal
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar

64) Anney International Animation Festival is held in _____

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Italy
- D. United States of America

65) Which is the first state in India to have the highest wind power capacity?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Andhra Pradesh

66) In which state is the traditional festival of Vihu Kuh held?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Nagaland
- D. Meghalaya

67) Where is India's Ju20 Science-20 Conference going to be held?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Mumbai

68) Which state has won the 4th National Water Award?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

69) Which Indian writer won the European Essay Prize for Lifetime Achievement?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Salman Rushdie
- C. Vikram Seth
- D. Kiran Desai

70) Varun Tomar is associated with which sport?

- A. Long jump
- B. Shooting
- C. Athletics
- D. Hockey

71) World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed

- A. June 15
- B. June 16
- C. June 17
- D. June 18

72) Observed as Autistic Pride Day

- A. June 15
- B. June 16
- C. June 17
- D. June 18

73) Who has been awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Barack Obama
- C. Emmanuel Macron
- D. Gita Press

74) Where was the joint international peacekeeping exercise X-Con Quest 2023 held?

- A. China
- B. Indonesia
- C. India
- D. Mongolia

75) Abhishek Verma is associated with which sport?

- A. Athletics
- B. Archery
- C. Javelin throwing
- D. Shooting

76) Who won the Nottingham Open?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Roger Federer
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Andy Murray

77) International Yoga Day is observed on

- A. June 20
- B. June 21
- C. June 22
- D. June 23

78) World Hydrographic Day is observed on

- A. June 20
- B. June 21
- C. June 22
- D. June 23

79) Where is North India's first skin bank set up?

- A. Kolkata
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Pune

80) Where was the INDUS X conference held?

- A. New York
- B. Chicago
- C. Washington
- D. London

81) _____ has topped the list of world's most liveable cities for 2023.

- A. London
- B. Tokyo
- C. Vienna
- D. New Delhi

Ans c

82) International Olympic Day is observed on

- A. June 22
- B. June 23
- C. June 24
- D. June 25

Ans b

83) What is the purpose of the 'Eyelids' project?

- A. Protection of girl child from sexual crimes
- B. To improve the education of girl child
- C. Empowering women
- D. Providing incentives to women

84) What is the purpose of the Artemis project?

- A. An unmanned lunar mission in action
- B. Exploration of resources on Mars
- C. Exploring Saturn
- D. Exploring the Solar System

85) Project Artemis is an initiative of which research institute?

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. European Union Agency
- D. Japan Agency

86) India has an agreement with _____ for accredited economists?

- A. England
- B. America
- C. Canada
- D. United Arab Emirates

87) Udyami Bharat – MSME Day is observed on

- A. June 25
- B. June 26
- C. June 27
- D. June 28

88) Where is the Summit for Global New Financial Deal to be held?

- A. France
- B. Chicago
- C. New York
- D. New Zealand

89) National Florence Nightingale Award was established in which year?

- A. 1971
- B. 1972
- C. 1973
- D. 1974

90) National Florence Nightingale Award is given to which department?

- A. Nurses
- B. Football players
- C. Cricketers
- D. Women entrepreneurs

91) Ryan Rasmi is associated with which sport?

- A. Squash
- B. Snooker
- C. Football
- D. Badminton

92) United Nations Public Service Day is observed on ____

- A. June 22
- B. June 23
- C. June 24
- D. June 25

93) Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises Day is observed on

- A. June 26
- B. June 27
- C. June 28
- D. June 29

94) International Tropical Day is observed on

- A. June 26
- B. June 27
- C. June 28
- D. June 29

95) India has been ranked ____ globally in its Energy Transition Index released by the World Economic Forum on 28 June.

- A. 65
- B. 67
- C. 99
- D. 110

96) Where was the Green Hydrogen International Conference held?

- A. Chennai
- B. America
- C. Mumbai
- D. New Delhi

97) What is the purpose of a cyber alert app?

- A. Prevention of crimes
- B. Providing incentives to women
- C. Encouraging development of e-governance
- D. Abolition of child labour

98) According to QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings, IIT Bombay is ranked at which number?

- A. 145
- B. 149
- C. 152
- D. 153

99) Consider the following statements

- 1) Purpose of Sagar Samajik Sahayak To develop new guidelines for Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- 2) These new guidelines empower ports and related sector organisations to undertake CSR activities directly.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only statement 1 is correct
- B. Only statement 2 is correct
- C. Both statements are correct
- D. Both statements are wrong

100) National Statistics Day is observed as?

- A. June 27
- B. June 28
- C. June 29
- D. June 30

Answers:

1	B	21	B	41	B	61	A	81	C
2	B	22	B	42	B	62	C	82	B
3	B	23	B	43	A	63	C	83	A
4	C	24	A	44	D	64	A	84	A
5	C	25	B	45	D	65	B	85	A
6	A	26	C	46	A	66	A	86	D
7	A	27	D	47	B	67	A	87	C
8	B	28	D	48	B	68	B	88	A
9	D	29	C	49	C	69	A	89	C
10	D	30	B	50	C	70	B	90	A
11	C	31	B	51	C	71	C	91	B
12	D	32	B	52	A	72	D	92	B
13	C	33	C	53	D	73	D	93	B
14	B	34	A	54	B	74	D	94	D
15	A	35	C	55	C	75	B	95	B
16	D	36	C	56	C	76	D	96	D
17	B	37	B	57	A	77	B	97	A
18	A	38	C	58	B	78	B	98	B
19	C	39	B	59	C	79	B	99	C
20	D	40	B	60	A	80	C	100	C