

English Current Affairs – 25/06/2018

National News

- The **Indian** government is trying to make the **Chabahar Port in Iran** to become operational by **2019**.
 - o Iran and India, in February 2018, signed an agreement worth \$85 million to develop Chabahar Port in south-eastern Iran.
- The two-day East India Climate Change conclave was organised in Patna which was jointly inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Harsh Vardhan.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Mohanpura irrigation project in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh on June 23 during his day long visit to the state.

International News

• India and Cuba have signed two MoUs in the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homoeopathy.

Awards

• Veteran Bollywood actor Prem Chopra was honoured with the Living Legend Prize at the 25th annual Bharat Nirman awards in Kolkata.

Sports News

- Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal clinched the gold medal in men's 50 meter breaststroke event with a timing of 27:59 seconds at the Singapore National Swimming Championships in Singapore.
- India's R Praggnanandhaa has become the country's youngest and the world's second youngest Grand Master at the age of 12 years, 10 months and 13 days after reaching the final round of the ongoing Grendine Open in Italy.
- Ukraine's Sergey Karjakin remains the youngest ever GM, having achieved the feat at the age of 12 years and seven months in 2002.
- India's Amit Kumar Saroha has clinched the gold medal in the men's club throw F51 event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Tunisia.

Science and Technology

• India's newest and first robotic telescope called GROWTH-India has been launched at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh.

Important Days

- June 23: International Widows' Day
 - o International Widows Day is a **global awareness day** that takes place annually on June 23.
 - o The day was launched by the **United Nations in 2010** to **raise** awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries following the death of their spouses.

