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English Current Affairs 21/06/2018

National News

- **Shillong**, the capital city of **Meghalaya** has been selected as **100th Smart City**, to receive funding under the **Centre's flagship Smart Cities Mission**, after evaluating the proposal submitted by it.
- The **5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization** was held in **New Delhi**. It was organized by Department of **Commerce** and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- The **Telangana** police have launched a **mobile-based** messenger application named '**Cop Connect**' dedicated to provide real-time information to over **60,000 police officers across the State**.
- The **Punjab Government** has launched a mobile application named '**i-Hariyali**' aimed at increasing the **state's green cover**. The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.

International News

- **Nikki Haley**, the **US Permanent Representative to the United Nations** announced the **withdrawal** of the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), accusing the council of bias against **US ally Israel**.

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- US scientists have unveiled the world's most powerful and smartest scientific **supercomputer** named '**Summit**' that can complete over **200,000 trillion** calculations per second - providing unprecedented computing power for research in energy, advanced materials and artificial intelligence (AI).

Appointment

- Famed Indian composer and singer-songwriter **A.R. Rahman** has been appointed the **brand ambassador of the Sikkim government for a year**.

Awards

- **Miss Anukreethy Vas** from **Tamil Nadu** was declared the **winner** of the **55th edition of Femina Miss India 2018** pageant held at **Dome, NSCI Stadium, Mumbai**.
 - Miss **Meenakshi Chaudhary** from **Haryana** and Miss **Shreya Rao** from **Andhra Pradesh** bagged the **first and second runner up** positions respectively.

Important Days

- **World Refugee Day: 20 June**
 - World Refugee Day is observed every year by the people on **20th June** in order to **raise the public awareness about refugee's** situations throughout the world.
 - The **Theme** of World Refugee Day 2018 is: "**Now more than ever, we need to stand #WithRefugees**"
- **International Yoga Day: 21 June**
 - The **4th International Yoga Day** is being celebrated across the globe today. In India Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** led thousands of people

in performing yoga asanas, in the main event organised at **Forest Research Institute in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**

- The **theme** for Yoga Day 2018 is "**Yoga for Harmony and Peace**".


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