

# **English Current Affairs 22/06/2018**

## **National News**

- The state **government** of **Tamil Nadu** has set up a **Staff Rationalisation Committee** in an attempt to **downsize its workforce.** 
  - o The Committee will be headed by **S. Audseshiah**, a retired Principal Secretary of the state government.
- The world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics was launched at Gandhinagar in Gujarat.
- The International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF) will facilitate better management of bodies during emergencies such as disasters. It was inaugurated at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University (GFSU).
- 7th India Minerals and Metals forum was inaugurated in New Delhi on June 21.
- Under 'India Smart Cities Award' 2018, Surat has been awarded for showcasing "great momentum" in the implementation of projects under the Smart Cities Mission, according to the Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry.
  - Bhopal and Ahmedabad were selected in the 'Innovative Idea'
    category for their "transformative approach towards sustainable
    integrated development".

### **International News**

- Canadian Parliament has passed a "historic" bill legalizing the recreational use of marijuana nationwide, becoming the second country in the world to do so.
- India and Tajikistan have reaffirmed their commitment to promote bilateral relations and agreed to enhance economic cooperation, particularly in sustainable water development.

# **Appointment**

• Jammu and Kashmir Governor NN Vohra has appointed IAS officer BVR Subrahmanyam as the new Chief Secretary of the state.

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## **Awards**

- Vishwas Mandlik of Nashik and The Yoga Institute in Mumbai are the recipients of the 2018 Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga.
  - Mandlik won the award in the category Individual National and The Yoga Institute won in the category Organisation – National.
- 800 differently-abled people from across India attempted to set a Guinness World Record for 'Largest Silent Yoga Class' in Ahmedabad on the occasion of 4th International Yoga Day.

#### **Books**

• The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has received the

book "Vedvigyan Alok" (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet – Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) authored by Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik.

o The Book Vedvigyan Alok is the scriptural verse in Vedas' prose.

