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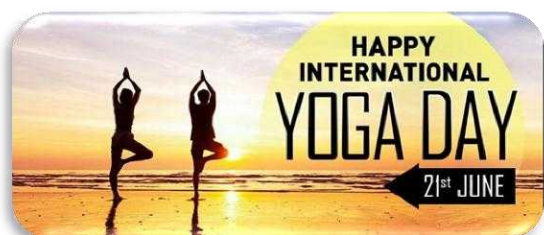
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## National News

### June 01

1. How many women are take part in India's first all-women crew to fly a medium-lift helicopter Mi-17 V5?

**Answer :** Three

**Explanation :**

- Three women officers of **Indian Air Force** were part of India's first all-women crew to fly a medium-lift helicopter Mi-17 V5.
- Flight Lieutenant **Parul Bhardwaj** (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) were three women IAF officers flew the chopper, which took off from a forward air base in South Western air command.

2. Where is the Nandankanan Zoological Park located?

**Answer :** Odisha

**Explanation :**

- Binny, a 41-year-old orangutan, at **Odisha's Nandankanan Zoological Park** died on **29 May following a prolonged illness**. She was suffering from cold and old age related respiratory tract issues. Accordingly, the treatment was going on.

### June 02

1. Who is the chief minister of Rajasthan?

**Answer :** Ashok Gehlot

**Explanation :**

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** announced the banned on the **sale of e-cigarettes in Rajasthan**. Gehlot issued the order on the occasion of **World No Tobacco Day on May 31**.
- The government had banned the **online or offline sale, storage, production, distribution, and advertisement of e-cigarettes** in the state.

2. Where is Valai island located?

**Answer :** Gulf of Mannar.

**Explanation :**

- The invasive **Kappaphycus alvarezii seaweed**, which smothers and kills coral reefs, has spread its wings to coral reef areas in **Valai island in the Gulf of Mannar (GoM)** and set to invade new coral colonies in the marine national park.
- **Macrofaunal and fish density decreased** when Kappaphycus cover increased.

### June 03

1. How many universities are incorporated under the scheme of Assam government for the the parental income limit to waive admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level ?

**Answer :** 5

**Explanation :**

- Assam government has hiked the parental income limit to waive admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level. Student's whose parental income is less than 2 lakh rupees per year can avail the benefits.

- All provincialized government colleges and 5 universities are incorporated under the scheme.

2. When was the fifth Telangana State Formation Day celebrated?

**Answer :** June 2, 2019.

**Explanation :**

- June 2, 2019, marks the fifth Telangana **State Formation Day**. On 2 June 2014, the area was separated from the northwestern part of Andhra Pradesh as the newly formed 29th state with Hyderabad as its historic permanent capital.
- It is also known as India's youngest state.

3. Who launched the Scheme “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana” to all Eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding?

**Answer :** Modi.

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana** to all eligible farmer families, irrespective of the size of their landholding. The scheme for farmers was launched by Modi on February 24.

#### **June 04**

1. Who launch the a mobile application to enable people to locate yoga events on International Yoga Day on June 21?

**Answer :** AYUSH Ministry.

**Explanation :**

- **Ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21, the AYUSH Ministry** has launched a mobile application to enable people to locate yoga events, centres providing training and instructors.
- Yoga locator- a map-based location app, will also enable yoga instructors to register themselves and reach out to a large number of people.

2. Which state implement the act of planting the tree for the license of arms?

**Answer :** Madhya Pradesh.

**Explanation :**

- **In Madhya Pradesh, in a unique kind of initiative, the tree will now have to be planted for the license of arms. It has now been started from Gwalior, but it can be implemented in other districts as well.**
- After planting the tree, the applicant of license has to take care of it for a month and then will take a selfie with plant and submit along with application form for the license.

3. Which state has accorded the status of “legal person or entity” to animals?

**Answer :** Haryana.

**Explanation :**

- The Punjab and Haryana High Court has accorded the status of “legal person or entity” to animals in Haryana.
- It has granted them the “corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person”.

#### **June 05**

1. Who will pay a two-day visit to the Maldives from 8th of June.?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi.

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two-day visit to the Maldives from 8th of June.** This will be the first overseas visit of Prime Minister Modi after his re-election.
- Prime Minister Modi will also visit Sri Lanka on 9th of this month.

2. What is the estimation of Food grains production for the agricultural year 2018-19?

**Answer :** 283 million tonnes .

**Explanation :**

- **Food grains production for the agricultural year 2018-19** has been estimated at over **283 million tonnes**. It is higher by over 17 million tonnes than the previous five years average production of food grain.
- As per the third advance estimates the rice production is estimated at an all-time high of over 115 million tonnes during 2018-19, beating the previous record of over 112 million tonnes achieved in the 2017-18 crop year

3. What is the name of the scheme introduced by the Rajasthan government to increase the financial assistance given to school girls ?

**Answer :** Aapki Beti.

**Explanation :**

- **The Rajasthan government** has increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the '**Aapki Beti**' scheme.
- The amount has been increased to 2,100 from Rs 1,100 for the girls studying in class 1 to 8 and for the girls in class 9 to 12, the financial aid has been increased to Rs 2,500 from Rs 1,500.

**June 06**

1. Who initiate Go Green?

**Answer :** Indian Army.

**Explanation :**

- As part of it's countrywide 'Go Green' initiative, the Indian Army commissioned a "**Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS)**" at Fort William Military Station, Kolkata.
- General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, commissioned the system, which monitors air pollution on a real-time basis.

2. Who signed a technical assistance agreement with the Airports Authority of India?

**Answer :** Boeing.

**Explanation :**

- **Boeing has signed a technical assistance agreement with the Airports Authority of India (AAI)** to jointly develop a comprehensive 10-year roadmap for modernising air traffic management in India.
- The roadmap is expected to be developed within 18 months and it will be undertaken with a grant from the United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA).

3. What is the percent of the World Bank retained its forecast of India's growth rate for the current financial year?

**Answer :** 7.5 per cent.

**Explanation :**

- The **World Bank retained its forecast of India's growth rate at 7.5 per cent** for the current financial year. In its Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank also said growth rate is expected to remain the same for the next two fiscals.
- According to the report, private consumption and investment will benefit from strengthening credit growth amid more accommodative monetary policy, with inflation having fallen below the Reserve Bank of India's target.

### **June 07**

1. Who attended the two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank governors in Japan on June 8 and 9?

**Answer :** Nirmala Sitharaman.

**Explanation :**

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers** and Central Bank governors in Japan on June 8 and 9. This will be the first overseas visit of Ms Sitharaman as Finance Minister.
- Besides Ms Sitharaman, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is also likely to attend the meeting at Fukuoka in Japan.

2. Who sets up two Cabinet committees to deal with the two critical issues?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi.

**Explanation :**

- In a bid to spur investment and create new employment opportunities, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi set up two Cabinet committees to deal with the two critical issues.**
- Both the panels, respectively on Investment and Growth and on Employment and Skill Development, will be headed by the prime minister.

### **June 08**

1. Who inaugurated the exhibition titled Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art at National Museum in New Delhi?

**Answer :** Prahalad Singh Patel.

**Explanation :**

- **Culture Minister Prahalad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition titled 'Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art' at National Museum in New Delhi.**
- The Exhibition is being jointly organised by the National Museum and Home of Folk Art, Gurugram in which more than 240 artefacts will be on display.

2. Who is the external affairs minister?

**Answer :** S Jaishankar.

**Explanation :**

- **Our external Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** will embark on a two-day visit to Bhutan. This is Mr Jaishankar's first overseas visit after assuming charge of the Ministry.
- During the visit, Mr Jaishankar will call on Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering and meet his counterpart Tandi Dorji.

3. What is the current repo rate?

**Answer :** 5.75 per cent.

**Explanation :**

- **The Reserve bank of India in its bi-monthly monetary policy review today reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75 per cent** from 6.0 per cent with immediate effect.



- Consequently, the reverse repo rate stands adjusted to 5.50 per cent, and the marginal standing facility rate and the Bank Rate to 6.0 per cent.

### **June 09**

1. Who resigned the British Prime Minister post?

**Answer :** Theresa.

**Explanation :**

- **British Prime Minister Theresa** has officially stepped down as the leader of the Conservative Party but will remain as Prime Minister until her successor is chosen. She had announced to resign on 24th of last month.
- May has stepped down amid mounting pressure over her repeatedly defeated Brexit deal.

2. Who organize the Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace?

**Answer :** Indian Embassy.

**Explanation :**

- **To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Embassy in Saudi organized 'Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace'** in association with the Diplomatic Quarter Authority and Saudi Cycling Federation.
- The rally was flagged off by DrAusaf Sayeed, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

3. How much penalty imposed by the reserve bank of india to kotak Mahindra bank?

**Answer :** Rs 2 crore.

**Explanation :**

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank** for non-compliance of directions.
- The Central Bank had in March directed Kotak Mahindra Bank to furnish information about details of the shares held by its promoters and to submit details of the proposed course of action/ plans/ strategy for complying with the permitted timeline for dilution of promoter shareholding.

### **June 10**

1. Who is the Commerce and Industry Minister?

**Answer :** Piyush Goyal.

**Explanation :**

- **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal is leading the Indian delegation for the two-day G20 Ministerial meeting** on Trade and Digital Economy beginning at Tsukuba city in Japan.
- Mr. Goyal will discuss developments in the global trade situation, WTO matters, and digital trade.

2. How much rupees per year were given to the eligible farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme?

**Answer :** six thousand rupees.

**Explanation :**

- The government has notified its decision to extend the benefit of six thousand rupees per year to eligible farmers under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.**
- The decision will benefit all 14.5 crore farmers, irrespective of the size of their landholding, in the country.



### June 11

1. How much amount the country's foreign exchange reserves increased in the week ending May 31?  
**Answer :** 1.875 billion.  
**Explanation :**
  - **The country's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 1.875 billion to USD 421.867 billion in the week ending May 31.**
  - Reserve Bank weekly data released showed that foreign currency assets, which is a major component of the overall reserves, rose by USD 1.946 billion to USD 394.134 billion.
2. How much percent of imports declined from Pakistan to India?  
**Answer :** 92 per cent.  
**Explanation :**
  - **Imports from Pakistan to India has declined by 92 per cent to 2.84 million US dollars in March this year.**
  - The reason behind this decline is the imposition of 200 per cent customs duties on all products following Pulwama terror attack.
3. Which Metro became the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant?  
**Answer :** Delhi.  
**Explanation :**
  - Delhi Metro became the first ever project in the country to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant. The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur.

### June 12

1. Where did the 45th summit of the G7 group of countries will take place from August 24 to August 26?  
**Answer :** France.  
**Explanation :**
  - **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accepted an invitation from French President Emmanuel Macron** to attend the outreach session of the G7 Summit in Biarritz as a special invitee.
  - The 45th summit of the G7 group of countries will take place from August 24 to August 26 in Biarritz, France.
2. When did the government decided to implement the BS VI norms with effect?  
**Answer :** 1st April 2020.  
**Explanation :**
  - **Bharat Stage-VI (BS - VI) norms for two-wheelers have been released.**
  - In order to curb air pollution through the vehicular emissions, the government has decided to implement the BS VI norms with effect from 1st April 2020.
3. What is the real name of Crazy Mohan?  
**Answer :** Mohan Rangachari.  
**Explanation :**
  - Crazy Mohan, a renowned dialogue writer in Tamil film industry, passed away. The veteran playwright passed away due to a cardiac arrest at a private hospital.

- **His real name is Mohan Rangachari and he was fondly known as Crazy Mohan because of his hit skit called Crazy Thieves In Paalavakkam.**

4. Where did India partnered to set up a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal in Gujarat ?  
**Answer :** Portugal.

**Explanation :**

- India has partnered with Portugal to set up a national maritime heritage museum at Lothal in Gujarat.
- The Indian Navy will be the stakeholder in the project and the Portuguese Navy will assist as they have experience in it by administering the maritime museum in Lisbon, Portugal.

### **June 13**

1. What is the name of the cyclone created over East-Central Arabian sea has intensified into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm?

**Answer :** VAYU.

**Explanation :**

- **Cyclone VAYU over East-Central Arabian sea has intensified into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm.**
- It currently lays centred about 420 kilometres west-northwest of Goa, 320 kilometres south-southwest of Mumbai and 420 kilometres south of Veraval in Gujarat.

2. Where did Narendra Modi's visit on a two-day for SCO Summit at Bishkek ?

**Answer :** Kyrgyzstan.

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's is on a two-day visit to Kyrgyzstan for SCO Summit at Bishkek.** The visit is expected to further boost the bilateral ties with Kyrgyzstan.
- The focus will remain on the sectors like pharmaceuticals, textiles, manufacturing and machinery among others.

### **June 14**

1. Which state government hiked old-age pension in the age group 60 to 79 years by rupees 100 monthly?

**Answer:** Uttar Pradesh.

**Explanation :**

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

2. Where Mela Kheer Bhawani festival was celebrated?

**Answer :** Jammu & Kashmir.

**Explanation :**

- **Mela Kheer Bhawani festival was celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir on Zeasht Ashtami.**
- Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple here in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

3. Which State has approved a proposal to punish sons and daughters who abandon their elderly parents with a jail term?

**Answer : Bihar.**

**Explanation :**

- **Bihar Cabinet-led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has approved a proposal to punish sons and daughters who abandon their elderly parents with a jail term.**
- The proposal of Bihar social welfare department has provisions for punishments which could go up to imprisonment if wards do not look after their parents properly in their old ages.

### **June 15**

1. How much percent India accounts for the world's internet users?

**Answer : 12%.**

**Explanation :**

- **According to Mary Meeker's Internet Trends 2019 report, India accounts for 12% of the world's internet users.** Almost 3.8 billion people or more than half of the world's population is on the Internet.
- China continues to be on top of the list, accounting for 21% of the total Internet users.

2. Which Act reduced the rate of the contribution made by employees and employers?

**Answer : Employees' State Insurance.**

**Explanation :**

- The government has reduced the rate of the contribution made by employees and employers under the **Employees' State Insurance (ESI)** Act from 6.5 per cent to 4 per cent. The government has taken a historic decision to reduce the rate of contribution under the ESI act.
- The new rate will be effective from the 1st of July.

### **June 16**

1. Which country remained at the top position, in an annual global index on peacefulness in this year report by an international think tank?

**Answer : Iceland**

**Explanation :**

- **India has slipped by four points in an annual global index on peacefulness this year, finishing at 141 among 163 countries. Iceland remained at the top position, according to a report by an international think tank.**
- The Global Peace Index (GPI) gauges ongoing domestic and international conflict, safety and security in society, and the degree of militarisation in 163 countries and territories by taking into account 23 indicators

2. Who is the minister of State (I/C) of culture & Tourism?

**Answer : Prahlad Singh Patel**

**Explanation :**

- **Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) of Culture & Tourism, Government of India inaugurated the exhibition titled "Astitva: The Essence of PrabhakarBarwe",** at National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi. Highlighting the significance of museums, the Culture Minister said that museums are required 'to look into our past thereby helping us to move forward in life by learning things from the past'.
- The Minister also added the museums act as a 'symbol of respect for our ancestors'.

3. Name the business forum which is inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi and Kyrgyzstan President Jeenbekov?

**Answer :** Indian-Kyrgyz

**Explanation :**

- **PM Narendra Modi and Kyrgyzstan President Jeenbekov inaugurated Indian-Kyrgyz Business forum.**
- The two leaders also asked their business communities to explore the untapped potential for deepening bilateral relations between the two countries.

### **June 17**

1. Which Government has permitted to set up e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **Central Government has permitted to set up e-Foreigner Tribunal (e-FT) in Assam.** It is a quasi-judicial authority which assesses the question of the authenticity of a person's citizenship.
- It should be set up by July 31, 2019, when the final list of National Register of Citizens (NRC) is published

2. With which organisation Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed a contract worth of Rs :1,187.82 crore for the supply of Heavy Weight Torpedoes – Varunastra ?

**Answer :** Indian Navy.

**Explanation :**

- **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed a contract worth of Rs 1,187.82 crore for supply of Heavy Weight Torpedoes - Varunastra - to the Indian Navy. The execution of the contract will be over the next 42 months.**
- The weapon will be manufactured at BDL Visakhapatnam Unit under collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

### **June 18**

1. Who met a team of experts from Israel in Chandigarh to prepare a comprehensive water management master plan for the state?

**Answer :** Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria.

**Explanation :**

- **Punjab Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria met a team of experts from Israel in Chandigarh to prepare a comprehensive water management master plan for the state. The experts will submit their report of recommendations within 18 months.**
- Earlier, the Israeli team visited various parts of the state to assess the present situation and the challenges in the water sector in the State.

2. Name the app launched by Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary for Guwahati?

**Answer :** Chalo

**Explanation :**

- **Assam Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary** launched the State Transport Corporation's 'Chalo' app for Guwahati. The app will help commuters to know about the live arrival time of their bus so they can plan their travel accordingly. People can also track the live GPS position of their bus on a map.
- It will also ensure safe travel with features such as Emergency SOS.



## **June 19**

1. Who hosted Mann Ki Baat Indian radio programme?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi.

**Explanation :**

- **Mann Ki Baat Indian radio programme** hosted by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in which he addresses the people of the nation on **All India Radio, DD National and DD News**. Mann Ki Baat is **to resume on June 30**.
- The programme aims to deliver the Prime Minister's voice to the general masses of India. It also aims to spread joy, positivity and celebrate the strength of 130 crore Indians.

2. Who announced that the centre is to set up a high-level task force for agri reforms?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has announced that the Centre is to set up a high-level task force for agri reforms. The decision was made in the fifth meeting of the **NITI Aayog governing council**.
- The task force is for undertaking structural reforms in agriculture, including strengthening logistics, produce marketing, food processing as well as changes to the Essential Commodities Act.

3. Where did the Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process will be hosted by India from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 held in?

**Answer :** Mumbai

**Explanation :**

- **The Intersessional meeting of Kimberley Process (KP)** will be hosted by India from 17th to 21st June 2019 in Mumbai.
- Besides this, two special forums regarding Diamond Terminology and Artisanal Mining – Small Steps to Larger Outcomes, will be held during the Intersessional.

## **June 20**

1. Which state Government announced to give Unemployment allowance to youth having graduation or equivalent degree?

**Answer :** Rajasthan

**Explanation :**

- Unemployed youth having graduation or equivalent degree will be given unemployment allowance by Rajasthan government.
- Male applicants will get Rs 3,000/month, while the women and differently-abled will get Rs 3,500/month under Chief Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana from February this year.

2. What is the name of the three-week-long coordinated operation carried by The armies of India and Myanmar from May 16 in their respective border?

**Answer :** Operation Sunrise 2

**Explanation :**

- The armies of India and **Myanmar** carried out a three-week-long coordinated operation from May 16 in their respective border areas named '**Operation Sunrise 2**'. They

targeted the militant groups operating in Manipur, Nagaland, and Assam to bust terror camps.

### **June 21**

1. Which government makes mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device so that they can be provided all possible help in case of any emergency?

**Answer :** Himachal Pradesh

**Explanation :**

- **The Himachal Pradesh government makes mandatory for trekkers to carry a GPS device so that they can be provided all possible help in case of any emergency.** Kullu and Dalhousie have been identified for installation of early warning system.
- Rampur and Mandi towns have been zeroed in for setting up the relief and rescue base of National Disaster Response Force.

2. Which portal of the Telangana State government offers over 150 government services and surpassed 100 million transactions last year?

**Answer :** MeeSeva

**Explanation :**

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has entered into an agreement with the Government of Telangana to offer MeeSeva portal users the option to pay using UPI Collect Request, RuPay Debit and Credit Cards for the services on the portal.
- The MeeSeva portal of the State government offers over 150 government services and surpassed 100 million transactions last year.

3. Where did Indian Navy's first Naval Air Squadron 550 celebrate its Diamond Jubilee?

**Answer :** Kochi

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Navy's first Naval Air Squadron 550** celebrated its Diamond Jubilee at naval base Kochi after Completing 60 glorious years of yeoman service to the nation.
- The squadron has flown 14 different types of aircraft starting with the Sea land Aircraft to the Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft being presently flown.

4. Which university has been ranked India's best university for the second year in a row, gaining a global ranking of 152 in the QS World University Rankings for 2020?

**Answer :** IIT Bombay

**Explanation :**

- IIT-Bombay has been ranked India's best university for the second year in a row, gaining a global ranking of 152 in the QS World University Rankings for 2020.
- **Two other Indian universities, IIT Delhi (182)** and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (184), have also cracked the top 200.

### **June 22**

1. Name the project which is for a network of good quality roads are to be constructed in coastal areas and areas adjoining ports?

**Answer :** Sagarmala project

**Explanation :**

- According to the President of India, construction or up gradation of about 35,000 kilometres of national highways are to be undertaken by 2022 under the '**Bharatmala Project**'.
- Also under the '**Sagarmala Project**', a **network of good quality roads are to be constructed in coastal areas and areas adjoining ports.**

2. Which navy has deployed ships INS Chennai and INS sunayna in the Gulf of Oman?

**Answer :** Indian

**Explanation :**

- Indian Navy has deployed Ships **INS Chennai and INS Sunayna** in the Gulf of Oman. It has deployed to re-assure Indian Flagged Vessels operating or transiting through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime security incidents in the region.
- In addition, aerial surveillance by Indian Navy aircraft is also being undertaken in the area.

3. Who has highlighted the importance of the government's flagship 'Khelo India Programme'?

**Answer :** Ram Nath kovind

**Explanation :**

- **President Ram NathKovind has highlighted the importance of the government's flagship 'Khelo India Programme'.**
- Addressing the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament, the President said the new government has decided to widen the spectrum of the 'Khelo India Programme' to cover the entire country.

### **June 23**

1. For which vehicle in the GST council meeting, the finance Ministry officials decided to reduce rate?

**Answer :** Electric vehicles.

**Explanation :**

- **According to officials in the Finance Ministry. GST Council meeting where rate reductions for electric vehicles (EVs)**and the extension of the term of the National Anti-Profitteering Authority till November 2020,
- Tax experts the Council's real focus on addressing concerns regarding the new return filing system. The start-up community is asking for the Council to furthestreamline the input tax credit refund system.

2. Which bill was introduced to ban the practice of instant triple talaq'?

**Answer :** The Muslim Women Bill 2019

**Explanation :**

- **The Muslim Women Bill 2019 (Protection of Rights on Marriage)** to ban the practice of instant triple talaq was introduced in the LokSabha. The bill was tabled by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019, will replace an ordinance issued in February by the previous NDA government.

3. Which Council has simplified rules for registration and Aadhaar will now be used by business

for registration under GST?

**Answer :** GST Council

**Explanation :**

- The GST Council has simplified rules for registration and Aadhaar will now be used by businesses for registration under GST.
- In the earlier system, people had to give various documents and now, several advantages will occur to the business by using Aadhaar.

### **June 24**

1. Indian government has developed a National Strategic Plan along with the goal of ending Tuberculosis (TB) by which year?

**Answer :** 2025

**Explanation :**

- **Our Indian government has developed a National Strategic Plan along with the goal of ending Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025.** India accounts for 27.4 lakh estimated new TB cases annually, which is the highest in terms of absolute numbers.
- Though, India ranks 35th in the world in terms of TB cases per lakh population. In total Over 5 lakh 62 thousand patients were cured last year.

2. Name the project aimed at providing smoke-free environment households in the kitchen for women will be launched by the Maharashtra government?

**Answer :** Chullah

**Explanation :**

- A pilot project aimed at providing smoke-free environment in the kitchen for women will be launched by the Maharashtra government.
- **The project, named “Chullah (wood-fired stove)-free and smoke-free Maharashtra”, will target the women who have not benefited under the Ujjwala or any other LPG distribution scheme.**

3. Which government have decided to open around 18 AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment)?

**Answer :** Jammu and Kashmir

**Explanation :**

- The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have decided to open around 18 AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) stores to be put up in all the medical colleges, Hospitals and in most prominent locations which are associated hospitals of the states.
- The purpose of the initiative is to provide quality and affordable medicines to the end users.

### **June 25**

1. Which Government introduced to run “Save Water” campaign with the suggestions and involvement of common people?

**Answer :** Madhya Pradesh

**Explanation :**



- **Government of Madhya Pradesh will run “Save Water” campaign with the suggestions and involvement of common people. A state level “Water Cell” also been constituted.**
- The Water Cell will prepare a strategy to store water and ensure its modest use said CM Kamal Nath. Now, every work to save water and increase expenses on it will be done with the suggestion and involvement of the people.

2. What is the estimation of foodgrains production between 2018-19?

**Answer :** 283.37 million tonnes

**Explanation :**

- **During 2018-19 The foodgrains production in the country is estimated at 283.37 million tonnes. Compared to last three years this is 17.63 million tonnes higher than the average production.**
- The Agriculture Ministry has reported that the center is implementing for several Crops Development Schemes and Programs in the state.

3. Who is the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India?

**Answer :** Viral Acharya

**Explanation :**

- Viral Acharya Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor told that he has quit his role, six months before the end of his tenure.

## **June 26**

1. Which scheme recently launched by Department of School Education and Literacy?

**Answer :** Samagra Shiksha

**Explanation :**

- **Department of School Education and Literacy**, Ministry of Human Resource Development has recently launched Integrated Scheme **Samagra Shiksha** for the School Education which will be effective from 2018-19.
- Self Defence training for girls is under the scheme Samagra Shiksha. The scheme is in action by rising the number of crimes against girls and women in our country

2. Which Government have recently banned the felling of trees, for citing increasing amount of pollution as well as a fatal heat waves?

**Answer :** Bihar

**Explanation :**

- **The Bihar Government have recently banned the felling of trees, for citing increasing amount of pollution** as well as a fatal heat waves. , however Trees on private land, can be felled in the absence of a tree-protection Act in the state Bihar.

3. The driving licenses format is planned to be modified by which ministry?

**Answer :** Road Transport and Highways

**Explanation :**

- The driving licenses format is planned to be modified by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways , the present driving licenses to smart card type driving licenses.

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has prescribed a common standard format and design of the Driving Licence

### **June 27**

1. Which State has retained its top rank in the national health index for the second year in a row?

**Answer :** Kerala.

**Explanation :**

- **For the second year in a row, Kerala has retained its top rank in the national health index.** The report analyses the overall performance and incremental improvement in all the states.
- According to the Health Index 2019 released by NITI Aayog, Kerala is the top performer with a score of 74.01 out of 100, followed by Andhra Pradesh with 65.13 and Maharashtra with 63.99.

2. What is the name of joint air exercise held between Indian Air Force and French Air Force?

**Answer :** 'Garuda'

**Explanation:**

- **An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent, including Sukhoi fighter jets,** will participate in a joint air exercise 'Garuda' with the French Air Force.
- The Garuda contingent will depart on June 25 and the exercise will take place between July 1 and July 14 in France.

3. Who Launches an application to lodge complaints against banks?

**Answer :** RBI

**Explanation :**

- **The RBI Launches an application to lodge complaints against banks. The NDFCs planned to improve customer experience in timely redressal of grievance.**
- Complaint Management System (CMS) is a software application its which aims to facilitate RBI's grievance redressal process.

### **June 28**

1. Where did Our Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached to attend the G20 Summit?

**Answer :** Japanese city.

**Explanation :**

- **Our Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the Japanese city of Osaka to attend the G20 Summit. This summit will be an important stepping stone for India towards hosting the G-20 Summit in 2022 when the country will usher in a New India in the 75th Anniversary of the Independence.**
- The theme of the Osaka summit is 'Human-centred future society'.

2. An MoU was signed between the ministry of shipping and which institute to Setting up Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology?

**Answer :** IIT Kharagpur.

**Explanation :**

- For Setting up Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology MOA was signed between the ministry of shipping and IIT Kharagpur
- The Centre will focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building and testing.

3. What is the name of the cyclone in odisha which cause the 64 people died and affect over 1.4 lakh hectare crop area?

**Answer :** Fani.

**Explanation :**

- **The Home Ministry reported that 64 people died and over 1.4 lakh hectare crop area affected due to cyclone Fani in Odisha.** There was no loss of human lives in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.
- Cyclone Fani affected three states namely Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

4. Which police station has emerged as the State topper in a survey based on the 'SMART' policing?

**Answer :**Rahimatpur

**Explanation :**

- **Rahimatpur police station in Satara district in western Maharashtra has emerged as the State topper in a survey based on the 'SMART' policing concept announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.**

### **June 29**

1. Who is the union minister of Electronics and Information Technology?

**Answer :**Ravi Shankar Prasad.

**Explanation :**

- All panchayats to have broadband connecting by March 2020 government. Announced by Ravi Shankar Prasad, union minister of Electronics and Information Technology
- **Under the scheme of " Bharat Net Project ". For Implementation of Project is ministry of communication**

2. Who is the governor of jammu and kashmir?

**Answer :** Sathya Pal Malik.

**Explanation :**

- **President rule for 6 more months in Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Governor – " Sathya Pal Malik".**
- President rule Article-Article 356. Article 356 ( President rule) had so far been imposed 132 times

### **June 30**

1. When the scheme of One nation, one ration card was implemented?

**Answer :** July 1, 2020.

**Explanation:**

- **"One nation, one ration card" from July 1, 2020**
- Aim: Will allow porbability of food Security benefits, will be available across the country from July 1, 2020. National Food Security Act, 2013 Scheme implemented by Ministry of consumer Affairs, food and public Distribution

2. Who is the association partner of union ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India to launch Go Tribal Campaign?

**Answer :** Amazon Global.

**Explanation:**

- **Go Tribal Campaign, was launched by union ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India in association with Amazon Global.**
- **Organiser: TRIFED. Objective: “To create awareness and promote tribal arts and crafts as well as help in socio-economic welfare of more than 700 Indian tribes. Association partner = “Amazon Global”**

3. Who is appointed as chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu government?

**Answer : K. Shanmugam**

**Explanation :**

- **The government of Tamil Nadu appointed K. Shanmugam as Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu government.**
- Recommendation given by UPSC Empanelment Committee. The State government appointed with the approval of Governor Banwarilal Purohit. Mr. Shanmugam, the State's Finance Secretary for past nine years.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### June 01

1. Which countries were removed from the currency monitoring list by US government?

**Answer : India and Switzerland**

**Explanation :**

- **US Government removed India and Switzerland** from its currency monitoring list . The monitoring list includes countries with **potentially questionable foreign exchange policies and practices currency manipulation.**

### June 02

1. What is the weight of the world's smallest surviving baby at its birth revealed by the US hospital?

**Answer : 245 grams**

**Explanation :**

- US hospital revealed the birth of a **baby girl named ‘Saybie’** and said she's believed to be the **world's smallest surviving baby**, who weighed **245 grams** at birth.
- Born at 23 weeks and three days in December, she was in neonatal intensive care unit for five months. Initially, doctors said she would survive for only an hour.

### June 03

1. How did the gender identity disorders have been reframed as?

**Answer : gender incongruence.**

**Explanation :**

- **The World Health Organization (WHO) will no longer categorise being transgender as a “mental disorder”.** According to the newly-revised version of the International



Classification of Diseases (known as ICD-11), published by the WHO, “gender identity disorders” have been reframed as “gender incongruence.”

- Gender incongruence has now been listed under sexual health conditions.

### **June 05**

1. Which country issued the first Golden Residence Permit?

**Answer :** UAE

**Explanation :**

- UAE’s Federal Authority for **Identity and Citizenship (ICA)** has issued the first Golden Residence Permit in Abu Dhabi.
- It has been provided as a part of the Investors Permanent Residence System aimed to attract investors, entrepreneurs and qualified individuals who meet its criteria.

2. Who is the election commission chairman of srilanka?

**Answer :** Mahinda Deshapriya

**Explanation :**

- The presidential elections in Sri Lanka would be held between November 15 and December 7, Election Commission Chairman Mahinda Deshapriya has said, clarifying that according to constitutional provisions, the polls must be held one month before the end of the current President’s term.

### **June 07**

1. Where did the second Global Disability Summit held in?

**Answer :** Buenos Aires

**Explanation :**

- The **2nd Global Disability Summit** being held in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**. ‘**Disability Summit, Argentina 2019**’, the three-day summit will be held from **6 June to 8 June 2019**.
- India will be represented by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawar Chand Gehlot**.

2. Which valley has become plastic free zone in Nagaland on the occasion of world environment day?

**Answer :** Scenic Dzukou

**Explanation :**

- **In Nagaland, the scenic Dzüikou Valley has become Plastic Free Zone on the occasion of World Environment Day.**
- The much-appreciated initiative on declaring this scenic valley as a ‘plastic-free zone’ was taken by Southern Angami Youth Organisation (SAYO).

### **June 08**

1. Where did the two-week long mega air exercise of Indian and French air forces held?

**Answer :** France

**Explanation :**

- The Indian and French air forces will carry out a two-week-long mega air exercise beginning July 1 in France.
- A fleet of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets of the Indian Air Force will engage in dogfights with France's Rafale multi role aircraft in simulated scenarios as part of the 'Garuda' exercise.

### **June 09**

1. Which Industry has launched a Fiscal Performance Index to assess state and central budgets?

**Answer :** CII

**Explanation :**

- **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched a Fiscal Performance Index (FPI) to assess state and central budgets.** The Index incorporates qualitative assessments of revenue expenditure, capital expenditure, revenues, fiscal prudence and the level of public debt arrive at a more holistic picture of fiscal performance than the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio according to the CII.

### **June 10**

1. Which Union (AU) suspended Sudan until the establishment of civilian rule, intensifying global pressure on its new military leaders to stand down after the worst violence since Omar al-Bashir's fall in April?

**Answer :** African Union

**Explanation :**

- **The African Union (AU) suspended Sudan until the establishment** of civilian rule, intensifying global pressure on its new military leaders to stand down after the worst violence since Omar al-Bashir's fall in April.
- Meeting in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, the AU's peace and security council invoked its response to interruptions of constitutional rule by suspending Sudan.

2. Which Airlines has been named as the World's Most Punctual Airline?

**Answer :** Sri Lankan

**Explanation :**

- **Sri Lankan Airlines, the flag carrier of the island nation, has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline'.** It has been named for the second consecutive time with over 90 per cent of its flights in May being "on time".
- In May, it achieved a punctuality rating of 90.75 per cent.

### **June 11**

1. Which cabinet adopted the National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031 during its meeting at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi?

**Answer :** UAE

**Explanation :**

- The UAE Cabinet adopted the 'National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031' during its meeting at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi.
- One of the most important initiatives is the development of the first 'National Wellbeing Observatory' to support the policymaking process.

### **June 12**

1. Who announced to ban single-use plastics in the country from 2021?

**Answer :** Justin Trudeau

**Explanation :**

- Canada **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that single-use plastics will be banned in the country from 2021.**
- He declared it a global challenge to phase out the plastic bags, straws and cutlery clogging the world's oceans.

#### **June 14**

1. The 16th Asia media summit kicked-off in which place?

**Answer :** Cambodia

**Explanation :**

- **The 16th Asia media summit kicked-off in Cambodia.** The conference is deliberating on many issues pertaining to the media and broadcasting industry.
- The Ministers from different countries presented the digital trends in the broadcasting sector in their respective countries.

2. Which country will invest Rs 13,000 crore in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the northeast region?

**Answer :** Japan

**Explanation :**

- **Japan will invest Rs 13,000 crore in several ongoing as well as new infrastructure projects in the northeast region.**
- Some of the important projects in which Japan will collaborate include the Guwahati water supply project, Guwahati sewage project, the northeast road network connectivity improvement project spread over Assam and Meghalaya and northeast network connectivity improvement project in Meghalaya.

#### **June 18**

1. Which telescope will be switched off permanently after 16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light?

**Answer :** Spitzer Space Telescope

**Explanation :**

- **After nearly 16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light, NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope** will be switched off permanently on Jan. 30, 2020.
- Spitzer is a small but transformational observatory. It captures infrared light, which is often emitted by "warm" objects that aren't quite hot enough to radiate visible light.

#### **June 20**

1. Where was the 5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit 2019 held in?

**Answer :** Dushanbe, Tajikistan

**Explanation :**

- **The 5th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit 2019** was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 14-15 June 2019.
- The theme of the 5th Summit is "Shared Vision for a Secure and More Prosperous CICA Region". India is a member of CICA since 1999.

#### **June 21**

1. Where is the African Union (AU) summit to be held in early next month?

**Answer :** Niamey

**Explanation :**

- **India has extended USD 15 million assistance to Niger for organising the African Union (AU) summit scheduled to be held in Niamey early next month.**
- The summit is scheduled to be held in Niamey from July 7-8. It will also be the first time that Niger is scheduled to host an AU summit.

2. Name the tool that offered by WHO to contain rising antimicrobial resistance and make antibiotic use safer and more effective?

**Answer :** AWaRe

**Explanation :**

- **WHO offers a new tool “AWaRe” to contain rising antimicrobial resistance and make antibiotic use safer and more effective.**
- AWaRe classifies antibiotics into three groups:
- “Access” specifies which antibiotics to use for the most common and serious infections.
- “Watch” specifies which ones should be available at all times in the healthcare system.
- “Reserve” are those that must be used sparingly or preserved and used only as a last resort.

**June 22**

1. Name the Sri Lanka’s first satellite, designed and developed by two local engineers, was successfully launched into orbit this week?

**Answer :** Ravana-1

**Explanation :**

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

**June 23**

1. Which Airline has taken precautionary measures including rerouting all flights away from areas of possible conflict in the Gulf region?

**Answer :** Emirates Airline

**Explanation :**

- **The Emirates Airline has taken precautionary measures including rerouting all flights away from areas of possible conflict in the Gulf region.** The announcement came a day after an unmanned US drone was reportedly shot down by Iran in the region.
- The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, FAA, had issued an emergency order on prohibiting U.S. air carriers from flying in Iran-controlled airspace over the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman due to heightened tensions.

2. Where did the first international theatre festival of Bangladesh held in?

**Answer :** Dhaka

**Explanation :**

- The first international theatre festival of Bangladesh is being held at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka.
- **The week-long festival will feature theatre and puppet shows by eight troupes from seven countries.**



### **June 24**

1. Where did the third Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019 held in?

**Answer :** Paris

**Explanation :**

- **The third Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019** was held in Paris, France. To combat terror in cyber space, the two sides have decided to develop effective mechanism and coordinate their efforts in cyber space.

### **June 25**

1. Which is the first country in the gulf to launch 'goAML'?

**Answer :** UAE

**Explanation :**

- **The UAE has become the first country in the Gulf to launch 'goAML'**, a new anti money laundering reporting platform developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to curb organised crimes.

### **June 26**

1. Where did the international Olympic committee have recently opened the new headquarters?

**Answer :** Lausanne

**Explanation :**

- **The International Olympic Committee have recently opened its 145 million Swiss francs**, the New Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland which is exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games was revived.

### **June 28**

1. Who has signed for extending Moscow's Embargo on food products from European Union (EU) upto 31 December 2020?

**Answer :** Vladimir Putin

**Explanation :**

- Russian president Vladimir Putin has signed for extending Moscow's Embargo on food products from European Union (EU) upto 31 December 2020.
- This is due to Russia's retaliation against sanctions over Ukraine.

### **June 30**

1. What is the name of People's Liberation Army's most secret military Program?

**Answer :** JL-3

**Explanation :**

- **The China's Defence Ministry confirmed the test firing of a new submarine launched ballistic Missile.**
- It was launched from Bohai sea flew Several thousand miles to miles to a missile impact range in western china. Code named JL-3, it is one of the People's Liberation Army's most secret military Programs. W 1EET

## SPORTS

### June 04

1. Who added the fifth gold medal to India's tally, finishing on top in the boys' javelin throw by clearing a distance of 74.55m?

**Answer :** Rohit Yadav

**Explanation :**

- Under-20 Eurasian Athletics Championships held at Almaty, Kazakhstan, Indian juniors bagged 5 gold and 3 silver medals.
- **Sreekiran bagged the boys' 800m gold with a time of 1:54.62 while Rohit Yadav** added the fifth gold medal to India's tally, finishing on top in the boys' javelin throw by clearing a distance of 74.55m

### June 06

1. With three goals in four games, who finished as the highest goal scorer of the women's hockey tournament?

**Answer :** Mumtaz Khan

**Explanation :**

- The Indian junior women's hockey team clinched the Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title after beating Ireland 1-0 in the final at Dublin, Ireland. The win meant India ended the tournament with an unblemished record.
- With three goals in four games, Mumtaz Khan finished as the highest goal scorer of the tournament.

### June 09

1. Indian archers secured how many places each in the recurve and compound sections for next year's Tokyo Paralympics?

**Answer :** two quota places

**Explanation :**

- **Indian archers secured two quota places each in the recurve and compound sections for next year's Tokyo Paralympics after dishing out superb performances at the World Para Championships in the Netherlands.**
- Punjabi University's Harvinder Singh and Uttar Pradesh's Vivek Chhikara finished joint ninth to bag the two available berths in the recurve men's open section.

### June 12

1. Who announced retirement from international cricket?

**Answer :** Yuvraj Singh

**Explanation :**

- **Yuvraj Singh announced retirement from international cricket, ending a roller-coaster career. He put together 1900 runs in the longest format, and 8701 in the one-dayers, the format in which he enjoyed the most success.**
- Yuvraj played 40 Tests, 304 ODIs and 58 T20Is for India.

### June 16

1. What is the rank of Indian football team according to FIFA report?

**Answer :** 101

**Explanation :**

- **India remains unmoved at 101 position, after FIFA, the apex body of football,** released the latest team rankings. Belgium strengthens their top position adding nine points to the previous standings.
- India was not able to improve their rank as they remained at the same spot and their points too were unchanged from the previous standings of 1219 points.

**June 17**

1. Who produced a stellar show to help India clinch two bronze medals in the compound women's section of Archery World Championships in the Netherlands ?

**Answer :** Jyothi Surekha Vennam

**Explanation :**

- **Jyothi Surekha Vennam produced a stellar show to help India clinch two bronze medals in the compound women's section of Archery World Championships in the Netherlands.**
- The Asian Games silver medalist first led the fight back in the team event by shooting six perfect 10s out of eight arrows.

**June 18**

1. Who is the fastest batsman to reach the 11,000 run mark in the ODI cricket?

**Answer :** Virat Kohli

**Explanation :**

- **Indian skipper Virat Kohli became the fastest batsman to reach the 11,000 run mark in the ODI cricket.** He achieved the feat in the match between India and Pakistan in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. The Indian skipper has just taken 230 ODIs to complete 11,000 runs.
- Kohli needed 57 runs before this match to reach 11000 run mark in ODI cricket.

**June 20**

1. Who is the Afghanistan leg spinner recorded the worst bowling figures in a ICC World Cup Match after conceding 110 runs in 9 overs against England?

**Answer :** Rashid Khan

**Explanation :**

- Afghanistan leg spinner Rashid Khan recorded the worst bowling figures in a ICC World Cup Match after conceding 110 runs in 9 overs against England.
- **Previous record of conceding 105 runs in 12 overs was held by New Zealand's Martin Snedden.**

**June 23**

1. Who clinched a bronze medal in the vault event at the Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?

**Answer :** Pranati Nayak

**Explanation :**

- In Gymnastics, India's Pranati Nayak clinched a bronze medal in the vault event at the Senior Asian Artistic Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The 23-year-old from West Bengal, who had qualified for vault finals with a sixth place, came up with a score of 13.384 to claim the bronze medal.
- China's Yu Linmin and Japan's Ayaka Sakaguchi won the gold and silver medal at the event.

### **June 24**

1. Which country women hockey team has won the Japan by 3-1 in the clash to win the FIH Women's Series Finals?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **Our Indian Women Hockey team has won the Japan by 3-1 in the clash to win the FIH Women's Series Finals. After the lead given by rani rampal Gurjit Kaur struck twice.**
- Though our Indian Women Hockey Team has already registered their entry in FIH Olympic Qualifiers 2019

### **June 26**

1. Name the two persons who claimed the honours of best boxer and promising player of the tournament in the Black Forest Cup in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany?

**Answer :** Neha and Anju Devi

**Explanation :**

- In Boxing, seven medals were clinched by India's junior women pugilists, which includes five gold, while the team was adjudged the best of the tournament in the Black Forest Cup in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany.
- **The honours of best boxer and promising player of the tournament claimed by Haryana's Neha (54kg) and Karnataka's Anju Devi (50kg)**

### **June 29**

1. Who becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 International runs?

**Answer :** Virat Kohli

**Explanation :**

- **Virat Kohli becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 International runs. He took 417 innings to reach the milestone.**

### **June 30**

1. Who took charge as National Cricket Academy's Head of cricket?

**Answer :** Rahul Dravid

**Explanation :**

- Rahul Dravid to take charge as NCA's Head of cricket.
- **Appointed by BCCI. National Cricket Academy Head Quarters = Bangalore. Now Rahul Dravid is Head Coach of India. A and India U-19 teams.**

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **June 05**

1. Name the world's largest and most expensive telescope which successfully passed final thermal vacuum test?

**Answer :** James Webb Space Telescope.

**Explanation :**

- **NASA's \$8.8-billion James Webb Space Telescope, the world's largest and most expensive one, has successfully passed final thermal vacuum test, making its parts**



- cleared for use in space.
- The 6.5-meter diameter telescope has 18 gold-coated mirrors and a tennis court-sized sun-shield to gather light and protect its instruments. The telescope set to launch in 2021. It took 20 years to build.

### **June 07**

1. Which country launched a space rocket from the sea for the first time on 5 June 2019?

**Answer :** China

**Explanation :**

- **China** launched a space rocket from the sea for the first time on **5 June 2019**. With this China will be the **third nation** to successfully demonstrate the ability to launch satellites into orbit from a **floating platform** following the **U.S. and Russia**.
- In the operation, **March 11**, a Long rocket was launched from a ship in the **Yellow Sea**.

### **June 11**

1. At which place Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired from the Integrated Test Range(ITR)?

**Answer :** Chandipur

**Explanation :**

- **Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was test fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR)** at Chandipur in Odisha. Anti-ship version of the missile launched by complex-3 of the ITR, Defence Research and Development (DRDO) sources.

### **June 15**

1. What is the name of first mission launched by india to study the sun in 2020?

**Answer :** Aditya-L1

**Explanation :**

- **India is to launch Aditya-L1, its first mission to study the sun, in 2020**, Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman K. Sivan informed.
- The aim of the mission is to keep a permanent eye on the sun without any disturbance. Aditya-L1 is meant to observe the solar corona.

### **June 17**

1. What is the height of weather station, installed on the Earth's highest mountain above sea level?

**Answer :** 27,657feet

**Explanation :**

- **A team of Tribhuvan University and National Geographic Society scientists** and researchers have installed the world's highest, fully automated weather stations atop Mount Everest.
- Total five weather stations, including one at a record height of 27,657 feet, were installed on the Earth's highest mountain above sea level.

### **June 19**

1. When will NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope switch off permanently?

**Answer :** Jan 30, 2020

**Explanation :**

- After nearly 16 years of exploring the cosmos in infrared light, **NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope will be switched off permanently on Jan. 30, 2020.**

- Spitzer is a small but transformational observatory. It captures infrared light, which is often emitted by “warm” objects that aren’t quite hot enough to radiate visible light.

### **June 20**

1. India’s second lunar mission Chandrayaan-2 reached the ISRO’S launch pad at which place?

**Answer :** Sriharikota.

**Explanation :**

- The lander and rover meant for **India’s second lunar mission Chandrayaan-2** reached the **ISRO’s launch pad at Sriharikota. The rover called Pragyan is installed within the lander known as Vikram.**
- Chandrayaan-2 will be launched aboard India’s most powerful booster GSLV-Mark-3 tentatively early in the morning on July 15th with the aim of making the lander to soft-land on the South Pole of the moon by September 6th.

### **June 28**

1. NASA’s Mars Science Laboratory mission, recently detected the largest amount of which gas during the mission?

**Answer :** methane

**Explanation :**

- **NASA has confirmed that the Curiosity rover, the NASA’s Mars Science Laboratory mission, recently detected the largest amount of methane ever measured during the mission.**
- Curiosity’s methane reading came to 21 parts per billion units by volume. It is thrice the amount it sniffed out during a surge in 2013.

## **AWARDS**

### **June 6**

1. Name the two people who have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 ?

**Answer :** Sundar Pichai and Adena

**Explanation :**

- **Google’s India-born CEO Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq president Adena Friedman** have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019.
- The award is given by business advocacy group USIBC in recognition of the two companies’ contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.

### **June 7**

1. Who was chosen for the prestigious J C Daniel Award?

**Answer :** Sheela

**Explanation :**

- **Veteran actress Sheela was chosen for the prestigious J C Daniel Award.** It is the Kerala government’s highest honour for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema.

- The annual honour is named after J C Daniel, who made the first silent movie in Mollywood.

### **June 10**

1. Who was conferred with the Maldives' highest civilian award, the 'Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen'?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest civilian award, the 'Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen',** by the President of the host country, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- The award is in recognition of the many services Prime Minister Modi has offered to cement the longstanding and amicable ties between the two countries.

### **June 13**

1. Who receive the Jnanpith award for the year 2018?

**Answer :** Amitav Ghosh

**Explanation :**

- The Jnanpith award for the year 2018 will be given to the noted **English writer Amitav Ghosh. Former Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi will present the award to him at a function in New Delhi.**
- The award is given for outstanding contribution in literature.

### **June 15**

1. Who will be awarded the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF's American chapter at their Snowflake Ball in December?

**Answer :** Priyanka Chopra

**Explanation :**

- **Actress Priyanka Chopra will be awarded the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF's American chapter at their Snowflake Ball in December.** The award is named after actor-philanthropist Danny Kaye, who was UNICEF's first Goodwill Ambassador.
- The actor is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, as a part of which she visited Ethiopia last month.

### **June 16**

1. Who has been felicitated with an official certificate from Guinness World Records as T-Series?

**Answer :** Bhushan Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **Composer, Bhushan Kumar** has been felicitated with an official certificate from Guinness World Records as T-Series became the first YouTube channel to reach 100 million subscribers.

### **June 19**

1. How many journalists from print and electronic media were felicitated with Matri Shree Media Awards for their contribution towards journalism?

**Answer :** Twenty-nine

**Explanation :**

- Twenty-nine journalists from print and electronic media were felicitated with Matri Shree Media Awards for their contribution towards journalism. Apart from media personalities, a social activist has also presented the Bharat Mata shield at the 44th Matri Shree media award ceremony
- **The Matri Shree Media Awards was constituted during the Emergency.**

**June 27**

1. Who has bagged the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' for her expose during 2018?

**Answer :** RachnaKhaira

**Explanation :**

- RachnaKhaira of The Tribune has bagged the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' for her expose during 2018 on the functioning of the UIDAI and its Aadhaar data cache.
- By running a series of stings, the journalist was able to raise serious doubts about the claims by the government that the Aadhar data stored in UIDAI servers was safe and secure.

**June 28**

1. Which movie have received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award at 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director BijukumarDamodaran?

**Answer :** VeyilMarangal

**Explanation :**

- **VeyilMarangal have received the Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award at 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival, Director BijukumarDamodaran.**
- This is for the first Indian film to win a major award at the festival.

**June 29**

1. Who won the Miss universe Australia tittle For 2019?

**Answer :** PriyaSerrao

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Women crowned Miss Universe Australia. India born PriyaSerrao has won the Miss universe Australia tittle For 2019.**
- Australia Capital- Canberra, Currency – Australian Dollar

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**June 01**

1. Who was elected as "The Prime Minister of india" in the 2019 election?

**Answer :** Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**



- **Narendra Modi**, who was elected for a **second term** at the Centre, took oath as the **Prime Minister at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on 30 May**.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind administered** the oath of office and secrecy at the function.

2. What is the name of the “The President of Nigeria”?

**Answer :** Muhammadu Buharisworn

**Explanation :**

- **Muhammadu Buharisworn** in for a second term as Nigeria’s president. He is a former military ruler, won 56 percent of the votes to defeat his main challenger, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples’ Democratic Party (PDP) in the February election.

### **June 02**

1. For whom, Supreme Court has extended the term of Justice for the Judicial Member of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission?

**Answer :** V K Jain

**Explanation :**

- Supreme Court extended the term of Justice V K Jain as Judicial Member of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- His term was supposed to expire on May 29, 2019. The decision on the extension of term was given by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Aniruddha Bose.

### **June 03**

1. Who is the President of El Salvador?

**Answer :** Nayib Bukele

**Explanation :**

- **In the Central American country of El Salvador, Nayib Bukele has been sworn-in as the nation's President. Bukele was sworn-in by the Speaker of the National Assembly in downtown San Salvador.**
- Delegations from 83 countries attended the ceremony.

### **June 06**

1. Who was elected as “external auditor of the World Health Organization” (WHO) from 2020 to 2023?

**Answer :** Rajiv Mehrishi

**Explanation :**

- Comptroller and **Auditor General of India Rajiv Mehrishi has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for four years from 2020 to 2023.**
- Mehrishi was elected at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva last month with a majority

### **June 07**

1. Who is appointed as the Chairman subject to RBI clearance by the board of AXIS bank?

**Answer :** Rakesh Makhija

**Explanation :**

- In March, the board of the Axis bank had approved appointment of **Rakesh Makhija** as chairman subject to RBI clearance.
- Rakesh Makhija, independent director was appointed as the non-executive (part-time) chairman of the bank, for a period of 3 years, with effect from July 18, 2019, up to July 17, 2022.

### **June 08**

1. Who is appointed as the the Chief Economist of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) by the UK government?

**Answer :** Kumar Iyer

**Explanation :**

- **Kumar Iyer has been appointed by the UK government as the Chief Economist of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).**
- He is the first Indian-origin member of the department's management board.

2. Who is elected as the Prime Minister of the Thailand Parliament?

**Answer :** Prayuth Chan-ocha

**Explanation :**

- The Thailand Parliament has elected 2014 coup leader Prayuth Chan-ocha as Prime Minister.
- The military-backed party that nominated Prayuth won the second-highest number of seats in the House of Representatives in a general election in March.

### **June 09**

1. What is the name of the electoral officer for the BCCI's Annual General Meeting?

**Answer :** N. Gopalaswami

**Explanation :**

- **Former Chief Election Commissioner N. Gopalaswami has been appointed as an electoral officer for the BCCI's Annual General Meeting.**
- The Committee of Administrators (CoA) had last month announced that the long-awaited elections of the BCCI will be held on 22nd October.

### **June 10**

1. Who is appointed as the acting chief justice of the Jharkhand High Court?

**Answer :** Justice Prashant Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **Justice Prashant Kumar was appointed as the acting chief justice of the Jharkhand High Court as the incumbent Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel** has been appointed as the chief justice of the Delhi High Court.
- Justice Patel took charge in the Delhi HC on June 7.

### **June 11**

1. Who is appointed as the executive director of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry?

**Answer :** P Jayadevan

**Explanation :**

- **P Jayadevan appointed as executive director of IndianOil Corporation Ltd for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry with immediate effect. He succeeds R Sitharthan**
- He will function as the coordinator for the oil industry in the state and also in the union territory. He will head as the chairman's secretariat at the corporate office, New Delhi.

### **June 13**

1. What is the name of the leader of Rajya Sabha?

**Answer :** Thawarchand Gehlot

**Explanation :**

- **Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot has been appointed as the leader of Rajya Sabha.** He will replace senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley who opted out of the government citing health reasons.
- Gehlot is a Rajya Sabha member representing Madhya Pradesh.

### **June 15**

1. What is the name of the new president of Kazakhstan?

**Answer :** Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

**Explanation :**

- **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev took oath as the new president of Kazakhstan. He was acting president following the surprise resignation of Nursultan Nazarbayev in March this year.**
- The career diplomat became the country's second elected president after succeeding 78-year-old Nursultan Nazarbayev.

### **June 17**

1. What is the name of the Slovakia's first female President?

**Answer :** Zuzana Caputova

**Explanation :**

- **Anti-corruption campaigner Zuzana Caputova has been sworn in as Slovakia's first female President.**
- The swearing-in took place before Constitutional Court chair Ivan Fiacan during a ceremonial parliamentary session held in Bratislava.

### **June 19**

1. What is the name of the Protem Speaker of Lok Sabha?

**Answer :** Virendra Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **President Ram Nath Kovind swore in the seven-term member of Parliament Virendra Kumar as the Protem Speaker of Lok Sabha.** As soon as a new speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha is elected, his role will cease to exist.
- As pro-tem speaker, Virendra Kumar will preside over the first sitting of the Lok Sabha and administer the oath to the newly elected MPs

### **June 20**

1. Who was elected as the 17th Lok Sabha Speaker?

**Answer :** Om Birla

**Explanation :**

- Om Birla, a two-time **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member of Parliament (MP)** from Rajasthan, is set to be unanimously elected as the 17th Lok Sabha Speaker.
- Om Birla was elected to the **17th Lok Sabha** from the Kota-Bundi constituency.

### June 22

1. Who was appointed in an independent capacity by the World Archery to sort out the ongoing mess in the national federation?

**Answer :** Abhinav Bindra

**Explanation :**

- India's only individual **Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra was appointed in an independent capacity by the World Archery to sort out the ongoing mess** in the national federation.
- The development comes a day after the world body de-listed the Archery Association of India for violating the constitution by unanimously electing two parallel bodies in Chandigarh and New Delhi.

### June 25

1. What is the name of the president of Mauritania's government?

**Answer :** Mohamed OuldGhazouani

**Explanation :**

- Candidate Mohamed OuldGhazouani is -backed by Mauritania's government as he won the presidential election. He is declared as a winner with 52% of the vote by the electoral commission.
- His nearest rival, anti-slavery campaigner Biram Dah Abeid, came second with 18.58%.

### June 27

1. Who was appointed as the next Director General of the Indian Coast Guard replacing Rajendra Singh?

**Answer :** Krishnaswamy Natarajan

**Explanation :**

- **Krishnaswamy Natarajan** was appointed as the next Director General of the Indian Coast Guard replacing Rajendra Singh.
- **K. Natarajan, the second Coast Guard officer to lead the force, would take over on June 30.**

2. Who is the new CEO of Warner Media?

**Answer :** Ann Sarnoff

**Explanation :**

- **WarnerMedia has chosen its head of Warner Bros and named Ann Sarnoff as its CEO.** Ann is the first woman to run the studio in its 96-year history.
- She currently serves as president of BBC Studios Americas.

### June 28

1. Who is elected as the member of the International Olympic Committee?

**Answer** Narinder Batra



**Explanation :**

- Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra was elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee. He secured 58 votes out of 62 while four voted against him.
- **His election is linked to his function in a National Olympic Committee - that is president of IOA.**

2. Who is appointed as the the new chief of Research & Analysis Wing?

**Answer :** SamantGoel

**Explanation :**

- Punjab cadre IPS officer SamantGoel has been appointed as the new chief of Research & Analysis Wing.
- MrGoel played a key role in planning the February 2019 Balakot airstrikes and the 2016 surgical strikes.

**June 29**

1. What is the name of the Manipur Governor?

**Answer :** PB Acharya

**Explanation :**

- **PBAcharya sworn in as Maipur Governor .The Nagaland Governor Acharya will serve as Governor at Manipur as an additional charge.**
- Chief Minister of Manipur – N. Biren Singh, Capital of Manipur – Imphal. Manipur formation day – January 21, 1972

**June 30**

1. What is the name of the DGP of Tamil Nadu?

**Answer :** J.K. Tripathy

**Explanation :**

- **J.K. Tripathy is new DGP of Tamil Nadu.**
- Jalad K. Tripathy, a 1985-batch IPS officer, will take charge as the new Director-General of Police 1 Head of police force. He also a recipient of “Police Medal for Distinguished service” conferred by the President.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

**June 1**

1. On which day World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is celebrated?

**Answer :** 31 May

**Explanation :**

- Every year, on **31 May, the World Health Organization (WHO)** and global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD).The annual campaign is an opportunity to

raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure, and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.

- The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on "tobacco and lung health."

### **June 2**

1. On which day World Milk Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** June 1

**Explanation :**

- **World Milk Day** is a day established by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations to recognize the **importance of milk** as a global food. It has been observed on **June 1 each year since 2001**.
- The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector.

### **June 3**

1. On which day Global Day of Parents is observed?

**Answer :** June 1

**Explanation :**

- The **Global Day of Parents** is observed on the 1st of June every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2012.
- The theme of the Global Day Of Parents is "Honor Your Parents".

### **June 4**

1. On which day International World Bicycle Day is observed?

**Answer :** June 3

**Explanation :**

- In April 2018, the United Nations General Assembly **declared 3 June as International World Bicycle Day**. The day will be observed by all the bicycle enthusiasts across the globe with great excitement and fun.
- The aim of the event will mainly focus on devoting particular attention to the bicycle in the current era of automobiles.

### **June 5**

1. On which day International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed?

**Answer :** June 4

**Explanation :**

- **The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is a United Nations observance each 4 June**.
- In 1997 The General Assembly adopted the 51/77 Resolution on the Rights of the Child. It was established on 19 August 1982.

### **June 6**

1. What is the theme of World Environment Day?

**Answer :** 'Air Pollution'

**Explanation :**

- **World Environment Day is observed every year on the 5th of June.** The day is celebrated every year to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth.
- This year the theme of Environment Day is 'Air Pollution'.

### **June 10**

1. On which day World Oceans Day is celebrated every year?

**Answer :** June 8

**Explanation :**

- **World Oceans Day is celebrated on 8 June every year to** empower people of all ages to become leaders of their own and stop polluting ocean, water bodies

### **June 12**

1. What is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour?

**Answer :** Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!

**Explanation :**

- **The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002** to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.
- 2019 theme: Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!

### **June 13**

1. On which day International Albinism Awareness Day is observed?

**Answer :** June 13

**Explanation :**

- **The International Albinism Awareness Day is observed on 13th june** world wide.
- The Theme of Albinism Awareness Day 2019 - "Still Standing Strong"

### **June 15**

1. On which day World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is celebrated?

**Answer :** June 14

**Explanation :**

- **Every year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day (WBDD).** The event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.
- Theme: Safe blood for all

### **June 16**

1. On which day World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is celebrated every year?

**Answer :** June 15

**Explanation :**

- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is held on June 15th every year.** The UN aims to raise awareness of elder abuse and prevent it, and on this day.

- Elder abuse is global and comes in many forms including physical, emotional, sexual and financial abuse and also neglect.

### **June 17**

1. On which day Father's Day is celebrated every year?

**Answer :** Third Sunday of June

**Explanation :**

- **Father's Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June** to honour the journey of fatherhood and the role that father's play in the family structure and society. This year, it is be celebrated on June 16 (Sunday) in India.
- **It complements similar celebrations honouring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents' Day.**

### **June 19**

1. On which day Autistic Pride Day is observed every year?

**Answer :** June 18

**Explanation :**

- **Autistic Pride Day is observed every year on 18 June.** Autistic pride recognises the importance of pride for autistics and understands it not as a disease but as a difference.
- Autism or Autism Spectrum Disability is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, restrictive and repetitive pattern of behaviour.

### **June 20**

1. On which day World Refugee Day is observed every year?

**Answer :** June 20

**Explanation :**

- **World Refugee Day is observed on 20 June** every year to raise awareness about the conditions and problems that refugee faces in their lives.
- The theme for World Refugee Day 2019 is #Step With Refugees — Take A Step on World Refugee Day.

### **June 22**

1. What is the theme of International Day of Yoga 2019?

**Answer :** Yoga for Climate Action

**Explanation :**

- **International Day of Yoga is celebrated annually on 21 June** since its inception in 2015. The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by the current Prime Minister of India, MrNarendraModi.
- The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practising yoga. 2019 Theme: Yoga for Climate Action

### **June 23**

1. On which day World Music Day is celebrated every year?

**Answer :** June 21



**Explanation :**

- **June 21 is celebrated as World Music Day, International Music Day or Fete de la Musique** every year. The first ever music day took place in 1982 in Paris.
- This move was proposed by French Politician Jack Lang and composer Maurice Fleuret to talk about the importance of music.

**June 24**

1. On which day World Olympic Day is observed?

**Answer :** June 23

**Explanation :**

- **on 23rd June is observed as World Olympic Day**, Which was introduced on 1948 to commemorate the launch day of the Modern Olympic Games on 23 June 1894 at the Sorbonne in Paris.
- The first ever Olympic Day was celebrated on June 23rd by 9 nations.

**June 25**

1. On which day United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** June 23

**Explanation :**

- **23rd June is being celebrated as United Nations Public Service Day** is around the world. This day celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community, it also highlights the contributions of the public service in the development process;

**June 26**

1. On which day International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed?

**Answer :** June 26

**Explanation :**

- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on 26 June** every year as its determination to strengthen the actions and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- Theme of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2019 - 'health for justice, justice for health'

**June 28**

1. On which day Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is observed?

**Answer :** June 27

**Explanation :**

- The General Assembly, recognizing the need to improve small business access to microfinance and credit, decided to designate **27 June as Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day**.

**June 29**

1. On which day International Day in support of victims of Torture is observed?

**Answer :** June 26

**Explanation :**

- **June 26 is an International Day in support of victims of Torture. On 26th June 1987** the UN convention against torture and other cruel, Inhuman or punishment came into effect.

### **June 30**

1. What is the theme of National statistics day?

**Answer :** Sustainable Development Goals

**Explanation :**

- **June 29 – “National STATISTICS DAY”**
- This day celebrated by the birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mohalanobis”. Theme: “Sustainable Development Goals”

## **ECONOMY**

### **June 01**

1. What is the rank of India in the most competitive economy across the world and Singapore?

**Answer :** 43rd.

**Explanation :**

- **India secured 43rd rank** in the most competitive economy across the world and Singapore topped the chart by toppling the US from the first position and Hong Kong SAR ranked 2n
- The US ranked 3rd in the ranking. Switzerland ranked 4th in the ranking.

### **June 02**

1. What is the median GDP of India for FY20 and FY21 according to FICCI’s economic outlook survey?

**Answer :** 7.1% and 7.2%.

**Explanation :**

- **FICCI’s (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)** economic outlook survey projected India’s median GDP (Gross Domestic Product) 7.1% for FY20 and 7.2% for FY21.
- The survey was conducted among economists belonging to the industry, banking and financial services sectors. of Survey for 2019-20.

### **June 03**

1. According to the Data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion India’s Foreign Direct Investment equity inflows declined to how much percentage in 2018-19?

**Answer :** 1%.

**Explanation :**

- India’s **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** equity inflows declined for the first time in six years in 2018-19.

- Data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion and internal trade showed FDI India declined 1% to \$44.4 billion in the year to 31 March.

### **June 04**

1. What is the economic growth of china in the march quarter?

**Answer :** 6.4%.

**Explanation :**

- The Indian economy has lost its spot as the world's fastest-growing economy to China. A Reuters survey of economists said that India registered 6.3% annual growth in the January-March quarter, its slowest pace in six quarters.
- **China recorded a growth of 6.4% in the March Quarter.**

2. Which is the country's most profitable public sector company in India?

**Answer :** Oil and Natural Gas Corp

**Explanation :**

- **Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC)**, India's top oil and gas producer, has toppled Indian **Oil Corp (IOC)** to regain the crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company.
- Oil and Natural Gas Corp (**ONGC**) reported a 34% jump in its 2018- 19 fiscal net profit to Rs.26,716 crore.

### **June 11**

1. Indian Air Force signed a deal with which country to buy more than 100 SPICE 2000 bombs, worth around Rs 300 crore?

**Answer :** Israel

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Air Force signed a deal with Israel to buy more than 100 SPICE 2000 bombs, worth around Rs 300 crore.
- SPICE bombs were used by the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to attack the madrasa of Jaish-e-Mohammed in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, in response to the terrorist attack on a CRPF convoy in Pulwama which resulted in the martyrdom of 40 CRPF personnel.

### **June 13**

1. Which is the world's most valuable brand in cloud computing, consumer tech and movie production?

**Answer :** Amazon

**Explanation :**

- **Amazon clinched** the world's most valuable brand in cloud computing, consumer tech and movie production. It is founded by the world's richest man Jeff Bezos.
- According to the 2019 BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands rankings, Amazon online retailer set its brand value quintuple in the past five years to reach \$315.5billion.

### **June 14**

1. Which insurance company launched the 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) a unique proprietary tool to ensure financial protection in the country?

**Answer :** Max Life Insurance

**Explanation :**

- **Max Life Insurance company** one of the famous insurance companies in India announced the launch of a unique proprietary tool, '**My Protection Quotient**' (MyPQ) **its commitment to ensuring financial protection in the country.**

### **June 15**

1. What is the growth of foreign direct investment to India in 2018?

**Answer :** 6 per cent to 42 billion dollars.

**Explanation :**

- **Foreign Direct Investment to India grew by 6 per cent to 42 billion dollars in 2018. It grew with strong inflows in the manufacturing,** communication and financial services sectors, and cross-border merger and acquisition activities.
- The report ranked India among the top 20 host economies for FDI inflows in 2017-18.

### **June 16**

1. Government of India has taken a historic decision to reduce the rate of contribution under the ESI Act from 6.5% to how much percentage?

**Answer :** 4%

**Explanation :**

- The Government of India has taken a historic decision to reduce the rate of contribution under the ESI Act from 6.5% to 4% (employers' contribution being reduced from 4.75% to 3.25% and employees' contribution being reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%). Reduced rates will be effective from 01 July 2019. This would benefit 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh employers

### **June 17**

1. Which bank has approved projects for infrastructure development worth Rs 1,650 crore (\$235 million) in seven of the eight district headquarter towns in Tripura?

**Answer :** Asian Development Bank

**Explanation :**

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved projects for infrastructure development worth Rs 1,650 crore (\$235 million) in seven of the eight district headquarter towns in Tripura.
- The Urban Development Department of Tripura government had submitted the projects' details to the ADB through the Central government on which the ADB gave its nod.

### **June 18**

1. Which Ministry of India released a study the trade war between the US and China offers an opportunity to India for boosting exports of as many 350 products?

**Answer :** Commerce

**Explanation :**



- **Commerce Ministry of India made a study the trade war between the US and China offers an opportunity to India for boosting exports of as many 350 products such as chemicals and granite to these countries.**
- The ongoing trade war between the US and China an opportunity to India for boosting exports around 350 products such as chemicals and granite to these countries.

### June 21

1. What is India's GDP growth for fiscal year 2020 according to DBS Bank?

**Answer :** 6.8 percent

**Explanation :**

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

### June 22

1. Who approved the merger of Indiabulls Housing Finance with Lakshmi Vilas Bank?

**Answer :** Competition Commission of India.

**Explanation :**

- Indiabulls Housing Finance said that the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved its proposed merger with Lakshmi Vilas Bank.
- The merged entity, to be called Indiabulls Lakshmi Vilas Bank, will be among the top eight private banks in India by size and profitability.

### June 24

1. Investment Capital in commercial real estate by the investors of Indian in overseas markets between the first quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of this year soared by how much percent?

**Answer :** 92 percent

**Explanation :**

- Investment Capital in commercial real estate by the investors of Indian in overseas markets soared by 92 percent to \$700 million which is around 4,893 crore in Indian money between the first quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of this year, It is states by a report
- **Investors tapped the overseas market to diversify risk and increase their returns, the report by global property consultant Knight Frank said.**

### June 26

1. Which bank planned to expand its market in Singapore to enhance its relationship across the small and medium enterprises?

**Answer :** State Bank of India.

**Explanation :**

- **To enhance its relationship across the small and medium enterprises (SMEs), State Bank of India (SBI)** is planning to expand its market in Singapore .The SBI has served the Singapore retail and corporate sectors bank since 2008.
- SBI already has six branches and ATM services under ATM5 network .

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### June 08

1. Who is the author of the book “Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge”?

**Answer :** Ashis Ray

**Explanation :**

- **Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge** – a book on the history of the tournament from an Indian perspective by veteran broadcaster and **writer Ashis Ray** – has been formally unveiled by the **chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, Tom Harrison.**

### June 25

1. Who is the author of the autobiography, titled “My Life, My Mission”?

**Answer :** Baba Ramdev

**Explanation :**

- **On Friday in the occasion of International Yoga Day**, yoga guru Baba Ramdev announced that his first official autobiography, titled “My Life, My Mission” is being prepared and will be released in August.
- The volume, co-authored by senior journalist UdayMahurkar.

### June 27

1. Which Bollywood actor is coming out with his autobiography, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly that is set to hit stands on 5 August?

**Answer :** Anupamkher

**Explanation :**

- **Bollywood actor AnupamKher is coming out with his autobiography, Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly that is set to hit stands on 5 August.**
- Kher, one of the most prolific actors in the Indian film industry, has over 530 films in several languages, both in India and the West, 100 plays and numerous TV shows to his credit.

### June 30

1. Who wrote the book titled “A Prime Minister to Remember Memories of a Military Chief”?

**Answer :** Sushil Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **A book titled “A prime Minister to Remember Memories of a Military Chief”**
- **Authored by former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar.** This book is about former Prime Minister of India Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



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