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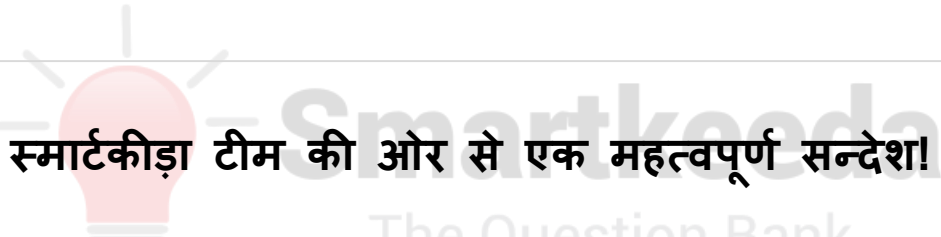
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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF जून 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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National & States Affairs

1. The variant first identified in India, technically known as “B.1.617.2”, can now be described as ‘Delta’ and the so called ‘UK variant’ as ‘Alpha’, according to the recommendations by the World Health Organisation (WHO). So far, four Variants of Concern (VOC) have been identified by the WHO: B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P2 & B.1.617.2. Their public labels will be Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta respectively. A sublineage of the B.1.617 family is “B.1.617.1” that was identified in India and now bears the popular label ‘Kappa’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “B.1.617.2” - the variant first identified in India – described as ‘Delta’ by the WHO
- Another Indian variant “B.1.617.1” – described as ‘Kappa’
- “B.1.1.7” (UK variant) – described as ‘Alpha’ | Besides, B.1.351 as ‘Beta’ & P2 as ‘Gamma’
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#)

2. Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) is setting up the Digital Publishers Content Grievances Council (DPCGC), which will help address unresolved consumer grievances and ensure compliance with the latest guidelines for OTT players. Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) had formed, 7-member self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) chaired by the SC Judge Vikramjit Sen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAMAI is setting up the Digital Publishers Content Grievances Council (DPCGC)
- IBF – formed 7-member Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) – chaired by Vikramjit Sen
- OTT – **Over The Top**
- [HQs of IAMAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [President – Subho Ray](#) | [Chairperson – Amit Agarwal](#)

3. On June 1, Dharmendra Pradhan has presided over a virtual ceremony in which a number of initiatives were launched to provide major fillip to the SATAT initiative. During the landmark event, Union Petroleum Minister also inaugurated the first injection of Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) into the CGD (City Gas Distribution) pipeline network at Govardhannathji Energies in Gujarat. A website to provide a digital boost to the SATAT programme was also unveiled during the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – launched a number of initiatives to enhance the “SATAT” scheme
- SATAT – **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation** | Launched in – October, 2018
- He also inaugurated the 1st injection of CBG into the CGD pipeline network – at Govardhannathji Energies, Gujarat
- [Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel \(Madhya Pradesh\)](#)

4. On June 2, Indian Railways’ Research Design & Standards Organization (RDSO) has recently become India’s first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO) under the mission called “One Nation One Standard” on Bureau of Indian Standards. ‘Recognition of SDO’ is valid for a period of 3-years. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Research Design & Standards Organization – became India’s first institution to be declared as “SDO”
- ‘Recognition of SDO’ is valid for a period of 3-years
- HQs of RDSO – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | Director-General – Virendra Kumar

5. On June 1, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the “Horticulture Cluster Development Programme” (CDP). The programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters out of the total 53 clusters selected for the programme. It is a central sector programme implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the “Horticulture Cluster Development Programme” (CDP)
- The programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters – out of total 53 selected clusters
- Implementing body for the programme – National Horticulture Board (NHB)
- HQs of NHB – Gurugram, Haryana | MD – Rajbir Singh

6. On June 1, The Goa government has constituted “Goa Institution for Future Transformation” (GIFT). It will function on the lines of NITI Aayog to assist, advise and guide the government in policy making and formulation, implementation, monitoring of SDGs and evaluation of various development programmes. Chief Minister of Goa, currently Pramod Sawant, will be the Chairman of GIFT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Goa – constituted “Goa Institution for Future Transformation” (GIFT) | Chairman – CM of Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

7. On June 4, The Indian government has retargeted the date for achieving 20% ethanol-blending with petrol by 2 years to 2023 to help reduce India’s dependence on costly oil imports. Earlier, it was 2025. And last year, the government had set a target of reaching 10% ethanol-blending in petrol by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government retargeted the date for achieving 20% Ethanol-blending with Petrol – by 2023 (from 2025 earlier)
- 20% Ethanol-blending with Petrol: means “20% of Ethanol mixed with 80% of Diesel”

8. On June 3, The Maharashtra government has launched “Corona-Free Village” competitions to curb the spread of Covid-19, where three villages in each revenue district will be awarded prizes up to ₹50 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – launched “Corona-Free Village” competitions to curb the spread of Covid-19
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari



9. On June 4, The Ministry of Labour & Employment has constituted the Expert Group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of Minimum Wages and National Floor Minimum Wages. The expert group is chaired by Prof Ajit Mishra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth. The group has been constituted for a period of 3 years. National floor refers to the minimum level of wage that is applicable to all categories of workers across the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Labour & Employment Ministry – constituted Expert Group to fix Minimum Wages & National Floor Minimum Wages
- The Expert Group is chaired by – Ajit Mishra | The group is constituted for – 3 years
- [MoS in Ministry of Labour and Employment – Santosh Kumar Gangwar | Constituency – Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh](#)

10. On June 4, The Punjab Cabinet has given the approval for the creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the operation and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply schemes across the State in a bid to ensure sustainably long-term supply of potable water in rural areas. This first such SPV in India will be a utility company, the “Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company”. ₹25 Cr was allocated for SPV from World Bank’s funds (64%) and the State budget (36%). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – approved creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for the maintenance of water supply schemes
- First such SPV in India – “Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company”
- ₹25 Cr was allocated for SPV – from World Bank (64%) & State budget (36%)
- [Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore](#)

11. In order to provide relief to workers amid Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced additional benefits for families of insured persons covered under the ESIC and EPFO’s EDLI schemes. The Government has decided to provide pension to dependents of insured persons, covered under the ESIC scheme, who died due to COVID-19. A hike in maximum sum assured under the Employees’ Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI) under EPFO to Rs 7 lakh from Rs 6 lakh has also been announced. The changes made to EDLI scheme are applicable till 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Labour & Employment announced additional benefits for families of insured persons covered under the “ESIC” scheme & EPFO’s “EDLI” scheme
- Under the ESIC scheme: To provide pension to dependents of insured persons who died due to COVID-19
- Under the EDLI scheme: Hike in maximum sum assured to Rs 7 lakh (from Rs 6 lakh)

12. On June 2, Punjab has successfully completed “Rabta Muhim” organised from May 24 to 31. The campaign was aimed to facilitate the contact between parents and teachers via phone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – organised “Rabta Muhim” from May 24 to 31
- [Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore](#)



13. On June 3, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a “Seed Minikit” programme by distributing high yielding varieties of seeds of Pulses and Oilseeds to farmers. The mini-kits are being provided by the National Seeds Corporation (NCS), NAFED and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation. Oilseeds production has increased from 27.51 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 36.57 million tonnes in 2020-21. Pulses output has increased from 17.15 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 25.56 million tonnes in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched a “Seed Minikit” programme by distributing seeds of Pulses & Oilseeds
- Oilseeds production – increased to 36.57 million tonnes in 2020-21
- Pulses output – increased to 25.56 million tonnes in 2020-21

14. On June 3, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated the “Indus Best Mega Food Park” in Chhattisgarh along with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the Core Processing Centres (CPC) and Primary Processing Centers (PPC) catchment areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the “Indus Best Mega Food Park” – in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

15. On June 4, Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched “Jagananna Palavelluva - AP Amul project” in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. Farmers were earning ₹5 to ₹15 more per litre under the Amul project. The project started to be implemented on December 2. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Jagananna Palavelluva - AP Amul project” – launched in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

16. On June 4, Swedish home furnishings retailer IKEA has announced the launch of its mobile shopping app and e-commerce offer in 3 cities of Gujarat - Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara. IKEA India opened its first retail store in Hyderabad in 2018 and second store at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IKEA – announced the launch of its mobile shopping app and e-commerce offer in Ahmedabad, Surat & Vadodara
- HQs of IKEA – Delft, Netherlands | CEO – Jesper Brodin

International Affairs

17. As births decline, China has allowed all married couples to have three children, ending a “Two-Child Policy” to boost birth rates. Births in China have fallen for 4 consecutive years, including in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – allowed all married couples to have three children, ending a “Two-Child Policy”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

18. The Philippines has protested China’s continuing illegal presence and activities near its “Thitu Island” also known as “Pag-asa Island” in the South China Sea. This was at least the 84th diplomatic protest the Philippines has filed against China since President Rodrigo Duterte took office in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Philippines – protested China’s continuing illegal presence and activities near its “Thitu Island” (Pag-asa Island)
- Thitu Island is located in – Philippines (in South China Sea)
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Rodrigo Duterte
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

19. According to China’s National Health Commission (NHC), a 41-year-old man in China’s eastern province of Jiangsu has been confirmed as the first human case of infection with the “H10N3” strain of Bird Flu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jiangsu (China) – confirmed as the first human case of infection with the “H10N3” strain of Bird Flu
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

20. The United Kingdom has collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop an advanced international pathogen surveillance network called “Global Pandemic Radar” to identify COVID-19 variants and emerging diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK + WHO = to develop “Global Pandemic Radar” to identify COVID-19 variants
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194

21. On June 1, Pakistan has launched its homemade Covid-19 vaccine named “PakVac” which it developed with the help of its ally China to bring under control the spread of coronavirus cases in the nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan + China = launched Pak’s homemade Covid-19 vaccine named “PakVac”
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



Banking & Economic Affairs

22. On June 1, The RBI has cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank, Pune as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of ₹5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank (Pune, Maharashtra)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

23. On June 2, State Bank of India (SBI) economists sharply slashed their FY22 GDP growth estimates to 7.9% from the earlier projection of 10.4%. It is the lowest among all analysts. According to the SBI, the real GDP for FY22 will be 'slightly higher' than those in FY20, and called it a "W-shaped". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI estimated India's GDP for FY22 – 7.9% (from the earlier projection of 10.4%)
- SBI predicts India to have – "W-shaped recovery"
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

24. India's fiscal deficit for financial year 2020-21 stood at 9.3% of GDP as against Finance Ministry's revised estimate of 9.5% of GDP, as per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). In absolute terms, fiscal deficit stood at Rs 18.21 lakh Cr. Revenue deficit during FY21 stood at Rs 14.54 lakh Cr, or 7.42% of GDP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's Fiscal Deficit for FY21 – 9.3% of GDP or Rs 18.21 lakh Cr (against revised estimate of 9.5% of Finance Ministry)
- India's Revenue Deficit for FY21 – 7.42% of GDP or Rs 14.54 lakh Cr
- Present CGA – Soma Roy Burman

25. On June 1, India's largest cryptocurrency exchange WazirX has launched India's first Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) marketplace. The platform will run on its parent company Binance's blockchain technology. Binance is one of the biggest crypto exchanges in the world, which acquired WazirX in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WazirX – launched India's first **Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT)** marketplace
- HQs of WazirX – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Nischal Shetty | Parent company – Binance



26. On June 2, Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd (ERFL) has announced strengthening of its co-lending partnership with Central Bank of India for priority sector lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). MSMEs can now avail of collateral free business loans up to Rs 50 lakh as against Rs 10 lakh earlier. Additionally, they can also avail of loan against property up to Rs 10 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBoI + Edelweiss Retail Finance = co-lending partnership for MSMEs
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao
- HQs of Edelweiss Retail Finance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Mehernosh Tata

27. On June 2, Bharti AXA Life Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance + Shivalik SFB = a Bancassurance Partnership
- HQs of Bharti AXA Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Parag Raja
- HQs of SSFB – Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Suveer Kumar Gupta

28. On June 2, By associating with Satin Creditcare Network, HSBC India has become the only international bank as part of the NPCI's "UPI AutoPay" platform. SCNL is the first player in the micro finance segment to go live on this unique functionality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India + Satin Creditcare + NPCI = partnership to integrate with NPCI's "UPI AutoPay" platform
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Surendra Rosha | Founded in – 1853
- HQs of Satin Creditcare Network Ltd – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – H. P. Singh
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

29. On June 2, ICICI Bank has tied up with SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) to offer a facility that helps overseas partner banks to send instant remittances on behalf of their customers to the beneficiary in India. This makes ICICI Bank the first bank in Asia-Pacific and the second globally to offer the facility, called "SWIFT gpi Instant", for cross border inward payments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + SWIFT = a tie up to offer instant facility for cross-border inward remittances
- ICICI Bank – became the 1st bank in Asia-Pacific & the 2nd globally to offer the facility - "SWIFT gpi Instant"
- GPI – **G**lobal **P**ayments **I**nnovation | SWIFT – **S**ociety for **W**orldwide **I**nterbank **F**inancial **T**elecommunication
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Tagline – "Hum Hain Na!"
- HQs of SWIFT – La Hulpe, Belgium | CEO – Javier Perez-Tasso | Founded in – 1973



30. On June 3, The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) has constituted the first of its kind Inter-regulator Panel to address the regulatory challenges posed by the fintech industry. The committee includes officials from the RBI, Finance Ministry, SEBI and the Insurance and Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI). The FSDC was first mooted by the Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSDC – constituted the first of its kind “Inter-regulator Panel” to address the regulatory challenges
- The committee includes officials from = RBI + SEBI + IRDAI + Finance Ministry
- [Chairman of FSDC – Nirmala Sitharaman | FSDC was mooted by – Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008](#)

31. On June 3, Federal Bank has launched an exclusive NR (Non Resident) Savings Account scheme for the Seafarer segment. The scheme is available in both Non-Resident External (NRE) SB and Non-Resident Ordinary Rupee (NRO) SB variants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Federal Bank – launched an exclusive NR (Non Resident) Savings Account scheme for the Seafarer segment
- [HQs Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”](#)

Defence Affairs

32. On June 4, After serving the nation for 40 years, INS Sandhayak, the oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel of Indian Navy, was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. The ship also took part in important operations like operation ‘Pawan’ in Sri Lanka, 1987, operation ‘Rainbow’ for Humanitarian Assistance in the aftermath of Tsunami in 2004. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Sandhayak – decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh – after serving for 40yrs
- INS Sandhayak – the oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel of Indian Navy
- [Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amaravati \(LC\), Visakhapatnam \(EC\) & Kurnool \(JC\)](#)
- [CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan](#)

Schemes & Initiatives

33. In a unique move, the Rajasthan government will offer saplings of 4 selected medicinal herbs to all the state’s families as part of “Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana”. A fund of Rs 210 Cr has been sanctioned by the state government for this 5 year scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched “Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana” – to offer saplings of 4 selected medicinal herbs
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)



34. On June 4, The Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot has virtually launched the SAGE (Senior care Aging Growth Engine) initiative and SAGE portal for elderly persons. The SAGE portal will be a “one-stop access” of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of SJE – launched “SAGE” (Senior care **A**ging **G**rowth **E**ngine) initiative & portal – for Elderly persons
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – Thawar Chand Gehlot (Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh)

Sports & Games

35. There are 31 matches remaining in VIVO sponsored Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 and these will now be played in the UAE. This will be the first time that the UAE is hosting the IPL for two years in a row. In 2020, the entire tournament was played in the Emirates due to the COVID-19 outbreak in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 31 matches are remaining in IPL 2021 & will now be played in the UAE (sponsored by VIVO)
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

36. On June 1, Indian lifter Achinta Sheuli has given his best in all three events to clinch an overall silver medal in the 73kg category at the Junior Weightlifting World Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The 19-year-old lifted 313kg - 141kg in snatch, followed by 172kg in clean and jerk. Indonesia’s Juniansyah Rizki 349kg (155kg 194kg) has won the Gold medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Junior Weightlifting World Championship 2021 – held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Gold: Juniansyah Rizki (Indonesia) - 349kg | Silver: Achinta Sheuli (West Bengal) - 313kg [in 73kg category]

37. Brazil will host “Copa America” for the second consecutive time after Colombia and Argentina were stripped of hosting rights for the tournament between June 13 and July 10. Brazil is the defending champion, winning the competition in 2019 as hosts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brazil – to host “Copa America” Football championship for the second consecutive time
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro



Important Days & Dates

38. June 1 is marked as World Milk Day every year to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. World Milk Day was established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). This year, the theme is “Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition, and socio-economics”. Verghese Kurien is known as the “Father of the White Revolution” in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 1 – 21st edition of [World Milk Day](#) (since 2001)
- Theme – “Sustainability in the Dairy Sector with messages around the Environment, Nutrition and Socio-Economics”
- Verghese Kurien – known as the “Father of the White Revolution” in India

39. Designated by the General Assembly in 2012, it was proclaimed that June 1 will be observed annually as the “Global Day of Parents” in honour of parents throughout the world. This year, the theme is “Appreciate All Parents throughout the World”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 1 – Global Day of Parents (since 2012)
- Theme – “Appreciate All Parents throughout the World”

40. On June 2, “International Sex Workers Day” was observed across the globe. The day is observed to honor the sex workers of the world since 1975. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 2 – “International Sex Workers Day” (since 1975)

41. Telangana Formation Day is celebrated every year on June 2 in the state. This day is being observed from 2014 when the state was formed. The bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh is remembered on this day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 2 – Telangana Formation Day (since 2014 - the year of the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh)
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

42. On June 1, World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on June 3 by the United Nations. The day aims at developing a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 3 – UN’s World Bicycle Day
- [HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres](#)



43. On June 4, United Nations-designated “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression” is marked every year. It aims to acknowledge the suffering of children who are the victims of physical, emotional and mental torture in conflict-ridden zones worldwide. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 4 – UN’s “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression”

44. World Environment Day was recently observed across the globe on June 5 to enhance people’s livelihoods, counteract climate change and stop the collapse of biodiversity. This year, the theme is “Ecosystem Restoration”. 2021-2030 has been declared as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – World Environment Day
- Theme – “Ecosystem Restoration”
- 2021-2030 – declared as the ‘UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration’

45. “World Day Against Speciesism” was recently observed across the globe on June 5. ‘Speciesism’ is the thought process that humans have a bigger moral right and the right over other species, just because humans are humans . [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – “World Day Against Speciesism”

46. The 4th edition of “International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing” was observed on June 5. The day is observed to draw attention towards the issue of illegal fishing. The day was first observed in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – 4th “International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing” (since 2018)

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

47. The “Climate Breakthroughs Summit” took place virtually on May 27, 2021. The summit is a collaboration between the World Economic Forum, Mission Possible Partnership, the United Nations Climate Champions, and the United Kingdom Climate Change Conference (COP26) Presidency. The United Nations made a call for coordinated action to secure Global Net-Zero Emissions and fulfill its goal of limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Climate Breakthroughs Summit” = WEF + Mission Possible Partnership + UN Climate Champions + COP26
- Goal of limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels – by 2050



48. On June 1, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has chaired a meeting of “BRICS Foreign Ministers” hosted by India through video conferencing. The ministers are expected to exchange views on the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the need for strengthening and reforming the multilateral system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – chaired a meeting of “BRICS Foreign Ministers” – hosted by India
- BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | BRICS Chairmanship in 2021 – India

49. South Korea has hosted a two-day virtual event called the “2021 Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Seoul Summit”. Established in 2018, the P4G summit in Seoul was only the second of its kind due to COVID-related delays. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea hosted the 2nd “Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Seoul Summit - 2021”
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Moon Jae-in
- The 1st P4G Summit was held in – 2018 | Member Countries – 12

50. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has virtually participated in a meeting with “Ministers of Health of the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) Countries”. The meeting was organised by Azerbaijan. The motto is to protect the health of those without wealth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan – participated in “Ministers of Health of the NAM Countries” meeting – organised by Azerbaijan
- NAM member countries – 120

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

51. On June 1, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh has launched the “Gopal Ratna Awards”, the National Awards for the Cattle and Dairy sector. The award has 3 categories - i) Best Dairy farmer, ii) Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and Best Dairy Cooperative/Milk producer Company/FPO. He also announced integration of “e-GOPALA” app (Generation of wealth through Productive Livestock) with UMANG platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Giriraj Singh – launched the “Gopal Ratna Awards”, the National Awards for the Cattle & Dairy sector
- He also announced integration of “e-GOPALA” app with “UMANG” platform
- Shri Giriraj Singh – Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (Begusarai, Bihar)

52. On June 2, SpiceHealth has won the Gold Award at the “2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards” for ‘Most Valuable Medical Innovation’ under coronavirus disease (Covid-19) response category. The winners will be awarded during a virtual awards ceremony on July 14, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SpiceHealth – won the Gold Award for ‘Most Valuable Medical Innovation’ – at “2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards”
- SpiceHealth received award under – ‘Covid-19 response category’

53. On June 4, French novelist David Diop has won the prestigious “International Booker Prize” for books translated into English with his World War I-set novel, “At Night All Blood is Black”. It is a sister prize to the Booker Prize, awarded to a novel written in English. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- David Diop ([French Poet](#)) – won the prestigious “International Booker Prize” – for “At Night All Blood is Black”
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

Appointments & Resignations

54. West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay opted to retire and was appointed as Chief Adviser to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alapan Bandyopadhyay – appointed as Chief Adviser to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

55. B. Shyam, presently Consul General in Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iceland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- B. Shyam – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iceland
- Iceland – Reykjavik – Krona | President – Guoni Th. Johannesson

56. Magma Fincorp Ltd has appointed Adar Poonawalla as the Chairman of the company. The NBFC's board also appointed Abhay Bhutada as its Managing Director. Poonawalla is also the CEO of Pune-based Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adar Poonawalla – appointed as the Chairman of Magma Fincorp Ltd
- Abhay Bhutada – appointed as the Managing Director of Magma Fincorp Ltd
- HQs of Magma Fincorp Ltd – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman – Adar Poonawalla | MD – Abhay Bhutada



57. On June 1, Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair has taken over as the Director General of Assam Rifles (DGAR), India's oldest Paramilitary Force. Lt. Gen. Nair is the 21st DG of the Assam Rifles, popularly known as "Sentinels of the Northeast". He took over as Assam Rifles DG in a ceremony at the DGAR headquarters at Shillong in Meghalaya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Gen. Pradeep Chandran Nair – took over as the 21st Director General of Assam Rifles
- Assam Rifles – popularly known as "Sentinels of the Northeast" (India's oldest Paramilitary Force)
- HQs of Assam Rifles – Shillong, Meghalaya | Founded in – 1835 | Motto: "Sentinels of the North East"

58. On June 2, Isaac Herzog, a veteran politician and the scion of a prominent Israeli family, was elected as the 11th President of Israel. He has succeeded Reuven Rivlin who is set to leave office in July after 7 years in office. Herzog, 60, is a former head of Israel's Labor Party. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Isaac Herzog – elected as the 11th President of Israel
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu

59. On June 1, Dr. Vinay K. Nandicoori has been appointed as the new Director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. He is a well-known molecular biologist and has been a scientist at the DBT-National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinay K. Nandicoori – appointed as the new Director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
- HQs of CSIR-CCMB – Hyderabad, Telangana | Director – Vinay K. Nandicoori

60. On June 1, WhatsApp has appointed Paresh B. Lal as its Grievance Officer for India on its website. As per WhatsApp's website, users can contact Paresh B. Lal ('Grievance Officer') through a post box in Banjara Hills in Hyderabad, Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paresh B. Lal – appointed as Grievance Officer of WhatsApp for India
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, USA | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009

61. On June 3, Sanjiv Kohli, presently High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjiv Kohli – appointed as next Ambassador of India to – Serbia
- Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar | President – Aleksandar Vucic



62. On June 1, Former journalist Swapan Dasgupta has been renominated to the Upper House of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) by the government. Noted lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani was also nominated to Rajya Sabha by the central government. The nominated members are drawn from fields such as literature, science, sports, art and social service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Swapan Dasgupta (Journalist) – renominated to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)
- Mahesh Jethmalani (Lawyer) – nominated to the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)
- Rajya Sabha Chairperson – Venkaiah Naidu | Deputy Chairperson – Harivansh Narayan Singh

63. On June 2, During the 149th session of the WHO Executive board, Dr. Patrick Amoth, Acting Director General for Health in the Ministry of Health of Kenya, has been appointed as the Chair of WHO Executive Board for 1 year. He succeeds Dr. Harsh Vardhan who completed his tenure on June 2 this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Patrick Amoth (Kenya) – appointed as Chairman of WHO Executive Board for 1 year (replacing - Dr. Harsh Vardhan)
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194



64. On June 3, NABARD has sanctioned Rs 254 Cr to Odisha under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for setting up of two Mega Piped Drinking Water Supply Projects. The two mega projects will come up in Jajpur district and Puri district. These projects will contribute in achieving the goal of provision of drinking water to the rural population by 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – sanctioned Rs 254 Cr to Odisha under “Rural Infrastructure Development Fund” (RIDF)
- It is for setting up of 2 Mega Piped Drinking Water Supply Projects – in Jajpur & Puri
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Chintala Govinda Rajulu | Founded in – 1982
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

65. On June 3, The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India have signed a \$2.5 million project readiness financing (PRF) loan to support project preparation and design activities to upgrade major district roads in Sikkim. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + ADB = \$2.5 million Project Readiness Financing (PRF) loan – to support road upgradation project in Sikkim
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

66. On June 1, Manama, the Capital city of Bahrain has topped the globally-recognised “AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index Financial Attractiveness Ranking” for the third straight year. The rankings evaluate the salary levels, cost of living, and taxes in a particular market in order to create an overall score for financial attractiveness. Only two Indian cities were listed in the Index where New Delhi stood at 113th & Mumbai at 125th. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manama ([Bahrain](#)) – topped the “AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index Financial Attractiveness Ranking” (for 3rd time)
- Only two Indian cities were listed in the list: New Delhi (113th) & Mumbai (125th)

67. On June 3, The 3rd edition of the SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21 titled, “SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action” was released by NITI Aayog. The 3rd edition covers 16 Goals on 115 quantitative indicators, out of total 17 SDGs. Kerala has retained the top rank with a score of 75, while Mizoram, Haryana, and Uttarakhand are the top gainers in terms of improvement in their rankings from 2019. Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing states in this year’s index. The SDG3 (Good health & Well Being) was topped by Gujarat among states. While, among UTs, Delhi topped the list. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of “SDG India Index & Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action” – released by NITI Aayog
- 3rd edition of SDG India Index covers – 16 out of 17 SDGs | The first edition was released – in 2018
- Top – Kerala (75) | Worst – Bihar, Jharkhand & Assam
- Top gainers in terms of improvement in their rankings: Mizoram, Haryana & Uttarakhand
- SDG3 (Good health & Well Being): Gujarat – topped among States | Delhi – topped among UTs
- HQs of NITI Aayog – [New Delhi](#) | CEO – [Amitabh Kant](#)
- Chairperson – [Narendra Modi](#) | Vice Chairperson – [Rajiv Kumar](#)

68. On June 1, The report titled “State of Finance for Nature” is jointly produced by the UNEP, WEF and Economics of Land Degradation. The report estimates that annual investments in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) must be tripled by 2030 and increased four-fold by 2050. The report also found that approximately \$133 billion (Rs. 9.7 lakh Cr) currently flows into NbS annually. It comprises about 0.10% of global GDP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “State of Finance for Nature” – produced by the UNEP, WEF & ELD
- Annual investments in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) must be tripled by 2030 & increased four-fold by 2050
- Current investments in NbS in 2020 = \$133 billion (Rs. 9.7 lakh Cr) [0.10% of global GDP]

69. On June 2, The ILO’s “World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021” (WESO Trends) projects the global crisis-induced ‘Jobs Gap’ will reach 75 million in 2021, before falling to 23 million in 2022. The report states that Global Unemployment rate will be 6.3% in 2021 & 5.7% in 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021” report – released by the ILO
- Global crisis-induced ‘Jobs Gap’ will reach 75 million in 2021 & 23 million in 2022
- Global Unemployment rate will be – 6.3% in 2021 & 5.7% in 2022
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | Founded in – 1919

70. On June 4, The Blue-Finned Mahseer, which was on the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Red List of ‘Endangered Species’, has now moved to the ‘Least Concern’ status. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Blue-Finned Mahseer” – moved to the ‘Least Concern’ status – from ‘Endangered Species’ in the IUCN’s red list
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xincheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

71. On June 1, Jammu and Kashmir Horticulture Department has signed an MoU with Go Air (Go First) for the transportation of Perishable Horticulture and Agricultural Produce to various destinations across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K + Go Air (Go First) = an MoU for the transportation of Perishable Horticulture & Agricultural Produce in India
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of Go First – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nusli Wadia | CEO – Kaushik Khona

72. On June 1, ICICI Lombard has tied up with Microsoft to strengthen and automate the quality control processes. The insurer will make use of Microsoft’s Azure Speech Services and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to screen its daily service calls made by customer service reps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Lombard + Microsoft = to strengthen customer support using Microsoft’s Azure Speech Services
- HQs of ICICI Lombard – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Bhargav Das Gupta
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

73. On June 1, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed an MoU with Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) to create awareness about the benefits of listing among small businesses and startups. BSE launched its SME platform in March 2012 and so far 337 companies listed on its SME Platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + ESC (New Delhi) = an MoU to create awareness about the benefits of listing among SMEs & Startups
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sethurathnam Ravi | MD & CEO – Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan
- BSE is Asia’s 1st Stock Exchange Company



74. On June 3, The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Japan in the field of sustainable urban development which is expected to create employment opportunities. The cooperation under this MoC will continue for a period of 5 years. The Union Cabinet was also apprised of an MoU signed between India & Maldives on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development. This MoU was signed in February this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – approved an MoC between India & Japan in the field of Sustainable Urban Development
- Union Cabinet – also approved an MoU between India & Maldives in the field of Sustainable Urban Development
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Yoshihide Suga

75. On June 2, HDFC ERGO General Insurance announced its partnership with Visa to provide curated insurance covers for Visa's business cardholders. To start with, the partnership will offer two insurance products - "Business Suraksha Classik policy" and "my:Credit Personal Accident Insurance group policy" which provides a total sum insured of up to Rs 1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance + Visa = to provide two Specialized Insurance Policies for business cardholders
- "my:Credit Personal Accident Insurance group policy" provides a total sum insured of – Rs 1 Cr
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Ritesh Kumar
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

76. On June 2, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has signed MoUs with 4 Organisations for pilot project of using 'Kisan Database' as Aadhaar within a period of one year. These institutions are - Patanjali Organic Research Institute, Amazon Web Services (AWS), ESRI India Pvt Ltd, and Agribazar India Pvt. Ltd. The agreement with ESRI is for setting up and launching of "National Agriculture Geo Hub". The MoU with Amazon Web Services is for creation of Digital Services and Innovation Ecosystem linked with digital agriculture in the agricultural value chain. An MoU has been signed with Patanjali for agricultural management and farmer service. The agreement with Agribazar is for collaborating with Department of Agriculture for pilot project to promote Digital Agriculture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Agriculture Ministry – signed MoUs with 4 Organisations for pilot project of using 'Kisan Database' as Aadhaar
- 4 Organisations: Patanjali Organic Research Institute, AWS, ESRI & Agribazar India
 - MoU with ESRI India: For setting up "National Agriculture Geo Hub"
 - MoU with AWS: For creation of Digital Services and Innovation Ecosystem
 - MoU with Patanjali: For Agricultural Management & Farmer Service
 - MoU with Agribazar India: For collaborating with Department of Agriculture to promote Digital Agriculture



77. On June 2, The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing and ratification of an agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved signing & ratification of an agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between SCO member countries
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | Member Countries – 8

78. On June 3, The IT major Wipro has announced a partnership with Finastra to help Corporate Banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation. The companies will create a unique offering that combines Wipro's comprehensive services catalogue with Finastra's front-to-back trade finance and cash-management solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro + Finastra = partnership to help Corporate Banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation
- HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte
- HQs of Finastra – London, UK | CEO – Simon Paris

79. On June 3, The SEBI has signed an initial pact with Luxembourg supervisory authority for the financial sector, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), for bilateral cooperation in Securities Regulation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI + CSSF (Luxembourg) = an MoU for bilateral cooperation in Securities Regulation
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- Luxembourg – Luxembourg – Euro | PM – Xavier Bettel

80. On June 4, The International Chess Federation (FIDE) announced a new partnership with the City-based Tech Mahindra Ltd to promote the Global Chess League. The competition will be established as a first-of-its-kind "Phygital" (physical and digital) league, engaging players from all levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIDE + Tech Mahindra = partnership to promote the "Global Chess League"
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | CEO – Geoffrey D. Borg
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani



Books & Authors

81. Amish Raj Mulmi's scholarly and deeply engaging book, "All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China", fills a vacuum on scholarship on Nepal-China relations which is a must-read to understand India-Nepal ties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China" – authored by Amish Raj Mulmi

Obituaries

82. On June 2, Cartoonist and former Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Cartoon Academy Ibrahim Badusha passed away recently due to post-COVID-19 complications. He was 37. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ibrahim Badusha ([Kerala](#)) – a Cartoonist – passed away
- He was a former Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Cartoon Academy

83. On June 3, Anerood Jugnauth, former Mauritius Prime Minister, passed away. He was given India's second highest civilian honour Padma Vibhushan in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anerood Jugnauth – Former Prime Minister of Mauritius – passed away (Padma Vibhushan in 2020)
- [Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth](#)

84. On June 4, Former India hockey player Usman Khan has passed away after a prolonged battle with Cancer. He was 76. In Kolkata, Khan played for the Calcutta Customs and also represented Bengal in the national hockey championships for several years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Usman Khan – Former India Hockey Player – passed away

85. On June 4, Noted writer and Katha Nilayam founder Kalipatnam Ramarao, popularly known as 'Kara Mastaru' passed away due to age related ailments. He was 97. His first short story, 'Platform', was published in 1943. Kara Mastaru had received many awards, including Sahitya Akademi Award in 1995, for his invaluable contribution to Telugu literature and especially for his literary work "Yagnam To Tommidi". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kalipatnam Ramarao ('Kara Mastaru') – a Telugu Writer – passed away
- Sahitya Akademi Award (1995) – for his literary work "Yagnam To Tommidi"



Person in News

86. From May 24-28, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar was on a 5-day visit to the United States. In New York, he met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in New York, US – during his 5-day visit to the US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

Science & Technology

87. The NASA is now all set to send glow-in-the-dark Baby Squids and about 5,000 Tardigrades, also called 'Water Bears', to the International Space Station. The new arrivals are part of the 22nd SpaceX cargo resupply mission that will liftoff on June 3. Apart from water bears, NASA is also sending Bobtail Squid namely "Euprymna scolopes", an animal model that is used to study symbiotic relationships between two species. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA is sending Baby Squids & 5,000 Tardigrades (Water Bears) – to the International Space Station
- NASA is also sending Bobtail Squid namely "Euprymna scolopes"
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

88. On June 1, IIT Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind Internet of Things (IoT) device - "AmbiTag" to record real-time ambient temperature during the transportation of perishable products, body organs, and blood, vaccines, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Ropar – developed a first-of-its-kind IoT device - "AmbiTag" to record real-time ambient temperature
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

89. On June 1, A new cocoa-coloured species of frog "Litoria mira" has been discovered in New Guinea by scientists from Australia's Queensland Museum. It is dubbed as 'Chocolate Frog'. The discovery was published in a new paper in the "Australian Journal of Zoology". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Litoria mira" a cocoa-coloured species of frog (dubbed as 'Chocolate Frog') – discovered in New Guinea
- The discovery is published in – "Australian Journal of Zoology"



90. On June 1, With the aim of building a strong communications channel for addressing cyber threats and sharing best practices across the participating countries, Microsoft has launched the first Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – launched the first Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

91. On June 2, The CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) at Pune has come up with a new technique called “SWASTIIK” for disinfecting water by using natural oils. The novel hybrid technology involves boiling as a result of pressure reduction and use of natural oils having antimicrobial properties. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-NCL (Pune) – developed a hybrid technology called “SWASTIIK” for disinfecting water by using natural oils
- SWASTIIK – Safe Water and Sustainable Technology Initiative from Indian Knowledgebase
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

92. On June 3, NASA has planned to launch two missions to Venus between 2028 and 2030 to study the atmosphere and geologic features of Earth’s so-called sister planet. The two missions are dubbed “DAVINCI+” (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble Gases, Chemistry and Imaging) and “VERITAS” (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography and Spectroscopy). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – planned to launch two missions “DAVINCI+” & “VERITAS” between 2028 & 2030 – to Venus
- DAVINCI – Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble Gases, Chemistry and Imaging
- VERITAS – Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography and Spectroscopy
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

93. On June 3, The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the second home-based Rapid Antigen Test kit called “PanBio”, developed by Chicago-based Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division. The PanBio Covid19 Antigen Test Device, the self-use kit has been given provisional approval till July 5. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR approved 2nd home-based Rapid Antigen Test kit “PanBio” – developed by Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division
- HQs of Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Division – Chicago, US
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

94. On June 1, ARTPARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park), a Bengaluru-based startup has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven platform called “XraySetu” to identify Covid positive patients even from low-resolution chest X-ray images sent over WhatsApp. ARTPARK is established by the IISc, Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ARTPARK (Bengaluru) – developed an AI-driven platform called “XraySetu” to identify Covid positive patients
- ARTPARK is established by – IISc, Bengaluru



95. On June 2, “Cyrtodactylus Bengkhuaiai”, named in honour of Chieftain Bengkhuaia, is one of four new species of bent-toed Geckos. It was discovered from Meghalaya and Mizoram. It was published in the latest edition of Zootaxa journal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Cyrtodactylus Bengkhuaiai” a new species of Gecko – discovered in Meghalaya & Mizoram
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

96. On June 2, China has launched a weather satellite called “Fengyun 4B” from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province. The 5.4-metric ton satellite is developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology and was carried by a ‘Long March 3B’ carrier rocket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China launched a weather satellite called “Fengyun 4B” | It was carried by a ‘Long March 3B’ carrier rocket
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

97. On June 4, IIT Hyderabad has developed Nano-fibre based oral tablets of Amphotericin B, called “AmB”, to treat fungal infections post COVID treatment. Currently the AmB is available in injectable form. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Hyderabad – developed Nano-fibre based oral tablets of ‘Amphotericin B’ called “AmB” to treat fungal infections

98. On June 3, The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found 3 more caves in the Trirashmi Buddhist cave complex, also known as “Pandav Leni”, near Nashik, Maharashtra. Trirashmi caves are a group of 24 caves dated between 1BC and the 6-7AD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ASI found 3 more caves in the Trirashmi Buddhist cave complex, also known as “Pandav Leni” – in Nashik, MH
- HQs of ASI – New Delhi | Director General – V. Vidyavathi

99. On June 4, The DCGI has granted permission to the Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture the “Sputnik V” Covid-19 vaccine in India. The Pune-based firm has collaborated with Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, Moscow in Russia for developing Sputnik V at its licensed Hadapsar facility. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DCGI granted permission to the “SII” to manufacture – “Sputnik V” vaccine in India
- HQs of SII – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani



Ordinance, Bills and Acts

100. On June 2, The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the “Model Tenancy Act” to be sent to the States and UTs to enact legislation or amend laws on rental properties. The draft Act had been published by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry in July 2019. Among the provisions in the model Act is a cap of 2 months’ rent on the security deposit to be paid by tenants for residential properties and 6 months’ rent for non-residential properties. Besides, the Cabinet also approved an MoU between India and Argentina in the field of Mineral Resources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Provisions in the “Model Tenancy Act”:
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 - 6 months’ rent on the Security Deposit to be paid by tenants for Non-Residential Properties
- India + Argentina = an MoU in the field of Mineral Resources
- [Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez](#)



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