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आभार,

टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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# National & States Affairs

**101.** On June 4, Dr. K. P. Krishnan headed Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company has submitted its report on the feasibility of Variable Capital Companies (VCC) in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) to the Chairperson of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), Injeti Srinivas. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company (VCC) – headed by K. P. Krishnan
- The Committee submitted its report on the feasibility of VCC in the IFSC
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

**102.** On June 5, UN Environment Programme has partnered with WWF India, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change to work towards wildlife trafficking in the air transport sector in India. “Not Your Medicine” and “Sad Emojis” are launched as communication campaigns on the illegal wildlife trade in India. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- UNEP + WWF India + WCCB + MoEFCC = launched “Not Your Medicine” & “Sad Emojis” campaigns
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej
- HQs of WCCB – New Delhi | Additional Director – Tilotama Varma

**103.** On June 5, Discovery India has partnered with UN India and WWF India to launch “#StopTheMelt” campaign on World Environment Day. The multi-channel campaign aims to drive awareness on how every individual holds equal responsibility to be a change agent by taking small yet important steps for a greener and a healthier earth. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Discovery India + UN India + WWF India = partnership to launch “#StopTheMelt” campaign
- HQs of Discovery India – Mumbai, MH
- HQs of WWF India – New Delhi, India | President – Jamshyd N. Godrej

**104.** On June 4, The government would make an advance payment of Rs 1,500 Cr to Hyderabad-based manufacturer Biological E to reserve 30 Cr doses of its under-development Covid-19 vaccine “Corbevax”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Government would make an advance payment of Rs 1,500 Cr to ‘Biological E’ to reserve 30 Cr doses of “Corbevax”
- HQs of Biological E – Hyderabad, Telangana | MD & CEO – Mahima Datla



**105.** On June 5-6, The Films Division of India has held a two-day online film festival, “Oasis of Hope” to mark World Environment Day. There are 6 films a person can see during the screenings - Plastic World, The Jungle Man Loiya, Living The Natural Way, Saalumarada Thimakka-The Green Crusader, Climate Change and My Son Neo. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Films Division of India – held a 2-day online film festival, “Oasis of Hope” – to mark World Environment Day

**106.** On June 5, The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has given its permission to Gujarat for “Vishwamitri River Project”. The Vishwamitri River Action Plan should include demarcating, protecting, and restoring the river, and maintaining minimum environment flow in a time-bound manner. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NGT – gave its permission to Gujarat for “Vishwamitri River Project”
- Chairperson of NGT – Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel | The National Green Tribunal Act – 2010
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**107.** On June 3, The Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has come up with 6 modules of short films to highlight the importance of budget, saving, importance of Insurance schemes, various social security schemes of the government. The six modules of short films titled “Hisaab Ki Kitaab” were launched by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs. Hisaab ki kitab is a series of six short films, developed by CSC eGov as a part of their training tool. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anurag Singh Thakur – launched 6 modules of short films of IEPFA – titled “Hisaab Ki Kitaab”
- Finance Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman (Karnataka) | MoS for Ministry of Finance – Anurag Thakur
- HQs of IEPFA – New Delhi | CEO – Manoj Pandey

**108.** On June 3, The Bihar government has proposed to reserve 33% seats to girls in medical and engineering colleges. The government has been planning to bring two new Bills - the Bihar Engineering Universities Bill and Bihar Medical Education Bill, in the next Assembly session. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bihar – proposed to reserve 33% seats to girls in Medical & Engineering colleges
- Bihar – planning to bring two new Bills - “Engineering Universities Bill” & “Medical Education Bill”
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**109.** On June 3, The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received a patent for black pepper micronutrient foliar formulation. ICAR-IISR has developed crop specific designer micronutrient foliar formulations for major spices (black pepper, ginger, turmeric, and cardamom) to overcome micronutrient deficiencies. With the new patent, ICAR-IISR has received patents for 6 of its technologies. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- ICAR-IISR – received a patent for black pepper micronutrient foliar formulation
- ICAR-IISR has received patents for total 6 of its technologies
- HQs of ICAR-IISR – Kozhikode, Kerala

**110.** On June 11, Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal has presented the “Revised Budget for the FY 2021-22” that includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 revival package worth Rs 20,000 Cr & also allocated Rs 1,000 Cr for free distribution of vaccines. The Kerala government has launched the “Knowledge Economy Mission” to bring the ongoing efforts to provide employment to the educated and support ‘knowledge workers’ under a single programme. The allocation for the ‘Knowledge Economy Fund’ had been hiked from ₹200 Cr to ₹300 Cr. Besides, a Venture Capital Fund would be set up with ₹100 Cr for the growth of SMEs and start-ups. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kerala – presented the “Revised Budget for the FY 2021-22”
- Rs 20,000 Cr – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID-19 revival package | Rs 1,000 Cr – for free distribution of Vaccines
- Kerala – launched the “Knowledge Economy Mission” to boost job prospects
- Allocation for the ‘Knowledge Economy Fund’ enhanced to – ₹300 Cr (from ₹200 Cr)
- Venture Capital Fund would be set up with ₹100 Cr for the growth of SMEs & start-ups – in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**111.** On June 5, PM Narendra Modi has launched three E100 Ethanol Dispensing Stations in Pune under a pilot project on the occasion of World Environment Day. The government will also release the E-20 notification that will allow oil companies to sell 20% ethanol blended petrol from April 2023. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched three E100 Ethanol Dispensing Stations in Pune, Maharashtra
- E-20 notification will allow oil companies to sell 20% ethanol blended petrol – from April 2023

**112.** On June 7, The Kempegowda International Airport here has achieved ‘Net Energy Neutral Status’ in the Financial Year 2020-21 as part of its sustainability goals. Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) operates this airport. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kempegowda International Airport ([Bangalore](#)) – achieved ‘Net Energy Neutral Status’ in the FY 2020-21

**113.** On June 3, Mizoram is struggling with its livestock sector due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The African Swine Fever has claimed more than 4,751 pigs in over 2 months in Mizoram. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mizoram – is struggling with its livestock sector due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF)
- African Swine Fever – claimed more than 4,751 pigs in over 2 months in Mizoram
- Mizoram: Capital – Aizawl | CM – Zoramthanga | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai





**114.** On June 4, Himachal Pradesh has inaugurated a “Makeshift COVID-19 Hospital” in Una district. The 140-bedded makeshift hospital has been built in a record time of 1 month and able to provide uninterrupted oxygen supply to the COVID patients nearer to their homes. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Himachal Pradesh – inaugurated a “Makeshift COVID-19 Hospital” in Una district
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya

**115.** On June 7, BharatPe has inked a 3-year long deal to become an official partner with International Cricket Council (ICC). As per the agreement, BharatPe will promote the association across broadcast and digital platforms at all the ICC events until 2023. The key tournaments include the upcoming ICC World Test Championship (Southampton, UK 2021), Men’s T20 World Cup (India, 2021), Men’s T20 World Cup (Australia, 2022), Women’s World Cup (New Zealand, 2022), U19 Cricket World Cup (West Indies, 2022), Women’s T20 World Cup (South Africa, 2022), Men’s Cricket World Cup (India, 2023) and World Test Championship (2023). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- BharatPe – became ICC’s Global Tournament Sponsor – till 2023
- HQs of BharatPe – New Delhi | Founder & CEO – Ashneer Grover
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney

**116.** On June 7, Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) will set up India’s first international maritime services cluster at GIFT City. The Maritime Cluster will be developed as a dedicated ecosystem comprising ports, shipping, logistics services providers and pertinent government regulators. GMB’s initiative aims to provide a one-stop solution for the entire maritime fraternity. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat Maritime Board – will set up India’s first International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Vijay Rupani | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

## International Affairs

**117.** On June 4, Denmark’s Parliament has approved a plan of building 20-billion-kroner (\$3.3 billion) Artificial Island named “Lynetteholm” in Copenhagen that will house at least 35,000 people who will be connected to downtown by a harbour tunnel and a subway line. The artificial island will be about 3 sq. kilometres (1.2 square miles) in size. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Denmark – approved a plan of building an Artificial Island named “Lynetteholm” – to house at least 35,000 people
- Cost – 20-billion-kroner (\$3.3 billion) | Size – 3 sq. Kms
- Denmark – Copenhagen – Danish krone | PM – Mette Frederiksen





**118.** On June 5, NTPC has joined UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, an initiative that mobilises business leaders on water conservation and sanitation as part of sustainable development goals. NTPC will further imbibe the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) for water conservation and management. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NTPC – joined “UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate” initiative
- NTPC will further imbibe the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) for water conservation & management
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

**119.** On June 3, “MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship” of Singapore has sunk near the port of Colombo off the coast of Sri Lanka. X-Press Pearl had carried 1486 containers with 25 tonnes of Nitric Acid, several other chemicals, and cosmetics. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Singapore's “MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship” – sunk near the port of Colombo off the coast of Sri Lanka
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**120.** On June 5, The Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering, a regional affiliate of Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), has retained Pakistan on ‘enhanced follow-up’ status for sufficient outstanding requirements. Pakistan was put on the Grey List by the FATF in June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- APG (FATF) – retained Pakistan on ‘enhanced follow-up’ status for sufficient outstanding requirements
- Pakistan was put on the Grey List by the FATF – in June 2018
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

**121.** On June 5, The Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization) has launched a new global database named “I-Familia” to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Interpol – launched a new global database named “I-Familia” to identify missing persons through family DNA
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Kim Jong Yang

**122.** On June 3, HeidelbergCement, the world's second-largest cement maker, has planned to turn its Swedish factory in Slite into the world's first carbon-neutral cement plant by 2030. It will cost at least 100 million euros (\$122 million). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HeidelbergCement – plans world's first CO<sub>2</sub> neutral cement plant in Sweden
- HQs of HeidelbergCement – Heidelberg, Germany | Chairman & CEO – Dominik von Achten
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Kjell Stefan Lofven



**123.** On June 8, India along with 17 other countries has been elected to the 54-member United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2022-24 term to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. India was elected in the Asia-Pacific States category along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India (+ 17 other countries) – elected to the UN Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) for 2022-24 term
- HQs of ECOSOC – New York, US | President – Munir Akram | Established in – 1945 | members – 54 countries

## **Banking & Economic Affairs**

**124.** Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) has announced to start issuing Physical Debit Cards by Visa after witnessing the popularity of Visa virtual debit cards among its customers. PPBL is targeting to issue over 1 million physical debit cards by end of FY '21. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Paytm Payments Bank – to start issuing Physical Visa Debit Cards
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma

**125.** Central Bank of India has allotted over 280 Cr shares to the government on preferential basis for Rs 4,800 Cr capital infusion in the bank. With this allotment, shareholding of President of India (Government of India) has increased from 89.78% to 93.08%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CBoI – allotted over 280 Cr shares to the Government on preferential basis for Rs 4,800 Cr capital infusion
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Matam Venkata Rao

**126.** HSBC Holdings Plc has exited its US domestic mass market retail banking business, agreeing to sell 90 branches. The move is part of a larger plan by HSBC to invest more on wealthy clients in Asia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HSBC Bank – exited its retail & small business banking market – in the US (agreeing to sell 90 branches)
- HQs of HSBC Inc – London, UK | CEO – Noel Quinn
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**127.** On June 3, HDFC Bank has announced its plans to become Carbon-Neutral by 2031-32. As part of this initiative, the bank is looking at reducing its emissions, energy, and water consumption. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – announced its plans to become Carbon-Neutral by 2032
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”



**128.** On June 5, RBI has released its 2<sup>nd</sup> bi-monthly monetary policy statement for FY22. The bulk payment system under the National Automated Clearing House (NACH) will be available on all days of the week (24X7) from August 1. Besides, CDs (Certificate of Deposits) shall be issued in a minimum denomination of Rs 5 lakh. India's real GDP growth for FY22 was at 9.5%, while Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation for FY22 was projected at 5.1%. RBI opened a separate liquidity window of Rs 15,000 Cr with tenure of up to 3 years till March 31, 2022. RBI will also provide additional special liquidity facility (SLF) of Rs 16,000 Cr to the SIDBI. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RBI released its 2<sup>nd</sup> bi-monthly monetary policy statement for FY22
- National Automated Clearing House (NACH) will be available 24X7 – from August 1
- CDs shall be issued in a minimum denomination of – Rs 5 lakh
- India's real GDP growth for FY22 – 9.5% | CPI inflation for FY22 – 5.1% [{Flexible news}](#)
- RBI opened a separate liquidity window of Rs 15,000 Cr (tenure of 3 years up-to March 31, 2022)
- RBI – to provide additional SLF of Rs 16,000 Cr to – SIDBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

**129.** On June 5, The SEBI has enhanced the Overseas Investment Limit for a mutual fund house to \$1 billion from the existing \$600 million. The overall mutual fund industry limit is capped at \$7 billion. The SEBI also increased Domestic Mutual Funds' Foreign Investment Limit in overseas ETFs to \$200 million from \$50 million. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI enhanced the Overseas Investment Limit for a mutual fund house to – \$1 billion (from \$600 million)
- Overall mutual fund industry limit is capped at – \$7 billion
- SEBI increased Domestic Mutual Funds' Foreign Investment Limit in overseas ETFs to – \$200 million
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

**130.** On June 3, Public Sector Banks have sanctioned 23,16,207 loans which is 95% of the total loans under “PM SVANidhi” scheme which aims at providing street vendors loans of up to Rs 10,000 with a tenure of 1 year to restart their business post the COVID-induced lockdown. The Centre launched the PM Street Vendors' Aatmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme on June 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PSBs sanctioned 23,16,207 loans which is 95% of the total loans under “PM SVANidhi” scheme
- Loan amount – Rs 10,000 | Tenure – 1 year

**131.** On June 8, The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$500 million “Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance (RAMP)” program to support the Government of India's nationwide initiative to revitalise MSME sector which has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The program targets improvements in the performance of 5,55,000 MSMEs and is expected to mobilise financing of \$15.5 billion, as part of the government's \$3.4 billion “MSME Competitiveness - A Post-COVID Resilience and Recovery Programme (MCRP)”. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- World Bank – approved a \$500 million “RAMP” program to support India’s MSME sector
- The program is expected to mobilise financing of \$15.5 billion – as part of the government's \$3.4 billion “MCRPP”
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**132.** On June 7, The Group of seven (G-7) advanced economies have secured a landmark deal on taxing multinational companies as per which the minimum global tax rate would be at least 15%. Under the new agreement, countries where big firms operate would get the right to tax at least 20% of profits. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Minimum Global Corporate Tax rate for multinational companies fixed by the G7 countries – 15%
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975

## **Defence Affairs**

**133.** On June 4, The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved issue of RFP (Request for Proposal) for construction of 6 Conventional Submarines equipped with the Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system under Project P 75 (I) under the Strategic Partnership (SP) Model at an estimated cost of ₹43,000 Cr. AIP technology are being developed by DRDO under Project 75 (I). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DAC approved issue of RFP (Request for Proposal) for construction of 6 Conventional Submarines
- It’s done under the Project P 75 (I) under the Strategic Partnership (SP) Model – at an estimated cost of ₹43,000 Cr
- AIP technology are being developed by DRDO under Project 75 (I)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

**134.** On June 1, The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹323.47-Cr contract with Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems Ltd, Mumbai, for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar for the Navy and Coast Guard. The contract is under the ‘Buy & Make’ category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MoD + Mahindra Telephonics = ₹323.47 Cr contract for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars
- Ministry of Defence – Rajnath Singh (Constituency – Lucknow, UP)
- HQs of Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Jayantaraj Chatterjee

**135.** On June 5, Indian Navy’s only nuclear-powered attack submarine, the INS Chakra, which was taken on lease from Russia, is on its way back to Russia. INS Chakra, an Akula class vessel, was taken on lease from Russia in 2012. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “INS Chakra” - Indian Navy’s only nuclear-powered attack submarine – is on its way back to Russia
- “INS Chakra” - an Akula class vessel – was taken on lease from Russia in 2012
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



**136.** On June 6, India will receive three “MH-60 Romeo” helicopters from the US. India and the US had signed over-Rs 16,000 Cr deal in 2020 to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters being built by Lockheed Martin. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – to receive three “MH-60 Romeo” helicopters from the US (built by - Lockheed Martin)
- India + US = Rs 16,000 Cr deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**137.** On June 7, The Indian Navy has inducted 3 indigenously-built advanced light helicopters “ALH MK III” that would be used for maritime reconnaissance and coastal security. The three helicopters are built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and were inducted at the Indian Naval Station (INS) Dega, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), in Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian Navy – inducted 3 indigenously-built advanced light helicopters “ALH MK III” (built by - HAL)
- They were inducted at – INS Dega, ENC, in Visakhapatnam
- Chief of Indian Navy – Admiral Karambir Singh | Vice Chief – G. Ashok Kumar

## Schemes & Initiatives

**138.** On June 1, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has launched the revamped Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and the Umbrella schemes of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister’s Discretionary Grant (HMDG) on National Health Authority (NHA)’s IT platform. Under RAN, financial assistance up-to Rs 15 lakhs is provided to poor patients suffering from major life-threatening. Similarly, under HMDG a maximum amount of Rs 1,25,000 is provided to patients whose annual income does not exceed Rs 1,25,000. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Harsh Vardhan – launched digitized versions of Flagship Health Schemes - CGHS, RAN & HMDG on NHA’s IT Platform
- Under RAN – financial assistance up-to Rs 15 lakhs
- Under HMDG – financial assistance up-to Rs 1,25,000
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sewak Sharma

**139.** On June 5, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur has launched the “YounTab” scheme for students and distributed 12,300 tablets among them virtually in Leh. 12,300 tablets with pre-loaded online and offline content would be distributed to government school students from Class 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ladakh – launched the “YounTab” scheme for students (Class 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) & distributed 12,300 tablets
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R K Mathur



**140.** On June 2, India has launched the “Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange”, a global initiative that will create a network of incubators across member countries to accelerate clean energy innovation. The network, launched virtually at the “Innovating to Net Zero Summit” is hosted by Chile. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – launched a global initiative “Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange” – to create a network of incubators
- The network created at the “Innovating to Net Zero Summit” is hosted by – Chile
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera

**141.** On June 11, Assam has announced a slew of welfare schemes for children who lost their parents to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) and women who lost their husbands to the virus. Under the chief minister’s “Sishu Seva” scheme, children will receive a fixed deposit of ₹781,000 with a monthly interest of ₹3,500 till they attain the age of 24. Girls of marriageable age will receive ₹50,000 and 1 tola gold under the Arundhati scheme. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Assam – launched “Sishu Seva” scheme for orphans & widows
- Children will receive a fixed deposit of ₹781,000 with a monthly interest of ₹3,500 till the age of 24 years
- Girls of marriageable age will receive ₹50,000 | 1 tola Gold under the ‘Arundhati scheme’
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**142.** On June 7, Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel has virtually launched “Chief Minister’s Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme” which aims to protect the environment and increase income of farmers, panchayats and forest management committees. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chhattisgarh – launched “Chief Minister’s Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme”
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

**143.** On June 7, The Haryana government has launched a unique and first of its kind initiative “Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme” to honour all those trees which are of the age of 75 years and above. 3 Cr saplings will be planted in a year in Haryana and the plantation will be done on 10% of the 8 lakh acres of panchayat land which will be named as “Oxy Forest”. Besides, the state has decided to establish “Oxy Van” (Oxy Forest) at Panchkula and Karnal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Haryana – launched a unique and first of its kind initiative “Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme”
- Haryana – decided to plant 3 Cr saplings in a year
- Haryana – decided to “Oxy Van” (Oxy Forest) at Panchkula & Karnal
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya





# Sports & Games

**144.** The Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has picked Oman to host the inaugural Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women) to be played in January 2024. Continental Hockey5s qualifiers for the World Cup will be organized in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- “Hockey5s World Cups (Men & Women) 2024” – to be held in Oman
- [Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said](#)

**145.** On June 3, International Cricket Council (ICC) and the BCCI are in talks with Oman over hosting of some of the T20 World Cup matches. Oman is one of 16 participating nations at this year’s T20 World Cup. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- ICC & BCCI – in talks with Oman over hosting of some of the T20 World Cup matches
- [HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney](#)
- [HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928](#)
- [Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said](#)

**146.** On June 2, The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled its global schedule of events from 2024-2031. The men’s ODI World Cup will once again become from 10 to 14 team tournament in 2027 and 2031. The ICC also increased the number of teams to 20 from 2024-2030 Men’s T20 World Cup. Shafali Verma from India has become the World No. 1 Batter in ICC Women’s T20 format. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- ICC – unveiled its global schedule of events from 2024-2031
- ICC announced expansion of participating teams to the “Men’s ODI World Cup” – to 14 Teams (from 2027)
- ICC announced expansion of participating teams to the “T20 World Cup” – to 20 Teams (from 2024)
- [Shafali Verma \(Cricket - India\)](#) – became the World No. 1 Batter in ICC Women’s T20 format
- [HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Manu Sawhney](#)

**147.** On June 2, Sergio Perez from Mexico has won the “Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021” after Max Verstappen crashed from lead. While, Miguel Oliveira from Portugal has won the “Catalunya MotoGP 2021”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- [Sergio Perez \(Mexico - Red Bull Racing\)](#) – won the “Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021”
- [Miguel Oliveira \(Portugal - KTM\)](#) – won the “Catalunya MotoGP 2021”





# Important Days & Dates

**148.** On June 6, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings on the occasion of 24<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Day. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- June 6 – 24<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Day
- BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell | Established in – 1997
- Current Chair of BIMSTEC – Sri Lanka

**149.** Each year, June 7 is marked globally as the “World Food Safety Day” to raise awareness about foodborne risks and help prevent, detect, and manage untoward diseases. This year, the theme is “Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow”. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- June 7 – “World Food Safety Day”
- Theme – “Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow”

**150.** “World Pest Day”, also called “World Pest Awareness Day”, is celebrated on June 6 every year. The day is dedicated to spread awareness of pest management and its benefits to preserve quality of life for people and plants around us. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- June 6 – “World Pest Day” or “World Pest Awareness Day”

**151.** “UN Russian Language Day” was recently observed on June 6. The day coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin - a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature. UNESCO established this day in 2010. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- June 6 – “UN Russian Language Day” (since 2010)
- Aleksandr Pushkin – a Russian poet considered the father of modern Russian literature
- UN language days:
  - Arabic (18 December)
  - Chinese (20 April)
  - English (23 April)
  - French (20 March)
  - Russian (6 June)
  - Spanish (23 April)



**152.** Every year, June 8 is observed as “World Brain Tumour Day”. German Brain Tumour Association announced June 8 as World Brain Tumour Day in 2000. Grey Ribbon is used to promote Brain Cancer Awareness. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- June 8 – “World Brain Tumour Day” (since 2000)
- ‘Grey Ribbon’ is used to promote Brain Cancer Awareness

**153.** “World Oceans Day” was recently observed on June 8. On this occasion, the United Nations (UN) has called for sustainable efforts and stopping plastic pollution in order to save the oceans . This year, the theme is “The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- June 8 – World Oceans Day
- Theme – “The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods”

## **Meetings, Conferences and Summits**

**154.** On June 5, The United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the main focus of the 8<sup>th</sup> triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) being held virtually from May 31-June 3 and hosted by Germany. Nandula Raghuram is the Chairperson of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Germany – hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)
- Chairperson of the INI – Nandula Raghuram
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

**155.** On June 3, the 12<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial was hosted by Chile where CEM members agreed to work together to increase the ambition of the Clean Energy Ministerial in its third phase, CEM3.0. The theme of the summit was “Ambition into Action - Turning a Year of Ambition into a Decade of Delivery”. The 6<sup>th</sup> Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI-6) was also held in June. In 2023, India will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Chile – hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial
- Theme – “Ambition into Action - Turning a Year of Ambition into a Decade of Delivery”
- India will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial – in 2023
- Chile – Santiago – Peso | President – Sebastian Pinera



## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**156.** On June 6, Water Burial has won the 'Best Film' award on Environment Conservation at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Films Awards 2021. This film is inspired by the popular Assamese novel "Saba Kota Manuh", which is written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi. Water Burial is in Monpa dialect. The film is directed by a filmmaker Shantanu Sen. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Water Burial – won the 'Best Film' award at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Films Awards 2021 (on 'Environment Conservation')
- The film is directed by – Shantanu Sen (in Monpa dialect)
- Monpa tribe – Arunachal Pradesh | "Saba Kota Manuh" an assamese novel – written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi

## Appointments & Resignations

**157.** On June 3, An agritech venture capital firm, Omnivore has roped in former NABARD Chief Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as Senior Advisor. Bhanwala was NABARD chairman from 2013 to 2020. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Harsh Kumar Bhanwala – appointed as Senior Advisor of Omnivore
- HQs of Omnivore – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**158.** The International Dairy Federation (IDF) has unanimously elected R. S. Sodhi to its board during the general assembly held on 1 June. He is a managing director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) that sells Amul branded products in India. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- R. S. Sodhi – elected to the board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)
- HQs of IDF – Brussels, Belgium | DG – Ms. Caroline Emond

**159.** The Reserve Bank of India has approved re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director and CEO of RBL Bank for 1-year period with effect from June 30, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Vishwavir Ahuja – re-appointed as MD & CEO of RBL Bank – for 1 year
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Vishwavir Ahuja



**160.** On June 7, S. Inbasekar, presently Director in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S. Inbasekar – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to “Papua New Guinea”
- Papua New Guinea – Port Moresby – Kina | PM – James Marape

**161.** On June 5, Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as the World Bank Education advisor, for the period from June 2021 to June 2024. Disale is the first Indian to have been awarded the ‘Global Teacher Award in 2020’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ranjitsinh Disale (Maharashtra) – appointed as the World Bank Education advisor (from June 2021 to June 2024)

**162.** On June 5, Senior IAS officer Alok Kumar has taken charge as the new Chief Secretary of Tripura. He replaced Manoj Kumar. Alok Kumar of 1990 batch IAS was earlier posted as additional secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat at New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Alok Kumar – took charge as the new Chief Secretary of Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais

**163.** On June 6, Husain Al-Musallam of Kuwait has been elected as President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress 2021 in Doha. While, China’s first Olympic champion diver Zhou Jihong was voted in as Vice President. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Husain Al-Musallam (Kuwait) – elected as President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)
- Zhou Jihong (China) – elected as Vice-President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)
- HQs of FINA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Husain Al-Musallam | V. President – Zhou Jihong

**164.** On June 5, Vice-president of Indian Olympic Association and Executive Director of Swimming Federation of India (SFI), Virendra Nanavati is the first Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the world body’s General Congress held in Doha in Qatar. He was elected for the term of 2021-2025. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Virendra Nanavati – the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the FINA – for 2021-2025
- HQs of FINA – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Husain Al-Musallam | V. President – Zhou Jihong



**165.** On June 7, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) has announced the appointment of Hitendra Dave as Interim Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval. Mr. Dave succeeds Surendra Rosha. India is the third largest contributor to HSBC's Group profits. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Hitendra Dave – appointed as Interim Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Hitendra Dave | Founded in – 1853

**166.** On June 10, The Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new President of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of UN General Assembly (UNGA), winning a three-fourth majority against contender Afghanistan's former foreign minister Zalmay Rassoul. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Abdulla Shahid (Maldives) – elected as the new President of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the UNGA
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

**167.** On June 3, Following the cancellation of the Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank's licence by the RBI, the state cooperative department has appointed deputy registrar R. S. Dhondkar, as Liquidator. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- R. S. Dhondkar – appointed as Liquidator of "Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank" (Pune, Maharashtra)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1935

## Amount & Agreements

**168.** On June 3, The European Union and an Energy Investment Programme (EIP) founded by Bill Gates plan to raise up to \$1 billion from 2022 to 2026 to roll out the Low-Carbon Technologies to meet its climate change goals. The EU has committed to eliminate its net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- European Union + EIP of Bill Gates = to raise up to \$1 billion from 2022 to 2026 – to launch Low-Carbon Technologies
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries – 27

**169.** On June 5, The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd (YIAPL) has received the final credit sanction for Rs 3725 Cr with a tenure of 20 years from the State Bank of India (SBI) for the development of Noida International Airport (NIA). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Yamuna Int. Airport – received a loan of Rs 3725 Cr from "SBI" – for the development of Noida International Airport



- Noida International Airport (Jewar Airport) – located in Uttar Pradesh
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MD – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

## **Ranks, Reports & Surveys**

**170.** According to a report titled “Glaciers of the Himalayas, Climate Change, Black Carbon and Regional Resilience”, black carbon (BC) deposits produced by human activity can be sharply reduced through new, currently feasible policies by an additional 50% from current levels. Enacting new policies can achieve benefits over the projected 23% reduction in Black Carbon as a result of ongoing efforts. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Glaciers of the Himalayas, Climate Change, Black Carbon and Regional Resilience” – released by World Bank
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**171.** On June 3, Cognizant has ranked at 185<sup>th</sup> position on the “2021 Fortune 500 List”. Companies in the Fortune 500 are ranked by total revenues for their respective fiscal years. Cognizant’s 2020 revenue was \$16.7 billion. The list was topped by Walmart, Amazon & Apple respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “2021 Fortune 500 List”: 1<sup>st</sup> – Walmart | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amazon | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Apple
- Cognizant – at 185<sup>th</sup> position
- HQs of Cognizant – New Jersey, US | CEO – Brian Humphries

**172.** On June 2, A record 63 Indian universities have made it to the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021, released by the UK-based publication. India is 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in terms of representation, behind Japan (116 universities) and Mainland China (91). IISc Bangalore (37<sup>th</sup>) remains the country’s highest ranked university for the seventh year in a row. Chinese universities - Tsinghua University (1<sup>st</sup>) and Peking University (2<sup>nd</sup>) have claimed the top two positions for the second year in a row. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- 63 Indian universities are in the “Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021”
- Countries overall in terms of representation: 1<sup>st</sup> - Japan | 2<sup>nd</sup> - China | 3<sup>rd</sup> - India
- Universities (in India): 1<sup>st</sup> - IISc Bangalore | 2<sup>nd</sup> - IIT Ropar | 3<sup>rd</sup> - IIT Indore
- Globally: 1<sup>st</sup> - Tsinghua University (China) | 2<sup>nd</sup> - Peking University (China) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – National University of Singapore



**173.** On June 3, According to a report titled “Generation Restoration: Ecosystem restoration for People, Nature and Climate” by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Humanity needs to urgently restore at least one billion hectares of degraded land by 2030. The report states that the world was using 1.6 times the amount of services that nature could provide. The report outlined that every \$1 invested in restoration creates up to \$30 in economic benefits. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Generation Restoration: Ecosystem restoration for People, Nature and Climate” – released by UNEP + FAO
- Humanity needs to urgently restore at least 1 billion hectares of degraded land – by 2030
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

**174.** On June 3, The 11 authors led by Prof Maria Lodovica at University of Turin in Italy, have prepared a UN-backed study, “Scientific review of the impact of Climate Change on Plant Pests”, a global challenge to prevent and mitigate plant pest risks in agriculture, forestry and ecosystems. The study, prepared under International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and released by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. As per the report, every year around 40% of agricultural produce is globally damaged due to invasive pests. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Scientific review of the impact of Climate Change on Plant Pests” – by FAO + IPCC
- Every year around 40% of agricultural produce is globally damaged due to invasive pests
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945
- HQs of IPCC – Rome, Italy

**175.** On June 6, Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has approved the release of “Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20” for States and UTs of India. The Government has introduced the PGI with a set of 70 parameters to catalyse transformational change in the field of school education. The PGI for States and UTs was first published in 2019 with reference year 2017-18. The PGI : States/UTs for 2019-20 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> publication. Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala occupy the highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20. While, Ladakh occupies the lowest grade. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ – approved the release of “Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20” (3<sup>rd</sup> publication)
- Government introduced the PGI with a set of 70 parameters | PGI was first published in – 2019
- Highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20: Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala
- Lowest grade: Ladakh





**176.** On June 2, India's exports grew by 67.39% to \$32.21 billion in May driven by healthy growth in sectors such as engineering, pharmaceuticals, petroleum products and chemicals. Imports in May rose by 68.54% to \$38.53 billion. India is thus a net importer in May 2021 with a trade deficit of \$6.32 billion, an increase of 74.69% over May 2020. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India's exports grew by 67.39% – to \$32.21 billion (in May 2021)
- India's import grew by 68.54% – to \$38.53 billion (in May 2021)
- India's trade deficit – \$6.32 billion (in May 2021) [an increase of 74.69%]

**177.** On June 6, As per the "State of India's Environment Report 2021", India's rank has slipped by two places from last year to 117 on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015. Overall Sustainable Development Goal score of India is 61.9 out of 100. India ranks below four South Asian countries - Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. India's rank in other categories are also mentioned below. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "State of India's Environment Report 2021"
- India ranked – 117<sup>th</sup> in attaining the 17 SDGs (India's overall score – 61.9 out of 100)
- India ranked – 168<sup>th</sup> In terms of Environmental Performance Index (EPI)
- India ranked – 172<sup>nd</sup> in the Environmental Health Category

**178.** On June 3, In Hockey, Indian men's team maintained their 4<sup>th</sup> position while women's team held to 9<sup>th</sup> position in the latest "International Hockey Federation World Rankings". Belgium topped the rankings followed by Australia and Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "International Hockey Federation World Rankings": 1<sup>st</sup> – Belgium | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Australia | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Netherlands
- Indian men's team - 4<sup>th</sup> position | Indian women's team - 9<sup>th</sup> position
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

**179.** A new report titled "Global Wind Workforce Outlook 2021-2025" finds that the global wind industry will need to train upwards of 4,80,000 more people to GWO standards over the next 5 years to meet global wind power market demand in line with health and safety standards. The report is released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and Global Wind Organisation (GWO) in partnership with the Renewables Consulting Group (RCG). According to the report, India will install 20 GW capacity of wind energy by 2021-25. India currently has a pipeline of 10.3 GW in Central and State markets, which is expected to drive installations until 2023 in the market. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Global Wind Workforce Outlook 2021-2025" report – released by GWEC + GWO + RCG
- India will install 20 GW capacity of wind energy by 2021-25
- India currently has a pipeline of 10.3 GW in Central and State markets
- HQs of GWEC – Brussels, Belgium | CEO – Ben Backwell



## Acquisitions & Mergers

**180.** On June 3, Manipal Hospitals has acquired 100% stake in Bengaluru based multi-speciality hospital, Vikram Hospital for ₹350 Cr, making this its 10<sup>th</sup> hospital in the city. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Manipal Hospitals – acquired 100% stake (₹350 Cr) – in Vikram Hospital (Bengaluru)
- HQs of Manipal Education and Medical Group – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Chairman – Dr. Ranjan Pai

**181.** On June 3, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Avana Logistek Ltd (Avana), Transworld Feeders Private Ltd (TFPL) and Transworld Feeders FZCO by Unifeeder ISC FZCO (Unifeeder). However, under the proposed combination TFPL would acquire EXIM feeder shipping business of Shreyas Shipping & Logistics Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- CCI – approved the acquisition of Avana, Transworld Feeders & Transworld Feeders – by Unifeeder
- TFPL – to acquire EXIM feeder shipping business of Shreyas Shipping & Logistics
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**182.** On June 3, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has signed an MoU with Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) for a strategic partnership in implementing energy efficient and clean energy solutions in the heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) industry. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- EESL + ISHRAE = a strategic partnership in implementing Energy Efficient & Clean Energy Solutions
- HQs of EESL – New Delhi | MD – Rajat Sud | Chairman – Rajeev Sharma
- HQs of ISHRAE – New Delhi

**183.** On June 4, BSE StAR Mutual fund has signed an MoU with Godavari Urban Multi State Credit Co-Op Society Ltd (GUMCCSL), Nanded to deepen its network of over 70,000 registered distributors. Through this pact, BSE StAR MF aims to promote investment behaviour by spreading awareness. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- BSE StAR MF + GUMCCSL = an MoU to deepen its network of over 70,000 registered distributors
- Location of GUMCCSL – Nanded, Maharashtra | Established in – 2013



**184.** On June 3, The National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPS) and the National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) have signed an MoU for extending joint collaborative efforts to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in India. The MoU will facilitate development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants and herbs identified by NMPB. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CSIR-NBRI + NMPS = an MoU for promotion of cultivation and production of medicinal plants & herbs
- HQs of CSIR-NBRI – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

**185.** On June 4, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced the Coding and Data Science curriculum for class 6 to 8 in collaboration with Microsoft. The Data Science curriculum introduced for classes 6 to 12 is a new skilling subject in the 2021-2022 academic session. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CBSE + Microsoft = introduced the Coding curriculum for class 6 to 8 & Data Science curriculum for class 6 to 12
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Shri Manoj Ahuja | Formed in – 1962
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, USA | CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975

**186.** On June 7, NHPC Ltd has partnered with Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDC) to form a joint venture company, “Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited” for the implementation of 850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NHPC Ltd + J&K = partnership to form “Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd” – to implement 850 MW project
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**187.** On June 5, Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) has forged key partnerships for the deployment of Electric Vehicles in India. Agreements and MoUs have been signed with state governments of Goa and Kerala to procure over 30,000 two-wheelers and three-wheelers. CESL will also implement sustainable development projects up-to 60MW to boost Agriculture in Meghalaya. While, Bajaj Auto has become the first 2-wheeler manufacturer to partner with CESL. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CESL – forged key partnerships for the deployment of Electric Vehicles in India
- CESL – signed MoUs & agreements with Goa & Kerala to procure over 30,000 2-wheelers & 3-wheelers
- CESL – to implement sustainable development projects up-to 60MW to boost Agriculture in Meghalaya
- Bajaj Auto – first 2-wheeler manufacturer to partner with CESL
- HQs of CESL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Head – Mahua Acharya



## Books & Authors

**188.** On June 6, Rahul Pandita has authored a book titled “The Lover Boy of Bahawalpur”. It states how the Pulwama Case was cracked. In this book we enter the terrifying world of secret militants. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “The Lover Boy of Bahawalpur” – authored by Rahul Pandita

**189.** On June 3, A book titled “Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest” is authored by former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China, Vijay Gokhale and published by HarperCollins India. The author revisits for the first time his first-hand experience of the June 4, 1989, Tiananmen Square incident, which he witnessed as a young diplomat, and explains why its legacy remains significant for both China and the world. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Tiananmen Square: The Making of a Protest” – authored by Vijay Gokhale
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

**190.** On June 5, In “1232 km: The Long Journey Home”, journalist-cum-film maker Vinod Kapri, documents one such nightmarish experience of seven labourers who bicycled from Loni in Ghaziabad near Delhi to Madhepur in Bihar, covering a distance of 1200-plus kilometres in seven days and nights. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “1232 km: The Long Journey Home” – authored by Vinod Kapri

**191.** Film producer Ronnie Screwvala will share stories, failures and personal learnings from his career in his new book titled “Skill It, Kill It”. The book is published by Penguin Random House. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Skill It, Kill It” book – authored by Ronnie Screwvala
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

**192.** On June 7, Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh has released an E-booklet titled “20 Reforms in 2020”, highlighting the major reforms undertaken by Ministry of Defence (MoD) in 2020, in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – released an E-booklet titled “20 Reforms in 2020” – in New Delhi
- The book highlights the major reforms undertaken by – Ministry of Defence (MoD) in 2020



## Obituaries

**193.** A Padma Shri recipient & Renowned Educationist Munirathna Anandkrishnan passed away after battling against COVID-19. He was 93. He served as Vice-Chancellor of Anna University and was chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- M. Anandkrishnan (Tamil Nadu) – a Renowned Educationist – passed away (Padma Shri)
- Vice-Chancellor of - Anna University | Chairman of the Board of Governors of - IIT Kanpur

**194.** On June 3, Noted Assamese litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Lakshmi Nandan Bora passed away after he tested positive for COVID-19. He was 91. His novel “Patal Bhairavi” fetched him the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1988. Another of his novels, “Kayakalpa”, won him the Saraswati Samman in 2008. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Lakshmi Nandan Bora – a Noted Assamese litterateur – passed away (Padma Shri)
- Sahitya Akademi Award (1988) – for “Patal Bhairavi” | Saraswati Samman (2008) – for “Kayakalpa”

## Science & Technology

**195.** IIT Madras has recently hosted Asia’s first workshop on International Memory Studies virtually. IIT Madras is in the process of building an ‘XR Lab’ using virtual tools such as Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality to curate, comprehend & critique various facets of literature, history and culture. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- IIT Madras – hosted Asia’s first workshop on “International Memory Studies”
- IIT Madras is in the process of building an ‘XR Lab’ using virtual tools such as A.R. / V. R.

**196.** On June 3, Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Hyderabad, has developed an indigenous chip-off technique to retrieve Encrypted data for helping the investigative agencies to produce credible evidences against criminals in the trial courts. The technique, developed by scientists Akhlesh Kumar, Bhushan Ghode and Khevna Maniar was published in the International Journal of Engineering Science and Research Technology (IJESRT). [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- CFSL ([Hyderabad](#)) – developed a Chip-off technique to retrieve Encrypted data for helping investigative agencies
- The technique is developed by – Akhlesh Kumar, Bhushan Ghode & Khevna Maniar



**197.** On June 3, Facebook India has announced a new initiative called “Facebook India Tech Scholars (FITS) programme”, for law students in India. The first edition, the FITS programme 2021-2022, will offer 8 law students an opportunity to work on a research project with leading Indian thinktanks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Facebook India – launched a new initiative “Facebook India Tech Scholars (FITS) programme” for law students
- HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004

**198.** On June 4, The Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), a CSIR lab in Mysuru, is working in the direction of developing food that can boost immunity and prevent diseases. It will protect children prone to the third wave of Covid infection. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- CFTRI-CSIR (Mysuru) – is working in the direction of developing food that can boost immunity & prevent diseases
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande

**199.** On June 10, China’s Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) project has set a new record after it ran at 216 million degrees Fahrenheit (120 million degrees Celsius) for 101 seconds. For another 20 seconds, the “Artificial Sun” also achieved a peak temperature of 288 million degrees Fahrenheit (160 million degrees Celsius), which is over 10 times hotter than the sun. Apart from the EAST project, China is currently operating the “HL-2A” reactor as well as “J-TEXT”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China’s “EAST” project set a new record after it ran at “216° mn F” (120° mn C) for 101 seconds
- “EAST” project or the “Artificial Sun” also achieved a peak temperature of 288 ° mn F (160° mn C) for 20 seconds
- EAST – Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak
- China is also operating the “HL-2A” reactor as well as “J-TEXT”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

## **Ordinance, Bills and Acts**

**200.** On June 4, The US has introduced the Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act, 2021. The legislation was introduced by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman John Curtis. A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US – introduced the “EAGLE Act, 2021” (Equal Access to Green Cards for Legal Employment)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris





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