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National & States Affairs

501. The government is considering transferring the Administration of the “Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985” and “Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, 1988” from the Ministry of Finance to Ministry of Home Affairs to bring all issues related to narcotics under one department. The ‘NDPS Act, 1985’ prohibits a person from the production/manufacturing/cultivation, possession, sale, purchase transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance. While ‘PITNDPS Act, 1988’ provides for detention in certain cases for the purpose of preventing illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt transferred the Administration of ‘NDPS Act, 1985’ & ‘PITNDPS Act, 1988’ – from MoF to MHA
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka

502. After the successful completion of the “Purple Revolution” in Jammu & Kashmir, the government is planning to extend the initiative in other hilly areas such as Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and the North-Eastern States. Purple Revolution has now shifted its focus to Agri-tech StartUps. The Purple or Lavender Revolution was launched by Ministry of Science & Technology under the CSIR’s “Aroma Mission”, which aimed at increasing lavender cultivation in Jammu & Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Purple Revolution”, successfully completed in J&K – to be extended in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh & NE States
- It was launched by – Ministry of S & T under the CSIR’s “Aroma Mission”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

503. India recorded an all-time high seafood exports of 13,69,264 MT worth Rs 57,586.48 Cr (USD 7.76 billion) during 2021-22, despite the several challenges in its major export markets caused by the Covid pandemic. During the FY 2021-22, the export improved in rupee term by 31.71%, in USD terms by 30.26% and in quantity terms by 19.12%. Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. It accounted for a share of 53.18% in quantity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India recorded an all-time high seafood exports of 13,69,264 MT worth Rs 57,586.48 Cr (USD 7.76 billion) in FY22
- The export improved in rupee term by – 31.71% | In USD terms by – 30.26% | In quantity terms by – 19.12%
- Frozen shrimp – major export item in terms of quantity & value

504. On June 26, Forest department in Odisha, in association with a non-government organization, started a pilot project on siren system to alert traffic about elephant movement. The system has been installed at two places at Ratasingha and Haldihabahal. It would go off automatically sensing Elephant herds crossing National Highway and it is expected to reduce human-elephant encounters. According to the Wildlife Society of Odisha, an NGO, 423 elephants have died in the State since 2017-2018. During same period, 531 humans were killed and 548 were injured in human-elephant encounters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – started a pilot project on Siren System to alert traffic about Elephant movement
- In Odisha, 423 elephants died & 531 humans were killed since 2017-2018 in ‘Human-Elephant Encounters’
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



505. In June 2022, the Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), State Agricultural Universities and private players including the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC), launched “Project Bandhan” to control the spread of Pink Bollworm in Cotton across 16 districts of 7 major cotton-growing States this kharif. Project Bandhan will be implemented in some 19 clusters each over 62.5 acres covering a total area of 1,200 acres across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CICR + State Agricultural Uni. + SABC = launched “Project Bandhan” to control the spread of Pink Bollworm in Cotton
- HQs of CICR – Nagpur, Maharashtra | Director – Dr. Y G Prasad

506. Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has switched to Hydro and Solar Power for its consumption needs from June 1, making it India’s first airport to run entirely on a combination of these forms of Green Energy. In 2015, the Cochin International Airport in Kerala became the first airport in the world to run solely using solar energy. This is part of the airport’s goal to achieve the ‘Net Zero Carbon Emissions Airport’ target by the year 2030. In 2020, the Delhi airport also became the first in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve ‘Level 4+’ under ACI’s airport carbon accreditation program (CAP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Airport – 1st in India to run entirely on Solar & Hydro Power
- Delhi Airport – became first in Asia-Pacific region to achieve ‘Level 4+’ under ACI’s airport CAP (in 2020)
- Cochin Int. Airport (Kerala) – became first airport in world to run solely using Solar Energy (in 2015)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

507. In June 2022, Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) partnered with Avanse Financial Services (AFS), an education-focused NBFC, to provide Student Travel Insurance to overseas academic aspirants financed by Avanse. This policy takes care of medical expenses and protects students from emergencies and losses. Industry reports suggest that the number of such students is expected to touch 1.8 million by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EGI + AFS = partnership to provide ‘Student Travel Insurance’ to overseas academic aspirants
- HQs of EGI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Executive Director – Shanai Ghosh
- HQs of AFS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Managing Director – Amit Gaiinda

508. On June 23, ICICI Bank launched a digital platform called “Campus Power” to help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform caters to the varied needs of the entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes. The initiative claimed as first-of-its-kind and is available for anyone including customers of other banks. In order to complement its digital efforts, the private sector lender is setting up branches dedicated to the student ecosystem. The first branch has been set up at IIT Kanpur and seven more will be added to the campuses of top institutes across India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched “Campus Power” to help student to pursue higher education in India & abroad
- First branch has been set up at – IIT Kanpur
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”

509. In June 2022, Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans on Airtel Thanks app. With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank customers can get hassle-free gold loans with zero processing fees from Muthoot Finance. Muthoot Finance gives as much as 75% of the pledged gold value as a loan. Customers get doorstep disbursals for loan amounts of ₹50,000 and above. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Muthoot Finance = partnership to offer Gold loans on Airtel Thanks app
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD – George Alexander Muthoot
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas | Founded in – 2017

510. On June 21, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a new life insurance plan called “Dhan Sanchay”, which is a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan that provides both protection and savings. This plan offers financial assistance to the family in the event of the life assured's untimely death within the policy's term. It also offers a guaranteed income stream. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – launched “Dhan Sanchay”, a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

511. On June 22, Liberty General Insurance (LGI) entered into a corporate agency agreement with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFDDL) to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products through Peerless' network of 42 branches across the country. The products include Liberty Complete Protect Group Policy Insurance, which provides annual benefit cover, if the insured is hospitalized with vector-borne diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LGI + PFDDL = a corporate agency agreement to enable the distribution of LGI's retail & commercial line of products
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of PFDDL – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Satyaki Bhattacharya

512. On June 23, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Venkat Nageswar Chalasani (former Deputy MD of SBI) as a member in the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Ltd (SEFL). The RBI had on October 11, 2021, constituted the advisory committee to advise the administrator in the operations of these financial service providers during the corporate insolvency resolution process. Mr. Chalasani replaces R. Subramaniakumar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI appointed V. N. Chalasani in the Advisory Committee of SIFL & SEFL (replacing - R. Subramaniakumar)
- VN Chalasani – former Deputy MD of SBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



513. On June 22, AU Small Finance Bank launched “AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today)” credit card which allows customers to choose the features they want in their card. Instead of buying multiple cards for different categories, such as travel, shopping etc, the customer can opt for the categories of their preference under this one offering. LIT credit card offers total 5 categories of features. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AU SFB – launched “AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today)” credit card, offering total 5 categories of features
- HQs of AU SFB – Jaipur, Rajasthan | MD & CEO – Sanjay Agarwal

514. On June 21, the Centre government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has decided to collaborate with the State Bank of India (SBI) to create an Integrated Pension Portal to enhance ease of living of pensioners, as announced during the two-day Bankers' Awareness Programme in Udaipur, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoPPW + SBI = to create an ‘Integrated Pension Portal’ to enhance ease of living of pensioners
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara

515. India’s Current Account Deficit (CAD) decreased sequentially to \$13.4 billion (1.5% of GDP) in the 4th quarter (Q4) ended on March 2022 (FY22), down from \$22.2 billion (2.6% of GDP) in the 3rd quarter (Q3) ended on December 2021 (FY22). The sequential decline in CAD in Q4 of FY22 was mainly on account of a moderation in trade deficit and lower net outgo of primary income. Private transfer receipts increased to \$23.7 billion in Q4 of FY22. For FY22, the current account balance recorded a deficit of 1.2% of GDP (\$38.7 billion) against a surplus of 0.9% (\$24 billion) in 2020-21. As for 2021-22, there was an accretion of \$47.5 billion to foreign exchange reserves, lower than the \$87 billion in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Current Account Deficit decreased to 1.5% of GDP in Q4 FY22 (from 2.6% in Q3 FY22)
- Private transfer receipts increased to \$23.7 billion in Q4 FY22
- Current Account Balance recorded a deficit of 1.2% of GDP in FY22 (from surplus of 0.9% in FY21)

516. On June 23, Syngenta India signed an exclusive agreement with the Delhi-based Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) with an aim to safeguard chilli farmers in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from unfavourable price fluctuations due to unpredictable market conditions. Fasal Bhavantar Kawach, an insurance policy of AIC, protects policyholders against unexpected falls in market prices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syngenta India + AIC = an agreement to safeguard chilli farmers in Guntur, AP from unfavourable price fluctuations
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan





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Defence Affairs

517. On June 22, Ministry of Defence (MoD) approved the development of amenities known as 'BRO Cafes', to be set up by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), at 75 locations on various sections of roads across 12 States/Union Territories. These are designed to give tourists access to essential amenities & comfort which will in-return increase economic activity in border regions, and create jobs for the local people. The contract will have a 15-year term initially. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD approved the development of amenities known as 'BRO Cafes' – to be set up by the BRO
- It will be set up on 75 locations across 12 States/Union Territories
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

518. On June 22, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr. Richard Marles held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi. The two Ministers reviewed the existing defence cooperation activities. The Ministers also reviewed the defence and security pillars of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and committed to give fillip to the India-Australia Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Research and Materiel Cooperation. They discussed about India's participation in Australia's "Indo-Pacific Endeavour Exercise" in October 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Minister of India & Australia – held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi
- "Indo-Pacific Endeavour Exercise" – to be conducted by Australia in October 2022
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

Sports & Games

519. In June 2022, Gurunaidu Sanapati of Andhra Pradesh has become India's first weightlifter to win Gold at the IWF Youth World Championships held at Leon in Mexico. The 16-year-old claimed the top slot with a total effort of 230kg (104kg+126kg) in the boy's 55kg event. Saudi Arabia's Ali Majeed 229kg (105kg+124kg) came in second and Yerassyl Umrov of Kazakhstan 224kg (100kg+124kg) third. On the opening day of competition, Akansha Kishor Vyavhare and Vijay Prajapati had won silver medals. Overall, India ranked 5th in the medal tally with 4 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gurunaidu Sanapati (Andhra Pradesh) – became 1st Indian weightlifter to win Gold at 'IWF Youth World Championships'
- 2nd – Ali Majeed (Saudi Arabia) | 3rd – Yerassyl Umrov (Kazakhstan)
- Akansha Kishor Vyavhare + Vijay Prajapati = won Silver medals
- India – ranked 5th in medal tally with 4 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze)



520. On June 22, Ronaldo Singh scripted history as he became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament in the senior category by finishing second in the sprint event on the concluding day of the “Asian Track Cycling Championship (ATCC) 2022”. The ATCC was hosted by India. Japan's Kento Yamasaki defeated Ronaldo in back-to-back races to finish at the top of the podium. Kazakhstan's Andrey Chugay won the bronze in the event. The Asian Junior and Para championships were also held simultaneously at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium velodrome in Delhi. Indian cycling team ended at 5th position with a total of 23 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver & 15 Bronze). Japan topped the combined medal tally with 18 gold, followed by Korea & Kazakhstan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Asian Track Cycling Championship (ATCC) 2022” – hosted by India
- Ronaldo Singh – became 1st Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament (Senior category)
- Gold – Kento Yamasaki (Japan) | Bronze – Andrey Chugay (Kazakhstan)
- Indian Cycling Team – ranked 5th with 23 medals (2 Gold + 6 Silver + 15 Bronze)

Science & Technology

521. On June 23, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) successfully launched “GSAT-24” in its first ‘demand-driven’ communication satellite mission through ‘Ariane-5’ rocket from French Guiana in South America. Built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for NSIL, the satellite was successfully placed into geostationary orbit. The entire satellite capacity on-board GSAT-24 will be leased to its committed customer Tata Play, the DTH business of Tata Group. GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH (Direct-To-Home) application needs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSIL – successfully launched “GSAT-24” through ‘Ariane-5’ rocket – from French Guiana (Built by - ISRO)
- GSAT-24 – a 24-Ku band communication satellite with pan-India coverage for DTH application needs
- HQs of NSIL – Bangalore, Karnataka | CMD – Radhakrishnan D. (an arm of ISRO)

522. On June 23, China successfully launched the second batch of the “Yaogan-35” comprising 3 new remote sensing satellites, from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province by a Long March-2D carrier rocket. This launch marked the 424th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched 2nd batch of the “Yaogan-35” comprising 3 new remote sensing satellites
- Launched aboard ‘Long March-2D’ carrier rocket (424th mission of the rocket)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

523. On June 22, Amazon unveiled its first fully autonomous mobile robot called “Proteus” that autonomously moves through facilities using advanced safety, perception and navigation technology developed by the company. The aim is to automate GoCart handling throughout the network, which will help reduce the need for people to manually move heavy objects. Amazon will also add Cardinal, a robotic arm capable of lifting weights up to 50 pounds. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Amazon – unveiled first fully autonomous mobile robot namely “Proteus”
- Amazon – to also launch ‘Cardinal’, a robotic arm
- HQs of Amazon – Seattle, US | CEO – Andy Jassy | Incorporated in – 1994

524. On June 23, a new species of jumping spider named “Pseudomogrus sudhii” was discovered from the Thar desert of Rajasthan. It has been named after Sudhikumar A.V., the Head of Department of Zoology in Christ College and founder of the Centre for Animal Taxonomy and Ecology (CATE), in recognition of his contributions to the field of Indian arachnology. It is the first report of this genus from India. The discovery was published in the latest volume of “Arachnology”, an international scientific journal of the British Arachnological Society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pseudomogrus sudhii”, a new species of jumping spider – discovered from Thar desert of Rajasthan
- Named after – Sudhikumar A. V.
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

525. In June 2022, Iran launched a solid-fueled rocket named “Zuljanah” into space. A 25.5 meter-long rocket is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms that will ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran’s space industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – launched a solid-fueled rocket named “Zuljanah” into space
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei

526. On June 23, Scientists recorded 4 species of “Azooxanthellate Corals” for the first time from Indian waters. These new corals were found from the waters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The details of the new records have been published in Thalassas: An International Journal of Marine Sciences in a paper titled “Zoogeographic Range Extension of Four Species of Flabellid Corals Under the Genus Truncatoflabellum (Scleractinian: Flabellidae) From Indian Waters”. Tamal Mondal, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) scientist, is behind these new records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4 species of “Azooxanthellate Corals” – were found in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for 1st time

527. A futuristic giant nuclear-powered flying hotel, “Sky Cruise”, is set to fly with around 5,000 passengers. The concept is by Tony Holmsten and designed by Hashem Al-Ghaili, a filmmaker and producer. The AI-piloted Sky Cruise will remain airborne for several days or even months. It is designed in a way in which it will never land. The cruise will be powered by 20 nuclear fusion engines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sky Cruise”, a nuclear-powered flying hotel – is set to fly with around 5,000 passengers
- Concept by – Tony Holmsten | Designed by – Hashem Al-Ghaili



Appointments & Resignations

528. In June 2022, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Sandeep Kumar Gupta (Director for Finance at IOCL) for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL (India) Ltd. He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31. GAIL holds around 70% share of the gas-transmission network and more than 50% share of natural gas sales in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sandeep Kumar Gupta – appointed as Chairman & MD of GAIL (India) Ltd (replacing - Manoj Jain)
- HQs of GAIL – New Delhi | Chairman – Sandeep Kumar Gupta | Established in – 1984

529. Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj has been named Chairman of a 12-member Advisory Committee to assist the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) which is running the day-to-day affairs of All India Football Federation (AIFF). The advisory committee will send regular reports to all the members of the CoA for their information and approvals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj – named as Chairman of a 12-member AC to assist the SC-appointed CoA
- Committee will run day-to-day affairs of All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel | Gen. Secretary – Kushal Das

530. As on June 21, Former Australian Cricketer Lisa Sthalekar is the first woman to be appointed as the President of the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA), which was founded in 1988. She played for the Australian women's team from 2001 to 2013. She was the first woman to score 1000 runs and take 100 wickets in ODI cricket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lisa Sthalekar (Former Australian Cricketer) – appointed as first women President of FICA
- Lisa Sthalekar – first woman to score 1000 runs & take 100 wickets in ODI cricket
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

531. On June 25, the Karnataka government selected the former Chief Minister S. M. Krishna, Infosys founder N. R. Narayana Murthy, and former Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone for the “Kempe Gowda International Award”. This award is instituted in honour of Kempe Gowda, founder of Bengaluru. The award carries a purse ₹5 lakh and a plaque each. The government had constituted a committee headed by Start-up Vision Group head Prashanth Prakash to nominate candidates for the award. June 27, 2022 marked the 513th birth anniversary of Kempe Gowda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. M. Krishna + N. R. Narayana Murthy + Prakash Padukone = selected by Karnataka for “Kempe Gowda Int. Award”
- June 27, 2022 – 513th birth anniversary of Kempe Gowda
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot



532. On June 27, Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company IG Drones has been felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category” by Airwards. IG Drones has been selected for the award for its approach of helping local communities and giving access of technology to various stakeholders during natural disasters and calamities. IG Drones is developing new technology-based disaster response and mitigation to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders’ aid in emergency response and catastrophe mapping. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IG Drones (Delhi) – felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category” by Airwards
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

Schemes & Initiatives

533. In June 2022, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched “Naari Ko Naman” scheme that will allow women passengers in the state to pay only 50% of the fare for their travel within the state. In another scheme, Thakur announced a reduction in the minimum bus fare from Rs 7 to Rs 5 to all passengers across the state. Moreover, the state government will sanction 25 new posts of women drivers in the ‘Ride With Pride’ government taxi service - an initiative to ferry women passengers and senior citizens. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched the “Naari Ko Naman” scheme
- The scheme allows women passengers to pay only 50% of the fare for their travel within the state
- ‘Ride With Pride’ government taxi service – an initiative of Himachal Pradesh Govt
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

534. The government has surpassed the formal employment creation target set under the “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)”. Latest data show 7.51 million jobs were created under the scheme, over a quarter more than the initial target of 5.85 million. The government has allotted Rs 22,810 Cr for the scheme to be spent till 2024. Under the scheme, the government reimburses the provident fund contribution - 24% of the wages split equally between employees and employers - for two years for all new formal jobs created in enterprises having up to 1,000 employees between October 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022. It was applicable on employees earning less than Rs 15,000 a month. Overall, net new enrolments under the EPFO in 2021-22 was the highest ever at 12.2 million, as against 7.71 million in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt surpassed the formal employment creation target under “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)”
- 7.51 million jobs have been created, against the initial target of 5.85 million
- Govt has allotted Rs 22,810 Cr under ‘ABRY Scheme’ till 2024
- Under the scheme, the Govt reimburses the Provident Fund contribution – 24% of the wages (split equally)
- Overall, new enrolments under the EPFO in 2021-22 – 12.2 million (highest ever)



Important Days & Dates

535. The United Nations Public Service Day is observed on 23 June annually. The day draws attention to the value and virtue of public service to communities. On 20 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to observe 23 June as Public Service Day under the resolution 57/277. The theme for this year is “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing Innovative Partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goal”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – Public Service Day – by UNGA
- 2022’s Theme – “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing Innovative Partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goal”
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

536. Every year “International Olympic Day” is observed on June 23. The day is celebrated for sports and health, where people associated with sports come together to promote and practice mass sports. In 2022, the theme is “Together for a Peaceful World”. The day was first observed in 1948. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “World Olympic Day” or “International Olympic Day” (since 1948)
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach

537. June 23 has been observed as International Widows' Day since 2011. The day is a day of action to address the poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries. The day was established by The Loomba Foundation to raise awareness about the issue of widowhood. The day was first observed in 2011. In 2022, the theme is “Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “International Widows Day” (since 2011)
- 2022’s Theme – “Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence” | Established by – The Loomba Foundation

Books & Authors

538. “The Life and Times of George Fernandes”, written by Rahul Ramagundam, was set to release under Penguin Random House India’s (PRHI) ‘Allen Lane’ imprint on July 25. It is a new biography of one of India’s most firebrand union leaders and former Central minister, George Fernandes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Life and Times of George Fernandes” – written by Rahul Ramagundam
- George Fernandes – India’s most firebrand Union Leaders & former Central Minister



Meetings, Conferences & Summits

539. The 5-day “UN Ocean Conference” was co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal from June 27 to July 1, 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal, under the overarching theme “Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions”. Leaders from over 130 countries from across the world deliberated for 5 days to find an international agreement on protecting the world’s oceans, seas and marine resources. The Minister also pointed out that India recently undertook a nationwide awareness campaign to clean plastic and other waste from coastal areas and this mission will soon become a ‘Jan Andolan’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kenya & Portugal – co-hosted the 5-day “UN Ocean Conference” – held in Lisbon, Portugal
- Theme – “Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions”
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta
- Portugal – Lisbon – Euro | President – Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

540. PM Narendra Modi attended the 14th BRICS summit hosted by China in a virtual mode on 23-24 June. The summit hosted a ‘High-Level Dialogue on Global Development’ with guest countries on June 24. The Summit was held under the theme of “Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | BRICS Chairmanship in 2022 – China

541. On June 24-25, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attended the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Rwanda. The theme of the 26th CHOGM Summit is: “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”. The CHOGM had earlier been postponed twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – attended the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – held in Rwanda
- Theme of the Summit – “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Rwanda – Kigali – Rwandan Franc | President – Paul Kagame

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

542. On June 20, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched a new database of the “Information System on Occupational Exposure in Medicine, Industry, and Research (ISEMIR)”, which specifically targets workers in industrial processes involving Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) - called “ISEMIR-N”. Globally, there are over 24 million workers in various industries. Currently, there exists two main branches of ISEMIR, ISEMIR-IC and ISEMIR-IR, for workers in interventional cardiology and industrial radiography respectively. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- A new database of the 'ISEMIR' by IAEA – targets workers in industrial processes involving 'NORM'
- NORM – Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material
- HQs of IAEA – Vienna, Austria | Director General – Rafael Mariano Grossi | Founded in – 1957

543. The Micro, Small and Medium Scale (MSME) sector contributes around 30% to India's GDP and employs around 120 million people. But at the same time, it generates around 110 million tonnes of CO₂, according to a report on "Carbon Footprint Generated by the MSMEs" by the Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (CSTEP) published in 2018. Countries across the globe were urged to come forward and make commitments to attain Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 during the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Glasgow, Scotland in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

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544. Jaipur-based policy research and advocacy group, Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS International) prepared a report titled "Economic Impact of Select Decisions of the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal of India", and submitted it to the NITI Aayog. As per the report, in the aftermath of the five verdicts, the industry lost around Rs 15,000 Cr in revenues, and workers lost around Rs 500 Cr of income. The report was first commissioned in 2019 and has been finalised with financial support from the NITI Aayog. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CUTS (Jaipur) – prepared a report titled "Economic Impact of Select Decisions of the SC & NGT of India"
- Report was 1st commissioned in 2019 – now finalized by NITI Aayog
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Suman Bery

Amount & Agreements

545. On June 23, BLS International Services, a tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, has entered into an agreement with West Bengal government for computerisation and e-governance of registration offices in the State in PPP mode in Presidency Zone. In the project, the company will procure, install and commission the hardware for 81 offices under Presidency Zone. Deployment of manpower, management and maintenance of manpower and hardware will be done for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BLS International Services + West Bengal = an agreement for Computerisation & e-governance of Registration Offices
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



546. On June 23, the World Bank has approved a \$245 million loan to support India's efforts to modernise Rail Freight and Logistics Infrastructure. The Rail Logistics project will help India shift more traffic from road to rail. Indian Railways is the 4th largest rail network in the world having transported 1.2 billion tonnes of freight in the fiscal ending March 2020. Yet, 71% of India's freight is transported by road and only 17% by rail. The new Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor-3 (EFDC) is also supported by the World Bank. Moreover, World Bank has approved a project named "Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project" worth ₹1,000 Cr for taking rain-fed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

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547. On June 24, World Bank approved 3 loans totalling \$562 million (about Rs 4,393.70 Cr) to fund "Gujarat Outcomes for Accelerated Learning (GOAL)", an education project in Gujarat (\$250 million), "RIGHTS" project, a social protection programme in Tamil Nadu (\$162 million) and a project to help recovery in the fisheries sector post the pandemic (\$150 million). In 2020-21, the fisheries sector saw losses of about \$5.5 billion and fish production fell almost 40% in one year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank approved 3 loans totalling \$562 million to fund 'GOAL' project, 'RIGHTS' project & Fisheries Sector
- \$250 million for GOAL (Gujarat) | \$162 million for RIGHTS (Tamil Nadu) | \$150 million for Fisheries sector
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Ordinance, Bills & Acts

548. According to the "Surrogacy (Regulation) Rules, 2022" issued recently, couples who intend to take the surrogacy route to become parents will have to buy a general health insurance coverage in favour of a surrogate mother for a period of 36 months. According to the rules, the number of attempts of any surrogacy procedure on the surrogate mother should not be more than 3 times. The surrogate mother may be allowed for abortion during the process of surrogacy in accordance with the 'Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971'. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 came into force on January 25, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

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 - Surrogate Mother allowed for abortion – according to 'Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971'



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

549. On June 22, the Karnataka government signed two MoUs with the objective of strengthening the economic activities of women self-help groups (SHGs) and facilitating organic farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers. One was with IIM Bangalore, and the other was with Subhiksha, one of the country's first vertically integrated multi-State cooperative society which promotes organic farming. Sanjeevini-KSRLPS (Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society) exchanged MoUs with the institutions. The aim of the initiative was to scale up at least 100-150 existing women-owned/women-led enterprises in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – signed two MoUs with IIM Bangalore & Subhiksha to scale up women-led Enterprises/SHGs
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

550. The Delhi government in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has set up an Oxygen Generation Plant at Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital, to augment the facility's oxygen supply capabilities. The plant will cater to 750 beds in the hospital which is a super-speciality tertiary care centre. The oxygen plant utilises Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) technology to produce up to 1,050 litres of oxygen per minute. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi + UNDP = collaboration to set up an 'Oxygen Generation Plant' at Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965





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