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# National & States Affairs

**51.** On June 1, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched two-month long “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0”. The objective of this mega Covid vaccination drive is to achieve optimal coverage among all eligible beneficiaries and accelerate the pace of vaccination. The campaign will continue till the July 31, 2022. Emphasis will be given to focused campaigns in old age homes, schools, colleges, prisons and brick kilns among others. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Health Ministry – launched the “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0” to boost second-dose vaccination
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

**52.** Under “Operation Rakth Chandan”, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 14.63 MT of Red Sanders, estimated at Rs 11.70 Cr in the international market, from a consignment that was stuffed at ICD Sabarmati, and which was to be exported to Sharjah, UAE. Red Sanders is a flora-species that is endemic to a distinct tract of forests in Eastern Ghats region of Andhra Pradesh and fall under ‘endangered list’ in the IUCN Red List. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- DRI seized 14.63 MT of Red Sanders, worth Rs 11.70 Cr in the international market, under “Operation Rakth Chandan”
- Red Sanders – a flora-species that is endemic to a distinct tract of forests in Eastern Ghats region of AP
- Red Sanders – under ‘endangered list’ in the IUCN Red List
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

**53.** On June 1, an all-party Meeting held in Bihar unanimously decided to start the Caste-based Census very soon. Those to be involved in the mega exercise will be given proper training and the report will be published. Once this exercise will be over in Bihar, the other States too may follow suit and the whole nation will be covered. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Bihar – decided to start the Caste-based Census very soon
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**54.** As on June 2, the Centre plans to set up a “Grievance Appellate Committee” to look into appeals filed by individuals against the decisions of grievance officers of social media platforms. Besides, the panel has to dispose of the appeals within 30 days of receiving them and its decision will be binding on the intermediaries or the large social media companies concerned, according to a notification to amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Central Govt plans to set up a “Grievance Appellate Committee” to look into appeals against the decisions of grievance officers of social media platforms
- Deadline to dispose of the appeals – 30 days



**55.** Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari dedicated to the nation 20 Amrit Sarovars in Akola in Maharashtra. The water storage capacity of these 20 reservoirs is 1276 Thousand Cubic Meters (TCM). A total of 71 agricultural universities across the country can be benefited by this. It has been decided to rejuvenate and develop about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars across India by August 15, 2023, under the 'Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan'. In this context, at least 75 Amrit Sarovars will be rejuvenated in each district. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nitin Gadkari – dedicated to the nation 20 Amrit Sarovars in Akola in Maharashtra
- The water storage capacity of these 20 reservoirs is 1276 Thousand Cubic Meters (TCM)
- Target to rejuvenate about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars across India by August 15, 2023, under the 'Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan'
- [Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari](#) | [Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra](#)

**56.** PM Narendra Modi addressed 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' in Shima, Himachal Pradesh. Marking the completion of 8 years of the BJP government, the programme is organised across the country at state capitals, district headquarters, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Union Ministers and public representatives along with beneficiaries from Maharashtra joined the programme via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed "Garib Kalyan Sammelan" in Shima, Himachal Pradesh
- 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' – was held for marking the completion of 8 years of the BJP government

**57.** In a significant order, the Supreme Court directed that each protected forest should have an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of 1 km. And the Mining & construction of Permanent Structures within Extended Buffer Zone (ESZ) of 1 km radius of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is restricted. A bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai and Aniruddha Bose passed the directions in applications filed in the T. N. Godavarman Thirumalpad case. A set of Guidelines for Declaration of EcoSensitive Zones (ESZ) around National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries had been formulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Supreme Court – directed each protected forest should have an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of 1 km
- A bench that passed the directions comprised: Justices L. Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai & Aniruddha Bose
- [Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana \(48<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

**58.** On June 5, Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, on the occasion of "World Environment Day", declared 'Blue Duke' as the State Butterfly. Of the 720 species of butterflies found in Sikkim, Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly securing 57% votes in a recent online poll conducted by the Forest Department. Blue Duke, which goes by the scientific name 'Bassarona durga durga', is unique to Sikkim and the eastern Himalayas. It was discovered in the state in 1858. Blue Duke falls in 'Schedule 2' of the 'Wildlife Protection Act, 1972' and is a protected species in the Himalayas. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sikkim – declared 'Blue Duke' as the State Butterfly (scientific name – 'Bassarona durga durga')
- [Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok](#) | [CM – Prem Singh Tamang](#) | [Governor – Ganga Prasad](#)



**59.** On June 3, the government has approved a four-decade-low interest rate of 8.1% on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22, down from 8.5% in the previous year. Every month, an employee contributes 12% of his or her base income to the PF account, and the employer matches this payment. Umang App, EPFO Member e-Sewa portal, SMS, or a missed call are all options for checking the EPF amount. Moreover, in 2021, the PFRDA had increased the maximum age for joining the National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years. Now the age criteria is 18-70 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government approved low interest rate of 8.1% on EPF deposits for 2021-22 (from 8.5% in the PY)
- An employee contributes 12% of his or her base income to the PF account
- PFRDA – had increased the maximum age for joining the NPS from 65 years to 70 year ([Age criteria - 18 to 70 years](#))
- HQs of EPFO – New Delhi | CEO – Neelam Shami Rao | Established in – 1952

**60.** National Cadet Corps (NCC) launched the latest phase of its nationwide flagship campaign “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan” on 30 May 2022 and it continued till 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the World Environment Day. The campaign was initially launched in December, 2021. About 74,000 cadets from 10 States and 4 Union Territories participated in the campaign during this phase. The purpose of the Abhiyan is to educate locals and sensitise them about ‘Swachh Bharat’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NCC – launched the latest phase of its nationwide flagship campaign “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan”
- About 74,000 cadets from 10 States and 4 Union Territories participated in the campaign
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – ‘Unity & Discipline’

**61.** On June 1, the forest department of Bihar has established an ‘Elephant Rescue Centre’ at Bihar’s Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) to rehabilitate stray, abandoned and injured elephants. VTR is spread over 899 square kilometres in West Champaran district, with Nepal to its north and Uttar Pradesh to its west. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bihar – established an ‘Elephant Rescue Centre’ at Bihar’s Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)
- VTR – is spread over 899 square km in West Champaran district, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**62.** On June 3, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and India’s public service broadcaster Prasar Bharati are exploring the feasibility of a technology called “Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) Broadcasting” that allows to broadcast video and other forms of multimedia content directly to mobile phones, without needing an active internet connection. Band 526-582 MHz is envisaged to work in coordination with both mobile and broadcast services. DoT has set up a committee to study this band. Moreover, Prasar Bharati had last year announced collaboration with IIT Kanpur to test the feasibility of this technology. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- DoT + Prasar Bharati = are exploring the feasibility of a technology called “Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) Broadcasting”
- The technology will allow to broadcast multimedia content directly to mobile phones without internet
- Prasar Bharati + IIT Kanpur = collaboration to test the feasibility of ‘D2M Broadcasting’ technology



**63.** According to a draft notification for Electronic Waste Management for Public Feedback, released by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure that at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023, with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025 respectively. India first announced these rules in 2016 and amended it in 2018. Companies will have to register on an online portal and specify their annual production and e-waste collection targets. Along with specifying targets, the rules also lay out a system of companies securing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certificates. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will be the chief entity that will coordinate the trade of EPR certificates and monitor if companies are meeting their targets. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- MoEFCC – released a draft notification for ‘Electronic Waste Management for Public Feedback’
- Companies have to ensure that at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected & recycled by 2023
- Targets to increase to 70% by 2024 & 80% by 2025
- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will be the Chief Entity to coordinate the trade of EPR certificates
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: [Bhupender Yadav](#) | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: [Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)

## International Affairs

**64.** On June 2, Turkish government sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting the UN to recognise the country as ‘Turkiye’. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s government has been pressing for the internationally recognised name Turkey to be changed to “Turkiye” (pronounced tur-key-YAY) as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish. The country’s full official name will be “Republic of Türkiye”. The country called itself Turkiye in 1923 after its declaration of independence. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Turkish government – sent a letter to the UN formally requesting the UN to recognise the country as ‘Turkiye’
- Country’s full official name – will be “Republic of Türkiye”
- The country called itself Turkiye in 1923 after its declaration of independence
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – [Recep Tayyip Erdogan](#)

**65.** India and Israel signed a ‘Vision Statement’ to further deepen the long-standing defence cooperation. This was adopted at a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his visiting Israeli counterpart Benny Gantz. A Letter of Intent (LoI) on enhancing cooperation in the field of futuristic defence technologies was also exchanged between the two Ministers. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India + Israel = signed a ‘Vision Statement’ to further deepen the long-standing defence cooperation
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – [Isaac Herzog](#) | PM – [Naftali Bennett](#)





**66.** On June 1, the US announced to send “M142 Himars System” (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) to Ukraine. The new weapon is a multiple launch rocket system (MLRS). It is a mobile unit that can simultaneously launch multiple precision-guided missiles. Both Ukraine and Russia already operate MLRS, but Himars has superior range and precision. These Himars missiles will have a range of about 50 miles (80 km). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- US – announced to send “M142 Himars System” (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) to Ukraine
- “M142 Himars System” – a mobile multiple launch rocket system (Range – 50 miles)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

**67.** On June 5, the world’s largest plant has recently been discovered off the West Coast of Australia. The ribbon weed, or *Posidonia australis*, has been discovered in Shark Bay by a group of researchers from Flinders University and The University of Western Australia. These researchers have also found that the plant is 4,500 years old. The ribbon weed covers an area of 20,000 hectares, 180 km in length. The largest tree in India, the Great Banyan in Howrah’s Botanical Garden in West Bengal, covers 1.41 hectares. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Ribbon Weed’ or ‘*Posidonia Australis*’ - world’s largest plant – discovered off the West Coast of Australia in Shark Bay
- The largest tree in India – the Great Banyan tree in Howrah, West Bengal (covers 1.41 hectares)
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

**68.** On June 2, Sri Lanka announced its plans to develop Trincomalee port as an “Industrial Harbour”. The proposal was a long-standing plan to monetise land that belongs to the Sri Lanka Port Authority. This would also entail the development of the port for non-containerised cargo traffic, such as cement, coal or other industrial raw material. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sri Lanka – announced its plans to develop Trincomalee port as an “Industrial Harbour”
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Ranil Wickremesinghe | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

## **Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs**

**69.** On June 2, Tone Tag, a brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt Ltd, has been declared the winner in two categories in the RBI’s first global hackathon “Harbinger 2021 - Innovation for Transformation” which was launched in November 2021 with the theme of “Smarter Digital Payments”. napID Cybersec Pvt Ltd (INDIA) and TrustCheckr (INDIA) were the winners of the other two categories. In all, there were four categories. The hackathon ran in three phases. The third phase of the final evaluation was held on May 26-27, 2022, in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Tone Tag – was declared the winner in RBI's first global hackathon "Harbinger 2021 - Innovation for Transformation"
- 2021's theme – "Smarter Digital Payments"
- napID Cybersec + TrustCheckr = winners of the other two categories

**70.** On June 2, Kiya.ai, a digital solutions provider to financial institutions and governments, launched India's first-ever banking metaverse named "Kiyaverse" in Mumbai. Kiyaverse aims to merge use cases of real-world banking with metaverse banking through an avatar (virtual humanoid) based interactions. The Kiyaverse plans to have tokens as NFTs and support CBDC to enable open finance in a Web3.0 environment. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kiya.ai – launched India's first-ever banking metaverse named "Kiyaverse" in Mumbai
- Kiyaverse – to have tokens as NFTs and support CBDC to enable open finance in a Web3.0 environment

**71.** On June 3, HDFC Ltd collaborated with Accenture to digitally transform its lending business. It is aimed at making HDFC's lending lifecycle paper-less and nimble. A key element of the program is a cloud-native lending platform with digital workflows for every step of the customer journey including application, loan processing, credit underwriting and decisioning, disbursement and loan servicing. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd + Accenture = collaborated to digitally transform its lending business
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry
- HQs of Accenture – Dublin, Ireland | CEO – Julie Sweet | MD (in India) – Rekha Menon

**72.** On June 2, Kotak Investment Advisors, a subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank, launched "Kotak Cherry", a curated tech-led investment management platform. Kotak Cherry offers investing solutions to users via a digital app backed by experienced investment managers. As per the company, Kotak Cherry is enabled as a Do It Yourself (DIY) execution platform. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kotak Investment Advisors (Kotak Mahindra Bank) – launched an investment management platform "Kotak Cherry"
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"

## Defence Affairs

**73.** On June 4, the Indian Navy decommissioned its two ships, INS Akshay and INS Nishank, after 32 years of service including participation in Operation Talwar and Operation Parakram. The decommissioning event was conducted at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard in a traditional ceremony wherein the national flag, the naval ensign and the decommissioning pennant of the two ships were lowered for the last time at sunset. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- INS Akshay + INS Nishank = at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard decommissioned after 32 years of service
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

**74.** According to Western Intelligence reports, Russia deployed the Terminator tank support system - the "BMPT", also known as "BMPT Terminator", and its new version the "BMPT-72", in an area that remains its immediate tactical priority in the Ukraine war. The Terminator or the Boyevaya Mashina Podderzhki Tankov (BMPT), is a tank support fighting vehicle developed by Russia. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Russia – deployed the Terminator tank support system - the "BMPT" or "BMPT Terminator" or "BMPT-72" (new version)
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

## Science & Technology

**75.** On June 3, Datair Technology Pvt Ltd (Ambee) announced to join the NASA's "Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Mission" as an early adopter. Ambee is a global platform for hyperlocal & geospatial datasets on air quality, weather, pollen, soil, water vapour and fire. PACE is currently in the design phase of mission development. It is scheduled to launch in 2024. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Datair Technology (Ambee) – announced to join the NASA's "PACE Mission"
- "PACE" mission – Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

**76.** A new species of dragonfly discovered in Assam has been named after two women for their pioneering work in the northeast. The new species, 'Platygomphus benritarum', has been named after Monisha Behal, a founder member of North East Network (NEN) and Rita Banerji, founder of Green Hub. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- 'Platygomphus benritarum', a new species of dragonfly – discovered in Assam
- The species is named after Monisha Behal & Rita Banerji
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

**77.** A gecko found in Visakhapatnam in 2017, then thought to belong to a known species, has now been identified as a member of a new species. The species, 'Eublepharis pictus', also known as the 'Painted Leopard Gecko', has been described in the journal Evolutionary Systematics. This new species appears to be common in the forests of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- 'Eublepharis pictus', a Painted Leopard Gecko – identified as a member of a new species (found in Visakhapatnam in 2017)
- This new species appears to be common in the forests of Andhra Pradesh & Odisha

## **Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes**

**78.** The Meghalaya government key initiative of e-proposal system, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architect (MeghEA), won 'Best Project Award' at UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Meghalaya received for the role of governments in the promotion of ICTs for development. Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held in Geneva, Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Meghalaya – won 'Best Project Award' at the "WSIS Forum Prizes 2022" – held in Geneva, Switzerland
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik







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# Schemes & Initiatives

**79.** On June 3, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the scheme called “SHRESHTA (Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas)”. The Scheme will be beneficial for SC students who could not reach for higher quality education. Approximately 3,000 seats are provided each year for admission in class 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools and the entire cost of the school fee and residential charges are borne by the Department. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Virendra Kumar (MoSJE) – launched a scheme called “SHRESHTA”
- SHRESHTA – **S**cheme for **R**esidential **E**ducation for **S**tudents in **H**igh school in **T**argeted **A**reas”
- **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh**

**80.** Railway Protection Force (RPF) arrested more than 7,000 unauthorised travelers in coaches reserved for women, while also rescuing 150 girls/women from becoming victims of human trafficking during a month-long “Operation Mahila Suraksha” aimed at providing safe and secure travel to women. The pan India drive ‘Operation Mahila Suraksha’ was launched from May 3 to 31, 2022. A pan India initiative ‘Meri Saheli’ is also operational with a similar aim. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- RPF conducted a month-long “Operation Mahila Suraksha” to provide safe & secure travel to women
- ‘Meri Saheli’ initiative – belongs to RPF
- **HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander**

**81.** On June 3, the National Health Authority (NHA) announced the successful integration of eSanjeevani with its flagship scheme - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). eSanjeevani portal is the telemedicine service of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). The users of eSanjeevani can create their 14-digit unique Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number and use it to link their existing health records. The eSanjeevani service is available in two variants: eSanjeevani AB-HWC (Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre) & eSanjeevani OPD. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- NHA – announced the integration of ‘eSanjeevani’ with its flagship scheme - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)
- eSanjeevani portal – a telemedicine service of MoHFW | ABHA number – 14 digits
- **HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma | Founded in – 2018**

**82.** On June 3, in Rajasthan, a Special Health Care Abhiyan “Anchal” was launched in the Karauli district for pregnant women. 13,144 women have benefited from this Abhiyan. This unique campaign was started on the initiative of District Collector Ankit Kumar Singh. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched a Special Health Care Abhiyan “Anchal” in Karauli district for pregnant women
- **Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra**



## Important Days & Dates

**83.** International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on 4 June to enlighten the public about the suffering of children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. The day is celebrated by many organisations and individuals as well, who run different campaigns to highlight the issue. The day was first observed in 1983. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 4 – UN’s “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression” (since 1983)

**84.** The 5<sup>th</sup> International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing 2022 was observed on June 5, 2022. The day was first observed in 2018. The UN also declared 2022 as the “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries & Aquaculture”. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities are responsible for the loss of 11-26 million tonnes of fish each year. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (since 2018)
- 2022 – declared by UN as “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries & Aquaculture”

**85.** World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to spread awareness among people about environmental conservation and value of nature in our lives. World Environment Day 2022 is hosted by Sweden. “Only One Earth” is the campaign slogan, with the focus on “Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature”. The day was first observed in 1974 in the US. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 5 – World Environment Day (since 1974) | Campaign slogan – “Only One Earth”
- World Environment Day 2022 – hosted by Sweden

**86.** “World Pest Day”, also known as “World Pest Awareness Day”, is observed on 6 June every year. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits for plants and people around us. The day was first observed in the year 2017 and the inaugural ceremony was held at the Beijing Hotel on 6 June 2017. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 6 – “World Pest Day” or “World Pest Awareness Day” (since 2017)

**87.** Every year, on June 6, Russian Language Day is celebrated. Russian is the 7 most spoken language in the world. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Aleksandr Pushkin, a Russian poet who is considered the father of modern Russian literature. Russia celebrates June 6 as “Pushkin Day” every year. The Russian alphabet has 33 letters. The UNESCO founded Russian Language Day in 2010. Russian is called an “International Language of Space”. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- June 6 – Russian Language Day (since 2010)
- Aleksandr Pushkin – a Russian poet considered as 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)

## **Books & Authors**

**88.** A memoir titled “An Intent to Serve - A Civil Servant Remembers” is authored by former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Tejendra Khanna. His memoir is a reflection on his own professional ethic and core values. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “An Intent to Serve - A Civil Servant Remembers” – authored by Tejendra Khanna (former Lt. Gov. of Delhi)

## **Obituaries**

**89.** On June 2, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin condoled the passing away of Indian National Army (INA) veteran & freedom fighter Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal. She died at the age of 102 in Malaysia. Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal joined the INA when she was 21 years old and fought for India’s independence amid several challenges. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal – an INA veteran & a Freedom Fighter – passed away
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi





## Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**90.** The 51<sup>st</sup> Session of Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports (Shipping) was held on June 3, 2022 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. It was chaired by the Special Secretary of the Logistics Division, DPIIT. In the session, all issues received from the industry associations were categorised into three major cohorts - i) Procedural issues; ii) Issues impacting logistics costs; and, iii) Technology related issues to enhance EXIM efficiency. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- 51<sup>st</sup> Session of Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports (Shipping) – held in New Delhi
- Chaired by – Special Secretary of the Logistics Division, DPIIT

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**91.** Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk continues to be the richest person in the world, as per the “Forbes Real-time Billionaires List” released on June 3, 2022. Musk’s net worth has risen by \$8.2 billion in the last one day, and is now at \$233.7 billion. At second place is France’s Bernard Arnault with net worth of \$157.0 billion. With \$151.2 billion wealth, Amazon’s Jeff Bezos is the world’s third richest man. As per the list, Mukesh Ambani has once again becomes India’s richest person and world’s 6<sup>th</sup> richest person with a net worth of \$104.8 billion. While Gautam Adani is the 9<sup>th</sup> richest person in the world with \$100.2 billion net worth. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “Forbes Real-time Billionaires List” – released in June 2022
- Globally: 1<sup>st</sup> - Elon Musk | 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bernard Arnault | 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeff Bezos
- In India: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mukesh Ambani (globally 6<sup>th</sup>) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gautam Adani (globally 9<sup>th</sup>)

**92.** The “2021 Report on International Religious Freedom (IRF)”, released by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), states that India has seen an increase in attacks on people due to religious intolerance and places of worship. In April, the Commission had recommended to the State Department, for the third year in a row, that India be classified as a ‘Country of Particular Concern (CPC)’. But the state department is not bound by USCIRF recommendations and has not categorized India as a CPC in the last 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “2021 Report on International Religious Freedom (IRF)” – released by USCIRF
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**93.** Boston Consulting Group (BCG), in collaboration with PhonePe, unveiled a report titled, “Digital payments in India: A US\$10 trillion opportunity”. As per the report, value of digital payments in India is expected to increase three-fold from US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by 2026. Digital payments will constitute nearly 65% of all payments by 2026, up from 40% as of now. UPI adoption will surge from 35% in FY 21 to 75% in the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

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- Report: Value of digital payments in India will increase three-fold from US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by 2026
- Digital payments will constitute 65% of all payments by 2026 | UPI adoption – to rise to 75% by 2026
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

**94.** Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP) carried out the world’s first population estimation of the fishing cat outside the protected area network in Chilika lake in Odisha. The study has found that Chilika lake, Asia’s largest brackish water lagoon, is home to around 176 fishing cats. The estimation was conducted in two phases. Phase-I was conducted in 2021 while Phase II was conducted in 2022. The cat is a globally threatened species found in marshlands, mangroves, flooded forests and other wetlands. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- The world’s first population estimation of the fishing cat – carried out outside the protected area network in Chilika lake
- Chilika lake (Asia’s largest brackish water lagoon) – located in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**95.** The report titled “Global Plastics Outlook: Policy Scenarios to 2060” released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), states that the amount of plastic waste worldwide is likely to nearly triple over the next 4 decades by 2060. The report projects global plastics consumption rising from 460 million tonnes (Mt) in 2019 to 1,231 Mt in 2060 in the absence of bold new policies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Global Plastics Outlook: Policy Scenarios to 2060” released by – OECD
- The amount of plastic waste worldwide is likely to triple over – by 2060
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37

**96.** According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index released on June 3, Mukesh Ambani, with net worth of \$99.7 billion, is placed 8<sup>th</sup>, while Gautam Adani, with a net worth of \$98.7 billion, is ranked 9<sup>th</sup>. With this, Mukesh Ambani became Asia’s richest man again. According to the list, Tesla & SpaceX’s CEO Elon Musk is the world’s richest with \$227 billion wealth, followed by Amazon’s Jeff Bezos with \$149 billion, LVMH’s Bernard Arnault with \$138 billion, and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates with \$124 billion. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Bloomberg Billionaire Index” – released as of June 3, 2022
- In India: 1st – Mukesh Ambani (globally 8th) | 2nd – Gautam Adani (globally 9th)
- Globally: Elon Musk (\$227 billion) | Jeff Bezos (\$149 billion) | Bernard Arnault (\$138 billion)



# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**97.** On June 2, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an agreement with WiSig Networks Private Limited and VVDN Technologies Private Limited for collaboration in the area of Open RAN-based Radio Network for 5G solution. This engagement will augment the indigenous Intellectual Property and create new avenues for wider adoption and monetization of home-grown 5G products and solutions. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- C-DOT + WiSig Networks + VVDN Technologies ted = collaborated for 'Open RAN-based Radio Network' for 5G solution
- HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay

**98.** On June 1, the Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu, arrived in Senegal's capital Dakar. This was the first ever high level Indian visit to Senegal and it took place at a time when both countries were celebrating 60 years of their diplomatic relations. During these talks, three MoUs were signed by both sides on - Cultural Exchange, Cooperation in Youth Matters and Visa Free Regime for Officials. M. Venkaiah Naidu announced 'Phase II' of the upgradation of Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre (CEDT) at Dakar. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India + Senegal = signed MoUs on Cultural Exchange, Cooperation in Youth Matters and Visa Free Regime for Officials
- Venkaiah Naidu – announced 'Phase II' of upgradation of "Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre" at Dakar
- Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc | President – Macky Sall

**99.** On June 3, Union Territory of Chandigarh and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU for setting up 'IAF Heritage Centre' at Chandigarh to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning. This heritage centre will have artefact, simulators and interactive boards to highlight various facets of IAF. This joint project is planned to be completed by October, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Chandigarh + IAF = signed an MoU for setting up 'IAF Heritage Centre' in Chandigarh
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

**100.** On June 3, IIM Ahmedabad collaborated with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, SFarms India, to develop a "Farm Land Price Index" based on the sales and purchases done on the platform. The index has been designed to record and present the quality-controlled data on prices of agricultural land in India. The Misra Centre for Financial Markets and Economy at IIM-A will host this on its official website and it will be called "IIM-Ahmedabad SFarmsIndia Land Price Index (ISALPI)". [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- IIM Ahmedabad + SFarms India = to develop "Farm Land Price Index"
- The index will be called "IIM-Ahmedabad SFarmsIndia Land Price Index (ISALPI)"





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