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National & States Affairs

1. The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) took up the ₹9,000 Cr Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project of the Karnataka government for discussion at its meeting held on June 17. The total annual quantum prescribed by the Supreme Court for Tamil Nadu is 177.25 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) in a year. Of this, 80 tmc ft is estimated to be coming from the “uncontrolled catchments” below Kabini and KRS. The Mekedatu project will interfere with the flow of this portion of the State’s due. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CWMA – took up the ₹9,000 Cr ‘Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project’ of Karnataka
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

2. On June 7, Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia unveiled “National Air Sports Policy 2022 (NASP 2022)” to promote sports like aerobatics, hot-air ballooning, and paragliding, with the aim of making India one of the top aerosports nations by 2030. As part of the policy, a four-tier structure will be established to govern aero sports, with the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) as the apex body. The ASFI will be an autonomous body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). Air sports are managed by the Switzerland-based Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya Scindia – unveiled “National Air Sports Policy 2022” to make India one of the top aerosports nations by 2030
- Air Sports Federation of India – will be an autonomous body under Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Air sports around the world are managed by – Federation Aeronautique Internationale ([Switzerland](#))
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh](#)

3. On June 6, Kerala government announced that two cases of Norovirus infection, similar to the diarrhoea-inducing rotavirus, were found in the state. The disease is highly-contagious and the state health department urged the people to maintain hygiene. It is a virus which leads to gastroenteritis or stomach flu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Two cases of ‘Norovirus’ infection were found in Kerala
- Nonavirus – a virus which leads to gastroenteritis or stomach flu (similar to the diarrhoea-inducing ‘Rotavirus’)

4. On June 8, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has created a Guinness World Record for constructing a single lane continuous bituminous concrete road of 75 kilometres in 105 hours and 33 minutes on the National Highway (NH) between Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra. The project was implemented by 720 workers. The Amravati to Akola section is part of NH 53. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has set a target to build 60 kilometres of highway per day in India. During the pandemic in 2021-22, the country's national highway construction speed had even slowed down to 28.64 km a day. Primary responsibility of the construction of national highways and expressways across the country lies with the NHAI & NHIDCL. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NHAI – created a Guinness World Record for constructing a single lane bituminous road of 75 Kms in 105 hrs & 33 mins
- It was constructed between Amravati & Akola districts (Maharashtra)
- Nitin Gadkari – set a target to build 60 km of highway per day in India
- HQs of NHAI – New Delhi | Chairman – 1988 –Alka Upadhyaya | Founded in
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh

5. On June 3, the 3rd “Uttar Pradesh Investment Summit 2022” was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in the presence of CM Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of 1,406 projects worth more than Rs 80,000 Cr in the state. Abu Dhabi-headquartered Lulu Group will invest Rs 2500 Cr in Uttar Pradesh in 3 new projects in the state. Besides, Adani Group will invest Rs 70,000 Cr in Uttar Pradesh. More than 600 investors are showcasing various initiatives, mega projects as well as number of startups and technological innovations. The state has 90 lakh MSMEs, the highest, that constitute 14.2% of all such projects in India. The first UP Investors Summit was held in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 3rd edition of “Uttar Pradesh Investment Summit 2022” in Lucknow
- The first UP Investors Summit – held in 2018
- Lulu Group (Abu Dhabi) – will invest Rs 2500 Cr in Uttar Pradesh in 3 new projects
- Adani Group – will invest Rs 70,000 Cr in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

6. On June 7, Ministry of Power notified the “Green Open Access Rules, 2022” to further accelerate India’s renewable energy programmes. These rules are notified for promoting generation, purchase and consumption of green energy including through waste-to-energy plants. It enables a simplified procedure for the open access to green power. As per the rules, the green open access is allowed to any consumer and the limit of open access transaction has been reduced from 1 MW (megawatt) to 100 kW for green energy. As per the rules, the approvals are to be granted in 15 days or else it will be deemed to have been approved. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power – notified the “Green Open Access Rules, 2022” to accelerate India’s RE programmes
- The limit to open access transaction is reduced – to 100 kW for green energy (from 1 MW)
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar

International Affairs

7. On June 7, while addressing foreign diplomats in Delhi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced that India looks forward to joining the 48-member “Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)”, in a message aimed at China blocking India’s membership at the NSG. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India looks forward to joining the 48-member “Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)”
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi

8. On June 4, in a world’s first, the New York state legislature passed the “Right to Repair” bill/law that will require digital electronics manufacturers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to consumers and independent repair shops. The “Fair Repair Act” comes after federal pressure to enforce consumers’ rights to repair and refurbish their purchased goods. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New York state legislature – passed the “Right to Repair” bill/law
- The law will allow electronics manufacturers to make parts, tools, information available to consumers

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

9. On June 7, Thoothukudi-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank received Securities and Exchange Board of India’s (SEBI) approval to launch and raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The public issue comprises a fresh issue of 1,58,27,495 equity shares and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 12,505 equity shares by shareholders, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank – received SEBI’s approval to launch & raise funds through an IPO
- HQs of TMB – Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. V. Rama Moorthy

10. On June 8, Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched a free group personal ‘Accidental Insurance Cover’ of Rs 15 lakh for government employees in the union territory. J & K Bank will extend the insurance cover for which it has contracted with Oriental Insurance Company. Shri Manoj Sinha also launched the bank’s ‘Phone Pe Loan’ facility for government employees. The lieutenant governor also directed the bank to enhance the insurance amount from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh from the next financial year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – launched ‘Accidental Insurance Cover’ of Rs 15 lakh for government employees in J&K
- J & K Bank + Oriental Insurance Company = contracted to extend the insurance cover
- Manoj Sinha – also launched J&K Bank’s “Phone Pe Loan” facility for government employees
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

11. In June 2022, India’s largest Crypto investing app CoinSwitch launched the Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8), India’s first benchmark index to measure the performance of the Indian Rupee-based crypto market. Owned and administered by CoinSwitch, CRE8 tracks the performance of eight crypto assets that represent over 85% of the total market capitalisation of cryptos traded in Indian Rupee. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- CoinSwitch – launched the 'Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8)'
- CRE8 – India's first benchmark index to measure the performance of the Indian Rupee-based crypto market
- HQs of CoinSwitch Kuber – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Ashish Singhal

12. The RBI's 2nd Monetary Policy of FY23 was released on June 8, 2022. At the end of its 3-day monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting, the RBI saw inflation higher at 6.7% for the current fiscal year. Consumer prices accelerated to an eight-year high of nearly 7.8% in April, according to official data. The RBI raised the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate & Bank Rate is revised to 5.15%. The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) are kept unchanged at 4.50% & 18% respectively. While Reverse Repo Rate is also kept unchanged at 3.35%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI's 2nd Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) report – released on June 8, 2022
- Rates after changes made in June 2022:
 - Repo rate – 4.90% | Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35% | Bank Rate or MSF – 5.15%
 - CRR – 4.50% | SLR – 18% | CPI – 7.8%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

13. On June 4, the Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) reduced the capital required by insurance companies offering policies under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) by almost 50%. The easing of capital requirements by IRDAI will accelerate the penetration of life insurance in India. PMJJBY provides life insurance cover worth Rs 2 lakh to all account holders aged 18-50 years. The claims ratio for PMJJBY was 145.24% as of March 31, 2022. Recently, the Centre increased the premium rates for PMJJBY from Rs 330 to Rs 436 a year effective from June 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – reduced the capital required by Insurance Companies offering policies under PMJJBY – by almost 50%
- Centre increased the premium rates for PMJJBY from Rs 330 to Rs 436 a year effective from June 1, 2022
- PMJJBY provides life insurance cover worth Rs 2 lakh to all account holders aged 18-50 years
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

14. On June 8, the Reserve Bank (RBI) raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions. That means additional authentication will not be need for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction. The RBI also proposed to allow the linking of credit cards to the UPI platform for the first time. Moreover, in a big boost to the home loan segment, the RBI doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks. The limits for tier-I and tier-II UCBs have been revised from Rs 30 lakh to Rs 60 lakh and Rs 70 lakh to Rs 1.40 Cr, respectively. These limits were last revised for UCBs in 2011 and for RCBs in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – raised the AFA limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, PPIs & UPI
- RBI – proposed to allow the linking of credit cards to the UPI platform
- RBI – doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks (Tier 1 - Rs 60 lakh | Tier 2 - Rs 1.40 lakh)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935



Defence Affairs

15. On June 6, the US and South Korean militaries launched 8 ballistic missiles into the sea, aimed at demonstrating the ability to respond swiftly and accurately to North Korean attacks as South Korean military detected North Korea firing 8 short-range missiles on 5 June. The allies' live-fire exercise involved 8 Army Tactical Missile System missiles - one American and seven South Korean. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US + South Korea = launched 8 ballistic missiles into the sea to respond swiftly & accurately to North Korean attacks
- The exercise involved 8 Army Tactical Missile System missiles = 1 American + 7 South Korean
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Yoon Suk-yeol
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

16. On June 7, the Ministry of Defense issued new guidelines for the post of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The new guidelines broaden the scope of eligible officers. The next Chief of Defence Staff could be anyone from the three serving Chiefs of Army, IAF or Navy, any serving three-star officer, any retired chief who is below 62 or any retired three-star officer also below the same age. Another change in eligibility criteria marks the inclusion of recently retired service chiefs and vice chiefs, despite the age ceiling being 62 years. The top post fell vacant after the sudden demise of General Bipin Rawat in December 2021. He took office as the CDS on 1 December, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Defense – issued new guidelines for the post of CDS
- Eligibility criteria:
 - Three serving Chiefs of Army, IAF or Navy,
 - Any serving three-star Officer
 - Any retired Chief who is below 62
 - Any retired three-star Officer who is below 62
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

17. On June 8, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved enhancement of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme of Ministry of Defence to Rs 50 Cr per project from Rs 10 Cr. The TDF scheme, executed by the DRDO, supports indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups. 25% of defence R&D budget was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia in Union Budget 2022-23. Till date, 56 projects have been sanctioned under TDF scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – approved enhancement of funding under TDF scheme of MoD to Rs 50 Cr per project from Rs 10 Cr
- 25% of defence R&D budget was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia in Union Budget 2022-23
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt





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Sports & Games

18. In June 2022, Poland's Iga Swiatek won her 2nd "French Open" women's singles title by defeating America's Coco Gauff in the final of the 126th edition of the "French Open 2022". While in Men's singles, Rafael Nadal defeated Casper Ruud to win his 14th French Open title. With this, Rafael Nadal became the first player in history to win 22 Grand Slam titles in Men's Singles, followed by Roger Federer with 20 Grand Slams. El Salvador's Marcelo Arevalo & Jean-Julien Rojer of the Netherlands won the Men's double title. While Women's double was won by French Pair Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iga Swiatek (Poland - Tennis) – won her 2nd women's singles title at "French Open" (defeating - Coco Gauff)
- Rafael Nadal (Spain - Tennis) – won his 14th men's singles title at "French Open" (defeating - Casper Ruud)
- Rafael Nadal – became 1st player in history to win 22 Grand Slam titles in Men's Singles | Roger Federer – 20 titles
- The French Open – also known as "Roland Garros"

19. On June 9, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched the official logo and mascot "Thambi" (younger brother in Tamil) of the 44th Chess Olympiad, scheduled at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu from July 28 to August 10. The mascot "Thambi" is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'. The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. K. Stalin (TN) – launched the official logo and mascot "Thambi" (younger brother in Tamil) of the 44th Chess Olympiad
- 44th Chess Olympiad – to be held at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu (July 28 to Aug 10)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

20. Indian batter Mithali Raj continued to hold on to her 7th position while Smriti Mandhana remained at the 9th position in the latest ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings, released on June 7, 2022. Australia's Alyssa Healy continued to lead the rankings chart followed by England's Natalie Sciver and Beth Mooney of Australia. Indian Women's cricket team ranked 4th in the ICC Women's ODI Team Rankings. The team rankings were topped by Australia, followed by South Africa & England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings: Mithali Raj – 7th | Smriti Mandhana – 9th | 1st – Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- Indian Women's cricket team Rankings: India – 4th | 1st – Australia, 2nd – South Africa, 3rd – England
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

21. On June 1, Indian para-athlete Vinod Kumar was banned for 2 years, until August 2023, for intentionally misrepresenting his abilities in classification at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, announced by the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). Vinod specializes in the Discus Throw. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinod Kumar – banned for 2 years for misrepresenting his abilities in classification at the '2020 Tokyo Paralympics'
- Vinod Kumar (Indian para-athlete) – specializes in the Discus Throw

22. On June 9, one of the greatest cricketers, Mithali Raj, from Rajasthan's Jaipur, announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket. She played cricket for 23 years, since 1999 to 2022. Mithali is the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket. She was honoured with Padma Shri in 2015 for her contribution to sports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mithali Raj ([Rajasthan](#)) – announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket
- Mithali – the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket as on June 2022 (Padma Shri in 2015)
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928

Science & Technology

23. On June 6, Information Data Systems (IDS) unveiled the outlook of the AICTE in the metaverse by launching "Polyversity", a virtual university. The IDS also launched another initiative called Bharat Blockchain Network which is the world's largest academic Blockchain network with over 100 universities and academic partners. Both initiatives are supported by AICTE and powered by IDS. With this, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) became the first accreditation body in the world to have a virtual office in metaverse. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IDS – unveiled the outlook of the AICTE in the metaverse by launching a virtual university called "Polyversity"
- IDS – launched 'Bharat Blockchain Network' - the world's largest academic Blockchain network
- AICTE – became the first accreditation body in the world to have a virtual office in metaverse
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe (AICTE functions under Ministry of Education)

24. The NASA is set to launch "DAVINCI Mission" to study Venus in June 2029. The mission will enter the Venus' atmosphere in June 2031 and will determine whether the planet can be suitable for humans. DAVINCI stands for "Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission". This will be the first mission to study the atmosphere in Venus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – will launch "DAVINCI Mission" in June 2029 to study Venus
- DAVINCI – Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

25. On June 6, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore have designed a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that can deactivate viruses like SARS-CoV-2. According to the study, published in the journal Nature Chemical Biology, the miniproteins can not only block virus entry into our cells but also clump virus particles together, reducing their ability to infect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc Bangalore – designed a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that can deactivate viruses like SARS-CoV-2
- Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan | Established in – 1909



26. Addressing the World Ocean Day celebrations in Delhi on June 8, the Space & Earth Sciences Minister, Jitendra Singh announced that India will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the first human space mission “Gaganyaan” as well as the first manned Human Ocean Mission in 2023. The first uncrewed mission of Gaganyaan are scheduled in the second half of 2022 and that will be followed by the second uncrewed mission at the end of 2022 carrying “Vyommitra”, a spacefaring human robot developed by ISRO, and finally the first crewed Gaganyaan mission in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Ocean Day
- “Gaganyaan” – first human space mission to be launched in 2023
- “Vyommitra” – spacefaring human robot developed by ISRO
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K

Appointments & Resignations

27. In June 2022, Javier Olivan is appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Meta, formerly known as Facebook. He replaced Sheryl Sandberg, who announced to step down from Meta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Javier Olivan – appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Meta (replacing - Sheryl Sandberg)
- HQs of Facebook – California, United States | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004

28. On June 8, Music Maestro A. R. Rahman has been appointed as ambassador of The Season of Culture, which marks the 75th anniversary of India’s independence. It was officially launched by Britain’s Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham. The Season of Culture aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of arts, English and education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A. R. Rahman – appointed as ambassador of ‘The Season of Culture’ – 75th anniversary of India’s independence
- ‘The Season of Culture’ aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of Arts, English & Education

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

29. The 22nd edition of the “International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2022)” was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in June, 2022. The biopic Shershaah was awarded Best Picture, and director Vishnuvaradhan was awarded Best Director for the same film. Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon were awarded Best Actor and Best Actress for their performances in Sardar Udham and Mimi, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 22nd edition of “International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2022)” – held in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Best Picture: Shershaah | Best Director: Vishnuvaradhan | Best Actor: Vicky Kaushal | Best Actress: Kriti Sanon



30. President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred 1 Kirti Chakra (Posthumous) and 14 Shaurya Chakras, including 8 posthumous, to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police, during the “Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2)” in New Delhi. The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals and 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order. Altaf Hussain Bhat, a Constable from J&K Police, was posthumously honoured with Kirti Chakra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- During the “Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2)” in New Delhi, Ram Nath Kovind conferred:
 - 1 Kirti Chakra (Posthumous) – to Altaf Hussain Bhat (J&K Police)
 - 14 Shaurya Chakras
 - 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals
 - 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals

Schemes & Initiatives

31. On June 3, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways formulated “Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme” to engage talented, forward-thinking and dynamic young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry. The professionals will have the opportunity to learn about the functioning of the government as well as developmental policy concerns. Initially, more than 25 young professionals will be hired under this scheme. Professionals will be required to have qualification in B.E/ B.Tech, B. Planning and/or MBA or equivalent degree in relevant subject/ field and minimum three year of relevant work experience. The initial period of engagement shall be 2 years which can be extended to additional 2 years on the basis of performance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoPSW – formulated “Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme” to engage talented young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

Important Days & Dates

32. World Brain Tumour Day is observed every year on June 8 to raise awareness about brain tumours and their treatment, as well as to eliminate the stigma associated with people who suffer from them. In 2022, the theme is “Together We Are Stronger”. In India, the prevalence of brain-related tumours is 5-10 per 100,000 people. Besides, May is annually observed as the “Brain Tumor Awareness Month”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Brain Tumour Day | May – “Brain Tumor Awareness Month”
- 2022’s theme – “Together We Are Stronger”



33. The 14th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) was observed on June 9, 2022. This year, the focus is “Vulnerable People”. The 13th & 12th editions of ILCAD were marked on June 10 & June 11, respectively. The motto of 2022 ILCAD is “Don’t put your life at risk, stay away from tracks!” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – 14th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) was observed
- 2022’s Focus – “Vulnerable People”
- 2022’s Motto – “Don’t put your Life at Risk, Stay away from Tracks!”

34. World Oceans Day is observed across the globe on June 8. World Oceans Day was first declared on 8 June, 1992, at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro. In 2008, Canada led the United Nations General Assembly to designate 8 June as World Oceans Day under resolution 63/111. In 2009, the first celebrations were held. In 2022, the theme is “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Oceans Day (since – 1992)
- 2022’ Theme – “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean”

35. June 6 marked the completion of 25 years since the ‘1997 Bangkok Declaration’ launched a modest grouping of Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand, with the acronym, “BIST-EC”. Three countries (Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar) joined it later to make it the “Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)”. In BIMSTEC, while all member-states are equal, three have a special responsibility: Bangladesh as the host of the BIMSTEC Secretariat, Thailand as the representative of Southeast Asia, and India as the largest state in South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – 25th BIMSTEC Day
- BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for **M**ulti-**S**ectoral **T**echnical and **E**conomic **C**ooperation
- 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

36. On June 5, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched “Clean and Green” campaign on June 5, the World Environment Day. Under this campaign, Urban Local Bodies across India will hold awareness programmes to free the country from single-use plastic and contribute to improve the environment. The Ministry also has issued a detailed advisory to State & UTs in this direction. In the advisory, the Ministry instructed to ban Single-Use Plastic by 30th of June. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – World Environment Day
- MoHUA – launched “Clean and Green” campaign
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh

37. World Accreditation Day is observed on June 9 to encourage the customers to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day was first introduced in 2008. It is a global initiative jointly launched by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to highlight the value of accreditation in the economy. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 9 – World Accreditation Day
- 2022's theme – “Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”

Books & Authors

38. On June 8, International Institute of Sports Management (IISM) launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing in the country as part of a series that will aim to enrich students with industry knowledge. The first book titled “Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success” is authored by a renowned Sports Author Vinit Karnik and published by Popular Prakashan. IISM was founded by former India international cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni in 2010. The book was launched by Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, the Governor of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISM – launched India's first-ever book (part of a series) on Sports Marketing to enrich students with industry knowledge
- First book of the series is titled as – “Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success” | Author – Vinit Karnik
- The book is launched by – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

39. On June 8, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur released the Volume-IV of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind named ‘Loktantra Ke Swar’ in Hindi and ‘Republican Ethics’ in English at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. The Ministers presented the first copies of the books to President Ram Nath Kovind. The books have been published by the Publications Division under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan + Anurag Singh Thakur = released ‘Loktantra Ke Swar’ in Hindi & ‘Republican Ethics’ in English
- ‘Loktantra Ke Swar’ – contains selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan (Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh)

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

40. On June 6, the “India-Qatar Business Forum” was jointly organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and ASSOCHAM, along with Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. During the meeting, Vice President Naidu launched ‘India-Qatar Start Up bridge’ that aims to link the start-up ecosystems of the two countries. Qatar's FDI in India is in excess of USD 450 million. Bilateral trade crossed \$15 billion in FY 2021-22 between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India-Qatar Business Forum” organised by = FICCI + CII + ASSOCHAM & Qatar Chamber of C&I
- Bilateral trade crossed \$15 billion in FY 2021-22 between the two countries
- Qatar – Doha – Riyal | PM – Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

41. Tamil Nadu was ranked first in the category of large States in the 4th edition of “State Food Safety Index 2021-2022” released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 7, 2022. Tamil Nadu was followed by Gujarat & Maharashtra. A total of 11 districts from Tamil Nadu were honoured for the best performance in the ‘Eat Right Challenge’ organised by the FSSAI. A total of 150 districts across India had participated in the challenge. Indore & Varanasi shared the top position in the “Eat Right Challenge for Cities & Districts 2021-2022”. This Index measured the performance of States on 5 parameters - human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing infrastructure and surveillance, training and capacity-building and consumer empowerment. Among the smaller states, Goa ranked first, followed by Manipur & Sikkim. And among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir topped the index, followed by Delhi & Chandigarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th edition of “State Food Safety Index 2021-2022” – released by FSSAI
- Large states: 1st - Tamil Nadu, 2nd - Gujarat, 3rd - Maharashtra
- Smaller states: 1st - Goa, 2nd - Manipur, 3rd - Sikkim
- UTs: 1st - J & K, 2nd - Delhi, 3rd – Chandigarh
- Indore & Varanasi – shared the top position in the “Eat Right Challenge for Cities & Districts 2021-2022”

42. The solar open access installations in India grew by 22% at 513 megawatt (MW) in January-March 2022, according to a report by Mercom India titled “Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022”. As of March 2022, cumulative installed solar open access capacity in the open access market was over 5.7 GW. According to the report, Karnataka topped in additions by accounting for 30% of installations during the quarter. Maharashtra with 131% QoQ rise in installations, became the second largest state for cumulative open access solar installations. The top five states contributed 86% of all open access installations in Q1 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022” – released by Mercom India
- The solar open access installations in India grew by 22% at 513 MW in January-March 2022
- In terms of solar installations: 1st – Karnataka | 2nd – Maharashtra
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

43. As on June 2022, the Narendra Modi government’s flagship programme, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), aimed at constructing houses in rural areas has a completion rate of 67.72% at the end of 6 years since it began in 2016. In contrast, PMAY-U, the urban version of the scheme that started a year ahead in 2015, is lagging behind with a 50% completion rate. PMAY-G was initiated in November 2016 with a target of completing 2.7 Cr houses. While PMAY-U was initiated in June 2015 with a target of constructing 1.2 Cr houses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Completion rate at the end of 6 years: PMAY-G – 67.72% (launched in 2016) | PMAY-U – 50% (launched in 2015)
- Target of PMAY-G – 2.7 Cr houses | Target of PMAY-U – 1.2 Cr houses



44. India's rank in the global "Sustainable Development Report, 2022" has slipped for the third consecutive year. India continues to face major challenges in achieving 11 of the 17 SDGs, which has pushed down its global ranking on SDG preparedness to 121 out of the 163 countries with a score of 60.3. India had ranked 117 in 2020 and 120 in 2021. Since 2015, the report has been tracking and ranking the performance of 163 UN member states on SDGs. It is published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). India is on track to achieving SDG 13 on climate action, the report mentioned. The '2022 SDG Index' is topped by Finland, followed by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Sustainable Development Report 2022": India – 121st (Score - 60.3)
- 1st - Finland, 2nd - Denmark, 3rd - Sweden
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

45. As on June 9, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore was ranked at 155th place in the latest "QS World University Rankings 2023". IISc emerged as the world's best research university in the citations per faculty (CpF) indicator in the latest rankings. It achieved a perfect score of 100/100 on this metric. Further, as the fastest rising South Asian university on the QS rankings' top 200 list, IISc gained 31 places year-on-year (YoY), up from 186th position last year. This 19th edition of the international university rankings by QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) featured 41 Indian universities. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) finished a record-extending 11th consecutive year as world No. 1, followed by University of Cambridge & Stanford University. In terms of 'Citations per Faculty (CpF)', IIT Guwahati (37th), IIT Roorkee (47th) & the University of Madras (48th) are among top 50 research institutions globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 19th edition of the 'QS World University Rankings 2023':
- 1st - Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2nd - University of Cambridge | 3rd - Stanford University
- IISc Bengaluru - 155th (No. 1 in the world for 'Research' category)
- In terms of 'Citations per Faculty (CpF)': IIT Guwahati (37th), IIT Roorkee (47th) & University of Madras (48th)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

46. On June 7, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC), launched the Self Certification Portal for conveying adherence to provisions of Geospatial Guidelines by individuals, companies, organisations, and government agencies. The portal is expected to substantially reduce the time it takes for Geospatial enterprises, researchers, universities, and innovators to receive permissions and approvals in order to carry out geospatial-related operations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DST + NIC = launched the 'Self Certification Portal' for conveying adherence to provisions of Geospatial Guidelines
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Rajesh Gera | works under – MeitY | Established in – 1976

47. On June 6, Tata Motors signed an agreement with BluSmart Electric Mobility for the delivery of 10,000 XPRES T electric vehicles. This is the biggest order in India by far for delivering EV fleet. Recently, BluSmart Electric Mobility raised USD 50 million in 'Series A' funding. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Tata Motors + BluSmart Electric Mobility = an agreement for the delivery of 10,000 XPRES T electric vehicles
- BluSmart Electric Mobility – raised USD 50 million in ‘Series A’ funding
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

48. On June 6, India and Poland signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters to help both countries in investigation and prosecution of crimes, including those related to terrorism. Poland became the 45th country to sign an MLAT on criminal matters with New Delhi. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is the nodal ministry for concluding MLATs in criminal matters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Poland = signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters
- Ministry of Home Affairs – the nodal ministry for concluding MLATs in criminal matters
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

49. On June 7, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) renewed the MoU in New Delhi to support innovative approaches for developing new preventions, therapies and interventions needed to solve health (human and animal), food and nutritional inequities. The MoU was originally signed in 2012. Under the renewed MoU, the partnership pledges a combined USD 50 million investment to the joint initiative, to continue to explore and expand funding arenas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBT + BMGF – renewed the MoU to accelerate research & innovation for Global Health Needs
- The partnership pledges a combined USD 50 million investment to the joint initiative

50. On June 9, an MoU was signed between the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Roorkee for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas as well as technologies in the field of highway engineering. The MoU will play a major role in realizing the aims and objectives of the government’s “GatiShakti”, the National Master Plan launched recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHIDCL + IIT Roorkee = an MoU for sharing knowledge on technologies in the field of highway engineering
- HQs of NHIDCL – New Delhi | MD – Chanchal Kumar
- Director of IIT Roorkee – Ajit K. Chaturvedi





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