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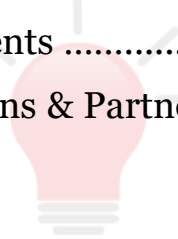
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National & States Affairs

201. As per the circular recently issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on June 8, all 'hyper-sensitive' airports in India will have to install a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by December, 2023. The PIDS is a sensor that helps in alerting security agencies of any intrusion through the airport's boundary walls. Meanwhile, Bengaluru International Airport in Karnataka has recently introduced Artificial Intelligence-driven, assistance robots. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCAS circular: all 'hyper-sensitive' airports in India will have to install a PIDS by – December, 2023
- PIDS – Perimeter Intrusion Detection System
- Bengaluru International Airport – introduced AI-driven 'Assistance Robots'
- HQs of BCAS – New Delhi | DG – Zulfiquar Hasan

202. On June 11, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated to the nation, "Dharohar" - a National Museum of Customs & GST in Goa, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, celebrated from June 6-12. 'Dharohar' has 8 galleries. The tour de force of Dharohar museum is a unique 'Battle of Wits' gallery which showcases the cerebral battle between the smugglers and the Customs officers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – dedicated to the nation a National Museum of Customs & GST named "Dharohar" in Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

203. On June 8, the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched a "CiSS application" under the Baal Swaraj portal to help in the rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations. Baal Swaraj is a portal launched by NCPCR for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection. The portal has two functions- COVID care and CiSS. This portal, developed by, NCPCR is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCPCR – launched "CiSS app" under Baal Swaraj portal to help rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations
- Baal Swaraj portal has two functions: COVID Care + CiSS
- HQs of NCPCR – New Delhi | Chairman – Priyank Kanongoo | Motto – ' भविष्योरक्षति रक्षितः'

204. On June 10, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It is set up to promote private investment and innovation in the space sector. The PM stated that the government has initiated reforms in the space sector and opened it up for private sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the headquarters of the 'IN-SPACE' in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

205. At an event to mark World Environment Day, PM Narendra Modi spoke about India's consistent efforts to combat climate change. During his speech, he also mentioned India's efforts to create 'Green Jobs'. 'Green jobs' refer to a class of jobs that directly have a positive impact on the planet, and contribute to the overall environmental welfare. Jobs involving renewable energy, conservation of resources, ensuring energy efficient means are categorised under the same. Besides, the Skill Council for Green Jobs was launched by the Union government on October 1, 2015. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi stated to create 'Green Jobs' in his recent speech
- 'Green jobs' – a class of jobs that directly have a positive impact on the planet & overall environmental welfare
- Skill Council for Green Jobs – launched on Oct 1, 2015

206. For inviting nominations for various awards, a common "Rashtriya Puruskar Portal" has been launched by the Government to bring together all the Awards of the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform to ensure transparency and public partnership (Jan Bhagidari). The awards recognize people who have excelled and made exceptional contribution in their fields. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI launched "Rashtriya Puruskar Portal" to bring together all the Awards of various Ministries/Depts/Agencies

207. On June 7, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD) launched the "Management Information System (MIS) Dashboard" for the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY). PMMSY scheme was launched in May 2020 with the investment of Rs 20,050 Cr for the development of Fisheries Sector. Till date a total project investment of Rs 7242.90 Cr (FY 2020-22) has been done under PMMSY. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala (MoFAHD) – launched the "MIS Dashboard for the PMMSY"
- PMMSY was launched in – May, 2020 | Outlay – Rs 20,050 Cr

208. On June 7, the longest steel bridge of India, "Mahatma Gandhi Setu" became operational. It is built over the river Ganga in Bihar connecting Patna in the south to Hajipur in the North. It was inaugurated in 1982 by Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and is around 5750 metres (18,860 feet) long. The Mahatma Gandhi Setu is also the first cantilever bridge in India. The project was given to Afcons Infrastructure, with Submit OJSC as a joint venture at an estimated cost of Rs 1,742 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The longest steel bridge of India, "Mahatma Gandhi Setu" became operational over Ganga in Bihar
- The bridge connects Patna & Hajipur districts of Bihar

209. On June 7, WhatsApp India launched "SMBSaathi Utsav" - an initiative that aims to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums such as the WhatsApp Business App to run their business. SMBSaathi Utsav started on pilot basis in Jaipur's Johri Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar. India is home to approximately 6.3 Cr MSMEs accounting for 30% of the country's GDP and employing over 110 million people at present. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WhatsApp India – launched "SMBSaathi Utsav" to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, US | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009

210. On June 9, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched India's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine for animals namely "Anocovax". It is developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC). Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals. The immunity induced by Anocovax neutralises both Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2. The vaccine contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 (Delta) antigen with Alhydrogel as an adjuvant which is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched India's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine for animals namely "Anocovax"
- Anocovax contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 (Delta) antigen with 'Alhydrogel' as an adjuvant

211. On June 8, the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science & Technology, is set to launch a Rs 1,000 Cr startup fund under a public private partnership model. The TDB was set up as a statutory body in September 1996, under the "Technology Development Board Act, 1995". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Technology Development Board – is set to launch a Rs 1,000 Cr startup fund under a PPP model
- TDB was set up in Sep 1996, under the "Technology Development Board Act, 1995"

International Affairs

212. On June 9, the 193-member UN General Assembly (UNGA) held elections to elect the 5 non-permanent members for the 2-year term 2023-24. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland were elected to the UN Security Council (UNSC) as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term and they will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway from January 1, 2023. India's two-year term at the UNSC as non-permanent member will end in December 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique & Switzerland – elected to UNSC as non-permanent members for 2023-2024 term
- They will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico & Norway
- India's two-year term at the UNSC as Non-permanent member will end in Dec 2022
- HQs of UNSC – New York, US | Presidency in July – Brazil (June – Albania | August – China)

213. On June 9, Thailand became the first Asian country to legalize cultivating and possessing Marijuana for medical use. Thailand mainly wants to make a splash in the market for medical marijuana. It already has a well-developed medical tourism industry and its tropical climate is ideal for growing cannabis. Marijuana, also known as Cannabis among other names, is a psychoactive drug from the Cannabis plant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thailand – became the first Asian country to legalize cultivating & possessing 'Marijuana' for medical use
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha

214. On June 8, China released a new comprehensive Geologic Map of the moon, the 'most detailed' till date. The map is to a scale of 1:25,00,000. The map includes 12,341 impact craters, 81 impact basins, 17 rock types and 14 types of structures. This map is expected to make a vital contribution to scientific research, exploration and landing site selection on the Earth's only natural satellite. The map was published by Science Bulletin. Previously, the USGS Astrogeology Science Centre had released a moon map to a scale of 1:50,00,000 in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – released a new comprehensive Geologic Map of the moon, the 'most detailed' till date, to a scale of 1:25,00,000
- The map was published by – Science Bulletin
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



215. On June 9, Members of the European Parliament voted in Strasbourg, France to require automakers to cut carbon-dioxide emissions by 100% by 2035, by banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles. EU lawmakers also endorsed a 55% reduction in CO2 from automobiles in 2030 compared with 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Members of the European Parliament voted to ban the sale of new petrol & diesel cars by 2035
- EU lawmakers also endorsed a 55% reduction in CO2 from automobiles in 2030 (compared with 2021)
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen

216. On Jun 10, in a significant initiative, a resolution on multilingualism adopted in the UN General Assembly mentions Hindi language for the first time. The resolution was presented by Andorra and co-sponsored by over 80 nations including India. It recognises the efforts of the United Nations to use non-official languages, in addition to the 6 official languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The resolution also mentions Bangla and Urdu for the first time. The resolution encourages the UN to continue communication in official as well as non-official languages such as Portuguese, Kiswahili, Hindi, Persian, Bangla, and Urdu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A resolution on multilingualism adopted in the UNGA mentions Hindi, Bangla & Urdu for the first time
- The resolution was presented by Andorra & and co-sponsored by over 80 nations including India
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

217. On June 9, the United States House of Representatives passed a 'red-flag' bill aimed at barring those considered dangerous to themselves or others from possessing firearms. The bill comes in light of two devastating mass shootings occurred in the US in May, 2022. The 'Extreme Risk Protection Laws', known informally as 'red-flag' laws, are among the possible solutions offered to tackle the endemic gun violence in the United States. The current 'red-flag' bill passed, called the 'Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order', was sponsored by the Democratic Representative of Georgia, Lucy Mcbath. The first 'red-flag' law was introduced in Connecticut in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – passed a 'red-flag' bill called the 'Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order' to tackle the endemic gun violence in US
- The first 'red-flag' law was introduced in Connecticut, US in 1999
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

218. As per the report, China is secretly building a naval facility on Ream Naval Base in Cambodia. It is strategically located on the Gulf of Thailand and built for the exclusive use of the Chinese navy. However, both nations have denied the report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – is secretly building a naval facility on Ream Naval Base in Cambodia (strategically located on Gulf of Thailand)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

219. On June 10, IIFL Home Finance Limited entered into definitive agreements for raising Rs 2,200 Cr for its 20% stake from a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA). This would be one of the largest equity investments in the affordable housing finance segment in India by a financial investor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIFL Home Finance + Abu Dhabi Investment Authority = an agreement for raising Rs 2,200 Cr for IIFL's 20% stake
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Jain | MD – Venkataraman Rajamani
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

220. On June 9, NPCI Bharat BillPay, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the NPCI, has on-boarded CRED as a key Agent Institution (AI) to provide bill payment solutions to CRED users. AIs are entities that offer or wish to offer bill payment, collection and aggregation services to their customers through physical or digital channels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI Bharat BillPay – on-boarded CRED as a key Agent Institution (AI) to provide bill payment solutions to CRED users
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

221. On June 9, ICICI Bank partnered with digital EMI/pay-later platform ZestMoney, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms. With this partnership, the bank's customers can use pre-approved cardless credit up to Rs 10 lakh to instantly buy products/services using ZestMoney and pay in equated monthly installments (EMIs). ICICI Bank had introduced the 'Cardless EMI' facility in 2020 to offer cashless purchases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + ZestMoney = partnered to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail & e-commerce platforms
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"

222. On June 9, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled 5th edition of "Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE 5.0)" of EASENext program. EASENext would comprise 2 major initiatives: EASE 5.0 (common PSB reforms agenda) and Bank Specific Strategic 3-year Roadmap (based on individual bank's business priorities). EASE 5.0 will focus on digital customer experience, and integrated & inclusive banking, with emphasis on supporting small businesses and agriculture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – unveiled 5th edition of "Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE 5.0)" of EASENext program
 - Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka

223. On June 9, Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) for vehicle financing for its customers. The collaboration will enable Ather Energy's customers to avail instant loans at low interest rates starting from 9.55% per annum. The vehicle loans can be availed through SBI's mobile app YONO as well as offline. Customers can avail the loan through YONO at an EMI of as low as Rs 251 per Rs 10,000 under SBI Easy Ride loan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ather Energy + SBI = collaboration for vehicle financing for its customers (Interest rate – 9.55%)
- Customers can avail the loan through YONO at an EMI of as low as Rs 251 per Rs 10,000 under SBI Easy Ride loan
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara



224. On June 9, Fino Payments Bank partnered with Go Digit General Insurance Limited to offer “Shop Insurance Policy” to small and medium business owners. The policy, which will be valid for one year, will cover loss or damage to the inventory or stock due to burglary, earthquake, fire, lightning, storm, flood, riots, among others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fino Payments Bank + Go Digit General Insurance = collaborated to offer “Shop Insurance Policy”
- HQs of Fino Payments Bank – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rishi Gupta

Sports & Games

225. On June 10, Magnus Carlsen emerged as the winner of the 10th edition of the “Norway Chess 2022”, the competition celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. It was Carlsen’s 4th straight title at his home tournament and the 5th overall. The tournament took place at Finansparken in Stavanger, Norway, from May 30 to June 10. In the final standings, Azerbaijan’s Shakhriyar Mamedyarov stood at the 2nd while India’s Chess legend Viswanathan Anand ranked 3rd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) – won the 10th edition of the “Norway Chess 2022” in Norway
- 2nd – Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan) | 3rd – Viswanathan Anand (India)
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich | Founded on – July 20, 1924

226. Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won Gold medals by defeating Ukraine’s Serhiy Kulish and Daria Tykhova in the final to help India rise to 5th position in the medals tally with 5 medals - 2 gold and 3 silver at the “ISSF World Cup 2022”. South Korea topped the medals table with 8 medals - 5 gold and 3 bronze, followed by the US with 8 medals - 4 gold 3 silver & 1 bronze. The “ISSF World Cup 2022” was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 28 to June 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – ranked 5th in medals tally at the “ISSF World Cup 2022” – held in Baku, Azerbaijan (2 Gold + 3 Silver)
- India’s two Gold medals won by = Swapnil Kusale + Ashi Chouksey (Shooters)
- Medals tally topped by – South Korea (5 Gold + 3 Bronze)
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

227. On June 11, the 20-year-old Paralympic champion from Rajasthan, Avani Lekhara clinched Gold medal at the ongoing “2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup” held in Chateauroux, France. Lekhara shot 458.3 in the R8 - Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 finals to take the gold ahead of experienced Paralympic stars Veronica Vadovicova (456.6) of Slovakia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Avani Lekhara – won Gold medal at the “2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup” held in Chateauroux, France
- Avani Lekhara (Para-shooter - Rajasthan) – won in the ‘R8 - Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 finals’



Persons in News

228. On June 13, Canadian singer Justin Bieber announced that he has been infected by a virus that causes the Ramsay Hunt syndrome. The Ramsay Hunt syndrome is a rare neurological disorder caused by the 'Varicella-Zoster' virus of the human herpesvirus family. There is no age bracket within which the virus affects humans. Ramsay Hunt syndrome occurs when a shingles outbreak affects the facial nerve near one of our ears. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justin Bieber ([Canadian Singer](#)) – infected by 'Varicella-Zoster' virus that causes the 'Ramsay Hunt syndrome'
- Ramsay Hunt syndrome is a rare Neurological Disorder (that affects 'brain' as well as 'nerves')

Science & Technology

229. In June 2022, the researchers at the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) rediscovered a rare plant, sometimes called the "Indian Lipstick Plant", from remote Anjaw district in Arunachal Pradesh, after more than 100 years. The plant (*Aeschynanthus monetaria* Dunn) was first identified by British botanist Stephen Troyte Dunn in 1912. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSI Researchers – rediscovered a rare "Lipstick Plant" from Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh (after more than 100 years)
- '*Aeschynanthus monetaria* Dunn' was first identified in 1912
- Arunachal Pradesh: [Capital – Itanagar](#) | [CM – Pema Khandu](#) | [Governor – B. D. Mishra](#)

230. On June 11, '*Chelonoidis phantasticus*', which means 'Fantastic Giant Tortoise', commonly called the 'Fernandina Island Galapagos Giant Tortoise' has been discovered after a century. Researchers have reported the confirmation in a paper in "Nature Communications Biology". The species was so far known only from a single individual, collected in 1906. Fernandina Island is the 3rd largest and youngest island of the Galapagos Islands, located in Ecuador. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Fernandina Island Galapagos Giant Tortoise' (*Chelonoidis phantasticus*) – discovered after 100 years
- Discovery published in – "Nature Communications Biology" journal | Fernandina Island – located in Ecuador

Appointments & Resignations

231. On June 11, Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as his Envoy on Technology. The UN describes him as a "thought leader on digital technology". Amandeep was India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016 to 2018. He is the CEO of the International Digital Health & Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) project, based in Geneva. The UN also appointed Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN. She was also appointed as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS). She succeeds Jamaica's Courtenay Rattray. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Amandeep Singh Gill – appointed as Antonio Guterres' Envoy on Technology
- Rabab Fatima – appointed as Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

232. On June 9, the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced July 18 as the date of the 16th Presidential Election for electing the next President of India. The tenure of President Ram Nath Kovind will come to an end on July 24, 2022, and as per Article 62 of the Constitution, an election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office is required to be completed before the term ends. As per the 'Article 54', the President is elected by an Electoral College consisting of elected MPs of both Houses of Parliament and elected MLAs of the Legislative Assemblies of all states. Ram Nath Kovind was declared as the President-elect after the counting of votes which was held on 20 July 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ECI announced to hold 16th Presidential Election for electing the next President of India on July 18, 2022
- The tenure of existing President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24, 2022
- President is elected by an Electoral College under the 'Article 54' of the Indian Constitution
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

233. On June 8, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as Director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department (APD) from June 22. Srinivasan succeeded Changyong Rhee. Srinivasan is currently a Deputy Director in APD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Krishna Srinivasan – appointed as Director of the IMF's Asia & Pacific Department (succeeding - Changyong Rhee)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

234. On June 9, MS University's former in-charge registrar, N. J. Ojha is appointed as Ombudsman for a period of 2 years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), which is operational in all 8 talukas of Vadodara district. Based on recommendation of the Ombudsman State Selection Committee, the state government approved Ojha's appointment for Vadodara district, Sajjansinh Amarsinh Padwal's appointment for Panchmahal district, as well as Dr Ranjitsinh Nayak and Bhargav Trivedi for Dahod and Chhota Udepur districts of Gujarat. An ombudsman has the power to receive complaints from MGNREGA workers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. J. Ojha – appointed as Ombudsman for a period of 2 years under 'MGNREGS'
- Based on recommendation of Ombudsman State Selection Committee, the Gujarat Govt approved:
 - N. J. Ojha's appointment for Vadodara, Gujarat
 - Sajjansinh Amarsinh Padwal's appointment for Panchmahal, Gujarat
 - Ranjitsinh Nayak's appointment for Dahod, Gujarat
 - Bhargav Trivedi's appointment for Chhota Udepur, Gujarat





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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

235. On June 9, the 2nd edition of “Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)” was organised in New Delhi where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region. Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts. The awards were given under 3 categories - Awards for Excellence in DSDP (8 Winner), Certificate for Excellence in DSDP (13 Winners) & Letter of Appreciation for DSDP (9 Winners). The awards for Excellence in DSDP were instituted under the “SANKALP” Scheme (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of “Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)” – organised in New Delhi
- Top 3: Rajkot (Gujarat), Cachar (Assam) & Satara (MH)
- The Awards were instituted under “SANKALP” Scheme of the MoSDE
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

236. For the first time in the world, an Indian, Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, has been recognised by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) as a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship. The UNGC had announced 10 new SDG Pioneers - Business Leaders who are doing an exceptional job to advance the SDGs. Their work spans various areas from climate mitigation and adaptation to circular economy and digital transformation. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli is the Founder & the MD of Maithri Aquatech. His company’s unique solution, ‘MEGHDOOT’, is based on an alternative water concept known as Atmospheric Water Generation (AWG). The 2022 SDG Pioneers were announced during the “UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit 2022” which was held on the theme “The World We Want”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramkrishna Mukkavilli ([Maithri Aquatech](#)) – recognised by the UNGC as a Global SDG Pioneer for Water Stewardship
- Theme of “UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit 2022” – “The World We Want”

Important Days & Dates

237. World Day Against Child Labour is marked every year on 12 June. The day aims to raise awareness about the exploitation of children who are engaged in child labour. The International Labour Organization (ILO) started observing World Day Against Child Labour in 2002. In 2022, the theme is “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour”. This year’s World Day Against Child Labour was celebrated with a “Week of Action against Child Labour”, marked from 3-12 June 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 – World Day Against Child Labour – by ILO (since 2002)
- Theme – “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour”
- June 3 to 12 – Week of Action against Child Labour
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder (From Oct, 2022 - Gilbert Hougbo) | Founded in – 1919



238. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations on June 13 every year. The day was first observed in 2015. In 2022, the theme of the day is “United in making our Voice Heard”. Albinism is a rare and genetically inherited health condition present at birth, which results in a lack of pigmentation (melanin) in the hair, skin and eyes, causing vulnerability to the sun and bright light but is also non-contagious. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 13 – International Albinism Awareness Day (since 2015) | 2022’s Theme – “United in making our Voice Heard”

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

239. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed the inaugural session of the 2-day “Natural Allies in Development & Interdependence (NADI3) Asian Confluence River Conclave” held in Guwahati, Assam. NADI, meaning river, is an initiative to articulate and activate a collective vision of sub-regional cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region and with South East Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Natural Allies in Development & Interdependence (NADI3) Asian Confluence River Conclave” – held in Guwahati, Assam
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

240. To celebrate 10 years of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council’s (BIRAC) enabling efforts towards progressing India’s Biotech Sector, an event “Biotech Startup Expo 2022” was organized by the BIRAC & the Department of Biotechnology on 9-10th June, 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The theme of Biotech Startup Expo 2022 is “Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat”. In addition, the event also witnessed the launch of an e-Portal of 750 Biotech products and the Coffee book of 75 Women Biotech Entrepreneurs. Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) was set up by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) on 20th March, 2012. With ‘Global Innovation Index’ improving to 46th rank, India’s bio-economy is growing in double digits Year on Year, from \$51 Bn in 2018 to \$81 Bn in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Biotech Startup Expo 2022” in New Delhi – organized by Dept. of Biotechnology & BIRAC
- Theme – “Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat”
- ‘e-Portal of 750 Biotech products’ + ‘Coffee book of 75 Women Biotech Entrepreneurs’ = launched during the event
- Location of BIRAC – New Delhi | Set up by – DBT on 20th March, 2012

241. On June 8, the “World of Work Summit” was organised in Geneva by the International Labour Conference (ILO) to discuss how to tackle the labour and social consequences of the food, energy and financial crises with human-centred approaches. The summit was based on the theme “Tackling multiple Global Crises: Promoting Human-centred Recovery and Resilience”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World of Work Summit” organised in Geneva – by the ILO
- Theme – “Tackling multiple Global Crises: Promoting Human-centred Recovery and Resilience”



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

242. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) "World Investment Report 2022", global flows of foreign direct investment (FDI) recovered to pre-pandemic levels last year, hitting nearly USD 1.6 trillion. Despite a fall, India remains among the top 10 economies of the world in terms of FDI, ranking 7th after the US, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and Brazil. In India, FDI inflows declined by USD 19 billion to USD 45 billion in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNCTAD – released "World Investment Report 2022"
- According to the report:
 - Global flows of FDI recovered to pre-pandemic levels last year, reaching nearly \$1.6 trillion
 - India ranked 7th among top 10 economies of the world in terms of FDI
 - FDI inflows declined by \$19 billion to \$45 billion in 2021
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan

243. Industrial output rose to an 8-month high of 7.1% in April, 2022 due to improved performance of the Power and Mining sectors, as per the data on "Index of Industrial Production (IIP)" released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), a part of National Statistical Office (NSO). The power and mining sectors grew 11.8% and 7.8%, respectively. The previous high for IIP growth was 13% in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Index of Industrial Production (IIP)" – released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), NSO
- Industrial output rose to an 8-month high of 7.1% in April, 2022 (due to growth in Power & Mining sectors)
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

244. For the first time in 2022, the Central government will present a unified count of the tiger, leopard and elephant populations of the country, according to the Union Environment Ministry. The tiger survey is usually held once in 4 years and elephants are counted once in 5 years. According to the most recent 2018-19 survey, there were 2,967 tigers in India, accounting for 70% of the tiger population globally. According to the last count in 2017, there were 29,964 elephants in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Environment Mini. – to present a unified count of India's tiger, leopard & elephant populations for the 1st time in 2022
- Tigers in India – 2,967 (as per the most recent 2018-19 survey) accounting for 70% of the tiger population globally
- Elephants in India – 29,964 (as per the last count in 2017)
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

245. As on June 10, India is among 12 major economies on the US Treasury Department's semi-annual Report on "Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States". According to the report, India (with \$569.9 billion) has the 4th largest foreign exchange after China (\$3.2 trillion), Japan (\$1.2 trillion) and Switzerland (\$1 trillion). Other 11 major trading partners are China, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Italy, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Mexico. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Report on “Macroeconomic & Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the US” – by US Treasury Dept.
- India is among 12 major economies on the US Treasury Dept’s “Currency Monitoring List” of major trading partners
- India (\$569.9 billion) – has the 4th largest foreign exchange | 1st– China (\$3.2 trillion)

Amount & Agreements

246. On June 11, the Indian government extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of \$55 million to Sri Lanka for the procurement of urea fertiliser. An LOC agreement was signed between Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EXIM Bank (India) – extended an LoC of \$55 million to Sri Lanka for the procurement of urea fertiliser
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Ranil Wickremesinghe | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

247. On June 8, India and Vietnam signed an MoU on mutual logistics support in presence of the two Defence Ministers during the ongoing visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the Southeast Asian nation. Rajnath Singh signed the ‘Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030’ which will significantly enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Vietnam = an MoU on mutual logistics support
- Rajnath Singh – signed the ‘Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030’
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

248. On June 12, Assam government signed an MoU with Neyveli Lignite Corporation (now NLC India Ltd) to set up a Joint Venture Company (JVC) to produce 1 GW plus solar power with an investment of Rs 5000 Cr. This will be the first such initiative among PSUs in energy sector. NLC India will hold 51% stake in the JVC. Assam cabinet also gave approval for implementation of ‘Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)’ with Rs 8,727 Cr as project cost and state share of Rs 263 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + NLC India = an MoU to set up a JVC to produce 1 GW plus solar power (Investment - Rs 5000 Cr)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of NLC India Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CMD – Rakesh Kumar



249. On June 10, Spices Board, under its initiative Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL), signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) with Flipkart to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector. The ToU was signed under the 'Flipkart Samarth Program', which aims to empower MSMEs, artisans, entrepreneurs, and rural seller and farmer communities. Spices Board is a flagship organization of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Spices Board + Flipkart = signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) to enhance market access & help promote farmers
- Spices Board – a flagship organization of Ministry of C&I
- HQs of Spices Board of India – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman – A. G. Thankappan
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

250. On June 9, the Union Cabinet approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from the Government of India to NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Department of Space. The Union Cabinet also approved increasing the authorised share capital of NSIL from Rs 1,000 Cr to Rs 7,500 Cr. NSIL is the commercial wing of the ISRO. Moreover, the Union Cabinet also approved the signing of several MoUs, including between India and UAE on cooperation in industries and advanced technologies, between National Institute for Environment Studies (NIES), Japan and Aryabhata Research Institute for Observational Sciences (ARIES), India for joint research on air quality and climate change, and between India & Australia on technical cooperation for Australia-India Water Security Initiative (AIWASI). Moreover, the cabinet also approved signing of an MoU between the governments of India and the US in the field of health care. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- In June 2022, the Union Cabinet approved:
 - transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from Gol to NSIL
 - to increase the authorised share capital of NSIL from Rs 1,000 Cr to Rs 7,500 Cr
 - an MoU between India & UAE on cooperation in Industries & Advanced Technologies
 - an MoU between NIES (Japan) & ARIES (India) for joint research on Air Quality & Climate Change
 - an MoU between India & Australia on technical cooperation for 'AIWASI'
 - an MoU between India & US in the field of Health Care





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