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National & States Affairs

401. On June 16, Central Water Commission (CWC) under the aegis of Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized a one-day “National Workshop on Dam Safety Act, 2021” for Dam Safety Governance in India at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. In India, there are 5334 existing large dams while the other 411 large dams are under various stages of construction. Maharashtra leads with 2394 dams, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. India’s dams annually store about 300 billion cubic meters of water. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Water Commission – organized a one-day “National Workshop on Dam Safety Act, 2021” at New Delhi
- Maharashtra leads with 2394 dams | Followed by – Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries – Prahlad Singh Patel

402. On June 18, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the “National Yoga Olympiad 2022” and Quiz Competition in Delhi. The National Yoga Olympiad was jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The minister also suggested the inclusion of Yoga as a part of the NCERT curriculum. The NCERT started the National Yoga Olympiad in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – inaugurated the “National Yoga Olympiad 2022” and Quiz Competition in Delhi
- National Yoga Olympiad – was jointly organised by MoE + NCERT
- NCERT – started the ‘National Yoga Olympiad’ in 2016
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh

403. On June 13, Jammu & Kashmir launched “Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani (AZAN)”, a unique programme to enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system. The initiative is aimed at facilitating easy online access to the system to view or monitor the status of revenue records. AZAN has empowered local citizens to check their land records on CIS Portal. The initiative is part of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP). Besides, 3,895 Ground Control Points are established, and Web-based Enterprise Geo-Information System (GIS) is also developed under the programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched “Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani (AZAN)” to enhance transparency in land records maintenance system
- AZAN – part of the ‘Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme’
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

404. On June 19, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced conducting “Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23” to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates in different parts of the world. A “Malayali Pravasi Portal” will be launched as part of this. Insurance and other welfare schemes for expatriates will be linked to the portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – announced conducting “Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23” to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates
- A “Malayali Pravasi Portal” will be launched as part of this survey
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan



405. Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) published the draft on the “National Data Governance Framework” on May 26 and invited feedback till June 18. The National Data Governance Framework Policy (NDGFP) will ensure equitable access to non-personal data as it seeks public consultation. The draft includes plans for setting up the India Data Management Office (IDMO) under Digital India Corporation for framing, managing and periodically revising the policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – published the draft on the “National Data Governance Framework”
- The draft includes plans for setting up the ‘India Data Management Office (IDMO)’
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

406. Meghalaya’s Mawsynram, the world’s wettest place, rewrote its June rainfall records held since 1940. The 24-hour rainfall recorded there was a whopping 1003.6mm, surpassing the previous record of 945.4mm of 1966. The second closest rainfall record was held by Meghalaya’s Cherrapunji, another wet place, where the 24-hour rainfall was 972mm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mawsynram (Meghalaya) – the world’s wettest place, rewrote its June rainfall records held since 1940
- The second closest rainfall record was held by Meghalaya’s Cherrapunji
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



International Affairs

407. On June 13, in a major boost to the export of mangoes, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched a 8-day-long “Mango Festival 2022” in Bahrain, in association with the Indian Embassy and Al Jazira Group. At the show, 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, were displayed at Bahrain’s Al Jazira group supermarket. The Mango Festival was inaugurated by the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Piyush Srivastava. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + Indian Embassy + Al Jazira Group – launched 8-day-long “Mango Festival 2022” in Bahrain
- The Mango Festival was inaugurated by – Piyush Srivastava (Indian Ambassador to Bahrain)
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

408. As published on June 20, India will be taking over an ambitious “West Seti Hydropower Project” in Nepal, nearly 4 years after China withdrew from it, ending a 6-year engagement between 2012 and 2018. The project is estimated to cost Nepali Rs 104 billion (Indian Rs 6,500 Cr). The CWE Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of China Three Gorges Corporation, had informed the Nepal Government in August 2018 that it would not be able to execute the 750-MW West Seti Hydropower Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to take over “West Seti Hydropower Project” in Nepal (Cost - Rs 6,500 Cr)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba



409. On June 17, China launched its third aircraft carrier named “Fujian”, its most advanced as well as the first fully domestically built naval vessel, to extend the range of its navy in the Indo-Pacific region. The 3rd aircraft carrier built by China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited has a displacement of more than 80,000 tonnes. Fujian is the name of China’s eastern coastal province of Fujian. China’s indigenously built first & second aircraft carriers were “Liaoning” (commissioned in 2012) & “Shandong” (commissioned in 2019). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched its 3rd aircraft carrier “Fujian”
- Fujian – China’s most advanced & 1st fully domestically built naval vessel
- China’s indigenously built first & second aircraft carriers – “Liaoning” & “Shandong”
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

410. On June 18, Ministry of Environment and Tourism announced that Mongolia’s Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been added to the “World Network of Biosphere Reserves” by the UNESCO. Total 11 new biosphere reserves have been added to the UNESCO’s list. The decision was made during the 34th session of the ‘International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme’ held in Paris, France. Khuvsgul Lake is located in the northern Mongolian province of Khuvsgul near the Russian border. The “Man and the Biosphere Programme” is an intergovernmental scientific programme set up by UNESCO in the early 1970s. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Khuvsgul Lake National Park ([Mongolia](#)) – added to the “World Network of Biosphere Reserves” by the UNESCO
- 34th session of the International Coordinating Council of the “Man & the Biosphere Programme” – held in Paris, France
- “Man & the Biosphere Programme” – set up by UNESCO in the early 1970s
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France](#) | [Director-General – Audrey Azoulay](#) | [Founded in – 1945](#) | [Members – 193 Countries](#)

411. On June 13, China started constructing a planetarium at the world’s highest altitude in Tibet for exploration of the universe at the “roof of the world”. The planetarium, scheduled to be completed in 2024, is expected to receive over 1,00,000 visitors annually. The planetarium will have the region’s largest optical astronomical telescope. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – started constructing a planetarium at the world’s highest altitude in Tibet
- The planetarium, scheduled to be completed in 2024, is expected to receive over 1,00,000 visitors annually
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

412. On June 18, Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and the NPCI as “Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)” under ‘Section 70’ of the “IT Act, 2000”. Implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years, according to an official notification. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank & NPCI as “Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)”
- It comes under ‘Section 70’ of the “IT Act, 2000”
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnav](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)



Defence Affairs

413. On June 18, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced that 10% of all vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles will be reserved for the armed forces recruits who have completed 4-years of service under the Agnipath scheme. CAPFs comprise the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB & BSF. This reservation is other than the existing 10% quota for ex-servicemen in CAPFs. The ministry also announced a 5-year age relaxation for the first batch of Agniveers. The announcement came as violent protests continued to be reported against the short-term scheme announced on June 15. After completion of the 4-year tenure, the scheme provides for the retention of 25% of the recruits for regular service, based on organisational requirements and existing policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – announced to reserve 10% vacancies for recruitment in CAPFs & Assam Rifles for Agniveers
- ‘Agniveers’ – are armed forces recruits who have completed 4-years of service under ‘Agnipath’ scheme
- After completion of the 4-year tenure, the scheme provides for the retention of 25% of the recruits for regular service
- CAPFs – comprise the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB & BSF
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

Sports & Games

414. In June 2022, India won all three matches in the group D engagement of the final qualifying stage to qualify for the “AFC Asian Cup 2023” by defeating Hong Kong at VYBK stadium in Kolkata. The 2023 AFC Asian Cup will be the 18th edition of the AFC Asian Cup. The location is yet not finalized. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – won all matches of the final qualifying stage to qualify for 18th “AFC Asian Cup 2023” – by defeating Hong Kong

415. On June 20, Red Bull’s Max Verstappen won his 5th win at the “2022 Canadian Grand Prix” as Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton finished the race at the 3rd position. While Ferrari’s Carlos Sainz of Spain finished 3rd. It was Max’s 6th victory of the season and his 26th overall. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) – won his 5th title at the “2022 Canadian Grand Prix”

416. On June 15, Indian men’s football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history, after he scored his 84th goal against Hong Kong during the “AFC Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers”. He has now equalled legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas goals who scored 84 goals in 85 international matches. While Chhetri scored 84 goals in 129 appearances. Chhetri is now 3rd on the list of active international goalscorers, behind Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo (117 goals) and Argentina’s Lionel Messi (86 goals). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Chhetri – became the joint 5th highest goalscorer in international football history (84 goals in 129 matches)
- Sunil Chhetri – 3rd on list of active international goalscorers, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (117) & Lionel Messi (86)



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Arts & Cultural Affairs

417. On June 16, the three-day international literary festival “Unmesh” was organized at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the festival. The festival was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the state Department of Art and Culture as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The festival, with the title “Unmesh - a Celebration of Expression”, was the biggest international literary festival in the country so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Unmesh (International literary festival) – organized at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla
- “Unmesh - a Celebration of Expression” – the biggest international literary festival in India so far
- Arjun Ram Meghwal – inaugurated the festival
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital–Shimla & Dharamshala | CM–Jai Ram Thakur | Governor–Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Science & Technology

418. The “Strawberry Supermoon” was seen worldwide in different time zones from Sunday (June 12) evening to Wednesday (June 15) morning. According to NASA, the phenomenon of a Supermoon occurs when the Moon’s orbit is closest to Earth which makes the satellite appear brighter and bigger than usual. Historically, the last full moon of June is called the “Strawberry Moon”. The term “Supermoon” was first coined by American astrologer Richard Nolle in 1979. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Strawberry Supermoon – was seen worldwide in different time zones from June 12 evening to June 15 morning
- The term “Supermoon” was first coined in 1979 – by Richard Nolle (American astrologer)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

Appointments & Resignations

419. On June 19, the Central government notified appointment (including transfer) of 6 Chief Justices in High Courts of Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Gauhati. Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed (judge in the Bombay HC) would take over as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Justice S. S. Shinde (judge in the Bombay HC) as Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Justice Rashmin M Chhaya (judge in the Gujarat HC) as Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma (Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh HC) as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Justice Vipin Sanghi (Chief Justice of Delhi HC) as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court, and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan (judge in Telangana HC) as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Six new appointments of Chief Justice of various High Courts:
 - Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed – Himachal Pradesh High Court
 - Justice S. S. Shinde – Rajasthan High Court
 - Justice Rashmin M. Chhaya – Gauhati High Court
 - Justice Satish Chandra Sharma – Delhi High Court
 - Justice Vipin Sanghi – Uttarakhand High Court
 - Justice Ujjal Bhuyan – Telangana High Court



420. On June 20, Gustavo Petro, a former member of the M-19 guerrilla movement, became the first leftist President of Colombia. Gustavo Petro beat Rodolfo Hernandez with an unexpectedly wide margin of some 7,16,890 votes. Mr. Petro's running mate Francia Marquez will be Colombia's first Afro-Colombian woman Vice-President. He will succeed Ivan Duque Marquez and will take office in August 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gustavo Petro – became the first leftist President of Colombia (beating - Rodolfo Hernandez)
- Colombia – Bogota – Peso | President – Gustavo Petro

421. On June 9, Doordarshan & Doordarshan (DD) News Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal has been given the additional charge of Prasar Bharati's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The move came after the 5-year tenure of Shashi Shekhar Vempati as Prasar Bharati CEO ended on June 8. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mayank Kumar Agrawal (DG of DD News) – appointed as CEO of Prasar Bharati (additional charge)
- He succeeded – Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Mayank Kumar Agrawal (addi. charge)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

422. The Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun", directed by Aliona Van der Horst, won the prestigious "Golden Conch Award" for the 'Best Documentary Film' at the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2022. In the 'Short Fiction' category, Malayalam film 'Saakshatkaaram' shares the Silver Conch award with Gudmund Helsmsal's film 'Brother Troll'. While 'Prince in a Pastry Shop', directed by Polish filmmaker Katarzyna Agopsowicz, won the Silver Conch for 'Best Animation Film' in the MIFF 2022. The awards were presented by the Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshiyari. Moreover, Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director at MIFF 2022 has been awarded to Bimal Poddar for his film 'Radha'. IDPA Award for Best Student Film at MIFF 2022 has been awarded to 'Megha', the Bengali film directed by Rishi Bhaumik. National Jury at MIFF 2022 was chaired by National award-winning film maker Sanjit Narwekar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2022: (Awards were presented by - Bhagat Singh Koshiyari)
 - Golden Conch Award for 'Best Documentary' – "Turn Your Body to the Sun" film
 - Silver Conch Award for 'Short Fiction' – "Saakshatkaaram" film + "Brother Troll" film
 - Silver Conch Award for 'Best Animation Film' – "Prince in a Pastry Shop" film
 - Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for 'Best Debut Director' – Bimal Poddar for film 'Radha'
 - IDPA Award for 'Best Student Film' – "Megha" Bengali film (directed by - Rishi Bhaumik)
- National Jury at MIFF 2022 was chaired by – Sanjit Narwekar

423. On June 17, Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has been adjudged the 'Best Airport in India and South Asia' for the 4th consecutive year at the "2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards". Delhi Airport also improved its overall ranking to 37th from last year's 45th position globally. It has also been declared as the 'Cleanest Airport in India and South Asia'. While Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) bagged the title of 'Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia'. Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is named as the 'Best Airport Staff in India and South Asia'. Moreover, Qatar's Hamad International Airport is named the World's Best Airport for the 2nd year. The award is based on a survey of customers conducted globally. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards”:
- Indira Gandhi Int. Airport – Cleanest & Best Airport in India & South Asia for the 4th consecutive year | 37th globally
- Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru) – bagged the title of ‘Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia’
- Best International Airport in the world – Hamad International Airport (Doha, Qatar)
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh

424. On June 19, Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of NCERT under Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, has been awarded with the “UNESCO’s King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize” for the Use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in Education for the year 2021 under a comprehensive initiative called “PM eVIDYA”. PM eVIDYA was initiated as part of ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ by the Ministry of Education in May, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Institute of Educational Technology (NCERT) – awarded with the “UNESCO’s King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize”
- The prize was given under a comprehensive initiative called “PM eVIDYA”
- PM eVIDYA was initiated as part of ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ by the Ministry of Education in May, 2020
- HQs of CIET (NCERT) – New Delhi



Schemes & Initiatives

425. As on June 2022, the Delhi government is working towards bridging the learning gap induced by COVID-19 for students of state-run schools under ‘Mission Buniyaad’ - a programme that aims to bridge the learning gap and improve the reading, writing and basic mathematical abilities of children from class 3 to 9. The mission was launched by Delhi government in February, 2018. After the pandemic, the UT government has also increased the coverage of Mission Buniyaad till class 9. ‘Mission Buniyaad’ is being implemented in all the schools under the Directorate of Education (DoE) daily. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has updated learning material and teacher manuals to be followed under this mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Govt is bridging the learning gap for students of state-run schools under ‘Mission Buniyaad’
- ‘Mission Buniyaad’ – aims to improve the reading, writing & basic mathematical abilities of children from class 3 to 9
- This mission was launched by Delhi Govt – in February, 2018
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

426. On June 21, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Hardeep Singh Puri launched an innovative project called “NIPUN” (National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers) for skill training of construction workers. The project NIPUN is an initiative of the MoHUA under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to train over 1 lakh construction workers. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will be the Implementation Partner for the project NIPUN. The courses are aligned with National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) and will be imparted at accredited and affiliated training centres. It will provide trainees with ‘Kaushal Bima’, 3-year accidental insurance with coverage of Rs 2 lakhs. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoHUA – launched an innovative project called “NIPUN” for skill training of construction workers
- “NIPUN” – **N**ational Initiative for **P**romoting **U**pskilling of **N**irman workers
- NSDC – the Implementation Partner for the project ‘NIPUN’
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh

427. On June 17, on a two-day visit to Gujarat, PM Narendra Modi launched two schemes on maternal nutrition namely - “Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana” with an outlay of Rs 800 Cr & “Poshan Sudha Yojana” with an outlay of Rs 120 Cr. The schemes aim to intervene during the first 1,000 days of a child’s life. The objective is to reduce the number of newborns who are underweight at birth as well as to improve infant mortality and maternal mortality rates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi launched two schemes on maternal nutrition:
 - “Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana” (Outlay - Rs 800 Cr) | “Poshan Sudha Yojana” (Outlay - Rs 120 Cr)

Important Days & Dates

428. The 1st International Day for Countering Hate Speech was observed on June 18, 2022 to highlight the need for combating hate speech and promoting tolerance and dialogue between different communities. The “UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech” was started in 2019. On the first observance of International Day for Countering Hate Speech, Morocco and the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention organised a high-level event with the theme: “Role of Education to address the root causes of hate speech and advance inclusion, non-discrimination, and peace”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – 1st International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- Morocco + United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention = organised an event on this occasion
- “UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech” – was started in 2019
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

429. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) celebrated “Elimination of Child Labour Week” starting from June 12 to 20, 2022 as a significance to pay attention to the problem of child labour and to find ways to eradicate it, as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of India’s independence - “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. In this regard, rescue operations in 75 places, where children are involved in labour work, were conducted during the week. The NCPCR has been constituted by the Government of India, as a statutory body under ‘section 3’ of the “Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005” for dealing with the protection of child rights and related matters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 to 20 – “Elimination of Child Labour Week” – celebrated by NCPCR
- NCPCR – a statutory body under ‘section 3’ of the “CPCR Act, 2005”

430. Each year on the 19th of June, the World Sickle Cell Day event is observed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to raise awareness of sickle cell disease at a national and international level. Sickle cell anemia is a group of inherited disorders that cause red blood cells to become sickle instead of normal biconcave shape. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 19 – World Sickle Cell Day – by UNGA
- Sickle cell anemia is a group of disorders that cause red blood cells
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

431. World Music Day or International Music Day is celebrated on June 21. Since the 'Music Day' originated in France, it is called 'Fete de la Musique' in French meaning 'Music Festival'. The day was first celebrated in France in the year 1982. The idea of celebrating Music Day worldwide was first conceived by France's Jack Lang. In 2022, the theme is "Music on the Intersections". On the occasion, Sangeet Natak Akademi presented "Jyotirgamaya", a festival to showcase the talent of rare musical instruments from across India. This festival/function was organized by Ministry for Culture and Tourism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – "World Music Day" also known as "Fete de la Musique" (since 1982 | First celebrated in France)
- "Jyotirgamaya", a Music Festival = organized by Ministry for Culture + Tourism (presented by Sangeet Natak Akademi)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Elisabeth Borne

432. Every year, June 19 is celebrated as the National Reading Day in honour of Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker (PN Panicker), who is considered as the "Father of Library & Literacy Movement" in Kerala. This year marked 26th edition of the day. On this occasion author-politician-and former diplomat Shashi Tharoor shared a new word "Perlegate" (to read through) with his followers on social media for old-fashioned book lovers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – 'National Reading Day' (in honour of PN Panicker - "Father of Library & Literacy Movement" in Kerala)
- On this day, Shashi Tharoor – shared a new word "Perlegate" (to read through)

433. World Hydrography Day is celebrated on June 21 every year. The day is designed to raise awareness about the scientific discipline of hydrography and how it plays a role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans. The International Hydrographic Bureau was established in 1921. In 1970, the name was changed to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). In 2022, theme of the day is "Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade". The day was first observed in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – "World Hydrography Day" (since 2005)
- 2022's Theme – "Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade"

434. To raise awareness about the need to end conflict-related sexual violence, the world observed the 8th edition of the "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" annually on 19 June. The day honours survivors of sexual violence and pays tribute to people who have lost their lives while advocating for eradication of these heinous crimes. The day was first observed in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" (since 2015)



435. The world witnessed the “Summer Solstice 2022” on June 21, 2022. The “Summer Solstice”, aka the “June Solstice” or “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice”, is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest day in the Southern Hemisphere. The day also marks the onset of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the winter in the Southern Hemisphere. The summer solstice occurs twice every year - once on June 20 or 21 and the second on December 21 or 22. The word ‘solstice’ originates from the Latin word ‘sol’ and ‘sistere,’ which mean sun and stand still. The first summer solstice of the year is also known as the Midsummer First Day of Summer. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – “Summer Solstice” or “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice”
- “June Solstice” – longest day in the Northern Hemisphere & shortest day in the Southern Hemisphere

436. June 20 is celebrated as World Refugee Day. Dedicated to the displaced refugees across the globe, the day is utilized to create awareness regarding the difficulties faced by the refugees who were forced to leave their countries and home due to natural and manufactured calamities. The United Nations notified the day as World Refugee Day in 2001. The year 2001 was the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Refugee Convention held in 1951, during which the definition of a refugee was agreed upon. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates the number of refugees worldwide to be more than 89.3 million at present. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Whoever, Whatever, Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 20 – World Refugee Day – by UN (since 2001)
- 2022’s Theme – “Whoever, Whatever, Whenever. Everyone has the Right to seek Safety”



Books & Authors

437. On June 19, PM Narendra Modi released Ram Bahadur Rai’s book “Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani”. During the launch of the book, the PM also stated that it was on 18 June that the President Rajendra Prasad signed first amendment of the Indian Constitution. The book will give a new thinking to India’s youth along with the history of independence and the untold chapters of our constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – released Ram Bahadur Rai’s book “Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani”

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

438. On June 14, the Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of “Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)” in Sri Lanka which was signed by the BIMSTEC member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 30th March, 2022. The main objectives of the BIMSTEC TTF are to coordinate, facilitate and strengthen cooperation in technology transfer among the BIMSTEC Member States. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 5th BIMSTEC Summit – held at Colombo, Sri Lanka
- BIMSTEC member countries – signed MoA to establish “BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)” in Sri Lanka
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell | Established in – 1997
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- June 6 – BIMSTEC Day | Current Chair – Sri Lanka

439. On June 17, India and Japan held their first “India-Japan Finance Dialogue” in New Delhi, to exchange views on macro-economic situation, financial system, financial digitalization and investment environment in both the countries. Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance Ajay Seth represented India. Both sides agreed to explore holding the next round of the Dialogue in Tokyo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Japan = held their first “India-Japan Finance Dialogue” in New Delhi
- Ajay Seth ([Secretary of DEA](#)) represented India in the dialogue
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida

440. PM Narendra Modi chaired the first-ever National Conference of Chief Secretaries at HPCA stadium at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, on June 16 and 17, 2022. The main aim of this conference is to strengthen the partnership between the Centre and State Governments. Three themes were specifically chosen for detailed discussions: (i) Implementation of the National Education Policy; (ii) Urban governance; and (iii) Crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – chaired the first-ever “National Conference of Chief Secretaries” in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital–Shimla & Dharamshala | CM–Jai Ram Thakur | Governor–Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

441. On June 16-17, India hosted the 2-day “Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM)” in New Delhi. The meeting to mark two major anniversaries - the 30th anniversary of India’s Dialogue Relations with ASEAN and the 10th anniversary of Strategic Partnership with ASEAN. The year 2022 has been designated as ‘ASEAN-India Friendship Year’ and the meeting in New Delhi was attended by all Foreign Ministers of other ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretary General Dato Lim Jock Hoi. External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Singapore, Vivian Balakrishnan co-chaired the SAIFMM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – hosted the 2-day “Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM)” in New Delhi
- 2022 – designated as “ASEAN-India Friendship Year” to mark 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India Partnership
- Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia | Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia | Members – 10

442. The Border Security Force (BSF) hosted the 21st “Meeting of Experts’ Group & Border Security Conference” of SCO countries from June 15-17 that was attended by China, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)-SCO. India supported an initiative by China to conduct a joint border operation called “Solidarity - 2023” of all member countries of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation). Moreover, the plan for the preparation and conduct of the Joint Border Operation “Friendship Border - 2022” this year was reviewed and approved, during the meeting. Moreover, India hosted the 8th meeting of the heads of border services of the SCO member countries in New Delhi where India was represented by BSF Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- BSF – hosted the 21st “Meeting of Experts’ Group & Border Security Conference” of SCO countries
- A joint border operation called “Solidarity - 2023” – organised by China
- “Solidarity - 2023” + “Friendship Border - 2022” = both related to SCO
- Pankaj Kumar Singh – represented India at the 8th meeting of the heads of border services of SCO countries in New Delhi
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | SG – Zhang Ming | Present Member Countries – 8 | Presidency – Uzbekistan

443. In June 2022, Ministry of Tourism, in partnership with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organized a “National Summit on Developing Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destinations” in New Delhi. On this occasion, the Ministry of Tourism launched the “National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism” and the “Responsible Traveller Campaign”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism + UNEP + RTSOI = organized a “National Summit on Developing Sustainable & Responsible Tourist Destinations” in New Delhi
- Ministry of Tourism – launched the “National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism” & “Responsible Traveller Campaign”
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

444. On June 15, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released its Yearbook for the year 2022. The expected rise of the global nuclear arsenal was the chief cause of concern among SIPRI experts. Russia leads the charge in largest numbers of nuclear inventory (5977 against the U.S.’s 5428). However, the U.S. has the largest number of deployed warheads (1744 against Russia’s 1588). India has 160 nuclear weapons in its inventory. The yearbook has highlighted India as the top weapons importer during the 2017-2021 period. Other countries to feature in the top five arms importers list include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China, and Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIPRI – released its ‘Yearbook for 2022’
- Russia – has largest numbers of Nuclear Inventory | 2nd – USA
- US – has the largest number of deployed Warheads | 2nd – Russia
- India – top Weapons Importer during the 2017-2021 period | other 4 in top 5 – Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China & Australia
- HQs of SIPRI – Stockholm, Sweden | Chair – Jan Eliasson

445. On June 17, the World Health Organization (WHO) released its largest ever review of mental health across the world, making it the first mental health review of this scope. The 296-page “World Mental Health Report” provides an outline on the state of mental health for governments, academics, health professionals, and other interested parties. As per the report, 1 in 8 people globally lives with a mental disorder. People with mental health disorders died, on average, 10 to 20 years before others. 14% of the world’s adolescents live with mental disorders. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “World Mental Health Report” – released by the WHO
- 1 in 8 people globally lives with a mental disorder & 14% of the world’s adolescents live with mental disorders
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

446. On June 14, Kerala has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in the “Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)”. The State has also been ranked 4th in global ranking in the GSER, jointly launched by Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network. The GSER was released in the backdrop of the ongoing London Tech Week 2022. During 2019-21, Kerala was able to create a start-up ecosystem valued at Rs 1,037.05 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)” = released by Startup Genome + Global Entrepreneurship Network
- Kerala – 1st (in Asia) & 4th (Globally) | Globally top – Silicon Valley (California, US)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

447. On June 16, International Labour Organisation (ILO) released its “Report on Domestic Workers”. As per the report, only 6% of domestic workers worldwide have access to comprehensive social protection. That means 94% of domestic workers worldwide lack comprehensive social security. Even where they are legally covered, only 1 in 5 domestic workers are actually covered in practice because the vast majority is employed informally. 76.2% of domestic workers (57.7 million people) are women and such social protection gaps leave them particularly vulnerable. As per the report, 57.3% of domestic workers in Europe and Central Asia are legally covered for all benefits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Report on Domestic Workers” – released by International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Only 6% of domestic workers worldwide have access to comprehensive social protection
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | DG – Gilbert Hounbo (from Oct 1, 2022) | Founded in – 1919

Ordinance, Bills & Acts

448. On June 14, the West Bengal Assembly passed a Bill titled “The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022” to replace the Governor with the Chief Minister as chancellor of all the state-run universities. States like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu too have taken similar steps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – passed a Bill to replace Governor with CM as Chancellor of all the state-run universities
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

449. On June 20, the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) partnered with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to activate e-commerce in the agriculture domain. As one of the first initiatives to drive ONDC enablement in the domain, ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the “NABARD-ONDC Grand Challenge” which aims to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market ready FPOs in India. [{Read more}](#)

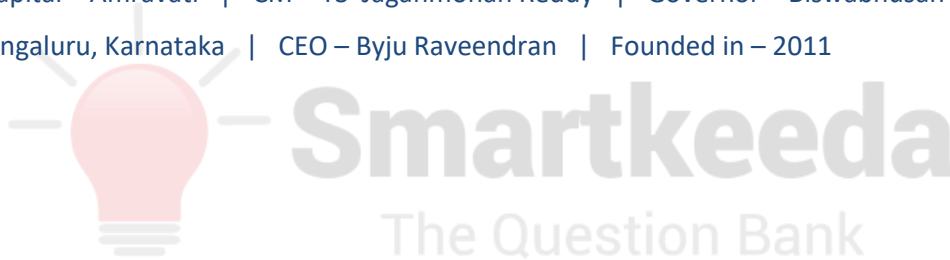
Key Points:

- ONDC + NABARD = partnership to activate e-commerce in the Agriculture Domain
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

450. On June 16, Andhra Pradesh government signed a pact with education and tech company Byju’s to impart quality education to students of government schools. The students of Classes 4 to 10 would benefit from the quality content provided by Byju’s and help them perform better. The Andhra Pradesh CM also announced that the students studying in Class 8 now and would write their Class 10 examinations in CBSE syllabus in 2025, would be given tabs. Students in government schools would have the advantage of receiving the tabs free of cost unlike their counterparts in private schools who had to pay ₹20,000 to ₹24,000 per annum towards subscription to the app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + BYJU’S = signed a pact to impart free & quality education to students of government schools
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of BYJU’S – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Byju Raveendran | Founded in – 2011





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