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7 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

6 June 2023 - UN Russian Language Day

- ❖ The United Nations (UN)'s Russian Language Day is annually observed across the globe on June 6th to create awareness about the history, culture and development of the Russian language. The day also aims to celebrate cultural diversity and multilingualism.
- ❖ The day also marks the birth anniversary of the Great Russian poet, playwright, and novelist, Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin (A.S. Pushkin) (1799-1837), the founder of modern Russian literature.
- ❖ Every year, Russia celebrates June 6th as "Pushkin Day".



Background

- ❖ In 2010, on the eve of International Mother Language Day celebrated annually on 21st February at the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Department of Public Information (now Department of Global Communications) announced the launch of "Language Days at the United Nations".
- ❖ "UN Russian Language Day" is a part of UN Languages Days.

6 June 2023 - World Pest Day

- ❖ World Pest Day, also known as World Pest Awareness Day, is observed annually on 6th June across the globe to raise public awareness of the importance of pest management for the protection of public health.
- ❖ The day also emphasises the big threats caused by small pests.



Background

- ❖ World Pest Day was initiated by the Chinese Pest Control Association (CPCA), and co-sponsored by the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA), the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), and the Confederation of European Pest Management Associations (CEPA).
- ❖ The first-ever World Pest Day was observed at the Beijing Hotel, China on June 6th 2017.

7 June 2023 - World Food Safety Day

- ❖ Every year on 7 June, World Food Safety Day is observed.
- ❖ It is celebrated to promote awareness about the health hazards associated with unsafe food.
- ❖ This year fifth edition of World Food Safety Day (WFSN) has been celebrated.



- ❖ **Theme "Food Standards Save Lives".**
- ❖ In 2018, United Nations had declared this day to draw global attention to the health Consequences of contaminated food and water.



People in the news

K. Panindra Reddy has been appointed as the new secretary of Tamil Nadu Natural Resources Department.

- ❖ An order was issued in January last year to create a separate department for natural resources in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ K. Panindra Reddy has been appointed as Secretary for this department.
- ❖ In addition to the responsibility of the Secretary of the Transport Department, he will also look after the responsibility of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Department, according to the order of Chief Secretary V. Irayanbu.
- ❖ **Department of Natural Resources:** The Department of Mines and Mineral Resources was separated from the Department of Industry and a new Department of Natural Resources was created.



Defense

German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius has arrived in India on a 4-day official visit.

- ❖ This is the first time that the German Defense Minister has visited India since 2015.
- ❖ Pistorius met Rajnath Singh in Delhi and held bilateral talks.
- ❖ Pointing out the investments in India's defense manufacturing sector, including Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh defense industry corridors, Minister Rajnath Singh called for Germany's investments in this sector.
- ❖ He also mentioned that the Indian industry could participate in the supply chain for Germany's defense industry, officials said.
- ❖ **German interest in submarine project:** The Ministry of Defense approved a huge project to build 6 state-of-the-art submarines for the Indian Navy at a cost of Rs 43,000 crore in 2021.





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- ❖ Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems is one of the contenders for the project contract.
- ❖ On that basis, Boris Pistory told Rajnath Singh that Germany was interested in participating in the submarine-building project.

Sports

U-20 Athletics: Sunil Kumar tops

- ❖ India's Sunil Kumar won gold in the decath lawn event at the Under-20 (U-20) Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea.
- ❖ In his first international tournament, he finished first with a total of 7,003 points.
- ❖ In the women's high jump, Pooja cleared 1.82 meters and won the silver medal. Similarly, in the women's 3,000m race, Bushra Khan finished 2nd in 9 minutes 41.47 seconds.
- ❖ India got bronze in men's 4*100m and women's 4*100m. Subsequently, India is at the 2nd position with 14 points including 4 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze.



Art and Culture

2 gold ornaments found in Vembakotta excavation

- ❖ Two gold ornaments were found during the second phase of excavation at Vembakkottai.
- ❖ 3,254 objects were found in the first phase of excavation in the Uchimedu area along the banks of Vaipat in Vijayakarissalkulam panchayat near Chatur, Virudhunagar district. These objects were put on public display as an exhibition in the same area. In the same area, last Apr. Phase II on 6th.
- ❖ Excavation work has started. More than 1,800 objects such as conch bangles and cowhide were found in 8 pits.
- ❖ In this case, during the excavation, 2 grams of gold bar and 2.2 grams of bubble-shaped gold ornaments were found.'



Economy and Banking

IFC & Nabfid Signed Mou to Develop PPP Projects and Strengthen Infrastructure

- ❖ International Finance Corporation (IFC), a part of the World Bank Group, and National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU), to develop a pipeline of investment-ready public- private partnership (PPP) projects in infrastructure across India.



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- ❖ The MoU would support India's target of achieving a USD 5-trillion economy while fostering low-carbon and climate-resilient growth.
- ❖ The MoU was signed by Rajkiran Rai G, Managing Director, NaBFID and Thomas Lubeck, Manager, Asia Pacific Public-Private Partnership, Transaction Advisory Services, IFC.

About International Finance Corporation (Ifc):

- ❖ Managing Director - Makhtar Diop
- ❖ Headquarters - Washington, D.C., U.S.
- ❖ Establishment – 1956

Bob Launches ICCW Facility for Cash Withdrawals Using UPI on Its Atms Bank of Baroda

- ❖ The Bank of Baroda (BOB) launched the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility which would enable a customer to withdraw cash using UPI (Unified Payments Interface) from the bank's ATMs (Automated Teller Machine) without using the physical debit card.
- ❖ BoB became the 1st public sector bank (PSB) to launch the ICCW service.
- ❖ The ICCW facility would give customers a simple, convenient and secure way to withdraw cash without the use of a physical card.

About Bank of Baroda (BOB)

- ❖ MD&CEO - Sanjiv Chadha
- ❖ Headquarters - Vadodara, Gujarat (Head office), Mumbai, Maharashtra (Corporate centre) Establishment - 20 July 1908

SBI Launches Project Kuber In Bengaluru

- ❖ The State Bank of India (SBI), launched 'Project Kuber', which includes the establishment of four Transaction Banking Hubs and one Corporate Salary Package Hub in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❖ Nand Kishore, chief general manager, SBI, Bengaluru Circle, inaugurated these hubs at SBI Administrative Building in KG Road, Bengaluru and Sampige Road in Malleswaram.
- ❖ Transaction Banking Hubs will act as a one-stop destination for all payment and collection- related requirements and will offer services to corporate/non-corporate clients, from account opening to onboarding them on SBI's digital platforms.
- ❖ A professional team will facilitate business partners and customers in availing digital banking services such as Yono Business, e-Payments, Cash Management Products.

HSBC India Unveils New Campaign "My Account Starts Today" Featuring Cricketer Virat Kohli

- ❖ The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) unveiled its latest advertising campaign "My Account Starts Today" with Indian cricketer Virat Kohli, their new brand influencer.



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- ❖ This is aimed at leveraging Virat Kohli's appeal to help illustrate the benefits of banking with HSBC.
- ❖ The campaign highlights HSBC's purpose of "Opening up a world of opportunity" as it works to support the goals of an aspirational India
- ❖ The multi-channel campaign will be rolled out across various media platforms, including print, television, outdoor displays, OTT (over-the-top) platforms, and digital channels.

Mou Signed Between Microsoft and Indian Govt to Train Youth in Digital and Cybersecurity Skills

- ❖ A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Microsoft and the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), to train 6000 students and 200 educators at government-led Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skills Training Institutions (NSTIs).

What Is Cybershiksha Programme

- ❖ It is launched by Microsoft in partnership with Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and in support with Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) to train women engineering graduates from disadvantaged backgrounds to build careers in cybersecurity.

National News

Overview of Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal visit to India; 7 MoUs Signed

- ❖ The Prime Minister (PM) of Nepal, Pushpa Kamal Dahal alias Prachanda, was on a 4-day official visit to India from May 31 - June 3, 2023, at the invitation of the PM of India Narendra Modi for regular high-level exchanges between both nations in furtherance of India's Neighbourhood First policy.
- ❖ The Nepal PM was accompanied by his daughter Ms Ganga Dahal; and include a delegation comprising Ministers, Secretaries, and senior officials of the Government of Nepal.
- ❖ During the meet, India and Nepal witnessed the exchange of the seven documents in various fields including trade and commerce, cross-border petroleum pipeline, development of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) and hydroelectric project.
- ❖ The two PMs remotely inaugurated and performed the groundbreaking of six projects.
- ❖ The Nepal PM also addressed the Nepal-India Business Summit in New Delhi jointly organized by the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) and Confederation of India.

EPFO formed 3 committees to frame Draft Schemes for PF, Pension and Insurance

- ❖ The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has formed 3 committees to frame draft schemes for pension, provident fund (PF) and insurance under EPFO, in line with the provisions of the Code on Social Security 2020.



The three schemes are

- ❖ Employee's Provident Fund Scheme (EPFS) for provident fund
- ❖ Employee's Pension Scheme (EPS) for pension
- ❖ Employees Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLIS) for insurance

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

- ❖ The Employees' Provident Fund Bill was introduced in the Parliament as Bill Number 15. Established in 1952
- ❖ Organisation Executive- Neelam S Rao (CPFC in EPFO)
- ❖ Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

NHAI's 1st Sustainability Report for FY 2021-22: highlights NHAI's initiatives for Environment Sustainability

- ❖ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), has published its inaugural 'Sustainability Report for FY 2021-22:
- ❖ Building A Sustainable Road Infrastructure', which highlights the effectiveness of various efforts undertaken by the NHAI toward the conservation of environment and energy.
- ❖ The report, prepared as per the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) reporting guidelines, was released by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, MORTH.

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- ❖ NHAI was constituted by an Act of Parliament in 1988.
- ❖ Chairman- Santosh Kumar Yadav
- ❖ Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

International Relation

IIT Chennai campus in Tanzania

- ❖ It has been decided to open an IIT campus in the East African country of Tanzania, its director V. Kamakody said
- ❖ Regarding the national recognition IIT Chennai has received, Kamakody, its director, told reporters:
- ❖ It is a matter of great pride that 25 percent of the educational institutions featured in the national ranking list for higher education institutions are from Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ He said that it is a pleasure that IIT Chennai has been ranked first in the overall operations category for the 5th time and in the engineering category for the 8th time.