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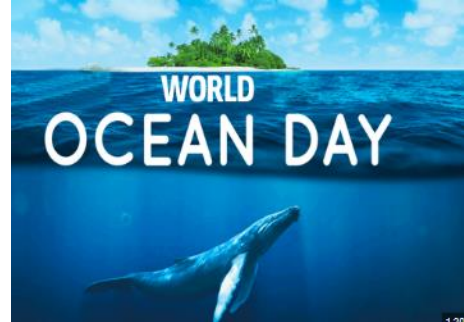
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8 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

8 June 2023 - World Oceans Day

- ❖ World Oceans Day is celebrated every year on 8 June.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to highlight the role of the oceans in sustaining life on Earth and to inspire action to preserve it.
- ❖ **Theme "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing."**
- ❖ In 1992, the idea of celebrating World Oceans Day was first proposed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ❖ In 2008, the United Nations (UN) declared 8th June as World Oceans Day.
- ❖ The International Maritime Organization was formed in 1973 to deal with problems such as pollution from ships, marine litter and air pollution from ships.
- ❖ The ocean covers more than 70 percent of the planet and the oceans produce about 50 percent of the planet's oxygen and are home to Earth's biodiversity.
- ❖ It is the main source of protein for more than a billion people around the world.



8 June 2023 - World Brain Tumour Day

- ❖ World Brain Tumor Day is observed every year on 8 June.
- ❖ It is celebrated to raise awareness about brain tumor and educate people about it.
- ❖ On June 8, 2000, the German Brain Tumor Association started the celebration of German Brain Tumor Day.
- ❖ In 2010, the International Brain Tumor Alliance (IBTA) designated 8 June as World Brain Tumor Day.
- ❖ About 40,000 new cases of brain tumor are reported every year in India.

Brain Tumour

- ❖ A brain tumour develops when cells grow at an abnormal rate, resulting in the formation of a mass of abnormal cells within the brain.
- ❖ Tumors can be categorized into two types: cancerous and non-cancerous.
- ❖ Headaches, seizures, vision problems, vomiting, and mental changes are all common symptoms of a brain tumour.
- ❖ A brain tumour can be treated in different ways- surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, steroid treatment, etc.



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Persons in News

Dr Hakeem Syed Khalifa passed away

- ❖ Renowned Unani doctor Hakeem Syed Khalifa Tullah (85) passed away in Chennai due to ill health.
- ❖ He founded the Niyamat Medical Foundation to carry out research and study activities in Unani Medicine and has delivered international lectures on alternative medicine in various countries.
- ❖ Dr. Hakeem Syed Khalifatullah, one of the eminent experts in the field of Unani Medicine, authored various books and research papers.
- ❖ The Central Government honored him with the Padma Shri award in recognition of his medical services.
- ❖ He has held various responsibilities in central and state governments like Chairman of Central Council of Indian Medical Department, Honorary Member of Central Health Council, Professor of State Unani Medical College.
- ❖ The funeral rites of late Dr. Hakeem Syed Khalifatullah were held in Chennai.



Defence

India-Maldives navies participating in the sixth edition of 'Ekatha' Exercise

- ❖ Indian Navy divers and Marine Commandos with Maldives National Defence Force participating in the sixth edition of the 'Ekatha' Exercise.
- ❖ This exercise will be conducted from 4th June to 3rd July in Maldives.
- ❖ Its main aim is to enhance interoperability between both navies.
- ❖ It will enhance cooperation in diving and special operations and Counter-terrorism, maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.
- ❖ Exercise Ekatha includes Joint Drills, Workshops, Seminars, Tabletop Exercises and specialized training in various combat-related activities.
- ❖ The fifth edition of the exercise was held from 5th September 2022 to 3rd October 2022.
- ❖ Normally, Operational plans, communication protocols, and coordination mechanisms to address potential security threats remain part of this exercise.

Reports and Indices

2.3 people use polluting fuel & 675 million have no Electricity

- ❖ According to the report titled "Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress 2023" released on 6th June 2023, around 2.3 billion people across the globe are still using polluting fuels



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and technologies for cooking and around 675 million people did not have access to electricity in 2021.

- ❖ The report states that the world is not on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 for energy by 2030.
- ❖ The report highlighted that despite the progress across various indicators of SDG 7 agenda, the current rates of progress is insufficient to achieve the 2030 targets.

International Energy Agency (IEA)

- ❖ Executive director- Fatih Birol
- ❖ Headquarters- Paris, France
- ❖ Established in 1974

Sports news

ICC World Test Championship 2023

- ❖ The 2021-2023 ICC World Test Championship is the second edition of the ICC World Test Championship of Test cricket.
- ❖ It started on 4 August 2021 and is scheduled to finish with the Final on 7-11 June 2023 at The Oval, London, played between Australia and India. Play is scheduled to start at 10:30 local time in London.

Prize money of ICC World Test Championship 2023

- ❖ The champions of the ICC World Test Championship 2023 Final will receive an impressive prize of \$1.6 million, while the second-place team will be awarded \$800,000.
- ❖ The tournament prize money remains unchanged from the inaugural edition of the championship (2019-21), with a total fund of \$3.8 million available.

Environment and Biodiversity

Gracixalus patkaiensis: New Species of Green Tree Frog Discovered from NTR, Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ A team of Indian and German scientists discovered a new species of green tree frog named Gracixalus patkaiensis from the Namdapha Tiger Reserve (NTR) in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The suggested common name of the new species is "Patkai green tree frog".
- ❖ The frog is named after Patkai hills range, where the type locality of the new species lies within NTR.
- ❖ The discovery of the species is the first of its kind in India and the 6th new frog species discovered from the NTR, one of the largest protected areas of Northeast India.
- ❖ The findings of the new species have been published in the recent edition (26th May 2023) of the German scientific journal Vertebrate Zoology



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Kerala: Green scheme in 3,800 temples to tackle climate change

- ❖ The Kerala government has launched a green scheme in 3,800 Hindu temples located in the state to counter the adverse effects of climate change.
- ❖ Green scheme has been introduced in about 3,800 temples out of 3,000 temples under the control of 5 Devaswam Boards namely Travancore, Kochi, Malabar, Guruvayur, Kudal Manickam in Kerala.

Science and Technology

Indian Navy partners with QNu Labs to Procure Quantum Encryption Systems AffairsCloud

- ❖ QuNu Labs Private Limited (QNu Labs), a leading quantum technology startup company, partners with the Indian Navy for the procurement and deployment of Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) based systems.
- ❖ With this collaboration, Indian Navy becomes India's 1st agency to procure large-scale Quantum-based encryption systems.
- ❖ The MoU establishes a partnership to deploy state-of-the-art quantum encryption systems, making a significant milestone in the field of Quantum technology.
- ❖ The procurement of QKD-based Hub & Spoke systems is a strategic move that underscores the Indian Navy's determination to stay at the forefront of emerging security technologies.

Objective

- ❖ The collaboration aims to increase the security of sensitive communication networks within the Indian Navy and strengthen their defence against emerging cyber threats.
- ❖ It also aims to strengthen the security of the communication networks, which are critical for mission-critical operations and the exchange of sensitive information.

Israel Conducts the First Test of an Autonomous Flying Taxi to ease Traffic Congestion

- ❖ Israel, has carried out its initial tests flights of an Autonomous aircraft that can carry passengers and heavy cargo, an Air taxi, in a bid to ease traffic congestion on the roads.
- ❖ The revolutionary aircraft which is part of the government-led pilot project, also known as the Israel National Drone Initiative (INDI) is expected to serve as future public transportation.
- ❖ This is the first initiative of its kind in the world for an extensive and multidisciplinary examination of new technologies, including the transportation of cargo and later, people.

Economy and Banking

SIDBI signs pact with HDFC Bank to offer Financial Solutions to MSMES



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- ❖ The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HDFC Bank Limited under which both entities will work together to provide complete financial product and services to the customers under MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) in a seamless manner.
- ❖ The signing of the MoU involved V. SatyaVenkata Rao, Deputy Managing Director of SIDBI, and Akhilesh Kumar Roy, Executive Vice President of HDFC Bank Limited.
- ❖ This arrangement will enable MSMEs to avail financial products and services of both the banks, and bring more MSMEs in financial ecosystems.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

- ❖ Chairman & Managing Director- Sivasubramanian Ramann
- ❖ Headquarters- Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- ❖ Establishment- 1990

HDFC Bank Introduces Millennia Credit Card

- ❖ HDFC Bank introduced a new credit card named 'Millennia Credit card' which offers cashback over e-commerce platforms and multiple benefits.

Eligibility

- ❖ Millennia credit card is applicable to both self-employed and salaried Indian nationals.
- ❖ Age -The minimum age limit is 21 and maximum age is 40.
- ❖ Income- For Salaried persons the Gross Monthly Income has to be more than Rs 35,000 and for Self Employed the income has to be Rs 6.0 Lakhs per annum

Benefits of the Millennia Credit card

- ❖ The card comes with contactless technology allowing customers to 'tap and pay' via POS machine.

World Bank trims India's Growth Forecast to 6.3% for 2023

- ❖ The World Bank (WB) in its Global Economic Prospects Report-June 2023 has lowered India's growth outlook to 6.3% for 2023, a 0.3 percentage point downward revision from 6.6% in January 2023.
- ❖ However, India will remain the fastest-growing economy (in terms of both aggregate and per capita GDP) of the largest EMDES (Emerging Market and Developing Economies).
- ❖ For 2024, WB expects GDP growth rate at 6.4%. While for 2025 forecast, the growth rate is expected at 6.5%.
- ❖ Global growth is projected to decelerate from 3.1% in 2022 to 2.1% in 2023. It will be 2.4% in 2024 and 3% in 2025.



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World Bank (WB)

- ❖ President (WB Group)- Ajay Banga
- ❖ Establishment - 1944
- ❖ Headquarters - Washington D.C, United States (US)
- ❖ Member Nations – 189

Tamil Nādu News

94% of workers in Tamil Nadu work in the informal sector

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Assistant Commissioner for Labor Welfare Velamphikai said that 94 percent of workers in Tamil Nadu are working in the informal sector.
- ❖ Bharatiya Mastur Sangam (P.M.) held a National Seminar on 'Workers for G-20 Countries 20' at Railway Museum, New Avadi Road, Chennai on Wednesday.
- ❖ Across Tamil Nadu 94 percent of workers are working in the informal sector.
- ❖ In order to ensure that these workers are properly enrolled in the welfare schemes of the government, the Tamil Nadu government has introduced a free online registration system for all non-organised workers. So far more than 19 lakh workers have registered in it.

World's First Drum Music Conference in Coimbatore on June 18 Perur Adheenam Information

- ❖ Perur Adhinam Shanthalinga Marudachala Adikalar released the explanatory booklet on the Drum Music Conference to be held in Coimbatore along with Nimirvu Kalaiyak administrators.
- ❖ The world's first drum music conference will be held in Coimbatore on June 18.
- ❖ In an effort to bring the drum, a musical instrument of the original Tamils, to the people, this drum music conference is being held on June 18 from 9 am to 9 pm at Tavathiru Santalinga Adikalar Tamil College of Arts and Sciences in Perur area, Coimbatore on behalf of Nimirvu Kalaiyakam and Perurathina Educational Institutions.
- ❖ There is a need to acquaint the next generation with drum music not only as a cultural form but also as a practical musical instrument.
- ❖ An exhibition of more than 100 archaeological tools will also be held as a preliminary effort. Arrangements have been made in the exhibition hall to introduce drum troupes from all over the world to the public and to include information about Tamil Nadu government's welfare schemes for dancers.
- ❖ He said that in order to highlight the excellence of drum music which is public music for all people like the world public Thirukkural, a program of 1330 drums will be played at one place in the name of 1,330 Thirukkural Band, and the artistic programs of musical instruments in southern districts, rural areas and tribal people will be held.
- ❖ He also said that it is their desire to allow all castes into the places of worship, and that the Tamil Nadu government is working well to recover the temple properties, and that people with spiritual involvement should be included in the trustee committees.



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State News

UP Govt launched "Nand Baba Milk Mission" Scheme & Family ID Portal under 'One Family One Identity' Scheme

- ❖ On 6th June 2023, the Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP), launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme, to provide milk producers the facility of selling their milk at a reasonable price in villages through dairy co-operative societies.
- ❖ The scheme has been allocated a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.
- ❖ The scheme aims to make Uttar Pradesh a leading state in the field of milk development and milk production.
- ❖ On 6th June 2023, the UP Government launched the Family ID Portal for the creation of a unique Family ID (Identity) under the 'One Family One Identity' scheme.
- ❖ This aims to establish a live, comprehensive database of family units of UP and to connect at least one member of each family with employment.

Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ Chief Minister- Yogi Adityanath
- ❖ Governor- Anandiben Patel

Union Government sanctioned Rs 12,911 crore for the Polavaram project in Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ The Union government sanctioned Rs 12,911 crore to Andhra Pradesh (AP) for completing the first phase of the Polavaram Project, which also includes an additional Rs 2,000 crore for the construction of the diaphragm wall, which was washed away due to the Godavari floods.
- ❖ The Polavaram Irrigation Project is on the river Godavari near Ramayyapeta village of Polavaram Mandal in Eluru district, where Godavari emerges out of the last range of the Eastern Ghats and enters the plains in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Polavaram Project
- ❖ The major part of this project is the construction of Earth cum Rock fill dam (2454 metre) with three gaps.
- ❖ This multi-purpose major irrigation project will irrigate agricultural lands up to 4,36,825 hectares.
- ❖ This project also includes a hydroelectric power plant with generation capacity of 960 MW power (12 x 80 MW).
- ❖ It will supply drinking water to a population of 20.50 lakh population in 611 villages.



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National News

PM Narendra Modi Launched 2 Schemes Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI Yojana to revive wetlands and mangroves

- ❖ On World Environment Day 2023 (June 05, 2023), Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched two schemes named Amrit Dharohar Yojana and MISHTI Yojana (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), to revive wetlands and mangroves across India.
- ❖ As per the statement of PM, the number of wetlands and Ramsar sites in India have increased almost three times in the past nine years.
- ❖ Amrit Dharohar Yojana: The scheme was launched to conserve the existing Ramsar sites and achieve sustainable ecosystem development through public participation over the next three years, and make them as the centres of eco-tourism and a source of green jobs for thousands of people.
- ❖ MISHTI Yojana: The scheme envisages to comprehensively explore the possible area for the development of mangroves covering nearly 540 sq km, spreading across 11 states and two union territories over 5 years, starting from FY24.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

- ❖ Union Minister - Bhupender Yadav (Rajya Sabha - Rajasthan)
- ❖ Minister of State (MOS) - Ashwini Kumar Choubey

International News

India is a developed nation in 2047: President Draupadi Murmu's speech in Serbia

- ❖ India is undergoing a rapid growth transition. India will emerge as a developed country by 2047," said President Draupadi Murmu Nam Bhikai.
- ❖ India is the fastest growing industrial country in the world. India is currently reaching a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) level of US\$ 3.5 trillion.