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Important days

10 June 2023 - National Herbs and Spices Day

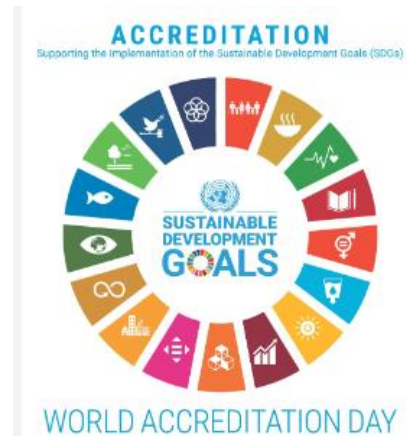
- ❖ A day to bring tons of flavor to everyone's plates, National Herbs and Spices Day brings out the best taste in a vast array of dishes. From the daily salt and pepper to the more exotic saffron or black cardamom, herbs and spices offer the essence of seasoning to everyone's table.



- ❖ **Theme "Exploring Global Flavors."**
- ❖ People have been using herbs and spices to flavor their food probably since history has been recorded.
- ❖ Some of the earliest ideas guess that hunters would use leaves to wrap their meat in, and discovered quite by accident that the leaves gave the meat a certain type of flavor.
- ❖ As time went on, more and more plants were discovered to be aromatic and flavorful, as well as often having other beneficial properties.
- ❖ Spices were discovered when the roots, leaves or other parts of plants were dried, then ground and used in cooking. Spices have also been used medicinally all throughout human history.

10 June 2023 - World Accreditation Day

- ❖ World Accreditation Day (WAD) is annually observed across the globe on 9th June to promote the value of accreditation, a review process to determine if educational programs meet defined standards of quality.
- ❖ **Theme "Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade".**
- ❖ The 2023 theme focuses on how accreditation supports the United Nations (UN)
- ❖ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, and 17.



Background

- ❖ The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) jointly established the World Accreditation Day (WAD) as a global initiative in 2007.
- ❖ The first ever World Accreditation Day was observed on 9th June 2008.



International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)

- ❖ Headquarters- Silverwater, New South Wales, Australia
- ❖ ILAC Chair- Etty Feller (Israel)

Persons in News

Anantharaman is new TransUnion Cibil chairman

- ❖ V Anantharaman, a seasoned banker with extensive experience in the banking industry, has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of credit bureau TransUnion CIBIL.
- ❖ Anantharaman has held leadership positions in corporate and investment banking teams at renowned international firms such as Standard Chartered Bank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, and Bank of America.
- ❖ Anantharaman holds a post-graduate diploma in business management from XLRI and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Jadavpur University.
- ❖ He has also served as a senior advisor to British International Investment (formerly CDC), which is the UK's Development Finance Institution.
- ❖ TransUnion CIBIL Limited is a credit information company operating in India. It maintains credit files on over 600 million individuals and 32 million businesses.
- ❖ TransUnion is one of four credit bureaus operating in India and is part of TransUnion, an American multinational group.

Defence

India, France, and UAE Conclude Successful Trilateral Maritime Exercise in Gulf of Oman, Enhancing Naval Cooperation

- ❖ India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) successfully concluded their first trilateral maritime exercise in the Gulf of Oman on June 8.
- ❖ The two-day exercise, which began on June 7, involved the participation of naval from all three countries.
- ❖ The exercise was aimed at enhancing maritime security and interoperability among the participating nations.
- ❖ The exercise witnessed a wide spectrum of naval operations such as Surface Warfare, involving tactical firing and Drills for Missile engagements on surface targets, Helicopter Cross Deck Landing Operations, gunnery exercises, seamanship drills, Advanced Air Defence Exercises and Boarding operations.
- ❖ India was represented in the exercise by the guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash.
- ❖ France was represented by the frigate FS Surcouf and fighter aircraft.
- ❖ The UAE was represented by Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- ❖ Helicopters from all three countries participated in the exercise.

Awards and Honors

For Year 2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific And Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Award, Michel Batisse Award, Will Be Received By Director Of Gulf Of Mannar Marine National Park.



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- ❖ For year 2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) award, Michel Batisse Award, will be received by Director of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park Jagdish S Bakan, for his efforts in Biosphere Reserve Management.
- ❖ He will also present his case study during award ceremony in Paris, France.

Know All About Gulf Of Mannar

- ❖ Designated as a Biosphere Reserve, the Gulf of Mannar is one of the biologically richest coastal regions in all of mainland of India.
- ❖ It is the first Marine Biosphere Reserve in the South and South East Asia.
- ❖ **Location:** It is located 160 km between Dhanushkodi and Thoothukudi in TamilNadu.
- ❖ This Marine Biosphere Reserve encompasses a chain of 21 islands (2 islands already submerged) and adjoining coral reefs off the coasts.
- ❖ Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, established in 1980, boasts three surreal aquatic ecosystems - mangroves, seagrass, and coral reef.

Sports

Union Minister Anurag Thakur sends off Indian contingent of 198 athletes to Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held in Berlin this month, June 2023 .

- ❖ The Government has spent 450 crore rupees in the current Olympic cycle on training, equipment, and facilities so far and it will provide more assistance if needed to ensure India makes a new record in the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ❖ This was stated by Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur. He said, India has given the best-ever performance at the last Olympics, Paralympics, and Commonwealth Games with improvements in facilities.
- ❖ Mr.Thakur added that the budget for the Sports sector has increased along with the beginning of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme for the players.
- ❖ The Minister also said that the Centre has sanctioned over 220 crore rupees till now for the preparation for Asian Games.
- ❖ He also expressed confidence that the country will have the best-ever performance in the Asian Games to be held in China this year.

Schemes and their utilities

Karnataka announces free bus travel 'Shakti' scheme for women

- ❖ The Karnataka government has advised the women to apply for Shakti smart cards to avail the free travel in state run buses, starting from June 11.
- ❖ The government has already issued a set of guidelines on the 'Shakti' scheme, which is one of the major poll promises by the Congress party in Karnataka. According to the transport department of Karnataka, women can apply for Shakti smart cards through sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in from June 11.
- ❖ The Shakti scheme applies only on the ordinary state run bus services of Karnataka.



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- ❖ Airavat, Airavat Club Class, Airavat Gold Class, Ambari, Ambari Dream Class, Ambari Utsav, Fly Bus, Vayu Vajra, Vajra, Non-AC Sleeper, Rajahamsa and EV Power Plus AC buses are excluded in this scheme.
- ❖ The scheme doesn't also apply to those buses which travel outside the state.
- ❖ 50 per cent seats on KSRTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC's ordinary and express buses will be reserved for men.

- ❖ The Shakti scheme is one of the five guarantees that the Congress party made in its election manifesto.
- ❖ **The other four guarantees are**
- ❖ 30% reservation for women in all government jobs
- ❖ Free education for all children from class 1 to 12
- ❖ Free healthcare for all
- ❖ Rs 2,500 per month pension for all women above the age of 60

UP Government launched Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme

- ❖ The Nand Baba Milk Mission has been launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh with a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.
- ❖ Its aim is to boost milk production and empower milk producers by providing them with opportunities to sell their milk through dairy co-operative societies at fair prices.

Indian Dairy System

- ❖ The Indian dairy sector is a significant contributor to the global milk production, accounting for 24%.
- ❖ India claims the top rank in milk production worldwide, and the leading states are Uttar Pradesh (14.9%), Rajasthan (14.6%), Madhya Pradesh (8.6%), Gujarat (7.6%), and Andhra Pradesh (7.0%).
- ❖ Dairy is the largest agricultural item that adds 5% to the national economy, a rise of 6.4% in the last 5 years.
- ❖ The dairy industry provides employment to roughly 8 crore people directly or indirectly.

Important Facts related to Milk Production

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh is a prominent state in India's dairy industry, with a strong presence in milk production, processing, and distribution through numerous cattle farms and cooperatives.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh state's milk output is contributed by various cattle breeds such as Murrah buffaloes, Sahiwal, and Gir.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has well-established infrastructure for milk processing, including pasteurization, packaging, and production of milk-based products such as ghee, paneer, and curd.
- ❖ Moreover, some popular milk-based products from the state include Doodh Peda, Lassi, Rabri, and Chhena.



Environment and Biodiversity

Cyclonic storm Biparjoy has developed in the Arabian Sea.

- ❖ Cyclone Biparjoy in the Arabia Sea has intensified into a severe cyclonic storm. It is the first cyclone in the Arabian Sea of this year.
- ❖ 'Biparjoy' name is suggested by Bangladesh. Its means 'disaster' in Bengali.
- ❖ The effect of this storm can be seen in the coastal areas of Goa, Karnataka, North Kerala.
- ❖ According to Meteorologists, Cyclone has impacted the intensity of monsoon.
- ❖ Scientists claimed that due to climate change cyclonic storms in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea are intensifying for a longer duration.
- ❖ As per IMD, the southern peninsula will receive rain due to this cyclonic storm and the development of a low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ As per a study, the intensity of cyclones in the Arabian Sea has increased by 20 per cent in the post-monsoon period and 40 per cent in the pre-monsoon period.
- ❖ The number of cyclones in the Arabian Sea has increased by 52 percent.
- ❖ The increasing cyclone activities in the Arabian Sea are linked to rising ocean temperature and higher availability of moisture.

As per a study, the Arabian Sea has warmed up by almost 1.2 degrees Celsius since March. It makes the condition more favourable for the rapid intensification of a cyclone.

Science and Technology

Artificial Intelligence has a key role to play in India's technological development

- ❖ 'Artificial Intelligence will play a huge role in augmenting India's technological wealth; Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it will be used on a large scale, especially among the youth.
- ❖ The Prime Minister made this comment after a meeting in Delhi with Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, the developer of the Sat-GBT app.
- ❖ The Prime Minister commented on this suggestion on his Twitter page
- ❖ In the post, he wrote, 'Consulting with Sam Altman was helpful. Artificial Intelligence will play a major role in boosting India's technological wealth. It is especially popular among young people.
- ❖ India is looking forward to all collaborations to expand digital transformation to empower our citizens," he said.

Economy And Finance

No change in interest rates: RBI

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not made any change in the interest rate on short-term loans to banks (repo rate). The interest rate remains unchanged at 6.50 percent for the second time in a row.



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- ❖ Earlier, the RBI had hiked the interest rate by 0.25 percentage points to 6.50 per cent in the Monetary Policy Committee meeting held last February. after that
- ❖ The 3-day meeting of the 6-member Fiscal Policy Committee of RBI concluded in Mumbai. In this, a referendum was held regarding changing the interest rate. Based on the votes of 5-1, it has been decided to keep the interest rate unchanged.
- ❖ Earlier, the interest rate was raised 6 times in a row from May to February last year. Now, for the second time in a row, interest rates remain unchanged.
- ❖ RBI's next Monetary Policy Committee meeting will be held from August 8 to 10.

SIDBI Launched Mission EVOLVE To Finance Msmes For Evs; GAME Received SIDBI's Approval For NGAP Program

- ❖ The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched mission EVOLVE (Electric Vehicle Operations and Lending for Vibrant Ecosystem) in a tie-up with the Niti Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), World Bank, Korea-World Bank partnership facility, and Korean Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) to finance MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) in the electric vehicles (EV) space.
- ❖ The objective of mission EVOLVE is to provide affordable commercial financing for EV loans to MSMEs, including hosting telematics and reducing financing costs.
- ❖ Under the partnership, Niti Aayog will give technical support to SIDBI, and financial assistance would be provided by the World Bank, the Korea-World Bank partnership facility and the Korean EDCF.
- ❖ Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) received in-principal approval from SIDBI for designing and structuring a sustainable and scalable NBFC Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP).

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):

- ❖ Chairman & Managing Director - Sivasubramanian Ramann
- ❖ Headquarters -Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ Establishment -2nd April 1990

OECD Projects India's GDP Growth In FY24 At 6% & FY23 At 7.2%

- ❖ The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Economic Outlook, has marginally increased India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for 2023-24 (FY24) to 6%, from its earlier projection of 5.9%.
- ❖ India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 was estimated at 7.2% due to higher-than-expected agriculture output and strong government spending.

ICAR Signs a Mou With Amazon Kisan To Empower Farmers

- ❖ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Amazon Kisan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to combine strengths and create synergy between the two organisations to guide farmers who are enrolled on Amazon's 'Kisan store' on scientific cultivation of different crops and help them achieve optimum yield and income.



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- ❖ The MoU was signed by U S Gautam, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, and Siddharth Tata, Product Leader, Amazon Fresh Supply Chain and Kisan.
- ❖ Under the MoU, ICAR will collaborate with Amazon for technologies, capacity building and transfer of new knowledge.
- ❖ It will provide technological backstopping to the farmers through Amazon's network and improve farmers' livelihood and boost crop yield.
- ❖ The farmer's partnership with Amazon Kisan program under the MoU is a Public-Private- Peasants-Partnership (PPPP) and it will help ensure access to high-quality fresh produce for consumers across India, including through Amazon Fresh.

National days

MoP & MNRE jointly launched "Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research" to leverage Emerging Technologies in Power Sector

- ❖ The Ministry of Power (MOP) and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) have jointly launched a national mission named "Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research" (MAHIR) to quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and leverage them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India.
- ❖ By identifying emerging technologies and taking them to the implementation stage, the mission seeks to support them as the main fuel for future economic growth and make India a manufacturing hub of the world.
- ❖ The mission has been planned for an initial period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28 and will follow the technology life cycle approach of Idea to Product.

Aim

- ❖ The national mission MAHIR aims to facilitate indigenous research, development and demonstration of the latest and emerging technologies in the power sector.

Funding for the Mission

- ❖ The Mission will be funded by pooling financial resources of the MOP, MNRE and the Central Public Sector Units (PSUs) under the two Ministries of MoP and MNRE.
- ❖ Any additional funding needed will be mobilised from the Government of India's budgetary resources.

71st edition of Miss World 2023 pageant will be hosted by India in November or December

- ❖ This was announced by Julia Morley, Chairperson and CEO of the Miss World Organization on 9 June in New Delhi. This beauty pageant will be organizing in India after a long gap of 27 years.
- ❖ In 1996, India last hosted this competition.
- ❖ Although the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was chosen to host this year's contest in February but the decision was revised and India was chosen.



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- ❖ The decision to confer this prestigious honour on India is in recognition of the country's rich cultural heritage and its commitment to promoting diversity and empowering women.
- ❖ Contestants from over 130 countries will converge in India to showcase their unique talents, intelligence and compassion.
- ❖ Miss India World 2022 Sini Shetty will represent India at the 71st Miss World 2023 contest.
- ❖ In 1966, Rita Faria was the first Indian to win the Miss World title.
- ❖ Nearly three decades later, Aishwarya Rai became Miss World in 1994, followed by Diana Hayden (1997), Yukta Mookhey (1999), Priyanka Chopra (2000) and most recently Manushi Chhillar (2017).

International Relation

The India Sri Lanka Defence seminar cum exhibition to be held tomorrow at Taj Samudra in Colombo

- ❖ As an event to hallmark India's defence manufacturing capabilities, High Commission of India in Sri Lanka is organizing a seminar and exhibition.
- ❖ The India Sri Lanka Defence seminar cum exhibition will be held tomorrow at Taj Samudra in Colombo.
- ❖ The event aims to foster a stable and peaceful Indian Ocean region, aligning with India's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region.
- ❖ The seminar seeks to identify areas of cooperation for economic revival while bolstering the capacity building of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces.
- ❖ The grand seminar will feature a comprehensive exhibition showcasing the capabilities and capacities of both countries in defense equipment manufacturing.
- ❖ Is worth mentioning that the Sri Lankan Armed Forces have successfully utilized a wide range of Indian defense equipment, such as the Indra Radar, Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels, L 70 Guns, Dornier Aircraft, and Army training simulators.

BIMSTEC leaders reaffirm their commitment to strengthen regional cooperation

- ❖ Leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) grouping have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen regional cooperation.
- ❖ The leaders issued messages on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the BIMSTEC on 6th June.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his message said that BIMSTEC framework is India's commitment to create an enabling environment for the rapid development of the region through joint endeavours in a spirit of equality and friendship.
- ❖ He said the current efforts to have a maritime cooperation agreement and an agreement to facilitate the movement of motor vehicles across the region reinforces the importance of the Bay of Bengal for our collective security, connectivity and prosperity.
- ❖ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh highlighted the importance of regional cooperation to meet the challenges of the economic crisis caused by the Ukraine war.



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- ❖ BIMSTEC is a regional organisation.
- ❖ Established in 1997, it comprises seven member states including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal. Its headquarter is based in Dhaka

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