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## 13 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Persons in News

#### Central PF Additional Commissioner of the Company to Take Charge

- ❖ Shri Pankaj was the Additional Commissioner of Industrial Provident Fund Corporation of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- ❖ In this regard, the news released on behalf of the Employees' Provident Fund Corporation on Saturday.
- ❖ Shri Pankaj Thingalki Zhamai has taken charge as the Additional Commissioner of the Employees' Provident Fund Corporation of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Region.
- ❖ Prior to this, he has served as an officer in different parts of the country including the head office of Labor Future Deposit Fund, New Delhi.



#### The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Amit Agarwal as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIADI) and Subodh Kumar Singh as the Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

- ❖ Amit Aggarwal has also been appointed Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, ending Saurabh Garg's two-year tenure.
- ❖ Subodh Kumar Singh was reappointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education in 2022, replacing Vineet Joshi, who was appointed Director General of the National Testing Agency in 2018.
- ❖ Along with his new post as CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India, Amit Agarwal will also serve as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ❖ Amit Agarwal (1993 batch) and Subodh Kumar Singh (1997 batch) are Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of Chhattisgarh cadre.



#### Amit Agarwal

- ❖ Prior to the post of Additional Secretary, he served as Secretary Finance and Secretary Commercial Taxes, Chhattisgarh State Government.
- ❖ He also served as State Technical Education and Manpower Planning Secretary in Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ He was a consultant and director in the Office of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Committee.
- ❖ He also served as Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.



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## Subodh Kumar Singh

- ❖ Subodh Kumar Singh was initially Joint Secretary, Food and Public Distribution Department and has been promoted as Additional Secretary.
- ❖ Currently he is serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of Food and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ❖ He also served as Joint Secretary in Civil Supplies Department.

### Unique Identification Authority of India

- ❖ Established on January 28, 2009
- ❖ Chief Executive Officer – Amit Agarwal
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

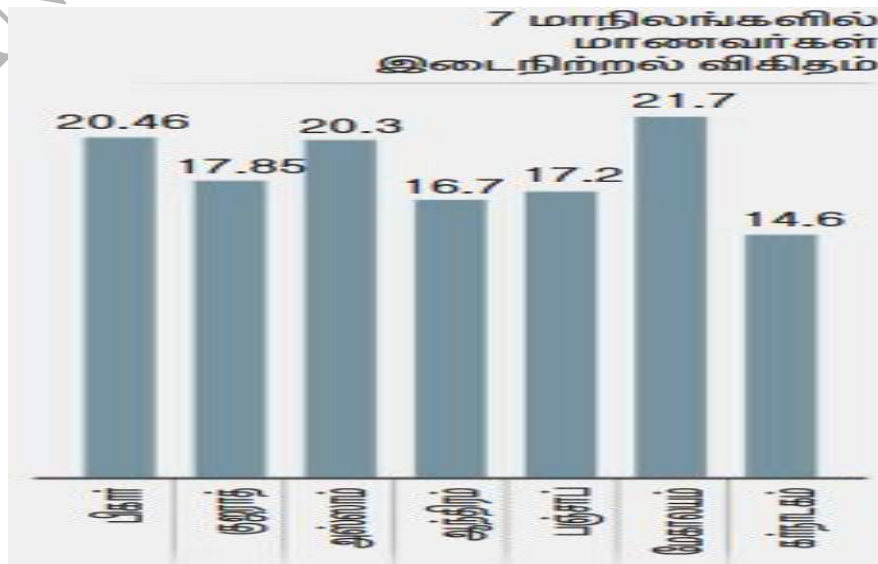
### National Testing Institute (NTA)

- ❖ Established in 2017
- ❖ Director General - Subodh Kumar Singh
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

## Reports and Honors

### According To The Thesis, The Average Dropout Rate Of Secondary Education Students At The National Level Is 12.6%.

- ❖ It has also been mentioned that in 7 states including Gujarat, Bihar and Karnataka, the dropout rate of students is higher than the national average.
- ❖ A thesis was prepared at the end of the meeting. In it, it has been noted that the dropout rate of students at the secondary education level in the last academic year 2021-22 at the national level was an average of 12.6 percent.
- ❖ The dropout rate of secondary education students in Bihar is 20.46, Gujarat is 17.85, Assam is 20.3, Andhra Pradesh is 16.7, Punjab is 17.2, Meghalaya is 21.7 and Karnataka is 14.6.
- ❖ The National Education Policy has set a target of achieving 100 per cent enrollment ratio at the school level by 2030.
- ❖ According to a UNICEF report last year, the dropout rate of female students due to homework is 33 percent nationally.





## Summits and Conferences

### The first Hindu American Summit will begin tomorrow at the US Capitol

- ❖ The first Hindu American Summit will be held on the 14th in the House of Representatives. The recently formed group Americans for Hindus and 20 diaspora Indian organizations will host the summit.
- ❖ These organizations are going to raise the concerns and issues of the Hindu community in front of the American MPs. US House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy will deliver a speech. 130 Indian-American leaders from 20 Hindu and Indian organizations from various parts of America including Florida, New York, Boston, Texas, Chicago, California are coming to the capital Washington to participate in this summit.
- ❖ Politically we - have never been treated with prejudice. However, unfortunately some things are changing. I live in California. Caste-based discrimination is shown here. There are some organizations behind the anti-Hindu activities.
- ❖ So, we are going to unite all the Hindu Americans and gather in the US House of Parliament and voice our problems.
- ❖ Apart from Kevin McCarthy, the leader of the Hindu American Summit, there will also be MPs from the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to speak.
- ❖ We are also going to form the first Hindu group with the following MPs. Its mission is to strive to protect the interests of Hindu Americans. The following M. to join this group. We are going to ask the MPs, upper MPs, senators and representatives.

## Sports

### Novak Djokovic won his 23rd Grand Slam title at French Open 2023

- ❖ Novak Djokovic, Serbian professional tennis player, won his 23rd Grand Slam title (Men's singles category) in the French Open 2023 also known as 2023 Roland-Garros, held at Court Philippe-Chatrier in Stade Roland Garros, Paris, France.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic defeated Casper Ruud of Norway in the final of the French Open 2023 in straight sets 7-6 (1), 6-3, 7-5 to win his 3rd Roland-Garros (French Open) title.
- ❖ Novak Djokovic, the winner of Men's Single at the French Open, received the "La Coupe des Mousquetaires (Musketeers' cup)" trophy.
- ❖ World's No.1, Iga Świątek(22 years old), a Polish tennis player won the Women's Singles title at the French Open 2023 by defeating Karolína Muchová, the Czech tennis player.
- ❖ This marks her 3rd French Open title(2020, 2022, 2023) and 4th Grand Slam title. She also became the youngest to win 4 major titles since Serena Williams in 2002.

### French Open 2023

- ❖ French Open 2023, the 127th edition of the French Open, was held from 22nd May to 11th June 2023.
- ❖ The 2023 French Open, the 2nd Grand Slam tennis tournament of 2023, was played on outdoor clay courts.

### French Open Trophies

- ❖ men's singles - Musketeers' cup
- ❖ women's singles - Suzanne-Lenglen cup



- ❖ men's doubles - Jacques-Brugnon cup
- ❖ women's doubles Simone-Mathieu cup
- ❖ mixed doubles - Marcel-Bernard cup

Category	Winners	Runners
Men's singles	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)	Casper Ruud (Norway)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek(Poland)	Karolína Muchová (Czech Republic)
Men's doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Austin Krajicek (USA)	Sander Gillé and Joran Vliegen (Belgium)
Women's doubles	Hsieh Su-wei(Taiwan) and Wang Xinyu (China)	Leylah Fernandez(Canada) and Taylor Townsend (USA)
Mixed doubles	Miyu Kato (Japan) and Tim Pütz (Germany)	Bianca Andreescu (Canada) and Michael Venus (New Zealand)

## Economy and Banking

### SBM Bank India Launches World Elite Metal Debit Card For The Uber-Affluent Indian

- ❖ SBM Bank (India) Limited (SBM Bank India) launched SBM World Elite
- ❖ Metal Debit Card, Powered by Mastercard, for exclusive, on-invitation access to the world of luxury for the Uber-affluent Indian.
- ❖ This is an International Debit Card and can be used for international transactions.
- ❖ It is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of the card.
- ❖ It is designed and being offered exclusively to SBM Private customers and will target growing segment of affluent Indians with a global outlook.

#### SBM Bank (India) Limited (SBM Bank India)

- ❖ It is the first bank to receive a universal banking license from the Reserve Bank of India to
- ❖ set up and operate as a Scheduled Commercial Bank under Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) mode offering banking services in India.
- ❖ MD & CEO- Sidharth Rath
- ❖ Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

### World Bank Approves \$148M Loan to West Bengal for Enhanced Rural Irrigation Practices

- ❖ The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 148 million loan to support West Bengal, India, in improving irrigation practices in rural areas.
- ❖ The loan will help the region harness (utilize) the surface and groundwater resources more effectively for agricultural purposes.



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- ❖ West Bengal aims to increase farmers' incomes through production of a range of pulses, fruits, and vegetables which requires water for irrigation.
- ❖ The West Bengal Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Project - Phase II will support the state's Department of Water Resources Investigation and Development and water-user associations (WUAs) to plan and operate new irrigation structures such as check dams, small-scale storage structures, creek rehabilitation, tube wells, and pump dug wells.
- ❖ The irrigation practices will allow for crop diversification to boost the yield of high-value crops including the production of 17,000 tons of oilseed and at least 10,000 tons of fish each year.

## The World Bank

- ❖ Established: 1944
- ❖ Presidents: Ajay Banga ( 14th President )
- ❖ Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

## ADB To Fund USD 130 Million Loan For Horticulture In Himachal Pradesh

- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and The Government of India signed a USD 130 million loan for the Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation, and Value Addition Project to increase agricultural productivity, improve access to irrigation and promote horticulture agribusinesses to raise farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh, India.
- ❖ This agreement is based on the outcome of ADB's project readiness facility which demonstrated the subtropical horticulture production over 200 hectares and prepared the draft water user association (WUA) act and the draft state horticulture development strategy.



## About Asian Development Bank:

- ❖ President - Masatsugu Asakawa
- ❖ Headquarters - Manila, Philippines
- ❖ Established - 1966

## Tamilnadu News

### 75 crores for Kuruvai Paddy Cultivation Synthesis Scheme

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K.Stalin opened water from Mettur dam for irrigation of Cauvery delta. In order to increase the production of rice in Tamil Nadu, the farmers will be able to effectively utilize the water for the cultivation of rice in the Cauvery River basin in the year 2022. 75.95 crore announced with a view to increasing production.
- ❖ The inputs such as low-age rice seeds, chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers, crop loans, etc. required for the short season were also provided to the farmers of Delta district in due time.



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- ❖ As a result, last year Kurvai paddy cultivation crossed 5.36 lakh acres and produced a record of 12.76 lakh tonnes of paddy, which is the biggest record in the last 48 years.
- ❖ To increase agricultural production in Tamil Nadu and improve the lives of farmers, we are taking various initiatives including separate financial status report.

## National News

### Highlights of German Federal Minister of Defence Boris Pistorius's visit to India; TKMS MDL sign pact for bid IN's Rs 43,000cr P751 Project

- ❖ The Federal Minister of Defence of Germany, Boris Pistorius was on a 4-day official visit to India from June 5-8, 2023 for facilitating bilateral defence cooperation and exploring avenues for strategic partnership.
- ❖ Defence Minister Boris Pistorius and India's Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence hold talks to enhance bilateral defence cooperation, particularly industrial partnership.
- ❖ The issue of global supply chain disruptions was also discussed and the Indian side asked the German side to diversify their supply chains to stable and open countries.
- ❖ German defence major Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) and state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Indian Navy's (IN) P-75 India (P751) Submarine Project.

#### Germany

- ❖ Capital- Berlin
- ❖ Currency- Euro
- ❖ President- Frank-Walter Steinmeier

### Unemployment Rate fell to 7.7% in May: CMIE Report

- ❖ Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt.Ltd.(CMIE) has recently released the data about the current unemployment rate in India for May 2023. According to its statistics, Unemployment rate decreased to 7.7% due to a decline in the labour participation at 441.9 million.
- ❖ In May 2023, the unemployment rate in India for individuals aged 15 years and above declined to 7.7%, marking a decrease from 8.5% in April 2023. Meanwhile labour participation rate fell by 1.1 % point to 39.6% in May when compared to April 2023.T



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- ❖ The decline in labor participation was notably higher in rural India compared to urban India. Moreover, the urban labor market observed a decrease in both the employed and unemployed populations.

## Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd.

- ❖ Established - 1976
- ❖ Managing Director - Mahesh Vyas
- ❖ Headquarters - Mumbai, Maharashtra

## PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever National Training Conclave for Civil Servants first-ever National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

- ❖ On 11th June 2023, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever National Training Conclave aimed at strengthening the training infrastructure for Civil Servants across India at an event held at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ The Conclave was being hosted by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and is organised under the authority of the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) - 'Mission Karmayogi'.
- ❖ The training modules nurture the potential of officials as well as instil the whole of government approach and spirit of Jan Bhagidari (people's participation).

### Highlights

- ❖ The Integrated Government Online Training (IGOT) Karmayogi platform has brought about a level playing field as it provides opportunities to everyone for training.
- ❖ Karmayogi Mission seeks to improve the orientation, mindset and approach of the government personnel.