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17, 18, & 19 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important days

16 June 2023 - International Day of Family Remittances

- ❖ The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is annually observed on 16th June across the world to recognise the crucial contribution of over 200 million migrant workers across the world, who send money to over 800 million family members in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- ❖ The day also highlights the resilience of migrant workers in experiencing economic insecurities, global pandemic and natural and climate-related disasters.
- ❖ **Theme "Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction".**
- ❖ Remittances refers to the money that is transferred by migrant workers to their native countries with the aim to contribute towards economic development.



Background

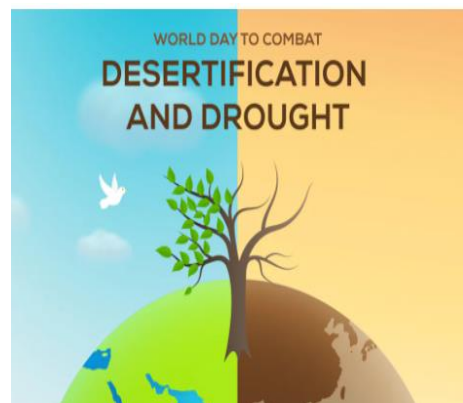
- ❖ The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR), a universally-recognized observance adopted by the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), on 16 February 2015.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/72/281 on
- ❖ 12th June 2018, and proclaimed 16th June of every year as the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR).

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

- ❖ Instituted in- 1977
- ❖ President- Alvaro Lario
- ❖ Headquarters- Rome, Italy

17 June 2023 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (International)

- ❖ Since 1995, this day is observed to spread awareness about international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought.
- ❖ **The theme of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2023 is "Her land. Her rights"**
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly in 1994 declared 17 June as the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought".





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- ❖ It is a unique occasion to remind people that desertification can be effectively tackled, solutions are possible and important is participation and cooperation at all levels.

17 June 2023 –World Crocodile Day

- ❖ World Crocodile Day is observed on June 17 every year to spread awareness about the conservation of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.
- ❖ **Theme "a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world."**
- ❖ The Crocodiles and alligators are celebrated during the day and it would encourage people to get involved in helping them.
- ❖ World Crocodile Day 2023 was organized by the Crocodile Research Coalition in conjunction with the Belize Zoo.
- ❖ Crocodiles are reptiles from the order Crocodylia that have short legs, powerful tails, long snouts, and bony-plated backs.



Key Points

- ❖ Crocodiles are large semi-aquatic reptiles found in the tropics of Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Australia.
- ❖ Crocodylian Species in India include Mugger (or) Marsh Crocodile, Estuarine (or) Saltwater Crocodile and Gharial Crocodile.

Persons in News

Inauguration of Tamil Nadu Chief Information Commissioner

- ❖ Retired as Tamil Nadu Chief Information Commissioner I.P.S. To Officer Shakeel Akhtar, Governor R. N. Ravi administered the oath of office. Also, four Information Commissioners were sworn in.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Information Commissioner retired I.P. S. Officer Shakeel Akhtar was appointed recently.
- ❖ Similarly, four vacant posts of Information Commissioners were filled by retired IPS officers. Officer P. Thamarai Kannan, R. Priyakumar, K. Thirumalaimuthu, Professor M. Selvaraj were appointed.
- ❖ Governor R.N. Ravi administered the oath. They shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of taking office or till the age of 65 years whichever comes first.



The Prime Minister co-wrote the song with the singer

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has penned a song with Grammy Award-winning Indo-American singer Fall on the benefits of small grains and their role in reducing world hunger.



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- ❖ This song has been sung by Mumbai-born singer Falu and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah.
- ❖ In a statement published on singer Falu's website, Falu and Gaurav Shah released the song Millets by Abundance featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The song was created to celebrate the International Year of Small Grains. This song has been written to create awareness about the role of small grains in alleviating the world's hunger.
- ❖ There is evidence of the use of small grains in the Indus Valley Civilization. Small grains are among the first crops of India.
- ❖ Currently cultivated in 130 countries, small grains are a traditional food for over 50 million people in Asia and Africa.
- ❖ The song was released in English and Hindi. It will also be published in other regional languages.

Defence News

Indian Navy Launches “Julley Ladakh” Outreach Program

- ❖ The Indian Navy recently launched an outreach program called “Julley Ladakh” (Hello Ladakh) to increase awareness about the Navy and engage with the youth and civil society in the pristine state of Ladakh.
- ❖ Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, the Vice Chief of Naval Staff, flagged off a 5000 km Motorcycle Expedition on June 15, 2023, from the National War Memorial as part of this initiative.



Previous Outreach Efforts

- ❖ The Sam No Varunah automobile trip, which sought to engage with residents of coastal states, and the Indian Navy's successful activities in the North East region are both references in this outreach programme.

Outreach Activities

- ❖ A medical camp will also be held, a concert by the Navy band will take place, and a football game between the Navy and the Ladakh Football Club has also been planned.

The “Julley Ladakh” initiative aims to

- ❖ Celebrate "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, which marks 75 years of Indian Independence".
- ❖ Conduct awareness campaigns in Ladakh's institutions and schools to draw attention to the Agnipath Scheme and other career prospects provided by the Indian Navy.

The Indian Navy

- ❖ Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India: General Manoj Pande
- ❖ Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
- ❖ Commander-In-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN): Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan AVSM
- ❖ Chief of the Air Staff of India: Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
- ❖ Chief of Naval Staff of India: Admiral R Hari Kumar



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Defence ministry approved procurement of 31 MQ-9B armed drones from US.

- ❖ On 15 June, Ministry of Defense of India has approved the acquisition of 31 MQ-9B armed drones from the US.
- ❖ The approval for the purchase of the drone made by General Atomics was given at a meeting of the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ❖ India is expected to buy the drones in a deal worth a little over \$3 billion.
- ❖ 15 drones will be for the Navy and eight each for the Army and the Air Force
- ❖ The drones have an endurance of over 27 hours and can operate up to 50,000 feet.
- ❖ The deal is expected to be announced during Modi's meeting with US President Joe Biden at the White House on June 22.
- ❖ India and the US have been negotiating the acquisition of drones for nearly eight years, primarily to enhance the surveillance capabilities of the Indian armed forces.
- ❖ Currently, the Indian Navy is operating two MQ-9 drones leased from the US in November 2020.



A contract worth Rs 500 crore signed by Defence Ministry to strengthen communication system of Indian Army.

- ❖ The Ministry of Defense entered into a contract with International Communication in Business Tele Limited, Hyderabad in New Delhi for procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication Equipment Containers.
- ❖ The MoU has been signed to further promote indigenous manufacturing of defense equipment and encourage private sector to realize the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ The distribution of containers will start in the current financial year 2023-24.
- ❖ These containers will be used to provide a protected environment for communications equipment to function more reliably.
- ❖ The containers will be placed on authorized special vehicles and moved as per operational requirements.
- ❖ The company will produce the containers with all components and sub-systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers.
- ❖ The development of such state-of-the-art equipment will also help in increasing exports with friendly countries.

Summits and Conferences

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla officially inaugurated the National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) in Mumbai on 16 June 2023.

- ❖ National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) started in Mumbai on 15 June 2023.
- ❖ The APJ Abdul Kalam expo pavilion was also inaugurated. It reflects the theme of Bharat's 75th year of independence.



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- ❖ Mr. Birla addressed the gathering of legislators and said that this conference gives a platform to engage in discussions.
- ❖ He said that this conference gives a platform to contemplate strengthening our legislative institutions.
- ❖ National Legislators' Conference Bharat is taking place in Mumbai from 15th to 18th June 2023.
- ❖ It is an avenue for Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) all over India to gather for the first time ever at one place.

2 Day Entrepreneurship Conference at Mamallapuram

- ❖ According to Business Network International, a national conference will be held in Mamallapuram on June 17 and 18 in which more than 2000 entrepreneurs will participate.
- ❖ Regarding this, Business Network International Chairman Eyan Mizner in Nungambakkam, Chennai, Business Network International is an organization of various entrepreneurs from all over the world. The organization has more than 50,000 members across 121 cities in India.
- ❖ On June 17-18, a national conference will be held at Mamallapuram, where more than 2,000 entrepreneurs will participate.
- ❖ Has more than 8,000 members in Tamil Nadu. The specialty of Business Network International is to bring together different types of entrepreneurs like micro, small businesses, innovation industries and recommend them to customers.
- ❖ The goal is to quickly transform Business Network International into a leading organization supporting businesses globally.

Sports

Squash World Champion Egypt

- ❖ Egypt retained their title with a thrilling 2-1 win over Malaysia at the World Cup Squash tournament organized by WSF, SRFI and STDA in Chennai.
- ❖ The World Cup Squash Tournament started on 13th at Chennai Express Avenue Mall. Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Udayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the tournament.
- ❖ Teams from Egypt, India, Malaysia, Japan, South Africa, Hong Kong China, Colombia and Australia participated.
- ❖ In this case, Egypt defeated Japan in the semi-final matches and Malaysia defeated India to qualify for the final match.
- ❖ India, Japan 3rd position: India and Japan shared the 3rd position in terms of points.

2023 Squash World Cup Finals

1 - Egypt

2 - Malaysia

3 - India

3 - Japan



- 5 - Australia
- 6 - Colombia
- 7 - South Africa
- 8 - Hong Kong, China

World Championship: Murali Sreesankar qualifies

- ❖ Kerala's Murali Sreesankar cleared 8.41 meters in the long jump qualifying round to advance to the finals at the National Athletics Championships.
- ❖ By covering this distance, he has qualified for the World Athletics Championships.
- ❖ The qualification standard for the event in Hungary in August is 8.25m.
- ❖ Men's long jump qualifying round of National Athletics Championship held in Odisha. Murali Sreesankar cleared 8.41 meters in his first attempt. This is his new "Personal Best".
- ❖ In long jump, Tamil Nadu's Jeswin Aldrin previously held a national record of 8.42m.
- ❖ Currently, in this national championship, he cleared 7.83 meters and Mohammad Anas Yahia cleared 7.71 meters to advance to the finals.

History was made by the Sadhvik/Chirag partnership

- ❖ India's Shadvik Sairaj/Chirag Shetty partnership created history by winning the men's doubles title at the Indonesia Open badminton tournament.
- ❖ They both have the honor of being the first Indian pair to win a gold medal in Super 1000 events. In the final, the 7th-ranked duo of Chadwick/C Rock defeated joint Malaysian world champions and 2nd-ranked duo Aaron Chia/So Wooi Yik in 43 minutes, 21-17, 21-18.
- ❖ Along with this, it is also noteworthy that the Sadhvik/Chirag alliance has registered its first win after Aaron/Cho have met 11 times.
- ❖ Champion Sattwick/Chirag combination win trophy, Gold medal, a total cash prize of Rs.75.77 lakhs has been awarded.
- ❖ Along with this, he currently has medals in Commonwealth Games (Gold), Thomas Cup (Gold), World Championships (Bronze), Syed Modi Badminton Tournament (Gold), Thailand Open (Gold), India Open (Gold), French Open (Gold). His Indonesian title Indian counterpart has been included in the list.

Other Winners

- ❖ In the men's singles category of the tournament, Denmark's Vik der Axelsen beat Indonesia's Anthony Sinizuka to become the champion.
- ❖ In the women's singles, China's Chen Yu Fei beat Spain's Carolina Marin to advance. In women's doubles, South Korea's Baek Ha Na/Lee So Hee won the gold, beating Japan's Yuki Fuku Shima/Sayaka Hirota.
- ❖ In mixed doubles, China's Zheng Chi Wei/Huang Ya Qiang won the title, defeating Japan's Yuta Watanabe/Arisa Higashino.



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Art and Culture

Discovery of flint chip discs in excavations near Chatur

- ❖ In the second phase of excavations going on near Chatur, flint chip discs were found.
- ❖ The first phase of excavation work has been completed in the Uchimedu area located on the banks of Vibe River in Vijayakaraisalkulam Panchayat near Chatur, Virudhunagar District, and 3,254 objects of flint chip circle, brick have been recovered. Were discovered and displayed in the same area for public viewing.
- ❖ Following this, the second phase of excavation work started on April 6. During this work, 8 pits were excavated and so far 2,000 objects have been found.
- ❖ In this case, there were found clay chip circles used by women during the bandi game and bricks used in ancient times.
- ❖ Through this, it has come to light that the people of ancient times used the clay chip circle for games and there was a brick pillar in this area, said the archaeologists.

16th Century Navakanda Nadukal Near Madhuranthakam!

- ❖ Archaeologists C.Chandrasekhar and I.Ramesh have found the Navakanda stone stone, which is believed to belong to the 16th century, in Indore next to Madhuranda Ghat.
- ❖ On Vinayagar Koil Street, Indolur, near Madurandakam, Seiyur Circle, Chengalpattu District, there is a Navakanda Nadukal where only the knee of a man can be seen. Other parts of it were found buried in the soil.
- ❖ Knowing this information, Professor C. Chandrasekhar of Dharmapuri Government College of Arts, who is engaged in archaeological research, and Swayapakkam I. Ramesh, a graduate teacher of Madurandakam Hindu Higher Secondary School, went to the area and investigated.
- ❖ In this, they found the middle stone.
- ❖ 16th century Navakanda Nadukal found at Indolur Village, Seiyur Circle, and Chengalpattu District. Navakandam is an event where the hero in this middle stone can dedicate himself to the god of the mushroom community belonging to a sect. That is, cutting off one's own head and creating it for God is 'Navakan' Dum'.
- ❖ Or a warrior in the bodyguard of the king before the king goes to war, praying for the king's victory in the war and cutting off his own head and offering it to God is 'Navakandam'. Above the head of this mesolithic figure is a crown.
- ❖ Therefore, there is definitely a chance to be a small land king or king of that area. The figure's face is not clear as it is distorted. Must have been a king.
- ❖ That the sculptor's work is very clear is made clear by the cut in the neck by the knife that cut the neck. Also, a beautifully designed fabric is seen on the back of the king's midsection.
- ❖ You can see the inside with the ornaments on the waist. In such a situation, when one sees the person, there is a high possibility of being a hero or king.
- ❖ The arms are beautifully carved with warrior's eyes and the bracelet worn by the king on the shoulder strap.
- ❖ The knife is shown hanging down the arm after the neck has been cut. The researchers said that it is possible to calculate how fast and strong the hero would have cut his neck.



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Schemes and their Utilities

Tamil Nadu tops the Jal Jeevan scheme

- ❖ Urban Development Minister K.N. Nehru said that Tamil Nadu is at the top in India in the Jal Jeevan scheme for providing drinking water to all.
- ❖ A foundation stone laying ceremony was held for the construction of a new bus station in Pattukottai Nariambalayam area of Thanjavur district.
- ❖ Urban Development Minister K.N. Nehru presided over the function and laid the foundation stone and said:
- ❖ He said that since Tamil Nadu is at the top of the Jal Jeevan scheme, which is a scheme to provide drinking water to all, steps are being taken to make protected drinking water available to all.

Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey launched "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" in Mussorie, Uttarakhand.

- ❖ "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" has been developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL).
- ❖ Its main aim is to bring transformation in the Indian dairy industry by addressing key challenges of the milk collection process.
- ❖ It will also help in improving the quality of milk and foster transparency among stakeholders.
- ❖ This app is a step towards government commitment of digitalization and facilitates Direct Beneficiary Transfer to milk producers.
- ❖ It will improve operations across all partnerships including milk producers, milk co-operative societies, milk organizations and state federations.
- ❖ Milk Collection Partner Mobile App will provide information to milk producers in English, Hindi, Punjabi, Telugu and other languages.
- ❖ Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited has developed a comprehensive cloud-based solution.
- ❖ It will help in fulfilling critical needs for advancements in the dairy industry.

The world must act as one family to tackle climate change, said IIT Chennai Director V. Kamakody

- ❖ IIT Chennai Director V. Kamakody said that it is necessary for the world to act as one family to face climate change from 20 years.
- ❖ The 3rd Finance Committee meeting of the India-led G-20 Summit will be held from June 19 to June 21 at Mamallapuram, Chennai. In view of this, a roundtable discussion was held at IIT Chennai on the topic 'Fundraising to mitigate the effects of climate change'.
- ❖ Due to climate change, most of the land in India is facing continuous impacts like floods, droughts and earthquakes.
- ❖ He said India should act like the G-20 pledge of 'World is a family' to tackle climate change. Climate Change Finance Division Adviser, (Econ
- ❖ of policy development



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- ❖ "India's Yastha, India's director of carbon dioxide emissions, is more than any other country in the world," the Indian finance ministry said.

Science and Technology

Kiya.ai showcased Bharatmeta, India's metaverse platform, at VivaTech 2023 in Paris

- ❖ Kiya.ai, Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technology solutions provider, showcased its version of the metaverse called "Bharatmeta", India's first of its kind metaverse platform, at VivaTech 2023 event held at Paris expo Porte de Versailles, Paris, France from 14th to 17th June 2023.
- ❖ Vivatech 2023 is the 7th edition of Europe's biggest startup and tech event.
- ❖ Metaverse refers to a multi-dimensional digital space that employs virtual reality and augmented reality to provide lifelike experiences to users online.
- ❖ Bharatmeta offers practical use cases for banking, commerce, culture, and collaboration within the metaverse.
- ❖ It aims to bridge the gap between physical and virtual realms.

Economy & Banking

25th Conference of Asia-Pacific Supervision Directors in Mumbai

- ❖ SEACEN-FSI 25th Conference of Asia-Pacific Supervision Directors: Banking supervisors are being urged by the Reserve Bank to keep up to date with technological advances in order to regulate and monitor the fast-evolving world of financial technology.

Highlights

- ❖ The Reserve Bank's deputy governor, Mukesh Jain, stated that as banks continue to adopt new technologies, it is essential that supervisors have access to the knowledge and resources needed to effectively supervise them.

What is so important?

- ❖ Both banks and banking supervisors must develop their capabilities to handle technological advancements.
- ❖ Investment in technology with a long-term vision and upgrading knowledge and skills will be necessary.
- ❖ To enhance the effectiveness of supervisory frameworks, the Reserve Bank has used various analytical tools, including early warning systems, stress testing models, vulnerability assessments, and micro-data analytics, among others.
- ❖ The bank is also adopting advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning to gain deeper insights into supervised entities' operations, while safeguarding necessary measures.

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

- ❖ Investors who apply online and make payment through digital mode will be eligible for a discount of Rs 50 (Rupees Fifty only) per gram from the issue price, as decided by the Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.
- ❖ The issue price for such investors will be Rs 5,876 (Rupees



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- ❖ Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six only) per gram of gold.

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme

- ❖ Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme is a government scheme launched to help individuals invest in gold.
- ❖ This scheme was introduced in 2015 by the Government of India to reduce the import of physical gold and to mobilize people's unused gold holdings in the country.
- ❖ The scheme provides an opportunity for investors to invest in gold without the risks of theft, storage, or making charges.

Key Features

- ❖ Under the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, investors can invest in gold in the form of bonds.
- ❖ The bond's value is linked to the price of gold in the market, and investors earn returns on the investment at the prevailing market rate.
- ❖ The investment tenure of this scheme is eight years, and investors can redeem the bond at the end of the term or sell these bonds in the secondary market.
- ❖ The scheme also offers interest income at the rate of 2.5% per annum on the investment amount.
- ❖ The interest payment is made semi-annually to the investors' registered bank account.
- ❖ The gold bonds are issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on behalf of the Government of India.

Indian Overseas Bank Introduces Innovative Scheme Allowing Customers to Use Any Name as Account Number

- ❖ Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a public sector lender based in Chennai, has launched a groundbreaking scheme called 'My Account My Name,' which enables customers to select any name as their savings account number.
- ❖ This initiative, the first of its kind in the banking industry, allows individuals to choose a personalized account number that can be used for all transaction purposes.
- ❖ The scheme was officially launched by the bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer during a virtual event at the Indian Overseas Bank Central Office in Chennai.
- ❖ Whether an individual belongs to the salaried class, is a high net worth individual, a student, a pensioner, or a senior citizen, IOB aims to provide tailored account options to suit their requirements.
- ❖ This comprehensive approach showcases the bank's commitment to inclusivity and customer-centricity.

Tamilnadu News

Guard Welfare App Service Public Welfare Minister Subh Bramanian launched the police welfare app service developed by the Chennai Metropolitan Police Department



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- ❖ Public Welfare Minister Subh Bramanian launched the police welfare app service developed by the Chennai Metropolitan Police Department.
- ❖ Police Hospital in Egmore, operated by the Chennai Metropolitan Police Department, was opened as a dispensary by the British in 1928. This hospital, which started as a small hospital with 15 beds in 1963, is now upgraded to 50 beds with a head doctor, 10 doctors, 12 nurses.
- ❖ Also, this hospital has various modern facilities.
- ❖ Around 600 people are treated here daily. The government allocated Rs 45.50 lakh for the modernization of services here. Chennai Metropolitan Police Department Police Hospital through this fund
- ❖ With this, the hospital is going to carry out all the activities through the mobile app called Guard Welfare.
- ❖ The inauguration ceremony of this project was held in the hospital premises.

5 years in jail if people are dumped in sewage tank

- ❖ A warning has been issued by the municipal department that people will be sentenced to 5 years imprisonment if they drop people into the sewage tank.
- ❖ Additional Chief Secretary Municipal Administration and Drinking Water Supply Department Shivdas Meena announced
- ❖ As per the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Human Waste Disposal Operators Act 2013, it is prohibited to enter the cesspool under any circumstances.
- ❖ A first offense is punishable with imprisonment for 2 years or with a fine of Rs.2 lakh or with both. Repeat violation shall be punishable with imprisonment for 5 years or with fine of Rs.5 lakhs or with both.
- ❖ In case of loss of life during cleaning of sewerage structure and sewage collection tank, the owner, contractor, employees engaged in this work will be booked and action will be taken as per Prevention and Rehabilitation of Human Waste Disposal Industry Act 2013, Indian Penal Code and other applicable laws.
- ❖ The cesspool should be cleaned only by machines. No local body or any company shall directly or indirectly engage any employee in the cleaning of hazardous sewage structures, cesspools. Violators will be prosecuted.
- ❖ It further stated that as per Municipal Administration and Drinking Water Supply Department's order issued on June 7, 2002, compensation of Rs.15 lakh should be paid to the heirs of the employees.

An agro-based industrial park in the delta region

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Industries Minister T. R. P. said that steps will be taken to set up an agricultural industrial park in the Tanjore Delta region. Raja said.
- ❖ At the National Rice Festival held in Thirutharapoondi, he presented seed paddy to traditional rice farmers and awards to traditional rice farmers and ecological service organizations.
- ❖ In early 2016, when former Chief Minister Karunanidhi and then Chief Minister Jayalalithaa were present, I brought a resolution in the Legislative Assembly that the Cauvery Delta should be declared a protected agricultural zone. That has been accomplished later.



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- ❖ Steps will be taken to set up an agricultural industrial park in the Tanjore Delta region. Milling of traditional paddy rice varieties costs Rs. 2 crores as already announced, a modern rice mill will be set up quickly.
- ❖ If farmers increase the production of traditional rice, efforts will be made to introduce traditional varieties of rice in government hospitals.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Rs. He has already announced a plan to build an agricultural corridor worth 1,000 crores.
- ❖ Also, a playground will be constructed as per the request made by the member of the Legislative Assembly as there is no place to construct a playground in Tiruthurai Bundi.
- ❖ Similarly, to connect all 93 ponds in Mannargudi, Rs. 90 crore project will be announced soon, he said.

National News

Rajasthan tops in Wind Energy Adoption during FY 2022-23; Gujarat & TN stands 2nd & 3rd

- ❖ On the event organised as a part of the Global Wind Day 2023 (15th June 2023) in New Delhi, Delhi, Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy(MONRE) felicitated Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu (TN) for being the top achiever during the financial year (FY) 2022-2023.
- ❖ Rajasthan was honoured for achieving the highest wind capacity addition.
- ❖ Gujarat was honoured for achieving the highest wind capacity addition through open access.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu was honoured for initiating the repowering of wind turbines.

Global Wind Day event

- ❖ The MONRE joined the global celebration of Global Wind Day 2023 by organising the 1-day event under the central theme - "Pawan - Urja: Powering the Future of India". Organisers:
- ❖ The event was organised by the National Institute of Wind Energy, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, Indian Wind Power Association, and Wind Independent Power Producers Association.

Participants

- ❖ The event witnessed the participation of the central and state government authorities, wind turbine manufacturers and developers, international and domestic financial institutions, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSSES), academia, think tanks and other stakeholders. Highlights of the event:
- ❖ The Wind Atlas at 150 meter(m) above ground level, prepared by the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) was also launched during the event.
- ❖ At present, the onshore wind potential of India is at 1,164 giga watt (GW) at 150m above ground level.



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Jettwings Airways, Northeast's first Airlines gets Approval for Flight operations

- ❖ On 14th June 2023, Jettwings Airways, a Guwahati (Assam)-based airline received the No objection certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of civil Aviation (MoCA) to operate as 'Schedule Commuter Air Transport Services' in the North eastern regions of India and aims to begin its services from October 2023.
- ❖ With this, Jettwings becomes the first-ever company from the Northeast region to start airline operations in India.
- ❖ Jettwings Airways plans to offer regional connectivity to passengers under the Centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) to several destinations in the Northeast and eastern Indian regions initially.

Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik Scheme

- ❖ Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik Scheme, initiated in October 2016 is a regional airport development program which was launched in April 2017 by the Government of India (GoI), and is basically a part of a regional connectivity scheme for upgrading the under-serviced air routes.
- ❖ Through this scheme, air travel will be made affordable and widespread.
- ❖ Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), the central government has made efforts to improve air connectivity by linking regional airports which has significantly improved trade for particular regions.
- ❖ This has also promoted the economic growth and development of the tourism sector.

Footwear industry to comply with Quality Control Orders from July 1, 2023

- ❖ On June 14, 2023, the Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) interacted with the representatives from the Indian Footwear Industry in New Delhi, Delhi, where, it was decided to implement 'Footwear Made from Leather and Other Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2022' on 24 footwear products from July 1, 2023.
- ❖ It was also decided not to extend the deadline for complying with the mandatory quality standards and included Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the ambit of the Quality Control Order (QCO). MSMEs were earlier exempt from QCO.
- ❖ QCOs will help in increasing the production of quality footwear, exports and establishing Indian brands in the global markets.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I)

- ❖ Union Minister- Piyush Goyal (Rajya Sabha- Maharashtra)
- ❖ Minister of State (MOS)- Som Parkash (Constituency- Hoshiarpur, Punjab) and Anupriya Patel (Constituency-Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh)



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TRSL-BHEL inks contract with Indian Railways to Manufacture 80 Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains

- ❖ A consortium of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) and Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), formerly known as Titagarh Wagons Limited (TWL), bagged a contract worth Rs 24,000 crore with the Indian Railways to manufacture 80 fully assembled Vande Bharat Sleeper Train by 2029 and their maintenance for 35 years.
- ❖ The first prototype will be delivered within 2 years.

About the Contract

- ❖ BHEL will cover supply of propulsion systems such as Insulated-Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)-based traction converter-inverter, auxiliary converter, train control management system, motors, transformers, and mechanical bogies. TRSL will be responsible for the mechanical coach building.

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

- ❖ Chairman & Managing Director - Dr. Nalin Shinghal
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ Established - 1964

Nehru Library renamed as 'Prime Minister Library'

- ❖ The Center has renamed the Nehru Memorial Arung Gallery and Library at Deenmurthy Bhavan in Delhi as 'Prime Minister's Museum and Library'.
- ❖ Congress condemns Nehru Library's name change to 'Prime Minister's Library'; BJP retaliates
- ❖ The central government has renamed the Nehru memorial museum and scriptures at Deen Murthy Bhavan in Delhi as 'Prime Minister's Arungad Shrine and Library'. The Congress party has condemned this.
- ❖ A resolution to change the name of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society (NMML) has been passed in a special meeting and action has been taken accordingly,' the Union Ministry of Culture said. The meeting was chaired by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, who is currently the Chairman of Society D.
- ❖ From Jawaharlal Nehru to Narendra Modi, the society will showcase the contributions of all the Prime Ministers and how they faced various challenges in this society.
- ❖ Also, Rajnath Singh compared the journey of various Prime Ministers of the country to the colors of the rainbow and said, 'It looks beautiful only when all the colors of the rainbow are in equal proportion.
- ❖ In that sense, the resolution passed in the meeting of the Society was in respect of all our Prime Ministers. This is the democratic procedure', he said.
- ❖ Deenmurthy Bhavan was Jawaharlal Nehru's official residence when he was Prime Minister. He lived here for 16 years. As a memorial, this house was converted into a Nehru memorial shrine and library.
- ❖ This shows the small-mindedness and authoritarianism of the BJP-RSS organizations'.
- ❖ Congress does not hesitate to insult its own leaders - BJP: Responding to the Congress' criticism, the BJP criticized that 'Congress does not hesitate to insult its own leaders'.



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- ❖ The Nehru memorial is well equipped with a museum and museum.
- ❖ Congress President Mohan Singh has condemned the move by Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, Rajiv Gandhi and Mangum to take petty political revenge against Lal Bahadur Shastri and Indira Dik to change the name of the society.

'Government of India - United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027' (GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027) was signed between the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and United Nations (UN) office in India.

- ❖ It was signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) B V R Subrahmanyam, NITI Aayog; and Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator, India.
- ❖ The formulation of the GOI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 was led by NITI Aayog while the UN Resident Coordinator led and coordinated inputs from the UN Development System (UNDS) in India.
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NITI Aayog (National Institution For Transforming India)

- ❖ Chairman- Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ❖ Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

International Relation

"Bangkok Vision 2030"

- ❖ The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) summit is going to be held at the end of 2023.
- ❖ Bangkok Vision 2030 will be adopted at this summit which will give direction to the organization.
- ❖ The 19th BIMSTEC ministerial meeting hosted by Thailand in March discussed and approved the draft of BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030.
- ❖ The goals of Vision 2030 are also in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and Thailand's bio- circular-green economic model.
- ❖ A marine transport cooperation agreement is likely to be signed at the summit.
- ❖ Thailand, has put forth the Bangkok Vision 2030.
- ❖ It will help in making the BIMSTEC region more prosperous, resilient and open.
- ❖ The BIMSTEC charter was adopted in 2022, which laid the foundation to function it as a full-fledged organization.

BIMSTEC

- ❖ It was formed on 6 June 1997 and its headquarters is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ❖ It is an international organization of South Asia and Southeast Asian countries.
- ❖ Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand are members of BIMSTEC.
- ❖ Thailand is chairing the chairmanship of BIMSTEC for 2022



Prime Minister Modi-President Biden meeting will focus on important issues

- ❖ Indian Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu has said that the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden will focus on important issues including health, technology, renewable energy, education and security.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi will be on an official visit to America from 20th to 23rd. During that trip, the UN Apart from participating in the International Yoga Day program held at the headquarters, he also meets President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and others.
- ❖ Also, Prime Minister Modi will address a joint session of the US Parliament.
- ❖ The two leaders will also discuss making affordable healthcare facilities and medicines available to the people.
- ❖ Regarding the issue of renewable energy, solar energy, green hydrogen etc. will be discussed.

Educational cooperation

- ❖ India and the US are already working together in the field of education. The leaders will discuss ways to further strengthen that cooperation.

India, Australia includes 15 New Areas for talks on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement

- ❖ India and Australia have decided to expand the negotiations on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) by including 15 more areas which have never been part of any trade deal that India has been part of.
- ❖ These areas include agri-tech, critical minerals, space, sports, gender innovation and competition policy, among others.
- ❖ This decision has been made during the third round of negotiations on the comprehensive trade agreement with Australia.
- ❖ The next round of talks are scheduled for July 2023.
- ❖ India and Australia have already implemented an interim trade pact (Economic and Cooperation Agreement) in December 2022.
- ❖ Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the US and Vietnam are members of the 14- nation bloc Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity .