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25 and 26 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

Important Days

26 June 2023 - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

- ❖ This day was observed on 26 June every year to make people aware of the harmful effects of drugs and to determine a society free of drug abuse.
- ❖ **Theme "People First: Stop Stigma And Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention."**
- ❖ It was established by the United Nations General Assembly to strengthen global action and cooperation.



26 June - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

- ❖ The UN General Assembly proclaimed 26 June as International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on 12 December 1997 to eradicate torture and the effective functioning of the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



Persons in News

Madipakkam Policewoman Nakshatra Police Award

- ❖ A committee headed by the Additional Commissioner selects the 'Star Policeman of the Month Award' in appreciation of their outstanding performance.
- ❖ The policemen selected for this award will be given a cash reward of Rs.5000 and a personal performance appreciation certificate. Accordingly, Madipakkam Police Station's First Class Lady Constable S. Kumari was selected for the star police award for May month.
- ❖ In the case where a woman who worked at a private blood testing center in Vanuvampet was killed by pouring acid and setting her on fire.
- ❖ Municipal Police Commissioner Shankar Jiwal presented the star award to Kumari yesterday for her continuous monitoring of documents and witnesses and full attention to court work and getting the convict life sentence.

Reports and Indices

National Energy Data: Survey and Analysis 2021-22 Report, Released by MNRE

- ❖ On 23rd June 2023, The report titled National Energy Data: Survey and Analysis 2021-22 was released by Raj Kumar Singh, Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi, Delhi.
- ❖ This report is produced by the Energy Data Management Unit under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power in collaboration with NITI Aayog



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(National Institution for Transforming India) which provides detailed insights into energy supply and consumption patterns across various sectors of the Indian economy.

Key highlights of the report

Value Addition

- ❖ The report provides detailed fuel-wise energy consumption data for various sectors which enables to understand their energy profiles.
- ❖ The use of distinct conversion factors for domestic coal and imported coal, based on different calorific values, provides a realistic picture of coal-based energy supply and consumption in the country.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy(MNRE)

- ❖ Union Minister- Raj Kumar Singh (Constituency-Arrah,Bihar)
- ❖ State Minister- Bhagwanth Khuba (Constituency-Bidar, Karnataka)

Summits and Conferences

India-Egypt committed to strengthen ties 4 Agreements signed

- ❖ 4 Memorandums of Understanding were signed in addition to both commitments to further strengthen the cordial relations between the two countries in various fields.
- ❖ After completing his official visit to the US, Prime Minister Modi made his first official visit to Egypt. Prime Minister Modi reached Egypt, that country | He met with El-Sisi. Both met and talked separately. At that time, the leaders discussed the further strengthening of bilateral relations. PM Modi invited President El-Sisi to attend the G20 summit in Delhi.
- ❖ Regarding this meeting, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra told reporters, '4 agreements were signed between the two sides. They include an important agreement on strengthening bilateral relations. Includes conservation of agricultural, archaeological monuments President El-Sisi honored Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Egypt's highest award 'Order of the Nile'.
- ❖ Egypt's highest award for PM Modi Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on an official visit to Egypt, has been awarded the country's highest 'Order of the Nile' award.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi was honored with the award by Egypt's President Abd al-Fattah el-Sisi.
- ❖ Egypt is awarding the 'Order of the Nile' to leaders, presidents, vice presidents and others who have rendered unparalleled services to Egypt and humanity. The award has been given since 1915. Taking to twitter to humbly accept the award, Prime Minister Modi said the award was an expression of Egypt's love for India and Indians.
- ❖ This is the 13th award for Prime Minister Modi who has already received the highest awards of various countries. In the last 9 years, the Prime Minister has received the highest awards from Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Republic of Palau, Bhutan, USA, Bahrain, Maldives, Russia, United Arab Emirates, 'Palestine, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia.





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Sports

India wins medal in Special Olympics Roller Skating

- ❖ India has won medals in the roller skating category at the Special Olympics held in Berlin. Roller Skating Gil 30m Slalom Mohammed Nisar, Aryan, Abhijit won gold in 2-100 relay.
- ❖ India has won 3 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze.
- ❖ Suhalia Parveen won silver in Judo. Muskan won gold in the Level 2 category. In table tennis, Vic Nashwar won the gold in the T3 category by defeating his compatriot Singh Bedi 3-1.
- ❖ In powerlifting, Anurag Prasad won 3 golds in the 93 kg weight category in Squat, Deadlift and Combined. So far India has won 96 medals including 33 gold, 37 silver and 25 bronze in Special Olympics.



Books and Authors

At the event in Trichy, he said, 'A culture's journey from Indus

- ❖ Writer S. Ramakrishnan, poet Nandalala, writer R. Balakrishnan, who introduced the book 'Vaikai Para', among others.
- ❖ The Indus Valley Civilization includes the cities of Korkai, Vanji and Thondi in Pakistan and Afghanistan. There are towns with the same name in Tamil Nadu as well.
- ❖ The author points out that the Indus Valley civilization and the ancient Tamil society are the same with various evidences including towns with the same name, similar streets with the same topography, pottery found in black and red.
- ❖ This book describes with various proofs that India is a symbol of pluralism.
- ❖ This book in a simple style creates a new way of thinking in us. The style of this book is majestic like the crested bull, a symbol of the Indus Valley Civilization.
- ❖ This book claims with various evidences that the ancestors of the Sangam Tamils were the people of the Indus Valley. Through this book, Tamil is not just a language. It can be understood as the sign of a number of songs.
- ❖ This book is meant to answer the people who are trying to rewrite the history of India. There are various evidences and data about the Indus Valley Civilization.
- ❖ But we do not have enough evidence about the ancient Tamil civilization.
- ❖ R. Balakrishnan, the author who delivered the acceptance speech, said, "To write this book, I have undertaken a great journey not only across India but also to various countries. Tamil is not a language spoken by only one community. It is the language of a civilized culture.
- ❖ If eyewitness accounts of the Indus Valley Civilization are the hardware, our Sangha literature is the software to learn about the Tamil Civilization.





- ❖ Sanga period Tamil literatures are treasures that help to know the civilization and history of the ancient Tamil society.

Schemes and their Utilities

Garib Kalyan Rojkar Abhiyan completes two years

- ❖ Garib Kalyan Rojkar Abhiyan (GKRA), a scheme for migrant workers affected during Covid-19, has completed two years.
- ❖ The Government of India launched the Garib Kalyan Rojkar Abhiyan (GKRA) on 20 June 2020 for 125 days with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore to improve employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers who have returned in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The Ministry of Rural Development is implemented in close coordination with the line ministries and state governments.



Highlights

- ❖ Improves long-term livelihood opportunities by focusing on 25 jobs in 116 selected districts across six states: Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Actions taken

- ❖ Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) wages are Rs. 202 per day at Rs.182 to benefit nearly 13.62 crore families. The government has created 39.51 lakh new jobs by crediting 2,583 crores in Employment Provident Fund (EPF) accounts under Atmanirbar Bharat Roskar Yojana (ABRY).

Science and Technology

Introduction of Omicron mRNA Booster Vaccine

- ❖ An mRNA booster vaccine called 'Zemkovac-Om' has been developed for the third dose against one of the corona virus Omicron virus.
- ❖ Genova Biopharmaceuticals from Pune, Maharashtra has developed this drug.
- ❖ It is India's first mRNA inhibitor developed using indigenous technology. The Drug Control Directorate of India recently approved its use on an emergency basis.
- ❖ Jem Kovac-Om vaccine can be administered without a needle. This medicine does not require refrigeration to store it. It is easy to carry and use even in remote parts of the country.'





Economy & Banking

UPI (Unified Payment Interface) payment through credit card

- ❖ Canara Bank has introduced the facility for customers to make UPI payments through their RuPay Credit Cards.
- ❖ This is the first time that a public sector bank is offering such a facility.
- ❖ The bank has introduced the facility to make UPI payments at commercial centers like shops, restaurants using Canara Bank credit cards. Customers can avail this facility through the bank's 'Canara AI1' app.
- ❖ With this new system, customers can pay by credit card as well as pay from their regular bank accounts.
- ❖ For that, a credit card can be linked to the app just like a bank account.



LIC launches its Sanjay Life Insurance Plan with Income Benefit

- ❖ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched its Sanjay Savings Plan, an unlinked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers guaranteed income benefit and end benefit (life protection).
- ❖ Maturity of the plan The plan is available from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 15 years depending on the option chosen by the policyholder.
- ❖ The scheme provides financial assistance to the family in case of unfortunate death of the life insured during the policy term.



Tamilnadu News

Full length statue of VP Singh in Chennai State College Chief Minister's announcement

- ❖ Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has announced that a full-length statue of former Prime Minister V. P. Singh will be erected in the Madras State College campus.
- ❖ Former Prime Minister VP Singh was a beacon light for the backward people. On April 20, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin announced that a full-length statue of her would be erected in Chennai under Article 110 of the Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ According to the request of Chennai State College Alumni Council and professors, the Chief Minister has ordered to erect a full-length statue of VP Singh in the college campus.
- ❖ On the birth anniversary of VP Singh, I pay my respects to that revolutionary who was steadfastly committed to the upliftment of the backward classes. He fearlessly carried forward the work of social justice and made everyone shout that reservation is our right.



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- ❖ VP Singh and Karunanidhi worked together towards the goal of empowering the disenfranchised. May his thoughts continue to guide us towards a brighter and more equitable future, he said.

State Current Affairs

Noida road is named after Ramnath Goenka

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has named a road in National Capital Region's Noida after late Ramnath Goenka, founder of Express Group Newspapers.
- ❖ He also mentioned that 'media' is the fourth pillar of democracy.
- ❖ I am honored to have the opportunity to inaugurate this road named after him in Noida, known as the financial capital of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Ramnath Goenka is the shining pole star of the media world. Yogi Adityanath said that whenever media freedom and Janana Yagam are talked about, Ramnath Goenka's name is always remembered with respect.



India's largest private coach factory in Kontakal village, Telangana

- ❖ Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated the coach factory.
- ❖ It was established by Medha Servo Drives Pvt Ltd of Hyderabad in a joint venture with Swiss railway rolling stock manufacturer Stadler Rail.
- ❖ It has an annual production capacity of 500 coaches and 50 locomotives.
- ❖ In 2017, the company signed an MoU with the State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation to set up a private railway coach factory and its foundation stone was laid in 2020.
- ❖ Medha Servo Drives is the largest propulsion equipment supplier to Indian Railways.
- ❖ It designs and manufactures electrical and electronic railway products.
- ❖ It is the only Indian company with in-house research and development (R&D) facilities.



Syngenta India launches price guarantee insurance scheme for chilli farmers

- ❖ Syngenta India, the vegetable seeds arm of Agri-Tech, has entered into an exclusive agreement with the Agricultural Insurance Corporation of India (AIC) to protect chilli farmers of Andhra Pradesh (AP) from adverse price fluctuations due to unpredictable market conditions.
- ❖ This is the first attempt at crop protection against market fluctuations.

Highlights

- ❖ Policyholders are protected against unexpected fall in market prices.
- ❖ The agreement will guarantee a fair price to chilli farmers (smallholders), create a shield against market price volatility, protect their income and support them to continue growing their favorite crop.



Syngenta India

- ❖ Managing Director (MD) – Sushil Kumar
- ❖ Headquarter – Pune, Maharashtra

National News

India's first, Hydrogen-Powered Trains to run from Jind district of Haryana

- ❖ Indian Railways is set to introduce its first hydrogen train, expected to start operating from Jind district in Haryana by March 2024. The first prototype of the hydrogen train is scheduled to run between the Jind-Sonipat (Haryana) Section of Northern Railway in the fiscal year 2023-2024.
- ❖ India's first hydrogen plant is being established near the railway junction in Jind (Haryana) district, in order to support this initiative.
- ❖ The hydrogen plant is in its final phase of development and is expected to be completed by December 2023.
- ❖ The hydrogen plant will produce hydrogen from water and will play a pivotal role in powering the hydrogen trains.

India and UAE signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Authorized Economic Operators

- ❖ On 23rd June 2023, India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for authorised economic operators (AEOS) of both countries on sidelines of the 141st/142nd sessions of World Customs Organization (WCO) Customs Co-operation Council meeting, in Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ The agreement is signed to promote greater trade facilitation and ease of doing business between the 2 countries.
- ❖ By recognizing the AEO status India and the UAE seek to streamline and quicken customs procedures, reducing administrative burden and costs for authorised businesses.



Background

- ❖ The MRA comes as the continuation of historic India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022, officially came into force on 1 May 2022.
- ❖ CEPA is expected to increase the total value of bilateral trade in goods to over USD 100 billion and trade in services to over USD 15 billion within five years. Note: In September 2021, India and the US had signed a MRA AEO.