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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS JUNE – 2024

DATES & DAYS

- **1 JUNE :- Global Day of Parents.** Designated by General Assembly in 2012. Theme :- The Promise of Playful Parenting.
- **3 JUNE :-World Bicycle Day.** Announced by United Nations General Assembly in April 2018.
- **4 JUNE :-International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.** UNGA established this day in 1982 , following impact of Lebanon War.
- **5 JUNE :- World Environment Day.** Theme :-Land restoration , desertification & drought resilience Led by UNEP & held annually since 1973. Global Host :- Saudi Arabia.
- **7 JUNE :- World Food Safety Day.** Theme :- “Food Safety : Prepare for the Unexpected”to raise awareness about importance about importance of food safety & promote actions to prevent, detect & manage foodborne risks.
- **8 JUNE :- World Ocean Day.** Theme :- “ Awaken New Depths ”. To raise awareness about necessity of protecting the ocean & sustainable development goals that can be achieved through it.
- **11 JUNE :- International Day of Play.** Theme :- “ Play makes a better World” first ever International Day of Play to be observed on 11 June 2024.
- **12 JUNE :- World Day Against Child Labour.** Theme :- “Let’s act on our commitments : End Child Labour”. ILO launched the World Day against Child Labour in 2002 as part of its ongoing efforts to eliminate Child Labour. [ILO Estb :- 1919 as a part of Treaty of Versailles, HQ – Geneva , Switzerland]
- **13 JUNE:- International Albinism Awareness Day.** Theme :- “10 years of IAAD : A decade of collective progress” Albinism is a non –contagious rare & genetically inherited health condition present at birth , which results in the lack of melanin in the skin , eyes & hair.
- **14 JUNE:- World Blood Donor Day.** Theme :- “20 years of celebrating giving : Thank you blood donors ”. In 2005 World Health assembly announced June 14 to be observed every year as World Blood Donor Day.
- **15 JUNE :- World Wind Day.** It is an annual event since 2007 . India has a target of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 of which 140GW is slated to come from wind.
- **17 JUNE :- World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought.** Theme :- “United for land .Our Legacy . Our Future”. In 1994 UNGA established United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). In 2007 UNGA declared decade of 2010 to 2020 as UN decade for deserts & fight against Desertification. Under UNCCD , over 130 countries have already pledged to achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030.

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- **18 June - Autistic Pride Day 2024.** Theme - "Taking the Mask Off". Autistic Pride Day was first celebrated in 2005, to promote acceptance from society and self-acceptance amongst autistic people.
- **19 June - World Sickle Cell Awareness Day.** Theme : Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally. United Nations General Assembly resolution adopted on December 22, 2008 recognising sickle cell disease as a public health hazard and "one of the world's main genetic illnesses. India has the world's second-greatest sickle cell disease burden.
- **20 June - World Refugee Day.** Theme: "For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed". The first ever World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20 June 2001 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- **21 June - World Hydrography Day.** To raise awareness about hydrography and how it plays a role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans. Theme 2024 - "Hydrographic Information – Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities".
- **21 June – International Yoga Day.** PM Narendra Modi suggested celebrating the International Day of Yoga in September 2014 at his 69th session speech to the UN General Assembly. 10th International Yoga Day theme - 'Yoga for Self and Society'. The celebrations at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre in Srinagar this year led by PM Narendra Modi.
- **22 June - World Rainforest Day**
- **23 June - United Nations Public Service Day.** Theme :- 'Fostering Innovation amid Global Challenges: a Public Sector Perspective'. On 20 December 2002, UN General Assembly designated 23 June as Public Service Day.
- **23 June - International Olympic Day.** Celebrated since 1948, commemorates the revival of the Olympic Games in Paris on June 23, 1894. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was officially formed on this day. Theme 2024 - 'Let's Move and Celebrate'.
- **24 June - International Day of Women in Diplomacy.** Theme 2024 - Women's Leadership in Multilateral Diplomacy At the United Nations General Assembly's 76th Session, the General Assembly by consensus declared the 24th of June each year to be the International Day of Women in Diplomacy.
- **29 June:- National Statistics Day.** In recognition of the notable contributions made by Professor (late) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics and economic planning, Government of India

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has designated June 29 every year, coinciding with his birth anniversary, as "Statistics Day" Since 2007, Statistics Day is celebrated every year. Theme 2024 is "Use of data for decision-making".

APPOINTMENTS

- Malaysia's Newly appointed High Commissioner to India Muzaffar Shah Mustafa.
- Shah Rukh Khan appointed as new Brand Ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group.
- Kuwait's Amir makes Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid Crown Prince.
- Iceland elects businesswoman Halla Tomasdottir as President.
- Sushil Kumar appointed as Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority.
- Claudia Sheinbaum elected as first woman President of Mexico.
- Helen Mary Roberts becomes first woman brigadier in Pakistan army from minority community.
- Duvvuri Seshagiri takes charge as NPOL (Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory) Director.
- PV Sindhu appointed Brand Ambassador for Tobacco Control.
- PNB MetLife named Sameer Bansal new MD & CEO.
- FICCI appoints Jyoti Vij as new director General.
- Shri Kamal Kishore takes over the charge of Director General ESIC (Employees' State Insurance Corporation).
- Sikkim Krantikari Morcha leader Prem Singh Tamang was sworn in as CM of Sikkim for second term.
- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi to be next chief of Army Staff.
- Mohan Charan Majhi sworn in as first BJP CM of Odisha.
- N Chandrababu Naidu took oath of Andhra Pradesh CM for fourth time.
- South African President Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected for second term.
- The State government has appointed S. Tripathy, as the first director of the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). University of Vishveshvarayya College of Engineering was established in 1917, under the name Government Engineering College, by Bharat Ratna Sir M. Vishveshvarayya. In 1847, India's the first engineering college Thomason College of Civil Engineering (now called IIT Roorkee) was established at Roorkee.
- United Nations refugee agency named British actor Theo James a global goodwill ambassador.
- Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera appointed Michael Usi as his Vice President.
- Pradeep Singh Kharola Takes Additional Charge Of NTA's (National Testing Agency) DG. Subodh Kumar Singh, the previous NTA DG, has been removed .
- Mark Rutte appoint as new secretary-general of NATO. [Founded – April 4, 1949 (North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.) Headquarters – Brussels, Belgium Member countries - 32 (32nd Sweden, 31st Finland)]
- Atul Kumar Chaudhary Appointed Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) [Headquarters: New Delhi ; Chairperson: Anil Kumar Lahoti ; Founded: 20 February 1997]

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- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has appointed Manoj Jain as the new Chairman and Managing Director . It manufactures electronic products and systems for the Army, Navy and the Air Force. Established in 1954 ; Headquarter – Bangalore.
- Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani, currently heading the Army's Central Command, has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff.
- Kapil Dev has been appointed President of the Professional Golf Tour of India.
- Universal AI University (UAIU), in Mumbai India's pioneering institution dedicated to Intelligence, has named Simon Mak, an international strategist and award-winning professor, as its vice chancellor.

AWARDS

- NIMHANS (National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences) awarded Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024.
- Director of ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute- Dr. Sheshu Madhav Maganti has been awarded the prestigious National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) Fellowship.
- SEBI wins “ Best Conduct of Business Regulator Award in Asia Pacific by the Asian Banker for enhancing regulatory framework for securities markets in India. [SEBI :- statutory body estb by GOI through SEBI Act, 1992; Chairperson :- Madhabi Puri Buch]
- Vellayan Subbiah (chairman of Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co Ltd) named EY World Entrepreneur of the year 2024
- Nar Singh & Rohini Lokhande won Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Govt approves re-appointment of PK Mishra as Principal Secretary to PM & Ajit Doval as National Security Advisor.
- Renowned Wildlife Filmmaker Shri Subbiah Nallamuthu announced as winner of Dr. V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award at 18th MIFF. cash award of 10 lakh rupees, trophy and a citation. The award is instituted in memory of legendary filmmaker V Shantaram.
- Eminent children's film-maker Vinod Ganatra has been conferred with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to the world of cinema for kids. He was honoured at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival.
- IPBES Awarded 2024 Blue Planet Prize.The Blue Planet Prize, awarded by Japan's Asahi Glass Foundation is a prestigious award that recognizes important science and practical contributions to solving global environmental problems. Winners :- Professor Robert Costanza (University College London) ; Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Established on April 21, 2012, IPBES secretariat: Bonn (Germany)
- Kalash Gupta, IIT Delhi Student won World's Largest Coding Competition. Kalash Gupta, a CSE student at IIT Delhi, clinched the top spot in TCS CodeVita Season 10, with over 1,00,000 participants from 87 countries. TCS CodeVita, recognized by Guinness World Records, is the world's largest programming contest.

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- Writer Arundhati Roy has won the PEN Pinter award for her “unflinching and unswerving” writings. Established in 2009 by the charity English PEN.
- Sanjana Thakur Wins 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize.

DEFENCE

- Indian Army organizes Human Library Event with Kargil War Heroes as part of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas (26 July) Celebrations. Event held in Hanuyokma Village in Hanu valley aimed to honour nation’s war heroes & inspire the local youth.
- Indian Navy’s indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik arrived at Yokosuka , Japan to participate in bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2024 (JIMEX 24) . It was started in 2012 in Japan . 8th edition in 2024.
- Indian Army has received first batch of man- portable suicide drones named Nagastra-1.
- Indian Air Force contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force. This was the second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024. The exercise witnessed participation of the Indian Air Force along with Republic of Singapore Air Force, Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force, German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force. This was the first time the IAF Rafale aircraft participated in Ex Red Flag.
- India to host its first-ever multination air exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2024'. The countries sending their air force combat contingents are the US, the UK, Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore and the UAE. The exercise will be held in two phases. 1st Phase: Southern India in August ;2nd Phase: Western sector August end to Mid-September.

SPORTS

- R Praggnanandhaa beats worlds No 2 Fabiano Caruana enters top 10 world Rankings.
- India’s D.P. Manu clinches gold in Javelin throw at Taiwan Athletics Open.
- Nayana James clinches Gold medal in Women’s Long Jump at Taiwan Athletics Open.
- Dinesh Karthik announces retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Rohit Sharma completes 600 sixes in International Cricket.
- French Open : Iga Swiatek & Carloz Alcaraz win Singles title.
- Sarabjot Singh won gold medal in Men’s 10 m air pistol event at International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup which was held in Munich , Germany.
- Puja Tomar became first ever Indian to win a bout at Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) in UFC Louisville 2024.
- India’s Gulveer Singh clinches Silver Medal in Men’s 5000m race at Portland Track festival High Performance Meet in US.
- India is set to host FIH Hockey Men’s Junior World Cup in December 2025.

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- Divya Deshmukh wins World Junior Girls Chess championships.
- India clinched their first medal at the ongoing BRICS Games in Kazan, Russia with the women's table tennis team comprising Poymantee Baisya, Moumita Dutta and Yashini Sivasankar clinching a bronze medal.
- Estonia's Sahil Chauhan beats Chris Gayle's Fastest T20 Century Record. Estonia's Sahil Chauhan scored 100 runs in just 27 balls against Cyprus. Chauhan broke the record set by West Indies batter Chris Gayle, who reached 100 from 30 balls during the Indian Premier League in 2013.
- Smriti Mandhana becomes first Indian woman to hit consecutive ODI hundreds, equals Mithali Raj's century tally.
- Rohit Sharma became first batsman to hit 200 Sixes in T20Is.

MISC.

- Near Grindavik on Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula , a volcano erupted marking fifth eruption since December.
- RBI fines HSBC Bank for violation of FEMA Regulation. [FEMA Act , 1999]. [Foreign Exchange Management Act]
- 64 Great Indian Bustard (also known as Godawan) counted in National Desert Park, Jaisalmer. [IUCN Red List : Critically Endangered . Conserved under Wildlife Protection Act , 1972].
- Joshimath renamed as Jyotirmath , Kosiyakutoli is now Kainchi Dham.
- IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) has issued a new report cautioning that half of the world's mangrove ecosystems are at risk of collapsing Mangroves in South India, Sri Lanka labeled "Critically Endangered".
- Pakistan launches multi-mission communication satellite PAKSAT from China.
- Centre has approved an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kamrup for Assam & it would come up near Guwahati.
- India receives highest FDI from Singapore in 2023-24 ; Mauritius second biggest investor.
- Renowned Indian artist Krishn Kanhai unveiled his latest collection " The Golden Krishna" Exhibition opens in Dubai.
- River Sunkoshi cleanup Campaign removes 24,575kg of Plastic waste in Golanjor Municipality of Nepal in 36 hours.
- The China National Space Administration announced that Chang'e-6 successfully landed at moon's far side , it is a huge crater known as South Pole –Aitken Basin. It collects sample from Moon's far side & transport them back to earth.
- Recently appointed new Election Commissioners :- Gyanesh Kumar & Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.
- In M.P. NOTA has created record in Indore in Lok Sabha Election results. NOTA has received 1 lakh 55 thousand votes.
- INS Mysore ship celebrates silver jubilee.

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- International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that IndiGo will host the 81st IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) & World Air Transport Summit in Delhi , India in June 2025.
- ISRO has developed Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software named Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-Dynamic Analysis PraVaHa (used extensively in Gaganyaan Program). This software was developed in ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- National Level Coordination Committee for the world's largest grain storage plan holds its first meeting in Delhi (initiated last year across 11 states).
- UP Govt agrees for 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat in Noida.
- SBI has become 7th Indian listed company to have surpassed Rs.8 lakh crore market capitalization.
- A report on the status of forest of Sharavathi Valley Lion- tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary which has been submitted to the Karnataka Forest Department recently has revealed that there are 730 LTM in vicinity. [IUCN Status :- Endangered ; CITES :- Appendix I under Wildlife Protection Act of 1972]
- World's highest polling station in Tashigang located in Spiti valley , HP at an altitude of 15,256 ft has been declared a model polling station.
- PM has launched " Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Campaign on the occasion of World Environment Day . PM planted a Peepal tree at Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi. This day was initiated by UNGA in 1972 during Stockholm Conference on Human Environment.
- Priyanka Jarkiholi (Karnataka) is the youngest tribal woman to win from an unreserved seat.
- IIT Bombay has secured top spot in India in the latest QS World University Rankings 2025. IIT Bombay has risen from 149th in 2024 to 118th in 2025 rankings marking an improvement of 31 places.
- Sri Lanka to get Blue economy research fellowships from India BIMSTEC initiative . GOI has launched BIMReN (BIMSTEC –Marine Research Network).
- 12 countries have signed on to a charter developed by European Space Agency (ESA) to limit the creation of orbital debris. ESA developed Zero Debris Charter , a non binding Agreement with goal of no net addition of debris in orbit by 2030.
- Slovenia becomes latest European country to recognize a Palestinian State.
- Adani ports signed a 30 year concession agreement with Tanzania to operate & manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port.
- Mount Kanlaon volcano erupted in Central Philippines recently.

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- Oleg Kononenko a 59 year old Russian Cosmonaut has become first person to spend 1000 days in space , Russian Space Agency Roscosmos.
- Nagi & Nagti bird Sanctuaries both located in Bihar's Jamui district gain International Ramsar Status (Total Ramsar sites - 82).
- India's first biosphere within a tiger reserve " Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere (RRB) is a 35acre private forest initiative led by ecologist Vijay Dhasmana who is known for restoring the Aravalli Landscapes.
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO launched the state of ocean report 2024 publication (StOR) in Iceland. The rate of ocean warming has doubled in 20 years with 2023 seeing one of the highest increases since 1950s.
- Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda inaugurated 900 MW Arun -3 Hydroelectric Project in Nepal.
- Supreme Court asks HP Govt to release 137 cusecs of Surplus Water to Delhi.
- India participates in Inaugural IPEF (Indi-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity) Clean Economy Investor Forum in Singapore.
- Lok Sabha Secretariat develops "Prerana Sthal" to showcase statues of Great Leaders & freedom fighters of India .
- Mission Karmayogi aims to transform India's Civil Services by 2047. (Viksit Bharat by 2047) in order to transform India's three million civil servants into citizen-centric future ready & result oriented Karmayogis.
- 3rd Indian Analytical Congress is being held in Uttarakhand's capital Dehradun from 5-7 June 2024 inaugurated by vice -Chancellor of Ladakh University Prof S.K. Mehta.
- New banknotes featuring the portrait of King Charles III have now entered circulation. King is second monarch to appear on these notes after Queen Elizabeth II first featuring in 1960.
- Denmark , Pakistan , Greece & Panama elected to Un Security Council to serve as non-permanent members on Security Council for two year beginning on January 1 next year. [UN charter 15 member Security Council holds primary responsibility for maintaining International peace & security].
- IIT Dharwad unveils Innovative Fire rescue Drone. Drone is designed to be able to fly through small rooms & high temperature which is important for fighting fires in complicated places.
- EarthCARE Satellite a collaboration between ESA & Japanese Space Agency JAXA will study how formation of clouds & the density of aerosols in the atmosphere impact the Earth's temperature.
- Netherland has emerged as India's third largest export destination after US & UAE during 2023-24.
- NPCI has entered into an agreement with Central Bank of Peru to establish a fast instant payments system similar to India's UPI .
- PM releases 17th Instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi . It is a central sector scheme with 100% funding from the GOI. Under the scheme income support of 6000/- per year in three equal installments will be provided to all land - holding farmer families.
- NHRC seeks report on sale of underage girls as part of " Nata Pratha" .
- Indian Navy gets its first woman helicopter pilot Sub Lieutenant Anamika B Rajeev.
- 2025 to be the International Year of Quantum Science & Technology : UN. [2024 – Camelids ; 2023 – Millets]

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- International Labour Organisation is holding its 112th annual International Labour Conference in Geneva from 3-14 June 2024. India tripartite delegation led by Secretary (Labour & employment) Ms Sunita Dawara.
- Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (formed in 1988) in UP to become a tiger Reserve.
- India ranks 129 on Global Gender Index out of 146 countries : WEF. India has slipped two places from earlier rankings. Top :- Iceland followed by Finland ; Bottom :- Sudan.
- Vishakapatnam Port ranks 19th in Global Efficiency Index developed by World Bank & S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- Oxford University agrees to return stolen 500 year old Bronze Idol (belonged to Tamil Nadu) to India.
- Punjab Police in association with BSF & Village Defence Committees will carry out a one week drive against drugs named as " Mission Nischay" Fazilka district.
- Assam launches "Nijut Moina" Scheme to boost Girls Edsducation, Curb Child Marriage.
- Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024 :- Published by Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP). Most Peaceful country :- Iceland since 2008 followed by Ireland , Austria , New Zealand. Yemen is now the least peaceful followed by Sudan , South Sudan, Afghanistan & Ukraine. India's rank – 116
- Three craters discovered on Mars by scientists of Physical Research Laboratory (HQ – Ahmedabad) . One Crater named " Lal Crater" Named after prof Devendra Lal 2nd crater :- Mursan Crater named after UP town ; third crater " Hilsa Crater named after town of Bihar.
- Lt General Waker-Uz-Zaman appointed as new Army Chief of Bangladesh.
- Ancient Greek Sanctuary slowly sinks into the Aegan Sea.
- India is world's second largest emitter of Nitrous Oxide.
- The Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra has launched an advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for early detection of forest fires.
- Jaipur Military Station: 2nd Military Station To Have Plastic Waste Road. The first military station to have a road built up of plastic waste was the Narangi Military station, Guwahati, Assam in 2019.
- The Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) Shri Manoj Yadava launched the mobile application-Sangyaan App designed and developed by the Tech Team of RPF to provide in-depth information on three new Criminal Acts:
- The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023.
- The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023.
- The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023.
- The Hemis Gompa (monastery) celebrated the Hemis Tsechu Festival this year, on the 16th - 17th of June. Celebrated on the 10th day of the Lunar Tibetan calendar. This day is celebrated on the birthday of Guru Padmasambhava, also referred to as Guru Rinpoche. The legend of Guru Padmasambhava dates back to the late 8th century. He introduced tantric Buddhism (Vajrayana) in the Himalayan kingdom.
- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organizes 'Global Wind Day 2024' on the 15th of June 2024. Theme :- "Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India".
- India's efforts in achieving 50% of its electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel based energy resources by 2030 and net zero by 2070.

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- The Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Bhuj has been listed among the 7 most beautiful museums in the world under the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, which is announced annually at UNESCO for architecture and design. built in memory of those who fell victim to the devastating earthquake of 2001 as well as a tribute to the resilience of Kutch Announced each year at UNESCO since 2015, the Prix Versailles is a series of architectural competitions that shine a light on the finest contemporary projects worldwide.
- Indian Railways has entered its name into Prestigious Limca Book of Records for most people at a public service event at multiple venues.
- The Union Jal Shakti Ministry launched an Environmental flows (Eflows) Monitoring System that allows real-time monitoring of river quality. It has been developed by the National Mission for Clean Ganga, an arm of the Jal Shakti Ministry, and was launched in the presence of Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil.
- The Sahitya Akademi announced the names of 23 writers for Yuva Puraskar 2024. In English category - K Vaishali will be honoured for her memoir "Homeless: Growing up Lesbian and Dyslexic in India". In Hindi Category – Gaurav Pandey won the prestigious award for his poetry collection "Smritiyon Ke Beech Ghiri Hai Prithvi". Yuva Puraskar awardees will receive a casket containing an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000 at an awards.
- 2024 Kavli Prize Winners Announced in Science Fields. 8 winners were awarded for their contributions to astrophysics, neuroscience, and nanoscience. The Kavli Prize is biennial and is awarded in honour of Norwegian-American businessman and philanthropist Fred Kavli (1927-2013). The inaugural prize was announced in 2008. 2024 Kavli Prize Winners Astrophysics :- David Charbonneau (Harvard University), Sara Seager Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Nanoscience :- Robert Langer (MIT) , Armand Paul Alivisatos (University of Chicago) , Chad Mirkin (Northwestern University). Neuroscience :- Nancy Kanwisher Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Winrich Freiwald (The Rockefeller University) , Doris Tsao(University of California) .
- Veteran sports journalist Harpal Singh Bedi passes away.
- Chinese Satellite (Chinese H-alpha Solar Explorer (CHASE)), Discovers New Solar Atmospheric Rotation Pattern. Its main goal is focusing on its magnetic activity and how its atmosphere behaves. CHASE, which is also called the Kuafu-1 satellite, was launched in 2022 to keep an eye on the solar chromosphere.
- Egypt and Bahrain have joined China as international partners to develop and deliver scientific instruments for the Chang'e-7 mission. Chang'e-7 mission lunar mission aimed at searching for water ice at the moon's South Pole in 2026. Egypt is a member of the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) – an initiative proposed by China and Russia to build a base on the moon by the mid-2030s .Bahrain has signed on to the US-led Artemis Accords. Launched by the United States Department of State and NASA on October 13, 2020 India became the 27th signatory to the Artemis Accords.
- According to the 2024 Environment Performance Index (EPI), India is ranked 176th out of 180 countries. Surpassing only Pakistan, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar (BOTTOM 4). Estonia tops the 2024 followed by Luxembourg and Germany at 2nd and 3rd spot. Previously, India was ranked 180th in the EPI 2022 and 168th in the EPI 2020. 2024 EPI compares and analyses environmental performance across 180 countries using 58 indicators across three main categories: Ecosystem Vitality;

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Environmental Health; and Climate Change. 2024 index includes 2 new categories- Biodiversity and habitat which assess protection efforts and reveal encroachments in many countries ; Projected greenhouse gas emissions which track progress towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

- Assam Secretariat has become country's first green secretariat with the inauguration of a 2.5 MW solar power project on its campus. Installed at a cost of ₹12.5 crore, the grid-connected rooftop solar power plant will save ₹30 lakh in electricity bills every month.
- Siddhesh Sakore, a farmer and the founder of AGRO RANGERS, from Maharashtra, has been named Land Hero by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). On the occasion of World Desertification and Drought Day, the UNCCD announced the names of 10 Land Heroes in a programme in Bonn, Germany.
- Reserve Bank of India bags 'Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024' by London's Central Banking Publication. RBI was awarded the best risk manager for improving its risk culture and awareness. RBI was established in 1934, under the Reserve Bank of India Act. The bank was set up based on the recommendations of the 1926 Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance, also known as the Hilton Young Commission.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 10th International Day of Yoga celebration in Srinagar on the 21st June . Theme 2024: Yoga for Self and Society. Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav launched a Common Yoga Protocol Book in Braille Script to support visually impaired people to learn and Practice Yoga
- New Snake Eel Species Discovered in Odisha. The new species is named 'Ophichthus Suryai' to honour Surya Kumar Mohanty, former joint director of state fishery department.
- Manav Rachna University (MRU) becomes the First University in Delhi NCR to install a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receiver in collaboration with the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL)-Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- The new campus of Nalanda University, an international University, is close to the site of the ancient ruins of Nalanda in Rajgir, Bihar. PM visited the ancient ruins of Nalanda and planted a sapling of Bodhi tree in the campus brought from Bodh Gaya. The ruins of ancient Nalanda University in Bihar was declared as the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage in 2016. The Parliament of India established the Nalanda University through the Nalanda University Act, 2010. Originally founded in 427 CE by Emperor Kumaragupta.
- India has been ranked 63rd out of 120 countries on Global Energy Transition Index released by the World Economic Forum. In 2023 India had ranked 67th. Sweden topping the index, followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and France in the top five. China was ranked 20th.
- A new major port is to come up at Vadhavan, situated in the Dahanu taluka of the Palghar district of Maharashtra. The development of a new port, Vadhavan, is in alignment with the PM Gatishakti programme.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for expansion of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi.
- Uttar Pradesh is set to establish the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures in Maharajganj. The centre is named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding

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Centre. The facility will improve the population of critically endangered species listed in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list since 2007.

- Team India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin released his autobiography titled 'I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story'. It is written by Ashwin with co-author Sidharth Monga.
- A Book titled "A Fly on the RBI Wall" Authored by Alpana Killawala.
- India is ranked 109th, with on track performance in Poverty reduction and Quality Education targets while decreasing progress in Sustainable Cities and Climate Action targets.
- Ancient Pearl City Tu'am Discovered in UAE.
- Ambubachi Mela Begins At Kamakhya Temple (Assam).
- 53rd Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting was chaired by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and attended by state finance ministers.
- India has overtaken Brazil to become the world's third-largest domestic airline market. While the United States and China maintain the top two spots.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank sponsored by Canara Bank, has been honoured with a national award by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY).
- Ministry of Coal initiates India's First Ever Pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification in Jharkhand.
- Kozhikode in north Kerala, known for its rich cultural heritage, was officially declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'.
- Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC), three years after it was designated as part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts. Jaipur, Malappuram and Mysore are the other Indian cities that have previously been recognised as World Craft Cities. [World Crafts Council – Started in 1964. Main office – Belgium]
- The government has appointed Girija Subramanian as Chairman and Managing director (CMD) of the largest general insurer, New India Assurance. Established - 1919 by Sir Dorabji Tata ; Nationalized in 1972 as per Insurance Business (Nationalization) Act 1972 ; Head office – Mumbai
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance elevates Anuj Tyagi as MD and CEO .
- 67th GEF Council Meeting from 17 - 20 June 2024 in Washington DC , United States of America. The Council comprises 32 members appointed by constituencies of GEF member countries (14 from developed countries, 16 from developing countries, and 2 from economies in transition). The Council customarily meets twice annually but has decided to meet three times in 2024. [Established : the 1992 Rio Earth Summit of UNFCCC 186 member countries, including India. Secretariat - Washington, D.C]
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare – Jagat Prakash Nadda. The goal behind the STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024 is to attain zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea.
- India is hosting a global event in sugar sector 'ISO Council Meeting' in New Delhi from 25th till 27th June, 2024. A workshop titled 'Sugar and Biofuels – Emerging Vistas' is being organised at Bharat Mandapam. Delegates from more than 30 countries and representatives of many international organisations are joining. India is the world's largest consumer and second largest producer of sugar.
- Mumbai's first underground metro to launch in July.

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- China's Chang'e-6 brings back samples from far side of Moon. Chang'e-6 is the first mission in human history to return samples from the far side of the moon.
- South India's first and the country's largest leopard safari at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP), Karnataka.
- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Dr. B.D. Mishra, declared Ladakh as the administrative unit to achieve Full Functional Literacy under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, after having achieved more than 97% literacy. ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022-2027, aligns with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- First International Dairy Federation Asia-Pacific Summit in Kochi. first IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific-2024 from June 26 to 28 in Kochi. Jointly organized by – Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). Theme - 'Farmer-centric innovations in dairying'.
- UN General Assembly President Dennis Francis paid tribute to Indian reformer and educator Hansa Mehta as he honoured women diplomats' "invaluable contributions" on International Day of Women in Diplomacy.
- SBI General Insurance announces Naveen Chandra Jha as its new MD & CEO.
- Paraguay Becomes 100th Member Of The International Solar Alliance. International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an intergovernmental organization that was launched in 2015 by the Prime Minister of India and the President of France, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris.
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu on inaugurated the 'Chadwick House Navigating Audit Heritage' Museum at Shimla showcases the evolution, achievements, and milestones of the institution of CAG. Mahatma Gandhi had stayed here in 1946 during his visit to Shimla for the Cabinet Mission.
- Denmark is set to become the first country to impose a carbon tax on livestock emissions, targeting methane, a potent greenhouse gas. From 2030, livestock farmers will be taxed.
- Turkey has been removed from the FATF 'grey list' after recent evaluations of the country's progress on money laundering and terrorist financing. Turkey, placed on the grey list – 2021. FATF Grey List Established in 1989 during the G7 Summit Headquarters: Paris, France. Aim: to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

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