

CURRENT AFFAIRS -JUNE 2017



- ISRO's **GSLV-Mk III** has been launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on June 5, 2017. GSLV-Mk III is the heaviest rocket ever made by ISRO which is capable of carrying heavy payloads

- **Defence Minister Arun Jaitley** has announced that the **second Scorpene-class submarine** is ready for surface sea trials. INS Khanderi, the second Scorpene class submarine has been built at Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai, Maharashtra



- The land version of the **short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Prithvi-II** was successfully test-fired from a defence base off Odisha coast.

- **2017 Theme: Connecting People to Nature**

2017 Host Country: **Canada.**

The first World Environment Day was observed in **1973**

India host it in 2011 and the theme was '**Forests: Nature at Your Service.**



- **Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and UAE** have suspended their diplomatic ties with Qatar.

- **Sher Bahadur Deuba, 70**, has been elected as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time.



- **Spain's Rafael Nadal** has defeated Swiss third-seeded Stan Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 to win his record 10th **French Open** title. Rafael Nadal has become the first man or woman in the Open era to clinch a Grand Slam tournament 10 times.

- **Unseeded Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia** has lifted the 2017 **French Open Women's Singles** crown. This will be Ostapenko's first ever Grand Slam title.



- **David Grossman** has won the **Man Booker International Prize** for his book **"Lessons in Walking Into a Bar"**. David Grossman has become the first Israeli author to win the Man Booker International Prize.



- India's Skipper **Virat Kohli** has created a record by becoming the quickest batsman to score 8000 runs in one-day international cricket beating South Africa's AB de Villier's record by seven fewer innings. Virat Kohli has managed to cross the 8000 run mark in his 175th innings during India's match against Bangladesh in ICC **Champion's Trophy semi-final in Birmingham**.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated **Kochi Metro**, which will be Kerala's first metro line.

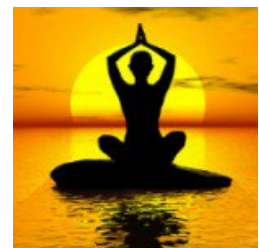


- The DMRC principal Advisor **E. Sreedharan** who is a Malayali popularly known as the '**Metro man**' has contributed remarkably to this project.



Reading Day observes in Kerala on **June 19th** every year. (The Commemoration day of **PN Panikkar** : The Founder of Kerala Granthasala Sangham .He is also known as the father of Library movement in Kerala.)

- **International yoga Day** observes on **June 21st** of every year. Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute, Pune has become the first recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of Yoga.



- NASA has launched **world's lightest satellite** weighing only 64 grams designed by 18-year-old boy **Rifath Sharook** from Tamil Nadu. The tiny satellite has been named as **KalamSat** after the former President APJ Abdul Kalam.

- India's **Kidambi Srikanth** has lifted the **Indonesia Open Super Series badminton** title at Jakarta by defeating Japan's Kazumasa Sakai
- He has also sealed his second successive Super Series win by defeating reigning Olympic champion Chen Long in the **Australian Open summit clash in Sydney.**

