

JUNE – CURRENT AFFAIRS

- **International Affairs**

1. **Saudi Arabia issues first driving licences to women**

Saudi Arabia has issued driving licences to women for the first time in decades just before a ban on female drivers is lifted.

2. **Mukesh Ambani tops Forbes' 2017 list of India's 100 richest tycoons**

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani has topped Forbes annual list of India's 100 richest tycoons of 2017, With a net worth of \$38 billion, which is equal to the entire GDP of the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan.

3. **Record-Breaking Astronaut Peggy Whitson Retires from NASA**

Astronaut Peggy Whitson, who has spent more time in space than any other American, retired from NASA on June 15.

4. **India Most Dangerous Country For Women: Survey**

India is the world's most dangerous country for women due to the high risk of sexual violence and being forced into slave labour.

5. **World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June**

The World Day Against Child Labour, which is held every year on June 12, is intended to foster the worldwide movement against child labour in any of its forms.

6. **US leaves the UN Human Rights Council**

US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo have announced the US was withdrawing from the UN Human Rights Council

7. **N Korea named 'worst human trafficking country'**

The US State Department has categorised North Korea as as one of the "worst human trafficking nation" for the 16th straight year, citing the use of forced labour.

8. **The Outcome of Kim-Trump Summit**

The historical Trump-Kim summit meeting was the first of its kind between a sitting American president Donald Trump and a leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un. US president Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed a document pledging to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in return for US providing security guarantees to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

9. **44th G7 summit was held in Canada**

The 44th G7 summit was held on June 8–9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. The 44th G7 summit was the first summit for Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has hosted this summit. The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France.

10. **Mongolia broke ground for the construction of country's first oil refinery**

With the help of a USD 1 billion loan from India. Home Minister Rajnath Singh attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the refinery at 'Stantsiin Hooloi' and described it as an important milestone in the bilateral ties.

Mongolia Capital- Ulaanbaatar, Currency- Mongolian togrog.

- 11. According to United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2018 report, number of hungry people in world has risen for first time in more than decade. There are now approximately 38 million more undernourished people in the world, rising from 777 million in 2015 to 815 million in 2016. The report is an overview of progress towards achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG), which consists of 17 goals and 169 targets.**

12. World's Most Experienced Spacewoman Peggy Whitson Retires As Astronaut

NASA's record-breaking astronaut, Peggy Whitson, retired after a 22-year-long career. Whitson, who joined NASA as a researcher in 1986, has spent more time off Earth than any other American, totalling 665 days over three International Space Station missions. The 58-year-old is the oldest woman to go into space and also the most experienced female spacewalker, with 10 missions.

13. Pakistan Placed On FATF's 'Grey List'

Pakistan has been placed on the grey list by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for failing to curb anti-terror financing despite its diplomatic efforts to avert the decision. The decision was taken at the global financial watchdog Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) plenary session in Paris where Finance Minister Shamshad Akhtar represented Pakistan. The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system

- 14. The world's largest multilateral naval exercise involving 26 countries including India being conducted in the western Pacific Ocean is named: **RIMPAC****

- 15. The crowdsourcing app launched by Google to help people find local answers in their neighbourhood is named: **Neighbourly****

16. Maharashtra CM Meets World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor and the Rural Livelihood Project which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state.

17. India To Host European Union Film Festival

The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) will premiere in New Delhi at the Siri Fort Auditorium. With a selection of 24 latest European films from 23 EU Member States, this year's film festival brings some unusual stories for the world cinema enthusiasts

18. World's Most Powerful Supercomputer 'Summit' Unveiled By US

US scientists have unveiled the world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer named 'Summit' that can complete over 200,000 trillion calculations per second - providing unprecedented computing power for research in energy, advanced materials and artificial intelligence (AI).

19. US Withdraws From UN Human Rights Council

Nikki Haley, the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations announced the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), accusing the council of bias against US ally Israel.

20. Microsoft Acquires Education Start-up Flipgrid

Microsoft has acquired Flipgrid, an education start-up with an app that lets students record and share videos on specific topics with their classmates.

21. United States(USA) quits United Nations Human Rights Council

US withdrawal from UNHRC citing for its chronic bias against Israel could reinforce perception that Trump administration is seeking to advance Israel's agenda on world stage.

22. US Pips India As Top Greenfield FDI Investment Destination

Report The U.S. has surpassed India to become the top destination for Greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017, according to the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence, a division of The Financial Times Ltd. The number of greenfield FDI projects in India during the year fell sharply by 21% to 637. India had maintained the top slot in greenfield FDI investment in 2015 and 2016. However, in 2017, the U.S. reclaimed the spot from India, recording \$87.4 billion of announced FDI. In the Asia and Pacific region, *China was on top in terms of FDI in the total number of new projects and capital investment, followed by India

23. US Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley Visits India

The US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley is in India for the 2-day visit. During her two-day visit, Haley will meet with senior Indian government officials, NGO leaders, and the interfaith community to underscore the United States' shared values and strong alliance with the people of India.

24. G7 summit 2018 held in Canada

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- **National Affairs**

1. **Gujarat gets world's 1st centre for humanitarian forensics**

Gujarat is set to come up with the world's first international centre for humanitarian forensics.

2. **Punjab Government Launched Mobile App- 'i-Hariyali'**

To increase the state's green cover, the Punjab government has launched 'i-Hariyali' app that lets users order free plant saplings.

3. **NITI Aayog and Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC) have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to work together towards implementing a Proof-of-Concept ("PoC") application using Blockchain Technology for fertiliser subsidy management. They will jointly develop the use case, undertake research, interact with multiple stakeholders, develop Blockchain solutions, exchange learnings, organise forums, and disseminate learnings across their networks.**

4. **As concern over the Nipah virus infection outbreak grows by the day, killing 17 people in Kerala so far**

Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly emerging zoonosis that causes severe disease in both animals and humans. The natural host of the virus are fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family, Pteropus genus. NiV was first identified during an outbreak of disease that took place in Kampung Sungai Nipah, Malaysia in 1998.

5. **Ordinance to Set Up Country's 1st National Sports University Gets President's Assent**

President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur.

6. **Shillong Gets Selected As the 100th Smart City**

Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya has been selected as 100th Smart City after evaluating the proposal submitted by it. Till now, 99 smart cities had been selected in four rounds of competition and with this announcement, selection of 100 cities has been completed under the Smart Cities Mission.

7. **E Sreedharan Committee To Lay Down Standards For Metro Rail**

Systems The government has set up a committee under former Delhi Metro chief E Sreedharan to lay down standardisation norms for components with an aim to cut costs in the construction and operation of metro rail systems in the country and bring them under the Make in India umbrella.

8. **Manufacture of Oxytocin to Be Banned From July 1**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has restricted the manufacture of Oxytocin formulations for domestic use to public sector only from 1st July 2018. It has also banned the import of Oxytocin and its formulations. Oxytocin is a naturally-occurring hormone which causes uterine contractions during labour and helps new mothers lactate.

Oxytocin's misuse is widespread in the dairy industry, where livestock are injected with oxytocin to make them release milk at a time convenient to farmers. The hormone is also used to increase the size of vegetables and fruits such as pumpkins, watermelons, brinjals, gourds and cucumbers.

9. **Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian Resigned**

The Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) of India, Arvind Subramanian had resigned from the post and will return to the US because of "pressing family commitments". The announcement was made by Mr Arun Jaitley.

10. **Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir after CM Mehbooba Mufti Resigns**

Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti submitted her resignation to the Governor after BJP announced to pull out of an alliance with Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

11. **Polythene to be completely prohibited from 31st July in Uttarakhand**

12. **Prime Minister Modi reaches China to attend SCO Summit**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Qingdao, China, to attend the two-day long 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. This will be India's first participation in the summit as a full-time member of the organization. India, along with Pakistan, became a full-time member during the Astana summit in June 2017.

13. **Operation Nistar:**

Indian Navy brings back 38 Indians from cyclone-hit Socotra island in Yemen In a swift operation, the Indian Navy has rescued 38 Indians from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic

14. **WHO commends India for reducing maternal mortality ratio by 77%**

The WHO has commended India's progress in reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 77 percent, from 556 per one lac live births in 1990 to 130 per one lac live births in 2016. This progress puts the country on track towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal target of an MMR below 70 by 2030. India's present MMR is below the Millennium Development Goal target

15. **Global Environment Performance Index 2018: India Ranks 177, Switzerland Tops**

India stands 177th at the bottom of the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings. In 2016, the country had ranked 141 out of 180 countries.

16. **India Ranks 113th On Childhood Index**

According to a Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018", India ranks 113 among 175 countries with regards to where childhood is threatened as a result of poor health, malnutrition, exclusion from education, child labour, and child marriage. The child marriages in India have come down to 15.2% from 21.1% in 2017 Singapore and Slovenia are placed at the top sharing the first place in the index and Niger figures at the end of the list at 175.

17. **Government Launches New Scheme 'Seva Bhoj Yojna'**

The Union Ministry of Culture introduced a new scheme called 'Seva Bhoj Yojna' to reimburse the central share of CGST and IGST on items for food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by charitable religious institutions.

18. **Mumbai's Victorian and Art Deco Ensembles has been inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**

This was announced at the Unesco world heritage committee meeting in Bahrain. The Heritage enclave is situated in South Mumbai's historic core and comprises an urban ensemble straddling two heritage precincts of the Fort Precinct and Marine Drive Precinct.

19. **Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-13 Begins in Uttarakhand**

The joint military exercise SURYA KIRAN-13 between India and Nepal began at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand. The military exercise is a biannual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India every six months.

20. Government Approves Draft Act To Replace UGC With HECI

The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) proposed a draft bill to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) and set up the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI). This move that aims to reform higher education in India.

The HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that the draft Act is in accordance with the commitment of Government for reforming the regulatory systems that provide for more autonomy and facilitate the holistic growth of the education system.

21. India is the world's most dangerous country for women

Due to the high risk of sexual violence and being forced into slave labour, according to a poll of global experts. War-torn Afghanistan and Syria ranked second and third in the Thomson Reuters Foundation survey of about 550 experts on women's issues, followed by Somalia and Saudi Arabia. The only Western nation in the top 10 was the United States, which ranked joint third when respondents were asked where women were most at risk of sexual violence, harassment and being coerced into sex. Government data shows reported cases of crime against women rose by 83% between 2007 and 2016.

22. Kaiga Atomic Power plant

The 220 MW Unit-1 of Karnataka's Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) set a new record of the continuous operation of 766 days, surpassing the earlier record of 765 days set by the Unit-5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-5) in 2014. With this achievement, KGS-1 stands second in the world among the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) and fourth among all nuclear power reactors in terms of continuous operation. The unit KGS-1 has been in operation since May 13, 2016. The 220 mw KGS-1 is an indigenous PHWR fuelled by domestic fuel.

23. The Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) has developed a mobile-based application 'utsonmobile'

The 'utsonmobile' application enables booking and cancellation of unreserved tickets, issue and renewal of season and platform tickets, check and load R-wallet balance and helps maintain user profile management and booking history.

24. KVIC Distributes 2330 Bee-Boxes in Kashmir, Creates World Record Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has created a world record of distributing the maximum number of bee-boxes in one day. This was achieved by the KVIC in the Zangalee Army area at Kupwara in Kashmir. It had beaten its previous best of 1000 bee boxes distributed in Kaziranga forest area among the Mishing tribe on the occasion of World Honey Bee Day (18 August). Two thousand three hundred thirty(2330) bee-boxes were distributed among 233 beneficiaries in the Zangalee Army area.

25. Suresh Prabhu Launches Mobile App 'ReUnite'

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched a mobile application called 'ReUnite' which helps to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India

26. President Declares 'Queen Pineapple' as State Fruit of Tripura

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind formally declared the "Queen Pineapple" as the state fruit of Tripura.

27. Dhanush, India's first indigenous artillery gun

India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun "Dhanush" has passed its final test at Pokhran, paving the way for its induction into the Army.

28. Sikkim gets its longest tunnel

Minister of State for Defence Subhash Ramrao Bhamre has inaugurated 578-metre-long Theng Tunnel, the longest in Sikkim.

29. 'Sagarmala' Receives Gold Award At 52nd Skoch Summit 2018

Sagarmala Project In Brief: Sagarmala is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Shipping for port-led-development of the country through harnessing India's 7,500 km long coastline, 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways and strategic location of India on key international maritime trade route

30. Kalinga Literary Festival begins in Odisha

The 5th edition of the Kalinga Literary Festival kick-started in Bhubaneswar in the presence of eminent personalities from Indian literature, politics, media, and public services.

31. Delhi most vulnerable UT in India's first disaster risk index, Maharashtra leads states

A national disaster risk index mapping hazards and vulnerabilities across 640 districts puts Maharashtra at the top of the chart followed by West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

32. India to have its 1st police museum in Delhi

India will soon have its first national police museum as the central government has decided to establish the unique facility in Lutyens' Delhi.

33. India-Nepal Joint Ex SURYA KIRAN-XIII

Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII, a joint military training exercise between India & Nepal culminated at Pithoragarh, wherein the troops of both Armies participated in 14-day long joint training based on counter terrorist operations.

34. India Successfully Test-Fires 'Agni-5' Off Odisha Coast

India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-5 from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. The state-of-the-art surface-to-surface missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has a strike range of 5,000 kilometres and can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.

35. Indian PM leaves for China to attend SCO Summit

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for China to attend the two-day Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit that begins Qingdao.

ELITES GRID

- **Economy and banking affairs**

1. **RBI to set up public credit registry to curb bad loans**

In a bid to check loan defaults, RBI stated that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) will be set up containing information on all borrowers to ensure financial stability. Following a report by Yeshwant M Deosthalee headed High-Level Task Force, RBI stated it has considered the recommendations and decided to set up a PCR in a modular and phased manner.

2. **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India** has increased the policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.25 percent in the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19). Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 percent. MPC revised CPI inflation for 2018-19 to 4.8-4.9% in the first half and 4.7% in the second half. The MPC stated that the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 is retained at 7.4 percent.

3. **Indian Oil Most Profitable PSU For 2nd Straight Year**

Indian Oil Corporation has emerged as India's most profitable state-owned company for the second consecutive year. Indian Oil posted a record profit of Rs21,346 crore in 2017-18, followed by ONGC, whose profit stood at Rs19,945 crore. Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries is the most profitable company for the third straight year, posting highest ever profit of Rs36,075 crore.

4. **Patanjali Launches New Messaging App 'Kimbho'**

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali launched a new swadeshi messaging application called 'Kimbho' to compete with WhatsApp. Kimbho caters to private and group chats with free phone and video calling. The tagline of Kimbho is "Ab Bharat Bolega". Patanjali has recently tied up with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) to enter the telecom sector by launching Swadeshi Samridhhi SIM cards.

5. **HCL Tech Acquires German IT Firm H&D**

HCL Technologies has acquired German IT and engineering services provider H&D International Group. Through this deal, HCL Tech will attain significant in-country front office and delivery capabilities, which will further enhance its domain expertise in the global automotive sector.

6. **Mumbai Based Swadhaar FinServe Acquired By RBL Bank**

RBL Bank has raised its stake in Swadhaar Finserve Pvt. Ltd to 100% from 60.48%. The bank has bought the stake it did not own from US-based non-profit Accion. Swadhaar FinServe started operations as a non-banking finance company in 2008

7. **In a first-of-its-kind transaction, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has approved a proposal allowing Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) to acquire a majority stake in the IDBI bank. Under the proposal, the public sector life insurance behemoth can raise its stake in the public sector bank to 51%, injecting Rs10,000-13,000 crore in the debt-ridden lender. The acquisition, however, will be seen only as an investment and LIC will gradually lower its stake in the lender.

8. **FDI Inflows to India Fall by \$4 Billion Last Year: UN**

Report Foreign Direct Investment to India decreased to 40 billion dollars last year from 44 billion dollars in 2016 while outflows from India, the main source of investment in South Asia, more than doubled, according to a new tradereport by

the UN. According to the World Investment Report, 2018 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) global foreign direct investment flows fell by 23 percent in 2017, to USD 1.43 trillion from USD 1.87 trillion in 2016.

9. Mobile Banking Rank By SBI's Annual Report:

Paytm Tops By Volume And Axis Bank Tops By Value At 17.2%, Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions but it's Paytm that tops volumes with 22%. However, Paytm's value share is a meagre 0.25%, according to State Bank of India's (SBI) annual report for 2017-18 which has put out Reserve Bank of India's data for January 2018. ICICI Bank has a 17.1% share of transactions by value and 9.7% by volume. SBI's volume share has slipped by over 5 percentage points from nearly 25% at the end of March 2017 to 19.5% in January 2018.

- **Appointments**

1. **Pedro Sanchez Sworn In As Spain's New PM**

Spanish Socialist Pedro Sanchez has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister by King Felipe

2. **S Ramesh Appointed Chairman of CBIC**

Senior bureaucrat S Ramesh has been appointed as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes

3. **Paul Polman, CEO of Unilever, to succeed Sunil Bharti Mittal as Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).**

4. **MK Jain appointed RBI Deputy Governor**

The Centre has appointed MK Jain, Managing Director, and CEO of IDBI Bank, as the RBI's Deputy Governor. Jain will fill a position that had been lying vacant since August 2017 after the retirement of SS Mundra. Urjit Patel is Present Governor of RBI. RBI's Deputy Governor- NS Vishwanathan, Viral V Acharya, BP Kanungo and newly appointed MK Jain.

5. **Indian-American Dhivya Suryadevara To Become CFO of General Motors**

An Indian-American woman, Dhivya Suryadevara has been named the Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors. She will report to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Barra, 56, who has been head of the automaker since 2014.

6. **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Sworn in as Egyptian President**

In Egypt, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was sworn in for a second four-year term in office as the country faces major economic and security challenges. Sisi won 97% of valid votes in the March presidential election.

- **Awards and Honours**

- ❖ **Kendrick Lamar Receives Pulitzer Prize In Music** Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album “Damn.” Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award
- ❖ **Kailash Satyarthi and Former ISRO Chief Gets 'Santokbaa Humanitarian' Award** President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' to Child rights activist and Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and space scientist A S Kiran Kumar, Former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Surat, Gujarat
- ❖ **Yuvraj Singh Awarded 'Most Inspiring Icon Of The Year For Social Welfare'** Indian star cricketer Yuvraj Singh has been awarded the 'most inspiring icon of the year for Social Welfare' award by the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) for his exemplary contribution in the field of social welfare.
- ❖ **Kamaljit Bawa 1st Indian to Receive Linnean Medal** Indian botanist Kamaljit S. Bawa (president of Bengaluru-based non-profit Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment) received the prestigious Linnean Medal in Botany from the Linnean Society of London. Dr. Bawa is the first Indian to win the award ever since it was first constituted in 1888
- ❖ **Brooks Koepka Wins 2nd US Open Golf Title 2018** American golfer Brooks Koepka has made history and finished strong as he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York. The 28-year-old Florida native emerged victorious by one shot over England's Tommy Fleetwood.
- ❖ **Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr David Nabarro Awarded World Food Prize** Lawrence Haddad, who is a British economist and food policy researcher, and Dr David Nabarro, who has worked with the World Health Organization and United Nations on health and hunger issues, were named the 2018 World Food Prize recipients in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington.
- ❖ **IIFA Awards 2018** At the Indian International Film Awards (IIFA), late star Sridevi won Best Actress (posthumously) for MOM while Irrfan Khan was given the Best Actor Award for Hindi Medium.
- ❖ **Renowned social activist and founder of Sulabh International, Dr Bindeshwar Pathak was honoured with the Japan's prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize** for his contribution to Asia's development.
- ❖ **Anukreethy Vas Crowned Femina Miss India 2018** Anukreethy Vas, a 19-year-old Tamil Nadu college student, has been crowned Femina Miss India 2018

- **Sports affairs**

- ❖ Vikas Gowda, India's Only Discus Throw Gold Medallist at Commonwealth, Retires
- ❖ Indian skipper Virat Kohli has emerged as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Ratings awards, which were presented in Mumbai
- ❖ Simona Halep wins the French Open title! Halep defeats Sloane Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 in just over two hours to lift her first Grand Slam trophy.
- ❖ Lewis Hamilton Wins French Grand Prix Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) reclaimed the world championship lead with a dominant victory in the French Grand Prix
- ❖ French Open 2018: The 2018 French Open (also known as Roland Garros) was a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts. Rafael Nadal was the defending champion in the Men's Singles and won his 11th French Open title. 1. Men's Singles Winner: Rafael Nadal (Spain) Runner up: Dominic Thiem (Austria) 2. Women's Singles Winner: Simona Halep (Rome) Runner up: Sloane Stephens (USA)
- ❖ Virat Kohli Receives Polly Umrigar Trophy At Annual BCCI Awards Indian captain Virat Kohli has received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Trophy (Cricketer of the Year) award for two consecutive seasons (2016-17 and 2017-18) at the BCCI Annual Awards function
- ❖ Dutee Chand Sets New National Record In Women's 100m India sprinter Dutee Chand set a new national record in the women's 100-metre race when she clocked 11.29 seconds at the 58th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships being held in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ Mithali becomes first Indian to score 2000 T20I runs Indian cricketer Mithali Raj has become the first batter from the country to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket. Mithali is the seventh woman batter to score 2,000 runs in T20Is
- ❖ Virat Kohli only Indian in world's highest paid athletes list India cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation topped by American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million
- ❖ Rafael Nadal wins 2018 French Open tennis title It was his 11th Roland Garros title and 17th Grand Slam overall. Roger federer has won 20 gram slams title so far. Rafael Nadal is a Spanish professional tennis player, currently ranked world No. 1 in men's singles tennis by the Association of Tennis Professionals. Rafael Nadal has won most French Open titles (11). He is 2nd highest grand slam winner after Roger Federer.
- ❖ The countries which have won the bid to hold 2026 FIFA World Cup jointly: US, Canada & Mexico
- ❖ Archer Deepika Kumari won her first individual gold medal in six years at the Salt Lake World Cup, in the USA. She defeated Germany's Michelle Kroppen in the recurve final. The win ensured Deepika will represent the country at the season-ending Archery World Cup Final in Samsun, Turkey in October 2018.
- ❖ India has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title. In the summit clash in Mumbai, they defeated Kenya 2-nil. Both the goals were netted by skipper Sunil Chhetri. He gave India the lead in the eighth minute before scoring the second goal in the 29th minute. Sunil Chhetri has become the joint second highest international goal scorer

among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike for the country against Kenya.

Important days in a year:

❖ **World Environment Day: 05 June 2018**

Host Country: India

Theme: Beat Plastic Pollution

❖ **World Ocean Day: 08 June 2018**

Action focus: Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean

❖ **World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2018**

Theme: Generation Safe and Healthy

❖ **World Refugee Day: 20 June 2018**

International Day of Yoga: 21 June 2018

Theme: Yoga for Peace

First Observed in: 2015