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#### History of 29th June

- ◆ 2005 : A comprehensive 10-year agreement was signed between India and America.
- ♦ 1961 : Sardar Baldev Singh, India's famous freedom fighter, politician and first Defense Minister, passed away.
- 1988: Rajasthan's famous Mand singer Gawari Devi passed away.
- 2011 : India has been removed from the human trafficking watch list.

#### Current Affairs Related to 29th June 2024

- Sony Pictures Networks India announced the appointment of former Disney executive Gaurav Banerjee as its Managing Director and CEO, effective on or before August 26. Shri Banerjee, N.P. Singh, who will move to the role of non-executive chairman after a tenure of 25 years. He received a master's degree in Filmmaking and TV Production from Jamia Millia Islamia University and a bachelor's degree in History from St. Stephen's, Delhi.
- ♦ The India national cricket team stands as a power-house in global cricket, with a vast legacy and a huge, dedicated fan base. Its impact on the game has been profound and lasting. The main feature of cricket in India is that British sailors introduced cricket in the 18th century. After its popularity increased, the Board of Control for Cricket in India was established in 1928.
- State Bank of India has distributed a dividend of Rs 6959 crore to the Government of India for the financial year 2023-2024. This has increased from last year's dividend of Rs 11.30 per share and now it is Rs 13.70 per share. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was invited to present her side in the meeting chaired by Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi. The week recorded a record accumulated net profit of Rs 67,085 crore for the year.
- ♦ S&P Global Ratings has maintained its GDP growth forecast for India at 6.8% for FY2025, citing higher interest rates and less fiscal stimulus as factors dampening demand in non-agricultural sectors. The project for FY 2026 and FY 2027 is 6.9% and 7% respectively. S&P has noted that India's economic growth has consistently crossed the thresholds and has revised the GDP growth rate to 8.2% for FY2024.

- The government has monetized assets worth Rs 1.56 lakh crore for the National Monetization Pipeline in the financial year 2023-2024, which is less than the target of Rs 1.8 lakh crore. This performance represents approximately 159% in 2021.2022. The NMP aims to enhance the value of brownfield infrastructure with a total infusion potential of Rs 6 lakh crore over a four-year period from FY22 to FY25.
- Foreign direct investment inflows into India will decline by 43% to \$28 billion in 2023. India continues to be in the top five for both FDI, greenfield projects and international project finance deals. India's FDI inflows were expected to increase by 10 percent to \$49 billion in 2022. India emerged as the fourth largest host country for greenfield project announcements in 2023.
- The third and final Pushpak reusable launch vehicle landing experiment was successfully conducted by ISRO. The landing experiment was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka. RLV Lex-03 again demonstrated autonomous landing capability in high wind conditions. The reusable launch vehicle Pushpak was launched by a Chinook helicopter at a height of 4.5 km from the runway.
- The Central Government has introduced a stringent anti-paper leak law amid the controversies arising over NEET and UGC-NET examinations. This law provides for serious punishment including imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine of Rs 1 crore to prevent malpractices in competitive examinations. A new law called the Public Examinations Act 2024 aims to prevent cheating in public examinations conducted by bodies like UPSC, SSC and NTA.
- ♦ In a remarkable display of athletic prowess and dedication, four officers of the Indian Armed Forces Medical Services achieved unprecedented success at the 43rd World Medical and Health Games in Saint-Tropez, France.

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#### National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is National Statistics Day celebrated every year?
  - (A) 26th June (B) 27th June (C) 28th June (D) 29th June
  - (D) This day is celebrated on 29th June to popularize the use of statistics in everyday life. This day Prof. Celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of PC Mahalanobis. The first Statistics Day was celebrated on 29 June 2007. To create public awareness among the young generation about the role and importance of Future Day in strategy, economic planning and policy making.



- (A) 27th June (B) 28th June (C) 29th June (D) 30th June
- (C) International Day of the Tropics celebrates the extraordinary diversity of tropical regions, while highlighting the unique challenges and opportunities facing tropical countries. It provides an opportunity to share tropical stories and expertise and acknowledge the diversity and potential of the region.



- (A) Australia (B) France (C) Japan (D) Brazil
- (A) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with the Government of Australia organized a comprehensive and productive round table interaction to discuss the lessons learned from the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project. The meeting was organized under the leadership of Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Matthew Johnston, Minister Counselor in the Australian High Commission.
- 4. Recently, with whom has the Government of India signed an agreement to improve the health sector?
  - (A) NDB (B) World Bank (C) RBI (D) ADB
  - (D) The World Bank has signed a \$1 billion program for India's health sector for pandemic preparedness and better health care delivery. New Delhi March 3, 2023 The Government of India and the World Bank signed loan agreements for two \$500 million health projects to boost India's health sector.
- 5. Which bank has recently received the National Award for APY implementation?
  - (A) Axis Bank (B) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
  - (C) Federal Bank (D) Yes Bank
  - (B) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank has received the National Award for APY implementation. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, a regional rural bank sponsored by Canara Bank, has been awarded the National Award by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority for significant enrollment under the Atal Pension Yojana.











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- 6. Recently the Ministry of Education has notified how many member panels to improve the process of competitive examinations?
  - (A) 2 (C) 5 (B) 4 (D) 7
  - (D) The Education Ministry has notified a seven-member panel to reform the process of competitive examinations. Former ISRO chief K. Radhakrishna will chair the high-level committee of experts. A committee has been constituted to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations through the National Testing Agency. The committee will give recommendations on the mechanism of examination process, improvement in the structure and functioning of NTA and improvement in data security protocols.



- (A) IIT Mumbai (B) IIT Kanpur (C) IISc Bengaluru (D) IIT Delhi
- (C) Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have developed a unique device that can have wide applications in the fields of defence, communications and scientific imaging. This work is a step forward towards developing efficient, home-made devices in this field, as utilities in the defense sector restrict export of infrared sensors.



- (A) Pradeep Kumar (B) Manoj Jain (C) Anurag Batra (D) None of these
- (B) Bharat Electronics Limited, India's leading defense electronics company, has announced important changes in its top leadership. Manoj Jain has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Kanni. Manoj Jain's BEL career spans over three decades, which reflects his dedication and dedication in the field of research and development.

## 9. Who has recently been appointed as the new president of Bharat AXA?

- (A) Akhil Gupta (B) Piyush Mittal (C) Chirag Srivaswat (D) None of these
- (A) Recently, Bharti AXA Life Insurance, wholly owned by Bharti Group, appointed Akhil Gupta, currently Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, as its new Chairman. With over 40 years of professional experience, Gupta has played a key role in the growth of Bharti Airtel since its inception, the company said in a statement.

## 10. Recently China and which country launched a satellite to study the explosion of the most distant stars?

- (A) Russia (B) Japan (C) France (D) Sri Lanka
- (C) The satellite jointly developed by China and France was successfully launched. This satellite has been designed to study the explosions of the most distant stars. The Long March-2C rocket carrying the advanced astronomical satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province. This satellite is equipped with four instruments, two French and two Chinese.









