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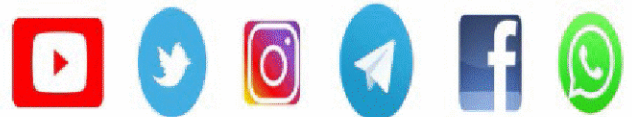
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History of 17th June

- ◆ **1858** : Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi, the heroine of the Indian freedom struggle, was martyred.
- ◆ **1674** : Rajmata Jijabai died.
- ◆ **1917** : Mahatma Gandhi made his residence in Handay Kunj of Sabarmati Ashram.
- ◆ **1929** : The Soviet Union ended diplomatic relations with China.
- ◆ **2004** : Many stones from Earth's rocks were found on Mars.

Current Affairs Related to 17th June 2024

- ◆ The central government issued an order to transfer revenue of Rs 1,39,750 crore to the states for the month of June. In addition to the regular transfer of revenue amount for June 2024, an additional installment will also be released, the Finance Ministry said in a statement. According to the report, this amount cumulatively in the current month is Rs 139750 crore. With this, state governments will rapidly increase development and capital expenditure. 41 per cent share is transferred by the Central Government in 14 installments among the states during the financial year.
- ◆ Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, 16 installments have been released so far and now it is the turn of the 17th installment. As soon as the Modi government was formed, PM Narendra Modi has signed the file for the release of the 17th installment, which means that soon crores of farmers associated with the scheme will get the benefit of the installment. Encouraged for PM Kisan Yojana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has signed the file of PM Kisan Yojana on the first day of forming the government. PM Modi has passed the file for releasing the 17th installment, so now the way has been cleared for Modi to get the 17th installment.
- ◆ India has welcomed the joining of Egypt, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia into the BRICS grouping. The leaders of these countries participated for the first time in an important BRICS meeting on behalf of Russia. India's senior diplomat Dammu Ravi led the meeting of foreign ministers of the BRICS grouping member countries in private Novgorod in western Russia and organized the Indian summit.
- ◆ The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a fine of Rs 7.75 crore on 11 persons for operating a pump and dump scheme in the shares of Gold Trading Industry. The market regulator has also banned him from the securities market and ordered him to pay Rs 92.37 lakh along with 12 per cent annual interest.
- ◆ Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi will be the next Army Chief. That is the place of General Manoj Pandey. General Pandey is retiring on June 30. Lieutenant General Dwivedi is currently the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff. The government has followed the principle of seniority in the appointment of Lieutenant General Dwivedi. The Defense Ministry is issuing a statement that the government has appointed Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, as the next Army Chief. His appointment will be effective from the afternoon of June 30.
- ◆ There is a growing consensus among a wide section of citizens and political parties in India that the current first-past-the-post electoral system should be replaced by the proportional representation electoral system as a viable alternative.
- ◆ Priyanka Jarkiholi, daughter of Congress's famous minister Satish Jarkiholi, has won from Chikodi, defeating sitting MP and BJP leader Anna Saheb Jole. After independence, she became the youngest woman from the tribe to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat from Karnataka. In fact, Karnataka BJP has defeated Chikodi in all respects in Mumbai.
- ◆ A day before taking oath as Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Telugu Desam Party chief Chandrababu Naidu announced that Amaravati will be the sole capital of the state. MDA was addressing a joint meeting on the issues of TDP, BJP and Janasena. In the meeting he was elected as NDA candidate in Andhra Pradesh Assembly.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has outlined a number of aspirational goals for India's fast-growing economy, with the aim of making it future ready by the time it reaches its centenary, RBI/100. Proposal for full capital account convertibility, allowing free conversion between rupee and foreign currencies for capital transactions.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Desertification and Drought Prevention Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th June (B) 16th June
(C) 17th June (D) 18th June

(C) Since 1995, this day is celebrated to spread awareness about international cooperation to combat the effects of desertification and drought. In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared 17 June as the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. This is a unique opportunity to remind people that desertification can be tackled effectively, solutions are possible and partnership and collaboration at all levels is important.



2. Recently Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary will become the 5th wildlife sanctuary of which state?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Rajasthan
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Kerala

(A) A new tiger reserve will soon be set up in Uttar Pradesh after evidence of tiger population was found in Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary, which covers Balrampur Srivasti and Gonda districts. Manoj Kumar Singh, additional chief secretary of environment, forest and climate change, said the state's fifth tiger reserve will be notified soon after Pilibhit, Amangarh, Ranipur and Bijnor.



3. Recently, in which state GAIL will set up India's largest KTA ethane cracker project?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Odisha

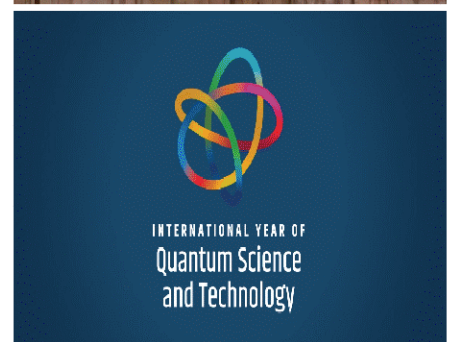
(C) Recently, in a significant step to expand its petrochemical operations, state-owned GAIL Limited has announced plans to set up a mega ethane cracker project in Madhya Pradesh with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore. The project aims to produce 1500 kilotonnes per year, which will significantly strengthen GAIL's position in the petrochemical industry.



4. Who has recently been declared the International Year of Quantum and Technology by the United Nations?

- (A) 2024 (B) 2025
(C) 2026 (D) 2027

(B) The initiative will take place throughout the year and around the world and will be celebrated through activities at all levels aimed at increasing public awareness of the importance of quantum science and applications. The announcement is the result of a proposal submitted by Mexico in May 2023, which was soon joined by other countries.



5. Recently the University Grants Commission has given permission to Indian universities to give admission how many times a year.

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5

(A) UGC has allowed biennial admissions for Indian universities for the upcoming academic year. The purpose of biennial admission is to increase student enrollment while reducing the waiting time for enrollment. Now admissions will be open for July/August and January/February. Students who missed the first cycle due to personal reasons, health issues or delay in board results will get more opportunities as a result.



6. Who has recently topped the International Digital Teacher Olympiad 2024?

- (A) Shilpi Aggarwal (B) Anamika Rajeev
(C) Shivangi Singh (D) None of these

(A) Recently Ms. Shilpi Aggarwal topped the International Digital Teacher Olympiad 2024. Ashish Kumar Dash was appointed Director in NITI Aayog. GAIL will set up India's largest KTA ethane cracker project in Madhya Pradesh.



7. Recently the Parliament of which country has approved the framework agreement for ISA membership?

- (A) Bhutan (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Germany (D) Nepal

(D) Recently, the House of Representatives of Nepal has approved the proposal to approve the framework agreement related to the membership of International Solar Alliance. This step will help Nepal increase the use of solar energy to combat climate change. The International Solar Alliance was conceived by India and France.



8. Who has recently won his sixth ATP Challenger tennis title?

- (A) Xu Wenjun (B) Sumit Nagpal
(C) Magnus Carlsen (D) None of these

(B) Indian tennis sensation Sumit Nagpal has etched his name in the history of the 2024 ATP Challenger tennis tournament at the prestigious Heilbronn in Germany. This marks Rich Nagpal's sixth ATP Challenger title, cementing his position as India's top-ranked men's singles player.



9. Which country has recently been added by the UN to the list of global criminals committing crimes against children?

- (A) Israel (B) Germany
(C) China (D) Canada

(A) The United Nations has included Israel and Hamas in the list of states that commit crimes against children. The Guardian reported that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu announced in a statement that the United Nations has added itself to the blacklist of history by joining those who support the killers of Hamas.



10. Recently Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister of which state?

- (A) Odisha (B) Telangana
(C) Maharashtra (D) Sikkim

(D) Recently, Sikkim Krantikari Morcha supremo Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for the second consecutive time. The 56-year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Laxman Prasad Ayarch at a ceremony held at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.

