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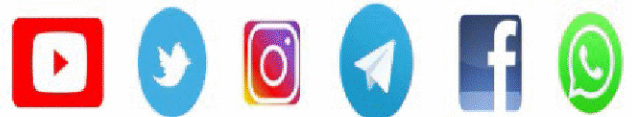
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History of 30th June

- ◆ **1947** : After the announcement of the **partition of India**, the members of the **Boundary Commission** for the partition of Bengal and Punjab were announced.
- ◆ **1914** : Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi** was arrested for the first time while agitating for Indian rights in **South Africa**.
- ◆ **1894** : The construction of **Tower Bridge** in London was **completed**.
- ◆ **1937** : The world's **first emergency** number was issued in **London**.

Current Affairs Related to 30th June 2024

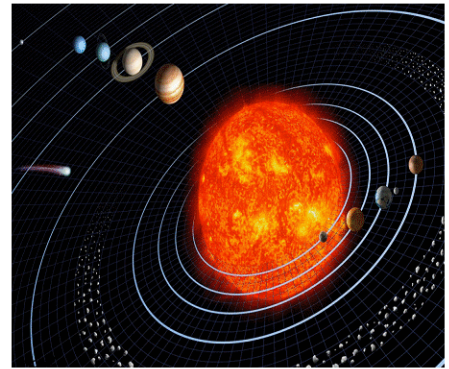
- ◆ **Private sector general insurer HDFC ERGO General Insurance** announced the **appointment** of Anuj Tyagi as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 1, 2024. Tyagi, who has been with the company since 2008 and currently serves as deputy MD, will replace Ritesh Kumar, MD and CEO since 2008. This leadership change has received all necessary regulatory approvals. Ritesh Kumar will transition to GPO International to join the new Deputy Chief Operating Officer on its Management Board with effect from October 4, 2024.
- ◆ **Auction of 5G spectrum for telecom service providers has started.** Auction of 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz, and 26 MHz band frequencies has been started by the Department of Telecommunications. In this round of spectrum auction, the Department of Telecommunications has kept out the 600 MHz and 700 MHz bands.
- ◆ **The National Stop Diarrhea Campaign 2024 was launched by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda** at a function in New Delhi. He started the campaign by distributing oral rehydration salts and zinc tablets to the children. This two-month long campaign will start from July 1 and will continue till August 31. The Stop Diarrhea campaign aims to reduce child mortality due to diarrhea to zero. The current diarrhea strategy involved a two-week campaign, while many strategies involve a two-month campaign.
- ◆ **Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have developed a device to amplify or change** the frequency of short infrared light to the visible range. The upconversion of light will have many applications, particularly in defense and optical communications. The human eye can only see light in the visible spectrum, it cannot see infrared light.
- ◆ **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that a center of Indian knowledge tradition will be opened** in every PM College of Excellence and necessary arrangements will be made in this regard. PM College of Excellence is going to start in all 55 jawans of Madhya Pradesh from July 1. Chairing a review meeting of the Higher Education Department in the ministry, the Chief Ministers said that the state will come out with a drone policy. A strategy should be prepared and work should be done on the use of drones in higher education, industry and other sectors.
- ◆ **Paul Thomas, MD and CEO of ESAF Small Finance Bank, has been elected Chairman** of the Board of Sa-Dhan. Which is a combination of microfinance and impact finance payments. Thomas was till now the co-chairman of the association. Of. Paul Thomas has founded the ESAF Group of Social Enterprises, which includes ESAF Microfinance and Investment Pvt. Ltd.
- ◆ **Srinagar has received the World Craft City tag from the World Craft Council.** This tag will promote the handloom and handicraft sector, which will benefit tourism and infrastructure development in the Jammu and Kashmir region. This will open new markets and opportunities for the artisans of Srinagar. This recognition will attract more investment and funding, thereby promoting infrastructure development and introduction of modern technologies while preserving traditional methods.
- ◆ **The government has appointed Girija Subramanian as the Chairman and Managing Director** of New India Assurance, India's largest general insurer. It will remain in force till further orders. Girija Subramdhayan holds a bachelor's degree and is a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India. He is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute London.
- ◆ **Bureau of Indian Standards has introduced new safety standards for electric vehicles** to enhance safety. The L, M and N categories include two-wheelers, four-wheelers and cargo trucks respectively.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Asteroid Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 27th June (B) 28th June
(C) 29th June (D) 30th June

(D) Asteroid Day is an event celebrated on June 30, which aims to provide online education about asteroids. The event is held on the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska incident that occurred on 30 June 1908. It is the most damaging known asteroid event on Earth in recent history. The United Nations passed a resolution to celebrate June 30 as Asteroid Day.



2. Where will the world's first Asian King Vulture breeding center be established recently?

- (A) Haryana (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Gujarat

(B) The Uttar Pradesh government is going to set up the world's first conservation and breeding center for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures in Maharajganj. This facility will improve the population of this critically endangered species listed on the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature since 2007. This center was named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.



3. Who has recently become the MD&CEO of Sony Pictures?

- (A) Manoj Jain (B) Gaurav Banerjee
(C) Anurag Batra (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Sony Pictures Networks India has announced that Gaurav Banerjee will be the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer before 26 August 2024, subject to regulatory approval. Banerjee will replace NP Singh. With over 20 years of experience, Gaurav Banerjee is a seasoned professional in content creation and strategic leadership.



4. Where has the Indian Army recently opened the Khalubar War Memorial?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) New Delhi (D) Ladakh

(D) To pay tribute to the heroes of Kargil war in Ladakh, the Indian Army has opened the Khalubar War Memorial for tourists. The inauguration ceremony was part of the pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations of Forever in Operations Division as this year the country will observe the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July.



5. Where has India's first pilot project for underground coal gasification been started recently?

- (A) Bihar (B) Jharkhand
(C) Odisha (D) Chhattisgarh

(B) India's first pilot project for underground coal gasification was started in Jharkhand. The aim of this initiative is to bring revolutionary changes in the coal industry. For this, coal gasification is used to convert it into valuable gases like methane, hydrogen, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide for industrial applications.



6. Who has recently been appointed as the next Deputy Chief of the Indian Army?

- (A) NS Raja Subramani (B) BS Raju
(C) Upendra Dwivedi (D) None of these
(A) Recently, Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani will be the next Vice Chief of the Army and the government has approved his appointment to this post. He is currently heading the Army's Central Command and will succeed Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi. He will assume charge in the first week of July.



7. Which state government has recently increased the reservation for OBC and increased the income limit of the creamy layer?

- (A) Odisha (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Haryana
(D) Recently, Haryana will increase OBC reservation from 15% to 27%. The income limit of creamy layer will be Rs 8 lakh. CMO suddenly removed the post of his announcements, Haryana CM Nayab Saini. Additionally, the annual income limit for the creamy layer will be increased from Rs 6 lakh to Rs 8 lakh.



8. Who has been suspended by NADA once again for violating anti-doping rules recently?

- (A) Bajrang Punia (B) Ravi Dahiya
(C) Yogeshwar Dutt (D) None of these
(A) Olympic bronze medalist wrestler Bajrang Punia has been suspended for the second time by the National Anti-Doping Agency for refusing to provide urine sample during the selection test. This suspension comes after NADA revoked his previous suspension due to procedural issues. Punia's legal team plans to challenge the suspension, arguing that he did not refuse to provide the sample, but first sought clarification on the expired kit.



9. Who has recently won the Spanish Grand Prix?

- (A) Max Verstappen (B) Lewis Hamilton
(C) George Russell (D) None of these
(A) Max Verstappen was victorious at the Spanish Grand Prix, securing pole position and extending his lead in the Formula One championship to 53 points. Red Bull's dominance continued as they celebrated their seventh consecutive win of the season. Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton finished second for Mercedes, but finished 24.090 seconds behind Verstappen.



10. Where have the world's oldest termite mounds been found recently?

- (A) Australia (B) Indonesia
(C) South Africa (D) India
(C) Scientists have recently discovered the world's oldest termite mounds, which are 34,000 years old, on the banks of the Buffels River in Namaqualand. This is a desert region of South Western Africa. From north to south, it extends from the Karas region of Namibia to the Northern Cape province of South Africa.

