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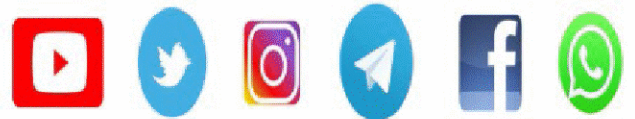
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## History of 25th June

- ◆ **529** : The **Mughal** ruler **conquered** **Bengal** and returned his capital to **Agra**.
- ◆ **2004** : **Russia** decided to increase **partnership** with **India**.
- ◆ **1975** : On the advice of the **Congress** government
- ◆ **1960** : **Madagascar** became **independent** from **France**.
- ◆ led by **Indira Gandhi**, President of **India** **Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed** declared emergency in the country.

## Current Affairs Related to 25th June 2024

- ◆ **The Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the Central Sector Scheme National Forensic Infrastructure Augmentation Scheme.** It has been approved with a total financial outlay of Rs 2254.43 crore for the period 2024.2025 to 2028.2029. Under this scheme, campuses of National Forensic Science University and Central Forensic Science Laboratories will be established. The scheme will also help in upgrading the existing infrastructure of NFSU's Delhi campus.
- ◆ **A state-of-the-art skin bank facility has been opened by the Army Research and Referral Hospital in New Delhi.** The facility is the first of its kind to be established within the Armed Forces Medical Services. According to the Defense Ministry, this historic initiative aims to transform the way service members and their families are treated for serious burn injuries and other skin related diseases.
- ◆ **The Finance Ministry and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry are working on an institutional mechanism for verification of tax refunds given to exporters under the government's flagship duty rebate scheme.** This is being done so that India can avoid countervailing duties imposed by top importing countries like the EU and the US. The move comes after the US and EU imposed countervailing duties on paper file folders, plain alloy aluminum sheets and forged steel flux in 2023 following an anti-subsidy investigation.
- ◆ **Nvidia has replaced Microsoft as the world's most valuable company.** Its market capitalization increased to \$3.335 trillion. Microsoft's stock market value was \$3.317 trillion. Earlier, it had overtaken iPhone maker Apple to become the second most valuable company.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India for the development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi.**
- ◆ **Cyberspace has emerged as an important and challenging area in modern warfare.** India's first Joint Doctrine for Cyberspace Operations will provide a conceptual guidance to commanders, staff and practitioners in planning for the armed forces. Cyberspace hostile actions could impact India's economy, cohesion, political decision-making and ability to defend itself. This doctrine emphasized understanding the military aspects of cyberspace operations.
- ◆ **Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit Pyongyang.** This will be his first visit to North Korea in 24 years. He visited Pyongyang for the first time in July 2000. He made his first visit after his first election and met with Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, who was ruling the country at the time. He and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will try to greatly strengthen the bilateral military partnership. This will have implications for the security of the Korean Peninsula and beyond.
- ◆ **The new postal law Post Office Act 2023 came into force.** A notification was issued by the Central Government to give effect to the provisions of the new postal law, Post Office Act, 2023. It repealed the Indian Post Office Act 1898. The Post Office Bill 2023 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 10 August 2023 and passed in the Rajya Sabha on 4 December 2023.
- ◆ **Fitch Ratings increased India's growth forecast for the current financial year from 7% to 7.2%.** Fitch estimates growth rates at 6.5% and 6.2% for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, respectively. According to Fitch, investment will continue to grow, but at a slower pace than in recent quarters.
- ◆ **Delhi International Airport Limited has launched a self-service system** that will enable passengers to place their luggage, obtain tags and print boarding passes, thereby reducing the check-in process.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently Vivo will open one of the largest smartphone plants of which country in Greater Noida?

- (A) China (B) India  
(C) Russia (D) America

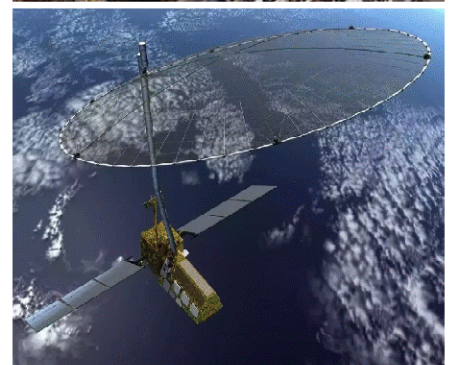
(B) Vivo will open India's largest mobile phone manufacturing plant in Greater Noida in the coming month. It will have an annual production capacity of 120 million devices and has been set up with an investment of over Rs 3000 crore. This new facility will be spread over an area of more than 170 acres in Greater Noida. Tata Group is in talks with Vivo to acquire majority stake in the Indian division.



2. Recently India and which country will jointly launch NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar?

- (A) America (B) Australia  
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Bhutan

(A) NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar will be launched to deal with climate change and other global challenges. NASA's ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite will conduct complete mapping of the Earth's surface twice every 12 days. NISAR will be the first radar imaging satellite to use dual frequencies. The main objective of the NISAR satellite is to observe the Earth's most complex natural processes.



3. Which state government has recently approved caste based survey in the state?

- (A) Telangana (B) Tamil Nadu  
(C) Jharkhand (D) Maharashtra

(C) Jharkhand government has approved caste based survey in the state. This decision was taken in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Champai Soren. The Chief Minister has directed the Personnel Department to prepare a draft standard operating procedure for conducting the survey. The Chief Minister said that the purpose of the caste-based survey is to study the prevalence of different communities in the state.



4. Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the increase in the minimum support price for how many Kharif crops?

- (A) 8 (B) 14  
(C) 16 (D) 20

(B) The Union Cabinet has approved increase in the minimum support price for 14 Kharif crops. These crops include paddy, ragi, millet, jowar, maize and cotton. Due to the decision to increase MSP, the government will have to bear the financial burden of Rs 2 lakh crore. Farmers will get about Rs 2 lakh crore as MSP. Farmers will get Rs 35,000 crore more than last season.



5. Recently, how many Krishi Sakhis were given certificates by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi?

- (A) 10,000 (B) 20,000  
(C) 25,000 (D) 30,000

(D) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi distributed certificates as Krishi Sakhis to more than 30,000 self-help groups in Varanasi. Krishi Sakhi Training Program aims to transform rural India by empowering rural women as Krishi Sakhi. This certification course is in line with the objectives of the Lakhpati Didi programme.





6. Recently the President of which country has announced a new plan to give citizenship to immigrants?

- (A) France (B) Russia  
(C) America (D) India

(C) US President Joe Biden has announced a new effort to find a way to provide citizenship to hundreds of immigrants who are married to US citizens but do not have the right to live in the country legally. With this action, about five lakh migrants will be saved from being sent back to their country.



7. Who has recently been appointed as the Managing Director of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

- (A) Ajit Kumar KK (B) Pradeep Kumar  
(C) Anurag Batra (D) None of these

(A) Ajit Kumar KK was appointed MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank. He has replaced JK Shivan. He has experience in working in various areas of banking including credit human resources, business and banking etc. He is currently the Chief Human Resource Officer in the Chairman's cadre at Federal Bank.



8. Where recently has a state-of-the-art skin bank been opened in the Army's Research and Referral Hospital?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Mumbai  
(C) New Delhi (D) None of these

(C) The Indian Army announced the opening of a state-of-the-art skin bank facility at the Army Hospital. The facility provides the latest modern treatment for severe burn injuries suffered by armed forces personnel and their families. The purpose of setting up this facility is that it should serve the three types of modes seen in the armed forces.



9. Who has recently been appointed as Non-Executive Independent Director by Paytm?

- (A) Gaurav Pandey (B) Rajeev Aggarwal  
(C) Vinod Ganatra (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Paytm has appointed former whole-time director of SEBI, Rajeev Krishnamurli Lal Agarwal, as its non-executive independent director for a tenure of five years. This change has happened with the sacrifice of Neeraj Arora, who was defeated given his commitment and personal interests.



10. Recently, which country's nuclear arsenal has increased to three times that of India?

- (A) China (B) Japan  
(C) England (D) America

(A) Recently, 9 nuclear armed countries including America, Russia, China, India and Pakistan have continued to modernize their nuclear arsenal. Many of these countries have deployed new nuclear capable weapons systems in 2023. China's nuclear arsenal increased from 410 in January 2023 to 500 in January 2024.

