

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JUNE - JULY 2018

Awards

- The oldest centre of Yoga established by Shri Yogendra which has been awarded the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga for the year 2018 in the Organisation category – **Yoga Institute, Mumbai**
- The founder of Yoga Vidya Gurukul, Nashik who has been awarded the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga for the year 2018 in the individual category – **Shri Vishwas Mandalik**

Defence

- The world's largest multilateral naval exercise involving 26 countries including India being conducted in the western Pacific Ocean is named – **RIMPAC**
- The United States territory in the Pacific Ocean in which the joint naval exercise Malabar 2018 by the Navies of India, US and Japan is scheduled was held in June 2018 – **Guam**
- The operation launched by the Indian Navy to evacuate 38 Indian nationals stranded on the Yemeni island of Socotra in the aftermath of cyclone Mekenu – **Nistar**

Persons

- The contestant from Koraput district of Odisha who has been crowned the first Tribal Queen of India in a beauty pageant titled Adi Rani 2018 in Bhubaneswar – **Pallavi Durua**
- The Chairman of Bharat Forge who has been chosen to head a group of eminent persons to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India and suggest measures to cater to the needs of exporters in the present economic scenario and make the SEZ policy WTO compatible – **Baba Kalyani**
- The eminent jurist and politician who has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Italy – **Giuseppe Conte**

Sports

- The Indian cricketer who has become the first from the country to cross 2000 runs in Twenty20 Internationals (while playing against Sri Lanka in Asia Cup) – **Mithali Raj**
- The countries which have won the bid to hold 2026 FIFA World Cup jointly – **USA, Canada & Mexico**
- The team which has won the maiden Women's Asia Cup T20 tournament defeating India in the finals in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – **Bangladesh** The team which has made a new record of highest ODI score by scoring 481 for 6 against Australia at Nottingham – **England**

Places

- The place in Odisha where the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of 4th Strategic Petroleum Reserve in addition to 3 established at Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur – **Chandikhol**
- The venue of the 3rd annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank held from 25 to 26 June 2018 – **Mumbai**
- The island on which India and Seychelles have agreed to jointly develop a naval base – **Assumption Island**
- The place in Gujarat where world's first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics was launched jointly by International Committee of Red Cross and Gujarat Forensic Science University – **Gandhinagar**
- The venue of high-level Conference on “International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028” from 20 to 21 June 2018 – **Tajikistan**
- The venue of 106th Indian Science Congress to be held from 03 Jan to 07 Jan 2019 with the theme 'Future India: Science and Technology' – **Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar**

Apps and Technology

- The mobile app launched by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India is named – **ReUnite**

- The mobile app launched by Ministry of Railways to expedite and streamline passenger grievance redressal is named – **Rail Madad**
- The psychopath artificial intelligence (AI) developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) based on a community on Reddit is named – **Norman**
- **Railways**
- The railway station in Uttar Pradesh which has been renamed Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar Junction – **Mughalsarai States**
- The Indian State which has decided to completely prohibit polythene from 31 July 2018 – **Uttarakhand**
- The Indian State which has decided to grant 15 days paternity leave to all its government employees – **Haryana**

Miscellaneous

- The fruit which has been declared as the State fruit of Tripura – **Queen Pineapple**
- The freedom fighter whose jail diary book was released by Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad – **Bhagat Singh**
- The crowdsourcing app launched by Google to help people find local answers in their neighbourhood is named – **Neighbourly**
- The scheme introduced by the Central Government to reimburse its share of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) on purchase of raw items such as ghee, edible oil, atta/maida/rava/flour, rice pulses, sugar, burra/jiggery etc which go into preparation of food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by religious institutions is named – **Seva Bhoj Yojana**

Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan

- **Aim:** to aid, assist and advice farmers on how to improve their farming techniques and raise their incomes.
- **Target villages:** 25 Villages with more than 1000 population each in Aspirational Districts
- **Implementation dates:** 01 June 2018 to 31 July 2018

Various activities to promote best practices and enhance agriculture income are being undertaken under this plan such as:-

- Distribution of Soil Health Cards to all farmers

- 100% coverage of bovine vaccination for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in each village
- 100% coverage of Sheep and Goat for eradication of Peste des Petits ruminants (PPR)
- Distribution of Mini Kits of pulses and oilseeds to all
- Distribution of Horticulture/Agro Forestry/Bamboo plant @ 5 per family (location appropriate)
- Making 100 NADAP Pits in each village
- Artificial insemination saturation
- Demonstration programmes on Micro- irrigation
- Demonstrations of integrated cropping practice

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- It is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- To be implemented over a period of five years from 2018-19 to 2022-23.
- World Bank approved assistance of Rs. 6,000 crore.
- **Aim:** To address the criticality of ground water resources in a major part of the country.
- The priority areas identified under the scheme fall in the states of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. These States represent about 25% of the total number of over-exploited, critical and semi-critical blocks in terms of ground water in India. They also cover two major types of groundwater systems found in India - alluvial and hard rock aquifers- and have varying degrees of institutional readiness and experience in groundwater management.

New State Symbols

- State Bird of Andhra Pradesh : **Rose Ringed Parakeet** (Psittacula krameri)
- State Flower of Andhra Pradesh : **Jasmine**
- State Fruit of Tripura: **Queen Pineapple**

Ban of Oxytocin

- The import of Oxytocin has banned by the Govt of India wef 01 July 2018.
- Also no private manufacturer will be allowed to manufacture the drug for domestic use.
- Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Ltd is the only public sector unit allowed to manufacture the drug.
- All hospitals and clinics will have to obtain the drug only from KAPL as no retail chemist is allowed to sell the drug.

- Oxytocin, also known as the 'cuddle hormone', is a naturally-occurring hormone that causes uterine contractions during labour and helps new mothers lactate.
- It is widely misused in dairy industry to make cows and buffaloes release milk as per convenience. It is also used to enlarge the size of some vegetables like brinjals, pumpkins, cucumbers etc.

World Food Prize 2018

- Dr. Laurence Haddard
- Dr. David Nabarr

Important Days of June 2018

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly	International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: The Plight and Rights of Children born of War First Observed in: 2015
World Environment Day: 05 June 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1974 Host Country: India Theme: Beat Plastic Pollution	World Blood Donor Day: 14 June 2018 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2004 Theme: Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life.
World Ocean Day: 08 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2009 Action focus: Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean	World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2018 Designated by: International Labour Organization First Observed in: 2002 Theme: Generation Safe and Healthy
Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2012	World Milk Day: 01 June 2018 Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation First observed: 2001
Olympic Day: 23 June 2018 Designated by: International Olympic Committee First Observed in: 1948 Observed to: Celebrate the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894.	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: 26 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1988 Theme: Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe
International Widows Day: 23 June 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2011	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012
International Day of Yoga: 21 June 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Yoga for Peace First Observed in: 2015	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1995 Theme: Land has true value – invest in it.
World Refugee Day: 20 June 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2001	

UNESCO World Heritage Sites - New Additions

- The Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (37 site in India)
- The Sassanid Archaeological Landscape of Fars Region (Iran)
- The Hidden Christian Sites in the Nagasaki Region (Japan)
- The Sansa, Buddhist Mountain Monasteries in Korea
- Archaeological border complex of Hedeby and Danevirke (Germany)

National Statistics Day

- Held on: **29 June 2018**
- Commemoration: Birth anniversary of **PC Mahalanobis** founder of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
- Theme: **Quality Assurance in Official Statistics**
- Events: Release of Rs. 125 commemorative coin and Rs. 5 circulation coin on the occasion.

19th IIFA Awards

- Venue: **Siam Niramit** theatre in Bangkok (Thailand)
- Best Film: **Tumhari Sulu** directed by Suresh Triveni
- Best Director: **Saket Chaudhary** for Hindi Medium
- Best Actor: **Irrfan Khan** for Hindi Medium
- Best Actress: **Sridevi** for Mom
- Best Story: **Amit Masurkar** for Newton
- Best Debut Director: **Konkona Sen Sharma** for Death in the Gunj
- Best Music Director: **Amaal Malik, Tanishq Bagchi, Akhil Sachdeva** for Badrinath ki Dulhania
- Best Playback Singer (Male): **Arijit Singh** for Jab Harry Met Sejal
- Best Playback Singher (Female): **Meghna Mishra** for Secret Superstar

Femina Miss India Beauty Pageant Winners

- Venue : **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium**, Mumbai
- Femina Miss India World: **Ms Anukreethy Vas** (Tamil Nadu)
- Femina Miss India United Continents: **Ms Meenakshi Chaudhary** (Haryana)
- Femina Miss India Grand International: **Ms Shreya Rao Kamavarapu** (Andhra Pradesh)

Cashless Ticketing App

- Developed by: Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS)
- Name of the app: **utsonmobile**
- Compatibility: Android and Windows

Procedure

1. Passenger to get registered by providing his/her mobile number, name, city, default booking train type, class, ticket type, number of passenger and frequently travelling routes.
2. Upon successful registration, Railway Wallet (R-Wallet) will be created automatically with zero balance to the passenger. There will be no extra cost for creating R-Wallet.
3. The R-Wallet can be recharged either at any of the UTS counter o

Other features:

- Does not work without internet connection.

- No advance ticket booking is allowed.
- Paperless Ticket: The passenger can travel without taking hardcopy of the ticket. Whenever Ticket Checking Staff asks for ticket, the passenger will use 'Show Ticket' option in the app. The smart phone should be GPS enabled to book paperless ticket. The paperless tickets are not allowed for cancellation. The journey should commence within one hour after booking paperless ticket.
- The Season ticket can be issued/renewed from mobile application and it will be valid from the next day of booking the ticket. No need of GPS for issue/renewal of Season Ticket.
- Platform Ticket can also be booked from mobile application.
- Paper Ticket: The passenger can book ticket through the mobile app. On booking of ticket, he/she will get Booking ID along with other ticket details. The booking details will also be available in booking history. The booking ID will also be conveyed through an SMS. After booking Paper ticket, Passenger can go to the journey originating (source) station to take ticket print out from any of the ATVM there, by entering his/her registered mobile number and booking ID. The Journey is valid only with printed ticket. The cancellation of Paper ticket is allowed either at the counter after printing the ticket or through the app before printing the ticket. However, in both the cases, cancellation fee is applicable. The journey should commence within one hour after printing paper ticket in the kiosk.

French Open 2018

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women's Singles	Simona Halep (Romania)	Sloane Stephens (United States)
Mens's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (France)	Oliver Marach (Austria) and Mate Pavic (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejckikova and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)	Eri Hozumi and Makoto Ninomiya (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan (Taiwan) and Ivan Dodig (Croatia)	Gabriel Dabrowski (Canada) and Mate Pavic (Croatia)

Note: **Rafael Nadal** has won 11 French Open titles which is the highest for any player.

Santokhba Humanitarian Awards

- Instituted by : Ramakrishna Knowledge Foundation
- Awardees: **Kailash Satyarthi** and ISRO Chief **AS Kiran Kumar**

Upward Revision of Pension for Sportspersons

- The medal winners at the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games: **Rs. 20,000**
- Gold medallist at World Cup and World Championship: **Rs. 16,000**
- Silver and Bronze medallist at World Cup and World Championship: **Rs. 14,000**
- Gold medallist in Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Para Asian Games: **Rs. 14,000**
- Silver and Bronze medallist in Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Para Asian Games: **Rs. 12,000**

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