

GK DIGEST - 2nd Week of June 2018

June 4th - June 10th

International Affairs

Islamic State attacks killed around 22 pro-regime fighters in Syria

- Islamic State terror outfit **killed 22 pro-regime fighters** including 11 soldiers in surprise attacks in Syria.
- As many as **twelve IS terrorists were also killed** in the desert of the southern province of Sweida, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Observatory Head, Rami Abdel Rahman said 22 pro-regime combatants killed also included nine Iranians and fighters belonging to pro-Iran Shiite militias.
- IS has ramped up its attacks against pro-government forces since its fighters in May left their last stronghold near Damascus under an evacuation deal with the regime.

Donald Trump and Kim sign Agreement on Denuclearization after historic talks

- United States decided to provide **security guarantees to North Korea, in exchange of Pyongyang's firm** and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.
- This is according to the joint document which was signed by **US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un** following their historic maiden talks at Singapore's Sentosa island. Both nations commit to establishing new relations in accordance with the desire of the people of the two countries for peace and prosperity.

White House defends tariffs on steel and aluminum imports

- White House defended Trump administration's move to increase tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, saying **these are defensive measures** and are **not aimed at any individual country**.
- US President Donald Trump brought in tariffs of 25 percent on EU steel imports and 10 percent on imported aluminum on June 1, citing "national security" interests.

- White House Director of National Trade Council Peter Navarro told in an interview to a private channel, these tariffs are not aimed at any individual country, whether it is a strategic rival like China or an ally and friend like Canada.

National Affairs

Haryana to incorporate Dhakkad Women Cops by 20% to curb crime

- Women will be given ***an opportunity to join the police aide as an upper helping hand*** to curb increasing crime against women, said ***Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar*** who wishes to increase the number of female police officers in the state.
- CM Manohar Lal Khattar confirmed there are many instances which cannot be given in a common police station.
- Therefore the main idea is to increase the women partnership in the police force was earlier done by incorporating 1000 candidates under which 2% was raised from 6% to 8%, which is reserved for women.
- In this year, the number has been increased to 1200 and in that context, 3% will be increased which will amount to ***11% increase in women cops***.
- The main aim is to increase the availability of women up to 20% with the changing time.

Tripura Government takes number of initiatives to preserve and promote cultural heritage

- Tripura government have taken number of ***initiatives to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the state***. AIR correspondent reports, the Director of Information & Cultural Affairs, ***Ms. B. Vishwasree*** the culture aspect of Tripura has always been an integral part of Tripura Government to promote cultural heritage as well as the positive outlook of the people.
- She informed about the various initiatives taken by the state government to promote and conserve state's cultural heritage.
- Tripura's ***culture is mainly nature oriented*** and thus brings out a uniqueness of the state. While the fusion of Indian culture also seen in Tripura. People from across the country have settled.

- Mr. Sudhir Anand from Bihar has been working for the last six years as Sr. Geologist. He is very impressed with the state's rich culture.
- He represents **a fine blend of traditional and contemporary styles**. It is also a manifestation of the admixture of age-old traditions, customs and beliefs of people of a varied cult.

NTPC adopted Charminar under Swachh Iconic Places Project

- NTPC Limited adopted the iconic **Charminar in Hyderabad** under the **Swachh Iconic Places Projects of India**.
- This is a part of special drive under the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission. NTPC Ltd. and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) have signed a MoU for implementation of development and beautification works under the Charminar Pedestrianization Project in Hyderabad.
- **NTPC**, in partnership with the **GHMC**, will take up **development and beautification works at Charminar**.

Madhya Pradesh announced Outstanding Power Bill Waiver Scheme

- Madhya Pradesh government announced an **outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers and poor families**.
- The state cabinet headed by **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** approved the **Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018** (Power Bill Waiver Scheme) which is expected to benefit about 77 lakh people of the state. Laborers falling under the unorganized sector in Madhya Pradesh will get power supply at a subsidized rate.
- The state cabinet also approved Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana 2018 (a scheme to provide subsidized power) in the meeting.

Andhra Pradesh inks pact with Maharashtra to develop Fintech ecosystem

- **Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh** took to Twitter and shared the details about the same.
- Minister termed **Mumbai and Vizag** as the **driving force behind the Fintech platform**. Lokesh hoped that new association will pave the way for enhanced financial technology innovation in both the states.

Sports

India entered final of Intercontinental Cup Tournament in Football match

- **India** entered the **final of the Intercontinental Cup Football tournament** beating Kenya 3-0 in Mumbai. **Captain Sunil Chhetri's** double strike helped India record a comprehensive victory over Kenya to enter the final.
- Chhetri earned a penalty and broke the deadlock in the 68th minute, while Jeje Lalpekhlua doubled the home team's lead with his piledriver in the 71st minute.
- Chhetri ended it in the best possible manner, scoring in the stoppage time off a Balwant Singh assist, as fans went berserk.

Mithali Became First Indian to Score 2000 T20I Runs

- Indian cricketer **Mithali Raj** become the first batter from the country to score **2000 runs in T20I cricket**. She achieved the feat during India's Women's T20 Asia Cup match against Sri Lanka in Kuala Lumpur.
- Mithali has now **scored 2015 runs in 74 T20Is** with the help of **14 half-centuries**. She has a decent average of 38.01 with the highest score of 76 not out.
- Mithali is the seventh woman batter to score 2,000 runs in T20Is, a list which is topped by Charlotte Edwards (2,605), followed by Stafanie Taylor (2,582) and Suzie Bates (2,515).
- When it comes to men's T20I, the list is led by Martin Guptill (2271) followed by Brendon McCullum (2140) and Virat Kohli (1983).

French Open 2018: Halep Won Stephens to Win Maiden Grand Slam Title

- World number one **Simona Halep** won her **first Grand Slam title** with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open final. Halep, who had lost her three previous major finals, went a set and a breakdown at Roland Garros.
- But the 26-year-old Romanian battled back to take a see-saw second set against the US Open champion. She then raced away with the third to win 3-6 6-4 6-1.

Gavit Murali Kumar bags gold in men's 10,000 metre race at Gouden Spike meeting

- Young long-distance runner **Gavit Murali Kumar bagged a gold** in men's 10,000-metre race at the Gouden Spike meeting in Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 21-year-old Kumar, hailing from Gujarat, clocked a personal best of **28 minutes 43.34 seconds**.
- It was the best by an Indian in the ongoing season. It was also the second-fastest time by an Indian ever in the distance race, just short of long-distance coach Surendra Singh's national record of 28 minutes 02.89 seconds set at Vigo, Spain in 2008.
- The Gouden Spike is one of the top meetings in The Netherlands.
- Its current European Athletics status is Outdoor Meetings with National Permit.
- Meanwhile, Indian athletes continued their preparations by taking part in various competitions during their training-cum-exposure tour of Europe.

India Bagged 3 Medals at Umakhanov Memorial Boxing Tournament In Russia

- **Indian boxers bagged one Gold and two Silver medals** at the **Umakhanov Memorial Tournament** in the Russian city of Kaspiysk.
- **Saweety Boora** won the coveted yellow metal in the Women's 75 kg category after beating Anna Anfinogenova (Russia) in the Final.
- In the Men's section, **Brijesh Yadav** in the 81 kg division and **Virender Kumar** in 91 kgs lost their Final bouts to settle for Silver medals.
- Earlier, India had claimed four Bronze medals in the Tournament.

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Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which country joined with Scotland among 4 Teams inducted in ICC ODI Rankings?
 - a) Nepal
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) India
- 2) Which country ranked 113th on Childhood Index recently?
 - a) India
 - b) Iran
 - c) Iraq
 - d) Saudi Arabia
- 3) Which country successfully Test-Fires SFDR Propulsion based Missile?
 - a) Pakistan
 - b) Finland
 - c) India
 - d) Scotland
- 4) Which day is observed on 3rd June?
 - a) World Bicycle Day
 - b) World Heart Day
 - c) World organ Day
 - d) World Music Day
- 5) Which day is observed as World Environment Day?
 - a) July 10
 - b) June 5
 - c) March 10
 - d) May 20
- 6) Which country defeat Thailand by 66 runs in Women's T-20 Asia Cup Cricket?
 - a) India
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) Ireland
 - d) South Africa
- 7) Who asked nation to reaffirm commitment to cleaner and as sustainable planet recently?
 - a) Shri Narendra Modi
 - b) Shri Ram Nath Kovind
 - c) Shri Arun Jaitley
 - d) Shri Narayana Swamy
- 8) How many crores Union Government announced as Package for Sugarcane Farmers?
 - a) Rs. 8,000 crores
 - b) Rs. 6500 crores
 - c) Rs. 5500 crores
 - d) Rs. 4500 crores
- 9) Which bank has announced its second bi-monthly Monetary Policy of 2018-19?
 - a) Canara Bank
 - b) Reserve Bank of India
 - c) Dena Bank
 - d) State Bank of India
- 10) Which state Government announced financial aid for tur farmers?
 - a) Kerala
 - b) Maharashtra

- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Bihar

11) Which state inks pact with Maharashtra to develop Fintech ecosystem?

- a) Bihar
- b) West Bengal
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh

12) In which place World Environment Day 2018 celebrated?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) New Delhi
- c) Chennai
- d) Secunderabad

13) Who is the only Indian cricketer to be in the World's highest paid athletes list recently?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Harbhajan Singh
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Shikhar Dhawan

14) Which state announced Outstanding Power Bill Waiver Scheme?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) West Bengal

15) Which country records 22% reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio since 2013?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Indonesia

- d) India

16) How many crores did World Bank approves for Atal Bhujal Yojana aims to improve groundwater management in country?

- a) 6000
- b) 5200
- c) 4800
- d) 2500

17) Which country entered final of Intercontinental Cup Tournament in Football match?

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) Rwanda
- d) Iran

18) Who inaugurated 73 km long NH in Tripura?

- a) Shri Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Shri Narendra Modi
- c) Shri Ramesh Kumar
- d) Shri Arun Jaitley

19) In which place of Islamic State attacks killed 22 pro-regime fighters?

- a) Syria
- b) Pakistan
- c) Indonesia
- d) India

20) Which day is observed as World Oceans Day 2018 across the world?

- a) June 8
- b) July 15

- c) March 16
d) May 28

Answers

1) D 2) A 3) C 4) A 5) B 6) A 7) B 8) A 9) B 10) B 11) C 12) B 13) C 14) A 15) D
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