

GK DIGEST – 3rd Week of June 2018

June 11th - June 17th

International Affairs

Donald Trump met Kim Jong Un at Historic Summit in Singapore

- The historic delegation-level talks between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was underway in Singapore.
- Before they met for delegation-level talks, the two leaders held a brief one-on-one meeting at the Capella Hotel in Sentosa Island.
- Talking to media persons after the one-on-one meeting, US president said that both the nations have a terrific relationship ahead and this historic summit would be successful.
- Sitting next to US President, North Korea leader said there were a number of obstacles to the meeting. It was not easy to have reached where North Korea and the US reached. They have overcome old prejudices to arrive at this stage.
- The bilateral summit between both the countries is aimed at normalizing bilateral ties and complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula. It was the first time a sitting US President met a North Korean leader in the last 60 years.

International Conference on ICT to be held in Kathmandu

- An International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) will be held in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal from June 17.
- The Theme of the two-day conference is “Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society”. The conference is organized by the Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN).
- Around 500 delegates, including ICT users, trainers, professionals, experts, and researchers from Japan, China, Korea, India, and Nepal will attend the event.
- The conference aims to bring government and private sector together for developing a plan of action using sustainable ICT applications. It also seeks to unleash the prospects of SMART Nepal by 2030.

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- Former World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz was sworn in as Jordan's Prime Minister after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government.
- Jordan's King Abdullah mandated to review a disputed tax system after widespread protests against IMF-driven austerity measures.

Prime Minister of Georgia Giorgi Kvirikashvili resigns after mass protests

- Giorgi Kvirikashvili (50), has been the Georgia's Prime Minister since 2015.
- He has announced his resignation amid a disagreement with Bidzina Ivanishvili, the leader of the ruling party.
- Under the Georgian constitution, a Prime Minister's resignation leads to the resignation of the entire cabinet.

USA Government cleared sale of six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to India for \$ 930M

- US government approved a deal to sell the Indian military six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters for 930 million dollars.
- The agreement has been passed to the US Congress for approval and if no US lawmaker raises an objection, the contract will go ahead.
- Boeing and Indian partner Tata have begun to produce Apache fuselages at a plant in India, but last night's approval concerns a direct sale of finished products from the US manufacturers.
- In addition to aircraft, the contract includes night vision sensors, GPS guidance and hundreds of Hellfire anti-armour and Stinger air-to-air missiles.

National Affairs

National Green Tribunal directs hill states to file report on forest fires

- The National Green Tribunal directed the hill states to file a report on the steps taken by them to control recurring forest fires.

- The bench headed by acting NGT Chairperson Jawad Rahim impleaded the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal in the case.
- The green tribunal issued notices to the hill states and asked them to file an affidavit stating measures taken by them with regard to National Action Plan to check forest fires, which cause considerable damage to the environment.
- The process has to be done within two weeks. The matter is now listed for next hearing on July 30.

Madhya Pradesh gave gift of laptop to distinction achievers of Class 12th

- Madhya Pradesh gives a gift to its students who have scored 75 % or more than that in Class 12th, it will give laptops to its genius future of the nation.
- For this Madhya Pradesh Government gave Rs. 25000 to nearly 22035 students via bank transfer. This scheme was launched by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

India to Host 1st BIMSTEC Military Exercise

- India will host first military exercise of the BIMSTEC Countries in September 2018 in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The theme of the exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain and cordon and search.
- The main aim of this military exercise is to promote strategic alignment among the member-states and to share best practices in the area of counter-terrorism. Each participating member country will bring in some 30 soldiers.
- BIMSTEC countries had held disaster management exercise in 2017 in New Delhi, but this will be the first military exercise of the grouping.

India to Host European Union Film Festival from 18th June

- The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) 2018 will premiere in New Delhi on 18th June, 2018 at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- The festival will be organised in 11 Indian cities: New Delhi, Chennai, Port Blair, Pune, Puducherry, Kolkata, Jaipur, Visakhapatnam, Thrissur, Hyderabad and Goa from 18th June till 31st August.
- The Festival will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore.

Meghana becomes 1st woman IAF fighter pilot from South India

- Flying Officer Meghana Shanbogh MR from Karnataka has become the first woman Indian Air Force fighter pilot from south India.
- Before her, only five other female fighter pilots have joined the ranks. She graduates from the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Dundigal.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated three 100 MW solar power projects erected at Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli districts

- Union Minister for Railways, Coal, Finance & Company Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)'s three 100 MW Solar Power Projects which are situated at Thoppalaakkarai and Sethupuram in Virudhunagar District and Sellaiya Sezhiyanallur in Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu.
- These projects were erected at a cost of Rs.1300 Crores, which includes Operation & Maintenance cost for 15 Years.

Sports

India Beat Kenya to lift Intercontinental Cup Football Title

- India lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title in the summit clash in Mumbai and they defeated Kenya 2-0.
- Both the goals were netted by skipper Sunil Chhetri. He gave India the lead in the eighth minute before scoring the second goal in the 29th minute.
- Sunil Chhetri become the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike for the country against Kenya.

Cristiano Ronaldo scores 1st hat-trick of FIFA World Cup 2018

- Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo (33-year old) scored FIFA World Cup 2018's first hat-trick in the first match of the tournament, in first three minutes and 30 seconds.
- This hat-trick was the 51st in World Cup history, as well as Ronaldo's 51st career hat-trick.
- Ronaldo completed his sixth international hat trick when he scored on a free kick in the 88th minute, giving Portugal a 3-3 tie with Spain.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

1) India will organize European Union Film Festival 2018 from 18th June till?

- A. 30th July
- B. 31st August
- C. 25th August
- D. 25th July

2) President Ram Nath Kovind will leave for a 3 nation visit to Greece, Suriname and?

- A. Cuba
- B. Nigeria
- C. Argentina
- D. Norway

3) Which state Chief Minister recently met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva at Washington DC?

- A. Telangana
- B. Maharashtra
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala

4) Who scored FIFA World Cup 2018's first hat-trick in the first match of the tournament held on June 15?

- A. Cristiano Ronaldo
- B. Nacho Fernández
- C. Mohamed El-Shenawy
- D. Lionel Messi

5) Giorgi Kvirikashvili resigned after mass protests. He was the Prime Minister of?

- A. Hungary

- B. Bahrain
- C. Georgia
- D. Armenia

6) Former World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz was sworn in as Prime Minister of?

- A. Norway
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Jordan

7) India Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana (21-year old) will become the first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League - the women's cricket super league at?

- A. Zimbabwe
- B. South Africa
- C. England
- D. Australia

8) Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated three 100 MW solar power projects in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Telangana
- D. Tamil Nadu

9) Which of the following bank has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine?

- A. HDFC Bank

- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. IndusInd Bank

10) Flying Officer Meghana Shanbough MR has become the first woman Indian Air Force fighter pilot from South India. She belongs to which of the following state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

11) In which place International Conference on ICT is to be held?

- A. Kathmandu
- B. London
- C. Australia
- D. Pakistan

12) Who is to launch Solar Charkha Mission on 27th June?

- A. Shri Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Shri Arun Jaitley
- C. Shri Ramesh Kumar
- D. Shri Prakash Javadekar

13) Which banks proposal to raise Additional Share Capital is approved?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. CitiBank
- C. Dena Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

14) Which Union Minister is to release Composite Water Management Index?

- A. Shri Suresh Prabhu
- B. Shri Rajesh Sharma

- C. Shri Nitin Gadkari
- D. Shri Ramesh Gupta

15) In which place Raksha Mantri inaugurated 1st BEL Representative Office?

- A. Paris
- B. Venice
- C. Singapore
- D. New York

16) In which state Government, Quebec Province Signed Pact to Increase Economic Cooperation?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra

17) How many trillions tonnes of ice melts in Antarctica leading to significant rise in water level?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six

18) Which space institute unmanned aircraft 'Ikhana' will make search and rescue operations efficient?

- A. ISRO
- B. Space Applications Centre (SAC)
- C. NASA
- D. Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)

19) How many states signed MoU for implementing Ayushman Bharat-NHP Mission?

- A. 20
- B. 18
- C. 16
- D. 25

20) Who was honored with Japan's Nikkei Asia Prize?

- A. Ashok Leyland
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Larsen and Toubro Company
- D. Sulabh Company

Answers

1) B 2) A 3) B 4) A 5) C 6) D 7) C 8) D 9) A 10) C 11) D 12) A 13) D 14) C 15) B 16) A 17) A 18) C 19) A 20) D

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