

IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS - JUNE 4th WEEK 18th JUNE - 24th JUNE

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos became the Richest Person in the World:

- Amazon founder and CEO **Jeff Bezos** has become the richest man in the world with a net wealth of USD 141.9 billion, as per the Forbes World's Billionaires list.
- **Bill Gates**, the principal founder of Microsoft Corporation, is the **second**-richest man in the world with USD 92.9 billion.
- **Warren Buffet** ranked **third** place with a total of wealth of USD 82.2 billion.

India And Nepal To Have Four New Air Gateways:

- India has agreed to open four new air entry points to **Nepal** in the eastern and western parts of the country.
- This aims at facilitating movement of international traffic.
- The four routes that India agreed to make two-way are
 - 1) Kathmandu-Biratnagar-Dhaka,
 - 2) Kathmandu-Janakpur-Kolkata
 - 3) Kathmandu-Janakpur-Patna in the eastern part of Nepal and

- 4) Kathmandu-Mahendranagar-Delhi (L626) in the west.

China unveils 4 point vision for future cooperation with India:

- On June 18, 2018, Chinese envoy to India Luo Zhaohui unveiled a four-point vision for future cooperation with India.
- This is followed by the informal summit between PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President **Xi Jinping**.
- The four-point vision are:
 - 1) Sign a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation
 - 2) Negotiate a bilateral Free Trade Agreement
 - 3) Enhance connectivity
 - 4) Work for early harvest on boundary issues.

United States withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council:

- The United Nations Human Rights Council consists of 47 member states, with a specific number of seats given to each region of the world.
- Members are elected by the U.N. General Assembly for three-year terms and cannot serve more than two terms in a row.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Puducherry demanded full statehood, after Delhi Assembly passed the resolution for full statehood:

- Addressing the governing council of NITI Ayog in New Delhi, Puducherry **Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy** has renewed the demand for Statehood with special status for the Union Territory.
- He claimed Puducherry faces the same issues as **Delhi**.
- Puducherry Lieutenant Governor - **Kiran Bedi**

States have collected taxes worth Rs.10,000 crore since the rollout of Transport Mission Mode Project (MMP):

- Over 19 crore vehicles and 10 crore driving license records have come under the National Register.
- Two flagship applications under Transport MMP -- "Vahan" and "Sarathi" are implemented.
 - **Vahan** -- deal with vehicle registration, taxation, permit, fitness and associated services;
 - while **Sarathi** is related to driving licence, learner licence, driving schools and related activities.

Indian Government to team up with Google for flood forecasting:

- Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, **Nitin Gadkari** has expressed that Union Government's collaboration with **Google** will help in effective flood management in India.

India will become 5 Trillion dollar Economy and the World's third largest consumer market by 2025:

- Addressing the diaspora in Athens, **President Ram Nath Kovind** reported that India is striving to become a \$5 trillion economy and the world's third largest consumer market by 2025.
- Currently India's economy is estimated at **\$2.5 trillion**.

Punjab govt launched a mobile app named "i-Hariyali" to offer free saplings:

- Punjab govt launched a mobile app named "i-Hariyali" under '**Mission Tandarust**' to offer free saplings for users.
- The users can book a sapling of their choice, a maximum of 25 per person, from a nearby government nursery.

Three Day National Yoga Olympiad 2018 began in New Delhi:

- For the third consecutive year, National Council for Educational Research and Training (**NCERT**) organised three-day National Yoga Olympiad-2018 in New Delhi.

- In this, 500 students from 26 states and four regional educational institutions are taking part.
- Two books named "**Joy of Theater**" and "**Music**" were also released on this occasion.

Anukreethy Vas From Tamil Nadu Crowned 2018 Femina Miss India:

- Anukreethy Vas, a 19-year-old Tamil Nadu college student, has been crowned Femina Miss India 2018 in a grand ceremony in **Mumbai** hosted by filmmaker Karan Johar and actor Ayushmann Kurrana.
- Anukreethy Vas was previously crowned fbb Colours Femina Miss Tamil Nadu.
- **Meenakshi Chaudhary** from Haryana was the first runner-up.
- **Shreya Rao Kamavarapu** from Andhra Pradesh secured the second runner-up position.
- Anukreethy Vas will now represent India at **Miss World 2018**.

Haryana has become the first state in India to give star ranking to its villages:

- A total of **1,120 villages** of Haryana have achieved star ranking under '**7-Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow Scheme**' launched in January 2018 by Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

- The star rating to the village panchayats under the scheme is given on the basis of seven parameters and for each parameter different colours of stars are awarded such as
 - Pink star for outstanding performance in improving sex ratio.
 - Green star for protection of environment,
 - White star for cleanliness,
 - Saffron star for crime-free villages.
 - Sky colour star awarded to village that will have no drop out.
 - Golden star for good governance.
 - Silver star for participation in development of villages.
- Under the scheme the villages would be rewarded Rs 1 lakh for achieving each star.

Shillong selected as the 100th Smart City:

- In January 2016, 20 cities were announced under the Smart Cities Mission, followed by 13 cities in May 2016, 27 cities in September 2016, 30 cities in June 2017, and 9 cities in January this year.
- The total proposed investment in the finally selected 100 cities under the Smart Cities Mission would be **Rs 2,05,018 crore**.
- Under the scheme, each city will get **Rs 500 crore** from the Centre for implementing various projects.
- The 100 Smart Cities Mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **June 25, 2015**.

Surat selected for “City Award” category under 2018 India Smart Cities Award:

- Joint winners in ‘**Innovative Idea**’ category were **Bhopal** for its Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and Ahmedabad for Safe and Secure **Ahmedabad** (SASA) Project.
- Under ‘**Social Aspects**’ category - NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Council) and Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) bagged the award for implementation of ‘smart classrooms’ project,
- Under ‘**urban environment**’ category - Bhopal, Pune and Coimbatore bagged the award for public bike-sharing project.

World’s first International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF) launched in Gujarat:

- ICHF is launched by the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University (GFSU) in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Regional Delegation for India, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives.

DEFENCE NEWS:

India is planning to gift a Dornier aircraft to Seychelles:

- India plans to gift Seychelles a **Dornier** aircraft this month -- second such aircraft that could be gifted to the Indian Ocean Region.

ICGS Rani Rashmoni ship was commissioned at Vizag:

- Additional Director General of the Coast Guard **VSR Murthy** commissioned the last of the five Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) project of Indian Coast Guard, ICGS '**Rani Rashmoni**', in Visakhapatnam.
- So far four such ships namely,
 - ICGS Rani Abbakka,
 - ICGS Rani Avanti Bai,
 - ICGS Rani Durgavati and
 - ICGS Rani Gaidinliu,

have been commissioned and are in active service at various locations on the eastern seaboard.

U.S. and South Korea agree to suspend joint military exercise scheduled for August:

- South Korea and the United States have agreed to suspend all planning activities regarding the military drill named "**Freedom Guardian**" scheduled for August, 2018.
- The exercise is mostly focused on computerized simulations rather than live field exercises that use weapons, tanks or aircraft.

VISITS:

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited 4 European Nations:

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj left for a seven-day tour (from June 17-23) of **Italy, France, Luxembourg and Belgium**, which is aimed at deepening India's strategic engagement and trade ties with the four European countries.
- India and France are celebrating the **20th** anniversary of their Strategic Partnership.
- President of the European Commission - **Jean-Claude Juncker**
- President of the European Parliament - **Antonio Tajani**

BANKING NEWS:

RBI eased norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors to invest in debt, individual large businesses:

- The RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to **30 percent** of the outstanding stock of that security, from 20 per cent earlier.
- The move is aimed at attracting more overseas flows.

- FPIs are allowed to invest in various debt market instruments such as government bonds, treasury bills, state development loans and corporate bonds, but with certain limits and restrictions.
- The move will also help arrest the spike in call money rates after the June 6 rate hike by the central bank

World Bank approves \$700 mn to improve primary education in Bangladesh:

- It will also finance implementation of the government's Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP4).
- This project will build about **95,000** classrooms, teachers rooms, and multipurpose rooms.
- It will also build 80,000 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) blocks and 15,000 safe water sources.
- The projects will provide recruitment to about 100,000 teachers.

Government panel selects 22 general managers for Executive Director post at PSU Banks:

- The **Banks Board Bureau** (BBB) has recommended 22 candidates from different banks for the Executive Director (ED) positions in PSU Banks.
- The four general managers from PNB includes
 - Manas R Biswal,
 - Gopal Gusain,
 - Vivek Jha and
 - Alok Shrivastava.

- The two GM from Union Bank of India are
 - PR Rajagopal and
 - Shenoy Vittal.
- The two GMs from Bank of India are
 - Ajay Kumar Azad and
 - Dinesh Kumar Garg.
- Two GMs from Canara Bank are
 - Hemant Tamta and
 - Ajit Kumar Das.

SPORTS:

Tennis Player Roger Federer returns to No.1 ranking after winning his 98th career singles title:

- Twenty-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer clinched his 98th career singles title by defeating **Milos Raonic** in the Stuttgart Open final and reached the world number one ranking.
- Now **Rafael Nadal** is in World No:2 ranking.
- Roger Federer is 36 years old, born at Basel, Switzerland.

England registered new ODI record score of 481 against Australia:

- **England** registered the highest-ever ODI total (481/6) in men's cricket history and defeated **Australia** by 242 runs to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series.
- The 242-run defeat was Australia's heaviest-ever in ODIs.
- With this, England beaten their own previous best of 444 runs which they registered against Pakistan in 2016 at the same venue.

England Women made the highest total in Twenty20 international:

- England Women registered the highest-ever total in women's T20I cricket history by scoring **250/3** against **South Africa Women** in a T20I tri-series match.

Kidambi Srikanth wins "Sportsperson Of The Year award":

- The Commonwealth Games 2018 gold-medal winning **shuttler Kidambi Srikanth**, was adjudged as the "**Sportsperson of the Year for 2017**" by the Sports Illustrated India magazine.
- Here are the award categories in which the athletes were felicitated:
 - **Team of the Year**: Women's Cricket Team
 - **Coach of the Year**: Stephen Constantine

- **Young Sportsperson of the Year:** Manav Vikas Thakkar
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Dhanraj Pillay
- **Special Award Living Legend:** Balbir Singh Sr.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Russia Launched Soyuz 2.1b Carrier Rocket With Glonass-M Navigation Satellite:

- GLONASS - the Russian acronym for 'Global Navigation Satellite System'.
- The Glonass network provides real-time positioning data for surface, sea and airborne objects around the globe, at an accuracy reportedly on par with the U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS).
- With this Launch, there are now 26 Glonass satellites in orbit.

US scientists unveiled world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer:

- US scientists have unveiled the world's most powerful and smartest scientific supercomputer named "**Summit**" that can complete over 200,000 trillion calculations per second.
- This supercomputer called Summit will be eight times more powerful than its previous top-ranked system, **Titan**.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION:

Person	Appointed/ Resigned as	Institution	Points to be noted
A.R. Rahman	Appointed as Brand Ambassador	Sikkim govt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was appointed at the onset of 'The Red Panda Winter Carnival 2018', which aimed at increasing the flow of tourists. • Earlier in 2018, Sikkim government had made Mr. A.R. Rahman its Brand Ambassador of tourism and business.
Ivan Duque	Became President	Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He received 54% of the vote in run-off election. • His running mate, Marta Lucia Ramirez, will become Colombia's first female vice-president.
Sandeep Bakhshi	Appointed Interim CEO as	ICICI Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICICI Bank is reportedly planning to appoint Sandeep Bakhshi, CEO of ICICI Prudential Life, as the bank's interim CEO, replacing Chanda Kochhar. • The ICICI bank may ask Chanda Kochhar to go on leave until an internal investigation into conflict of interest allegations against her is completed.
Mehbooba Mufti	Resigns as Chief Minister	Jammu and Kashmir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mehbooba Mufti resigned as Jammu and Kashmir's chief minister, after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ended its alliance with her Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), potentially pushing the state towards Governor's rule. <p>She handed over her resignation to Governor NN Vohra.</p>
Pradeep Parameswaran	Appointed as new President	Uber India and South Asia	This comes after Amit Jain was elevated to head the Asia Pacific region for Uber in May this year.

B Sriram	Appointed as CEO and MD	IDBI Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has been appointed in place of Mahesh Kumar Jain who was recently made the Deputy Governor of RBI. • Sriram currently manages SBI's corporate banking division, which has a loan book exceeding ₹10 lakh crore.
Arvind Subramanian	Resigned from the post of Chief Economic Advisor	Finance ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subramanian took charge as the CEA on October 16, 2014 for a period of three years. In 2017, his term was extended for a year. • He launched the Government's online education platform "Swayam", which became one of the most followed courses in India.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

Observed Date	Day	Points to be Noted
20th June	World Refugee Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme for World Refugee Day 2018 is 'Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees'. • World Refugee Day was established by the United Nations on December 4, 2000.
21st June	International Yoga Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year, 4th International Yoga Day is celebrated across the world on June 21. • 800 differently-abled persons from across the country attempted Guinness World Record in Ahmedabad for 'Largest Silent Yoga Class' on International Yoga Day 2018. • The theme for Yoga Day 2018 is "Yoga for Peace."

21 st June	World Music Day 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day is also known as Fete de la Musique after a music festival that began in France in 1982. • To mark the day, around 150 artists from over 16 countries, including France, USA, Nepal, Spain, Italy, Thailand and India, will be performing at multiple venues across the city of Udaipur this year.
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BOOKS & AUTHORS:

Book Name	Author	Released by	Other information
Vedvigyan Alok	Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik	Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu	The Book Vedvigyan Alok is the scriptural verse in Vedas' prose.

QUIZ CORNER:

1) Recently, India has agreed to open four new air entry points to

- A. Nepal
- B. China
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Pakistan

2) India is planning to gift a Dornier aircraft to

- A. Germany
- B. Iran
- C. France
- D. Seychelles

3) India and France are celebrating the _____ anniversary of their Strategic Partnership.

- A. 13th
- B. 15th
- C. 20th
- D. 19th

4) After Delhi Assembly passed the resolution for full statehood, which of the following Union Territory

demanded full statehood, recently?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Puducherry
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Daman and Diu

5) Since the rollout of Transport Mission Mode Project (MMP), States have collected taxes worth

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹30,000 crore
- C. ₹20,000 crore
- D. ₹15,000 crore

6) Which of the following Tennis player clinched his 98th career singles title by defeating Milos Raonic in the Stuttgart Open final and reached the World N0:1 ranking, recently?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Grigor Dimitrov
- D. Novak Djokovic

7) RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to

- A. 40 percent**
- B. 20 percent**
- C. 30 percent**
- D. 10 percent**

8) Indian Government will team up with which of the following company for flood forecasting in India?

- A. Bing**
- B. Google**
- C. InfoSpace**
- D. Yahoo**

9) Which country recently launched a Soyuz-2.1b carrier rocket to orbit a Glonass-M satellite?

- A. Russia**
- B. Canada**
- C. Germany**
- D. Italy**

10) The last of the five Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) project of Indian Coast Guard, ICGS 'Rani Rashmoni' ship was commissioned at

- A. Kandla**

- B. Cochin**
- C. Kolkata**
- D. Visakhapatnam**

11) How much dollar has been approved by World Bank for improving primary education in Bangladesh?

- A. \$500 million**
- B. \$700 million**
- C. \$600 million**
- D. \$800 million**

12) Recently, Ivan Duque wins election to become the President of

- A. Nigeria**
- B. Colombia**
- C. Serbia**
- D. Algeria**

13) Who will be appointed as Interim CEO of ICICI Bank, replacing Chanda Kochhar?

- A. Uday Chitale**
- B. Vijay Chandok**
- C. Sandeep Bakhshi**
- D. Anup Bagchi**

14) President Ram Nath Kovind reported that India is striving to become a \$5 trillion

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economy and the world's third largest consumer market by

- A. 2030**
- B. 2021**
- C. 2020**
- D. 2025**

15) Who is the only Indian Investor in Xiaomi?

- A. Lakshmi Mittal**
- B. Mukesh Ambani**
- C. Ratan Tata**
- D. Gautam Adani**

16) U.S suspended joint military exercise "Freedom Guardian" with which country?

- A. South Korea**
- B. China**
- C. Russia**
- D. North Korea**

17) Three Day National Yoga Olympiad 2018 began in

- A. Hyderabad**
- B. Mumbai**
- C. New Delhi**
- D. Kolkata**

18) England registered new ODI record score of 481 against

- A. Zimbabwe**
- B. Australia**
- C. New Zealand**
- D. Pakistan**

19) Which nation withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council, recently?

- A. Germany**
- B. United States**
- C. Russia**
- D. Canada**

20) Anukreethy Vas has been crowned Femina Miss India 2018. She belongs to which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh**
- B. Kerala**
- C. Tamil Nadu**
- D. Maharashtra**

21) England Women registered the highest-ever total in women's T20I cricket history by scoring 250/3 against

- A. Australia**
- B. India**



- C. New Zealand
- D. South Africa

22) Which state has become the first in India to give star ranking to its villages?

- A. Haryana
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Gujarat

23) Which city has been selected as the 100th city to receive funding under the Central Government's flagship "Smart Cities Mission"?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Indore
- C. Shillong
- D. Mangalore

24) On 4th International Yoga Day, 800 differently-abled persons from across the country attempted Guinness World Record in

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Delhi

25) This Year, 4th International Yoga Day is observed across the world on

- A. June 20
- B. June 21
- C. June 25
- D. June 30

26) Which state government appoints A.R. Rahman as its Brand Ambassador?

- A. Telangana
- B. Bihar
- C. Sikkim
- D. Tamil Nadu

27) Under 'India Smart Cities Award' 2018, Joint winners in 'Innovative Idea' category were Bhopal and

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Chennai
- D. Pune

28) The world's first "International Centre for Humanitarian Forensics (ICHF)" was launched in

- A. Gujarat
- B. New Delhi

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Maharashtra

29) To mark “World Music Day 2018”, around 150 artists from over 16 countries performed at multiple venues across the city of

A. Mumbai

B. Udaipur

C. Ahmedabad

D. Bhubaneswar

30) Who wins “Sportsperson Of The Year award for 2017” by the Sports Illustrated India magazine?

A. Yuki Bhambri

B. Manav Vikas Thakkar

C. Kidambi Srikanth

D. Virat Kohli

Answers:-

1) A

2) D

3) C

4) B

5) A

6) A

7) C

8) B

9) A

10) D

11) B

12) B

13) C

14) D

15) C

16) A

17) C

18) B

19) B

20) C

21) D

22) A

23) C

24) C

25) B

26) C

27) A

28) A

29) B

30) C

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