

Important Current Affairs - June 5th Week 2018

25th June - 30th June

Indian International Film Awards (IIFA) 2018:

- 19th IIFA Awards were announced on **24 June, 2018** in **Thailand's** Siam Niramit.
- **Sridevi** won **Best Actress** (posthumously) for her role in 2017 film **MOM**, her husband Boney Kapoor collected the prize at the Indian International Film Awards (IIFA), held in Bangkok.
- **Irrfan Khan** won the **Best Actor** award in a leading role for **Hindi Medium**.

Award	Person/Film	Work
Best Film	Tumhari Sulu	
Best Director	Saket Chaudhary	for "Hindi Medium"
Best Actor In A Leading Role	Irrfan Khan	for "Hindi Medium"
Best Actress In A Leading Role	Sridevi	for "Mom"
Best Actor In A Supporting Role	Nawazuddin Siddiqui	for "Mom"
Best Actress In A Supporting Role	Meher Vij	for "Secret Superstar"
Best Story	Amit V Masurkar	for "Newton"
Best Screenplay	Nitesh Tiwari and Shreyas Jain	for "Bareilly Ki Barfi"

Best Debut Director	Konkona Sen Sharma	for “A Death in the Gunj”
Best Music Director	Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi, Akhil Sachdeva	for “Badrinath Ki Dulhania”
Best Background Score	Pritam	for “Jagga Jasoos”
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh	for "Hawayein" - Jab Harry Met Sejal
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Meghna Mishra	for "Main Kaun Hoon" - Secret Superstar
Best Lyrics	Manoj Muntashir	for "Mere Rashke Qamar" — Baadshaho

FIFA World Cup 2018:

- The 2018 FIFA World Cup is the **21st** FIFA World Cup.
- Host country - **Russia**
- Dates - 14 June to 15 July
- Teams - 32
- Venue(s) - 12
- Official Mascot - **Wolf** named Zabivaka, means “the one who scores” in Russian
- Logo depicts the World Cup trophy in red and blue, colors from the Russian flag, with a gold trim.
- Opening ceremony - took place on Thursday, 14 June 2018, at the **Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow**.
- Opening match of the tournament between - Russia and Saudi Arabia.

French Open Tennis 2018:

From 21st May to 10th June 2018, French Open tennis tournament also known as Roland Garros, was held in **Paris**, France.

Event	Winner
2018 Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal
2018 Women's Singles	Simona Halep
2018 Men's Doubles	Pierre-Hugues Herbert, Nicolas Mahut
2018 Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejčíková, Kateřina Siniaková
2018 Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan, Ivan Dodig

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

UK Queen approves Brexit Bill, allowing UK to leave European Union:

- Britain's Queen **Elizabeth II** granted royal assent to Prime Minister Theresa May's flagship Brexit legislation, that will formally end the country's European Union membership.
- The EU withdrawal bill repeals the **1972** European Communities Act through which the UK became a member of the bloc.
- Brexit – Meaning “**Britain exit**”.

Saudi Arabia becomes last country in the World to allow women to drive:

- On **June 4**, Saudi Arabia issued the first driving license to women, as Saudi King **Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud** officially announced in September 2017 to allow women to drive.
- Driving schools for women have been set up in five cities in the kingdom.

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Meeting between Trump and Putin will be held in Finland on 16th July:

- A summit between **Russian President Vladimir Putin** and **U.S. President Donald Trump** will be held on July 16 in **Helsinki**.
- The two leaders will discuss relations between the United States and Russia and a range of **national security** issues.
- The summit meeting is expected to deal with a broad array of issues, including Syria, the role of Russia-backed forces in Eastern Ukraine and arms control.

China launches spy bird drone to boost Government surveillance:

- China has launched bird-shaped drones fitted with a camera, GPS antenna, and satellite communication capability, to **monitor citizens** living in different parts of the country.
- The program is code named as "**Dove**".

Russian billionaire declared himself as the leader of the world's first space nation "Asgardia":

- Russian billionaire and scientist **Igor Ashurbeyli** officially declared himself as the leader of the world's first space nation 'Asgardia'.
- Ashurbeyli's brainchild Asgardia aims to be an independent space **nation**, with its own government, currency, justice system and calendar.
- Focused towards establishing a permanent settlement on the moon in 25 years, Asgardia already has 2 lakh citizens.
- **About Asgardia:-**
 - Asgardia, also known as the Space Kingdom of Asgardia, is a proposed and self-proclaimed nation in **outer space**.
 - Capital - Asgardia-1 (satellite)
 - Administrative center - Vienna, Austria
 - Purported currency - SOLAR (proposed)
 - Membership - 199,000 (approx.)

China bans HBO after UK comedian criticises President Xi Jinping:

- China has banned US film and television production company HBO's website following UK comedian **John Oliver**'s critique of Chinese President Xi Jinping on his show “Last Week Tonight”.
- Oliver had compared the Chinese President to cartoon character '**Winnie the Pooh**'.

Nine EU member states agreed to establish a joint military force:

- Ministers from France, Germany, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, the Netherlands, Estonia, Spain and Portugal signed a letter of intent in Luxembourg, to establish a joint European military intervention force.
- The campaign to establish an autonomous European defence force was spearheaded by **French President Emmanuel Macron**.

Pakistan placed on 'Grey list' by Financial Action Task Force:

- The placement on the “**grey list**” could hurt Pakistan's economy as well as its international standing.
- The announcement comes a day after Pakistan submitted a comprehensive 26-point action plan to the FATF (Financial Action Task Force) to choke the funding of militants groups, including Mumbai attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led JuD and its affiliates, to avoid being blacklisted by it.
- The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in **1989** to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS:

PM Modi inaugurates Rs 3,866 cr Mohanpura irrigation project in Madhya Pradesh:

- The Rs. 3,866-crore Mohanpura irrigation project in **Rajgarh** district in Madhya Pradesh includes a dam and a canal system, which benefit **727** villages in the state.
- It would irrigate 1.25 lakh hectares of land and would also provide drinking water to over 400 villages.
- Madhya Pradesh chief minister - **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

India plans to cut oil imports from Iran amid US request:

- After US re-imposed sanctions against **Iran**, after Iran withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, India is planning to cut oil imports from Iran, and replacing them with more purchases from **Saudi Arabia and Kuwait**.
- This comes after the US Ambassador to the UN **Nikki Haley** asked PM Narendra Modi to reduce India's dependence on Iran.
- Iran is India's **third** largest oil supplier behind Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Southern Railways imposes penalty of Rs.2,000 for taking selfie in front of train:

- People found repeating the offence will be imprisoned for **six** months.
- The initiative aims to cut down on selfie-related train mishaps which have grown recently.

Union Government approves tourism projects worth 1,800 crore rupees for Himachal:

- This comes after tourism was affected in Shimla over severe water scarcity in May.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister - **Jai Ram Thakur**.

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Haryana makes use of LED bulbs mandatory in govt offices by 15 Aug:

- As per directions of the Haryana's Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar**, all halogen, sodium bulbs and tube lights will be replaced with energy-efficient LED bulbs and tube lights.

Haryana village 1st to pass "No Toilet, No Bride" resolution:

- Haryana's **Godikan** village panchayat has passed a 'No Toilet, No Bride' resolution, becoming the first panchayat in the country to do so.
- According to the resolution, girls from Godikan will not be married off in houses without a toilet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Mundka-Bahadurgarh corridor:

- **11-km-long** fully elevated Mundka-Bahadurgarh stretch, with seven stations, is an extension of the existing **Delhi Metro's Green Line** from Inderlok to Mundka.
- Union Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar attended the function in Bahadurgarh.
- Bahadurgarh, is also known as '**Gateway to Haryana**'.

Monsoon Session of Parliament to be held from 18th July to 10th August:

- The government plans to pass the **Constitution (123rd) Amendment Bill, 2017** that seeks to accord constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).
- Other important Bills, including the **Triple Talaq bill** and the **Transgender Bill**, among others, will be brought in Parliament for passing them.
- The session will comprise 18 working days.
- Parliamentary affairs minister - **Ananth Kumar**.

ADNOC joins Saudi Aramco to build Ratnagiri Refinery:

- Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Saudi Aramco have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and build an integrated **refinery** and petrochemicals complex at **Ratnagiri in Maharashtra**.
- Saudi Aramco and ADNOC will together hold 50 per cent stake.
- State owned oil-refiners IOCL, HPCL & BPCL will have 50 per cent stake in the Ratnagiri Refinery.

Gujarat Govt launches solar scheme, Suryashakti Kisan Yojna:

- This pilot project, estimated to cost **Rs 870 crore**, will cover 12,400 cultivators and will be launched from **July 2**.
- Under Suryashakti Kisan Yojna (SKY), grid-connected solar panels will be provided to over 12,000 cultivators who have already taken regular electricity connections for **irrigation purpose**.
- This is a revolutionary step after **Jyoti Gram Yojna** that brought 24 x 7 electricity in the villages.

India pledged USD 5 million for Palestine Refugees:

- A total of **20** countries, including India, announced contributions to the 2018 budget of the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)** for Palestine Refugees.
- In March, India announced it will increase its annual contribution to the UNRWA from USD 1.5 million to USD 5 million (**₹34.09 crore**) from 2018-19 for a period of three years.
- Sweden will contribute USD 250 million over four years, the UK USD 51 million and the UAE USD 50 million among other donors.
- Commissioner-General of UNRWA - **Pierre Krahenbuhl**.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj launched the “mPassport Seva” mobile application:

- To help deliver passports to applicants at their residence, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj launched the "mPassport Seva" mobile application on the occasion of 'Passport Seva Divas'.
- She also scrapped the marriage certificate's compulsion, required for obtaining passports.

Hindi is the most spoken language in India, Bengali second:

- According to the language data of **Census 2011**, **Hindi** is the mother tongue of **43.63%** Indians, making it the country's most spoken language, followed by **Bengali**.
- Further, **Marathi** has replaced Telugu as the **third** most spoken language in the nation.
- While Sanskrit is least spoken, Urdu became the seventh most spoken language in India.

Finance Ministry approves Metro Rail projects in 5 cities of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh:

- The Union Finance Ministry has given "in-principle" approval to proposed Metro Rail projects in **Indore, Bhopal, Kanpur, Agra, and Delhi**.
- The estimated cost of the projects is **₹1.07 lakh crore**.
- Besides the five metro projects, the Rs 32,000 crore **Delhi-Meerut corridor** of the proposed Rapid Rail Transit System also got the in-principle nod from the finance ministry.

President inaugurated Udyam Sangam 2018 in New Delhi:

- On International MSME (Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) Day 2018, the President of India **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the “**Udyam Sangam-2018**” in **New Delhi**.
- It will empower women and weaker sections by providing training to **80 lakh women**.

- The President also launched the **Solar Charkha Mission** which will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans.
- President unveiled a portal of the Ministry of MSME called '**Sampark**', which will act as a bridge between the talent pool and those enterprises seeking trained human resources.

Odisha CM increased the health cover under “Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana”:

- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** announced that insurance coverage for women under the BJD’s health insurance proposal has been raised to **Rs 7 lakh from Rs 5 lakh**.
- He accepted a proposal by a Malkangiri woman while holding a session of “**Ama Gaon Ama Bikas**” - a direct fund disbursement programme for development activities.
- Odisha government had earlier announced the scheme on June 12 which would be implemented from **August 15**.

Ten new Swachh Iconic Places taken under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission:

- Union Minister for Rural Development **Narendra Singh Tomar** has announced these places during the **second** quarterly review meeting on the Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) held at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, in Katra, **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- These **ten new iconic places** which are to be brought to a higher standard of swachhta and visitors’ amenities are :
 - 1. Gangotri,
 - 2. Yamunotri.
 - 3. Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain,
 - 4. Char Minar, Hyderabad,
 - 5. Church and Convent of St. Francis of Assissi, Goa,
 - 6. Adi Shankaracharya’s abode Kaladi in Ernakulam,
 - 7. Gomateshwar in Shravanbelgola,

- 8. Baijnath Dham, Devghar,
- 9. Gaya Tirth in Bihar and
- 10. Somnath temple in Gujarat.

Government approves 2 more Strategic Oil Storages in Odisha and Karnataka:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved to set up two more underground crude oil storages in **Chandikhol, Odisha**, and **Padur, Karnataka** to increase emergency stockpile cover by 12 days to 22 days.
- The announcement was made by the Finance Minister **Piyush Goyal** in New Delhi.
- The SPR (Strategic Petroleum Reserve) facilities at Chandikhol and Padur will be underground rock caverns and will have capacities of **4 MMT and 2.5 MMT** respectively.

Government approves draft Act to replace UGC with Higher Education Commission of India:

- The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) **Prakash Javadekar** proposed a draft bill to repeal the **University Grants Commission (UGC) Act of 1956** and set up the **Higher Education Commission of India (HECI)**, a move that aims to reform higher education in India.
- The new draft legislation comes after an earlier proposal to form an umbrella regulator– **HEERA** was scrapped by the MHRD in May this year.
- HEERA was supposed to replace all the other regulators - All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and UGC.

Surat jewellers make 28 crore rupees ring with 6,690 diamonds, set Guinness world record:

- Surat-based jewellers **Vishal Agarwal and Khushbu Agarwal** manufactured a ring containing 6,690 diamonds, registering the **Guinness world record** for 'Most diamonds set in one ring'.
- The ring is 18 karat rose gold structure, shaped like a lotus flower.
- The previous record of 3,827 diamonds was set by Jaipur-based Savio Jewellery.

Nobel laureate Satyarthi launches app named “ReUnite” to track missing kids:

- Nobel Peace Prize recipient **Kailash Satyarthi**, along with union minister **Suresh Prabhu**, launched a mobile application called 'ReUnite' that tracks **missing or abandoned kids**.
- The app is a collaboration between Bachpan Bachao Andolan led by Kailash Satyarthi and IT major **Capgemini**.
- The app will be linked with the Delhi Police's database of missing children.
- The app will use **Amazon Web Services** based on face recognition technology to match the photographs of missing children with a database to give result after face matching.

Indian Railways installed plastic bottle crushers at 4 stations:

- The **South Central Railway** has installed plastic bottle crushers at Telangana's **Kachiguda, Secunderabad, and Nizamabad**, and Andhra Pradesh's **Vijayawada** stations in order to promote environmental protection.
- The machines can crush up to **5,000** bottles a day.
- The crushed plastic pieces can be reused to make bags or t-shirts.
- At **Vadodara** railway station, the railway authorities have set up bottle crushers, by which Passengers earn up to **Rs 5** by feeding the machine with a plastic bottle.

VISITS

Seychelles President Danny Faure arrived in India for a six-day visit on June 22:

- Indian government had given Seychelles **\$100 million** on credit for the **defence** sector.
- India and Seychelles signed **six** memorandums of understanding (MoUs). Details of the six agreements are yet to be disclosed.

Prince William becomes first British royal to visit Israel and Palestine:

- UK's Prince William became the first member of the royal family to visit Israel officially.
- Prince William met Holocaust survivors, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and PM Benjamin Netanyahu as part of his three-day visit.
- Prince William will also meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas which will mark the first royal visit to the West Bank.

US Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley visited India to Boost India US Ties:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Nikki Haley**, discussed ways to enhance India-US cooperation in various fields, including counter-terrorism.
- "Freedom of religion is as important as freedom of rights and freedom of people", the US envoy to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on the first day of her India visit.
- Nikki Haley visited India in late **2014** when she was the South Carolina Governor.
- Ms Haley, the daughter of Sikh immigrants from **Punjab**, is the **first Indian-American** to serve in a Cabinet level position in any US presidential administration.

SURVEY/LISTS:

India is the Most Dangerous Country For Women, US In 10 Worst:

- According to the Thomson Reuters Foundation survey on women's issues, **India** is the world's most dangerous country for women due to the high risk of sexual violence and being forced into slave labour.
- The list of the 10 countries ranked as the most dangerous for women by the survey, conducted between March 26 and May 4:-
 - 1. India
 - 2. Afghanistan
 - 3. Syria
 - 4. Somalia
 - 5. Saudi Arabia
 - 6. Pakistan
 - 7. Democratic Republic of Congo
 - 8. Yemen
 - 9. Nigeria
 - 10. United States

London is the most desirable city in the world for overseas workers:

- According to a survey conducted by the Boston Consulting Group and totaljobs.com. London beat New York, Berlin and Barcelona to take the top spot as the most desirable city in the world for overseas workers.
- Meanwhile, the UK overall has dropped three places in the country rankings, falling from second in 2014 to fifth.

Indian real estate transparency ranked 35th globally:

- India has emerged as one of the top 10 countries to have registered maximum improvement in transparency in real estate over last two years, showed JLL's **Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI) 2018**.

- According to the survey, **UK** is at the top position followed by Australia and the US. France, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Germany, Ireland and Sweden are in top 10 in the list of 100 countries.
- Venezuela is the least transparent market with 100th rank.

Mumbai is India's most expensive city, Hong Kong named World's most expensive city:

- According to Mercer's 24th annual Cost of Living Survey, Mumbai is India's most expensive city, followed by **New Delhi and Chennai**.
- Kolkata and Bengaluru are the least expensive Indian cities ranked.
- Mercer's survey reveals that **Hong Kong** took the top spot as the world's most expensive city for expatriates.
- Tokyo and Zurich are in second and third positions, respectively, with Singapore in fourth.

Bengaluru ranked world's 2nd best location to launch tech startups:

- According to research firm SmallBusinessPrices.co.uk, Bengaluru has claimed the second spot in the list of best locations for launching tech startups.
- The **first place** was secured by **Boulder** city in the **US** while the third best location was **Johannesburg** in South Africa.
- The research measured the average internet speed, the average business valuation, and cost of living, among other metrics.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION:

Government appointed Arijit Basu as new Managing Director of SBI:

- He will fill the position that fell vacant following the elevation of **Rajnish Kumar** as the chairman.
- Executive committee of the central board approved appointment of **Anil Kishore** as deputy managing director and chief risk officer of the bank for a period up to May, 2020.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan re elected as the Turkish President:

- Recep Tayyip Erdogan had won a 52.54% share of the national vote and re-elected as the Turkish President, extending his **15-year** grip on power.
- Erdogan has won several consecutive elections to become Turkey's longest-serving leader.

MS Dhoni signed as the first brand ambassador of Sumadhura Group:

- Sumadhura Group, one of South India's city-based realty majors, has roped in MS Dhoni as its first brand ambassador to represent the brand in all their national campaigns, in a multi-year engagement.

Yousaf Saleem sworn in as Pakistan's first visually impaired judge:

- **Yousaf Saleem**, 25-year-old, a visually impaired lawyer, became the **first blind judge** in the history of **Pakistan**.
- His sister is reportedly Pakistan's first visually impaired civil servant.

National Security Adviser of Pakistan, Nasser Janjua resigns:

- Janjua was appointed as NSA in October **2015** by the then prime minister Nawaz Sharif, replacing Sartaj Aziz.
- Before being appointed as the NSA, Janjua was heading the Southern Command in Balochistan.

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- Janjua was the **second** military official to hold the post after Major General (retd.) Mehmood Durrani who was NSA during an earlier Pakistan Peoples' Party government.

S Ramesh appointed as chairman of CBIC:

- Senior bureaucrat S Ramesh has been appointed as chairman of the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**, the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes.
- He will succeed **Vanaja N Sarna**, who superannuates on June 30.
- Sarna was appointed as chief of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), which has now been rechristened as the CBIC, in March last year.

Kanwaljeet Jawa becomes 1st Indian to be appointed as board member of Daikin:

- **Japanese** air-conditioner maker **Daikin** Industries Ltd has appointed its India operations MD & CEO **Kanwaljeet Jawa** into the board of the parent company.
- Jawa joined Daikin India in 2010 as the COO and later became the MD & CEO who transformed an engineering company to a full scale HVAC organisation.

ICICI names ex IAS Girish Chaturvedi as part time Chairman:

- ICICI Bank appointed retired **IAS officer** and former petroleum secretary **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi** as part-time non-executive Chairman and independent Director on the bank's Board, from July 1 for **three years**.
- Chaturvedi will replace current Chairman MK Sharma after his term ends on June 30.

AWARDS & HONORS:

Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje conferred with “Chief Minister of the Year” award:

- The award was given at the **52nd Skoch Summit** held in **New Delhi**.
- Union Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh was the chief guest at the function.
- Efforts of the chief minister and state government were appreciated in implementing the prime minister’s “**Digital India**” campaign for benefitting the common man.

Pallavi Durua crowned as first Tribal Queen in India:

- Pallavi Durua, who belongs to **Odisha's Koraput** district, was crowned as the first "Tribal Queen" at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap.
- The prime objective of the event was to promote tribal art and culture.

Oscar Academy invites 20 Bollywood stars including Shah Rukh Khan, Madhuri Dixit:

- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Oscar Academy has invited 928 new members this year, and 20 people on the list are from Bollywood.
- The 20 Bollywood stars that are invited are;
 - Actors -
 - Shah Rukh Khan,
 - Madhuri Dixit Nene,
 - Madhabi Mukherjee,
 - Soumitra Chatterjee,
 - Naseeruddin Shah,
 - Ali Fazal,

- Anil Kapoor and
- Tabu
- Indian producers - Aditya Chopra and Guneet Monga,
- Cinematographer - Anil Mehta,
- Costume designers - Dolly Ahluwalia and Manish Malhotra,
- Sound designers - Debajit Changmai and Biswadeep Chatterjee,
- Production designers - Subrata Chakraborty and Amit Ray,
- Music composers - Usha Khanna and Sneha Khanwalkar and
- Film editor - Ballu Saluja

Kalki Koechlin will be conferred with French honour:

- For contribution in enhancing **Indo-French ties in cinema**, Actor Kalki Koechlin will be conferred with the French distinction of Knight of the **Order of Arts and Letters** (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres).

World Food Prize 2018 awarded to Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr. David Nabarro:

- **Lawrence Haddad**, who is a British economist and food policy researcher, and Dr. **David Nabarro**, who has worked with the World Health Organization and United Nations on health and hunger issues, were named the 2018 World Food Prize recipients.
- They dedicated their careers to improving the availability of **nutritious food for pregnant women and children** in an effort to reduce the effects of malnutrition in developing countries.

DEFENCE NEWS:

India to sign 3,400 crore rupees deal with Israel:

- India is set to sign a ₹3,400-crore (\$500 million) deal with **Israel** for the purchase of around **4,500 Spike missiles** for the Indian Army.
- Spike is a **fourth-generation** man-portable fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile designed by Israeli company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems.

World's Largest Multilateral Naval Exercise RIMPAC begun off Hawaii:

- **26th edition** of two month long exercise **Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC)** begun off **Hawaii** in the Western Pacific Ocean.
- Navies of 26 countries including India is participating in this exercise, which is scheduled off Hawaii from June 27 to August 27.
- **INS Sahyadri**, Commanded by Captain Shantanu Jha, has reached the Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, to participate in RIMPAC 2018.
- Subsequently, the 25th edition of the exercise was attended by INS Satpura in 2016.

Indian, Indonesian navies participated in PASSEX 2018:

- Indian Naval ships **INS Shakti** and **INS Kamorta** under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, undertook **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** with **Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Madidihang (855)** a Stingrays Class Fast Patrol Craft on leaving the Port of Makassar, Indonesia.
- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia last month, the two countries decided to enhance their maritime cooperation.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Instagram launched 0.5 MB Lite app for Android devices:

- At just **573 kilobytes**, "Instagram Lite" app is 1/55th the size of Instagram's 32 megabyte main app.
- This app is currently being tested in **Mexico**.
- Users can filter and post photos to the feed or Stories, and browse the Explore page, but cannot share videos or Direct message friends yet.

NASA To Launch World's Lightest Satellite Designed By Chennai Students:

- The first-year engineering students Harikrishan, Amarnath, Sudhi and Giri Prasad from Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science near Chennai built the **4cm** 'cube' satellite '**Jaihind-1S**' with a 3D printed outer casing from polylactic acid (PLA) nylon material, making it lighter than a medium sized egg, at just **33.39 grams**.
- This satellite will be launched from a NASA facility in the US by August.
- The previous lightweight satellite developed by Rifath Sharook, also from Tamil Nadu, and launched in the same competition in 2017 had weighed 64 grams.

SPORTS NEWS:

R Pragganandhaa has become the second youngest Grandmaster in chess history:

- Soon after Chennai's R Pragganandhaa completed his third norm - beating Italian Grandmaster Luca Moroni in the eighth round of the Gredine Open at Ortisei in Italy, he has become the **second youngest Grandmaster** in chess history at the age of 12 years, 10 months, 13 days.
- The youngest Grandmaster ever is Russia's Sergey Karjakin, who achieved the feat aged 12 years, 7 months and has held the record since 2002.

Sandeep Sejwal grabbed gold at Singapore National Swimming Championships:

- Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal clinched the **gold** medal in men's **50m** breaststroke event at the Singapore National Swimming Championships held in **Singapore**.
- **Virdhawal Khade** grabbed a creditable **silver** medal in the 50m freestyle event with a timing of 22.68 seconds even as compatriot Aaron Agnel Dsouza crashed out in the semifinals.

Deepika Kumari won individual recurve gold at Salt Lake World Cup:

- Archer Deepika Kumari won her first individual gold medal in six years at the Salt Lake World Cup following a 7-3 win over Germany's Michelle Kroppen in the recurve final.
- **Abhishek Verma** had won an individual **silver** in the Compound category and was part of the mixed team bronze winning side alongside Jyothi Surekha Vennam.

US sprinter Noah Lyles runs fastest 100m of 2018 in 9.88 seconds:

- 20-year-old American sprinter **Noah Lyles** ran the fastest 100-metre race of the year to clinch the US national title in Des Moines, Iowa.
- He clocked 9.88 seconds in the final, after equalling Mike Rodgers' world-leading time of 2018 of 9.89 seconds in the semi-finals.

Lewis Hamilton wins French Grand Prix:

- He regained his position at the **top** of the **Formula One** world championship.
- Hamilton, who had started on pole position, now leads Vettel by 14 points after eight of 21 races. The Briton has 145 and German 131.
- He had shared the record of 22 with retired seven-times world champion **Michael Schumacher**.

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Saurabh wins gold medal with world record score at ISSF Junior World Cup:

- Sixteen-year-old Indian shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** set a new world record and won a gold in the **10m air pistol** event in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Germany.
- He got **243.7** points in the final.
- The junior world record before this was 242.5 by Chinese shooter Wang Zhehao at the first ISSF Junior World Cup of the year in Sydney.
- The other Indian in the final, Anmol Jain, fell short of the podium, finishing fourth with 199.6.

Indian shooter Manu sets world record, wins 8th gold of year:

- 16-year-old **Manu Bhaker** won gold medal in **10m air pistol** event at ISSF Junior World Cup in Germany.
- This was Manu's seventh ISSF individual gold in the year, **third** with a **world** record.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

26 June - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:

- The General Assembly of United Nations has decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- It is to express its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.
- The **theme** for 2018 is "Listen First - Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe."

QUIZ CORNER:

1) Government appointed Arijit Basu as new Managing Director of

- A. SBI
- B. IDBI Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. Indian Ba

2) What is the cost of “Mohanpura irrigation project” in Madhya Pradesh's Rajgarh district?

- A. ₹2,466 crore
- B. ₹5,366 crore
- C. ₹3,866 crore
- D. ₹4,566 crore

3) Southern Railways imposes penalty of _____ for taking selfie in front of train.

- A. ₹2,500
- B. ₹1,500
- C. ₹1,000
- D. ₹2,000

4) For the development of tourism in Himachal Pradesh, the Centre has approved projects worth

- A. ₹1,500 crore
- B. ₹1,800 crore
- C. ₹1,700 crore
- D. ₹1,200 crore



- 5) Saudi Arabia issued the first driving license to women on
- A. June 4
 - B. June 24
 - C. June 20
 - D. June 9
- 6) Which state makes use of LED bulbs mandatory in govt offices by 15 Aug?
- A. West Bengal
 - B. Uttar Pradesh
 - C. Bihar
 - D. Haryana
- 7) American sprinter Noah Lyles ran the fastest 100-metre race of the year 2018 in
- A. 8.48 seconds
 - B. 9.88 seconds
 - C. 7.86 seconds
 - D. 6.84 seconds
- 8) Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected as the President of
- A. Iran
 - B. Armenia
 - C. Turkey
 - D. Greece
- 9) Who has been awarded as Best Actor in Indian International Film Awards (IIFA) 2018?
- A. Irrfan Khan
 - B. Akshay Kumar
 - C. Ranbir Kapoor
 - D. Adil Hussain



10) Who won Best Actress Award in Indian International Film Awards (IIFA), held in Bangkok?

- A. Zaira Wasim
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Vidya
- D. Sridevi

11) Pallavi Durua crowned as India's first "Tribal Queen". She belongs to which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

12) How many Indians are invited to be members of Oscar academy, this year?

- A. 20
- B. 10
- C. 15
- D. 5

13) Monsoon Session of Parliament to be held from

- A. July 18 to August 10
- B. July 15 to August 10
- C. July 18 to August 15
- D. July 10 to August 5

14) Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Saudi Aramco have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and build an integrated refinery at

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala

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- C. Maharashtra
- D. West Bengal

15) Gujarat Govt launches solar scheme “Suryashakti Kisan Yojna” at an estimated cost of

- A. Rs 520 crore
- B. Rs 870 crore
- C. Rs 710 crore
- D. Rs 930 crore

16) Who won French Grand Prix 2018 Title?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Valtteri Bottas
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Sebastian Vettel

17) How much dollar had given to Seychelles by Indian government on credit for the defence sector?

- A. \$90 million
- B. \$100 million
- C. \$70 million
- D. \$50 million

18) Who has been conferred with “Chief Minister of the Year” award?

- A. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B. Mamata Banerjee
- C. Vasundhara Raje
- D. Jairam Thakur

19) Who officially declared himself as the leader of the world's first space nation 'Asgardia'?

- A. Igor Ashurbeyli**
- B. Mikhail Spokoyny**
- C. Lena De Winne**
- D. Alesya Fedorova**

20) Which of the following UK comedian criticised President Xi Jinping, on TV show “Last Week Tonight”?

- A. Mark Thomas**
- B. Tom Walker**
- C. Chris Morris**
- D. John Oliver**

21) How many European Union member states agreed to establish a joint military force?

- A. Nine**
- B. Three**
- C. Five**
- D. Ten**

22) Which country ranked top in the list of the World’s most dangerous country for women, according to the Thomson Reuters Foundation survey on women's issues?

- A. Syria**
- B. Afghanistan**
- C. India**
- D. Somalia**



23) What is the name of the mobile application launched by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, for delivering passports to applicants?

- A. mPassport Seva**
- B. Quick Passport Seva**
- C. Handy Passport Seva**
- D. ePassport Seva**

24) For the purchase of around 4,500 Spike missiles, India is set to sign a ₹3,400-crore deal with

- A. Russia**
- B. Israel**
- C. France**
- D. Japan**

25) Recently, Which country approves Brexit Bill, that will formally end the country's European Union membership?

- A. France**
- B. Italy**
- C. United Kingdom**
- D. Germany**

26) Who won gold medal with world record score at ISSF Junior World Cup?

- A. Manu Bhaker**
- B. Devanshi Rana**
- C. Saurabh Chaudhary**
- D. Anmol Jain**

27) Recently, Finance Ministry approves Metro Rail projects in 5 cities of Madhya Pradesh and

- A. Uttar Pradesh**
- B. Bihar**
- C. Haryana**

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D. West Bengal

28) President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018 in

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

29) The Odisha government decided to raise the health cover under “Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY)” for women from Rs. 5 lakh to

- A. Rs. 8 lakh**
- B. Rs. 7 lakh**
- C. Rs. 6 lakh**
- D. Rs. 9 lakh**

30) Which of the following place is taken under Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission?

- A. The Taj Mahal, Agra**
- B. Meenakshi Temple, Madurai**
- C. Golden Temple, Amritsar**
- D. Charminar, Hyderabad**

31) World Food Prize 2018 is awarded to

- A. David Beckmann and Jo Luck**
- B. John Agyekum Kufuor and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**
- C. Daniel Hillel and Fazle Hasan Abed**
- D. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro**



32) Which of the following Indian Navy ship is participating in RIMPAC 2018?

- A. INS Sahyadri**
- B. INS Astradharani**
- C. INS Satpura**
- D. INS Tihayu**

33) Who has been appointed as chairman of CBIC?

- A. Devender Kumar Sikri**
- B. Sekhar Basu**
- C. Rajiv Jain**
- D. S Ramesh**

34) Which country has been placed on 'Grey list' by Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

- A. Syria**
- B. Pakistan**
- C. Iran**
- D. Iraq**

35) In JLL's Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETl) 2018, which country is at the top position?

- A. UK**
- B. Australia**
- C. US**
- D. France**

36) Which of the following Indian Naval Ship undertook Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Indonesian Naval Ship?

- A. INS Aditya**
- B. INS Deepak**
- C. INS Jyoti**

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D. INS Shakti

37) According to Mercer's 24th annual "Cost of Living" Survey, most expensive city in India is

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

38) New proposed "Higher Education Commission of India (HECI)" will replace

- A. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**
- B. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)**
- C. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**
- D. University Grants Commission (UGC)**

39) Which Indian Shooter sets world record by winning 8th gold of year?

- A. Devanshi Rana**
- B. Manu Bhaker**
- C. Arjun Singh Cheema**
- D. Abhishek Arya**

40) India will get "Black Money Data" from which bank by 2019?

- A. Bank of America**
- B. HSBC Holdings**
- C. Swiss Bank Corporation**
- D. BNP Paribas**

41) Which country has announced a plan to reintroduce compulsory national service for all 16-year-olds in the country?

- A. France**
- B. Germany**
- C. Russia**
- D. India**

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42) To track missing kids, 'ReUnite' app was launched by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Kailash Satyarthi, along with union minister

- A. Suresh Prabhu
- B. Sushma Swaraj
- C. Maneka Gandhi
- D. Arun Jaitley

43) Which Bank appointed retired IAS officer and former petroleum secretary Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its part-time Chairman?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. YES Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Axis Bank

44) In which of the following railway station, Passengers earn up to Rs 5 by feeding the bottle crushers machine with a plastic bottle?

- A. Allahabad
- B. Howrah
- C. Vadodara
- D. New Delhi

45) Which will be the World's largest government funded health care programme?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
- B. Janani Suraksha Yojana
- C. National Ayush Mission (NAM)
- D. Ayushman Bharat programme

Answers:-

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