

Monthly Current Affairs: June 2019

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Observed Day
1st June	World Milk Day Theme-“Drink Milk:Today and Everyday”
1st June	Global Day of Parents Theme –“Honor Your Parents”
2 nd June	Telangana Statehood Day
2nd June	International Sex Workers Day
3 rd June	World Bicycle Day(2 nd)
4 th June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 th June	World Environment Day Theme-“Beat Air Pollution”
6 th June	UN Russian Language Day
7 th June	World Food Safety Day Theme- "Food Safety, everyone's business"
3 rd -7 th June	Financial Literacy Week Theme-“Farmers”
8 th June	World Oceans Day Theme-“Gender and the Ocean”
8 th June	World Brain Tumour Day
11 th June	Green Mizoram Day
12 th June	World Day against Child Labour Theme-“Children shouldn’t work in fields, but on dreams”
13 th June	International Albinism Awareness Day
14 th June	World Blood Donor Day Theme: “Safe blood for all”
15 th June	ASEAN Dengue Day
15th June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

15th June	Global Wind Day
16th June	International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)
16th June	World Sea Turtle Day
16th June (3rd Sunday of June)	Father's Day
17th June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought Theme- "Let's Grow the Future Together"
18th June	World Sustainable Gastronomy Day
19th June	International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
19th June	World Sickle Cell Day
20th June	World Refugee Day Theme- "Step With Refugee: Take A Step on World"
21st June	World Music Day
21st June	4th International Yoga Day Theme: "Yoga for Climate Action"
21st June	World Hydrography Day Theme – "Hydrographic Information driving marine Knowledge".
23rd June	United Nations Public Service Day
23rd June	International Olympic Day
23rd June	World Public Service Day
23rd June	International Widows Day
25th June	Day of the Seafarer Campaign- "I Am On Board with gender equalit"
25th -26th June	Anti Emergency day
26th June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Theme- "Health for Justice, justice for Health"
26th June	International Day in Support of Victims and Nature
27th June	UN Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day (MSME) Day

29th June	National Statistics Day Theme - “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”
29th June	International Day of Tropics
30th June	International Day of Parliamentarism
30th June	International Asteroid Day

Summit / Conference

Summit / Conference	Place
The Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)	India
China Bilateral Dialogue on Disarmament & Non Proliferation	New Delhi
2nd Global Disability Summit	Buenos Aires, Argentina 6 to 8 June 2019
Asian Leadership Summit	Bhutan
G20 Finance Ministers Meeting	Fukuoka, Japan
3rd Indo-French cyber dialogue 2019	Paris
SCO (Cooperation Organization) summit	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
12th Conference of States Parties to Convention to Rights of PwDs”	New York.
16th Asia media summit	Cambodia
CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia) Summit 2019	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2019	Mumbai
14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)	Mecca, Saudi Arabia
The fifth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog	New Delhi
20th Meeting of the Financial	New Delhi

Stability and Development Council(FSDC)	
G20 summit 2019	Osaka, Japan
G20 summit 2020	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
G20 summit 2021	Italy
G20 summit 2022	India

New Appointments

Name	Designation
Ajay Singh	Member of IATA (Board of International Air Transport Association)
Ajit Doval	National Security Adviser (NSA)
Alok Vardhan Chaturvedi	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
Amish Tripathi	Director of Nehru Centre (London)
Amit Agarwal	New chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
Amitabh Kant	NITI Aayog CEO
Anton Aditya Subowo	President of Badminton Asia
Anita Bhatia	UN Deputy Executive Director
Arun Kumar	Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) (Additional charge)
Arun Kumar Sahu	High Commissioner of India to Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Arvind Kumar	Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)
Bhola Nath Shukla	Chairman cum-Managing Director of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL)
Gianni Infantino	President of FIFA
Dr Gaurav Nigam	'Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019'
Mohamed Ould Ghazouani	President of Mauritania(1st Elected President)
Inger Andersen	Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

J K Tripathy	Director General of Tamil Nadu Police
Justice Prasanta Kumar Saikia	Chairperson of Lokayukta in Arunachal Pradesh
K Natarajan	Director General (DG) of Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
K S Dhatwalia	Director General of IIMC
K. Shanmugam	Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary
Kassym Jomart Tokayev	President of Kazakhstan
Keshni Anand Arora	Chief Secretary of Haryana
Laxman Narasimhan	CEO of Reckitt Benckiser
Mrutyunjay Mohapatra	Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD)
Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi	Indian Ambassador to Belize
Nayib Bukele	New President of El Salvador
Nripendra Misra	Principal Secretary of Prime Minister
P B Acharya (Nagaland Governor)	Governor of Manipur (Additional charge)
P.K. Mishra	Additional Principal Secretary of Prime Minister
PB Acharya	Manipur Governor
PJS Pannu	Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence staff (operations)
Pradeep Kumar Sinha	Cabinet Secretary
Prasanta Kumar Saikia	Chairperson of Lokayukta of Arunachal Pradesh
Prashant Kumar	Acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court
Prayuth Chan ocha	Prime Minister of Thailand
Qu Dongyu	Director General of United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Rakesh Makhija	Chairman of Axis Bank
Rabi N Mishra	Executive Director of RBI
Raghvendra Singh Chauhan	Chief Justice of Telangana High Court

Rajiv Mehrishi (CAG)	External Auditor of World Health Organization (WHO)
Rishad Premji	Executive Chairman of Wipro
Romila Thapar	International Member of American Philosophical Society (APS)
Sachin Bansal	Independent Director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
Satish Chandra Verma	Advocate General of Chhattisgarh
Sharad Kumar	Interim Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)
Shefali Juneja	India's representative in Council of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
Sonia Gandhi	Elected as leader of Congress Parliamentary Party
Sun Weidong	New Ambassador of China to India
Thawarchand Gehlot	Leader of Rajya Sabha (Council of States)
Tijjani Muhammad Bande	President of 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)
V Ramasubramanian	Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court
V Ravi Anshuman	Part time Member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
V.S. Kaumud	Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
Zuzana Caputova	Slovakia's first female president
Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy	Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
Pema Khandu	Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
Naveen Patnaik	Chief Minister of Odisha (5th consecutive term)
Prem Singh Tamang	Chief Minister Sikkim
Virendra Kumar	Pro tem Speaker of 17th Lok Sabha
Om Birla	17th Lok Sabha Speaker
VP Sivakolundhu	Speaker of Puducherry Assembly

Tammineni Sitaram	Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly
Pasang Dorjee Sona	Speaker of Arunachal Pradesh Assembly
Surjya Narayan Patro	Speaker of Odisha Assembly
L. B. Das	Speaker of Sikkim Assembly

Awards & Honors

Name of Person	Awards & Honors
Akshaya Patra	BBC World Service Global Champion Award
Amitav Ghosh	54th Jnanpith Award (1st English Language writer)
Purushottam Sawrikar, Makhan Singh Khangure and Vijay Kumar	Order of Australia Award (Australia's highest civilian honour)
Actress Sheela	J C Daniel Award
Sunder Pichai, Nasdaq's Friedman	2019 Global Leadership Award
Gaurav Nigam	Innovative Research Excellence Award 2019
Greta Thunberg	Amnesty International's 'Ambassador of Conscience' Award 2019
Makarand Tilloo	'Save Water Hero Award'
Jimmy Carter	George H. W. Bush Award for Statesmanship
Kalu police station (Bikaner)	Best Police Station in India
Mahindra (Indian automobile firm)	Gold Award by South Africa's National Automobile Dealers' Association (NADA)
Priyanka Chopra	Humanitarian award by UNICEF
Suman Rao	Miss India 2019
Medical & Health Department, Rajasthan	Tobacco Control Award 2019 by WHO
NALCO (National Aluminium	President's award for utilisation

Company)	of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development
Nia Tony	22nd Emirates Recycling Award (Paper section)
Nitesh Kumar Jangir	2019 Commonwealth Secretary General's Innovation for Sustainable Development Award
Pratibha Patil (Former Indian President)	Order of the Aztec Eagle Award (Mexico's highest civilian honour for foreigners)
Priya Serrao	Miss Universe Australia 2019
Priyanka Chopra	Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award by UNICEF
Pullela Gopichand	Honorary doctorate by IIT Kanpur
Rachna Khaira (The Tribune News Service)	RedInk Award for Excellence in Indian Journalism (Journalist of the Year 2019)
Tayari Jones	2019 Women's Prize for Fiction
Mohammed Safi of Mookkuthala	Lalithakala Akademi awards
Veyil Marangal	Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award at Shanghai International Film Festival [1st Indian film]
Xi Jinping (Chinese President)	Manas Order of the First Degree (Highest national award of Kyrgyzstan)

Books

Book	Author
Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge	Ashis Ray
Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly	Anupam Kher(Autobiography)
The New Delhi Conspiracy	Meenakshi Lekhi

Sports

Tournament	Winner
35th men's Asian Snooker	Pankaj Advani

Championship held in Doha	
Canadian Grand Prix	Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton
Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4 Nations title in Hockey	India
FIH Men's Series Finals	India
France Grand Prix	Mercedes Driver Lewis Hamilton
International Hockey Federation (FIH) Men's Hockey Series	Japan
International Rugby 5s	India (First ever winner)
French Open 2019 Tennis Winners	
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain). He Defeated Dominic Thiem (Austria).
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia). She Defeated Markéta Vondrousova (Czech Republic).
Men's Doubles	Kevin Krawietz AND Andreas Mies (Germany). They defeated France's Jeremy Chardy AND Fabrice Martin.
Women's Doubles	Timea Babos (Hungary) AND Kristina Mladenovic (France). They Defeated China's Duan Yingying AND Zheng Saisai.
Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan (Chinese Taipei) AND Ivan Dodig (Croatia)
Boys' Single	Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune (Denmark)
Girls' Single	Leylah Annie Fernandez (Canada)
Birmingham Classic Women's Tennis 2019 (England) Winners	
Single	Ashleigh Barty (Australia). She Defeated Julia Gorges (Germany).
Double	Hsieh Su wei (Chinese Taipei) AND Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)
2019 Mallorca Open Women's Title (Spain) Winners	
Single	Sofia Kenin (United States)
Double	Kirsten Flipkens (Belgium) AND Johanna Larsson (Sweden)
Halle Open Men's Tennis 2019 Winners	
Single	Roger Federer (Switzerland). He defeated David

	Goffin (Belgium).
Double	Raven Klaasen (South Afric) AND Michael Venus (New Zealand).
2019 ITTF World Tour Hong Kong Open Winners	
Men's Singles	Lin Gaoyuan (China).
Men's Doubles	China's Liang Jingkun and Lin Gaoyuan.
Women's Singles	Wang Yidi (China)
Women's Doubles	China's Chen Ke and Mu Zi won.

Mou /Agreement

Countries	Purpose
India and World Bank	To provide basic urban services to the people of Jharkhand and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in the State
Indian Railway and French National Railways	To support the Railway Station Development Program in India.
India and Kyrgyzstan	For collaborative research work on High Altitude Biology and Medicine.
India and Bolivia	Facilitate exchange of information, expert meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.
India and Thailand	In the field of Astronomy , Astrophysics , Atmospheric Science
India and Russia	Understanding on the cooperation between Research Designs and Standards Organisation, under the Ministry of Railways, India and Railway Research Institute, Russia and Research and Design Institute for Information Technology, Signalling and Telecommunication on Railway Transport, Russia.
India and Finland	On the cooperation in the area of Cyber Security between India and Finland

India and World Bank	For the Uttarakhand Public Financial Management Strengthening Project that will help improve the State's ability to manage its Financial Systems and lead to Better Utilization of Development Resources
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Committee

Head of Committee	Purpose
Bibek Debroy Committee	To identify ways of advancing beekeeping in India
Kasturirangan committee	New National Education Policy
Nandan Nilekani Committee	Suggest a host of measures, including elimination of charges, round the clock RTGS and NEFT facility, and duty free import of point of sales machines.
U K Sinha Committee	Recommendations for MSME Sector
V G Kannan Committee	To review the ATM interchange fee structure with a "view to increase the ATM deployment in the unbanked areas"

Obituaries

Name	Personality
Abburi Chayadevi	Noted Telugu Writer
Ahmed Essop	India born Noted South African author and educationist.
Babu Narayanan	Malayalam Film director
Brij Mohan Khaitan	Noted industrialist. He was chairman of Eveready Industries and McLeod Russel. He is also known as Evergreen tea man of India.
Crazy Mohan	Noted Tamil writer, comedian and actor.
Dinyar Contractor	Noted Hindi comedian and film actor.
Franco Zeffirelli	Noted Italian director. His film 'Romeo and Juliet'.
Girish Karnad	Noted Indian actor, director, and Kannada writer. He was a recipient of 1998 Jnanpith Award.
Jharna Dhara Chowdhury	Noted social activist from Bangladesh.

José Antonio Reyes	Spanish Footballer.
Madan Lal Saini	Rajasthan BJP chief
Malcolm John Rebennack	Noted American musician. He was Six time Grammy Prize Winner.
Mohan Ranade	Freedom Fighter (Goa's liberation movement)
N. Lingappa	Noted athletics coach (Dronacharya Awarde).
Pazhavila Ramesan	Noted Malayalam Poet and lyricist from Kerala.
Prakash Pant	Incumbent Uttarakhand Finance Minister.
R V Janakiraman	Former Puducherry Chief Minister.
Ruma Guha Thakurta	Noted Bengali Actor singer. She was first wife of Noted actor singer Kishore Kumar.
Shyam Sundar Mitra	Former Bengal cricketer
Thanjavoor Ramamoorthy	Noted mridangam classical music expert.
Vijaya Nirmala	Noted Telugu actress and director

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Current Monetary Policy Rates -

Repo Rate - 5.75 %

Reverse Repo - 5.50 %

Bank Rate - 6 %

CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio) - 4 %

SLR (Statutory Liquidity ratio) - 19 % (RBI decided to reduce SLR from to 18.0% in six quarterly instalments beginning January 2019)

Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate - 6 %

Russia launches 1st Arctic Train Service

- In Russia, the first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway set off from St. Petersburg station .It came from seven countries including the US, Germany, Norway and Russia.

Free travel for Women in Delhi Buses, Metro for "Safety"

- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced Free travel for Women in Delhi on public transport.

In Saudi Arabia 'Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace' organised

- In Saudi Arabia ,Indian Embassy organized 'Gandhi Cycle Rally for Peace' in association with the Diplomatic Quarter Authority and Saudi Cycling Federation to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The rally was flagged off by Dr Ausaf Sayeed, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with Seven teams along the 6 km long route .
- The Cycle Rally was part of the series of events organized globally by the Government of India to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

SriLankan Airlines named world's most punctual

- SriLankan Airlines, has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for the second consecutive time .

Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get FATF membership

- Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to get full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- The number of permanent members in the FATF group accounted to 39.

Vietnam elected to Asian seat on UN Security Council

- Vietnam elected to Asian seat on UN Security Council behalf of the Asian countries in an election .

Facebook's digital currency 'Libra' in 2020

- Facebook, announced a digital wallet subsidiary called 'Calibra' that would launch Blockchain-powered cryptocurrency 'Libra' next year to help nearly

one billion people globally who don't have a bank account but do have a mobile phone.

- This digital wallet for 'Libra' currency would be available in Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and as a stand-alone app in 2020. It has tied up with 27 organizations around the world to start the non-profit Libra Association to create the new currency.

Facebook launches game show "Confetti" (1st interactive) in India

- Social network site Facebook launched a game show its first interactive game show, "Confetti" in India.
- This show will air from Wednesday to Sunday on Facebook's dedicated video platform Facebook Watch Starting from June 12.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

- IOC formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- The Olympic House has been built on the site of the former headquarters, and 95 per cent of the old materials were reused and recycled.

HCL to roll out "Tech Bee" programme

- HCL started "Tech Bee" programme, under which it trains and hires students who have completed XII th standard, across several states.
- It available only to academically brilliant class XII students who want to take up IT Careers right after class XII. This is a one year program which prepares students for IT roles.
- Enrolled students are paid stipend of Rs 10,000 per month.

Telangana CM inaugurates world's biggest pumphouse at Kaleswaram

- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao also inaugurated the world's biggest pumphouse at the Medigadda along with the Kaleswaram Lift Irrigation project world's largest Lift Irrigation project .

Maharaja Ranjit Singh statue unveiled at Lahore Fort

- On 180th death anniversary of Ranjit Singh the bronze statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh was unveiled at Lahore fort near Maharani Jinda haveli at Lahore.
- Minister for tourism Punjab (Pakistan) unveiled the statue and claimed government was taking steps towards improving tourism and special attention was being given to religious tourism.

Canada to ban single-use plastics by 2021

- The Canadian government announced that it will ban single-use plastics as early as 2021 to stop the harmful effects of using plastic.

Sri Lanka launches first satellite Ravana-1 into orbit

- Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Ravana-1' was successfully launched into orbit from the International Space Station (ISS) along with two other BIRDS 3 satellites from Japan and Nepal.

Under Bharatmala project highways of 35000 km to be built by 2022

- In India, construction or upgradation of about 35,000 kilometres of national highways are to be undertaken by 2022 under the 'Bharatmala Project'.

Dzukou Valley, Nagaland becomes Plastic Free Zone on World Environment Day

- In Nagaland, the scenic Dzukou Valley has become Plastic Free Zone on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June.

'Swachhta Pakhwada' observed by MNRE from 1-15 June

- To awareness for importance of Swachhata in life Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) observed Swachhta Pakhwada (cleanliness fortnight) from 1st June to 15th June 2019 by various activities.

For elephants a water clinic opens in Mathura

- India has opened its first specialised hydrotherapy treatment for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

Maharashtra govt announces scheme for smokeless kitchens

- A project at providing smoke-free environment in the kitchen for women will be launched by the Maharashtra government.
- The project, named “Chullah (wood-fired stove)-free and smoke-free Maharashtra”, will target the women who have not benefited under the Ujjwala or any other LPG distribution scheme.

Kolhapuri chappal Namma gets GI tag

- Kolhapuri chappal Namma has earned Geographical indication tag from Intellectual Property India. The approval for GI tag was jointly received by Karnataka and Maharashtra.
- These are hand-crafted and tanned using vegetable dyes.

Mela Kheer Bhawani celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir

- Mela Kheer Bhawani festival was celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir on Zeashta Ashtami.
- Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandit devotees prayed at the famous Ragnya Devi temple here in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Chaukhandi Stupa declares as of national important monument

- Chaukhandi Stupa an ancient Buddhist site located in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, has been declared as a Monument by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- It was built to mark the place where Lord Buddha met his first disciples as he traveled from Bodhgaya to Sarnath.

Country's basketball hub setup in Punjab

- Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced to make the state the country's basketball hub.

India setup its first Dinosaur Museum

- First Dinosaur Museum cum Park of India was inaugurated in Mahisagar district, Gujarat.
- The museum was inaugurated by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani at Raiyoli near Balasinor.

- Raiyoli is the 3rd largest dinosaur fossil site in the world, and also the 2nd largest dinosaur hatchery in the world.

India set up a national maritime heritage museum partners with Portugal

- India set up a national maritime heritage museum partners at Lothal in Gujarat with Portugal.
- The Indian Navy and Portuguese Navy jointly administering the maritime museum in Lisbon, Portugal.

India to launch first solar mission in 2020

- India's first mission Aditya-L1 to study the sun, in 2020, informed by Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman K. Sivan.
- The aim of the mission is to observe the solar corona.

New mango variety named after Amit Shah

- A mango has named a new variety of mango after Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- This Mango is good in both "weight and taste" and it will be called "Shah" mango.

World's highest operating weather stations installed on Everest

- World's highest operating weather stations installed on Everest announced by the National Geographic Society to provide researchers, climbers, and the public with near real-time information about mountain conditions.
- Total 5 weather stations with one at a record height of 27,657 feet, were installed on the Earth's highest mountain above sea level.
- The weather station will record data on temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed, and wind direction.
- This stations will help continuously monitor the upper reaches of the atmosphere, which is critical to tracking weather patterns around the globe.

Telangana enhances Rythu Bandhu scheme

- The Telangana Government has issued a notification to extend the Rythu Bandhu scheme for 2019-20 by enhancing the amount from Rs 4000 to Rs 5000.
- The Rythu Bandhu scheme is the pet scheme of Telangana CM K Chandrasekar Rao and aims at providing income support to the agriculturists directly to back their crops.

HRD ministry releases EQUIP vision plan

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development released an ambitious five-year vision plan EQUIP vision plan.
- Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) for expanding access, towards global best teaching and learning .

Haryana & Punjab High Court declares Animals as Legal Persons

- The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that all animals are legal persons entitled to legal rights like human beings and all Citizens are their Guardians to promote welfare of animals.
- A ban on the use of spike sticks, harness and other sharp instruments to avoid injuring the animal and also ban in using animals to pull vehicles in extreme weather, limits on loads and the number of people that animals are made to carry.

Rajasthan government increases financial aid given to girls under 'Aapki Beti' scheme

- The Rajasthan government has increased the financial assistance given to school girls under the 'Aapki Beti' scheme.
- For the girls studying in class 1 to 8 the amount has been increased to 2,100 from Rs 1,100 and for the girls in class 9 to 12 increased to Rs 2,500 from Rs 1,500.
- Under the Aapki Beti scheme, girls living under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and whose mother or father or both have died get annual financial assistance in the state.

‘Digital Sakhi’ launched in Tamil Nadu by L&T Financial Services

- L&T Financial Services' (LTFS) 'Digital Sakhi' was launched in 20 villages of Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu.
- It is an educational programme aimed at digital financial inclusion of rural women to impart enterprise development training and upskilling.

Government to launch Universal Smart Card Driving License

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has decided to launch Universal Smart Card Driving License
- Application called SARATHI developed by NIC, has a common countrywide database of all driving license holders to identify duplicate records online in real time and access information about the challans if any.

J&K Govt. to open 18 AMRIT stores

- Jammu and Kashmir Government is planning to open 18 AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) stores in all the Medical colleges' Hospitals and prominently associated hospitals of the State.
- The purpose of the initiative is to provide quality and affordable medicines to the end users.
- AMRIT pharmacies, operating under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Virat Kohli becomes the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs

- Virat Kohli has become the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs. The India captain reached the milestone when he reached the score of 37 against West Indies at Old Trafford.

West Bengal introduces free crop insurance scheme Bangla Shashya Bima for farmers

- West Bengal government has announced a free crop insurance scheme in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC), for the 2019 kharif season.
- The scheme called Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB) is applicable for farmers in 15 districts.

Japan gifts Manipur a peace museum

- Japan gifts Manipur a “Peace Museum” which is built on the memories of one of the fiercest battles of the Second World War.
- The inauguration of the Imphal Peace Museum at Red Hill, about 20 km southwest of Manipur’s capital Imphal, marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal.

WHO launches a new tool “AWaRe”

WHO offers a new tool “AWaRe” to contain rising antimicrobial resistance and make antibiotic use safer and more effective. AWaRe classifies antibiotics into three groups:

- “Access” specifies which antibiotics to use for the most common and serious infections.
- “Watch” specifies which ones should be available at all times in the healthcare system.
- “Reserve” are those that must be used sparingly or preserved and used only as a last resort.

RBI launched Complaint Management System (CMS) application

- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched the Complaint Management System (CMS) is a software application.
- It improves transparency by keeping the complainants informed through auto-generated acknowledgements and enabling them to track the status of their complaints and file appeals online against the decisions of the Ombudsmen, where applicable.

Defence News

- India has successfully test fired Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile from Chandipur in Odisha.
- India successfully conducted a first test flight of the indigenously developed Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) from a base off the Odisha coast.
- Indian Navy launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels safe transit through the area.

- Indian Navy's first Naval Air Squadron 550 celebrated its Diamond Jubilee at naval base Kochi after Completing 60 glorious years of yeoman service to the nation.
- ISRO has opened its laboratories for Indian school students to undergo two-week training from this year. The training module has been devised as part of its new Young Scientists Programme, or Yuva Vigyanik Karyakram, YUVIKA.
- NASA's robot named Bumble became the first Astrobe robot to fly under its own power in space.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation has distributed 250 NavIC Messaging Receivers to fishermen of Kerala on a trial basis.

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