

## Financial

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ended the special dispensations granted earlier for non-banking financial corporations (NBFCs) owned by the government.
- HDFC Bank has once again been recognized with the Champion Security Award at the 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit. For the second time in a row, the bank has won the award in the India and South Asia category.
- India and Singapore have agreed to improve access for businesses in each other's markets as they concluded the second review of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).
- The Odisha government launched a health insurance scheme for working journalists in the state in June, 2018. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the scheme, called "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana".
- India's first advanced ultra-supercritical thermal power plant would be set up in the Sipat station of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Chhattisgarh.
- The price of non-subsidised cooking gas LPG was increased by 48 rupees per cylinder on June 1, 2018 in New Delhi.
- The Reserve Bank of India has chosen customer protection as theme for the Financial Literacy Week beginning on June 4.
- The Income Tax Department has issued a new reward scheme titled "Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018" to seek people's participation in the Income Tax Department's efforts to unearth black money and to reduce tax evasion.
- India will in June, 2018 import its first ever cargo of LNG from Russia under a long-term deal as the world's fourth-largest buyer of liquefied natural gas (LNG) diversifies its import basket to meet its vast energy needs.
- YES BANK launches MSME 'Scale-Up' series, a unique Industry-Academia collaboration, to upskill MSMEs from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities with MDI Gurgaon as its Training Partner and Spark Mind, a global entity in automotive components.
- Telangana government and the LIC in June, 2018 signed *an MoU for the implementation of a Rs five lakh life insurance scheme for the benefit of farmers in the state.*
- One97 Communications Limited, that owns the brand Paytm, has introduced a first-of-its-kind 'Merchant Referral' on its platform. This move is to enable small and medium merchant (SME) community to join the cashless revolution by accepting payments from any bank account into their bank accounts at no charges.
- Global Compact Network India (GCNI), a local network of the United Nations Global Compact in New York, is holding its 13th National Convention on the theme of 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A Blueprint for Action' here on June 8 in Bengaluru.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on June 3, 2018 flagged off the first consignment of pineapples from the state to be exported to Dubai.
- India will receive the first ever cargo of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Russia on June 4, 2018 as New Delhi diversifies import basket to meet its vast energy needs.
- The government has appointed IDBI Bank CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as the fourth deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), filling up a post that had been lying vacant for almost a year.

- **Private sector lender Yes Bank launched a deposit scheme in June, 2018**, which could fetch up to 8 per cent for a tenure of little over 18 months. The bank is eyeing Rs 1,000 crore from the scheme '**Green Future: Deposit**' in next three months. The launch coincides the World Environment Day.
- **An agreement to set up India's first bio-refinery** – Assam Bio-Refinery Pvt Ltd – as a joint venture (JV) between state-run **Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL)** and two foreign partners has been signed, NRL announced in June, 2018.
- The Union Ministry of Agriculture and farmers' welfare has launched the **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan from June 1, 2018 till July 31, 2018** to aid, assist and advice farmers on how to improve their farming techniques and raise their incomes.
- Wishfin has launched a new product, "**Whatsapp for Credit Score**". Wishfin has integrated with Whatsapp to launch a free credit score on Whatsapp. **This is a first of its kind, where Indian users will have access to their credit score on Whatsapp.**
- State-run **Bank of Baroda** in June, 2018 said **announced a 5 basis points increase in its marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR)** across various tenors.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced **that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) would be set up in a modular and phased manner**, to strengthen the economy's credit culture.
- **The Reserve Bank of India in June, 2018 raised its policy rate for the first time in more than four years**, due to inflation concerns, but kept its policy stance as "neutral".
- **IDFC Bank in June, 2018 said it has received RBI's approval for merger of Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities** with the company.
- **Britain's markets regulator has fined the UK division of India's Canara Bank 896,100 pounds (\$1.2 million) and blocked it** from accepting new deposits for around five months for systemic anti-money laundering (AML) failures.
- **President Ram Nath Kovind on June 6, 2018 gave approval to promulgate the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.**
- **Food Processing Ministry will soon create the Agro-Processing Financial Institution which will exclusively fund food processing projects.** The Agro-Processing Financial Institution will be a non-banking financial institution.
- **The government will begin a five-year exercise to compute district-level data of the country's environmental wealth.** The results of this study will eventually be used to calculate every **State's 'green' Gross Domestic Product (GDP).**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the revision in the wage structure and allowances of **Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) of the Department of Posts.**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the revised guidelines of **the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on time bound closure of sick/ loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)** and disposal of movable and immovable assets.
- The Union Government has constituted a group of eminent persons headed **by Baba Kalyani**, Chairman of Bharat Forge to study the **Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India.**
- Private sector lender **Axis Bank** has launched a **virtual assistant for customers** armed with proprietary artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms and **named it Axis Aha.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 6, 2018 decided to allow voluntary transition of the Urban Co-Operative Banks (UCB) into Small Finance Banks (SFB),** a move that is aimed at bringing UCBs into mainstream banking.
- In a significant relief measure to small businesses, particularly, **non-GST registered firms, the RBI tweaked norms exempting banks not to classify loans as NPAs even if payments are delayed by 180 days.**

- **ITC Ltd has acquired floor cleaning brand Nimyle from Kolkata-based Arpita Agro Products for an undisclosed amount**, marking the cigarette-biscuits-hotel major's entry into the home care segment.
- The World Bank has approved Water Resources and River Development Ministry's Rs 6000 crore worth central sector scheme, **'Atal Bhujal Yojana'**.
- The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) on June 7, 2018 approved the revised cost estimate of the **Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP) for Rs 3466 crore and extended time period for conclusion of the project till June 2020.**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 7, 2018 **amended the Gold Monetisation Scheme, 2015 (GMS) with an aim to enable people to open a gold deposit account hassle-free.**
- **Interim finance minister Piyush Goyal in June, 2018 announced the formation of a committee under the chairmanship of Sunil Mehta that he said will come up with recommendations to set up a mechanism for the speedy resolution of stressed assets in the banking system.**
- **The RBI announced that interest subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to Rs 3 lakh will be implemented through the Direct Benefit Transfer Mode from the current financial year.**
- **The Punjab Government on June 7, 2018 launched a 'Business First Portal' to give a big push towards the ease of doing business in the state.** The portal was unveiled by the state's Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora in Jalandhar, Punjab.
- **National Carrier Air India sought proposals for short-term loans worth one thousand crore rupees to meet its urgent working capital requirements.**
- Government Task Force on shell companies have identified and removed **the names of over 2 lakh 26 thousand firms from the register of companies in the Financial Year 2017-18.**
- **India on June 10, 2018 refused to endorse Chinese President Xi Jinping's One Belt, One Road (OBOR) project** as part of a joint declaration at the 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Qingdao.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 11, 2018 released **the draft guidelines to modify the loan system for delivery of bank credit, making the rules stricter to regulate larger borrowers enjoying working capital facility from the banking system.**
- The Union Government is planning to **launch Rs 500-crore worth credit enhancement fund in July to boost infrastructure financing.**
- **According to State Bank of India's (SBI) annual report for 2017-18, Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions at 17. 2 per cent but Paytm tops volumes with 22 per cent.**
- Despite industries such as textiles and ceramics, among others facing teething problems, **Gujarat has emerged as the leading state in generating e-way bills during April, May and the first week of June.**
- **HDFC Bank, India's most valued lender, has received government approval to sell fresh shares in India and abroad in what could result in the country's largest qualified institutional placement (QIP).**
- Amazon India in June, 2018 launched its **Seller Lending Network (SLN)**, which will allow sellers on the e-commerce major's platform to seek loans from multiple third party lenders.
- **The Centre has made it mandatory for all ministries and government departments to seek prior approval of the Finance Ministry if their expenditure on seminars, workshops and similar events exceeds Rs 40 lakh.**
- **Gujarat will become the first Indian state to get completely covered under the piped gas distribution network** after the ninth round of bidding, which will see a quarter of the country brought under the network.

- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 12, 2018 constituted a Group to review Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) Framework** to make stock market listing attractive for startups.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on June 12, 2018 constituted an **Expert Committee to frame rules for direct listing of Indian firms abroad.**
- The Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs **has approved a 33-per cent increase in the carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for the Middle-Income Group (MIG)** under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY-U) to boost affordable housing.
- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India has **signed an MoU with the Singapore e-Government Leadership Centre (eGL) to skill India's workforce.**
- Flipkart-owned **PhonePe** in June, 2018 said it has partnered cab aggregator **Ola** that will allow riders to book rides using the former's payment platform.
- **The Industrial production expanded by 4.9 percent in April 2018** on improved performance by manufacturing and mining sectors.
- **India and the US** agreed to hold comprehensive talks to address trade and economic issues.
- **Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched 'KBL-Deposit Only Card' that enables hassle-free cash deposit transactions** at the bank's 24X7 e-lobby services.
- **Marg ERP limited**, a leading Inventory and Accounting software solution company has partnered **with ICICI Bank**, India's largest private sector bank by consolidated assets, to offer an integrated payments platform to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) customers, using MARG's accounting software.
- Leading stock exchange **NSE in June, 2018 launched 'Tri-Party Repo Market' platform** in its debt segment to facilitate repurchase (repo) of corporate debt securities.
- **Reliance Industries** is investing in setting up India's first carbon fibre manufacturing unit to cater to aerospace and defence needs, the company said in its annual report.
- State-owned construction firm **NBCC plans to invest around ₹ 500 crore to acquire majority stake in two loss-making public sector firms**, a top company official said.
- **North East Small Finance bank (NESFB)**, Northeast India's first small bank has started its services on 17 June, 2018 in Assam.
- National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) would **lend Rs 21000 crore to the Madhya Pradesh government in the financial year 2018-19.**
- **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has signed a memorandum of understanding on net neutrality titled **'Joint Statement for an Open Internet' with the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications.**
- **The fourth meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog was chaired by PM narendra Modi** at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has eased the norms **for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to invest in debt, particularly into individual large businesses.**
- **Steel Ministry constituted a Task Force** to examine the feasibility of **setting up steel plants in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** by any interested parties at Bayyaram and Kadapa.

- **The Reserve Bank has tweaked priority sector eligibility and classification norms** following an announcement in the second bi-monthly policy statement on June 6.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority **has set up a panel** consisting 10 members **to review norms for insurance marketing firms. The panel will be headed by Suresh Mathur**, ED-IMF of IRDAI.
- **Truecaller** has announced its acquisition of Indian payments startup **Chillr** to strengthen its payments business in the country.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on June 19, 2018 **revised the upwards housing loan limits under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).**
- The Reserve Bank of India has tightened norms for **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** by making quoting of the Permanent Account Number or PAN mandatory even **for transactions below USD 25000.**
- **The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) declared medium (5 GW by 2022) and long-term (30 GW by 2030) targets** for offshore wind power capacity addition.
- The Union Government on June 19, 2018 **constituted a Chief Ministers Subgroup to coordinate policy approaches for Agriculture and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).** The decision was taken during the Fourth Governing Council Meeting of the NITI Aayog.
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** on Thursday announced a **reduction in the timeline for the announcement of Initial Public Offering (IPO) prices.**
- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, a premier financial institution for the promotion, financing and development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector, in joint venture with TransUnion CIBIL, a Credit Information Company, has **released the second edition of MSME Pulse, a quarterly report on MSME sector.**
- After a week of speculations, **India** on Thursday finally **imposed higher tariff rates on 29 import items from the United States (US)** but announced that new rates would kick in from August 4.
- **In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, Accenture, the Consulate General of Israel to South India, and the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** have jointly launched 'scalerator,' an exclusive program that aims to enhance the collaboration between Israeli and Indian startups to create innovative solutions for global markets.
- Online travel company, **Goibibo**, announced its partnership with **PhonePe**, a digital payments start-up, to provide a unified login and payments experience to over 100 million PhonePe users while making their hotel bookings.
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** will invest **USD 200 million** in India's **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).**
- **The Gujarat government on Saturday launched a solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)** enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.
- The Department of Economic Affairs, Union Ministry of Finance and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on June 22, 2018 announced to jointly host the **third Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on June 25-26, 2018 in Mumbai, India.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of **Vanijya Bhawan**, a new office complex for the Union Department of Commerce, in New Delhi on June 22, 2018.
- Before being considered for conversion into commercial banks, **Urban cooperative banks will need to have a separate board of management set up by the board of directors to oversee daily business**

**operations.** The Reserve Bank has said that this board should have well qualified members who do not have any business relation with the bank, in the draft guidelines it released in June, 2018.

- **Saudi Aramco and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)** on June 25, 2018 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop and build an integrated refinery and petrochemicals complex at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) board** in June, 2018 **approved Life Insurance Corporation's investment in IDBI Bank, allowing LIC to own up to 51 per cent in the beleaguered lender.** LIC will now be able to pump Rs 100-130 billion into IDBI Bank in tranches through a preferential allotment of new equity shares at a price determined by a formula under the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) rules.
- Japanese auto major **Nissan Motor Co** in June, 2018 signed an MoU with the **Kerala government for its first global centre for digital operations in India** and said it will hire around 500 people for the facility by the end of this fiscal.
- President Ram Nath Kovind on June 27, 2018 launched the '**Solar Charkha Mission**' on the occasion of the UN MSME Day to mark the important economic role played by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- President Kovind also launched the '**Sampark portal**', a digital platform to connect five lakh job seekers with recruiters.
- **French state-run power utility EDF and American conglomerate General Electric (GE) signed strategic cooperation agreement with State-run Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) to build 6 EPR (European Pressurized Reactors) type nuclear reactors of capacity 1650 megawatt (MW).**
- The Women Entrepreneurs Platform (WEP) of the NITI Aayog on June 27, 2018 **signed five separate Statements of Intent (Sols) with financial institutions and social organizations.**
- State-run lenders accounted for a **staggering 85 per cent of nearly 6,500 fraud cases, amounting to more than Rs 30,000 crore**, RBI's latest edition of Financial Stability Report showed. Top 10 banking frauds in 2018 alone lead to a financial loss of Rs 10,000 crore. Banks had reported nearly 5,000 frauds amounting to Rs 20,000 crore in fiscal year 2017.
- On the completion of 3rd year of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) – Urban, **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) conducted its 35th Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) meeting on June 25, 2018 where a total of 3,18,900 houses from 6 States/UTs were approved.**
- **Andhra Pradesh** entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Singapore** in June, 2018 to accelerate the construction work of its new capital, Amratvati.
- The group of eminent personalities constituted by the **Government of India** to study the **Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India** held its first meeting on June 22, 2018 under the aegis of Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation.
- **Heads of eleven public sector banks** will appear before the Standing Committee of Parliament on Finance in New Delhi on June 26, 2018.

## Non-Financial One Liners

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi in June, 2018 **laid the foundation stone of an advanced DNA forensic laboratory** as part efforts to reduce the backlog of cases needing advanced forensic analysis. **Built at a cost of Rs 99.76 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund, the state-of-**

the-art 'Sakhi Suraksha' lab, will come up at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory campus in Chandigarh.

- **India and Singapore** in June, 2018 signed Memorandums of Understandings (MoU) and agreements in the area of **cyber security, nursing and personnel management and public administration among others.**
- A Union home ministry-sponsored **online analytical tool was launched in June, 2018 to facilitate closer monitoring of the flow and utilisation of foreign contributions received by NGOs** and other organisations registered under the FCRA.
- Social networking giant **Facebook** on May 31, 2018 **partnered with the National Commission for Women (NCW) to launch a Digital Literacy Programme.**
- In **Haryana**, each **district will now get one-stop centres to facilitate integrated services for women affected by violence.**
- **The West Bengal government has appointed Virendra Kumar as the new director-general of police.**
- Socialist leader **Pedro Sanchez took over as Spain's prime minister in June, 2018, after parliament toppled his predecessor Mariano Rajoy** in a no-confidence vote triggered by a corruption scandal involving members of his centre-right party.
- **Giuseppe Conte was sworn in as prime minister of Italy's new populist government** in June, 2018 after a last-ditch coalition deal ended months of political deadlock and narrowly avoided snap elections in the eurozone's third largest economy.
- **Pandavani folk singer Teejan Bai has been chosen as a recipient of this year's Fukuoka Prize.** She has been announced the winner of the Arts and Culture Prize. The Fukuoka Prize, which has been awarded yearly since 1990 in Fukuoka, Japan, is conferred on outstanding individuals or groups that preserve and create the unique and diverse cultures of Asia.
- **Denmark's Parliament on May 31, 2018 banned the wearing of face veils (burqa and niqab) in public places**, a move that will criminalise Muslim women who choose to wear the niqab or burqa.
- **Two-time Commonwealth Games champion weightlifter Sanjita Chanu**, who had won a gold in the women's 53kg category in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, was tested positive for a banned anabolic steroid, testosterone.
- **World Milk Day 2018 is observed on June 1, 2018. The theme of World Milk Day 2018 was "Raise a Glass".**
- **NTPC Ltd has adopted the iconic Charminar in Hyderabad under the Swachh Iconic Places Projects of India.** This is part of a special drive under the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile **Agni-5** from Dr Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.
- **A Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution was adopted** here in June, 2018 as part of which efforts would be made to make the 500-metre area around the historic ivory-white marble monument litter-free and phase out single-use plastic.
- The Union Ministry of Culture on June 1, 2018 introduced a new scheme called '**SevaBhojYojna**' to reimburse the central share of CGST and IGST on items for food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by charitable religious institutions.
- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal in June, 2018 flagged off **Humsafar Jodhpur Bandra Express at Bhagat Ki Kothi Railway Station** in Rajasthan's Jodhpur.
- Former Chief Business Officer at Google, **Nikesh Arora has been named the CEO and Chairman of the US-based security firm Palo Alto Networks.**

- Assam's **Priyanka Das**, working on satellite navigation for French major Safran, **has been appointed ambassador for an initiative in France to encourage girls** to follow scientific careers and take it to higher education levels.
- India's **Sanjana Ramesh** was awarded the '**Most Valuable Player**' (MVP) even as compatriot **Vaishnavi Yadav** won the '**Girls Grit Award**' on the fourth and final day of **Basketball Without Borders Asia**, which featured 66 campers from 16 countries from the Asia-Pacific region.
- **Karthik Nemmani**, a 14-year-old Indian-American boy, in June, 2018 **won the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee**, taking home more than \$42,000 in cash and prizes after correctly spelling "koinonia" to become the 14th champion from the community in 11 consecutive years.
- **The first official World Bicycle Day was observed on June 3, 2018.**
- The President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind**, **inaugurated the two-day Conference of Governors on June 4, 2018 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan** in New Delhi. This is the 49th such Conference to be held in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the second to be presided over by President Kovind.
- **Haryana Government has decided to give 15 days paternity leave** to all male government employees to take care of the new-born child.
- **Himachal Pradesh Governor Acharya Dev Vrat has announced that a sports academy will be established in the state** for underprivileged children so that the talent of India in sports could be utilised.
- **The Haryana government would be providing sanitary napkins at just Re 1 to girl students of government schools** starting from August 2018.
- **Raunak Sadhwani** of Nagpur has secured the title of International Master (IM) at a young age of 12. **Raunak is the youngest International Master (IM) from Maharashtra and the second IM from Nagpur.**
- **India would be hosting the third Asia Cup International Bridge Championship in Goa from June 4 to June 11, 2018.**
- India's **Suhana Saini** claimed the gold medal in the Oman Junior and Cadet Open, an ITTF Premium Circuit event.
- **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** was observed globally on June 4, 2018.
- The Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, **Mansukh L Mandaviya**, launched the '**Janaushadhi Suvidha**', the oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkin, under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in Delhi on June 4, 2018.
- Taxi aggregator **Ola** has announced the return of **#FarakPadtaHai** (#FPH), a national movement against traffic, carbon footprint, and resulting pollution through the adoption of shared mobility.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development on June 4, 2018 proposed amendments to the **Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act (IRWA)**, 1986 with an aim to ban obscene and indecent depiction of women on internet.
- The Supreme Court on June 5, 2018 allowed the **Union government to go ahead with reservation in promotion for employees belonging to the SC and ST category in accordance with law.**
- Government is developing a **Yoga Protocol for women in the age group of 40 plus in consultation with Indian Menopause Society.**
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development organised a day-long **National Consultation on Child Protection in New Delhi** on June 5, 2018.

- India hosted **World Environment Day 2018** on 5 June with '**Beat Plastic Pollution**' theme.
- The Union Culture Ministry on June 5, 2018 formed three high-powered panels that will work to set up a unique **museum** on the '**Prime Ministers of India**' in the national capital Delhi.
- The **Jharkhand-based Common Engineering Facility center**, a joint collaboration of Indian public sector undertaking named '**Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited**' and **Russian-based Atomenergomash's subsidiary JSC RPA "CNIITMASH"** has started functioning in June, 2018.
- *The Uttarakhand Government has decided to completely prohibit the use of polythene or plastic from July 31, 2018.*
- The Union Cabinet was apprised of the **progress report of Special Committee for Inter-Linking of Rivers.**
- **Himachal Pradesh CM Jairam Thakur flagged off a helicopter taxi service** that will reduce the travel time between **Shimla and Chandigarh** to 20 minutes.
- The **"first ever"** physical evidence of chariots dating from 2000 BC – 1800 BC has been found by the **Archeological Survey of India.**
- The eleventh edition of **Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018** was held at **Manekshaw Centre** in **New Delhi** on June 4-5, 2018.
- **India is among the top five e-waste generating countries in the world besides China, the US, Japan and Germany,** according to a report released by **Assocham and NEC.**
- **India's forest cover stood at 21.34 percent in 2015, an increase of 1.29 percent from 2009, as per the Status of Environment Report India 2015** that was released by Environment Minister **Harsh Vardhan.**
- **India, the US and Japan** will hold the **Malabar naval exercise** from next week off the coast of **Guam** in the **Philippine Sea.**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has approved funding for the **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III continuation programme (Phase-I)** consisting of **ten GSLV Mk-III flights,** at a total estimated cost of **Rs 4338.20 crores.**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on June 6, 2018 **approved the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Continuation Programme (Phase 6) and funding of thirty PSLV operational flights under the programme.**
- **India has moved one notch higher to 136th position in the 2018 Global Peace Index** prepared by the international think-tank **Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP),** which was topped by **Iceland.**
- The prestigious **Museumplein neighbourhood of Amsterdam is set to host the biggest International Yoga Day celebrations ever seen in the Netherlands** on June 17, which will see the participation of a large number of **Dutch and Indian dignitaries.**
- **Global Running Day** was observed on 6 June 2018. The theme of 2018 was **Million Kid Run.**
- **Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces** was on June 5, 2018 elected as the **President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).**

- **India recorded 22 per cent reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) since 2013, as per the Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin** that was released by the Office of the Registrar General of India on June 6, 2018.
- The Election Commission of India on June 6, 2018 launched **an online RTI Portal to help applicants seeking information under the Right to Information Act.**
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on June 7, 2018 **commissioned an interceptor boat- ICGS C-439 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra.**
- President Ram Nath Kovind on June 7, 2018 inaugurated a 73 km long **National Highway from Matabari (Udaipur) to Sabroom along the Gomati and South Tripura districts.**
- The Health Ministry has **barred 82 medical colleges in the country to admit students for the academic session 2018-19,** based on the recommendation of the Medical Council of India.
- Telecom industry body **COAI in June, 2018 said it has appointed Vodafone MD and Chief Executive Officer Sunil Sood as its new Chairman** and Bharti Airtel COO Ajai Puri as vice-chairman.
- **West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi was on June 7, 2018 given the additional charge of Tripura,** according to a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- **Veteran film actor Anupam Kher will be given the prestigious Lifetime Achievement honour** at the upcoming **International Indian Film Academy awards ceremony in Bangkok.**
- **India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun "Dhanush"** has passed its final test at Pokhran, paving the way for its induction into the Army, a senior official said in June, 2018. Dhanush is a 155mm x 45mm calibre artillery gun and is also called the "desi Bofors".
- **Tata group's philanthropic vehicle Tata Trusts has launched a portable India-made MRI scanner** which, it claims, could be helpful in taking healthcare diagnostic services to far flung villages where such services are otherwise not available.
- **The 17th round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Myanmar were held in New Delhi.**
- Retail major **Shoppers Stop in June, 2018 said it has appointed Rajiv Suri as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** with immediate effect.
- The World Oceans Day was observed across the world on June 8, 2018 to highlight the major role of the oceans in everyday life.
- **Mithali Raj on June 7, 2018 became the first Indian cricketer to score 2,000 runs in T20 Internationals.** She achieved the feat during India's seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the Women's Asia Cup T20 at Kaula Lumpur.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore has approved the **upward revision of pension to meritorious sportspersons.**
- Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore approved the **revised guidelines for Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.**
- **India lifted the Intercontinental Cup** in June, 2018 after defeating Kenya 2-0 at Mumbai Football arena under the captaincy of Sunil Chettri. **Chettri scored 64<sup>th</sup> goal for India as he became the joint second highest goal scorer among active players** along with Argentinean star player Lionel Messi. The highest active goal scorer is Cristiano Ronaldo
- **Middle distance runner Anu Kumar help India bag third gold medal** in the men's 800m on the third day of the 2018 Junior Asian Athletics Championships.
- World No. 1 and Spaniard tennis star **Rafael Nadal outclassed Dominic Thiem of Austria in the men's final match of French Open** to lift a record 11th Roland Garros title in June, 2018.

- Top seed and Romanian tennis ace **Simona Halep won her first ever grand slam title after surging past a fighting Sloane Stephens of the United States** in the final of women's singles at the Roland Garros in June, 2018.
- The **Central University of Kashmir (CUK)** in June, 2018 signed **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) bank** with an aim and objective to strengthen and further the industry-academia linkage and to provide modern banking facilities and solutions to the varsity, staff, students and other stakeholders.
- The **Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu under Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and RAASI Solar Power Pvt Ltd** on June 10, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) **for transfer of technology for India's first Lithium Ion (Li-ion) Battery project.**
- **India and China** June 9, 2018 signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for sharing the **hydrological data of the Brahmaputra River; and for supplying non-Basmati rice to China.**
- The sanitation coverage in rural **India has risen to 85 per cent under Swachh Bharat Mission, the largest cleanliness drive in the world.**
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced recently that **nine new battalions would be constituted, among which two would be for the border areas.**
- The **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** on June 7, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to extend the cooperation within health sector.**
- The **Union Government has decided to establish India's first national police museum in Lutyens' Delhi.**
- Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal on June 11, 2018 launched two mobile apps, namely, **Rail Madad and Menu on Rails.**
- **A total of 13 Indian beaches** will now have environment-friendly resources and will live up to international standards as they are now going to be awarded with **the Blue Flag certification.**
- The National Green Tribunal has directed **the hill states to file a report on the steps taken by them to control recurring forest fires.**
- **Eight States and four Union Territories signed MoUs with the Union Health Ministry** to implement the government's ambitious national health protection mission — **Ayushman Bharat.**
- Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu has **declared the state Open-Defecation Free after achieving the goal of constructing 2.77 lakh individual toilets.**
- The United Nations General Assembly voted to elect Germany, Belgium, South Africa, the Dominican Republic and Indonesia for a two-year term in the Security Council with effect from January 1, 2019.
- **The World Intellectual Property Organization notified a declaration referring to the deposit by India,** on October 7, 1974, of its instrument of ratification on the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
- Scientists recently discovered **that it will take us 200000 years to cross the Milky Way disc, even if we travel at the speed of light.**
- **Arvind Saxena has been appointed to serve as the acting Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** from June 20, 2018.
- **NITI Aayog on June 12, 2018 announced creation of 3000 additional Atal Tinkering Labs** under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- **The 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius** from August 18 to August 20, 2018 with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally.

- The Union Government on June 11, 2018 launched **5,000 Wi-Fi Choupals in villages and delivery of rail tickets through Common Service Centres (CSCs)**.
- **The union government has set up a committee headed by former chief statistician of India TCA Anant** to bring in transparency in the jobs data calculation and presentation.
- **The United Kingdom has assured India of full co-operation towards bringing to book anybody** whether it is Vijay Mallya or Nirav Modi who is wanted in India by Indian courts or agencies.
- The state government of **Assam** plans to introduce an awareness programme called 'Sanskar' in all its development blocks and panchayats.
- **Calling the World Environment Day celebrations in India "historic"**, UN Environment chief Erik Solheim has said that by announcing that it will phase out single-use plastics by 2022, India has demonstrated global leadership.
- The Haryana government has decided to increase the duty of **home guard volunteers from 90 days to 150 days per year**.
- Haryana Minister Ram Bilas Sharma has said the **Madhogarh Fort** in Mahendragarh would be developed on the pattern of the Mughal Gardens in Pinjore
- **In a historic first, delegation level talks between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un began in Singapore** on June 12, 2018.
- **China** will expand environmental inspections to more cities and regions in a new round of checks from June 2018 to April 2019, as a part of its three-year anti-pollution plan.
- The **World Day against Child Labour** was observed across the world on **June 12, 2018** with the theme of '**Generation Safe & Healthy**'.
- Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, on June 12, 2018 **launched the Phase III of 'Swachh Iconic Places' (SIP) under PM Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission**.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has created a world record of distributing maximum number of bee-boxes in one day under '**Honey Mission**'.
- Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment chaired the "**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of National Council of Senior Citizens(NCSrC)**" convened by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment here in June, 2018.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a three nation tour to **Greece, Suriname and Cuba from June 16- 22, 2018**.
- **General Motors Co** in June, 2018 announced **Dhivya Suryadevara as Chief Financial Officer** as the successor to retiring Chuck Stevens.
- **Rubique** in June, 2018 announced the appointment of **Manish Ahuja as its Chief Financial Officer**.
- US government has approved a deal to sell the Indian military **six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters for 930 million dollars**.
- The **International Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** will be held in **Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal from June 17, 2018**.
- **Bindeshwar Pathak**, noted social reformer and founder of Sulabh International, was on June 13, 2018 **honoured with Japan's prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize**.
- **Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first integrated greenfield smart city project at Naya Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, in June, 2018**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a regional airline- **Air Odisha flight route - Jagdalpur-Raipur-Visakhapatnam under Centre's UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme** in June, 2018.

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare exchanged the Memorandum of Understanding with **the State Health Ministers of 20 States marking their commitment towards the launch of the Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM)**.
- NITI Aayog on June 13, 2018 announced to launch the **Composite Water Management Index with an aim to achieve the objective of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'**.
- **Arunachal Pradesh Government in June, 2018 inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Smart Village Movement (SVM)** to facilitate relevant technology innovations, R&D, open innovation, technology interventions and curriculum development in select villages of the state.
- **The Solar Charkha Mission of the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) will be launched by President Ram Nath Kovind** on June 27, 2018 in New Delhi.
- J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, inaugurated the 10th meeting of **Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF)** on June 13, 2018.
- The Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) has developed a mobile-based application '**utsonmobile**' to enable cashless ticketing.
- Indian opener **Shikhar Dhawan in June, 2018 became the first Indian opener to have scored a century before lunch on the first day** of the one-off test against Afghanistan in Bengaluru.
- **New Zealand's Amelia Kerr hit a world record 232 not out in the third one-day international against Ireland** and then took five wickets to complete a remarkable day for the 17-year-old.
- Indian boxers bagged one Gold and two Silver medals at the **Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in the Russian city of Kaspysk on June 12, 2018**.
- **The United States, Mexico and Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup** after beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow.
- **World Blood Donor Day (WBDD)** was observed on June 14, 2018. The theme for Blood Donation Day in 2018 is '**Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life**'.
- A National Consultation on the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Swajal was held in the Capital in June, 2018 to discuss the reforms needed in NRDWP and to outline a road map for the **Swajal scheme**.
- **A National Tribal Museum along with a National Level Tribal Research Institute is proposed to be set up at Delhi** by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Putting a spotlight on the latest European cinema, **the European Union Film Festival (EUFF) will premiere in New Delhi on 18th June, 2018** at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- Bombay High Court has just ruled that any notice that is delivered using **the online messaging platform WhatsApp in PDF format will be considered valid**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the fourth meeting of Niti Aayog's governing council in June, 2018 to discuss various issues, including measures taken to **double farmers' income and progress of flagship schemes**.
- Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari released a book '**Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops**' published by **NABARD** in a function at New Delhi in June, 2018.
- **Afghanistan succumbed to top-ranked India** by an innings and 262 runs inside two days of its maiden cricket Test in June, 2018.
- **2018 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** was observed on 15 June, 2018. The theme this year is "**Moving from Awareness to Action through a Human Rights based approach**".
- **Global Wind Day observed on 15 June**.

- The Indian Railways have announced to **repaint 30,000 conventional coaches** manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai with the **new color scheme beige and brown**.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone of a production unit of the **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)** at **Nawada village of Faridabad district of Haryana**.
- Captain of the Indian Men's Cricket Team **Virat Kohli has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Remit2India**.
- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** was observed on 17 June, 2018 with the theme of 2018 was Land has true value. Invest in it.
- Nitin Gadkari released Niti Aayog's **Composition Water Management Index (CWMI) report** which was topped by **Gujarat**.
- **Dhanush**, India's first indigenous artillery gun has cleared the final test.
- The government has approved **financial assistance upto Rs. 5.5 lakh per family to West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs)**.
- **Sandeep Bakshi is appointed as as ICICI Bank COO And Whole Time Director** on June 18, 2018.
- **Ivan Duque became the youngest president of Colombia** after winning the election on June 18.
- The **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) plenary meeting was held in Jurmala, Latvia**.
- Less than a year after returning from her last and longest spaceflight NASA's record-breaking spacewoman, **Peggy Whitson announced her retirement as astronaut**.
- **Russia successfully launched Glonass-M positioning satellite**.
- As a part of its social window the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) will be launching the **Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP)**.
- For the **first time Uttarakhand will be playing in Ranji Trophy**.
- **The government will be setting up the country's largest national data centre in Bhopal**, with capacity for 500,000 virtual servers.
- The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar **launched the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) on June 19, 2018**. The library aims to become a single window platform for all educational needs.
- The Central Water Commission (CWC), India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources, on June 18, 2018 **signed a Collaboration Agreement with Google for flood forecasting**.
- The Chhattisgarh Government on June 18, 2018 approved the merger of 'shikshakarmi' with the state school education department. The move would come into effect from July 1.
- Government has directed the CBSE to conduct **the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) examination in all Indian languages as was being done earlier**.
- A workshop on **Cyber Security Framework for Department of Defence** was organised by Ministry of Defence.
- **Google India** on June 19, 2018 announced **to provide training to 8,000 journalists in English and six other Indian languages on fact checking in the next one year**.
- US-based cab aggregator **Uber** on Tuesday said it has elevated **Pradeep Parameswaran as President of its India and South Asia operations**.
- **Dr. Inder Jit Singh**, assumed charge as **Secretary, Ministry of Coal** on June 14, 2018.
- US President Donald Trump on June 18, 2018 ordered the US Defense Department and the Pentagon to create a "**Space Force**", an independent sixth branch of the armed forces.

- The Canadian Parliament has passed a **bill to legalise cannabis that would make Canada the first G7 country to allow free consumption of the mind-altering drug.**
- **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict was observed across the world on June 19, 2018.** 2018 Theme: **“The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War”.**
- **The Indian Army is observing the year 2018 as the ‘Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty’** to honour soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty while serving the nation and to celebrate the undying spirit of ‘Soldiering’.
- **Mimicry artist Nerella Venumadhav passed away on June 19, 2018** following a brief illness at his home in Mattewada in Warangal city.
- **The world’s first of its kind and state-of-the-art International Centre for ‘Humanitarian Forensics’ (ICHF) was launched at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on June 20, 2018.**
- President Ram Nath Kovind on June 20, 2018 approved the **Governor’s rule in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) following the resignation of Mehbooba Mufti as Jammu and Kashmir’s Chief Minister.**
- **Four Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) have been signed under ‘Adopt a Heritage’ scheme and six more are at an advanced stage.** The information was shared by Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture on June 19, 2018.
- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda launched the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) on June 19, 2018 in New Delhi.** The repository is India’s first ever national healthcare facility registry of authentic, standardised and updated geo-spatial data of all public and private healthcare establishments.
- **India and Australia have agreed to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation** through regular exchange of information and sharing of best practices on countering violent extremism.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will **lead the 4th International Yoga Day Celebrations in Dehradun on June 21, 2018.**
- **Shillong**, the capital city of Meghalaya, has been selected as 100th Smart City after evaluating the proposal submitted by it.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) **has adopted Jagatpur village in Delhi for its Swachhata Abhiyaan.**
- The tri-service joint military exercise Indra-2018 between **India and Russia will take place at Indian military base in second half 2018.**
- **Anukreethy Vas** was crowned Femina Miss India World 2018 on June 19, 2018.
- **Arvind Subramanian**, Chief Economic Advisor, has stepped down from his position on June 20, 2018.
- One97 Communications Limited, the parent company of Paytm announced that Former RBI Dy Governor **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi commonly known as R Gandhi** has joined Paytm board as an advisor.
- **World Refugee Day** was observed across the world on 21 June, 2018. The theme for 2018 World Refugee Day was **#WithRefugees.**
- **India’s first robotic telescope launched in one of the world’s highest astronomical observatories Hanle, Ladakh.**
- The state government of **Gujarat** on June 21, 2018 announced its **wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018 to promote setting up of wind as well as solar power projects at one location.**
- **The Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi and Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL) signed a memorandum of understanding this week to develop cloud-ready job skills by providing access to the AWS Educate program.**

- **India and Tajikistan** have reaffirmed their commitment to promote bilateral relations and agreed to enhance economic cooperation, particularly in sustainable water development.
- The **7th India Minerals and Metals forum** was inaugurated in New Delhi on June 21, 2018.
- In **Rajasthan**, a record has been set at **State level yoga function in Kota on June 21, 2018 where around one lakh 60 thousand people performed yoga** at one place at a same time on International Yoga Day.
- **Surat smart city** has been selected for **'City Award'** for showing great momentum in the implementation of projects under **'India Smart Cities Award' 2018**.
- State Bank of India's Managing Director **B Sriram** was today appointed as the **MD and CEO of IDBI Bank** for a temporary period of three months, according to an official order.
- A retired IPS officer and an anti-naxal expert, **K Vijay Kumar**, has been appointed as an advisor to the **Governor of Jammu and Kashmir** along with IAS officer **BB Vyas**, the Chief Secretary of the state.
- Renowned music composer **A R Rahman** has been appointed as the **Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government**.
- Actor **Priyanka Chopra** will come out with her memoir "**Unfinished**" next year in which she will write about things which she has never spoken before.
- The **4th International yoga day** was celebrated across the world on **June 21, 2018** with the theme **"Yoga For Peace"**.
- **World Music Day** was observed globally on **21 June, 2018**.
- **World Hydrography Day** was observed globally on **21 June, 2018**. The theme of 2018 was **Bathymetry - the foundation for sustainable seas, oceans and waterways**.
- **Canadian Senate** has passed a landmark law that legalises the recreational use of marijuana nationwide.
- US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to keep together immigrant families who have been detained at the border with **Mexico**.
- **Over 1.50 lakh wellness centres will be set up by 2022 across the country and each centre will have yoga facility**, Minister of Health and Family Welfare **J P Nadda** said at an event to mark the fourth International Yoga Day in Shimla on June 21.
- The **5,700-kg GSAT-11 satellite** was slated for launch on **May 26 from Kourou**, a site in South America which India uses to launch its heavy-weight satellite.
- The redevelopment of the seven government colonies in Delhi will lead to an increase the green area coverage by about 3 times from the existing green space area, as per Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- **Rajasthan** has been ranked first by the **NITI Aayog among all states after it registered a significant increase in groundwater level** due to the water conservation structures built under Chief Minister's **Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan**.
- **India and Cuba** on June 22, 2018 signed two Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) in the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homoeopathy.
- **Maharashtra Government** on June 23, 2018 imposed the statewide ban on single-use plastic items; announced heavy fine on those caught using these items.
- The appointments committee of the cabinet has appointed **Arijit Basu** as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- Young Indian table tennis player **Manav Thakkar** stunned World No. 18 **Kristian Karlsson** 2-1, inspiring Empowerji Challengers to a 15-6 victory over Maharashtra United in the CEAT Ultimate Table Tennis in New Delhi on June 21.

- **England made the highest one-day international total of 481-6 as they defeated Australia by 242 runs at Trent Bridge.** The England broke their own record of 444-3 set against Pakistan in 2016 at same venue.
- **International Widows' Day** was observed globally on 23 June, 2018. The theme for 2018 was "**Invisible Women, Invisible Problems**".
- **United Nations Public Service Day** was observed on 23 June, 2018.
- The World Health Organization in Geneva released the **latest edition (11th) of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)**.
- **India spends 1% of its gross domestic product on public health.**
- Veteran journalist and litterateur **Prabhakar Choubey** passed away after a prolonged illness at a city hospital in Raipur on June 21, 2018.
- **India and Seychelles signed six Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)** for establishing cooperation in the field of education, information technology, culture, and technology.
- The **Health Ministry** in June, 2018 inked an MoU with the **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)** to scale-up short-term healthcare courses and produce over 14 lakh trained manpower by 2025.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a proposal to set up a committee which will lay down standards for India's metro rail systems in the country. The committee will be headed by **E Sreedharan**, who is also popularly known as the "**Metro Man**".
- The Government proposes to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 SHGs across the **country under the Van Dhan Scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.**
- The Union Ministry of Power is considering **making 24 degrees celsius as mandatory default setting and labeling of air conditioners within few months.**
- **India and Bangladesh Navies** on June 24, 2018 agreed to institute a **Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** as an annual exercise between both the Navies.
- **Ranveer Singh** has been recently signed on as the **Brand Ambassador of Kotak Mahindra Bank.**
- **Santosh Kumar Mohanty** in June, 2018 took charge as whole time member of market regulator SEBI.
- **Ananta Barua, Executive Director of SEBI,** has been elevated as the markets regulator's third Whole-time Member.
- **President Recep Tayyip Erdogan** won a new five-year term after securing outright victory in **the first round of Turkey's Presidential poll.**
- **Day of the Seafarer 2018** was observed across the world on **25 June, 2018** and the theme was '**Seafarers' wellbeing**'.
- **World Vitiligo Day 2018** is observed on Jun 26, 2018 with the theme "**Children, Research, and Hope for the Future**".
- **Vidya Balan-starrer "Tumhari Sulu"** won the Best Picture Award at the International Indian Film Academy Awards 2018 in Bangkok.
- In Archery, **Deepika Kumari** clinched a gold medal in the women's recurve event at stage three of World Cup in Salt Lake City of the US.
- **In a first, women across Saudi Arabia were legally allowed to drive for the first time since 1957 on June 24, 2018,** thus, ending the world's last ban on female drivers which was seen as a symbol of women's repression in the deeply conservative Muslim kingdom.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu on June 29, 2018 launched a mobile application '**ReUnite**' to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.

- The Odisha government in June, 2018 entered into a collaboration with the **Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES)**, a body of 48 members and collaborating countries, aimed at automating risk management, advisory generation and dissemination.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the **National Centre for Ageing at AIIMS, New Delhi on June 29, 2018.**
- The Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Mines, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the **National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS)** in all sub-registrar offices in Andaman & Nicobar Islands from New Delhi through a Video-Conferencing.
- Ayush Ministry is in the process of introducing **Ayurvedic medicine** as a subject for **Sanskrit** students.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved institution of **Home Minister's Special Operation Medal.**
- **Madhya Pradesh** awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign.
- India announced to increase its grant to the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) new **four-year investment cycle GEF-7 from USD 12 million to USD 15 million.**
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate the new **State Cancer Institute Block at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- Law and Justice Ministry organised a joint secretary level meeting on the functioning of a web-based tool, **Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS) in New Delhi.**
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 26, 2018 recommended stringent punishment for those adulterating food products following the Supreme Court order. Now, **those adulterating food products could face life imprisonment and penalty of up to Rs 10 lakh.**
- The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development on June 27, 2018 proposed a draft bill to repeal the **University Grants Commission (UGC) and set up the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI)**, a move that aims to reform higher education in India.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has restricted the manufacture of **Oxytocin** formulations to public sector for domestic use only from July 2018.
- ICICI Bank Ltd said in June, 2018 it appointed **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as part-time, non-executive chairman**, effective July 1. Chaturvedi, a former Indian Administrative Services officer, most recently served as chairman of the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority.
- Senior bureaucrat **Bhushan Kumar Sinha** has been **appointed as Joint Secretary in Department of Financial Services (DFS)** as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the government. Sinha, a 1993 batch officer of Indian Economic Service (IES), has been appointed to the post for five years, an order issued by Personnel Ministry said.
- **Dedar Singh Gill**, a prominent Indian-origin intellectual property lawyer in Singapore has been **appointed as a judicial commissioner of Singapore's Supreme Court, the government said.**
- Japanese air-conditioner maker Daikin Industries Ltd has **appointed its India operations MD & CEO Kanwaljeet Jawa into the board of the parent company.**
- **T M Vijay Bhaskar was appointed the new Chief Secretary (CS) of Karnataka**, after State government withdrew its recommendation to give a second extension to incumbent CS Ratna Prabha.
- The Centre, in June, 2018, appointed **Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai as the Acting Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court**, with effect from 1 July. The notification was issued in view of the retirement of current Chief Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri.
- Andhra Pradesh chief minister **N Chandrababu Naidu in June, 2018 gave go-ahead for appointment of Ram Pravaesh Thakur**, popularly known as RP Thakur, as **new Director General of Police of the state.**

- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has appointed **Industrial Development Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey the next chief secretary of the state** here in June, 2018.
- IPS officer **Subodh Jaiswal** from 1985 batch has been appointed as the **new CP (Commissioner of Police) of Mumbai**. Jaiswal succeeded D. D. Padsalgikar who has been promoted as DG (Director General of Police) of Maharashtra police.
- The Union Government has **appointed senior bureaucrat S Ramesh as Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**, the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes.
- **India was ranked 35th among 100 countries (countries) in recently released Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETl).**
- The NITI Aayog on June 29, 2018 launched the first Delta Ranking (Incremental Progress) of the **Aspirational Districts based on self-reported data of districts between March 31, 2018 to May 31, 2018.**
- The US State Department on June 28, 2018 categorised **North Korea as the "worst human trafficking country" for the 16th straight year in its annual '2018 Trafficking in Persons Report'.**
- The United States has postponed the **'2 plus 2 dialogue'** with India scheduled to be held in Washington next week.
- **A public health emergency has been declared in three Papua New Guinea (PNG) provinces** as the country responds to its first **polio** outbreak in 18 years when it was declared free of the disease.
- **The world's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC)** will begin on June 27, 2018 in Hawaii in the Western Pacific Ocean.
- **The 2018 International Day of Parliamentarism was observed across the globe on June 30, 2018** with an aim to recognise the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels.
- **The National Statistics Day was observed across India on June 29, 2018** with an aim to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.
- **International Asteroid Day - 30 June**
- **International Day of the Tropics - 29 June**
- The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development on June 25, 2018 announced to organise a day-long Seminar on Technology Partnerships **'TECH-THON' for steering POSHAN Abhiyaan on June 28, 2018 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi.**
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi on June 25, 2018 launched the report titled **'Women in Prisons'.**
- **World Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day** was observed on June 27, 2018 with the theme **"The Youth Dimension".**
- **The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** was observed across the globe on June 26, 2018 with the theme **"Listen First"**
- **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 here in June, 2018.
- **The World Food Prize 2018** was awarded to Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro for their individual but complementary global leadership in elevating maternal and child undernutrition within food security.
- **RemoveDEBRIS** Satellite was successfully deployed from International Space Station (ISS) to demonstrate a range of innovative technologies to clean up space debris orbiting Earth.
- The EU Withdrawal Bill, which is also known as the **Brexit Bill**, in June, 2018 became law after Queen Elizabeth II gave her approval.

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