

Financial

- 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.

Non-financial

- **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 64th 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 **"3rd 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 Kaspiysk 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.

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