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IMPORTANT DAYS

23rd June observed as the World Olympic Day

- World Olympic Day is observed on 23rd June all around the world.
- First Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June 1948 by 9 National Olympic Committees (NOC).
- The first Olympic Games were held in Athens (Greece) from 6 April to 15 April 1896.
- The goal World Olympic Day is to promote participation in different sports throughout the world without any discrimination of the gender, age and athletic ability.

23rd June: United Nations Public Service Day

- United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on 23rd June every year.
- Objective: to highlight the contribution of public service in the development process and to value public service to the community.
- Theme: 'Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation and Accountable Institutions'

23rd June: International Widow's Day

- International Widow's Day is observed on 23rd June every year.
- United Nations wanted to draw an attention towards the experiences of widows and how to provide unique support at the time they need.
- Theme: “Invisible Women – Invisible Issues.”

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

Govt develops National Strategic Plan to end TB by 2025

- The government has developed a National Strategic Plan with the goal of ending Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025.
- The Vision is of a TB free India with zero deaths, disease and poverty due to tuberculosis.

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- The Goal is to achieve a rapid decline in the burden of TB, mortality and morbidity, while working towards the elimination of TB in India by 2025.
- India ranks 35th in the world in terms of TB cases per lakh population.

Extra Shots:

- Minister of Health and Family Welfare: Harsh Vardhan (ChandniChowk, Delhi)

Bihar: Campaign against malnutrition to be launched on large scale

- In Bihar, campaign against malnutrition will be launched on a large scale. This move has been taken after deaths of children due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).
- Awareness programme is being undertaken in Encephalitis affected 20 districts including Muzaffarpur, Vaishali and Samastipur

Extra Shots:

- Bihar – Capital City (Patna) CM (Nitish Kumar) Governor (LaljiTandon)

Operation Bandar, code name of Balakot strike

- The air strike by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on a terrorist training camp in Balakot, Pakistan, was code-named 'Operation Bandar'.
- It was code-named Operation Bandar but was known to very few.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

RBI deputy governor Viral Acharya resigns

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Viral Acharya has quit six months before the scheduled end of his term.
- He had joined RBI on January 23rd, 2017.

Extra Shots:

- RBI: Governor- ShaktikantDas (25th)
- Founded – 1st April 1935, Kolkata
- Headquarter – Mumbai
- Deputy Governors - BPKanungo , Mahesh Kumar Jain , N. S. Vishwanathan

Mohamed OuldGhazouani elected as the President of Mauritania

- Mohamed OuldGhazouani elected as the President of Mauritania with 52% votes.
- Ghazouani's nearest rival, anti-slavery campaigner Biram Dah Abeid, came second with 18.58 percent.

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Extra Shots:

- Mauritania (Capital/Currency) - Nouakchott/ Mauritanian ouguiya

SPORTS

International Olympic Committee opens new headquarters in Switzerland

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland with costs 145 million US Dollars.
- The new Headquarter is inaugurated by IOC President, Thomas Bach.

Extra Shots:

- IOC - The International Olympic Committee is a non-governmental sports organisation based in Lausanne, Switzerland
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France
- President: Thomas Bach

Indian women's hockey team clinches FIH Series Finals

- Indian women's hockey team beat Asian Games champions and hosts Japan 3-1 in the summit clash of the FIH Series Finals in Hiroshima Hockey Stadium.
- For India, GurjitKaur scored two goals while Captain Rani Rampal gave India early lead.
- Indian men had won the FIH Series Finals in Bhubaneswar recently.

Indian women's rugby team claims 1st-ever international Rugby 15s victory

- The Indian women's rugby team claimed a historic first-ever international Rugby 15s victory with a 21-19 win over Singapore to finish third in the Asia Women's - Division 1 Rugby XV's Championship in Manila.
- China won the tournament with a 68-0 victory over hosts Philippines in a one-sided final.
- The tournament was one of the qualifying rounds for the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup to be held in New Zealand.

South-East Asian countries will jointly bid to host 2034 Football World Cup

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- Prime Minister of Thailand Prayuth Chan-ocha invited the people of ASEAN to support the football associations in their countries to host the tournament.

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- The FIFA World Cup has held only once in the continent when Japan and South Korea were joint hosts in 2002. Qatar will bring it back to Asia in 2022.
- The ASEAN countries are Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Brunei.

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