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### IMPORTANT DAYS - Daily Current Affairs

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> July observed as World UFO Day

- World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day is observed every year on 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Objective of this day is to encourage the government to reveal their files on UFO sightings and related information.
- World UFO Day reminds us about the possible existence of aliens in the Universe.

### NATIONAL UPDATES- Daily Current Affairs

#### New Initiative by UGC: STRIDE to boost research culture

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved a new initiative - Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE).
- The Objective of this scheme is to boost research culture in the country.
- Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched this scheme.
- This scheme will strengthen research culture and innovation in colleges and Universities.
- STRIDE will help students and faculty to contribute towards India's developing economy with the help of collaborative research.
- An advisory committee has been set up by the UGC under the chairmanship of professor Bhushan Patwardhan to oversee the entire scheme.

#### Extra Shots:

- Human Resource Development Minister- Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank( Haridwar, Uttarakhand)
- The University Grants Commission of India is a statutory body set up by the Indian Union government in accordance to the UGC Act 1956 under Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- Founded: 1956

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- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairman: D P Singh

### **AYUSH, MeitY ministries to collaborate for digitisation of AYUSH sector**

- The Ministries of AYUSH and Electronics and Information Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on the digitization of the AYUSH sector.
- the Ministry aims to digitize the entire AYUSH, leading to transformation in the field of health care delivery at all levels, along with greater research, education, delivery of various health care programmes and better drug regulations.

### **Extra Shots:**

- Minister of States (IC) of Minister of AYUSH: Shripad Yesso Naik (North Goa)

### **Rajasthan: Kalu Police station bags 1st Rank in assessment by Home ministry**

- Kalu Police station bagged First Rank in an assessment by the Home ministry of 15 thousand 666 police stations across the country.
- In Rajasthan, Kalu police station in the Bikaner district has set an example towards crime control and preventive action.
- Due to preventive action, effective crime detection, Crime control, quick response and humanitarian behavior and high-tech working made this police station best among others.

### **Extra Shots:**

- Rajasthan – Capital City (Jaipur) CM(Ashok Ghelot) Governor (Kalyan Singh)

### **J&K: Operation Khumaar launched to make 312 panchayats tobacco-free**

- In Jammu and Kashmir a campaign has been launched in Rajouri, a border district of Jammu division called “Operation Khumaar” to make 312 panchayats tobacco-free.
- The programme is run by the district administration to make panchayats free from tobacco and tobacco-based products.
- Under this programme, even the headmaster of the schools have been authorised to impose a fine on the sale of tobacco within 100 yards of school limits.

### **Radio Kashmir launches special 100 Watt FM transmitter for Amarnath Yatra**

- Radio Kashmir Srinagar launched a special 100 Watt FM transmitter for annual Swami Amarnathji Yatra at Baltal base camp.
- The special transmission from 7.00 AM to 11.00 p.m. will be providing information to the pilgrims regarding to weather condition, security and other related arrangements details.

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- Ministry of Culture, Govt of India has provided Bhajans and other software for the specially set-up Baltal FM.

### Devendra Fadnavis launches ambitious project of planting 33 crore saplings within two months

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched the state's ambitious project of planting 33 crore saplings within next two months.
- Maharashtra will soon be known as Harit Rajya or a Green State,
- Of the 33 crore target for 2019, state Forest Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said that the government has adopted the Japanese 'Miyawaki' pattern of plantation to increase forest cover

#### Extra Shots:

- Maharashtra – Capital City (Mumbai) CM (Devendra Fadnavis) Governor (C. Vidyasagar Rao)

## INTERNATIONAL UPDATES - Daily Current Affairs

### India pledges to contribute USD 5 million in 2019 to UN Palestine refugee agency

- India has pledged to contribute 5 million US Dollars in 2019 to the UN Palestine refugee agency.
- The Indian Government is assisting 150 Palestinian professionals every year under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme.

#### Extra Shots:

- Palestine (Capital/Currency) : Ramallah, East Jerusalem/ Israeli new shekel, Egyptian pound, Jordanian dinar
- Prime Minister: Mohammad Shtayyeh

### New Zealand bans single use of Plastic Bags

- New Zealand has official banned single use plastic shopping bags.
- Under the new rule thin plastic shoppings bags are no longer be supplied but reusable carriers are allowed.
- Companies that break the ban will face a high penalty with a fine of 100,000 New Zealand Dollar.

#### Extra Shots:

- New Zealand (Capital/Currency) – Wellington/Dollar
- 40<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister - Jacinda Ardern

## COMMITTEEE IN NEWS - Daily Current Affairs

### Committee of CMs constituted for 'Transformation for Indian Agriculture'

- A high powered Committee of Chief Ministers has been constituted for 'Transformation for Indian Agriculture'.
- The Committee will discuss measures for the transformation of agriculture and raising farmers' income.

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- The committee will submit its report in two months.
- This committee is headed by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis.

### SPORTS - Daily Current Affairs

#### Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav wins WBC Asia title

- Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav became the World Boxing Council (WBC) Asia silver welterweight champion.
- He defeated Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak.
- The championship held in Pattaya, Thailand.

#### Extra Shots:

- Thailand (Capital/Currency): Bangkok/Baht

#### Veer wins U-19 Asian Squash title

- In Squash, India won gold as Veer Chotrani beat compatriot Yash Fadte to win the Under-19 title of Asian Junior Championship.
- This Championship held in Macau, China.
- With this victory, Veer became the third Indian to win the Asian trophy after Ravi Dixit and Vela Senthil kumar.
- India finished the tournament with one gold, three silver and as many bronze medals.

#### Rohit Sharma becomes first Indian cricketer to score 4 tons in World Cup

- Rohit Sharma became the first Indian cricketer to score 4 tons in a World Cup.
- David Warner of Australia has emerged as the leading run scorer in the current edition of World Cup. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are the two Indians in the top 10 leading run-getters in the Championship.

#### Sports Minister announces increase in diet budget of all athletes to bring parity

- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has announced an increase in diet budget of all athletes to bring parity.
- The move will impact 12,500 athletes training in various centres of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Sports Ministry will release an additional amount of 150 crore rupees annually to fund the new diet budget.
- Earlier, the diet budget for SAI trainees was 250 rupees. For junior athletes, the diet budget was 480 rupees and for senior athletes, it was 690 rupees.

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### Former India leg-spinner Rakesh Shukla passes away

- Rakesh Shukla, former India leg-spinner, passed away in Delhi at an age of 71.
- He had represented Delhi and Bihar in First-Class cricket and earned his Test cap against Sri Lanka in 1982.
- He played 121 first class matches, claimed 295 wickets and aggregated 3798 runs.

### Odia film Producer Keshav Rout passed away

Odia film Producer Keshav Rout passed away at an age of 68.

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