
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS JUNE 2018- WEEK I

APPOINTMENTS

- The Airtel Payments Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank senior executive **Anubrata Biswas** as its Managing Director and CEO.
- **Pankaj Saran** Appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor.
- **Giuseppe Conte** was sworn in as **Prime Minister of Italy's** new populist government.
- **Amit Khare** assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- Paraguay gets first interim **woman President Alicia Pucheta**.
- **Justice R.K. Agrawal** has been appointed as the President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC).
- **Sudha Balakrishnan** Appointed 1st CFO of RBI.
- Former Pakistan Chief Justice **Nasirul Mulk** was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of the country.



HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- The Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve Management Committee (SBVCR) of Arunachal Pradesh was awarded the **India Biodiversity Award, 2018**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the **Padma Shri award**, to former **Singaporean diplomat Tommy Koh**.
- **Kendrick Lamar** received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "**Damn.**".
- **Kailash Satyarthi** gets 'Santokbaa Humanitarian' Award.
- **Vijay Goel** Confers **FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018**.
- **Yuvraj Singh** Awarded '**Most Inspiring Icon of the Year for Social Welfare**'.
- Kerala Cartoonist Thomas Antony Wins International Award.
- **Virat Kohli** has emerged as the International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating awards.

OBITUARY

- Former Himachal Pradesh Governor **Urmila Singh** Passes Away.

MOU's, Agreement and Summits

- The **5th India-CLMV Business Conclave** was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- The second edition of **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO)-Afghanistan** Group Meeting was organised in China's Beijing.
- The government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of **Uttar Pradesh** for the management of **Widow Home in Sunrakh Bangar**, Vrindavan.
- **Facebook** and **National Commission for Women (NCW)** have joined hands to launch a **digital literacy programme** in association with the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) to provide digital literacy to the women.
- **India** has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in **Nursing with Singapore**.
- **India and Indonesia** signed 15 MoUs in the fields of defence, scientific and technological cooperation, railways and health, among others.
- **India, Singapore** exchanged 8 Key Agreements which covered areas as wide as military cooperation and connectivity.
- **Tata Motors** Signs MoU with **Maharashtra** to Promote E-Mobility.
- **India** and **World Bank** Signs \$500 Million Additional Financing for PMGSY.
- **India** Signs Loan Agreement Credit of USD 21.7 Million with **World Bank for Rajasthan Project**.
- The **BCCI and UN Environment** signed an agreement to promote '**green**' Cricket in India.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** Inaugurated 1st IAF Commanders Conference.
- 3rd Meeting of India-UK Home Affairs' Dialogue Held in New Delhi.
- **Hamburg** to Host 2018 **Global Wind Summit**.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- **UNICEF** launches data visualization app on education scenario in India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three Indian digital payment systems - **RuPay, BHIM app and UPI by SBI** at the 'Business, Innovation and Community Event' in Singapore.
- The **United States** has renamed its oldest and largest military command, **US Pacific Command**, or PACOM, to **Indo-Pacific Command**.
- World's **Largest International Maritime Exercise RIMPAC organised** in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a **three-nation visit to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore**.
- **Colombia** to Be **NATO's 1st Latin American 'Global Partner'**.
- India Launches Its **2nd IT Corridor in China**.

IMPORTANT DATES

World No Tobacco Day- 31 May 2018. The theme - "Tobacco and Heart Disease".

International Day of UN Peacekeepers: 29 May. The theme is 'UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice'.

Statehood Day of Goa: 30 May.

Important News- India

- 15th Finance Commission constitutes a high-level group of various eminent experts from across the country in Health Sector.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has launched an initiative '**AshaKiran**' to empower women in India's smaller towns and cities.
- 13th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council (ISC) was held in New Delhi.
- **A.K. Bhalla**, Minister of State for Power launched **PRAAPTI App** and web portal with an objective to bring transparency in power purchase transactions.
- Centre Forms **Cauvery Water Management Authority**.
- India Releases Rs33.10 Cr to Nepal for 2 Road Projects.
- **Sangeeta Bahl** Becomes Oldest Indian Woman to Scale Mount Everest.
- Government Launches New Scheme '**Seva Bhoj Yojana**'.
- Income Tax Department Launches New **Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme**.
- Indian Economy Grows **7.7% In 4th Quarter**: Central Statistics Data.
- Home Minister Launched Online Analytical Tool to Monitor Foreign Contributions Under FCRA.
- **Akshay Kumar** launched the **twin pit** toilet technology campaign in New Delhi.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) launched a new **Ensemble Prediction Systems** (EPS) to offer more accurate and credible weather forecasts weather conditions down to the block level.
- Indian Oil Corporation has emerged as **India's most profitable state-owned company**.
- Infosys Acquires US-Based WongDoody for **\$75 Million**.
- Microsoft is Now **Third Most Valuable Firm** Globally

DEFENCE

- The Eastern Naval Command conducted a 2-day offshore security exercise '**Prasthan**'.
- The **Rustom-2** is an UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) system, indigenously developed by the DRDO.
- Joint Military Exercise **SURYA KIRAN-13** Begins in Uttarakhand.
- DAC Approves Procurement of Equipment for Defence Forces.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- The Ministry of Culture organized the 9th edition of the **Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav** in Tehri, **Uttarakhand**.
- '**Reuse of Treated Waste Water**' Policy Launched in Gujarat.
- Dehradun to Organise **4th Yoga Day Celebrations**.
- Dia Mirza, launched **Gaj Yatra** from Tura, the principal town of Garo Hills. This initiative aims to secure 100 routes across the country for safe passage for elephants.
- Andhra Pradesh Gets **Separate State Symbols**.

Neem: State Tree

Black Buck: State Animal

Jasmine: State Flower

Rose-ringed Parrot: State Bird

- The state government of **Odisha** has launched **Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana** for working Journalists.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of **India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance to set up the **country's first national sports university in Manipur**.
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recognised **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)** in Kerala as the **world's first fully solar energy-powered airport**.

SPORTS NEWS

- **Nepal, Scotland** Among 4 Teams Inducted in ICC ODI Rankings.
- **Vikas Gowda**, India's Only **Discus Throw Gold Medallist** at Commonwealth, Retires.
- Daniel Ricciardo Wins **Monaco Grand Prix 2018**.
- **Chennai Super Kings** Defeat SunRisers Hyderabad to Clinch Record-Equalling Third IPL Title.
- **Real Madrid** Lifts **Champions Trophy** Defeating Liverpool.
- **Japan** Win **Uber Cup** to End 37-Year Drought.