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The Most Important Events Happened: 11th to 20th June 2018

All About the French Open 2018

✓ The 2018 French Open (also known as Roland Garros) was a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.

- ✓ It was the 122nd edition of the French Open and the second Grand Slam event of 2018. Rafael Nadal was the defending champion in the Men's Singles and won his 11th French Open title.
- ✓ Simona Halep won her first Grand Slam title.

Complete List of Winners in Different Category (with their Respective Countries)

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Dominic Thiem (Austria)
Women's Singles	Simona Halep (Romania)	Sloane Stephens (USA)
Men's Doubles	Nicolas Mahut (France) & Pierre-Hugues Herbert (France)	Oliver Marach (Austria) and Mate Pavic (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Barbara Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Katerina Siniaková (Czech Republic)	Eri Hozumi (Japan) and Makoto Ninomiya (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Latisha Chan (Taiwan) and Ivan Dodig (Croatia)	Gaby Dabrowski (Canada) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)

44th G7 Summit Was Held in Canada

- ✓ The 44th G7 summit was held on June 8-9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. The 44th G7 summit was the first summit for Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte.
- ✓ Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has hosted this summit.
- ✓ The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France.

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- ✓ Proposal for Enactment of Dam Safety Bill, 2018- It will help all the States and Union Territories of India to adopt uniform dam safety procedures which shall ensure safety of dams and safeguard benefits from such dams.
- ✓ MoU between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Institut National de la Santeet de la Recherche Medicale (INSERM), France.
- ✓ Proposal for withdrawal of Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013 pending in Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ 'Three Year Action Plan' (2017-2020) of Agricultural Education Division & ICAR Institutes.

Important Cabinet Approvals: June 2018

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the following set of approvals. The important Cabinet Approvals are given as follows-

- ✓ The extension of tenure of the Commission constituted to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes in the Central List.
- ✓ Agreement between India and Peru- aims to establish the basis for a cooperative institutional relationship to encourage and promote technical bilateral cooperation on new and renewable issues on the basis of mutual benefit equality and reciprocity.
- ✓ MoU between India and Vietnam on Joint issue of the postage stamp.
- ✓ Repositioning of North Eastern Council- the Union Home Minister will serve as ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC) and Minister of State

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number of ATL schools to 5,441. The schools to establish ATLs for nurturing innovation &

entrepreneurial spirit among secondary school children across India.

- ✓ Government launched **5,000 Wi-Fi Choupals in villages** & delivery of rail tickets through Common Service Centres (CSCs).
- ✓ Every year on **June 12 the World Day Against Child Labor is observed** to raise awareness.
- ✓ American fighter **Ronda Rousey will become the first female MMA fighter to be inducted into the Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame**, the UFC announced.
- ✓ **United States** decided to **provide security guarantees to North Korea**, in exchange of Pyongyang's firm & unwavering commitment to complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.
- ✓ **Ten new iconic sites have been taken up under Phase III of the flagship project Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.** These new sites have joined the 20 iconic places under Phase I & II. The 10 New Iconic Sites are as follows:

1. Raghavendra Swamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh);
2. Hazardwari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal);
3. Brahma Sarovar Temple (Kurukshetra, Haryana);
4. VidurKuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh);
5. Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand);
6. Pangong Lake (Leh-Ladakh, J&K);
7. Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh);
8. ImaKeithal/market (Imphal, Manipur);
9. Sabarimala Temple (Kerala); &
10. Kanvashram (Uttarakhand).

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- ✓ The government **approved a 33% increase in carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy** under its affordable housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) to attract more beneficiaries. It has been enhanced to 160 sq m from 120 sq m for Middle Income Group-I (MIG-I), while it has been increased to 200 sq m from 150 sq m in case of MIG-II.

- ✓ Union Government announced to **establish India's first national police museum in Lutyens' Delhi.**
- ✓ **SEBI constituted an Expert Committee to frame rules for direct listing of Indian firms abroad.** It will examine the economic case for permitting direct listing of Indian companies overseas & listing of Indian companies on foreign bourses in India. The committee includes 9-members.
- ✓ Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh **dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 'Parvati' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation.** Parvati is the first Blast Furnace of SAIL that was dedicated to the nation on 3rd February 1959 by the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- ✓ India will **host first military exercise of the BIMSTEC Countries in September 2018 in Pune, Maharashtra.** The theme of the exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain & cordon & search.
- ✓ India extended a **financial aid of Rs 99 million to Nepal for the construction of 2,700 shallow tube well irrigation systems** in 12 districts of the country's southern Terai region to boost agricultural productivity.
- ✓ **Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** created a **world record of distributing the maximum number of bee-boxes in one day.**
- ✓ **An International Conference on Information & Communication Technology (ICT) will be held in Kathmandu**, the capital of Nepal. The Theme was "Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society".
- ✓ President Kovind will embark **on a three-nation tour to Greece, Suriname & Cuba.** On the first leg, he will leave for Athens. He will leave for Suriname on the 2nd leg & then to Cuba of the final leg. Suriname is a founding member of the International Solar Alliance.
- ✓ **11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018** with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally. The main theme of the Conference is 'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'.
- ✓ At 17.2%, **Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions but it's Paytm that tops volumes with 22%.**
- ✓ India stands **177th at the bottom of the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings.** In 2016, the country had ranked 141 out of 180 countries. The Top 3 countries on the list are: 1. Switzerland, 2. France, & 3. Denmark.
- ✓ RBI 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.** It specifies a minimum level of loan component in fund based working capital finance & a mandatory Credit Conversion Factor (CCF) for the undrawn portion of cash credit availed of by large borrowers.

- ✓ Arvind Saxena has been appointed to serve as the acting **Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- ✓ **Indian captain Virat Kohli** received the **prestigious Polly Umrigar Trophy (Cricketer of the Year) award for two consecutive seasons (2016-17 & 2017-18)** at the BCCI Annual Awards function. Anshuman Gaekwad & Sudha Shah received the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award.
- ✓ **Indian boxers bagged one Gold & two Silver medals at the Umakhanov Memorial Tournament in the Russian city of Kaspivsk.** Saweety Boora won the Gold in the Women's 75 kg category. In the Men's section, Brijesh Yadav in the 81 kg division & Virender Kumar in 91 kgs lost their Final bouts to settle for Silver medals.
- ✓ President **Kovind will launch Solar Charkha Mission which will entail a subsidy of 550 crore rupees in the initial two years for 50 clusters.** The scheme is aimed at linking five crore women & self-help groups to the initiative.
- ✓ **Maharashtra government & Canada's Quebec province signed a pact to increase the economic cooperation,** especially in areas of information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence & welfare of the tribal community.
- ✓ **The Integrated Command & Control Centre of the Naya Raipur Smart City was inaugurated** by PM Modi. Integrated Command & Control Centre of Naya Raipur becomes the 10th Smart City Centre to be operational in the country.
- ✓ **The Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) developed a mobile-based application 'utsonmobile'. It enables booking & cancellation of unreserved tickets, issue & renewal of season & platform tickets, & other features.**
- ✓ Raksha Mantri, Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the **first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.**
- ✓ **India & the US agreed to hold comprehensive talks to address trade & economic issues.** The decision was taken during a series of meetings, Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu had with US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross & US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.
- ✓ **Dr. Inderjit Singh assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Coal at Shastri Bhawan office, New Delhi.**
- ✓ **An Indian-American woman, Dhivya Suryadevara named the Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors. He will succeed Chuck Stevens.**
- ✓ **Inflation based on wholesale prices shot up to a 14-month high of 4.43% in May 2018** on increasing prices of petrol & diesel as well as vegetables.
- ✓ **Union Cabinet approved the proposal for grant of permission to HDFC Bank to raise additional share capital of up to a maximum of 24,000 crore rupees.** The composite foreign shareholding in the Bank will not exceed 74% of the enhanced paid-up equity share capital of the bank.
- ✓ Noted social reformer & founder of Sulabh International, **Bindeshwar Pathak honoured with Japan's prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize.**
- ✓ **Rafael Nadal** was the defending champion in the **Men's Singles & won his 11th French Open title. Simona Halep** won her first Grand Slam title.
- ✓ **The United States, Mexico & Canada won the right to host the 2026 World Cup** after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow.
- ✓ **The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) will premiere in New Delhi** at the Siri Fort Auditorium.
- ✓ **Union Minister for Railways, Coal, Finance & Company Affairs, Mr Piyush Goyal inaugurated Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)'s three 100 MW Solar Power Projects** for commercial operation & dedicated these projects to the Nation in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare exchanged the **MoU with the State Health Ministers of 20 States** marking their commitment towards the launch of the **Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM).**
- ✓ **PM Modi visited Chhattisgarh where he dedicated the modernised & expanded Bhilai steel plant** to the nation. He also took part in programmes in Naya Raipur - the upcoming capital city of the state. He inaugurated Integrated Command & Control Centre at Naya Raipur. He inaugurated Raipur-Jagdalpur air service, laid the foundation stone for the new building of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhilai.

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- ✓ **A Conference on Implementation of National Pension System (NPS)** by the Central Autonomous

Bodies (CABs) was organized by Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) in Delhi.

- ✓ Every year, on **14 June**, countries around the world celebrate **World Blood Donor Day**. The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.
- ✓ Former **World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz** was sworn in as **Jordan's Prime Minister** after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government. He succeeded Hani al-Mulki.
- ✓ **Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, PM of **Georgia**, has announced his **resignation** amid a disagreement with Bidzina Ivanishvili, the leader of the ruling party.
- ✓ **Flipkart-owned PhonePe** partnered **Ola** that will allow riders to book rides using the former's payment platform.
- ✓ **Marg ERP limited**, a leading Inventory & Accounting software solution company partnered with **ICICI Bank** to offer an **integrated payments platform** to **MSME** customers, using **MARG's** accounting software.

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- ✓ **Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari** released **Niti Aayog's composite water management index report** in New Delhi. Gujarat topped the list while Jharkhand was adjudged as the worst performer. In the northeastern & Himalayan states, **Tripura** adjudged as the **top state in 2016-17** followed by Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim & Assam.
- ✓ **Housing finance major HDFC** has been ranked as the **5th biggest public company globally** in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine. **American Express** has topped this category, while Indiabulls Housing Finance is the only other Indian company (at 13th place) on the list. In the overall list, **topped by China's banking behemoth ICBC**, HDFC took 321st place. There was a **total of 58 Indian companies** on the overall list of 2,000 firms from across the world.

- ✓ **Fitch Ratings** raised **India growth forecast for 2018-19 to 7.4% from 7.3%**. For 2019-20, it estimated the country to grow at 7.5%. The economy grew at 6.7% in 2017-18 & 7.7% in January-March quarter.
- ✓ **India Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana** will become the **first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League - the women's cricket super league in England**. She was signed by Western Storm.
- ✓ **President Ram Nath Kovind** left on a three-nation visit to **Greece, Suriname & Cuba**. He will be at Athens, where he will meet Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos. He will leave for Suriname **on the 2nd leg where he will hold discussions with President Desire Delano Bouterse**. In the last leg, he will reach Cuba to hold discussions with his **Cuban counterpart Miguel Diaz - Canel Bermudez**.
- ✓ **Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis** met **World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva** in **Washington DC** to seek assistance for a **Multimodal Transport Corridor & the Rural Livelihood Project** which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state.
- ✓ **NASA's record-breaking astronaut, Peggy Whitson**, retired after a **22-year-long career**. She has spent more time off Earth than any other American, **totalling 665 days over three International Space Station missions**. The 58-year-old is the **oldest woman to go into space**.
- ✓ **Nitin Gadkari** released a book 'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops' published by **NABARD**. It is based on a study of 10 important crops by a team under the leadership of leading agricultural economist **Dr. Ashok Gulati**.
- ✓ Global Rating agency **Fitch** announced that **ICICI Bank & Axis Bank** have **inequalities in their risk control mechanisms & has revised down its outlook** on the latter to negative on sour assets worries.
- ✓ **Senior journalist & writer Adiraju Venkateswara Rao** passed away. He was 79.
- ✓ **Information & Broadcasting Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore** inaugurated the **European Union Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi**.
- ✓ **4th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog** held under the chairmanship of PM at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. It was **attended by 23 Chief Ministers & the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands**, apart from Union Ministers, who are ex-officio members & special invitees. States were called up to **fix growth targets for their economies** as the world looks towards India soon becoming a **USD 5 trillion economy**.
- ✓ **Ashwini Kumar Choubey**, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare released the **11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National**

- Health Mission.** As per the Report, India has registered a record 22% reduction in MMR since 2013, which is the highest percentage decline so far when compared to all the previous reductions in MMR. Maternal Mortality Ratio in India has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- ✓ **External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has left for a 4-nation tour to Italy, France, Luxembourg & Belgium.** On her first leg of the tour, she will visit Italy. It will be the first major political exchange between India & Italy following the swearing-in of Mr Giuseppe Conte as Italy's new Prime Minister. She will be in France on the second leg & will meet her counterpart, Jean-Yves Le Drian in Paris to review the bilateral relations. Mrs Swaraj will reach Luxembourg on the 3rd leg & she will be visiting Belgium on the last & 4th leg.
 - ✓ **World Bank approved \$700 million to help Bangladesh achieve its education for all vision** by improving the primary education sector. The Quality Learning for All Program (QLEAP) will cover more than 18 million children studying in pre-primary level to grade 5.
 - ✓ **Colombia has chosen Ivan Duque** to be its next president after a long & divisive campaign. He will be Colombia's youngest ever President. He will replace Juan Manuel Santos.
 - ✓ **U.S. has surpassed India to become the top destination for greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017**, as per the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence, a division of The Financial Times Ltd.
 - ✓ **Muthoot Fincorp Limited announced its partnership with National Skill Development Corporation** to train over 10,000 youth over the next three years & make them job ready. It claims to have become the first major private sector player to partner with NSDC to launch the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY.2) programme.
 - ✓ **American golfer Brooks Koepka made history & finished strong as he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York.**
 - ✓ **Roger Federer claimed his 98th ATP title** after the win over Milos Raonic in the Stuttgart Cup final.
 - ✓ **IRDAI has formed a panel to review the regulations pertaining to insurance marketing firms.** It is headed by Suresh Mathur, Executive Director (insurance marketing firms), IRDAI, with nine more members.
 - ✓ **A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) in CIET in New Delhi** by Mr. Eric Falt, Director & UNESCO Representative of the New Delhi Cluster Office for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives & Sri Lanka.
 - ✓ **Central Water Commission (CWC), India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources has signed a Collaboration Agreement with Google for flood forecasting.**
 - ✓ **The indigenously upgraded artillery gun Dhanush successfully completed final user trials & is ready for induction into the Army.** Dhanush is an upgraded version of the Swedish Bofors gun procured by India in the mid-1980s.
 - ✓ **The 220 MW Unit-1 of Karnataka's Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) set a new record of the continuous operation of 766 days**, surpassing the earlier record of 765 days set by the Unit-5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station in 2014.
 - ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti submitted her resignation to the Governor** after BJP announced to pull out of an alliance with Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). BJP's General Secretary Ram Madhav also called for Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir.
 - ✓ **ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director & chief operating officer (COO)**, creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank.
 - ✓ **N.S. Kannan has been appointed as CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** for five years.
 - ✓ **RBI eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in debt**, especially into individual large corporates, a move that can help attract more overseas flows & thereby help arrest the recent fall in the rupee. RBI increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to 30% of the outstanding stock of that security, from 20%.

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- ✓ **Noted mimicry artiste Nerella Venumadhav** passed away after a brief illness in Warangal city. He was 85.
- ✓ **Anukreethy Vas, a 19-year-old Tamil Nadu college student, crowned Femina Miss India 2018** in a grand ceremony in Mumbai.

- ✓ **Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar** launched the **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)**. The library will become a single window platform for all educational needs.
- ✓ **5th National Standards Conclave- Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization** held in New Delhi. It was organized by Department of Commerce & Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ✓ **Telangana police** launched a mobile-based messenger application named **'Cop Connect'** dedicated to provide real-time information to over 60,000 police officers across the State.
- ✓ **Punjab Government** launched a mobile application named **'i-Hariyali'** aimed at increasing the state's green cover. The mobile application would enable the users to order free plant saplings.
- ✓ **Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya** has been selected as **100th Smart City**. With the selection of Shillong, the total proposed investment in the finally selected 100 cities under the Smart Cities Mission would be Rs.2,05,018 crores.
- ✓ **Union Health Minister JP Nadda** launched the **National Health Resource Repository (NHRR)**- the country's first-ever national healthcare registry of authentic, standardised & updated geo-spatial data of all public & private healthcare establishments.
- ✓ VP Naidu has received the book **"Vedvigyan Alok"** (Maharishi Aitareya Mahidas Praneet - Aitareya Brahmina ki Vaigyanik Vyakhya) authored by Acharya Agnivarat Naishthik.
- ✓ **World Refugee Day** held on **20th June**. The theme was 'Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees'.
- ✓ **Nikki Haley, the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations** announced the **withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**, accusing the council of bias

- against US ally Israel. This marks the first time that a member has voluntarily left the UNHRC.
- ✓ **15th annual Asia & Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping** was held in Colombo with representatives from 29 countries including India.
 - ✓ **US scientists unveiled the world's most powerful & smartest scientific supercomputer named 'Summit'** that can complete over 200,000 trillion calculations per second.
 - ✓ Concerned over funds sent abroad under the 'maintenance of close relative' category of the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)**, RBI has narrowed the definition of relatives to check the **flow of funds**. Hence, funds under the 'maintenance of close relative' category can be sent only to **immediate relatives such as parents, spouses, children & their spouses**.



One Liners Questions from June 11th to 20th 2018

- Q1. Rafael Nadal has won the French Open title 2018 by beating _____ in straight sets.
Answer. Dominic Thiem###
- Q2. The WHO has commended India's progress in reducing the MMR by 77 percent, from 556 per one lac live births in 1990 to 130 per one lac live births in 2016. What is the meaning of "R" in MMR?
Answer. Ratio###
- Q3. India Meteorological Department (IMD) will use flash flood guidance system for the first time in the country to forecast floods. Currently, the Central Water Commission issues flood warnings. Who is Director General of IMD?
Answer. Kanduri Jayaram Ramesh###

- Q4. With 1,86,000 Indian students currently studying in the United States, India is the second highest sender of foreign students to the US, next only to-
Answer. China###
- Q5. Which country has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title 2018?
Answer. India###
- Q6. In which country, the 44th G7 summit was held recently?
Answer. Canada###
- Q7. Who has appointed as vigilance commissioner in the probity watchdog Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?
Answer. Sharad Kumar###

Q8. Name the two mobile applications, which has launched to ease the traveling experience by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal & Minister of State (MoS) Manoj Sinha recently.

Answer. 'Rail MADAD' & 'Menu on Rails'###

Q9. Minister of State for External Affairs _____ has flagged off the 1st batch of three month-long Kailash Mansarovar Yatra-2018 in New Delhi.

Answer. V K Singh###

Q10. The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in which country?

Answer. France###

Q11. Name the person, who will become the first female MMA fighter to be inducted into the Ultimate Fighting Championship Hall of Fame?

Answer. Ronda Rousey###

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Answer. United States###

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Answer. China###

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Answer. Kathmandu###

Q17. President Ram Nath Kovind will embark on a three-nation tour to Greece, Suriname & Cuba recently. Name the capital city of Suriname?

Answer. Paramaribo###

Q18. How many new iconic sites have been taken up under Phase III of the flagship project Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission?

Answer. Ten###

Q19. Who was conferred the Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement award (posthumous)?

Answer. Pankaj Roy###

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Answer. 33%###

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Answer. Ajay Tyagi###

Q25. The Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 'Parvati' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation. Rourkela Steel Plant located in which state-

Answer. Odisha###

Q26. Bihar Chief Minister _____ has inaugurated & laid foundation stones for more than 100 schemes, worth Rs 875 crore, of the state bridge construction corporation.

Answer. Nitish Kumar###

Q27. Which country is hosting the FIFA World Cup 2018?

Answer. Russia###

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Q35. Name the country/countries which has/have won the right to host the 2026 World Cup after easily beating Morocco in a vote by FIFA member nations in Moscow?

Answer. United States, Canada & Mexico

Q36. Who has been named the Chief Finance Officer of the US' largest automaker, General Motors?

Answer. Dhivya Suryadevara###

Q37. The historical Trump-Kim summit meeting was the first of its kind between a sitting American president Donald Trump & Kim Jong-un in Singapore. Who is Kim Jong-un?

Answer. Supreme Leader of North Korea###

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Q40. Every year on 14th June all countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is-

Answer. Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life###

Q41. Which Company has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine?

Answer. HDFC###

Q42. Fitch Ratings raised India growth forecast for 2018-19 to _____, but cited higher financing costs & rising oil prices as risks to growth.

Answer. 7.3%###

Q43. Name the Prime Minister of Georgia, who has announced his resignation amid a disagreement with Bidzina Ivanishvili, the leader of the ruling party recently.

Answer. Giorgi Kvirikashvili###

Q44. Who was sworn in as Jordan's Prime Minister recently?

Answer. Omar al-Razzaz###

Q45. Name the country that will host the European Union Film Festival (EUFF) 2018.

Answer. India###

Q46. President Ram Nath Kovind left on a three-nation visit to which of the following 3 countries?

Answer. Greece, Suriname & Cuba###

Q47. Name the Senior journalist & writer who had passed away recently at the age of 79.

Answer. Adiraju Venkateswara Rao###

Q48. Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari released a book 'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops'. This book has been published by _____.

Answer. NABARD###

Q49. Name the NASA's record-breaking astronaut who retired recently after a 22-year-long career.

Answer. Peggy Whitson###

Q50. What is the Capital city of Cuba?

Answer. Havana###

Q51. Who is the present Administrator of National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)?

Answer. Jim Bridenstine###

Q52. The U.S. has surpassed which of the following country to become the top destination for greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017, according to the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence?

Answer. India###

Q53. The fourth meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog was held under the chairmanship of the PM Narendra Modi in _____.

Answer. New Delhi

Q54. Name the Golfer who has recently made history & became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles in New York.

Answer. Brooks Koepka###

Q55. For which of the following country the World Bank has approved \$700 million to help achieve its education for all vision by improving the primary education sector?

Answer. Bangladesh###

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Q56. Which of the following country has recently chosen Ivan Duque to be its next president after a long & divisive campaign?

Answer. Colombia###

Q57. IRDAI has recently formed a panel to review the regulations pertaining to insurance marketing firms. The committee is headed by _____.

Answer. Suresh Mathur###

Q58. The ICICI Bank board has appointed _____ as whole-time director & chief operating officer (COO), creating a new top position in ICICI Bank to steer all its businesses.

Answer. Sandeep Bakhshi###

Q59. The Reserve Bank of India has eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in debt. It had increased the FPIs cap on investment in government security to what percent of the outstanding stock of that security?

Answer. 30%###

Q60. The Central Water Commission (CWC), India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources has signed a Collaboration Agreement with which of the following company for flood forecasting?

Answer. Google###

Q61. The 220 MW Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) had recently set a new record of the continuous operation of 766 days. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant is located in _____.

Answer. Karnataka###

Important Static General Awareness from June Current Affairs

- ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All (Urban)** will be implemented during 2015-2022 & will provide central assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- ✓ Hardeep Singh Puri is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- ✓ **SEBI-** Securities & Exchange Board of India. SEBI Chairman- Ajay Tyagi, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✓ Urjit Patel- **24th Governor of RBI**, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.
- ✓ **BCCI President-** C.K. Khanna, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✓ Mr Piyush Goyal is the present **Railways Minister** of India. John Mathai was the 1st Railways Minister of Independent India.
- ✓ **HDFC Bank-** India's largest private bank by market capitalization | Chairman- Aditya Puri, Headquarters- Mumbai.
- ✓ **Nikkei Asia Prize** was created & presented by Nikkei Inc, one of the largest media corporations in Japan.
- ✓ Russia is the host country for **FIFA World Cup 2018**. Qatar will host the next FIFA World Cup in 2022.
- ✓ **NLCIL is a 'Navratna' profit-making**, Government of India Enterprise engaged in mining of lignite & generation of power through lignite based thermal power plants. Established by GoI in 1956, following the discovery of lignite deposits in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ **Headquarter of Ola is in Bangalore, Karnataka.** CEO of Ola is Bhavish Aggarwal.
- ✓ **ICICI Bank** stands for Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India. Chanda Kochhar is the MD & CEO of ICICI Bank. Headquarters of ICICI Bank: Mumbai.
- ✓ **NITI- National Institution for Transforming India.** NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman- Rajiv Kumar, CEO- Amitabh Kant.
- ✓ **NABARD** stands for National Bank For Agriculture & Rural Development. Came into existence on 12 July 1982. Headquarters- Mumbai, Chairman- Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- ✓ **Axis Bank** CEO & MD- Shikha Sharma, Head Office- Mumbai.
- ✓ **Muthoot Fincorp Ltd. is the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group** & is one of the largest NBFCs in India, registered with RBI. Thomas John Muthoot is the Group Chairman & MD of Muthoot Fincorp. HQ: Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ **IRDAI stands for Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India.** Headquarters of IRDAI is in Hyderabad.
- ✓ **Subhash Chandra Khuntia** is Chairman of IRDAI.
- ✓ **International Day of Yoga** is celebrated annually on 21 June since its inception in 2015.
- ✓ **General Bipin Rawat** is the present Chief of Army Staff.

✓ **Reita Faria** was the first Miss World from India in 1966.

Static Points from States in News

- ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir Former CM-** Mehbooba Mufti, Governor- N N Vohra.
- ✓ Vinai Kumar Saxena is the **Chairman of KVIC**.
- ✓ **Chhattisgarh CM-** Dr. Raman Singh, Governor- Balramji Dass Tandon.
- ✓ **Telangana CM-** K Chandrasekhar Rao, Governor- E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan (Add. Charge).
- ✓ **Punjab CM-** Captain Amarinder Singh, Governor- V.P. Singh Badnore.

International Organizations/Companies in News from June Current Affairs

- ✓ **ILO** is a United Nations agency dealing with labour problems. Headquarters of ILO is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ Guy Ryder is current Director-General of the ILO.
- ✓ **BIMSTEC** stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation. Member countries: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka from South Asia & Myanmar, Thailand from South East Asia.
- ✓ **The EU**, which consists of 28 countries, has the world's largest economy & its third largest population, after China & India.
- ✓ **Forbes-** American Business Magazine, Founded in-1917. Headquarters- New York City, USA.
- ✓ **President of the World Bank-** Jim Yong Kim. Headquarters of World Bank- Washington, DC.
- ✓ **NASA-** National Aeronautics & Space Administration. NASA was founded in 1958.
- ✓ Jim Bridenstine is the 13th Administrator of NASA.
- ✓ **Google CEO-** Sundar Pichai, Parent organization- Alphabet Inc., Headquarters- The USA.
- ✓ António Guterres is the **Secretary-General of the United States**. UN Headquarters in New York, United States.
- ✓ **UNHRC is Based in Geneva, Switzerland**. It is a body of 47-member states within the United Nations, tasked with upholding human rights. It was created in 2006.
- ✓ Sir Craig Reedie is the **President of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**. It Headquarters in Montreal, Canada.

Countries in News from June Current Affairs

- ✓ Pyongyang is the capital of **North Korea**. North Korean won is the official currency of **North Korea**.
- ✓ Washington, D.C. is the Capital of the **USA**.
- ✓ **Nepal Capital-** Kathmandu, Currency- Nepalese rupee, President- Bidhya Devi Bhandari, PM: Khadga Prasad Oli.
- ✓ **Greece Capital-** Athens, Currency- Euro, President- Prokopis Pavlopoulos.
- ✓ **Suriname Capital-** Paramaribo, Currency- Surinamese dollar, President- Desire Delano Bouterse.
- ✓ **Cuba Capital-** Havana, Currency- Cuban Peso, President- Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez.
- ✓ **Mauritius Capital-** Port Louis, Currency- Mauritian rupee.
- ✓ **Russia Capital-** Moscow, Currency- Russian ruble, President- Vladimir Putin.
- ✓ **Vietnam Capital-** Hanoi, Currency- Vietnamese dong.
- ✓ Donald Trump is the 45th President of the USA.
- ✓ **Jordan Capital-** Amman, Currency- Jordanian dinar.
- ✓ **Georgia Capitals-** Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Currency- Georgian lari President- Giorgi Margvelashvili.
- ✓ **Italy Capital-** Rome, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **France Capital-** Paris, Currency- Euro & cfp franc.
- ✓ **Luxembourg Capital-** Luxembourg City, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **Belgium Capital-** City of Brussels, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ **Colombia Capital-** Bogota, Currency- Colombian peso.