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- ✓ As per the Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018", India ranks 113 among 175 countries with regards to where childhood is threatened as a result of poor health, malnutrition, exclusion from education, child labour, and child marriage. The child marriages in India have come down to 15.2% from 21.1% in 2017. Singapore and Slovenia are placed at the top sharing the first place in the index and Niger figures at the end of the list at 175.
- ✓ China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite 'the Gaofen-6' which will be mainly used in agricultural resources research and disaster monitoring.
- ✓ External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj begins her five-day visit to South Africa where she will meet the top leadership of the country. Her visit will further strengthen the close and long-standing ties with South Africa. The Minister will participate in the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting and chair the IBSA Foreign Ministers Meeting during her visit.
- ✓ Spanish Socialist Pedro Sanchez has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister by King Felipe. He has replaced Mariano Rajoy.
- ✓ In Egypt, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was sworn in for a second four-year term in office as the country faces major economic and security challenges. Sisi won 97% of valid votes in the March presidential election.
- ✓ Timothy Pereira, former football international who represented Tata FC, died after a prolonged illness. Pereira was 75
- ✓ India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-5 from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. It has a strike range of 5,000 kilometres and can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.
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- ✓ Environment-friendly, clean and equipped with amenities of international standards for tourists, 13 Indian beaches will soon get the Blue Flag certification. These beaches of Odisha, Maharashtra and other coastal states will be the first in not just India, but in Asia, to get the Blue Flag certification.
- ✓ NTPC Ltd has adopted the iconic Charminar in Hyderabad under the Swachh Iconic Places Projects of India. This is part of a special drive under the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has chosen customer protection as a theme for the Financial Literacy Week which has begun on June 4. This event ending on June 8, will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products and services, good financial practices and going digital.
- ✓ Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa is on a four-day visit to Brazil. He is scheduled to visit various operational and training units as well as interact with senior officials of the Brazilian Air Force.
- ✓ On June 3, 2018, the first official World Bicycle Day was celebrated. The day, which is celebrated for the first time this year, was approved on 12 April 2018 as an official United Nations day.
- ✓ Eminent scientist S Christopher has completed his term as the chief of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra was given additional charge of the post.
- ✓ India's Sanjana Ramesh was awarded the 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) even as compatriot Vaishnavi Yadav won the 'Girls Grit Award' on the fourth and final day of Basketball Without Borders Asia 2018, which featured 66 campers from 16 countries from the Asia-Pacific region.
- ✓ Kagiso Rabada, the world's number one Test bowler, was named South Africa's Cricketer of the Year.
- ✓ World Environment Day is the United Nations' (UN) most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. It occurs on the 5th of June every year. The theme is "Beat Plastic Pollution".
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- ✓ The Centre has appointed MK Jain, Managing Director, and CEO of IDBI Bank, as the RBI's Deputy Governor. Jain will fill a position that had been lying vacant since August 2017 after the retirement of SS Mundra.
- ✓ A French swimmer has set off from Japan aiming to become the first person to swim across the Pacific Ocean.
- ✓ Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India has increased the policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.25 percent in the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19). Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 percent.
- ✓ MPC revised CPI inflation for 2018-19 to 4.8-4.9% in the first half and 4.7% in the second half. The MPC stated that the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 is retained at 7.4 percent.
- ✓ The steadily expanding global economy should remain resilient, at least for a couple of years, the World Bank has stated. The anti-poverty agency predicts global growth will decelerate slightly from a solid 3.1 percent this year to 3 percent next year and 2.9 percent in 2020.
- ✓ The World Bank predicts that US growth will register 2.7 percent in 2018, aided by tax cuts, before slowing to 2.5 percent next year and 2 percent in 2020. China's growth is projected at 6.5 percent this year, 6.3 percent in 2019 and 6.2 percent in 2020.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the global celebrations of World Environment Day 2018 on 05th June in New Delhi. Prime Minister also visited the exhibition set up on the occasion, themed 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. India was the global host nation for the 43rd edition of this event.
- ✓ Environment Ministers, representatives from United Nations and members from various industry bodies were among the various dignitaries who attended the event.
- ✓ Maharashtra government will provide the financial grant of 1,000 rupees per quintal to those farmers whose tur and gram could not be purchased by the administration before the May 31 deadline.
- ✓ The state government had set up tur procurement target of 44.6 lakh quintals. The government had started purchasing tur from farmers by offering them guaranteed rates following bumper tur production. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stated the government will also give a financial aid of 160 crore rupees to farmers whose crops got damaged due to unseasonal rain or hailstorm. The chief minister also announced a special subsidy for milk producers.
- ✓ In Uttarakhand, Polythene will be completely prohibited from 31st July in the state. All the polythene

- vendors have been asked to finish the polyethylene stock before 31st July.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh government has announced an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers and poor families. The state cabinet headed by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (Power Bill Waiver Scheme) which is expected to benefit about 77 lakh people of the state.
- ✓ The two-day 49th Conference of Governors concluded in New Delhi. The President exhorted Governors to take the lead in adopting modern technology and methods.
- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Minister for Home Affairs also addressed the concluding session of the Conference.
- ✓ India cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation topped by American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Kohli, the only sports person from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million. 'World's Highest-Paid Athletes 2018' list is topped by 41-year-old Mayweather, with USD 285 million earnings.
- ✓ The Election Commission has launched its online RTI Portal. The portal- rti.eci.nic.in will facilitate applicants seeking information under the Right to Information Act.

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- ✓ The Centre has constituted a group of eminent persons headed by Bharat Forge's Baba Kalyani to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) policy of the country and suggest measures to make it more relevant for exporters and compatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) norms.
- ✓ India has registered a significant decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recording a 22-percent reduction in such deaths since 2013. According to the

- Sample Registration System bulletin, the MMR has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) are in the top 200 in QS World University Rankings 2019. The number of Indian universities in the top 1,000 increased from 20 to 24. IIT-Bombay is now the top institute in the country rising 17 positions from 2018 to 162, displacing IIT-Delhi which has remained at 172. The 15th edition of the QS World University Rankings.
 - ✓ Foreign Direct Investment to India decreased to 40 billion dollars last year from 44 billion dollars in 2016 while outflows from India, the main source of investment in South Asia, more than doubled, according to a new trade report by the UN. As per the World Investment Report, 2018 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) global foreign direct investment flows fell by 23 percent in 2017.
 - ✓ In a major step to give a big push towards the ease of doing business in Punjab, the state government has launched a "Business First Portal". It was unveiled by Industry Minister Sunder Sham Arora in Jalandhar.
 - ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to do away with semester system in undergraduate (UG) courses and revert to annual examination system.
 - ✓ Minister of State for Defence, Dr. Subhash Bhamre has dedicated a highway tunnel at Theng near Chungthang in north Sikkim to the nation. The tunnel will benefit the tourism and rapidly propel the growth of the state.
 - ✓ West Bengal Government has decided to invest 107 crore rupees to check erosion at vulnerable areas along the banks of the Ganga and the Padma. A stretch of 15 kilometres will be concretised, to prevent erosion. The work will be completed by March next year.
 - ✓ Nepal's Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Rajendra Chhetri is on a six-day visit to India. He is visiting India at the invitation of COAS General Bipin Rawat. General Chhetri will attend the Officer Cadet's 'Passing Out Parade' as Chief Reviewing officer at Indian Military Academy in Dehradun.
 - ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind has distributed LPG connections to 20 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Raj Bhavan in Agartala, Tripura. During his two-day visit to Tripura, the President inaugurated 73 km long National Highway connecting Udaipur town in Gomati district and Sabroom in South Tripura. He also laid the foundation stone for the re-development of Matabari Temple Complex at Tripura Sundari temple.
 - ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind gave West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi additional charge of Tripura Governor, during the absence on leave of Tathagata Roy.
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu stated that the state was now Open Defecation Free (ODF) as it had achieved its goal of constructing 2.77 lakh individual toilets. Naidu who was traveling through Chittoor district unveiled a plaque in Tirupati to honour the achievement.
 - ✓ RBI has made changes in the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) to make it more attractive. The revamping of the scheme is aimed at enabling people to open a hassle-free gold deposit account. The short-term deposits should be treated as bank's on-balance sheet liability. These deposits will be made with the designated banks for a short period of 1-3 years (with a facility of rollover). Deposits can also be allowed for broken periods (e.g. 1 year 3 months; 2 years 4 months 5 days; etc.).
 - ✓ Reserve Bank has stated that interest subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to three lakh rupees will be implemented through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode from the current financial year. The Centre has earmarked 15,000 crore rupees for 2018-19 towards interest subvention for short-term crop loans.
 - ✓ Indian cricketer Mithali Raj has become the first batter from the country to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket. Mithali is the seventh woman batter to score 2,000 runs in T20Is, a list which is topped by Charlotte Edwards (2,605), followed by Stafanie Taylor (2,582) and Suzie Bates (2,515).
 - ✓ India captain Virat Kohli's phenomenal batting form has fetched him the BCCI's best cricketer award for two seasons, while World Cup stars Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana were chosen for the women's equivalent of the honour, the Board announced. Team India captain Virat Kohli will be presented with the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for the best international cricketer (2016-17 and 2017-18) at the BCCI Awards to be held in Bengaluru on 12th June 2018.
 - ✓ On June 8th each year, we celebrate the ocean, its importance in our lives, and how we can protect it. World Oceans Day helps raise the profile of the ocean and inspire more involvement in helping to conserve this amazing resource we all depend on.
 - ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind has declared Tripura's queen variety pineapple as state fruit and its export was a major step in connecting the state with world trade.
 - ✓ In a bid to check loan defaults, RBI stated that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) will be set up containing information on all borrowers to ensure financial stability. Following a report by Yeshwant M Deosthalee headed High-Level Task Force, RBI stated it has considered the recommendations and decided to set up a PCR in a modular and phased manner.

- ✓ In a swift operation, the Indian Navy has rescued 38 Indians from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm hit the area. The Navy had diverted its ship INS Sunayna from the Gulf of Aden to Socotra as part of the operation 'NISTAR' to rescue the Indians.
- ✓ The Eleventh edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 organized by GeoSpatial Media and Communication with Directorate General of Information System as Knowledge Partners and Military Survey as Co-organisers, took place in New Delhi. The theme was 'Geo-Spatial: A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security'.
- ✓ Veteran actor Anupam Kher will be given the prestigious Outstanding Achievement honour at the upcoming International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards ceremony in Bangkok.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Qingdao, China, to attend the two-day long 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. This will be India's first participation in the summit as a full-time member of the organization.
- ✓ Odisha's most popular lyricist, Narayan Prasad Singh was popularly known as 'Rasaraj' passed away at his residence in Bhubaneswar. Singh was 86.
- ✓ India and China signed two bilateral agreements following the meeting between PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the summit. The agreements include continuing to share Brahmaputra water data during flood season and exporting non-Basmati rice to China. The two countries have set a trade target of 100 billion dollars by 2020. Both countries agreed on several initiatives to take forward the spirit of Wuhan Informal Summit. Chinese President accepted Prime Minister Modi's invitation for a Wuhan type informal summit in India next year.
- ✓ Ministry of Railways launched two mobile applications to ease the traveling experience named 'Rail MADAD' and 'Menu on Rails'. Rail MADAD will enable travelers to lodge complaints & Menu on Rails will facilitate seamless ordering of food.
- ✓ The Northern Railways will now monitor the cleanliness of its trains using WhatsApp groups supervised by senior officials. Every department, be it the pantry, bedrolls etc., will have separate WhatsApp groups, in which status report of cleanliness will be uploaded on a daily basis.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 China. US is the top destination for foreign students worldwide and the

- number of Indian students in the US has more than doubled in the last 10 years.
- ✓ Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh has flagged off the 1st batch of three month-long Kailash Mansarovar Yatra-2018 in New Delhi. The Yatra will continue till the 8th of September 2018.
- ✓ Former NIA chief Sharad Kumar has appointed vigilance commissioner in the probity watchdog CVC.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ WHO has commended India's progress in reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 77 percent, from 556 per one lac live births in 1990 to 130 per one lac live births in 2016. This progress puts the country on track towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal target of an MMR below 70 by 2030. India's present MMR is below the Millennium Development Goal target.
- ✓ India has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title. In the summit clash in Mumbai, they defeated Kenya 2-nil. Both the goals were netted by skipper Sunil Chhetri. Sunil Chhetri has become the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike for the country against Kenya. \
- ✓ World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open final.
- ✓ World number one Rafael Nadal won an 11th French Open title by beating Austrian Dominic Thiem in straight sets. Nadal, 32, won 6-4 6-3 6-2 to earn his 17th Grand Slam, three adrift of Roger Federer's all-time men's record.





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One Liners Questions from June 1st to 10th 2018

Q1. As many as 26 countries, including India, will participate in June 2018 in the world's largest international maritime biennial exercise, named _____.

Answer. RIMPAC###

Q2. The joint military exercise SURYA KIRAN between India and Nepal has begun at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand. This is the _____ edition of this exercise.

Answer. 13th###

Q3. Yoga guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali launched a new swadeshi messaging application called _____ to compete with WhatsApp.

Answer. Kimbho###

Q4. India's biggest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has revised its interest higher on retail fixed deposits or FDs below _____.

Answer. Rs. 1 crore###

Q5. Name the Indian botanist who has received the prestigious Linnean Medal in Botany from the Linnean Society of London and has become the first Indian to win the award.

Answer. Kamaljit S. Bawa###

Q6. What is the theme of World No Tobacco Day 2018?

Answer. Tobacco and heart disease###

Q7. Name the famous Indian personality who has been awarded the 'most inspiring icon of the year for Social Welfare' award by the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) for his exemplary contribution in the field of social welfare.

Answer. Yuvraj Singh###

Q8. Name the Former Himachal Pradesh governor and Congress leader who had passed away recently in Indore.

Answer. Urmila Singh###

Q9. Name the tech company that has completed the acquisition of WongDoody Holding Company, a US-based digital creative and consumer insights agency, for a total consideration of upto \$75 million.

Answer. Infosys###

Q10. The Government of India and the World Bank signed a loan agreement to provide additional financing for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Rural Roads Project, implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India. What is the amount of this loan agreement?

Answer. \$500 million###

Q11. Name the PSU which has emerged as India's most profitable state-owned company for the second consecutive year.

Answer. Indian Oil Corporation###

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Answer. Indo-Pacific Command###

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Answer. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act###

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Answer. Amit Khare###

Q18. Name the company that has partnered with the National Commission for Women (NCW) to launch a Digital Literacy Programme (DLP).

Answer. Facebook###

Q19. Name the state that has recently declared Neem and black buck as the state tree and animal respectively.

Answer. Andhra Pradesh###

Q20. Name the two veteran personalities of India who has received the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' by the President Ram Nath Kovind in Surat, Gujarat.

Answer. Kailash Satyarthi and A S Kiran Kumar###

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Answer. Giuseppe Conte###

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Answer. Manipur###

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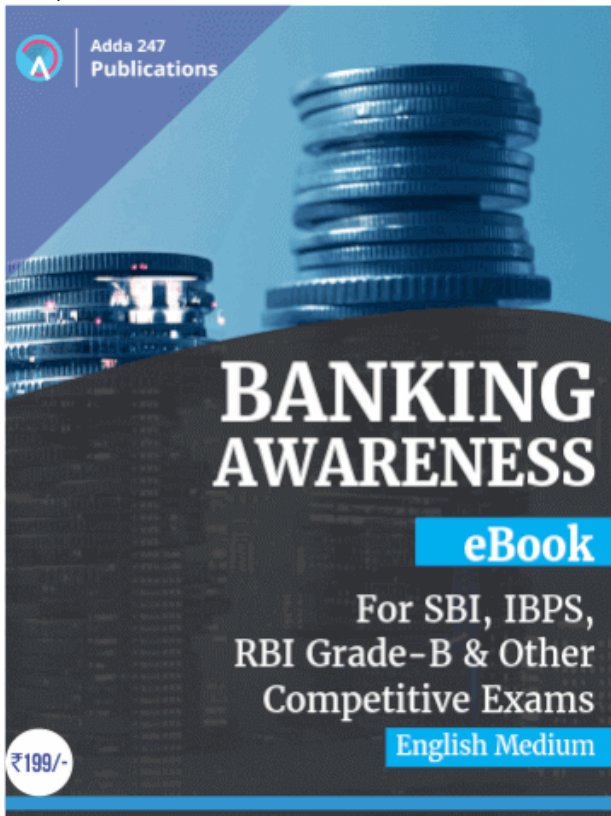
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Answer. Egypt###

Q30. Halimah Yacob is the present President of _____.

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Answer. Mariano Rajoy###

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Q52. Which state government will provide the financial grant of 1,000 rupees per quintal to those farmers whose tur and gram could not be purchased by the administration before the May 31 deadline?

Answer. Maharashtra###

Q53. Name the country, which was the global host nation for the 43rd edition of World Environment Day 2018?

Answer. India###

Q54. Name the person, who is the only sportsman from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million of Forbes' compilation.

Answer. Virat Kohli###

Q55. Which state has announced an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers and poor families recently?

Answer. Madhya Pradesh###

Q56. Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI has increased the policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by _____ basis points in the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19).

Answer. 25 bps###

Q57. Name the athlete, who is top of the Forbes list of best-paid athletes for the fourth time in seven years?

Answer. Floyd Mayweather###

Q58. The Centre has constituted a group of eminent persons headed by Bharat Forge's _____ to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) policy of the country and suggest measures to make it more relevant for exporters and compatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) norms.

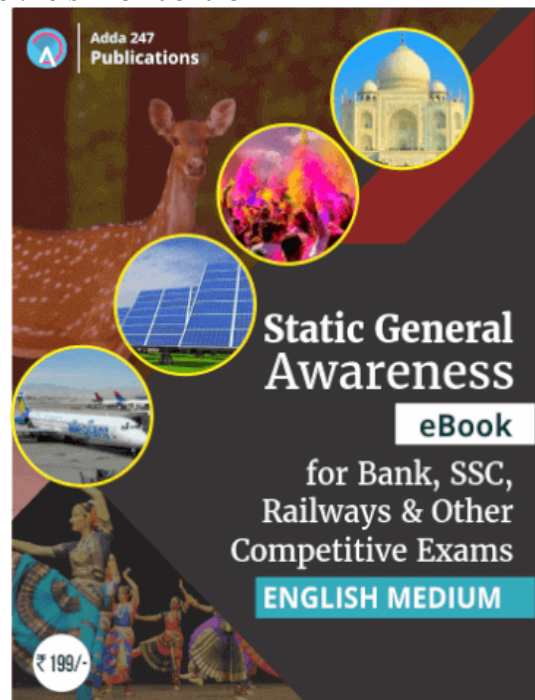
Answer. Baba Kalyani###

Q59. Name the best ranked Indian University in QS World University Rankings 2019.

Answer. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay###

Q60. FDI to India decreased to _____ billion dollars last year from 44 billion dollars in 2016 while outflows from India, the main source of investment in South Asia, more than doubled, according to a new trade report by the UN.

Answer. 40 billion dollars###



Q61. World Oceans Day helps raise the profile of the ocean and inspire more involvement in helping to conserve this amazing resource we all depend on. World Oceans Day observed on-

Answer. 08th June###

Q62. Which state government has launched a "Business First Portal" recently.

Answer. Punjab###

Q63. Name the state government, which has decided to do away with semester system in undergraduate (UG) courses and revert to annual examination system recently?

Answer. Himachal Pradesh###

Q64. Minister of State for Defence, Dr Subhash Bhamre has dedicated a highway tunnel at Theng near Chungthang in north _____ to the nation.

Answer. Sikkim###

Q65. Reserve Bank has stated that interest subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to _____ rupees will be implemented through the DBT mode from the current financial year.

Answer. three lakhs###

Q66. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Rajyavardhan Rathore has approved the upward revision of pension to meritorious sportspersons. Following the upward revision of pension, the medallist at the Olympic/Para-Olympic Games will get-?

Answer. Rs. 20,000###

Q67. Who has become the first batter from India to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket?

Answer. Mithali Raj###

Q68. Name the player, who's phenomenal batting form has fetched him the BCCI's best cricketer award for two seasons?

Answer. Virat Kohli###

Q69. Which State government has decided to invest 107 crore rupees to check erosion at vulnerable areas along the banks of the Ganga and the Padma recently?

Answer. West Bengal###

Q70. Nepal's Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General _____ is on a six-day visit to India.

Answer. Rajendra Chhetri###

Q71. President Ram Nath Kovind gave West Bengal Governor _____ additional charge of Tripura Governor, during the absence on leave of Tathagata Roy.

Answer. Keshari Nath Tripathi###

Q72. Andhra Pradesh CM _____ stated that the state was now Open Defecation Free (ODF) as it had achieved its goal of constructing 2.77 lakh individual toilets.

Answer. N Chandrababu Naidu###

Q73. Recently, President Ram Nath Kovind has distributed LPG connections to 20 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Raj Bhavan in-

Answer. Tripura###

Important Static General Awareness from June Current Affairs

- ✓ NCW is a statutory body established under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. It was established in January 1992 to review the constitutional and legal safeguards for women.
- ✓ Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore is the Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ✓ Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India. Dilip Chenoy is the present Secretary-General of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- ✓ DRDO Chairman- Sanjay Mitra, Headquarters- New Delhi.
- ✓ The Blue Flag beach standards were established by Copenhagen-based Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in 1985.

- ✓ Urjit Patel- 24th Governor of RBI, Headquarters- Mumbai, Established on- 1st April 1935, in Kolkata.
- ✓ Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (formerly Ministry of Agriculture), a branch of the Government of India.
- ✓ RBI's Deputy Governor- NS Vishwanathan, Viral V Acharya, BP Kanungo and newly appointed MK Jain.
- ✓ The Election Commission was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950.
- ✓ Ashok Lavasa and Sunil Arora are Election Commissioner of India.
- ✓ Om Prakash Rawat is present Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- ✓ Kanduri Jayaram Ramesh is Director General of IMD. The head office of IMD is in New Delhi.

Static Points from States in News

- ✓ Maharashtra CM- Devendra Fadnavis, Governor- Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao.
- ✓ Gujarat Governor- O P Kohli, Chief Minister- Vijay Rupani.

- ✓ Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao is present Governor of Maharashtra. Maharashtra is the second-most populous state and third-largest state by area in India.

- ✓ Krishna Kant Paul is present Governor of Uttarakhand. Dehradun is the capital of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Uttarakhand was formed on 09th November 2000 as the 27th State of India, when it was carved out of northern Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Anandiben Patel is Governor of Madhya Pradesh. Bhopal is the capital city of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh is the fifth largest state in the country in terms of population.
- ✓ Captain Amarinder Singh is the Chief Minister of Punjab. Vijayendrapal Singh Badnore is the Governor of Punjab. Chandigarh is the capital of the northern Indian states of Punjab and Haryana.
- ✓ Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh.

- ✓ Jai Ram Thakur is the current Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Acharya Dev Vrat is the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Pawan Kumar Chamling is Chief Minister of Sikkim.
- ✓ Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim.
- ✓ Shrinivas Patil is governor of Sikkim.
- ✓ Mamata Banerjee is the current Chief Minister of West Bengal.
- ✓ Keshari Nath Tripathi is present Governor of West Bengal.
- ✓ Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal.
- ✓ Biplab Kumar Deb is Present CM of Tripura. Agartala is the capital city of Tripura.

Countries/Organizations in News from June Current Affairs

- ✓ Singapore Currency- Singapore Dollar, President- Halimah Yacob.
- ✓ Italy Capital- Rome, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ China Capital- Beijing, Currency- Renminbi, President- Xi Jinping.
- ✓ Spain Capital- Madrid, Currency- Euro.
- ✓ Egypt Capital- Cairo, Currency- Egyptian pound.
- ✓ Russia Capital- Moscow, Currency- Russian ruble, President- Vladimir Putin.
- ✓ Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli is the current Prime Minister of Nepal.
- ✓ Bidhya Devi Bhandari is the current President of Nepal and commander in chief of Nepalese Army.
- ✓ The Nepalese Rupee is the currency of Nepal. Kathmandu is Capital of Nepal.
- ✓ The United Nations is an international organization founded in 24th of October 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The Headquarters of UN: New York, USA. Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of United Nations.
- ✓ The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to countries of the world for capital projects. World Bank has 189-member countries. Jim Yong Kim is President of the World Bank.
- ✓ FDI is an investment made by a firm or individual in one country into business interests located in another country.
- ✓ UNCTAD is the main United Nations body dealing with trade, investment, and development issues.
- ✓ Headquarters of UNCTAD is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ The Group of Seven (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ✓ The G7 Group is a political and economic research and advisory firm.
- ✓ The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health.

- ✓ WHO was established on 7th April 1948. HQ of WHO is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ Tedros Adhanom is Director general of the World Health Organisation.

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