

## CURRENT AFFAIRS JUNE 2016 - MISCELLANEOUS

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- San Francisco, United States hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM7) and Mission Innovation (MI) meet.
- The President has nominated Shri Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati to the Rajya Sabha to fill the vacancy of nominated member.
- The Mega Luxury Cruise Vessel that was called at the Cochin Port for a 2-day stopover in its circuit of Dubai-Muscat-Kochi-Penang-Singapore is MV Ovation of the Seas.
- A pair of distant galaxies 10000 and 6000 million light years away happen to be in the perfect position relative to Earth to create a rare Einstein Ring.
- Former Eden Gardens curator, Prabir Mukherjee, recently passed away.
- India has recently gifted 2000 bicycles to poor Dalit girls in Nepal to encourage them to enroll in schools.
- German Parliament passed a resolution recognizing the massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces during First World War (1915) as genocide.
- India signed MoU with Tunisia for co-operation in Information Technology and promotion of traditional handicrafts.
- India signed exchange of terrorist screening information Arrangement with the United States.
- **Rajiv Gauba** headed the inter-ministerial Committee on Decongestion of Traffic in Delhi that submitted its report to the Union Government.
- Scientists of **Harvard University** developed Bionic Leaf that turns sunlight into liquid fuel.
- **Gujarat** State government announced the IT and Electronics Start-up Policy to develop 2000 start-ups.
- **Soohorang**, white tiger, was named as the mascot for 2018 winter Olympics to be held in South Korea.
- Farzad gas field that was in news recently is located in **Iran**.
- The Delhi Government recently announced implementation of its solar policy, which aims at installation of 1 GW solar power capacity by **2020**.
- The estimated package for implementing suggested measures by the High Power Committee on decongesting Delhi is **Rs. 19762 crore rupees**.
- Kulmeet Bawa was recently appointed as Managing Director for **Adobe South Asia**.
- An international team of astrophysicists discovered an unusual astronomical object that formed when two galaxies are exactly aligned, called **Optical Einstein ring**.
- India became the ninth country to enter into an agreement with US for its International Expedited Traveler Initiative, which is also known as **The Global Entry Program**.
- Professional mixed martial artist, **Kimbo Slice**, died on 6 June 2016 at age 42 years.
- Scientists unlocked a crucial part of the mystery as to how the DNA can replicate and repair itself for which the research was conducted at **University of Sheffield**.
- **Jharkhand** will be providing medical insurance of two lakh rupees for BPL families.
- Railways intends to fit all the railway coaches with bio-toilets under 'Clean Railways – Clean India' initiative by **2019**.
- Name of the book that highlighted President Mukherjee's contribution to the field of higher education as Visitor to

116 institutions of higher learning in India is **The Education President**.

- The World in 2050- Striving for a more just, Prosperous and Harmonious Global Community was written by **Harinder Kohli**.
- India organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Yoga Championship in June 2016 in **Egypt**.
- **Singapore** decided to cut off Internet access for government work stations within a year for security reasons.
- **Himachal Pradesh** became the first Indian state to launch a green-concept based State Data Centre.
- **Rajasthan** became the first Indian state to launch the App on Air Quality Index.
- **Eden Gardens** will host India's first pink-ball multi-day cricket match.
- Amazon.com will be setting up its Web Services Cloud Region in **Hyderabad**.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** topped the 2016 World's Highest-Paid Athletes List.
- The founder of Amazon.com, **Jeff Bezos**, received the USIBC Global Leadership Award from the visiting PM Narendra Modi in Washington DC.
- Narendra Modi became the fifth Indian Prime Minister to address the legislature of **the USA**.
- **France** launched the 'SAIP' smart phone app to alert users on terror attacks and other disasters.
- The World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim slashed global growth forecast by 0.5 percent to **2.4 percent**.
- India released a Joint Statement along with USA to endure as global partners in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- International team of astronomers found a giant hot Jupiter exoplanet tidally spinning up its parent star named HATS-18b.
- National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) signed a license agreement with Chaturbhuj Pharmaceutical Co for commercialization of Ayush-82.
- National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) inked a Memorandum of Agreement with the Centre for Nano and Material Sciences, (CNMS) to commercialize CNMS developed technologies.
- The Raging Bull actress who died recently is Theresa Saldana.
- The politician who emerged victorious in the Peru's 2016 Presidential Election is Pedro Pablo Kuczynski.
- Akhil Sharma won the 2016 International DUBLIN Literary Award for his novel titled Family Life.
- Bengal off-spinner, Saurasish Lahiri, announced his retirement in June 2016, ending a first-class cricket career of 17 years.
- Prof V S Chauhan was appointed as the head of Pay Revision Committee by the UGC to suggest on pay revision of academic staff of Universities and Colleges.
- UEFA Euro 2016 football championship began on 10 June 2016 in France.
- NR Visakh from Tamil Nadu became the first Indian to clinch the Mumbai Mayor's International Open Chess Tournament.
- King of Thailand who is marking 70 years at throne as the world's longest reigning living monarch, ascended to the throne is King Bhumibol Adulyadej.
- Maharashtra state government has decided to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month as Yoga day across all schools, colleges and universities in the state.
- To meet the shortage of teachers in the regional languages, the Odisha state government has decided to appoint large number of language teachers, including for Telugu and Bengali languages.

- Chief of Army Staff, General Dalbir Singh flagged in the first ever all girls National Cadet Corps (NCC) expedition team for Mount Everest.
- President of **Russia** ordered an unannounced inspection in country's Armed Forces to assess the readiness of military arsenals.
- **Odisha** State government served Leave India notice to eight Chinese nationals working under a Thai company at the Dhamra Port in Bhadrak district.
- Union Government constituted a five-member team to assess the existing water bodies, farm pond and other sources of irrigation in the selected districts of **Western Uttar Pradesh including Meerut and Muzaffarnagar**.
- The e-ticketing company in which Ratan Tata recently invested is **Kyazoonga**.
- Indian Railways launched **Janani Sewa** to provide for baby food items at stations and children's menu items on trains.
- A cashless payment mechanism, FASTag, was launched at toll plazas on National Highways by the National Highways Authority of India.
- Consumer Price Index for May 2016 was pegged at **5.76 percent**.
- Name of the web portal and mobile app that will be launched by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development for IIT JEE aspirants **IITPAL**.
- The autobiography of Sania Mirza that will be released in July 2016 is **Ace Against Odds**.
- Online search engine giant Google launched a new keyboard app for Apple iOS users in India called '**Gboard**'.
- Union Government asked all state governments to link Aadhaar with caste and domicile certificates of school students in class **V and VIII**.
- United States plans to provide **more than 3 billion dollars** annually in support for the Afghan national security forces from 2018 through 2020.
- United States donated 20 million dollars in humanitarian aid to the United Nations' effort to help the thousands of refugees who have fled fighting in the Iraqi city of **Fallujah**.
- Ambubachi Mela at Kamakhya temple is an annual festival of the state **Assam**.
- The number of international matches captained by Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni equalling Australian Ricky Ponting record is **324**.
- **Lionel Messi** scored his 55<sup>th</sup> goal in the ongoing Copa American Cup to become the all-time leading scorer for Argentina.
- **European Union** agreed to set up a new border and coastguard force to curb the influx of migrants.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the signing of a Protocol amending the Agreement between India and Belgium for avoidance of double taxation.
- Indian Olympic Association and the ad-hoc committee had sent a request for wildcard entry to Rio Olympic for **MC Mary Kom**.
- The retired Bombay High Court judge appointed to probe charges of alleged financial irregularities against former State Revenue Minister Eknath Khadse is **Dinkar Zoting**.
- **Afghanistan** made a strong pitch for making India a party to the already operational Afghan-Pakistan transit and trade agreement, APTTA.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> century archaeological site called Mahasthangarh in Bogra was selected to function as the SAARC cultural capital in 2016 lies in **Bangladesh**.

- The theme for the Day of the Seafarer 2016 is **Sea for All**.
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi dismissed Pakistan's assertions that Afghan refugees have become a source of **terrorism in the country**.
- **Essar** became the largest producer of unconventional gas in India with its Raniganj block in West Bengal achieving an industry-size pumping rate of over 1 mcmd (million cubic meters per day) of coal bed methane.
- India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish formal cooperation in the fields of skills development and vocational education with **Switzerland**.
- National Pension System (NPS) to observe Service Fortnight from June 27 to July 9, 2016; Fortnight long campaign aims at awareness creation, service orientation and information dissemination along with subscriber's registration.
- Percent of government equity in India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) that will be set up under the Department of Posts is **100 percent**.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism with **Qatar**.
- The Union Cabinet gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking with **the United States (US)**.
- A study by researchers at major excavated site of Bhirrana, Haryana suggests that the Indus Valley Civilization is **8000 years old**, much older than thought before.
- The National Film Archive of India acquired 1790 songbooks of Hindi films belonging to every decade of the country's cinematic heritage starting from **1934 to 2012**.
- UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, asked the Security Council to add just over 2500 peacekeepers to the UN peacekeeping mission in **Mali**.
- Wildlife authorities of **Thailand** said that they will press charges against a Buddhist temple where the bodies of 40 dead tiger cubs were found.
- **Guinea** was declared free from Ebola virus transmission by World Health Organization.
- **Sri Lanka** decided to gradually stop sending house maids abroad, mainly to the Middle East.
- **Telangana** unfurled the second largest National flag of 291 foot on its foundation day on 2 June 2016.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission was headed by **Justice AK Mathur** whose recommendations were approved by the Union Cabinet.
- Statue of prominent Tamil saint poet, **Thiruvalluvar**, was unveiled in Dam Kothi compound of holy city Haridwar in Uttarakhand.
- The web portal that launched for online submission and monitoring of environmental approvals for mining of sand and minor minerals was launched by **Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar**.
- State-run airlines **Air India** will now fly unconfirmed passengers of Rajdhani trains at the fares matching with the AC first class ticket prices.
- Head of New Health Emergencies Program appointed by World Health Organisation (WHO) in June 2016 is **Peter Salama**.
- The TOP500 list declared SERC as the fastest supercomputer in India is located at **IISc, Bangalore**.
- 106-year old, **Aida Gemanque of Brazil**, became the oldest Olympic torch bearer in the world.
- **Rajasthan** decided to establish model madrasas with modern education in every district.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and India Ports Global Private Limited (IPGPL) signed MoU for

implementation of the three additional works on Kaladan **Multimodal Transit Transport Project**.

- The populist anti-corruption Five Star Movement (M5S) activist who was elected as the first female mayor of Rome is **Virginia Raggi**.
- Kenya's ex-Chief Justice **Willy Mutunga** was appointed as Commonwealth Secretary General's Special Envoy to Maldives.
- The 2016 US Open Golf Championship was won by **Dustin Johnson**.
- Tata Advanced Systems and Boeing jointly laid the foundation of a new production facility in this city **Hyderabad**.
- **Assam** state government announced free admission for Divyang students in government institutes.
- India bagged two gold and an equal number of silver medals in men's and women's categories of Javelin throw at **the Budapest Open Athletics meet**.
- **Tamil Nadu** closed down 500 state-run liquor outlets.
- **Cleveland Cavaliers** clinched the National Basketball Association (NBA) Finals.
- **Brazil** will host the 2019 Copa America football championship.
- **American Medical Association** in its report claimed that excessive blue light emitted by light emitting diodes (LED) can adversely impact human health.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the "Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision-2018" that aims at building a "less-cash" society by encouraging greater use of **Electronic payments by all sections**.
- Assam Government decided to set up a Special Protection Force for Kaziranga national park comprising of **112-member**.
- In Moldova, a court has sentenced former Prime Minister **Vlad Filat** to nine years in prison after finding him guilty of corruption and abuse of power while in office.
- Three Indian naval ships have reached Russia as part of effort to enhance maritime cooperation between the navies of both countries are: **INS Sahyadri, Shakti and Kirch**.
- **Malaysia** has appointed two women as judges of Islamic Sharia High Court for the first time in the history of the judiciary of the Muslim-majority country.
- At least 2186 nationals of **Latvia** have supported the idea that the country should leave the European Union.
- The stronghold of the Islamic State (IS) terror group that was seized by the Iraqi army is **Falluja**.
- International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict that was observed on 26 June 2016 was adopted by UNGA via a resolution adopted in the year **1997**.
- **Assam** dissolved all school management committees to make educational institutes free from politics.
- The first Cabinet of the Assam Government has decided to set up a 112 members Special Protection Force for Kaziranga national park.
- European Union has appointed Belgian Didier Seeuws to head the union's special task force to negotiate Britain's exit.
- Maharashtra government decided to make the ancient Bhima River at Pandharpur pollution free and revive its sanctity through **Namami Chandrabhaga project**.
- The Draft National Wind-Solar Hybrid Policy 2016 seeks to install **10 GW** wind-solar hybrid power by 2022.
- Under the **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**, the Ramayana and Krishna Circuit will be developed in different states of India.

- **Canada**'s House of Commons voted for gender neutral national anthem.
- **France** became the second European country to ratify the Paris Agreement, a deal on curbing global warming reached in 2015 by 195 countries.
- **Assam** passed the Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2016 in its Assembly.
- The train that was recently flagged off from Delhi Safdarjung Station to spread awareness about the wildlife is **Tiger Trail Circuit Train**.
- Businessman Bipin R Patel was on 18 June 2016 appointed as the President of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) for the term 2016-17. He succeeds Rohit J Patel.
- The Assam Government has launched a unique initiative 'Maitree Ek Gyan Yatra' to link primary schools to high schools to colleges.
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Boeing have celebrated the foundation laying of a new facility in Hyderabad for its joint venture named Tata Boeing Aerospace (TBAL).
- The BCCI has suspended and issued show-cause notices to the top Goa Cricket Association officials, who were arrested for alleged misappropriation of organization funds.
- A bronze statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been unveiled at the Indian cultural centre premises in Malaysia.
- Former cricketer and BJP MP Chetan Chauhan has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (FTII).
- India's largest public sector lender State Bank of India (SBI) has created a dedicated IT innovations and startup fund and have set aside Rs 200 crore for investment in promising startups up to Rs 3 crore.
- Government has decided in principle to allow export of 10% missile systems to 'certain' countries who have friendly relationship with India.