

National

Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan launches Polyversity – World’s Largest Educational Metaverse & Bharat Blockchain Network



- **IDS launched Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) on 6th June 2022 in the presence of Dharmendra Pradhan – Minister for Education and Skill and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India and AICTE officials at an event organised at AICTE Auditorium.**
- **Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) launched the initiatives in the presence of officials from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) at an event held at the AICTE Auditorium in New Delhi.**
- **Polyversity is India’s Largest Educational Metaverse, with over 100 Academic Partners establishing virtual campuses to make education more accessible, immersive and meaningful. Land parcels will be assigned to academic partners in Polyversity.**

Source- <https://theprint.in/>

FM Nirmala Sitharaman dedicates to nation Dharohar - National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa

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- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated to the nation, Dharohar - the National Museum of Customs and GST in Panaji Goa on 11 June 2022.
- The dedication ceremony, which is part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, was performed in a unique manner.
- The Finance Minister removed the golden sand from single rock art installed at the centuries-old heritage building in which the museum is housed.
- The two-storey 'Blue building', which was earlier known as Alfandega, during the period of Portuguese rule in Goa, has been standing on the banks of the Mandovi River in Panaji for more than 400 years.

Source-<https://newsonair.gov.in>

CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurates cancer research centre in Kochi



- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on 11 June 2022 inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre in Kochi.
- It is reported that this centre is the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services.
- Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre for cancer diagnostics and research will serve as a central lab for analysing specimens at molecular and genomic levels to aid in

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personalised targeted therapy, predicting possible response to treatment and evaluate response by liquid biopsy.

Source-<https://www.mixindia.com>

Andhra Pradesh Govt launches YSR Yantra Seva Scheme



- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has on 07 June 2022 launched YSR Yantra Seva Scheme and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur district.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said 3,800 tractors and 320 combined harvesters would be made available at Rythu Bharosa Centres (RBKs) across the State.
- As part of the initiative, he credited a subsidy of ₹175 crore into 5,260 farmer group bank accounts.

Source- <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>

International

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland elected to UNSC as non-permanent members



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- United Nations, Jun 9 (PTI) Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term and will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway at the horse-shoe table from January 1 next year.
- The 193-member UN General Assembly held elections on Thursday to elect the five non-permanent members for the two-year term 2023-24.
- For two seats in the Western Europe and other States category, Switzerland (187 votes) and Malta (185 votes) were elected, for two seats in African and Asia-Pacific States Mozambique (192 votes) and Japan (184 votes) were elected and for the one seat in the Latin American and Caribbean States category, Ecuador was elected with 190 votes.

Source- <https://theprint.in/>

UNGA adopts resolution on multilingualism, mentions Hindi for first time



- In a significant initiative, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time.
- The resolution passed encourages the UN to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as in non-official languages, including in Hindi language. The resolution also mentions Bangla and Urdu for the first time.
- Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the six official languages of the United Nations; English and French being the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat.

Source- <https://www.aninews.in/>

Appointments

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Amandeep Singh Gill appointed as UN chief Guterres' Envoy on Technology



- Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill has been appointed by United Nations Secretary-General as his Envoy on Technology.
- The world body describing him as a "thought leader on digital technology" who has a solid understanding of how to leverage the digital transformation responsibly and inclusively for progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Source- <https://www.business-standard.com/>

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to UN Rabab Fatima appointed Assistant Secretary General



- Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations has been appointed as the Under Secretary General of the United Nations.
- Secretary General Antonio Guterres announced the appointment of Ambassador Fatima on 09 June 2022.
- She will also be High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS).
- She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.

Source- <https://www.ddnews.gov.in/>

Banking

RBI cancels licence of Mudhol Co-op Bank, Bagalkot, Karnataka



- The Reserve Bank has cancelled the licence of The Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited, Bagalkot (Karnataka), thus restricting it from repayment of deposits and acceptance of fresh funds.
- The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on 08 June 2022 while announcing the cancellation of licence.
- "Consequent to the cancellation of its licence, The Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited ... is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits.
- RBI also said that bank with its present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full.

Source- <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/>

RBI ups limits on housing loans from co-op banks, backs affordable housing



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- The Reserve Bank of India on 08 June 2022 doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks and also permitted Rural Cooperative Banks (RCB) to finance residential real estate projects to support affordable housing and inclusive growth.
- The central bank allowed urban cooperative banks (UCBs) to provide doorstep banking services to meet the needs of customers, especially senior citizens and differently abled persons.
- This would bring UCBs on par with scheduled commercial banks which already provide such services.

Source-<https://www.business-standard.com/>

Ranks & Report

WHO awards PGI Chandigarh Centre for tobacco control



- Recognising its efforts in advancing tobacco control, the WHO has awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award.
- The Resource Centre provides information related to tobacco control in India, including circulars and orders, policies and legislations, multidisciplinary publications, said e-RCTC Director Sonu Goel.

Source- <https://www.tribuneindia.com/>

Economy

Nirmala Sitharaman launches EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' for PSBs

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- Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE on 08 June 2022 has evolved over four annual editions from FY19 to FY22 and has catalyzed reforms in diverse areas in Public Sector Banks.
- EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' of EASENext program has been developed for Public Sector Banks and was launched through video-conferencing by the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on 08 June 2022.
- The event was attended virtually by Managing Directors and CEOs, and other senior executives of Public Sector Banks.

Source- <https://www.business-standard.com/>

Awards

2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning organised in New Delhi



- The 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning, DSDP was organised in New Delhi where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region.
- Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts.

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- District Collectors, District Magistrates and other representatives from across 30 states attended the award ceremony and shared their ideas and experiences and presented the skill development work done at the grassroots level in their districts.

Source- <https://newsonair.gov.in/>

Maharashtra Governor presents Honorary Doctor of Literature to industrialist Ratan Tata



- Industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata was presented with Honorary Doctor of Literature by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan Mumbai.
- The Honorary doctorate was presented to Mr. Ratan at the First Special Convocation of the HSNC University.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said the honour for Ratan Tata is in effect the honor of the entire Tata family and Tata Group.
- The HSNC University is a Cluster university comprising existing colleges from the Mumbai vicinity, namely, H.R. College , Kishinchand Chellaram College (KC College), and Bombay Teachers' Training College (BTTI) as the constituent colleges with HSNC Board as its parent body.

Source- <https://newsonair.gov.in/>

Days

World Day Against Child Labour 2022

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- World Day Against Child Labour is observed on June 12 as a day dedicated to creating awareness about the menace of child labour and human trafficking.
- According to the United Nations, more than 160 million children, some as young as 5, are engaged in child labour across the world.
- June 12 was officially adopted as World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 by the International Labour Organisation, vices.
- The theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2022 is “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour.”

Source- <https://www.news18.com/>

International Albinism Awareness Day 2022: Here's everything you need to know



- Albinism is a rare genetic health condition that results in the scarcity of sufficient melanin or pigmentation in the skin, hair or eyes.
- Albinism often causes vulnerability to the sunlight but is not contagious.
- Every year on June 13, the International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is observed to represent the celebration of the human rights of people with albinism and raise awareness for their health condition.
- The theme for International Albinism Awareness Day 2022 is “United in making our voice heard”.

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Source-<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/>

Business

Tencent Buys Stake Worth Rs 2,060 Crore in Flipkart from Binny Bansal



- Chinese technology conglomerate Tencent has bought stake worth USD 264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore) in Flipkart from its co-founder Binny Bansal through its European subsidiary.
- Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only.
- Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to Tencent Cloud Europe BV.
- The transaction was completed on October 26, 2021 and was shared with the government authorities at the beginning of the current financial year.

Source- <https://www.news18.com/>

Summits & Conferences

12th WTO Ministerial Conference opened at Geneva, Switzerland

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- The WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) started on June 12 and was scheduled to last on June 15 at WTO headquarters in Geneva.
- However, after the proposal by DG WTO, it may continue till June 16. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is the first African official and the first woman to hold the position.
- During the four-day meeting, members of the trade organization will hold discussions on such issues as TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, pandemic response, fishery subsidies, agriculture, food security, as well as the WTO's reform and its future work priorities.
- The Ministerial Conference, which is attended by trade ministers and other senior officials from the organization's 164 members, is the WTO's highest decision-making body, and is generally held every two years.
- Kazakhstan was originally scheduled to host MC12 in June 2020, but the conference was postponed due to the pandemic.

Source-<https://theprint.in/>

Sports

Rahul Srivatshav becomes India's 74th Grandmaster



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- Rahul Srivatshav P of Telangana has become India's 74th Grandmaster, achieving the title after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during the 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy.
- The 19-year-old player reached the 2500 Elo live rating mark after drawing his 8th round game against Grandmaster Levan Pantsulaia in the Cattolica event.
- His current Elo rating is 2468. Srivatshav had already secured five GM norms and achieved the title when he crossed the rating threshold of 2500.

Source- <https://indianexpress.com/>

R Praggnanandhaa emerges winner in Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament



- Indian Prodigy R Praggnanandhaa emerged winner in the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament at Stavanger with 7.5 points from nine rounds.
- The 16-year old Grandmaster, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master.
- Praggnanandhaa finished a full point ahead of second-placed IM Marsel Efroimski (Israel) and IM Jung Min Seo (Sweden).

Source- <https://newsonair.gov.in/>

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JUNE Current Affairs

MCQ Questions:-

Q1. Which Indian institute has ranked as the top research university in the world in QS World University Rankings 2023?

- (a) IISc- Bengaluru
- (b) IIT-Bombay
- (c) IIT- Delhi
- (d) IIT-Madras
- (e) IIT-Guwahati

Ans.(a)

Sol. QS World University Rankings 2023: IISc, Bengaluru topped among research varsity globally and among Indian institutes, MIT got 1st rank overall.

Q2. Which University has topped in the world in QS World University Rankings 2023?

- (a) Stanford University
- (b) National University of Singapore
- (c) Massachusetts Institute for Technology
- (d) Harvard University
- (e) University of Oxford

Ans.(c)

Sol. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was at top position followed by the University of Cambridge, Stanford University.

Q3. Who has been appointed as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD) of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- (a) Rajesh Gera
- (b) Swati Dhingra
- (c) Krishna Srinivasan
- (d) Natarajan Sundar
- (e) Zulfiquar Hasan

Ans.(c)

Sol. International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD).

Q4. Who has been appointed as ambassador of The Season of Culture, which marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence?

- (a) AR Rahman
- (b) Chandrika Tandon
- (c) Zubin Mehta
- (d) Ustad Zakir Hussain
- (e) Ali Akbar Khan

Ans.(a)

Sol. Music Maestro, AR Rahman has been appointed as ambassador of The Season of Culture, which marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

Q5. The books 'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic, having selected speeches of the _____.

- (a) Narendra Modi

- (b) Ram Nath Kovind
- (c) Manmohan Singh
- (d) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (e) Jawaharlal Nehru

Ans.(b)

Sol. The books 'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic, having selected speeches of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

Q6. Name the Union Minister who has unveiled India's largest educational metaverse 'Polyversity' & Academic Blockchain Consortium 'Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)'.

- (a) Narayan Tatu Rane
- (b) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (c) Jyotiraditya M Scindia
- (d) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- (e) Dharmendra Pradhan

Ans.(e)

Sol. Dharmendra Pradhan launched India's largest educational metaverse 'Polyversity' & Bharat Blockchain Network.

Q7. Reserve Bank has cancelled the licence of which state's Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited, thus restricting it from repayment of deposits and acceptance of fresh funds?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Assam
- (e) Odisha

Ans.(c)

Sol. The Reserve Bank has cancelled the licence of The Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited, Bagalkot (Karnataka), thus restricting it from repayment of deposits and acceptance of fresh funds.

Q8. Which district has topped in 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)?

- (a) Rajkot, Gujarat
- (b) Cachar, Assam
- (c) Jamtara, Jharkhand
- (d) Satara, Maharashtra
- (e) Ernakulam, Kerala

Ans.(a)

Sol. Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts. Out of 700 districts across the country, 467 districts participated in DSDP Awards.

Q9. Who has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "Anocovax" for animals?

- (a) Parshottam Rupala
- (b) Mahendra Nath Pandey

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- (c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- (d) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (e) Bhupender Yadav

Ans.(c)

Sol. Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "Anocovax" for animals, developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC).

Q10. Which of the following bank has partnered with ZestMoney, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Yes Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Ans.(a)

Sol. ICICI Bank has announced that it has partnered with digital EMI/pay-later platform ZestMoney, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms.

Q11. Which platform has recently launched the SMB Saathi Utsav initiative to support small businesses through digital mediums?

- (a) WhatsApp
- (b) Instagram
- (c) Facebook
- (d) SnapChat
- (e) Skype

Ans.(a)

Sol. Whatsapp launched SMBSaathi Utsav initiative which aims to support small businesses by helping them to adopt digital mediums like Whatsapp Business App.

Q12. Which among the following Indian has recently topped the Real-Time Billionaires List by Forbes?

- (a) Shiv Nadar
- (b) Gautam Adani
- (c) Mukesh Ambani
- (d) Cyrus Poonawalla
- (e) Azim Premji

Ans.(c)

Sol. Forbes Real Time Billionaires List: Mukesh Ambani topped as the India's richest men.

Q13. Which state has topped the 4th Food Safety Index awards announced by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on the occasion of World Food Safety Day?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Goa
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Ans.(d)

Sol. Tamil Nadu was the highest-ranking state among the major states this year, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Q14. Who has become the first Indian officer from Railways to complete the gruelling "Ironman Triathlon" in Hamburg?

- (a) Shreyas G. Hosur
- (b) Dr Devika Patil
- (c) Hiromu Inada
- (d) Dave Scott
- (e) Mark Allen

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Shreyas G Hosur has become the first officer to complete the gruelling "Ironman Triathlon" in Hamburg from the Indian Railways.

Q15. Name the author of the book "Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success".

- (a) Vipin Kumar
- (b) Deepak Rawat
- (c) Roshni Sharma
- (d) Vinit Karnik
- (e) Dinesh Dixit

Ans.(d)

Sol. India's leading sports and Management institute, the International Institute of Sports & Management (IISM) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing titled "Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success" authored by noted Sports author Vinit Karnik.