

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JUNE 2016

Awards

The Canadian author who has been awarded the 2016 PEN Pinter Award (established in 2009 in memory of the Nobel-winning playwright Harold Pinter) – **Margaret Atwood**

The country which has honoured the Indian President Shri Pranab Mukherjee with its highest national honour, the Grande Croix Commandeur in National Merit Order – **Cote d'Ivoire**

Afghanistan's highest civilian award which was bestowed on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by the President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani – **Amir Amanullah Khan Award**

Defence

The 70 km range surface to air missile jointly developed by India and Israel which was successfully tested from INS Kolkata – **Barak 8**

The joint flood relief exercise launched by the Assam State Govt and Armed Forces at Narangi Cantt from 28 to 30 June 2016 is named – **Exercise Jalrahat**

The indigenously built anti-submarine torpedo developed by DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory which was inducted into the Indian Navy – **Varunastra**

The Russian origin aircraft which has been flown for the first time with an integrated BrahMos supersonic cruise missile that has a range of over 290 kms – **Su-30 MKI**

The indigenous trainer aircraft made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited which made its maiden flight in Bengaluru – **Hindustan Turbo Trainer - 40**

The 10-day military exercise launched by NATO in Poland, (the largest exercise in Eastern Europe) is named – **Exercise Anakonda-16**

The trilateral naval exercise conducted by the navies of India, United States and Japan in the Pacific Ocean is named – **Exercise Malabar-16**

Sports

The team which has won the 2016 Champions Trophy Women's Hockey tournament defeating Netherlands in the finals in London – **Argentina**

The country which has won the 2016 Copa America football tournament for the second time defeating Argentina in the finals (Argentina's Lionel Messi announced his retirement from the national team following the defeat) – **Chile**

The former Indian spinner who has been chosen to be the head coach of National Indian team by the BCCI – **Anil Kumble**

The team which has won the Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament defeating India in the finals in London (This was the country's 14th title and India entered the finals for the first time in history) – **Australia**

The slogan of 2016 Rio Olympic Games unveiled by Thomas Bach, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at a special ceremony held at Olympic Park in Barra da Tijuca (Rio de Janeiro) – **A New World**

The former Indian footballer and coach who was chosen to be conferred with Mohun Bagan Ratna for 2016 – **Syed Nayeemuddin**

The Indian cricketer who has become the first Indian to score a century on debut in an One Day International (against Zimbabwe) – **KL Rahul**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Australian Open Super Series badminton tournament defeating China's Sun Yu in the finals – **Saina Nehwal**

The former World and Olympic shooting champion who has been chosen to be the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Rio Olympics – **Abhinav Bindra**

The Russian professional tennis player who has been suspended from playing tennis for two years by the International Tennis Federation for having failed a drug test – **Maria Sharapova**

The former Discovery Networks Asia Pacific's Executive Vice-President and General Manager for South Asia who has been appointed the first Chief Executive Officer of the BCCI – **Rahul Johri**

Railways

The online system for redressal of service related grievance of serving and former railway employees launched by the Railway Minister on 30.06.16 is named – **NIVARAN**

Places

The Indian state which has become the first in the country to confer minority status on its Jewish community – **Maharashtra**

The State in which a strain of the vaccine derived polio virus was found in samples of sewage water and a special vaccination drive was launched as a precautionary measure – **Telangana**

The port on the eastern coast of India which has been declared the second gateway port for Nepal after Kolkata-Haldia – **Visakhapatnam**

The 450-year old Church of Santa Monica which has been opened to public after years of restoration work is located in – **Goa**

Central Ammunition Depot Pulgaon which was in news recently because of a fire which broke out at the depot causing damage to lives and property is located in – **Maharashtra**

Countries

The country in which Ganges-Danube Cultural Festival of India was held from 17 to 19 June 2016 – **Hungary**

The European nation which has become the first country in the world to ban deforestation – **Norway**

The European nation which has passed a symbolic resolution recognizing the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces as a "genocide". – **Germany**

World's longest and deepest traffic tunnel, the Gotthard Base Tunnel running through the Alps mountains, which opened on 01 June 2016 is located in (Length of the tunnel is 57.09 km) – **Switzerland**

Environment

The place in Haryana from where Asia's first Gyps Vulture Reintroduction Programme was launched by the Union Environment Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar – **Pinjore**

The city which has become the first in the country have its own city animal - Gangetic River Dolphin – **Guwahati**

Persons

The Indian industrialist who has been elected the Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce (HQs - Paris, France) – **Sunil Bharti Mittal**

Bollywood actress and former Miss Asia Pacific who has been named the ambassador for Swachh Saathi programme (youth-based programme of Swachh Bharat Mission) – **Dia Mirza**

Miscellaneous

The ayurvedic drug BGR-34 jointly developed by National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) and Central Institute for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), and launched by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is used to treat – **Type-II Diabetes**

The chemical used in bread making to increase dough strength, higher rising and uniform finish to baked products, which has been banned by the Govt after a study by Centre for Science and Environment found that it caused cancer – **Potassium Bromate**

The initiative launched by the Central Govt to encourage anyone to volunteer their services at any neighborhood government school is named – **Vidyanjali**

The company which has signed an agreement to acquire business oriented social networking service LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion – **Microsoft**

Salma Dam in Afghanistan nicknamed Afgha-India Friendship Dam, inaugurated by the Indian PM recently is build over the river – **Hari Rud**

The new retirement age of doctors of central services approved in order to strengthen the healthcare sector in the country – **65 years**

Important Days of June

World Milk Day: 01 June 2016 Announced by : Food and Agricultural Organisation First Observed in: 2001	Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2016 Announced by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2012
World Environment Day: 05 June 2016 Announced by : United Nations Environment Programme Theme: Go Wild for Life (Zero Tolerance for Illegal Wildlife Trade) First Observed in: 1974	
World Day against Child Labour: 12 June 2016 Announced by : International Labour Organisation Theme: End Child Labour in Supply Chains - It's Everyone's Business First Observed in: 2002	World Blood Donors Day: 14 June 2016 Announced by : World Health Organisation Theme: Blood connects us all First Observed in: 2004
World Refugee Day: 20 June 2016 Announced by : United Nations Organisation First Observed in: 2001	International Yoga Day: 21 June 2016 Announced by : United Nations Organisation First Observed in: 2015
International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: 26 June 2016 Announced by : United Nations Organisation Theme: Listen first First Observed in: 1988	National Statistics Day: 29 June 2016 Announced by : Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Theme: Agriculture and Farmers Welfare First Observed in: 2007 Note: It coincides with the birth anniversary of Prof. PC Mahalanobis

MSP for some Kharif Crops of 2016-17

Commodity	MSP for 2015-16 Season	MSP Recommended for 2016-17 Season
Paddy common	1410	1470
Paddy Grade A	1450	1510
Tur (Arhar)	4625(includes Rs.200/- Bonus)	5050 (includes Rs.425/- Bonus)
Cotton Medium Staple	3800	3860
Cotton Long Staple	4100	4160

Human Capital Report 2016

Released by: World Economic Forum No of countries: 130

Important Rankings

#	Country	Score
1.	Finland	85.86
2.	Norway	84.64
3.	Switzerland	84.61
4.	Japan	83.44
5.	Sweden	83.29
50.	Sri Lanka	71.69
71.	China	67.81
91.	Bhutan	61.83
104.	Bangladesh	57.84
105.	India	57.73

Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)

MTCR is an informal and voluntary partnership among 35 countries to prevent the proliferation of missile and unmanned aerial vehicle technology capable of carrying above 500 kg payload for more than 300 km.

The Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) was established in April 1987 by the G7 countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Great Britain, and the United States of America.

On 27 June 2016, India became the 35th full member of MTCR.

Note: China is not a member of the partnership.

17th IIFA Awards 2016

Venue: Madrid, Spain

Best Film: Bajrangi Bhaijaan

Best Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Bajirao Mastani)

Best Actor: Ranvir Singh (Bajirao Mastani)

Best Actress: Deepika Padukone (Piku)

Launch of 20 satellites by ISRO

Launch vehicle: PSLV C34

Launch Date: 22 June 2016

Launched from: Satish Dhawan Space Center SHAR, Sriharikota

Main satellite: Cartosat-2 Series

Other 19 satellites: 2 – SATHYABAMASAT of Sathyabama University, Chennai and SWAYAM from the College of Engineering at Pune. The remaining 17 co-passenger satellites were international customer satellites from Canada (2), Germany (1), Indonesia (1) and the United States (13).

Sunway TaihuLight

Sunway TaihuLight is a Chinese supercomputer that has been ranked as the fastest supercomputer in the world, with a LINPACK benchmark rating of 93 petaflops. This is nearly three times faster than the previous holder of the record, the Tianhe-2, which ran at 34 petaflops. At its peak speed of 125 petaflops per second it is the first supercomputer to achieve speeds in excess of 100 PFlops.

It is located at the Chinese National Supercomputing Center in the city of Wuxi, in Jiangsu province, China.

Yoga Departments in Central Universities

Six Central Universities will have full fledged Yoga departments from academic session 2016-17 and the number would be raised to 20 within one year as announced by the Central Government. The universities are:

1. Hemwati Nandan Bahugana Garhwal University, Uttarakhand
2. Viswa Bharti, West Bengal
3. Central University of Rajasthan
4. Central University of Kerala
5. Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, M.P.
6. Manipur University

Yog Geet

In connection with the celebration of International Day of Yoga – 2016 a Yog Geet (Song) was released by the Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH Sh. Shripad Naik at New Delhi.

Duration of the song : 3 minutes 15 seconds.

Producer & lyrics: Sh. Dheeraj Saraswat

Music Director: Sh. Sumanto Ray

Singers: Sh. Gandhar T. D. Jadhav and Ms. Gatha Jadhav

National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 – Points to remember

This is the first time since independence that an integrated Civil Aviation Policy has been brought out by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The Policy aims at making India the 3rd largest civil aviation market by 2022 from 9th.

Airports having scheduled commercial flights to increase from 77 in 2016 to 127 by 2019.

Enabling Indians to fly at Rs. 2,500 per hour under Regional Connectivity Scheme at unserved airports.

Requirement of 5 years of domestic flying for starting international operations removed.

All airlines can commence international operations provided they deploy 20 aircraft or 20% of total capacity, whichever is higher for domestic operations.

Cabinet approves setting up of India Post Payments Bank

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts, with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity.

- The total expenditure involved in this project : Rs 800 Crore.
- All citizens, especially 40% of the country's population that is outside the ambit of formal banking in the country will benefit from this project.
- The IPPB will obtain banking licence from RBI by March 2017.
- To commence services by September 2017.
- Services to be available across the country through 650 payments bank branches, linked post offices and alternative channels riding on modern technology including mobiles, ATMs, PoS/ m-PoS devices etc and simple digital payments.

French Open 2016

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Andy Murray (G.B.)
Women's Singles	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)	Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez (Spain)	Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan (USA)
Women's Doubles	Caroline Garcia & Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Ekaterina Makarova & Elena Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Martina Hingis (Switzerland) & Leander Paes (India)	Sania Mirza (India) & Ivan Dodig (Croatia)

Muhammad Ali

Born: 17 Jan 1942; Died: 03 June 2016

Original Name: Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr.

Became World Heavyweight Champion at the age of 22 in 1964

Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the US Armed Forces and hence he was stripped of his titles and could not fight for 4 years.

Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier's first fight, held at the Garden on March 8, 1971, was nicknamed the "**Fight of the Century**".

He won the title of World Heavyweight Champion in 1964, 1974 and 1978.

The Hague Code of Conduct

India has joined The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) in order to strengthen worldwide attempt to contain the spread of ballistic missiles.

Abbreviations in News

MTCR: Missile Technology Control Regime

RAPID: Revenue, Accountability, Probity, Information, Digitization

Current Affairs Questions

1. What is rate of Krishi Kalyan Cess being levied on all taxable services with effect from 01 June 2016?
(a) 1.0% (b) 0.75% (c) 0.5% (d) 0.25%
2. Barak 8, surface to air missile has been jointly developed by India and
(a) Israel (b) Russia (c) Brazil (d) France
3. Who of the following is the director of the controversial film Udta Punjab?
(a) Anurag Kashyap (b) Abhishek Chaubey (c) Omung Kumar (d) Ketan Mehta
4. Which film was awarded the best film at 17th IIFA Awards ceremony held at Madrid, Spain?
(a) Bajirao Mastani (b) Piku (c) Bajrangi Bhaijaan (d) Dilwale
5. Who has composed the music for Yog Geet released on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2016?
(a) Ilayaraja (b) AR Rahman (c) Shankar Mahadevan (d) Sumanto Ray

6. As per BP Statistical Review of World Energy released recently India is the _____ largest consumer of oil in the world?

- (a) third (b) fourth (c) fifth (d) second

7. Who of the following has been chosen to be the flag bearer of Indian Olympic contingent at the 2016 Olympic Games?

- (a) Saina Nehwal (b) Abhinav Bindra (c) Mahesh Bhupathi (d) Laender Paes

8. In which of the following states has culling of nilgai (blue bulls) been resorted to save the crops from being damaged?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Gujarat (c) Bihar (d) Haryana

9. Who of the following has been appointed the first ever CEO of the Board of Control for Cricket in India?

- (a) Anurag Thakur (b) Rajeev Shukla (c) Anil Kumble (d) Rahul Johri

10. Which of the following are included in the multi-sport event Racketlon?

- (a) Tennis, Badminton and Squash (b) Tennis, Volley Ball, Squash and Badminton
(c) Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton (d) Tennis, Badminton, Squash and Table Tennis

11. Which animal was recently chosen the City Animal of Guwahati?

- (a) Gangetic River Dolphin (b) One Horned Rhinoceros
(c) Asian Elephant (d) Asiatic Water Buffalo

12. Bramble Cay melomys which has been reported to be the first mammal to become extinct due to climate change was chiefly found in

- (a) Canada (b) Africa (c) Australia (d) Brazil

13. Which of the following states recently conferred minority status on its Jewish community?

- (a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra (c) Mizoram (d) Goa

14. In which city is the Duraiappah Stadium located (The stadium was recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Sri Lanka)?

- (a) Colombo (b) Jaffna (c) Trincomalee (d) Madurai

15. Which country recently conferred its highest civilian honour on the Indian President Shri Pranab Mukherjee?

(a) Cote d'Ivoire (b) Afghanistan (c) Nigeria (d) Bangladesh

16. Who of the following has been appointed the head coach of the Indian national cricket team ?

(a) Ravi Shastri (b) Rahul Dravid (c) Anil Kumble (d) VVS Laxman

17. Who of the following is not one of the women to be commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force?

(a) Avani Chaturvedi (b) Bhawana Kanth (c) Mohana Singh (d) Sneha Devi

18. Which of the following pairs won the mixed doubles title at the French Open Tennis tournament 2016?

(a) Martina Hingis and Laender Paes (b) Sania Mirza and Ivan Dodig
(c) Sania Mirza and Laender Paes (d) Martina Hingis and Ivan Dodig

19. What was the theme of World Environment Day observed on June 5, 2016?

(a) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (b) Listen First
(c) One Planet, Consume with Care (d) Go Wild for Life

20. With which of the following boxers is the fight of Mohammad Ali in 1971 titled "**Fight of the Century**"?

(a) George Foreman (b) Leon Spinks (c) Joe Frazier (d) Jerry Quarry

21. The Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met the Chinese President Xi Jinping at the annual summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Which city hosted the summit?

(a) Tashkent (b) Beijing (c) Ufa (d) Hongkong

22. In which country is the Salma Dam, recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, located?

(a) Bangladesh (b) Afghanistan (c) Egypt (d) Iran

23. Who of the following has become the first Indian to make a century in an one-day international on debut?

(a) KL Rahul (b) Gurkeerat Singh (c) Axar Patel (d) Kedar Jadhav

24. Which of these canals has been recently expanded to allow much larger generation of container ships to pass through it?

(a) Palk Strait (b) English Channel (c) Suez Canal (d) Panama Canal

25. Which country won the Copa America 2016 football tournament for the second time in a row?

(a) Argentina

(b) Brazil

(c) Chile

(d) USA

Answers

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (d) 11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (b)
14. (b) 15. (a) 16. (c) 17. (d) 18. (a) 19. (d) 20. (c) 21. (a) 22. (b) 23. (a) 24. (d) 25. (c)

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