

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 23, 2025

ECONOMY

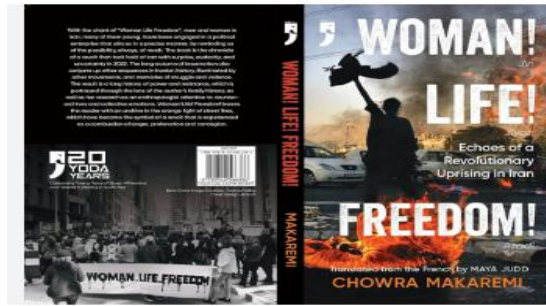
- **Gold Becomes World's Second-Largest Reserve Asset After U.S. Dollar**
- ✓ In a landmark shift in global finance, gold has risen to become the second-largest reserve asset after the U.S. dollar, according to a European Central Bank (ECB) report.



- ✓ Central banks, especially from emerging economies, increased gold holdings as a hedge against inflation, geopolitical risks, and currency sanctions.
- ✓ Gold's share in reserves grew to 19% in 2024, surpassing the euro's 16%.
- ✓ Central banks currently hold historic levels of gold.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Woman! Life! Freedom**
- ✓ "Woman! Life! Freedom!" by Chowra Makaremi, to be released captures the 2022 Iranian uprising that erupted after the death of Mahsa Amini.



- ✓ With a fusion of anthropology, family narrative, and collective emotion, the book portrays Iran's resistance, street protests, and the feminist slogan that became a global chant.
- ✓ Illuminated by the orange glow of rebellion, it reflects on Iran's long history of power, protest, and resilience.

SPORTS

- **World Para Athletics Championships**
- ✓ On June 20, 2025, the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) unveiled the logo and mascot 'Viraaj' for the upcoming 2025 World Para Athletics Championships.



- ✓ The event, to be held in New Delhi from September 27 to October 5, marks India's debut as host.
- ✓ The mascot, a prosthesis-equipped elephant, symbolizes resilience and inclusivity.
- ✓ With over 100 nations expected and 186 medal events, the championship reflects India's rising stature in sports.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Olympic Day – June 23**
- ✓ Observed every year on June 23, International Olympic Day celebrates the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, promoting Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect.



- ✓ First celebrated in 1948, it has grown into a global movement to inspire physical activity, sportsmanship, and healthy lifestyles.
- ✓ The 2025 theme is, "Let's Move?".

