

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - JUNE 3, 2019

STATES

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal - has announced free of cost Delhi Metro and DTC bus rides for women



- ✓ As per the announcement, the expenses of the free metro and bus rides will be borne by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government.
- ✓ The scheme is expected to cost the Delhi government Rs 700 crore this year.
- ✓ The move is aimed at providing safe travel experience for women in the capital city
- ✓ However, the proposed scheme would have to be approved by the Centre before implementation
- ✓ The Delhi Government is also seeking suggestions from people, regarding the implementation of the scheme

NATIONAL

The government - to bring in a new mass transport system — LRT-Metro lite — for Tier-II and Tier-III cities



- ✓ Metrolite will be dedicated rail corridors in cities and towns with tracks on surface (like railways) instead of elevated or underground stretches as is the case with Metro rail corridors
- ✓ The cost of Metrolite corridors would be 40% less than conventional Metro rail lines, which will make them financially viable.
- ✓ The traditional Metro network, which requires huge capital investment, may not be viable in many smaller cities
- SpiceJet to start flights on the Guwahati-Dhaka-Guwahati route from July 1 onward under the central government scheme UDAN International



- ✓ Once commenced, it would be the first to fly under the UDAN International scheme
- ✓ UDAN International scheme seeks to enhance air connectivity between Indian states and selected international destinations with the help of government subsidies.
- The main event of International Yoga Day on June 21 this year will be held in Ranchi with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending it
 - ✓ Five cities—Delhi, Shimla, Mysore, Ahmedabad and Ranchi—were shortlisted by the AYUSH ministry and sent to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for final selection.
 - ✓ The United Nations declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014
 - ✓ Last year, the main event of International Day of Yoga was held at the ground of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated.
 - ✓ The first International Yoga Day celebration was organised at Rajpath in New Delhi on June 21, 2015
 - ✓ In 2016, the main function was held in Chandigarh and in 2017 it was held in Lucknow.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue also known as Quad - recently met in Bangkok, Thailand



- ✓ Quad is an informal strategic grouping consisting of India, US, Australia and Japan
- ✓ It is committed to preserving and promoting the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region
- ✓ The Quad call for an open Indo-Pacific region, because China has been trying to expand its military presence in the region
- The 14th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Mecca, Saudi Arabia



- ✓ The official agenda of meeting was to address 'current issues in Muslim world'
 and 'recent developments in a number of OIC member states
- ✓ The Mecca summit supported Palestinians and backed Saudis in Iran standoff
- ✓ OIC holds an Islamic Summit once every three years
- ✓ OIC was established in 1969 by 24 member states and presently has 57 member states from four continents
- ✓ It has five observer members, including Russia and Thailand
- ✓ With a collective population of more than 1.8 billion, it is the second largest intergovernmental body after the United Nations (UN)

ECONOMY

- The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) overtook India Oil Corporation (IOC) and regained its position as India's most profitable Public Sector Undertaking
 - ✓ In the previous two financial years (2016-17 and 2017-18) ONGC had lost the most profitable PSU tag to IOC
 - ✓ In Financial year 2018-19 IOC also lost its title of being India's largest company by turnover tag to Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries

APPOINTMENTS

India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval - has been reappointed to the post for another five years



✓ He has also been given Cabinet Rank for contribution to national security

- ✓ Ajit Doval, the 74-year-old previously served as the Director of India's Intelligence Bureau (IB)
- ✓ Prior to that, he had served as the head of its operation wing for over a decade
- ✓ He took up the role as India's National Security Adviser in 2014 after retirement from IB
- ✓ India conducted two of its most significant anti-terror operations, the Indian Line of Control strike in September 2016 (Surgical Strike) and 2019 Balakot airstrike, under the supervision of Ajit Doval.
- ✓ Doval is also credited with solving the Doklam standoff between India and China in 2017

SPORTS

Liverpool – lifts the UEFA Champions League for the sixth time in Madrid on June 1



- ✓ In an all-English final match, Liverpool had defeated Tottenham Hotspur by 2-0 goals to win the Europe's biggest prize
- ✓ Mohamed Salah scored the second quickest goal in Champions League final history as he converted from the penalty spot after just one minute and 48 seconds
- ✓ It was Liverpool's first Champions League triumph since its incredible comeback against Milan in 2005

