EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 6, 2019

TAMIL NADU

◆ **48.57% of the Students from the State - have qualified in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for undergraduate medical and dental courses in 2019**
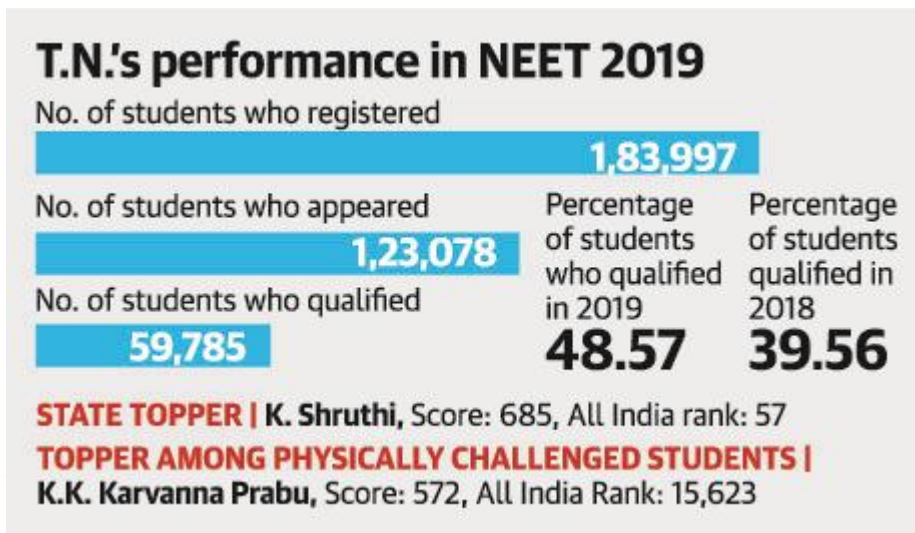
Healthy scores

In Delhi nearly 75% of the students qualified in the NEET, the highest in India while only 34.52% of the students cleared the exam in Nagaland, the least in the country

State/UT	Qualifying candidates (%)	State/UT	Qualifying candidates (%)
Delhi	74.92	Nagaland	34.52
Haryana	73.41	Mizoram	35.79
Chandigarh	73.24	Meghalaya	36.27
Andhra Pradesh	70.72	Maharashtra	39.26
Rajasthan	69.66	Daman & Diu	40.06

The percentage of those qualifying improved the most in Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Daman & Diu and fell the most in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Rajasthan

✓ It was 39.56% last year, but this was still lower than the national qualifying percentage of 56.5%.
✓ As per the National Testing Agency (NTA) which conducted the examination and released the results on June 5, over 8 lakh students have qualified for counseling
✓ The highest qualifying percentage was recorded in Delhi, where almost 80% of the applicants qualified.
✓ The only large State that saw a major drop in performance was Rajasthan, which saw its percentage dropped from 74.3% to 69.6%
✓ However, the all-India topper Nalin Khandelwal is from Sikar district of Rajsthan and studied at a coaching centre in Jaipur.

- ✓ He scored 701 out of a possible 720 marks
- ✓ While 4.45 lakh girls qualified compared to 3.51 lakh boys, it was the latter who dominated the rankings
- ✓ Only seven girls appeared in the first 50 spots
- ✓ Madhuri Reddy G of Telangana was the only woman in the top 10 at seventh position.
- ✓ Shruthi K, of Ponneri, emerged the topper and figured among the top 20 women candidates in the country, scoring 685 out of 720 marks.
- ✓ She is ranked 10th among the top 20 women students in the country with an all-India rank of 57

T.N.'s performance in NEET 2019

No. of students who registered
1,83,997

No. of students who appeared
1,23,078

No. of students who qualified
59,785

Percentage of students who qualified in 2019	Percentage of students qualified in 2018
48.57	**39.56**

STATE TOPPER | K. Shruthi, Score: 685, All India rank: 57
TOPPER AMONG PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS |
K.K. Karvanna Prabu, Score: 572, All India Rank: 15,623

- ✓ The qualifying score for the general category is 134 and as many as 7,04,335 candidates have been placed in the 50th percentile
- ✓ The test was held in 14 centres in the State on May 5 with the students being provided an option to take the test in Tamil too
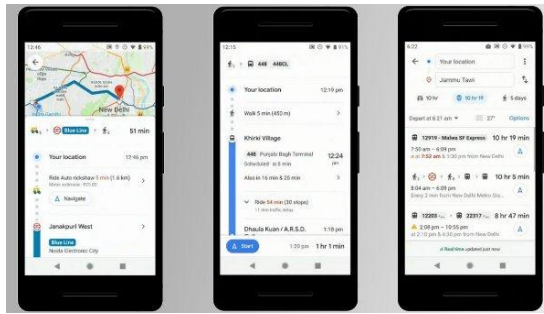
◈ **The army recruitment camp to be conducted in Cuddalore between June 7 to 17 – is all set to introduce 'biometric' attendance of the aspirants for the first time in the country**
- ✓ In this camp, youth from the districts of Vellore, Villupuram, Chennai, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram and the UT, Puducherry are eligible to participate
- ✓ Around 18,000 have already registered to participate in the camp

NATIONAL

◈ **Google Maps - announces 3 public transport navigation features for easier daily commute of users, for the first time in India**
- ✓ Starting from 5 June 2019, Google Maps users will be able to see bus travel times from live traffic across 10 Indian cities, get live train status for Indian Railways and even get mixed-mode commute suggestions which now combines auto-rickshaw and public transport
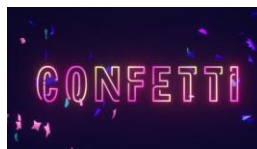
- ✓ The 'live' bus travel time feature is now available across ten cities in India including Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Lucknow, Chennai, Mysore, Coimbatore, and Surat
- ✓ The real-time train information feature was developed in partnership with 'Where is my Train' app that was acquired by the Google in 2018
- ✓ The mixed-mode navigation feature will be rolled out only in Delhi and Bangalore before being available to more cities later.

◈ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) - signed a technical assistance agreement with Boeing to develop and modernise India's Air Traffic Management

- ✓ The agreement aims to jointly develop a comprehensive 10-year roadmap for modernising air traffic management in India within the next 18 months
- ✓ The roadmap will be undertaken with a grant from the United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)
- ✓ It will be used as guidance in the modernisation of the Indian National Airspace System (NAS)
- ✓ The roadmap will be based on global and local best practices of optimally utilising airspace capacity, enhancing communications and also investing in surveillance, navigation and air traffic management

◈ Facebook - launched its first interactive game show, titled "Confetti" in India on 4 June 2019

- ✓ It will be telecasted from Wednesday to Sunday on Facebook Watch, Facebook's dedicated video platform, from June 12
- ✓ The participants stand a chance to win Rs.3 lakh as cash prize everyday on challenge of answering pop culture trivia questions
- ✓ The interactive game was first launched in the United States (US) and is already available in other parts of the world the UK, Mexico, Canada, Vietnam, Philippines and Thailand
- ✓ Facebook Watch, launched in 2018, is a video-on-demand service launched by Facebook to take on its rival YouTube

◈ **Sahara Group - to enter into the automobile sector with plans of launching electric vehicles under the brand name 'Sahara Evols'**

- ✓ Sahara Evols will start from Lucknow and will further establish its setup in India's Tier-II and Tier-III cities by the end of financial year 2019
- ✓ It intends to produce variants of electric scooters, three-wheelers, motorcycles, and cargo vehicles
- ✓ It will also introduce a network of battery-charging-cum-swapping stations
- ✓ The company will roll out its products and services pan-India in the next financial year (2020-2021)
- ✓ The Sahara Evols EVs will be powered by dry lithium-ion batteries, with their cost of driving being as low as 20 paise per kilometer

◈ **The Centre - announces a fee waiver for SC/ST students joining vocational training under Jan Shikshan Sansthans**

- ✓ Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSS) operates under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- ✓ The Jan Shikshan Santhan (JSS) scheme was initially launched in 1967 as Shramik Vidyapeeth
- ✓ It was an adult education institution that was aimed at improving vocational skills and quality of life of industrial workers and their family members and of migrant workers coming to urban areas
- ✓ In April 2000, Shramik Vidyapeeth scheme was renamed as Jan Shikshan Sansthan and its focus was also extended to the rural areas.
- ✓ It imparts vocational skill training programmes and entrepreneurship benefits to underprivileged sections like SCs, STs, women and girls, neo-literates, semi-literates, slum dwellers and migrant workers
- ✓ At present there are 247 JSSs working across the country.

◈ **The Indian Army - has commissioned a "Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System" (CAAQMS) at its Eastern Command headquarters in Fort William Military Station, Kolkata in West Bengal**

- ✓ The move is part of Army's countrywide **'Go Green'** initiative, which was started in April 2019
- ✓ This recent installation will be sixth CAAQMS facility in Kolkata.

- ✓ It will monitor air pollution of city on real time basis and its readings will be considered a benchmark of quality.
- ✓ It includes measuring pollutants like SO2, NO, NO2, NH3, CO, O3, VOC and particulate matters (PM 10 and PM 2.5)
- ✓ It will also display relative humidity, ambient temperature, solar radiation, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure and rain gauge

◈ **Insurance regulator, IRDA - has approved third party motor premium increase of 4.4% for bikes and 15% for cars, effective from June 16**

- ✓ It has, for the first time, categorised electric vehicles and a quadri-cycles as a separate head
- ✓ The rates for electric vehicles have been introduced on the basis of motor power (as against cubic capacity for conventional vehicles) at a discounted rate.
- ✓ The premium rate of electric cars is an average of □3,735 for a one-year policy, and □11,085 for long-term policies.
- ✓ For e-bikes, the average rate is □1,010 for a one-year policy, and □4,848 for long-term policies.
- ✓ Under the quadri-cycle category, the rate stands at □2,072 for private cars, and for commercial vehicles not exceeding 500cc it is a basic premium of □2,595.
- ✓ The insurance regulator has increased the third-party motor premium rate for bikes (not exceeding 75cc) to □482, from □427 in the previous year.
- ✓ For scooters and motorbikes with an engine capacity of 75-150cc, there has been a rate hike of 4.4% to □752.
- ✓ For cars below 1,000 cc, the premium rate is increased by 12% to □2,072, cars under 1,000-1,500 cc category see a 12% rate hike to □3,221.
- ✓ However, the highest increase is set for autorickshaws, which will see a hike of 24% to □3,914.
- ✓ Motor premium rates are renewed every financial year on the basis of claims experience.

◈ **The Union environment, forest and climate control ministry - has proposed to seek 'blue flag certification' for at least one beach in each of the 13 coastal states and Union territories in the country under the World Bank-funded Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP)**

- ✓ Blue flag certification is accorded by the Denmark-based Foundation for Environment Education (FEE)
- ✓ It is given to the beaches that fulfill 33 stringent criteria for reducing existing pollution, managing solid waste and marine litter, adopting eco-friendly measures, improving seawater quality for bathing, enhancing safety and security measures and promoting tourism and allied initiatives among others

✓ Once the beaches receive blue flag certification, FEE will mention them in its global headquarters.

SEA OF CHANGE

INDIA PROPOSES TO SECURE BLUE FLAG CERTIFICATION FOR 10 BEACHES IN 2019-20

➤ Union ministry proposes a Blue Flag beach in each of the 13 coastal states and UTs under ICZMP World Bank funding

➤ The target is to develop at least 50 to 100 blue flag beaches in India in the next five years

The Chinna Veerampattinam beach in Puducherry

WAVES OF PROGRESS: The ministry launched a series of campaigns to realize the goal of attaining the eco-label, and in Puducherry, during the world environment day celebrations, initiatives included massive cleaning of the beach with eco-friendly tools and equipment

READY FOR CERTIFICATION THIS SEASON

Shivrajpur (Dwarka in Gujarat)

Ghoghia (Daman & Diu)

TO BE READY FOR CERTIFICATION NEXT SEASON

Padubidri (Udipi in Karnataka)

Kappad (Kozhikode in Kerala)

Kasarkod (Kanwar in Karnataka)

Rushikonda (Vizag in Andhra Pradesh)

✓ The tourists, who are familiar with blue flag certification and its standards, will plan their holidays in those countries
✓ The ministry's body – Society of integrated coastal management (Sicom) – in coordination with FEE has launched a pilot coastal management project (Beams – Beach environment and aesthetics management services)
✓ It will select beaches that can meet the requirements for blue flag certification in the country
✓ The society after undertaking extensive fieldwork has selected 13 beaches including one in Puducherry (Eden in Chinna Veerampattinam) for the globally-applauded blue flag beach certification.

◈ **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman - will attend the meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and central bank governors in Japan on June 8 and 9**

✓ This will be Ms. Sitharaman's first overseas visit as Finance Minister.
✓ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das is also likely to attend the meeting at Fukuoka in Japan.
✓ The deliberations at the meeting would be followed by the G-20 Leaders' Summit scheduled in Osaka on June 28 and 29
✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut its forecast for global growth from 3.6% last year to 3.3% in 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

◆ **United States - has asked all Visa applicants to must provide information on their social media use and declare their social media profiles going back five years, as per the new Visa rules**
- ✓ The new Visa rules originates from a March 2017 executive order issued by US President Donald Trump
- ✓ The move is an attempt by US to enhance the careful examining of foreign nationals seeking Visa and to screen out terrorists and other dangerous individuals seeking entry into America
- ✓ Under the new rules, the social media use information is required as part of all online visa applications including immigrant form DS-260 and non-immigrant form DS-160
- ✓ Most visa applicant's (even temporary visitors) will be required to list their social media identifiers in a drop down menu in addition to their other personal information
- ✓ The rule covers all applicants except those who are applying for certain official and diplomatic visas

◆ **German air carrier, Lufthansa - has equipped all long–haul aircraft with mobile ECG (Electrocardiogram) system 'Cardio Secur', being the first airline to have the facility**
- ✓ This will allow flight attendants without cardiological expertise to record an ECG for passengers and send the test results directly to a medical hotline on the ground in case of onboard medical emergencies.
- ✓ CardioSecur is a 50-gram compact mobile ECG system, developed by Personal MedSystems GmbH
- ✓ It consists of an app on the flight attendant's Cabin Mobile Device (mini iPad) and a small bag with an ECG cable and four disposable electrodes.
- ✓ Lufthansa has also introduced a new feature of "medical travel companion", thereby enabling passengers to book a nurse, a paramedic or a doctor to take care of them during their entire flight.

◆ **Pakistan's powerful military - has agreed in a rare move to cut its hefty budget for a year to help ease the South Asian country's "critical financial situation"**
- ✓ Pakistan has struck an agreement in principle with the International Monetary Fund for a $6 billion loan but it is expected to put in place measures to control rising fiscal and current account deficits to get access to the funds.
- ✓ The previous government hiked military spending by 20% to 1.1 billion, but the military appears to have overshot that figure due to increased tensions with India

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

◆ **The 2nd Global Disability Summit - is being held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6 June to 8 June 2019**

- ✓ Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot, will be representing the country in the summit
- ✓ He has also attended '1st Global Disability Summit' held at London, UK on July 24, 2018
- ✓ It was hosted by UK Department for International Development (UK DFID), along with the co-hosts International Disability Alliance (IDA) and Government of Kenya
- ✓ The main objective of the summit is related to empowerment and inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) across the world

◆ **The Elephanta Festival of art and culture - commenced at the iconic Gateway of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra**

- ✓ It was inaugurated by state Tourism Minister, Jaykumar Rawal
- ✓ The Elephanta Festival of art and culture was started in 2012 and since then is held every year to promote tourism and culture of Mumbai
- ✓ It is held on Gharapuri island (also known as Elephanta Island) where Elephanta Caves are located.
- ✓ Elephants Caves are the rock-cut Caves constructed around the mid-5th to 6th centuries AD
- ✓ They are a collection of cave temples primarily dedicated to Lord Shiv but also have Buddhist caves
- ✓ The island was renamed as Elephanta from Gharapuri (which means the city of caves) by Portuguese after they found a statue of an elephant on island
- ✓ It is currently maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and are also a UNESCO World Heritage Site

PERSONALITIES

◆ **Indian American Congresswoman, Pramila Jayapal - has become the first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives**

- ✓ Jayapal, who was first elected to the Congress in 2016, was seen presiding over the House as a temporary Speaker
- ✓ Jayapal, 53, is a Democrat elected from Washington DC
- ✓ Although Nancy Pelosi has been serving as the Speaker of the House of Representatives since January 2019, members of the majority party in the House periodically take turns to temporarily preside over the chamber.
- ✓ A record number of 17 Asian Americans serve in Congress, with 14 in the House and three in the Senate

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

◈ **China - successfully launched a rocket from a ship at sea for the first time on June 5**

- ✓ The Long March 11 rocket blasted off from a platform on a large semi-submersible barge in the Yellow Sea
- ✓ The small rocket carried seven satellites, including one that measures sea-surface winds to forecast typhoons
- ✓ It was designed to be deployed quickly and from mobile launch sites such as a ship
- ✓ The rocket also carried two communications satellites belonging to China 125, a Beijing-based tech firm that plans to launch hundreds of satellites to provide global data networking services
- ✓ Earlier this year, China became the first nation to land a rover on the far side of the moon.
- ✓ It has also unveiled ambitious plans to build a research base on the lunar surface, send a probe to Mars and build a space station in Earth orbit

DEFENCE

◈ **The Anti-ship version of supersonic cruise missile, BrahMos - was test fired from the launch complex-3 of Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha**

- ✓ The missile is manufactured at BrahMos Aerospace Limited which is a joint venture between India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ✓ The name BrahMos is formed from names of two rivers i.e. Indian river Brahmaputra and the Moskva River of Russia.

- ✓ Considered as world's fastest and most versatile, the supersonic cruise missile has already been operationalised in Indian Army, Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy

◈ **The "Kharga Prahar", a major training exercise - was conducted by the Indian Army in Punjab between 27 May 2019 to 4 June 2019**
- ✓ It was undertaken in plains of Punjab by various units and formations of Army's Kharga Corps
- ✓ The Indian Army's II Corps, based in Ambala is known as Kharga Corps.
- ✓ It has been stationed at Ambala since 1985.
- ✓ It has the mandate to launch offensive attack, in case a war starts with Pakistan
- ✓ The Kharga Corps possesses 50% of Indian Army's offensive capabilities
- ✓ In 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, Kharga Corps was positioned in West Bengal and helped in division of Pakistan

◈ **The Indian Navy - recently deployed its P8I surveillance planes for carrying out anti-piracy patrol sorties from Salalah (in Oman) to patrol the Gulf of Aden and other piracy-prone areas**

- ✓ This is the second time in 2019 that the P-8I was operated from Salalah for anti-piracy, with the earlier one undertaken in January 2019
- ✓ Till date Indian Navy has deployed 73 ships on anti-piracy patrols and has escorted over 3,440 ships
- ✓ In 2012, India placed orders from United States for 12 'P-8' India maritime surveillance and anti-submarine under a $2.2 Billion deal
- ✓ It is used for carrying out extensive surveillance of the Indian Ocean region (IOR) and the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

◈ **The Indian and French Air Forces - will carry out a two-week-long mega 'Garuda' air exercise beginning July 1 in France**
- ✓ A fleet of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets of the Indian Air Force will engage in dogfights with France's Rafale multirole aircraft in simulated scenarios
- ✓ The exercise will be serving as a boost to military-to-military ties between the two countries

ECONOMY

◈ **India's economy - is projected to grow at 7.5% in the next three years, as per the 'Global Economic Prospects' of World Bank released on June 4**

- ✓ As per World Bank, India is estimated to have grown 7.2% in fiscal year 2018/19, which ended March 31
- ✓ As against a growth rate of 6.6% in 2018, China's growth rate in 2019 is projected to be dropped to 6.2% and then subsequently to 6.1% in 2020 and 6% in 2021
- ✓ With this, India will continue to retain the position of being the fastest growing emerging economy.
- ✓ And by 2021, its growth rate is projected to be 1.5% more than China's 6%
- ✓ According to the World Bank, growth in India is projected at 7.5% in Fiscal Year 2019/20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

◈ **The Reserve Bank of India - has removed the charges levied on fund transfers through RTGS and NEFT, to boost digital transactions**

- ✓ The decision comes after the recent suggestions of Nandan Nilekani-led Committee to promote digital payments in India
- ✓ RBI has also decided to set up a committee to review the charges levied on the use of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) by the public
- ✓ The composition and terms of reference of the committee will be notified soon
- ✓ RTGS and NEFT are the electronic payment methods managed by the RBI that allow transfer of funds among different banks
- ✓ The RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement) method is used for **'real-time'** instantaneous fund transfers of large-value.
- ✓ It is processed continuously throughout the RTGS business hours.
- ✓ NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) system is used for transferring funds up to Rs 2 lakh
- ✓ It is processed in hourly batches

◈ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - released the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement 2019-20 on June 6, 2019**

- ✓ It was prepared by the six member-Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), led by **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**
- ✓ <u>Highlights</u>
    - ✓ The Repo rate has been reduced to 5.75% from 6%
    - ✓ The Reverse repo rate adjusted to 5.50%
    - ✓ The Marginal standing facility and the bank rate stands at 6%
    - ✓ This was third rate cut in a row by the central bank
    - ✓ RBI reduces GDP growth for the year 2020 to 7% from 7.2% projected earlier
- ✓ Repo rate is the rate at which all the banks borrow funds from the Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ Reverse Repo Rate is the rate at which banks keep their funds with the RBI

AWARDS

◈ **Business advocacy group US-India Business Council (USIBC) - has chosen Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Nasdaq President & CEO Adena Friedman as recipients of its prestigious 2019 Global Leadership Award for "catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor"**

✓ The awards will be conferred at the USIBC India Ideas summit and annual meeting, scheduled to be held at the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC on June 12-13

✓ Given annually since 2007, the USIBC Global Leadership Awards recognise top corporate executives from the US and India whose companies play a major role in catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor

SPORTS

◈ **Gianni Infantino - was re-elected for a second term as FIFA president at the congress of world football's governing body in Paris**

✓ The 49 year-old took charge of FIFA in February 2016 after the departure of the disgraced Sepp Blatter

✓ He stood unopposed for a new four-year term which will run until 2023.

REPORT

◈ **The Government - reconstituted eight key cabinet committees under the Transaction of Business Rules on June 5, 2019**

✓ The newly sworn-in Home Minister Amit Shah has been included in all 8 cabinet committees

✓ The Prime Minister is in all committees except for Cabinet Committee on Accommodation and Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

- ✓ Two new cabinet committees — one to deal with investment and growth & another with employment and skill development were also created
- ✓ It was perhaps for the first time that the Cabinet committees on the two issues have been set up.
- ✓ The decision to set up the panels came along with reconstitution of the Cabinet Committee on Security
- ✓ The eight committees constituted includes --
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Appointments
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Accommodation
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Security
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth
  - ✓ Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development

- ✓ **1. Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**.
  Composition
  - ✓ Prime Minister
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs

- ✓ **2. Cabinet Committee on Accommodation**.
  Composition
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs
  - ✓ Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways; Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
  - ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs
  - ✓ Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Minister of Commerce &Industry.
- ✓ **Special Invitees**
  - ✓ Jitendra Singh,Minister of State(I/C) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space
  - ✓ Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State(I/C) of the Ministry of Housing &Urban Affairs; Minister of State(I/C) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- ✓ **3. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.**
  Composition
  - ✓ Prime Minister
  - ✓ Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs

- ✓ Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways; Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- ✓ D.V.Sadananda Gowda, Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture &Farmer Welfare, Minister of Rural Development: and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
- ✓ Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology; and Minister of Law and Justice
- ✓ Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- ✓ Dr. Subrahamanayam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs
- ✓ Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Minister of Commerce &Industry
- ✓ Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Steel

✓ 4. Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs.
Composition
- ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.
- ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs
- ✓ Ramvilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ✓ Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture &Farmer Welfare, Minister of Rural Development: and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
- ✓ Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology; and Minister of Law and Justice
- ✓ Thawar Chand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
- ✓ Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; Minister of Information & Broadcasting
- ✓ Prahlad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal and Mines.
✓ Special Invitees
- ✓ Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- ✓ V Muraleedharan, Minister of State Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs

✓ 5. Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs.
Composition
- ✓ Prime Minister
- ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.
- ✓ Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways; Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs

- ✓ Ramvilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ✓ Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture &Farmer Welfare, Minister of Rural Development: and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
- ✓ Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications and Information Technology; and Minister of Law and Justice
- ✓ Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- ✓ Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health & Family Welfare; Minister of Science & Technology; and Minister of Earth Sciences,
- ✓ Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Minister of Commerce &Industry
- ✓ Arvind Ganpat Sawant, Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprise
- ✓ Prahlad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal and Mines

- ✓ **6. Cabinet Committee on Security.**
  Composition
  - ✓ Prime Minister
  - ✓ Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs
  - ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.
  - ✓ Dr. Subrahamanayam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs.

- ✓ **7. Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth.**
  Composition
  - ✓ Prime Minister
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.
  - ✓ Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Minister of Micro. Small and Medium Enterprises
  - ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.
  - ✓ Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Minister of Commerce & Industry.

- ✓ **8. Cabinet Committee on Employment & Skill Development.**
  Composition
  - ✓ Prime Minister
  - ✓ Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.
  - ✓ Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs
  - ✓ Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture &Farmer Welfare, Minister of Rural Development: and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
  - ✓ Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Minister of Commerce & Industry
  - ✓ Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Minister of Human Resource Development
  - ✓ Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum &Natural Gas: and Minister of Steel
  - ✓ Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of Skill development & Enterpreneurship

- ✓ Santosh Kumar Gangwar, MOS(I/C) Labour & Employment
- ✓ Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Housing &Urban Affairs; Minister of State(I/C) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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- ✓ Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Women & Child Development and Textiles
- ✓ Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) Culture, MOS (I/C) Tourism