

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS –jUNE 28,

STATES

- **The Odisha government and United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) – have signed an agreement for mutual collaboration to improve household food and nutritional security**



- ✓ The agreement aims to strengthen livelihood initiatives and reach out to thousands of state-sponsored Women's Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) in Odisha
 - ✓ This collaboration will support Women's Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) by providing technical assistance and capacity development, leading to their empowerment
 - ✓ The partnership will remain effective till December 2023
 - ✓ On June 1, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had approved the formation of the new 'Department of Mission Shakti' which was previously under the Department of Women & Child Development
 - ✓ The WFP is world's largest humanitarian organization, focusing on hunger & food security
 - ✓ It was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020 for its efforts in providing food assistance in areas affected with conflict and to prevent use of food as weapon of war and conflict.
- **Goa - has become the first state in the country to be free of Rabies**
 - ✓ The state has not reported a single rabies case in last three years, as per Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant

- ✓ The state has achieved 5,40,593 vaccinations against the rabies in dogs and also educated about one lakh people about the dog bite prevention methods
- ✓ The government has also set up 24-hours rabies surveillance involving an emergency hotline and a rapid response team for dog bite victims.
- ✓ The rabies control had been carried out in the state by the 'Mission Rabies' project, being run through a central government grant.
- ✓ 'Mission Rabies' is a UK-based charity group, founded as an initiative by Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS).
- ✓ It was launched in September 2013 with the objective of vaccinating 50,000 dogs against rabies in India.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the group has vaccinated 968,287 dogs and is actively working in the states of West Bengal, Goa, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra and Assam

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the nation through his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio show on June 27**



All India Radio, DD & Narendra Modi Mobile App
Akashvani will broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat' in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

- ✓ During the programme, PM Modi spoke about Indian participation in Olympics, vaccine hesitancy, rainwater harvesting, 'Amrit Mahotsav' of 75 years of Independence, Flying Sikh Milkha Singh among other topics.
- ✓ During his speech, the PM referred to a listener, Guru Prasad from Chennai who has praised PM on his respectful references to Tamil culture and people.
- ✓ Guru Prasad has prepared an E-Book by compiling all that the Prime Minister has spoken about Tamil Nadu in 'Mann Ki Baat'
- ✓ The PM informed Guru Prasad that he will definitely get the book uploaded on the Nammo App
- ✓ During the reference, PM pointed out that he is a 'big' admirer of "Tamil culture and language" and said every Indian should cherish and feel proud that the most ancient language of the world belongs to our country

- ✓ PM Modi also referred Government of India secretary Guruprasad Mohanty who recently passed away
 - ✓ Mohanty was instrumental in fulfilling the demand for oxygen in the country during the second wave.
 - ✓ The programme was broadcast on the entire network of All India Radio and Doordarshan and also on the AIR News website www.newsonair.com and Newsonair mobile App.
- **The Centre - has extended the Phase II of its ambitious 'FAME' scheme by two more years**
- ✓ The Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME Phase II) scheme will now be in force for up to March 31, 2024
 - ✓ The second phase was initially intended to be implemented over a period of three years from April 1, 2019 till March 31, 2022
 - ✓ The scheme's first phase began on 1 April 2015, and was extended till 31 March 2019
 - ✓ FAME scheme was launched to promote electric mobility, check vehicular emissions, eliminate dependence on fossil fuels and expedite the adoption of electric vehicles
 - ✓ Under the scheme, only 5% or around Rs 500 crore of the allocated Rs 10,000 crore has been spent so far to make green mobility affordable
 - ✓ In terms of sales, only 58,613 e2Ws were sold under the scheme against a targeted 10 lakh units by March 2022.
 - ✓ The money allocated under Fame-2 is to be spent to subsidize 500,000 electric three-wheelers, 1 million electric two-wheelers, 55,000 electric passenger vehicles, and 7,090 electric buses.
 - ✓ Recently, the Department of Heavy Industries increased demand incentive for electric two-wheelers (e2W) priced from Rs 10,000/KWh km to Rs 15,000/KWh

ECONOMY

- **The Ministry of corporate affairs - has expanded the definition of small and medium sized companies (SMCs).**
- ✓ As per the new definition, an SMC can be an unlisted listed company, a bank, an insurance or a financial institution, with sales of up to Rs. 250 crore and borrowings up to Rs. 50 crore.
 - ✓ The earlier threshold for sales was Rs. 50 crore and that for borrowings was Rs. 10 crore
 - ✓ According to the Ministry, the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021, will apply be effective 1 April, 2021.
 - ✓ As per the new definition, effective July 2020, businesses with investment in plant and machinery up to Rs. 50 crore and annual sales of not more than Rs. 250 crore are defined as medium-sized companies in the manufacturing sector.

- ✓ The condition to qualify as SMC is to be checked at the end of a relevant accounting period

SPORTS

- **Indian archer, Deepika Kumari – reclaims World No. 1 ranking for recurve women after winning triple gold medals in Archery World Cup Stage III in Paris on June 27**



- ✓ The 27-year-old from Ranchi had achieved the top spot for the first time in 2012
 - ✓ Deepika claimed gold medals in three recurve events -- women's individual, women's team and mixed team.
 - ✓ With this, Deepika bagged her fourth individual World Cup gold medal.
 - ✓ Deepika had become only the second Indian woman after Dola Banerjee to become World No. 1 in June 2012 after claiming her first individual recurve World Cup gold medal at Antalya, Turkey
 - ✓ She will be the only Indian woman archer representing the country at the Tokyo Olympics next month.
 - ✓ Before Deepika, Abhishek Verma won a gold in men's compound individual on June 26
- **On June 27, Shafali Verma - became the youngest Indian cricketer to make her debut in all the three formats of the game at the age of 17 years and 150 days**
 - ✓ The teenage sensation made her T20I debut in September 2019, at the age of 15 years and 239 days
 - ✓ She is the fifth youngest cricketer to make her debut in all three formats of the game
 - ✓ Afghanistan's Mujeeb Ur Rahman, who made his debut at 17 years and 78 days, tops the list.
 - ✓ Shafali is also the third youngest among women cricketers.
 - ✓ Shafali was handed her cap by ODI captain Mithali Raj before the match.

- ✓ Earlier this month, Shafali became the youngest-ever woman cricketer to smash half-centuries (96 & 63) on Test debut
- ✓ Interestingly, Shafali was out for a duck on her T20I debut.



- ✓ Indian skipper Mithali Raj completed 22 years in international cricket just a day earlier
 - ✓ Mithali had made her debut on June 26, 1999
 - ✓ She is the only woman cricketer to have an international career spanning more than 22 years
 - ✓ Only Sachin Tendulkar (22 years 91 days) had a longer career than Mithali Raj across both men's and women's cricket.
 - ✓ No other cricketer has been active in international cricket for as long as 22 years.
 - ✓ Mithali has also played the most ODIs in women's cricket (214) and is also the highest scorer in women's ODIs with more than 7000 runs
- **Madhya Pradesh allrounder, Anshula Rao – becomes the first woman cricketer to be handed a four year ban by a panel of the National Anti Doping Agency (Nada) after failing a dope test**



- ✓ This is the second time Rao was found guilty of consuming a banned anabolic steroid '19- Norandrosterone.
- ✓ Earlier, she was found guilty of using the drug on March 14 at Baroda in the year 2020

- ✓ Rao is a registered player with BCCI as part of its affiliated unit, Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association
- ✓ She had last participated in BCCI's women's under23 T20 tournament 2019-20

RANKINGS

- **The iconic 'Taj' hotel – named as the world's strongest hotel brand**



- ✓ This was revealed in the annual 'Hotels 50 2021' report, released by Brand Finance, the world's leading brand valuation consultancy
- ✓ Taj luxury hotel chain is owned by South Asia's largest hospitality company, Indian Hotels Company (IHCL)
- ✓ It was incorporated by founder of Tata Group, Jamsetji Tata, in 1903 and is headquartered at Express Towers, Nariman Point in Mumbai
- ✓ Taj received an overall Brand Strength Index of 89.3 out of 100
- ✓ It has been given a AAA rating for customer familiarity, employee satisfaction, corporate reputation and customer service
- ✓ The report also highlighted the company's successful implementation of its R.E.S.E.T 2020 strategy, which provided a transformative framework during the pandemic period
- ✓ IHCL has more than 196 hotels in 80 locations in India and world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - June 26**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to create awareness about the dangerous effects of drugs, its misuse and the illicit trafficking associated with it
- ✓ Theme 2021 - 'Share Facts on Drugs, Save Lives'
- ✓ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is the UN arm that fights against illicit drugs and international crime related to trafficking.
- ✓ On December 7, 1987, the UN General Assembly decided to observe June 26 as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking under Resolution 42/112
- ✓ The day June 26 was selected to commemorate Lin Zexu's dismantling of opium trade in Humen, Guangdong on June 25, 1839 before the first Opium War in China
- ✓ Every year, the UN body publishes the World Drug Report with statistics and data on how to tackle the global drug crisis

