



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 29, 2024

SCHEMES

- **Employees' Pension Scheme has been Amended by the Government**
- ✓ The Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 was amended by the Government of India to ensure that withdrawal benefits are also available to Employees' Pension Scheme members with less than 6 months of contributory service.



- ✓ This amendment will benefit more than 7 lakh Employees' Pension Scheme members every year who leave the scheme after less than 6 months of contributory service.
- ✓ Further, the Central Government has revised Table D and ensured that every full month of service is taken into account for granting proportionate withdrawal benefit to the members.

APPOINTMENT

- **New Foreign Secretary of India**
- ✓ Vikram Misri appointed new Foreign Secretary of India. The appointment of Vikram Misri as the country's new Foreign Secretary was announced by the Government of India.



- ✓ Misri will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra in this key diplomatic role. On July 15, 2024, Misri, currently serving as Deputy National Security Adviser, will assume his new charge, after the completion of Kwatra's extended term on July 14.
- ✓ He has the distinction of serving as Private Secretary to three Prime Ministers – Inder Kumar Gujral in 1997, Manmohan Singh in 2012 and Narendra Modi in 2014.

RANKING

- **IMF Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index 2024**
- ✓ The IMF released an Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index Dashboard tracking 174 economies globally for AI readiness.



- ✓ The Index ranks India at the 72nd position, with Bangladesh (0.38) at 113, Sri Lanka (0.43) at 92, and China (0.63) at 31.
- ✓ Singapore (0.80), Denmark (0.78), and the United States (0.77) are among the highest-rated AEs, with India categorized as an EM with a 0.49 rating.
- **Energy Transition Index**
- ✓ India ranked at 67th place on Energy Transition Index.



- ✓ The World Economic Forum released Energy Transition Index on 28th June.
- ✓ Sweden is on the top of the Energy Transition Index 2023.
- ✓ Denmark, Norway, Finland and Switzerland are in the top five of the ranking.
- ✓ As per the report, India is the only major economy that has accelerated across equitable, secure and sustainable dimensions of the Energy Transition Index.

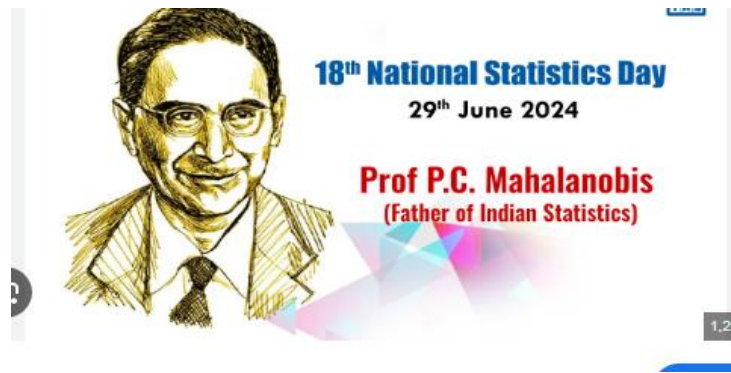
IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **International Day of the Tropics – June 29**

- ✓ The International Day of the Tropics, observed annually on June 29, is a day dedicated to recognizing the incredible diversity and importance of the world's tropical regions.



- ✓ This special day aims to raise global awareness about the unique challenges and opportunities faced by tropical areas, while highlighting their crucial role in our planet's ecosystem and human society.
- **National Statistics Day – June 29**
- ✓ National Statistics Day is celebrated in India every year on June 29th. This day honors the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a renowned statistician and economist.



- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy-making.
- ✓ For the 18th National Statistics Day in 2024, the theme is “Use of data for decision-making”.



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