



## **EVE** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-june**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Transport Minister S S Sivasankar – inaugurated Perambalur Ammonites Centre, a museum displaying rare collections of ammonites and other fossils, on June 18.**



- ✓ The centre will display ammonites or fossil specimens, recovered from areas considered as paleontological hotspots in the district.
  - ✓ Around 300 fossil specimens of ammonites and trilobites are exhibited in the museum.
  - ✓ Ammonites are extinct marine mollusc animals and the museum was set up to raise awareness about these ancient life forms to the general public.
  - ✓ Chief Minister M. K. Stalin had allocated Rs. 10 crore to create a fossil park that will help to preserve the natural history of the Perambalur district
  - ✓ Over 10,000 species of ammonites are believed to occur across the world, with Ariyalur-Perambalur having at least 150 varieties
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- **On June 18, Finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan – launched the pilot project 'Thozhilanangu' in Madurai Central constituency**

- ✓ Thozhilanangu is an initiative of Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (Tansim)
- ✓ It aims to promote mass entrepreneurship among women from economically weaker sections in non-metros



- ✓ Thozhilanangu seeks to connect startup ecosystem pioneers, successful entrepreneurs and companies to elevate self help groups (SHGs) into smart SHGs, micro enterprises and startups in a phased manner.

## STATES

- On June 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – launched ‘Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana’ to provide nutritional food to pregnant and lactating women in Vadodara, Gujarat



- ✓ Under the new scheme, pregnant and lactating mothers will be given 2 kg of chickpeas, 1 kg of tur dal and 1 kg of edible oil free of cost from anganwadi centres every month along with other benefits under the Integrated Child Development Scheme
- ✓ The new initiative of the government against malnutrition was launched with an outlay of Rs. 800 crore.

- ✓ The scheme applies to women who are conceiving for the first time and mothers who have given birth to their first child enrolled at AWCs along with pregnant and lactating mothers (up to 2 years) who are enrolled in the Health department software.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, another flagship scheme, Poshan Sudha Yojana, aiming to meet the nutritional needs of pregnant women, has now been expanded to all tribal-dominated areas of Gujarat.
  - ✓ The Rs. 120 crore scheme aims to improve the nutritional and health status of mother and child and reduce the infant mortality rate (IMR) and maternal mortality rate (MMR)
  - ✓ The Prime Minister also met his mother, Heeraben Modi, who had entered the 100th year of her life and sought her blessings
- **On June 17, the country's first-ever girl Panchayat, 'Balika Panchayat' – has been launched in several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district**



- ✓ The initiative 'of girls, by girls, and for girls' aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation of girls in politics.
- ✓ This is a unique initiative of the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.
- ✓ It is currently been launched in Kunaria, Maskar, Motagua, and Vadsar villages of the Kutch district.
- ✓ Balika Panchayat is managed by women in the 11-21 age group
- ✓ The main objective of the initiative is to remove the evil practices from the society such as child marriage, the dowry system etc., and also focus on the mental and physical health of girls and their nutritional requirements.







## NATIONAL

- **On June 18, the Union home ministry - announced 10% reservation for Agniveers in Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles besides relaxing their upper age limit by 2 years for recruitment in these forces**



- ✓ The defence ministry also announced a similar quota for those completing the four-year stint in the armed forces, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.
- ✓ The 10% quota will cover the Coast Guard, defence civilian posts and 16 defence PSUs, which include major ones like Hindustan Aeronautics and Bharat Electronics, as well as four shipyards and 41 ordnance factories.
- ✓ This reservation — primarily in Group C and D posts — will be in addition to the existing quota for ex-servicemen in these organisations.
- ✓ The decision on the 10% reservation for Agniveers was announced after defence minister Rajnath Singh held discussions with IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, Army vice chief Lt-General B S Raju (Gen Manoj Pande was outstation) and defence secretary Ajay Kumar on the overall situation.

### CHEAPER LOANS, POSTS IN PSUs

 <p>➤ Govt to reserve 10% of vacancies in paramilitary forces &amp; Assam Rifles for Agniveers after their 4-year military stint</p>	<p>age relaxation for recruitment during the first year</p>
<p>➤ 3-yr age relaxation beyond prescribed upper limit to them for recruitment in CAPFs &amp; AR. 5-yr relaxation for 1st batch</p> 	<p>➤ Those from Indian Navy to get job opportunities in merchant navy</p> 
 <p>➤ 10% quota in Coast Guard, defence civilian posts &amp; all 16 defence PSUs. 2-year</p>	<p>➤ PSUs under housing &amp; petroleum ministries working on modalities to hire Agniveers</p> 
	 <p>➤ They will get loans at cheaper rates if they want to do any other work later in their career</p>

### Govt's support measures for Agniveers

<p>➤ <b>10% reservation</b> in Coast Guards &amp; Defence PSUs; <b>2 years age relaxation</b> for recruitment for first year</p>	<p>customized courses for 10th pass Agniveers and <b>help them get 12th pass certificate</b></p>
<p>➤ <b>10% reservation</b> for recruitment in CAPFs &amp; Assam Rifles; <b>3 years age relaxation</b> beyond prescribed upper age limit for recruitment</p>	<p>➤ Education ministry to <b>recognize</b> in-service training as <b>credits for graduation</b></p>
<p>➤ States to give preference in <b>police recruitment</b></p>	<p>➤ Customized <b>degree courses by IGNOU</b> to enable them to pursue civilian careers</p>
<p>➤ Employment opportunities in <b>Merchant Navy</b> from Indian Navy, six service avenues for induction announced</p>	<p>➤ <b>Skill India certification</b> while in service to help them pursue opportunities in entrepreneurship &amp; civilian jobs</p>
<p>➤ National Institute of Open Schooling to launch</p>	<p>➤ <b>Public sector banks, insurance firms &amp; financial institutions</b> to support through suitable credit</p>

- ✓ The shipping ministry and Indian Navy also announced a policy for induction of Agniveers into the merchant navy.
  - ✓ The ministry said six attractive service avenues will be available for smooth transition of Agniveers in various roles of the merchant navy after their stint with the Indian Navy.
  - ✓ According to the Directorate General of Shipping, the measures for Agniveers include transition from ratings in the Indian Navy to certified ratings in merchant navy, transition from electrical ratings in the Navy to certified electro technical ratings in merchant navy.
- **The central government - notified the rules allowing the linking of Aadhaar numbers with electoral roll data**
- ✓ The law ministry has issued four notifications on June 17 in consultation with the Election Commission
  - ✓ These notifications are part of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 passed by Parliament in December last year.

- ✓ They seek to amend the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 and Conduct of Election Rules, 1961
  - ✓ The new rules make electoral law gender-neutral for service voters, replacing the word 'wife' with 'spouse' and enable young citizens to register as voters four times a year instead of the present one.
  - ✓ As per the new rules, a citizen who turns 18 on January 1 or April 1 or July 1 or October 1 in a calendar year can immediately apply for voter registration.
  - ✓ The gazette documents issued specify April 1, 2023 as the date on or before which every person whose name exists in the electoral rolls "may" intimate his Aadhaar number in accordance with Section 23 (5) of the Representation of People Act, 1950
  - ✓ According to the government, the linking of Aadhaar numbers to electoral rolls is voluntary
- **The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - has developed an Indian Standard - IS 17693: 2022 - for 'non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay'.**
- ✓ The eco-friendly 'Mitticool refrigerator' is invented by Mansukh Bhai Prajapati from Gujarat.



- ✓ The Mitticool refrigerator operates on the principle of evaporative cooling and can be used to store perishable foodstuff without the need of electricity
- ✓ It is a natural refrigerator made primarily from clay to store vegetables, fruits, milk, and also for cooling water
- ✓ The new IS standard helps BIS in fulfilling 6 out of 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ✓ 'Mitticool Refrigerator' was first exhibited at the fourth batch of Innovations Scholars In-residence Programme held at Rashtrapati Bhawan (2017) in partnership with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF)
- ✓ BIS is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 2016 for the development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On June 16, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari - inaugurated the "Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022"- Road map for carbon neutrality by 2070 in New Delhi**



- ✓ The summit concentrated on a variety of research topics related to decarbonization, sustainability, Policy issues, Climate Change, etc.
- ✓ During this summit, researchers, academia, policymakers, business, industries, concerned government departments, etc. will focus discussions on decarbonization, thereby leading to clean energy.

## DEFENCE

- **India - successfully carried out the night launch of Prithvi-II short range ballistic missile from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha recently on June 15**



- ✓ The test validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile, according to the defence ministry
- ✓ Earlier, Prithvi-II was successfully test fired during night time on February 21, 2018 from ITR at Chandipur.
- ✓ Later, on November 20, 2019, two trials consecutively of Prithvi-II were conducted successfully during night time from the same base.
- ✓ Prithvi-II, a surface-to-surface missile with a strike range of 350 km, is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kilogram of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.
- ✓ The unique feature of Prithvi-2 missile is that it is also capable of carrying nuclear weapons and can launch attacks even at night.



- ✓ The nine-meter-tall, single-stage liquid-fuelled “Prithvi” is the first missile to have been developed by the DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
- ✓ It has already been inducted into the Indian defence forces in 2003 and was first used by the Indian Air Force.
- ✓ Prithvi-II was first test-fired on January 27, 1996 and the development stages were completed in 2004
- ✓ India has three Prithvi missiles with Prithvi-1 having a range of 150 km, Prithvi-2 with 250 km range and Prithvi-3 with 350 km range.

## SPORTS

- **India's Pranati Nayak - has bagged a bronze medal in the vault section of the 9th Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Doha, Qatar.**



- ✓ This is Pranati's second medal in the Asian Championships
  - ✓ With the win, Pranati becomes the only Indian to win two medals in the Continental Championships.
  - ✓ Pranati, 27, who competed in last year's Tokyo Olympics, finished with an overall score of 13.367 at Doha, behind Korea and Japan.
- **Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra - clinched his first gold medal of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the Kuortane Games in Finland on June 18**



- ✓ During the process, Chopra overcame reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada for the second time in four days.
- ✓ Chopra's opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance.
- **World Football body, FIFA and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) - jointly announced the schedule of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 recently on June 15**
- ✓ This is the first time India is hosting a women's mega showpiece.
- ✓ As per the schedule, India will play all their round-robin games at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar
- ✓ Being the hosts, India have been drawn into Group A.
- ✓ Apart from Kalinga Stadium in Odisha, other stadiums to host the games include Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa and DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ✓ The quarterfinals of the competition will be held in Navi Mumbai and Goa (October 21 and 22), followed by the semifinals in Goa (October 26).
- ✓ The match for the third spot, as well as the final will take place in Navi Mumbai on October 30.
- ✓ The tournament kicks off on October 11 in Bhubaneswar and Goa
- ✓ The official draw of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 will take place on June 24.
- ✓ Besides India, who qualified as hosts, 15 teams have booked their tickets to India from continental competitions.
- ✓ This is the second time India is hosting a FIFA World Cup
- ✓ In 2017, the country successfully hosted FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup which was eventually won by England, who defeated Spain 5-2 in the final at the iconic Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.

## RANKINGS

- **Kerala - has been ranked on top in the Asia in 'Affordable Talent' in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) released recently on June 14**
- ✓ The State is also ranked the fourth in the GSER global ranking
- ✓ In the first ever GSER released in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world
- ✓ The report is developed jointly by policy advisory and research organization Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network.
- ✓ The GSER was released in the backdrop of the ongoing London Tech Week 2022
- ✓ The GSER is the world's most comprehensive, data-driven research on startups with over three million startups in 280 entrepreneurial innovation ecosystems being analysed
- ✓ During 2019-21, Kerala was able to create a startup ecosystem valued at Rs.1,037.05 crore



- ✓ Bengaluru has been ranked at 22<sup>nd</sup> position in the global start-up ecosystem index, while Delhi is at 26<sup>th</sup> place and Mumbai at 36<sup>th</sup> place
- **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh - released the National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021 recently on June 13, 2022**
- ✓ Kerala had the highest overall compliance score among all states and UTs and was ranked first

**RANKING OF STATE / UT PORTALS**

	North-East and Hill States	Remaining States –Group A	Remaining States –Group B	Union Territories
1	Nagaland	Kerala	Odisha	Jammu & Kashmir
2	Meghalaya	Tamil Nadu	Uttar Pradesh	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
3	Assam	Punjab	Bihar	Puducherry
4	Sikkim	Karnataka	Jharkhand	Delhi
5	Tripura	Telangana	West Bengal	Chandigarh
6	Himachal Pradesh	Goa	Madhya Pradesh	Ladakh
7	Uttarakhand	Haryana	Chhattisgarh	
8	Mizoram	Andhra Pradesh	Rajasthan	
9	Arunachal Pradesh	Maharashtra		
10	Manipur	Gujarat		

*Note: In 2021, the UTs of Lakshadweep and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have not provided adequate data for assessment of their UT Portals. and hence they are not considered for analysis.*

**RANKING OF STATE /UT SERVICES PORTALS**

Rank	North-East and Hill States	Remaining States Group A	Remaining States– Group B	Union Territories
1	Meghalaya	Punjab	Rajasthan	Jammu & Kashmir
2	Tripura	Tamil Nadu	Uttar Pradesh	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
3	Assam	Haryana	Madhya Pradesh	Delhi
4	Uttarakhand	Telangana	Odisha	Chandigarh
5	Himachal Pradesh	Gujarat	West Bengal	Puducherry
6	Nagaland	Kerala	Jharkhand	Ladakh
7	Arunachal Pradesh	Karnataka	Bihar	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
8	Mizoram	Goa	Chhattisgarh	
9	Manipur	Andhra Pradesh		
10	Sikkim	Maharashtra		

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- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir, assessed for the first time, ranked the highest among Union Territories with an overall compliance of nearly 90% for national e-governance service delivery assessment
- ✓ Meghalaya and Nagaland are the leading State Portals with an overall compliance of more than 90% across all assessment parameters among the northeast and hill states
- ✓ Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh had a compliance of more than 85% among the Remaining States category
- ✓ Among the Remaining States, the overall score of Tamil Nadu increased the most in 2021 compared to 2019.

#### RANKING OF CENTRAL MINISTRIES PORTAL

	Ministry Portal	Ministry Services Portal
1	Home Affairs	Finance – Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP)
2	Rural Development	Home Affairs - Digital Police
3	Education	Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions – Bhavishya Portal
4	Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Finance – Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT)
5	Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions	Environment, Forest & Climate Change
6	Commerce & Industry	Finance - Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
7	Labour & Employment	Commerce & Industry - Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
8	Social Justice & Empowerment	Labour & Employment
9	Health & Family Welfare	Education
10	Finance	Health & Family Welfare
11	Agriculture	Rural Development
12		Agriculture

Source: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Goa, and Odisha also improved the compliance of their Services Portals by 100%
- ✓ Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan are the leading states with compliance of more than 75% across all parameters for their Services Portals
- ✓ The second edition of the biennial NeSDA has been prepared covering the assessment of states and Union Territories
- ✓ The report provides suggestions for governments to further enhance their e-Governance service delivery systems.
- ✓ The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) had constituted the NeSDA in 2019 as part of its efforts to boost the e-government endeavours and drive digital government excellence.
- ✓ The NeSDA 2021 Portal was formally launched in June 2021 to conduct the entire assessment process online.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

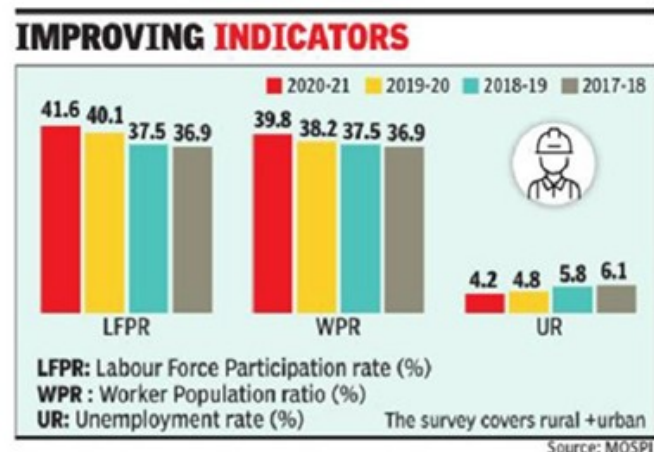
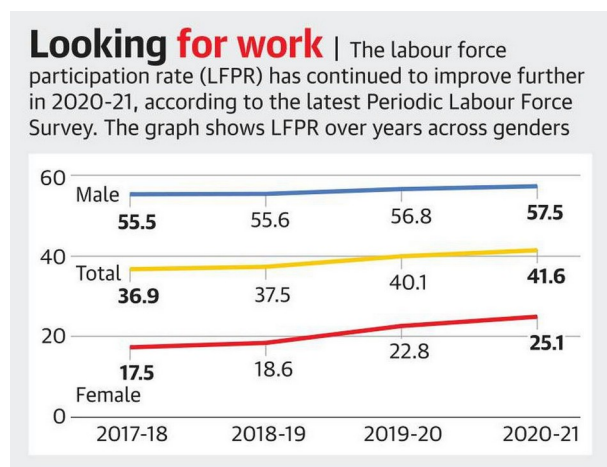
### ➤ Father's Day – June 19, 2022



- ✓ Father's Day is celebrated every year to pay respect to the pivotal role played by fathers as protector and supporter in a family
- ✓ Father's Day honours all fathers who provide a strong foundation for their families
- ✓ Father's Day is celebrated in many parts of the world at different times of the year
- ✓ The third Sunday of June is celebrated as Father's Day in India and the US, while many other countries including Portugal, Spain, Croatia, Italy etc celebrate Father's Day on March 19
- ✓ Father's day was first proposed in 1909 to complement Mother's Day celebrations
- ✓ The day was first observed in USA, at the Spokane in Washington YMCA, in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd in honour of her father, William Jackson Smart.
- ✓ Dodd's father, who was a civil war veteran, raised her and her five siblings as a single parent.
- ✓ Father's Day started gaining popularity in the US when President Richard Nixon signed a declaration in the year 1972

## PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY - A REPORT

- **Ministry of statistics and programme implementation - released the annual report of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for the reference period July 2020 to June 2021.**
- ✓ The statistics office released a report titled 'Migration in India, 2020-21' on the basis of information collected in the PLFS survey.
- ✓ This is the fourth report in the PLFS data series and offers information on both employment and unemployment for rural as well as urban areas
- ✓ As per the survey, the total number of workers in India stands at 539.5 million, as against 513.3 million in 2019-20
- ✓ Of the total increase in the number of workers, i.e. 26.2 million, number of male workers rose by 10.8 million while female workers increased by 15.3 million.



- ✓ The report indicated that the unemployment rate dropped to 4.2% in 2020-21 from 4.8% in 2019-20



- ✓ The first PLFS showed an unemployment rate of 6.1% in 2017-18
- ✓ The unemployment rate was higher for males in rural areas than females.
- ✓ In rural areas, the unemployment rate was 3.9% in 2020-21, while that for females was 2.1%.
- ✓ In urban areas, the unemployment rate for females was 8.6%, while that for males was 6.1%
- ✓ The employment in the unpaid self-employed category continued to show an increase in 2020-21 by rising to 17.3% from 15.9% in 2019-20 and 13.3% in 2018-19
- ✓ As per the report, 51.6% men in rural areas have migrated from urban India and 11% of women have similarly moved from urban to rural areas during the pandemic year.
- ✓ The survey pegged the rural migration rate at 26.5% and urban migration rate at 34.9% with the overall migration rate at 28.9%
- ✓ Migrants are classified as those whose last usual place of residence is different from the present place of enumeration.
- ✓ The sample size for the survey in rural and urban areas for the Annual Report was 12,562 first-stage units (6,930 villages and 5,632 urban blocks).

