

## 27th June

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1) 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023

- The 8th Global Pharmaceutical Quality Summit 2023 held in Mumbai. The meeting was attended by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers and Health & Family Welfare.
- The theme of the meeting was "Patient Centricity: New Paradigm of Manufacturing and Quality."

#### 2) India - U.S. strategic Partnership

- Recently, the Indian Prime Minister was on a significant visit to USA.
- The visit aimed to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries and focused on addressing common challenges, taking a stand on global issues, collaborating in many areas.
- Strengthening Semiconductor Supply Chains
- India and the US have established public-private Joint Task Forces on the development and deployment of Open RAN systems and advanced telecoms research and development.
- India has signed the Artemis Accords, joining 26 other countries committed to peaceful, sustainable, and transparent cooperation for space exploration.
- Quantum, Advanced Computing, and Artificial Intelligence





### 2) ASEAN - joint military exercise

- ASEAN to hold a inaugural military exercise in South China Sea. The decision was made during a meeting of military commanders from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Indonesia.
- The purpose of the joint military exercise is to reinforce "ASEAN centrality."
- It aims to promote unity and cooperation among ASEAN member states, highlighting their collective strength and presence in the region.

#### NATIONAL

#### 1) Nandi portal

- The Nandi portal was launched by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying which aims to streamline the regulatory approval process for veterinary drugs and vaccines.
- The Nandi portal aligns with the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) and serves as a crucial tool to strengthen the country's preparedness for potential animal pandemics

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

#### 1) S&P Global Ratings

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- S&P Global Ratings, a leading credit rating agency, has retained India's GDP growth projection at six percent for the fiscal year 2023-2024.
- It predicted India as the fastest growing economy among the Asia Pacific nations. The rating agency's decision to maintain the growth outlook is based on the country's domestic resilience.



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# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### 1) Perspectives - a new search

- Recently, Google has launched a new search feature called Perspectives, aiming to provide users with a broader range of viewpoints on various topics.
- Perspectives search on Google encompasses a wide range of content types, including long- and short-form videos, images, and written posts.
- One of the key focuses of Perspectives search is to prioritize content that demonstrates authoritativeness, expertise, and trustworthiness.

## ENVIRONMENT AND GEOGRAPHY

#### 1) Watermelon snow

- Watermelon snow is a natural phenomenon observed in snowy mountainous regions, including Utah (USA) where the snow takes on a red and pink hue.
- The occurrence has been attributed to a specific type of algae and has fascinated both scientists and nature enthusiasts alike.
- The captivating hue of watermelon snow is a result of a green algae bloom known as Chlamydomonas nivalis.
- Watermelon snow poses no human health concerns. It is a natural occurrence caused by the presence of harmless algae.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) World MSME Day

- International Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Day or World MSME Day is observed every year on 27th June to highlight the significance of MSMEs and how they play a crucial role in being the backbone of the country's economy.
- The theme MSME Day 2023 in India is "Future-ready MSMEs for India@100."







## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

#### 1) 'The Yoga Sutras for Children'

• A well known author, Roopa Pai authored a book titled 'The Yoga Sutras for Children', which was published by Hachette India, aims to connect and relate the practice of Yoga to children's everyday lives and helps them use their mind power to bring out the best in themselves.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

#### 1) Kyriakos Mitsotakis

- Kyriakos Mitsotakis was sworn in as the new prime minister of Greece for a second term.
- His party secured 158 seats in the 300-seat parliament, surpassing the leftist Syriza party, which governed Greece from 2015-2019 during the country's economic crisis.

#### 2) Rajat Verma

- DBS Bank India has appointed Rajat Verma as managing director and head of institutional banking in India.
- He replaced Niraj Mittal, who has recently moved to a new role as country head of DBS Bank in Australia.



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