

INTERNATIONAL

1) India and Serbia

- India and Serbia have set an ambitious target of achieving a bilateral trade volume of one billion euros by the end of the decade.

- President Droupadi Murmu of India and her Serbian counterpart, Aleksandar Vucic, have expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new areas of cooperation.

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) highlighted the significant discussions and engagements between the two leaders during President Murmu's visit to Serbia.

2) Pietermaritzburg railway station

The INS Trishul, a leading battleship of the Indian Navy, sailed to Durban port in South Africa to observe the 130th anniversary of an event that happened on 7 June 1893 at the Pietermaritzburg railway station.
The event marked the eviction of Mahatma Gandhi from a train, which further prompted his fight against discrimination.

3) China has achieved a major milestone in its pursuit of hypersonic technology

- China has achieved a major milestone in its pursuit of hypersonic technology with the completion of the world's most powerful wind tunnel.

Known as the JF-22, this groundbreaking facility is set to play a pivotal role in China's hypersonic ambitions, enabling the country to make significant strides in the development of hypersonic vehicles.
The JF-22 wind tunnel, located in Beijing's Huairou district, boasts impressive capabilities, including the ability to simulate hypersonic flight conditions at speeds up to Mach 30.

4) US Geological Survey

- The US Geological Survey (USGS) has downgraded the safety alert for Kilauea volcano in Hawaii, following a new eruption.





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- The alert level has been reduced from "WARNING" to "WATCH" as effusion rates have declined and no infrastructure is threatened.

- The previous warning has been lowered to a watch, as high effusion rates have decreased and no infrastructure is considered to be under threat. Aviation warnings have shifted from red to orange also.

5) Arabian Sea involving more than 35 aircraft as part of a Carrier Battle Group

- The Indian Navy carried out a massive operation in the Arabian Sea involving more than 35 aircraft as part of a Carrier Battle Group (CBG).

- This was one of the most significant demonstrations of the Navy's operational capabilities to date, and comes at a time when there are increasing Chinese forays into the Indian Ocean.

NATIONAL

1) Ayushman Bharat Health Account

- The insurance regulator of India has recently released a directive to all insurers operating in the country to establish unique 14-digit identifiers, known as Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs, for all individuals residing within India.

- This new rule applies to both fresh insurance applicants and established policyholders.

2) 'Sagar Samriddhi'

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, launched the 'Sagar Samriddhi' online dredging monitoring system as part of the 'Waste to Wealth' initiative of the ministry.
The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) developed the system, which replaces the old Draft and Loading Monitor system and offers improved efficiency and transparency.

3) Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship

- Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have joined forces to introduce the NBFC Growth Accelerator Program (NGAP).

- This collaborative initiative aims to address the funding challenges faced by micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by focusing on capacity building for smaller Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

- The program will primarily support NBFCs lending to MSMEs in tier two and tier three cities.

STATE NEWS

1) Ladli Behna Yojana 2023

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Ladli Behna Yojana 2023, with the first installment of Rs 1,000 deposited into the accounts of beneficiary women in Jabalpur.





- CM Chouhan assured the women that the scheme was not limited to Rs 1,000 and that he intended to gradually increase the amount as funds became available, with plans to raise the support to Rs 1,200, Rs 1,500, Rs 1,700, and Rs 2,000 per month.

2) 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme'

- India, as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, heavily relies on coal and lignite as primary sources of energy.

- To ensure a sustainable and uninterrupted supply, the Indian government has extended the 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme' from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

- With an estimated expenditure of ₹2,980 crore, this central sector plan aims to explore and assess the country's coal and lignite resources, laying the foundation for informed decision-making and future coal mining endeavors.

3) 'Modified Semicon India Programme'

- The Indian central government announced on May 31 that it will start accepting applications from June 1 onwards for the establishment of semiconductor and display fabrication units in India as part of the 'Modified Semicon India Programme'.

- This program will be open for applications until December 2024.

4) Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, holds the position of Chair of the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group during India's G20 Presidency.
The SAI20 Summit is scheduled to take place in Goa from 12th to 14th June 2023, and will be attended by delegates from SAI20 member SAIs of G20 countries, Guest SAIs, Invited SAIs, International Organizations, Engagement Groups, and other invitees. Sixteen countries will be participating in-person.

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BANKING NEWS

1) Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in collaboration with the Central Government, has introduced four crucial measures to bolster the strength of 1,514 Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in the country.
These initiatives were announced following detailed discussions between Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and RBI Governor, with the objective of achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahakar se Samridhi.'

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Pieter Elbers

- IndiGo announced that its CEO, Pieter Elbers, has been elected as the chair-elect of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors. He will succeed present Chair, Yvonne Manzi Makolo, the CEO of Rwandair with effect from June 2024.

- Pieter Elbers' appointment comes at a significant time for the Indian aviation industry, which is experiencing unprecedented growth and development.

2) Amit Agrawal and Subodh Kumar Singh

- Senior IAS officers Amit Agrawal and Subodh Kumar Singh have been appointed as CEO Unique Identification Authority of India and director general of the National Testing Agency, respectively, as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.

- Both Agrawal (1993 batch) and Singh (1997 batch) are Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the Chhattisgarh cadre.

- Agrawal, additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority in the rank and pay of additional secretary to the Government of India.







SPORTS

1) Novak Djokovic

- Novak Djokovic won his men's-record 23rd Grand Slam title with a victory over Casper Ruud in French Open Final. Djokovic broke a tie with rival Rafael Nadal for the most major singles trophies in the history of men's tennis.

- The Serb moves into the outright lead of men's majors ahead of Rafael Nadal. He also becomes the first man to win all four majors at least three times. By winning his 23rd Slam title at the French Open beating Norwegian world No. 4 Casper Ruud 7-6(1), 6-3, 7-5 in the final.

- Djokovic broke away from Rafael Nadal in the men's pecking order. Joining Serena Williams on the most Slam count by any player in the Open Era, he also became the first man to win all the Majors at least thrice.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Day Against Child Labour

- World Day Against Child Labour, observed on June 12th, aims to inspire a global movement against child labour. With the slogan "Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!" in 2023, it highlights the connection between social justice and the eradication of child labour.

- The International Labour Organization initiated this event in 2002, turning it into an international occasion.

- Its purpose is to motivate individuals, organizations, and governments to combat child labour and work towards its permanent elimination.



