

# <u>16th June</u>

# INTERNATIONAL

#### 1) Memorial wall in the UN headquarters

- The United Nations General Assembly has adopted by consensus a draft resolution piloted by India to establish a memorial wall in the UN headquarters to honour fallen peacekeepers.
- The memorial wall will remind people of not only the sacrifices of the fallen but also be a constant reminder of the cost of our decisions.

## NATIONAL

#### 1) International Green Apple Awards

- Telangana has been awarded with the International Green Apple Awards for Beautiful Buildings. The awards are presented annually by The Green Organization, an independent non-profit organisation based in London, to recognize and promote global environmental best practices.
- The five buildings are:

- a. Mozzam-Jahi Market (Heritage category)
- b. Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge (Bridge category)
- c. B R Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat Building
- d. Integrated Command Control Center of Telangana Police
- e. Yadadri Temple (Excellent religious structures category)

#### 2) E20

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, highlighted that petrol blended with 20% ethanol, known as E20, will soon be available at 1,000 outlets of oil marketing companies (OMCs) nationwide.
- Ethanol is an agricultural by-product which is mainly obtained from the processing of sugar from sugarcane, but also from other sources such as rice husk or maize.



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# **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

# 1) World bank road safety project

- The World Bank has initiated its first-ever project dedicated solely to road safety in South Asia, with a financial agreement of USD 358 million signed with the government of Bangladesh in Dhaka.
- It's main aim is to reduce fatalities and injuries caused by road crashes in high-risk highways, district roads and selected cities.
- The project will introduce comprehensive road safety measures, such as improved engineering designs, pedestrian facilities etc.

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## 1) Project Kaatru

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) have made significant progress in the field of air pollution monitoring by developing a low-cost mobile air pollution monitoring framework.
- The project, known as Kaatru (meaning "air" in Tamil), aims to address the limitations of traditional stationary monitoring stations and provide valuable insights for policy-making and mitigation strategies.

# 2) 'Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones'

- The Defence Ministry of India has granted approval for the acquisition of 'Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones' from America.
- The MQ-9B drone, a variant of the MQ-9 Reaper, has been chosen by India for its diverse capabilities, including maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, and over-the-horizon targeting.







## 3) Gene Cry2Ai

- Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana, have deferred a proposal, approved by the Centre's Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), to test a new kind of Transgenic Cotton Seed that contains a gene, Cry2Ai.
- Transgenic crops are plants that have been modified through genetic engineering techniques.
- Gene Cry2Ai purportedly makes cotton resistant to pink bollworm, a major pest. The conflict shows that a broad acceptance of genetically modified crops continues to be elusive.

## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

#### 1) Master Residential Real Estate

- Real estate expert in India, Ashwinder R Singh authored a new book titled Master Residential Real Estate.
- The book is a comprehensive guide to the industry. The book covers a wide range of topics, from finding the right property to financing a home purchase.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) The International Day of Family Remittances

- Every year, on June 16th, The International Day of Family Remittances is observed to improve the lives of their 800 million family members back home, and to create a future of hope for their children.
- Theme of 2022: "Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction."



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# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

# 1) Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023

- Well known author Ramchandra Guha's book Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023.
- He has been awarded £5,000 (₹5 lakhs approximately) and a bound copy of Elizabeth Longford's memoir.
- Rebels Against the Raj shows how historical biography can illuminate the temper of the times through immersion in individual lives.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

#### 1) Gopichand Hinduja

- Gopichand Hinduja, 83, has taken over as the Chairman of the Hinduja Group.
- Earlier, Gopichand Hinduja was the co-chairman and was overseeing the diverse global business empire that straddles across sectors such as automotive, IT, media and entertainment, infrastructure, oil and speciality chemicals, power and real estate.



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