

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JUNE 2017**

### **Awards**

The State whose scheme to improve the life and the status of the girls, namely Kanyashree Prakalpa has been awarded the United Nations Public Service Award – **West Bengal**

The anti-hunger activist from India who has been chosen to be conferred Queen's Young Leaders Award by United Kingdom – **Ankit Kawatra**

The eminent writer from Arunachal Pradesh who has been conferred Sarhad's 5th Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2017 – **Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi**

The book written by David Grossman (Israel) which has been chosen for the Man Booker International Prize 2017 – **A Horse Walks into a Bar**

The Union Minister of Health who has been conferred WHO Director-General's Special Recognition Award for global tobacco control – **Shri J.P. Nadda**

The State whose Project Jal Sanchay has been selected for National Award for Excellence in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGP) – **Bihar**

The place in Andhra Pradesh which has been chosen to be awarded MGNREGA annual award for effective implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act during 2015-16 – **Vizianagaram**

### **Sports**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Australia Open Super Series tournament defeating China's Chen Lang in the finals – **Kidambi Srikanth**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Indonesia Open Super Series tournament defeating Japan's Kazumasa Sakai in the finals – **Kidambi Srikanth**

The only Indian sportsperson who has been listed in the 2017 Forbes List of Highest Paid athletes (the list is topped by footballer Cristiano Ronaldo) – **Virat Kohli (rank 89)**

The Sri Lankan cricketer who has become the first from his country to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame – **Muttiah Muralitharan**

The Indian badminton player who has won his first Grand Prix Gold title clinching the Thailand Open defeating Christie Jonatan of Indonesia in Bangkok – **Sai Praneeth**

The only assigned competition manager of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), who has become the first Indian to be nominated as a member of the Umpires and Referees Committee (URC) – **Ganeshan Neelakanta Iyer**

## Places

The city in United Arab Emirates which has been announced as the World Book Capital for 2019 by UNESCO – **Sharjah**

The country which has unveiled world's first train which runs on virtual track making use of sensor technology instead of metal rails – **China**

The place in Maharashtra where IOC, BPCL and HPCL have jointly decided to build one of the world's largest integrated refinery-cum-petrochemicals complexes with a capacity of 60 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to be commissioned by the year 2022 – **Ratnagiri**

The places in Kerala where foundation stones of 2 mega food parks developed by Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) and Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) respectively were laid recently – **Palakkad and Alappuzha**

The place in Odisha where the State's first Mega Food Park was inaugurated by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries – **Rayagada**

The city in which the first case of Zika virus infection in India has been reported – **Ahmedabad**

The country which has decided to withdraw from 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change – **U.S.A.**

## States

The two Indian States which have become the 4th and 5th States to be declared Open Defecation Free (after Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala) – **Uttarakhand and Haryana**

The State which has become the first in the country to launch a pension for single women (Rs. 1000/- per month) – **Telangana**

The State which has announced implementation of Green Protocol for wedding ceremonies banning use of plastic and non-biodegradable items at such functions – **Kerala**

The State in which first project for rural LED street lighting in the country under the Government of India's Street Lighting National Project (SLNP) will be implemented – **Andhra Pradesh**

The state in which India's first automatic coastal warning for disasters (Early Warning Dissemination System) that would enable loud sirens go off simultaneously from towers at 122 locations by July – **Odisha**

## Persons

The founder and chairman of Lupin Limited, a multinational pharmaceutical company, who passed away on 26 June 2017 – **Desh Bandhu Gupta**

The contestant from Haryana who has been crowned Femina Miss India 2017 at a beauty pageant held in Mumbai – **Manushi Chhillar**

The committee constituted by the Central Govt for preparation of final draft of National Education Policy is headed by – **Dr. K. Kasturirangan**

The Indian member of the International Court of Justice who has been re-nominated to the court for another term – **Justice Dalveer Bhandari**

The President of Vanuatu who passed away suddenly due to a heart attack on 17 June 2017 – **Baldwin Lonsdale**

The former Chancellor of Germany, known for his role in German reunification and creation of Eurozone, who passed away on 16 June 2017 – **Helmut Kohl**

The former Chief Justice of India considered a pioneer of judicial activism in the country for introducing the concept of PILs who passed away on 15 June 2017 – **Justice P.N. Bhagwati**

The new Prime Minister of Nepal who is succeeding Pushpa Kamal Dahal who resigned in May 2017 – **Sher Bahadur Deuba**

### **Defence**

The second bilateral maritime exercise by the Navies of India and Australia at Freemantle, Australia from June 17 to June 19 is named – **AUSINDEX-17**

The hypersonic missile capable of travelling at 4600 mph (making it impossible to be intercepted) test fired by Russia is named – **Zircon**

### **Govt Programmes**

The new training programme for State Govt officials launched by the Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh with the objective of improving the public service delivery mechanism and provide citizen centric administration is named – **COMMIT (Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training)**

The initiative launched by Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM) under the social justice department for the management of disabled in the State is named – **Anuyatra**

### **Miscellaneous**

The Navratna PSU with which Indian Railways has signed a MoU for smart redevelopment of 10 railway stations (Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Tirupati, Nellore, Ernakulam, Puducherry, Madgaon and Thane New Stations) – **NBCC Ltd**

China's first X-Ray Modulation Telescope launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on 15 June to study the evolution of black holes, strong magnetic fields and gamma-ray bursts is named – **Insight**

The private sector insurance company which has been taken over by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India in the interest of policy holders – **Sahara India Life Insurance**

### Important Days of June

<p><b>Global Day of Parents:</b> 01 June 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2012</p>	<p><b>World Milk Day:</b> 01 June 2017 Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation First observed: 2001</p>
<p><b>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression:</b> 04 June 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly</p>	<p><b>World Environment Day:</b> 05 June 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1974 Host Country: Canada Theme: <b>Connecting People to Nature</b></p>
<p><b>World Ocean Day:</b> 08 May 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2009 Theme: <b>Our Oceans, Our Future</b></p>	<p><b>World Day Against Child Labour:</b> 12 June 2017 Designated by: International Labour Organization First Observed in: 2002 Theme: <b>In conflicts and disasters, protect children from child labour</b></p>
<p><b>World Blood Donor Day:</b> 14 June 2017 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2004 Theme: <b>What can you do? Give blood, Give now, Give often</b></p>	<p><b>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day:</b> 15 June 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: <b>Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue</b> First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p><b>International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict:</b> 19 June 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: <b>Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence</b> First Observed in: 2015</p>	<p><b>World Refugee Day:</b> 20 June 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p><b>International Day of Yoga:</b> 21 June 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: <b>Yoga for Health</b> First Observed in: 2015</p>	<p><b>International Widows Day:</b> 23 June 2017 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p><b>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:</b> 26 June 2017 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1988 Theme: Listen First – <b>Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe</b></p>	

### Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar and Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2017

The **Yuva Puraskar** are awarded annually for the first book or best book by an author of age 35 and below and carry a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a copper plaque.

**Assamese** – Pratim Baruah; **Bengali** – Shamik Ghosh; **Bodo** – Bijit Gwra Ramchiary; **Dogri** – Rajinder Ranjha; **English** – Manu S. Pillai; **Gujarati** – Ram Mori; **Hindi** – Taro Sindik; **Kannada** – Shanthi K. Appanna; **Kashmiri** – Nighat Sahiba; **Konkani** – Amey Vishram Naik; **Maithili** – Chandan Kumar Jha; **Malayalam** – Aswathy Sasikumar;

**Manipuri** – Kh. Krishnamohan Singha; **Marathi** – Rahul Kosambi; **Nepali** – Sarang Muskan; **Odia** – Suryasnata Tripathy; **Punjabi** – Harmanjit Singh; **Rajasthani** – Ummed Dhaniya; **Sanskrit** – Hemchandra Belwal; **Santhali** – Maina Tudu; **Sindhi** – Rekha Sachdev Pohani; **Tamil** – J. Jayabharathi; **Telugu** – Mercy Margaret; **Urdu** – Rasheed Ashraf Khan

The **Bala Sahitya Puraskar** are awarded annually for the book on children literature in the past 5 years and carry a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a copper plaque.

**Assamese** – Horendra Nath Borthakur; **Bengali** – Shashthipada Chattopadhyay; **Bodo** – Renu Boro; **Dogri** – Sudesh Raj; **English** – Paro Anand; **Gujarati** – Harish Nayak; **Hindi** – Sri Swayamprakash; **Kannada** – NS Lakshminarayana Bhatta; **Kashmiri** – Showkat Ansari; **Konkani** – Vincy Quadros; **Maithili** – Amlendu Sekhar Pathak; **Malayalam** – SR Lal; **Manipuri** – Wareppam Jugindra Singh; **Marathi** – LM Kadu; **Nepali** – Shanti Chettri; **Odia** – Subhendra Mohan Srichandan Singh; **Punjabi** – Satpal Bhikhi; **Rajasthani** – Pawan Pahadia; **Sanskrit** – Raj Kumar Mishra; **Santhali** – Joba Murmu; **Sindhi** – Roshan Golani; **Tamil** – Velu Saravanan; **Telugu** – Vasala Narasaiah; **Urdu** – Nazeer Fatehpuri

### **Launch of Communication Satellite GSAT-17**

Launched on: **29 June 2017**

Launched from: **Kourou, French Guiana**

Launch vehicle: **Ariane-5 VA-238**

**About GSAT-17:** The 3477 kg GSAT-17 carries communication payloads in C-band, Extended C-band and S-band for providing various services to the country. The satellite also carries equipment for meteorological data relay and satellite based search and rescue services.

### **City Liveability Index**

The Union Ministry of Urban Development has launched the 'City Liveability Index' for measuring the quality of life in 116 major cities including smart cities, capital cities and cities with a population of above one million each.

The Index is a Common Minimum Reference Framework to enable the cities know where they stand in terms of quality of life and the interventions required to improve the same.

The cities will be assessed on a comprehensive set of 79 parameters to capture the extent and quality of infrastructure including availability of roads, education and health care, mobility, employment opportunities, emergency response, grievance redressal, pollution, availability of open and green spaces, cultural and entertainment opportunities etc.

### **Launch of PSLV C38**

Launch date: **23 June 2017**

Satellite launched: **CartoSat-2** along with 30 smaller satellites

Launched from: **Sriharikota**

Remarks: This was the 40th mission of PSLV. One of the 30 co-passenger satellites carried by PSLV-C38 was the 15 kg NIUSAT, a University/Academic Institute satellite from Nurul Islam University, Tamil Nadu, India. The remaining 29 co-passenger satellites carried were international customer satellites from USA (10), United Kingdom (3), Belgium (3), Italy (3), Austria (1), Chile (1), Czech Republic (1), Finland (1), France (1), Germany (1), Japan (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1) and Slovakia (1). With today's successful launch, the total number of customer satellites from abroad placed in orbit by India's workhorse launch vehicle PSLV has reached 209.

### [ICC Champions Trophy 2017](#)

**Host:** England and Wales

**Participating teams:** Australia, England, India, South Africa, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan

**Winner & Runners-up:** Pakistan and India

**Player of the series:** Hasan Ali (Pakistan)

**Most Runs:** Shikhar Dhawan (338)

**Most Wickets:** Hasan Ali (13)

**Venue for the finals:** Oval, London

**Host for 2021 Champions Trophy:** India

### [Gandhi Darshan tourist train](#)

To commemorate the 100 years of Sabarmati Ashram and Champaran Satyagrah, Indian Railways has decided to run Gandhi Darshan Special Tourist Train or Astha Special Tourist Train as it is officially called.

**Destinations covered:** Wardha, Motihari, Bettiah, Gaya, Varanasi, Allahabad & Surat

**Boarding Points:** Sabarmati – Anand – Vadodara – Bharuch – Surat

**Flagged off from:** Bandra

### [SATH Programme of NITI Aayog](#)

NITI Aayog has launched SATH, a program providing 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' with the State Governments. The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors.

SATH aims to identify and build three future 'role model' states for health systems. The programme will be implemented by NITI along with McKinsey & Company and IPE Global consortium, who were selected through a competitive bidding process.

To select the three model states, NITI defined a three-stage process – expression of interest, presentations by the states and assessment of commitment to health sector reforms. NITI invited all states and UTs to participate in the program. Sixteen states expressed prima facie interest, of which fourteen made their presentations. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka,

Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh presented their project proposal to a Committee headed by Member of NITI Aayog, Shri Bibek Debroy and comprising of CEO, Amitabh Kant as well as a representative from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Of these fourteen states, five have been shortlisted. Subsequently, three will be selected on the basis of further evaluations and objective assessment of criteria affecting the potential for impact and likelihood of success. Metrics such as MMR, IMR, incidence of malaria and others have been considered for determining potential impact while density of doctors and nurses, compliance to IPHS norms are some of the metrics used to determine likelihood of success. The programme will be launched in the three selected states after the signing of MoUs.

### [French Open 2017](#)

<b>Title</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Simona Halep (Romania)
Mens's Doubles	Ryan Harrison (USA) and Michael Venus (New Zealand)	Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) and Donald Young (USA)
Women's Doubles	Bethanie Mattek-Sands (U.S.A.) and Lucie Safarova (Czech Republic)	Ashleigh Barty (Australia) and Casey Dellacqua (Australia)
Mixed Doubles	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Rohan Bopanna (India)	Anna-Lena Gronefeld (Germany) and Robert Farah (Colombia)

Note: Rafael Nadal has won his 10th French Open title (highest number of French Open singles titles).

### [GSLV Mk III](#)

Launch date: 05 June 2017

Satellite launched: GSAT - 19

Launched from: Sriharikota

GSLV Mk III is a three-stage heavy lift launch vehicle developed by ISRO. It is designed to carry 4 ton class of satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) or about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which is about twice the capability of GSLV Mk II.

### [Books in News](#)

The Crisis Within - Ganesh Devy

Indira Gandhi - A Life in Nature - Jairam Ramesh

### [Abbreviations in News](#)

SATH: Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital

VAJRA: Visiting Advanced Joint Research

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