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NATIONAL AFFAIRS / GOVERNMENT SCHEME

1. Union Minister Kiren Rijju Unveils 'UMEED Portal' to Digitally Manage Waqf Properties.



In June 2025, Union Minister Kiren Rijju, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), launched the 'Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development (UMEED) portal', a centralized digital platform designed for real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties across India, in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The UMEED portal, developed by MoMA, marks a significant milestone in the history of Waqf property management and administration in India, enhancing transparency and offering substantial benefits to the common Muslim community, particularly women and children.

- Named after the UMEED Act of 1995, the portal aims to streamline Waqf property management by enabling real-time data updates and providing the public with access to authenticated information.

- Waqf refers to the permanent dedication of movable or immovable property by a Muslim for religious, pious, or charitable purposes recognized under Islamic law. It is legally governed by the Waqf Act, 1995, and has been subsequently amended through the Waqf (Amendment) Acts of 2013 and 2025.

Key Points:-

(i) The UMEED Portal creates a digital inventory by geo-tagging all Waqf properties and assigning a unique 17-digit ID. It includes GIS mapping and ensures public access to verified records, promoting transparency in property leasing and management.

(ii) The portal features an online grievance redressal system and a three-tier verification process involving the Mutawalli (Maker), district officer (Checker), and State/UT Waqf Board CEO (Approver), ensuring accurate data entry and streamlined approval of property records.

(iii) State Waqf Boards must register all properties by 6 December 2025, with a one-to-two-month extension allowed. Unregistered or undocumented properties go to the Waqf Tribunal. Properties owned by women are excluded from Waqf declaration as per the rules.

2. Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Zheenbek Kulubaev Visits India for 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue and Signs Bilateral Investment Treaty.



Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Minister, Zheenbek Kulubaev Moldokanovich, was on a three-day official visit to India from June 5 to 7, 2025, to participate in the 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- During his visit, he held discussions with Indian officials aimed at enhancing bilateral ties and promoting regional cooperation.

Key Points:-

(i) On 5 June 2025, Zheenbek Kulubaev, Minister of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Kyrgyz Republic, met Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), and signed the Protocol and exchanged the Instrument of Ratification for the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the Government of India (GoI) and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in New Delhi, Delhi.

(ii) On 6 June 2025, Zheenbek Kulubaev Moldokanovich took part in the 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue, chaired by Union Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI, held in New Delhi, Delhi.

(iii) Five Central Asian nations—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan—alongside India, expressed interest in joint exploration of rare earth and critical minerals to reduce global dependency, particularly amid Chinese export restrictions.

3. DRDO Hands Over Technologies of Nine Defence Systems to 10 Indian Industries.



In June 2025, Ahilyanagar (Maharashtra)-based Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a laboratory under the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), transferred technologies of nine defence systems to ten industries.

- This move marks a significant step towards building a strong defence industrial ecosystem through the collaboration of both public and private sectors.

- The transferred technologies include the CBRN Reconnaissance Vehicle (Tracked) Mk-II for monitoring chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats; Mounted Gun System (MGS) for mobile firepower; Anti-Terrorist Vehicle (ATV) – Tracked Version for counter-terror operations; and the Full Trailer of 70t Tank Transporter designed to carry MBT Arjun Mk-1A tanks efficiently.

- Additional systems include the Expandable Mobile Shelter for modular field deployments; Vajra – Riot Control Vehicle for law enforcement; Unit Maintenance Vehicle (UMV) and Unit Repair Vehicle (URV) for servicing and repairing MBT Arjun tanks in the field; and the Multi-Purpose Decontamination System (MPDS) for effective decontamination in CBRN-affected environments.

Key Points:-

(i) The licensing agreements were formally handed over during an event at VRDE, in the presence of Dr. Samir V Kamat, Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D), and Chairman, DRDO.

(ii) QuBeats, a Hyderabad (Telangana)-based Indian Quantum deeptech company, won the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) ADITI 2.0 Defence Challenge for developing an indigenous Quantum Positioning System (QPS) for the Indian Navy (IN). The award includes a grant of ₹25 crore (USD 3 million) to support the

development of next-generation high-precision quantum sensors.

4. ICRISAT, IFFCO, and BBSSL Join Hands to Set Up 'Beej Anusandhan Kendra' in Gujarat.



In June 2025, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), based in Hyderabad, Telangana, along with Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), both based in New Delhi, signed a Tripartite Service Agreement to establish the 'Beej Anusandhan Kendra (BAK)' – a state-of-the-art seed research and development center in Kalol, Gujarat.

- The BAK is envisioned as a modern facility to strengthen India's seed innovation ecosystem and promote sustainable agriculture.
- ICRISAT has been appointed as the Knowledge Partner and will be responsible for preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) outlining the scientific framework, functions, and design of the centre.

Key Points:-

(i) IFFCO, a leading multi-state cooperative society, will undertake the construction of the BAK infrastructure.

(ii) BBSSL, a national-level seed cooperative, will be in charge of operating the center.

(iii) This collaboration aligns with the vision laid out in the recent MoU signed between ICRISAT and IFFCO during ICRISAT's Foundation Day to boost seed research and agricultural innovation in India.

INTERNATIONAL

1. IEA's World Energy Investment Report 2025: China Emerges as Top Global Energy Investor.



In June 2025, the International Energy Agency (IEA), headquartered in Paris, France, released the 10th edition of its flagship World Energy Investment Report. The report highlighted that China is projected to contribute over 25% of the global energy investment in 2025, underlining its dominant position, while several developing nations continue to face challenges in securing capital for energy infrastructure development.

- Over the last decade, China's share in global energy investments has grown from 25% to nearly 33%, according to the report.
- The total global energy investment is expected to reach an all-time high of USD 3.3 trillion in 2025.

- **Global investment in clean energy technologies—such as renewables, nuclear, grids, storage, and low-emission fuels—is projected to reach a record USD 2.2 trillion in 2025, highlighting a global shift toward sustainable infrastructure.**

Key Points:-

- (i) Investment in solar energy, including both utility-scale and rooftop installations, is expected to hit USD 450 billion in 2025, marking it as a key driver of global energy transition.
- (ii) India's renewable energy investments have nearly tripled from USD 13 billion (2015) to USD 37 billion (2025), while fossil fuel investments also grew from USD 41 billion to USD 49 billion over the same period.
- (iii) The report provides critical insights into global energy funding patterns and emphasizes the urgency of directing more resources towards clean energy, especially in developing economies.

2. India Highlights Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as Global Model at 11th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meet.



In June 2025, Union Minister of State (MoS) Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, representing the Ministry of Communications and Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, participated in

the 11th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting held in Brasilia, Brazil, to discuss global digital cooperation.

- During the meeting, Dr. Sekhar showcased India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a global benchmark for inclusive digital governance, emphasizing India's achievements through initiatives like Aadhaar and UPI to strengthen digital identity and financial access for millions.
- Dr. Pemmasani delivered India's official statement aligning with the BRICS 2025 Presidency of Brazil, under the overarching theme of "Universal and Meaningful Connectivity, Space Sustainability, Environmental Sustainability, and the Digital Ecosystem."

Key Points:-

- (i) MoS Dr. Pemmasani emphasized India's DPI achievements, particularly flagship initiatives such as Aadhaar and Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which play a pivotal role in advancing universal digital connectivity.
- (ii) He highlighted Aadhaar's impact, providing over 950 million citizens with secure digital identity for seamless access to public and private services.
- (iii) He urged BRICS member nations to enhance collaboration in leveraging DPI to foster inclusive development and build robust digital economies.

3. Amul Collaborates with Spain's COVAP to Introduce Fresh Milk in European Union Market.



In June 2025, Gujarat (India)-based Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF), which markets dairy products under the Amul brand, entered into a strategic partnership with Cooperativa Ganadera del Valle de los Pedroches (COVAP), based in Pozoblanco, Córdoba, Spain, to launch Amul fresh milk in Spain and across the European Union (EU).

- **The launch event was officially hosted at the Embassy of India in Madrid, Spain, and attended by several dignitaries, including Dinesh K. Patnaik, Ambassador of India to Spain.**
- **This collaboration marks the first-ever launch of Amul fresh milk in the European market.**

Key Points:-

- The product rollout will begin in Madrid and Barcelona, followed by expansion to other Spanish cities like Malaga, Valencia, Alicante, Seville, and Córdoba, as well as Lisbon in Portugal.
- The partnership combines GCMMF's expertise in global dairy marketing with COVAP's state-of-the-art dairy infrastructure.
- The initiative aligns with the United Nations (UN)'s declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, emphasizing the strength of global cooperative models and international

collaboration.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. AU Small Finance Bank Partners with IFC to Embed Climate Risk Management into Core Banking Strategy.



In June 2025, Jaipur (Rajasthan)-based AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest Small Finance Bank, partnered with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group (WBG) headquartered in Washington, D.C., USA, to launch a comprehensive climate risk advisory initiative.

- **This strategic collaboration aims to embed climate risk management into AU SFB's governance structure, strategic planning, risk assessment procedures, and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) disclosures. The initiative aligns with global best practices and evolving regulatory standards, reinforcing AU SFB's commitment to sustainable banking.**
- **The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will serve as the lead advisor to AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) on ESG and climate risk, helping the bank meet growing expectations to quantify, disclose, and manage climate-related financial risks.**

- This component will assess AU SFB's loan portfolio exposure to physical climate hazards like floods, droughts, and extreme weather. It includes creating a risk heatmap using IPCC climate scenarios and projections extending to 2100.

Key Points:-

(i) AU SFB will analyze potential financial exposures resulting from policy changes and market shifts using the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) scenarios to simulate transition risks.

(ii) The bank will apply the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) methodology to calculate financed emissions (Scope 3, Category 15) for FY25–FY26 across corporate loans, SME finance, real estate, and sovereign bonds.

(iii) For technical implementation, IFC will collaborate with Bengaluru-based StepChange, a specialized climate risk solutions firm, to conduct analytical modeling and quantitative assessments for the program.

2. Serentica Renewables Secures Over USD 100 Million in Funding from Rabobank and Société Générale.



In June 2025, Gurugram, Haryana-based Serentica Renewables, India's leading Commercial & Industrial (C&I) focused Renewable Energy (RE)

company, secured over USD 100 million in debt financing from two global financial institutions: Rabobank (Utrecht, the Netherlands) and Société Générale SA (Paris, France).

- The funds will support the development of a 300 Mega Watt (MW) solar power project in Rajasthan.
- This marks Serentica's second successful External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) financing.

Key Points:-

(i) The 300 MW project will include the development of a Photovoltaic (PV) park, which will generate renewable electricity for Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), a subsidiary of the Vedanta Group, based in New Delhi, Delhi.

(ii) As of 2025, Serentica Renewables has achieved 1,000 MW of renewable energy capacity through ongoing projects across several Indian states. The projects utilize a mix of solar, wind, energy storage, and advanced grid balancing solutions.

(iii) Established in 2022, Serentica is backed by a USD 650 million investment from KKR & Co. Inc. (New York, USA), and is committed to decarbonizing hard-to-abate industries by providing firm and dispatchable renewable energy solutions.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Sat Pal Bhanoo Appointed Interim MD & CEO of LIC.



On June 8, 2025, Sat Pal Bhanoo, currently serving as Managing Director at the Mumbai headquarters of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), was given interim charge as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LIC.

- The appointment, approved by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance (MoF), will be in effect for three months—from June 8 to September 7, 2025—or until a permanent successor is appointed.
- This move follows the completion of Siddhartha Mohanty's tenure as MD & CEO on June 7, 2025. Mohanty, who began his journey with LIC in 1985 as an apprentice officer, had been leading the corporation until the end of his term.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is a government-owned statutory corporation and the largest life insurer in the country. Apart from its core insurance services, LIC plays a vital role as a leading institutional investor in India's financial ecosystem.

Key Points:-

- (i) Sat Pal Bhanoo began his journey with LIC in 1988 as a Special Batch Direct Recruit Officer.
- (ii) He became Managing Director of LIC on July 20, 2023, succeeding Siddhartha Mohanty. Over the years, he has served on the boards of prominent entities such as Mahindra & Mahindra

Ltd., LIC Bangladesh Ltd., and LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation.

(iii) Bhanoo is actively involved in the insurance sector's development and governance. He is a member of the governing bodies of the National Insurance Academy and the Insurance Institute of India, reflecting his leadership beyond LIC.

SPORTS

1. French Open 2025: Carlos Alcaraz Clinches Men's Singles Title, Coco Gauff Triumphs in Women's Final.



On June 8, 2025, Spain's Carlos Alcaraz (World No. 2) triumphed over Italy's Jannik Sinner (World No. 1) in the men's singles final of the French Open 2025, held at Stade Roland Garros, Paris.

- With this victory, Alcaraz secured his second French Open title and fifth Grand Slam title overall.
- In the women's singles final, Coco Gauff of the United States (World No. 2) defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus (World No. 1), clinching her maiden French Open title and second career Grand Slam, following her 2023 US Open win.

Key Points:-

- (i) In the men's doubles final, Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina) defeated

the British duo Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski.

(ii) In the women's doubles final, the Italian pair Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini overcame Anna Danilina (Russia-Kazakhstan) and Aleksandra Krunic (Serbia) to claim the title.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

1. PM Narendra Modi Delivers Virtual Address at ICDRI 2025 Summit.



In June 2025, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi addressed the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI 2025), held from June 06 to 07, 2025, in Nice, France, via video conferencing.

- ICDRI 2025 marked the first time the conference was hosted in Europe, with the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) serving as co-chair.
- The conference was held under the theme "Shaping a Resilient Future for Coastal Regions", with a focus on strengthening infrastructure to withstand coastal and climate-related risks and challenges.

Key Points:-

(i) The 7th edition of ICDRI was organized by the New Delhi (Delhi)-based Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) with support from

the Government of France.

(ii) During ICDRI 2025, the 54-member global coalition reaffirmed its commitment to promoting climate and disaster-resilient infrastructure, particularly across Africa, and called for accelerated resilience-building efforts in small island nations, emphasizing the need for greater global cooperation and investment.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. United Nations (UN) World Oceans Day (WOD) Observed on 8 June 2025.



The United Nations (UN)'s World Oceans Day (WOD) is observed annually on June 8 across the globe to raise awareness about the impact of human activities on the oceans, inspire a global movement for ocean conservation, and encourage sustainable ocean management practices.

- WOD 2025 was hosted by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) under the Office of Legal Affairs of the UN, in collaboration with Oceanic Global, a non-profit organisation dedicated to ocean protection.

- The theme for WOD 2025, "Wonder: Sustaining What Sustains Us," underscores the ocean's awe-inspiring beauty, profound mystery, and its indispensable role in sustaining life on Earth.

- As part of the WOD 2025 observance, the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) is scheduled to be held in Nice, France from June 9 to 13, 2025, under the theme: “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean.”

Key Points:-

(i) The concept of World Oceans Day was first proposed by Canada on June 8, 1992, during the Earth Summit (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development – UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(ii) On December 5, 2008, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/63/111, officially recognizing June 8 as World Oceans Day.

(iii) The first official celebration of World Oceans Day was held on June 8, 2009.

2. World Brain Tumor Day 2025 Observed Globally on June 8.



World Brain Tumor Day (WBTD) is observed annually on June 8 across the globe to raise awareness about brain tumors, highlight their impact on individuals and families, and emphasize the importance of early diagnosis, timely treatment, and research.

- The theme for WBTD 2025 is “Brain Health for All Ages”, which promotes awareness and proactive neurological care from childhood to old age.

- The Grey Ribbon is the official symbol representing Brain Tumors and Brain Cancers, signifying solidarity and hope for those affected.

- The International Brain Tumour Awareness Week (IBTAW), organized by the International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA) based in London, United Kingdom (UK), will observe its 18th edition from 25th October to 1st November 2025.

Key Points:-

(i) World Brain Tumor Day was first established in 2000 by the Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe e.V. (German Brain Tumor Association), a non-profit organization based in Leipzig, Germany.

(ii) Since its inception, June 8 has been globally recognized every year to support those impacted by brain tumors and to enhance healthcare systems for better diagnosis and treatment.

(iii) Brain Tumour Awareness Month (BTAM) is observed in May to promote awareness, encourage research, and support patients and their families coping with brain tumors.

OBITUARY

1. Canada’s First Astronaut and Former Foreign Minister Marc Garneau Passes Away.



In June 2025, Marc Garneau, Canada's first astronaut and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, passed away at the age of 76 in Canada. Born on February 23, 1949, in Quebec City, he leaves behind a legacy that spans space exploration, politics, and public service.

- In 1984, Garneau made history by becoming the first Canadian to travel to space, flying aboard NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger during the STS-41-G mission. This milestone marked Canada's entry into human spaceflight.
- Garneau completed a total of three spaceflights: STS-41-G (1984), STS-77 (1996), and STS-97 (2000), contributing significantly to international space missions as part of NASA's space shuttle program.
- Transitioning to public service, Garneau served as a Liberal Member of Parliament (MP) for a Montreal-area riding from 2008 to 2023. His long political career was marked by dedication to science, infrastructure, and international diplomacy.

Key Points:-

(i) Garneau held key cabinet positions under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, including Minister of Transport from 2015 to 2021, and later, Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2021, where he represented Canada on the global stage.

(ii) In recognition of his historic spaceflight,

Garneau was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1984—one of the nation's highest civilian honours. He also received the Order of Quebec for his contributions to science and public service.

(iii) Between 2001 and 2005, Garneau served as President of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), where he played a pivotal role in advancing Canada's space programs and international collaborations. He also received three NASA Space Flight Medals for his missions.

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Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)	Director General (DG): Amit Prothi	Headquarters: New Delhi
Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE)	Director: G. Ramamohana Rao	Headquarters: Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra
China	President: Xi Jinping	Capital: Beijing
Brazil	President : Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	Capital : Brasília
GCMMF (Amul)	Established : 1973	Headquarters : Anand, Gujarat
AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)	MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal	Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan
LIC	MD & CEO : Sat Pal Bhanoo	Headquarter : Mumbai