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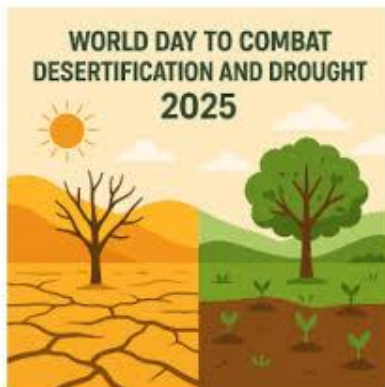
TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

Date: 18.06.2025

IMPORTANT DAYS

World day to combat Desertification and Drought observed on June 17th



1. The day is commemorated to increase public awareness about the critical need to combat desertification and drought.
2. The **theme** of the day is **“Restore the land. Unlock the Opportunities”**.
3. The day **was established by the UN General Assembly in 1994**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Defence Cyber Agency launches “Cyber Suraksha” exercise

1. **“Cyber Suraksha” was launched by the Defence Cyber Agency** under the Integrated Defence Staff Headquarters.
2. It is a **12-day cybersecurity training exercise which will end on June 27, 2025**.
3. It involves 100+ participants from national defence and security agencies.
4. This **aligns with India’s Cyber Security Policy 2020**.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India reappoints Ambassador to North Korea after four years



1. **India has named Aliawati Longkumer(a 2008-batch IFS officer) as its new ambassador to North Korea** restoring high-level diplomatic representation in Pyongyang after a four year gap since 2021.

2. **Atul Malhari Gotsurve was the last ambassador** before 2021.

UN declares 2026 as International Year of the women farmer

1. **United Nations General Assembly declares 2026 a the International Year of the Woman Farmer** to recognize and empower 4women's role in agriculture.

2. Globally, women contribute nearly 50% of the food supply, representing 60% to 80% of food production in developing nations and accounting for 39% of the agricultural workforce in South Asia.

AWARDS & HONOURS

Tom Cruise, Allen Thomas, Parton to receive honorary Oscars 2025

1. **Tom Cruise, Debbie Allen, Wynn Thomas and Dolly Parton will receive honorary Oscars at the 2025 Governors awards for their lifetime achievements.**

2. **Mr. Cruise** who is nominated four times is **recognised for his dedication to film-making and stunts.**

3. **Ms. Parton earns Jean Hersholt Humanitarian award for her Philanthropy.**



OBITUARY

Renowned ISRO scientist Nellai Su. Muthu passes away



1. **Nellai Su. Muthu, a former ISRO scientist and renowned Tamil author passed away** at the age of 74.
2. He has authored over 170 books, including 100+ science books and 70+ general books across science, children's literature, history, criticism, poetry and translation.
3. He was **honoured with Kavimamani award by the World Tamil Poets Association, Malaysia.**

BUSINESS NEWS

UPI gets a speed boost : transactions now in 10 secs

1. UPI transactions in India is set to become significantly faster with the NPCI mandating the **payment related process be completed within 10 - 15 seconds.**
2. **Money transfers, status checks and reversals must now be completed in 10 -15 secs down from 30 secs.**
3. **UPI address validation will now take only 10 secs which is previously 15 secs.**
4. The **balance check time is limited to 50 times/day per user.**

Ambani heirs have combined net worth of over Rs. 7 lakh cr

1. **Akash and Anant Ambani** took the top spot as **the richest Indians in 360 One Wealth management firm's first wealth creators list** with a combined net worth of **Rs.7.18 lakh cr.**
2. The list was prepared in association with CRISIL.

Raminfo bags Rs.474 cr rooftop solar order

1. **Raminfo bagged a Rs.474 cr order from the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd (RRECL).**
2. Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Raminfo Green Energy in which the company **holds 51% stake**, will execute the project.

3. The SPV will operate in electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply sector.

Vaishnaw opens Gati Shakti auto cargo terminal at Maruti plant

1. To boost logistical efficiency of automobile transportation, Union Minister for Railways **Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's largest automobile Gati Shakti Cargo terminal at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar plant in Haryana.**

2. The Manesar facility is connected with Patli Railway station via a 10-km long dedicated rail link. A part of the 121.7 km Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor being developed by the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC).

3. The **construction work on this 10 km link cost Rs.800 cr with HRIDC contributing Rs.684 cr and the balance funded by Maruti Suzuki.**

Maruti Suzuki partners with Equitas bank to boost retail car financing

1. **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) has entered into a strategic vehicle financing partnership with Equitas SFB.**

2. The **MoU was signed to provide enhanced retail financing for new cars, used cars and commercial vehicles.**

IOB launches 'Locate IOB' initiative

1. **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched a new digital feature called "Locate IOB" to help the customers easily find the nearest branches and ATMs.**

2. The web based service allows users to search for IOB locations, access IFSC codes, get step-by-step directions and call branches directly through an integrated interface.

SPORTS



Ankita Raina clinches 32nd doubles title with Alice Robbe
Ankita raina and Alice Robbe won the doubles title at the \$40,000 ITF Women's tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal

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