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## **1. Government of India constituted peace committee in Manipur ( June 10, 2023 )**

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Government of India has constituted a **Peace Committee in Manipur** under the **Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey** on 10 June.

### **An overview of the news**

- The constitution of the Peace Committee in Manipur was announced by **Amit Shah**, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, during his visit to the state from **May 29th, 2023 to June 1st, 2023**.

### **Members of Peace Committee**

- The committee consists of the **chief minister, state government ministers, members of parliament (MPs), members of the legislative assembly (MLAs) and leaders of various political parties**.
- The Committee also includes former civil servants, educationists, litterateurs, artists, social workers and representatives of different ethnic groups.

### **Mandate of the Committee**

- The primary mandate of the **Peace Committee is to facilitate the peace-making process** among different ethnic groups in Manipur.
- This involves promoting peaceful dialogues and negotiations between conflicting parties or groups.
- The Committee aims to **foster social cohesiveness, mutual understanding, and cordial communication** between the various ethnic groups in the state.
- The objective of the committee is **to resolve conflicts, redress grievances and promote reconciliation** among the various communities in Manipur.

## **2. Sarbananda Sonowal launches 'Sagar Samriddhi' online dredging monitoring system ( June 10, 2023 )**

Sagar-Samriddhi

In a significant move to accelerate the '**Waste to Wealth**' initiative of the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)**, Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** launched the '**Sagar Samriddhi**' online dredging monitoring system on 12 June.

### **About 'Sagar Samriddhi' online dredging monitoring system**

- This will help in making the seas and port clean. With this, **real time information on dredging** will be available.

- This system has been developed by **National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)** the technological arm of MoPSW.
- The new technology **Draft and Loading Monitor (DLM)** system is a significant improvement over the older system.
  - The 'Sagar Samriddhi' monitoring system **aims to bring synergy among various input reports**, including the daily dredging report and pre and post dredging survey data.
  - By integrating and processing these reports, the system can generate real-time dredging reports, providing valuable insights and information.

### **Capabilities of 'Sagar Samriddhi'**

- Real time dredging progress report
- Daily and monthly progress Visualisation
- Dredger performance and downtime monitoring
- Easy location track data with snapshot of loading, unloading and idle time

### **National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)**

- NTCPWC was established under the **Sagarmala program** of MoPSW at **IIT Madras with a total investment of Rs 77 crore.**
- It was inaugurated on 24 April 2023 by Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal.**
- It aims to enable research and development for the maritime sector, while enabling solutions towards achieving the goal of building a strong maritime industry in the country.

### **3. First edition of India, France and UAE maritime partnership exercise begins ( June 10, 2023 )**

France-and-UAE

The **first edition of the India, France and UAE maritime partnership exercise** began in the **Gulf of Oman.**

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The exercise includes the participation of **INS Tarkash and French Ship Surcouf**, both equipped with integral helicopters, as well as **French Rafale aircraft and UAE Navy Maritime Patrol Aircraft.**
- The exercise focused on a wide range of naval operations, including surface combat, tactical firing, missile engagement on surface targets, helicopter cross deck landing operations, advanced air defence exercises and boarding operations.
- The primary objective of the exercise is to enhance trilateral cooperation between the three navies and address conventional and non-conventional threats in the maritime environment.

- The exercise serves as a platform for sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices in maritime security.
- The participating navies aim to strengthen ties, promote mutual understanding and promote regional security and stability in the maritime domain.

**United Arab Emirates (UAE):**

- Capital - **Abu Dhabi**
- Official language - **Arabic**
- Government - **Federal Islamic parliamentary elective semi-constitutional monarchy**
- President/Crown Prince - **Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
- Prime Minister - **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**
- Vice President - **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

**Oman:**

- Capital - **Muscat**
- Currency - **Omani Rial**
- Official language - **Arabic**
- Sultan - **Haitham bin Tariq**
- Crown Prince - **Thiazin bin Haitham**

**4. NTPC Kanti launches Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023 ( June 10, 2023 )**

NTPC Kanti launched **Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GeM)-2023** as part of its CSR initiative.

**An Overview of the News**

- The program is a four-week residential workshop aimed at **empowering 40 underprivileged rural girls** from **Kanti Block**.
- This initiative is the first of its kind organised by **NTPC Kanti**.
- The primary objective of the GeM program is to **provide academic training, skill development and overall personality enhancement** to the participants.
- The program focuses on inculcating curiosity among the participants and developing better communication and social skills.

- By empowering underprivileged rural girls, NTPC Kanti aims to **contribute to their holistic development** and provide them opportunities for a better future.
- The **GeM-2023 program** reflects NTPC Kanti's commitment to social welfare and dedication to support marginalised communities.

### **Bihar:**

- It is a state located in **eastern India** and shares its **border with Nepal**.
- This region is divided by the **river Ganga**.
- Bihar is known for its important Buddhist pilgrimage sites.
- The **Mahabodhi Temple** in Bodh Gaya is a revered site.

Formation - **22 March 1912**

Capital - **Patna**

District - **38**

Governor - **Rajendra Arlekar**

Chief Minister - **Nitish Kumar**

Deputy Chief Minister - **Tejashwi Yadav**

Rajya Sabha - **16 seats**

Lok Sabha - **40 seats**

### **5. 'Har Ghar Jal' Program highlights significant impact on Public Health - WHO report ( June 10, 2023 )**

World Health Organization (WHO)

A recently released report by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** has highlighted the significant impacts of the '**Har Ghar Jal**' program on public health and economic savings.

#### **An overview of the news**

- Dr Richard Johnston and Dr Sophie Boisson of the WHO South East Asia presented the report titled '**Health impact of Jal Jeevan Mission**'.

#### **Highlight of the report**

- The report pointed out that nearly **four lakh diarrheal deaths** could be prevented by ensuring safely managed drinking water for all households in the country.
- Nearly 14 million **disability-adjusted life years (DALYs)** related to these diseases could be prevented.

- This achievement alone will result in estimated **cost savings of up to US\$101 billion.**
- This report focuses on diarrheal diseases as **water-borne diseases** are a major reason for this.
- The report shows that in 2018, **36 per cent** of India's total population did not have access to improved drinking water sources in their premises.
- Direct use of unsafe drinking water has serious health and social consequences.
- The analysis indicates that in 2019, unsafe drinking water, along with inadequate sanitation and hygiene, contributed to **1.4 million deaths and 74 million DALYs globally.**

### **'Har Ghar Jal' Program**

- **Launched** - By Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2019
- **Implementation** - By the Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti
- **Aims** - To provide every rural household with affordable and regular access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water through taps.
- **SDG 6.1** - Ensuring universal access to safe and affordable drinking water
- **Achievement** - 5 states (Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat and Punjab) and 3 union territories (Puducherry, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli) have reported 100% tap water coverage.

### **6. IICA and RRU sign MoU for academic and research collaboration ( June 10, 2023 )**

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)** and **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)** on 9 June.

#### **An overview of the news**

- The objective of the MoU is to synergize the professional capabilities of IICA and RRU towards **capacity building, education, research and consultancy** in the areas of **internal security, financial crime, law enforcement, corporate fraud** and other subjects.
- The MoU also provides for exchange of knowledge and resources between IICA and RRU for conducting research, training and consultancy.

#### **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs**

- It was registered as a society on **September 12, 2008** under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**

- It is an **autonomous institute**, working under the aegis of the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** to deliver opportunities for **research, education, and advocacy**.
- It is a think-tank, capacity building and service delivery institute.

## **7. Indian Council of Agricultural Research signs a MOU with Amazon Kisan to Empower Farmers ( June 10, 2023 )**

### **Amazon-Kisan-to-Empower-Farmers**

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** signed an **MoU with Amazon Farmer** on 9th June.

### **An overview of the news**

- The MoU aims **to create synergy between these two organizations** to guide farmers on scientific cultivation of various crops for optimum yield and income.
- ICAR will provide **technical support** to farmers through **Amazon's network**.
- This collaboration will enable farmers to access valuable agricultural knowledge and resources, improve their livelihood and increase crop yield.
- By adopting these practices, farmers can improve their income and overall profitability.
- The objective of this MoU is to ensure access to high quality fresh produce for consumers across India.
- Through initiatives such as Amazon Fresh, consumers will have reliable access to fresh farm products.

### **Expansion of cooperation on the basis of successful pilot project**

- A successful pilot project between ICAR-KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra) in Pune and Amazon has decided to expand the collaboration.
- The precision farming practices developed through extensive research will be disseminated for the benefit of a wider group of farmers.

### **Empowering farmers through technology transfer**

- **Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras** under ICAR, will play an important role in empowering farmers by taking advantage of technology transfer.
- This would include sharing of technological advancements and implementing capacity building programs to empower farmers with knowledge and skills.

### **Training & Marketing Support**

- Amazon will provide training support to the farmers, helping them improve their understanding of modern farming practices.

- Additionally, Amazon will assist farmers in marketing their produce by creating a direct connection between farmers and consumers through its online platform.

### **About Indian Council of Agricultural Research**

- It is an **autonomous body** formerly known as the **Imperial Council of Agricultural Research**.
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**
- Established - **1929**
- The Union Minister of Agriculture serves as its president. Presently its president is **Narendra Singh Tomar**.
- ICAR is the largest network of agricultural research and education institutes in the world.
- **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)**
  - **RRU** is an Institution of National Importance under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
  - It is a pioneering national security and police University of India.

### **8. Cyclone Biparjoy ( June 9, 2023 )**

Cyclone-Biparjoy

The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has recently issued an **advisory for all the ports of Gujarat**.

#### **An overview of the news**

- In the advisory, it has been directed to issue a **Distant Warning (DW 2) signal** in case a deep pressure in the **Arabian Sea** intensifies into a **cyclonic storm Biparjoy**.
- According to IMD, the storm has **shifted northwards** and could pose a **potential risk to the coastal areas**.
- In light of this weather phenomenon, fishermen have been warned not to venture into the deep sea.

#### **How was Cyclone Biparjoy named?**

- The cyclone was named "**Biparjoy**" by **Bangladesh**.
- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) follows an **alphabetical order** for naming tropical cyclones, with member countries submitting names.
- Bangladesh proposed the name "**Biparjoy**," which translates to "**Disaster**" in **Bengali**.
- The next cyclone after Biparjoy will be named '**Tej**' based on **India's suggestion**.

## **Cyclones in the Arabian Sea**

- The month of **June** is considered favorable for the **formation of cyclones in the Arabian Sea.**
- This is due to specific atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to cyclone development during this time.
- Cyclones form as a result of **low-pressure systems** that develop **over warm ocean waters.**
- The warm sea surface temperatures provide the necessary **energy and moisture for the formation and intensification of cyclones.**
- While the **Bay of Bengal** is generally known for its **higher temperatures**, the Arabian Sea is also experiencing increasing water temperatures due to climate change.
- The rising temperatures contribute to the **overall warming of the Arabian Sea**, creating a favorable environment for **cyclone formation and intensification.**

## **9. NATO plans German-led air force exercise, "Air Defender 23" ( June 9, 2023 )**

### **NATO-plans-German-led-air-force-exercise-Air-Defender-23**

**NATO** is set to commence its **largest air force deployment exercise in Europe**, known as "**Air Defender 23**," according to German and US officials.

### **An overview of the news**

- The exercise will span approximately **10 days, starting from 12th June**, and will involve the participation of around **220 military aircraft from 25 NATO and partner countries.**
- The exercise will be conducted across Germany, with some of the training taking place at **Ramstein Air Base**, one of NATO's largest air bases.

### **Air Defender 23**

- The exercise is purely **defensive in nature.**
- Its primary objective is to **enhance the defense capabilities of participating nations** and ensure preparedness to respond to potential security challenges.
- The exercise also intends to send a message to other countries including Russia.
- The demonstration of NATO's unity and collective defense posture serves as a reminder of the Alliance's commitment to address **potential threats and maintain regional stability.**
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## **About NATO**

- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**, is a military alliance between **North American and European countries formed in 1949** and headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- It was created during the Cold War as a defence pact to prevent Soviet expansion and protect member states from possible aggression.
- The founding members of NATO were the United States, **Canada, and ten European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.**
- NATO Secretary General- **Jens Stoltenberg**

## **10. Federal Bank launches 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign ( June 9, 2023 )**

Federal-Bank-launches-'I-am-Adyar,-Adyar-is-me'-campaig

The campaign '**I am Adyar, Adyar is me**' was launched by the **Federal Bank in Chennai** on 6th June.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The campaign aims to honour and celebrate the local **community of Adyar.**
- The Adyar branch of Federal Bank has been converted into a living museum for the campaign.
- Vibrant paintings depicting the vibrant spirit of Adyar now adorn the walls of the branch.
- The campaign features a special exhibition showcasing 40 compelling stories of the individuals who made Adyar special.
- The campaign aims to capture the essence of Adyar and promote its rich culture and heritage.
- It fosters a sense of pride and belonging among local residents.
- The 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign is an innovative initiative by Federal Bank to honour and recognize the Adyar community.

### **Federal Bank Limited:**

- It is an **Indian private sector bank** headquartered in **Aluva, Kochi, Kerala.**
- The bank operates **1,370 branches** in various states of India.
- Federal Bank has representative offices in **Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Dubai.**
- The bank provides a wide range of financial services to its customers including retail banking, corporate banking, treasury operations and wealth management.

- It emphasises a customer-centric approach and strives to provide efficient and
- convenient banking solutions.

Founder - **K.P Hormis**

Establishment - **23 April 1931, Nedumpuram**

CEO - **Shyam Srinivasan**

### **About Tamil Nadu**

- The state was formed on **26 January 1950** but its boundaries were redrawn on **14 January 1969**.
- It is situated at the mouth of the **Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal** and the **Indian Ocean**.

Capital - **Chennai**

Governor - **Ravindra Narayan Ravi**

Chief Minister - **MK Stalin**

Assembly seats - **235 seats**

Rajya Sabha seats - **18**

Lok Sabha seats - **39**