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1. PM Modi inaugurated first-ever National Training Conclave in New Delhi (June 11, 2023)

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **first-ever National Training Conclave** at the **International Exhibition and Convention Centre at Pragati Maidan** in New Delhi on 11 June.

An overview of the news

- The Conclave is aimed **to enhance capacity building in the civil services** and is organised under the auspices of the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) - '**Mission Karmayogi.**'
- The Conclave is being hosted by the **Capacity Building Commission.**
- More than **1500 representatives** from various training institutes, including Central Training Institutes, State Administrative Training Institutes, Regional and Zonal Training Institutes, and Research institutes are participating in the conclave.
- Civil servants from central government departments, state governments and local governments as well as experts from the private sector are participating in the deliberations.
- During the conclave, **eight-panel discussions** will take place, each focusing on key concerns pertinent to civil services training institutes.

Topics of discussion

- It includes faculty development, training impact assessment, content digitisation, and other significant areas that contribute to the enhancement of civil services training.

About Mission Karmayogi Scheme

- Mission Karmayogi Yojana was launched on **2nd September 2020.**
- This scheme is operated under the leadership of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi.**
- The main objective of the Mission Karmayogi scheme is **to develop the capabilities of government employees.**
- Under the Mission Karmayogi scheme, a budget of **Rs 510.86 crore** has been set by the government for a **period of 5 years** for about 46 lakh central employees.
- For the successful operation of the scheme **iGOT Karmayogi platform** has also been formed through which online contact is made available.

2. Centre announces four important initiatives to strengthen Urban Co-operative Banks in country (June 10, 2023)

-Urban-Co-operative-Banks-in-country

To realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of '**Sahakar se Samridhi**', four important initiatives have been taken to strengthen **1,514 Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)** in the country.

An overview of the news

- After detailed discussions with Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and Governor, Reserve Bank of India, RBI has notified these important measures to strengthen Urban Cooperative Banks.

Four initiative

1. In order to expand their business, Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) can now open new branches

- UCBs can now open new branches up to **10%** (maximum 5 branches) of the number of branches in the previous financial year without prior approval of RBI in their approved area of operation.
- In order to avail this facility, UCBs have to get the policy approved by their board and comply with the Financially Sound and Well Managed (FSWM) Norms.

1. UCBs can also do One Time Settlement at par with Commercial Banks

- RBI has notified a framework governing this aspect for all regulated entities including Urban Co-operative Banks.
- Now co-operative banks through board-approved policies may provide a process for technical write-off as well as settlement with borrowers.
- This has brought cooperative banks at par with other commercial banks now.

1. Revised timelines for PSL targets given to UCBs

- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to extend the timeline for UCBs to achieve Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets by two years i.e. up to March 31,2026.

1. Designating a Nodal Officer in RBI

- In order to meet the long pending demand of the cooperative sector for closer coordination and focused interaction, RBI has recently notified a nodal officer as well.

What are Urban Cooperative banks (UCB)?

- It refers to **primary cooperative banks** located in **urban and semi-urban areas**.

- These are registered as cooperative societies under the provisions of, either the **State Cooperative Societies Act** of the State concerned under the provisions of the or the **Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002**.
- It is regulated by the **Registrar of Cooperatives** and also by the RBI.
- The Reserve Bank regulates and supervises the banking functions of UCBs under the provisions of **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

3. Government of India constituted peace committee in Manipur (June 10, 2023)

constituted-peace-committee-in-Manipur

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.

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

Sagar-Samriddhi

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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**.
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6. 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**

7. 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.

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9. '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.

10. 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.