

<u>15th June</u>

INTERNATIONAL

1) Hiroshima AI Process

- The annual G7 Summit held in Hiroshima, Japan, initiated the Hiroshima AI Process (HAP), which is likely to conclude by December 2023, signaling a significant step towards regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The HAP aims to govern AI in a way that upholds Democratic values, ensures fairness and accountability, promotes transparency, and prioritizes the safety of AI technologies.

NATIONAL

1) Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav

- Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav witnessed an incredible display of talent and sportsmanship as tribal athletes from across India came together to compete in various disciplines.
- Odisha emerged as the undisputed champion in the men's and women's divisions, cementing their stature as a sporting powerhouse.
- The Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav not only celebrated sports but also served as a platform to promote tribal sports and unity.

2) Cochin Fishing Harbour

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- The Cochin Fishing Harbour in Kerala is set to undergo a comprehensive modernisation project
- The project aimed at enhancing its infrastructure and boosting the fishing industry.
- The modernisation project focuses on various infrastructure improvements include the construction of three air-conditioned auction halls, one non-air-conditioned hall, fish dressing units, internal roads, loading and unloading platforms, waste management areas, and other ancillary units.



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3) Gabon's first Agri- SEZ project

- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off Gabon's first Agri- SEZ project from New Delhi
- The project will be implemented by AOM group (a leading company on promoting agricultural development and innovation), with Centurion University (state university in odisha) as the technical and knowledge partner.
- Gabon is a country along the Atlantic coast of Central Africa, having french as its official language

4) Hindu-American Summit

- The inaugural Hindu-American Summit for political engagement, organised by a group of Indian Americans, was scheduled to take place at the US Capitol Hill on June 14.
- It's main objective is to bring attention and support for the concerns and issues faced by the Hindu community, which has been underrepresented in politics.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) First spending account

- Fino Payments Bank has announced its collaboration with Sequoia Capital-backed fintech Hubble to launch India's first spending account.
- It allows customers to conveniently park their funds, make purchases across various categories such as food ordering, shopping, travel, and entertainment, and save up to 10 percent on all transactions made through the account.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Captagon Drug

- Syria, situated in West Asia, has emerged as a major hub for the production of Captagon.
- Captagon comes under the category of amphetamine-type drugs, known for their stimulating effects on the central nervous system.
- Amphetamine-based drugs like Captagon stimulate the central nervous system, providing a boost of energy, enhanced focus, increased alertness, and a sense of euphoria.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Governor of the Year Award for 2023

- Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, was honored with the Governor of the Year Award for 2023.
- The award was presented by Central Banking, a prominent organization that thoroughly covers and examines matters concerning central banks and financial regulators globally, during its summer meetings held in London.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1) Miss World Organization

• The Miss World Organization announced that India has been selected as the host country for its upcoming competition, scheduled to take place later this year.





- In 1996, the Miss World pageant made its way to India, marking a significant milestone for the country.
- The Miss World pageant was originally launched in Britain in 1951 during the Festival of Britain.

2) Uttam Lal

- Uttam Lal has assumed the role of Director (Personnel) at NHPC Limited India, a leading hydropower company in India.
- NHPC Limited is a state-owned enterprise under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. It is the largest hydropower development organization in India, with an installed capacity of over 8,000 MW.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- Every year on June 15th, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed to raise awareness about the mistreatment, discrimination, and neglect endured by elderly individuals.
- Theme of 2023: "Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law, and Evidence-based Responses."

2) Global Wind Day

• Every year on June 15th, World Wind Day is observed to explore the potential of wind energy, its capacity to transform our energy systems, reduce carbon emissions in our economies, and stimulate job creation and economic growth.



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