

24th & 25th June

INTERNATIONAL

1) Global Liveability Index 2023 report

- Global Liveability Index 2023 report is released by Economist Intelligence Unit. As per the report, Vienna, Austria has once again claimed the top spot as the best city to live in worldwide.
- The report highlights significant progress by Asia-Pacific cities, with eight out of the top ten movers coming from this region.

NATIONAL

1) Air Independent Propulsion System

- Recently, Larsen & Toubro and the Defence Research and Development Organisation have formed a partnership to create an Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion System for the submarines in the Indian Navy.
- These modules, consist of fuel cell-based Energy Modules (EMs), aim to generate power and produce hydrogen as needed.

2) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

- Recently, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, entered its 4th year of implementation.
- The scheme aims to bring about the Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector in India.
- PMMSY was introduced as part of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' package with an investment of Rs. 20,050 crores, the highest-ever investment in this sector.



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STATE NEWS

1) Medha Rail Coach Factory

- K Chandrashekhar Rao, inaugurated the Medha Rail Coach Factory, in Kondakal, Shankarpally mandal of Rangareddy district. The coach factory, which currently spans about 25 acres, will be further expanded in phases.
- It has already manufactured components for two Vande Bharat trains operating in the Telugu States and supplied 160 coaches to the Indian Railways.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) TCS Partnership with National Employment Savings Trust

- Tata Consultancy Services has announced a significant expansion of its partnership with the UK's National Employment Savings Trust.
- The £840 million (\$1.1 billion) deal aims to digitally transform NEST's administration services over an initial tenure of 10 years, providing enhanced member experiences.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Paper-based supercapacitor

- Recently, Scientists at the Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) have achieved a breakthrough in energy storage technology with the development of a paper-based supercapacitor.
- It is the thinnest and most lightweight of its kind.
- The applications of this innovative supercapacitor are vast, spanning electronics, memory backup systems, airbags, heavy machinery, and electric vehicles.





2) Eco-friendly solution to treat wastewater in the textile and apparel industry

- In a collaborative effort, NIT Warangal, Prime Textiles, and IMPRINT have developed an eco-friendly solution to treat wastewater in the textile and apparel industry located in Hanumakonda district, Telangana, through a pilot-scale textile effluent treatment plant.
- This technology holds immense potential for transforming toxic wastewater into a valuable irrigation source for nearby agricultural areas, while also offering a sustainable alternative to existing treatment methods.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) "Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24"

- NTPC Ltd., India's largest power generator, has been recognized by Team Marksmen as the "Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24."
- The award has been given for NTPC's outstanding performance in several key areas, highlighting the organization's commitment to organizational purpose, employee centricity, growth, recognition and rewards, intrapreneurial culture, work-life balance, diversity, equality and inclusion, safety, and trust.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)"

- Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya (AK Bhattacharya) has authored a new book titled "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)".
- The book highlights the role of India's finance ministers who shaped India's economy in the first 30 years(from 1947 to 1977) after Independence.



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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Women in Diplomacy

- The International Day of Women in Diplomacy is observed annually on June 24 to honor and recognize remarkable women in the fields of diplomacy and decision-making across the globe.
- Theme of 2023: "Breaking Barriers, Shaping the Future: Women in Diplomacy for Sustainable Development."

2) World Hydrography Day

- In 2023, the Indian Naval Hydrographic Department observed World Hydrography Day on June 21st to recognise the vital role played by hydrography in ensuring secure navigation, fostering sustainable marine development, and supporting the Indian government's Blue Economy objectives.
- Theme of 2023: "Hydrography Underpinning the Digital Twin of the Ocean."



