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## CURRENT AFFAIRS JUNE, 2013

### IMPORTANT DAYS

- **5<sup>th</sup> June** – World Environment Day to raise awareness of the need to take positive environmental action.  
**Theme:** “Think-Eat-Save.”
- **8<sup>th</sup> June** – World Ocean Day to honour oceans as an essential part of food security, health and survival of all life form.  
**Theme:** “Together we have the power to protect the ocean.”
- **12<sup>th</sup> June** – World Day against Child Labour  
**Theme:** “No To Child Labour in Domestic Work.”
- **14<sup>th</sup> June** – World Blood Donor Day  
**Theme:** “Give the Gift of Life: Donate Blood”
- **15<sup>th</sup> June** – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day  
**Theme:** “My World...Your World...Our World – Free of Elder Abuse.”
- **17<sup>th</sup> June** – World Day to Combat Desertification. The theme was drought and water scarcity.  
**Theme:** “Don’t Let Our Future Dry Up.”
- **18<sup>th</sup> June** – Goa Celebrated Revolution Day
- **20<sup>th</sup> June** – World Refugee Day  
**Theme:** “Take one minute to support a family forced to flee.”
- **21<sup>st</sup> June** – World Music Day. This day is also known as **Fête de la Musique** and was first observed in **Paris in 1981**.

### APPOINTMENTS

- 1) **Rami Hamdallah** appointed as the **New PM of Palestine** on **2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013**.
- 2) **Nawaz Sharif** sworn in as the **Prime Minister of Pakistan** on **5<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 3) **Kevin Rudd** appointed as the **New Australian Prime Minister** ousting **Julia Gillard** on **27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 4) **John Ashe** elected as the **President of UN General Assembly** for its **68th Session**.
- 5) **James Comey** appointed as **Next FBI Director** by **Barack Obama**.
- 6) **Infosys** appointed **N R Narayan Murthy** as **Executive Chairman of the Board** on **1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013**.
- 7) **Avinash Chander** appointed as the **New Chief of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
- 8) **Darren Lehmann** appointed **Coach of Australian Cricket Team**.
- 9) **Susan Elizabeth Rice** appointed as the **National Security Adviser of US President Barack Obama** on **5<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 10) **K R Kamath** Re-Elected as the **Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** on **6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 11) **The Government of India** appointed **SK Roy** as the **New Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**.
- 12) **Subramanian Ramadorai**, **Former Head of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** appointed as the **New Chairman of Air Asia India** on **18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 13) **VK Duggal** appointed as **Nodal Officer for Relief and Rescue Operations in Uttarakhand**.

- 14) Hassan Rohani won Presidential Elections of Iran.
- 15) Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Ayaz Sadiq was on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013 elected as the Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan.
- 16) AirAsia on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 announced that Ratan Tata, the Ex-chairman of the Tata Group was appointed as the Chief Advisor of AirAsia's India board.
- 17) P. Sathasivam appointed as the Next Chief Justice of India.
- 18) Bimal Julka appointed as Secretary of Information & Broadcasting Ministry.

### RESIGNATIONS

- 1) Rajeev Shukla resigned as Chairman of IPL on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 in the wake of the raging spot-fixing scandal.
- 2) Ajay Maken and C P Joshi resigned from the Union Cabinet.
- 3) Egyptian Islamist Adel el-Khayat resigned as Governor of Luxor following Outcry from Locals.
- 4) US retail giant WalMart on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 announced that the India unit head Raj Jain resigned from the company.

### OBITUARIES

- 1) Former Union Minister and Leader of Congress, VC Shukla passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 2) Veteran CPI Leader, Satya Pal Dang passed away in Amritsar on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at the age of 92.
- 3) Tamil Actor-Director, Manivannan passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at his residence in Chennai after a cardiac arrest.
- 4) Carnatic Vocalist Ranjani Hebber Guruprasad passed away.
- 5) Bahukutumbi Raman, One of the Founders of RAW, passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 in Chennai after a long fight with cancer at the age of 77.

- 6) Scottish Fiction Writer, Iain Banks died on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at the age of 59.
- 7) Jiah Khan, the 25-Year Old, American-born Bollywood Actress, suicide by hanging on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013.
- 8) Esther Williams, the Competitive Swimmer and Movie Actress, died on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 at 91.
- 9) Huma Chatterjee, the National Cycling Coach of India, died after an accident on Nalgadha village on Noida Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.

### AWARDS

- 1) Ashok Shah and Vijay Chaudhary won the World Street Food Congress Award.
- 2) Knighthood Award of Britain: Anish Kapoor, the Indian-origin sculptor was honoured with Knighthood, which is the highest honour of Britain. He was conferred the award by the Queen Elizabeth II.
- 3) Tan Twan Eng declared as the Winner of Walter Scott Prize 2013 for his novel 'The Garden of Evening Mists'.
- 4) Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy received the prestigious United Nations Public Service Award for his mass contact programme initiative on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 5) The jury of International Data Group (IDG), Computer World Honors Laureate selected UIDAI for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Achievement Award 2013 under the category Economic Development.
- 6) Mukesh Hariawala on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 was conferred the prestigious Indian Healthcare Visionary of the Decade award.
- 7) Russian Film the Major won Golden Goblet at Shanghai Film Festival.
- 8) Amrit Singh received the India Abroad Publisher's Special Award for Excellence 2012.



- 9) Uttarakhand NGO bagged French Award for its contribution to Protection of Human Rights.
- 10) The Irish Author, Kevin Barry won Euro International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award.

## SPORTS

- 1) India won the ICC Champions Trophy 2013, defeating England in Final at Birmingham on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013.
- 2) French Open 2013:
  - Top-ranked American Twins, Bob and Mike Bryan on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 won Doubles Title at French Open 2013.
  - Serena Williams won the Women's Singles Title of French Open Tennis Tournament on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. In the final, she defeated Maria Sharapova.
  - Rafael Nadal won his 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Singles Title of the French Open Tennis Tournament on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Nadal beat Spanish David Ferrer.
- 3) Indian Girl's Team won the Gold medal in the Slovak Junior ITTF Open Table Tennis tournament held in Senec, Slovakia. In the title clash, the Indian Girls beat Serbia.
- 4) Manjeet Singh bagged a Silver medal for India at the 3<sup>rd</sup> China Open Boxing Tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013.
- 5) Raghav Joneja became the Youngest Indian to climb Everest at the age of 15 Years.
- 6) India's Srikanth K clinched the Thailand Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton trophy. In the Men's Singles title clash, 13<sup>th</sup> seed Srikanth defeated top seed Boonsak Ponsana.
- 7) Sebastian Vettel on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 won the Canadian Grand Prix for Red Bull at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal.

- 8) India topped in the medal tally in the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship by winning 17 medals in the tournament.
- 9) Brazil won the FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013; Defeated Spain 3-0.
- 10) Afghanistan was granted the Associate Membership of the ICC, making it the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Nation to get the status.
- 11) Roger Federer won Halle ATP Title.
- 12) Indian Skipper MS Dhoni received the ICC ODI Championship Shield and a cheque of 175000 US dollars.
- 13) Raj Kundra was suspended from IPL for his alleged involvement in betting on IPL matches by BCCI on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 14) Bayern Munich won German Cup 2013 after defeating Stuttgart in Berlin on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013.
- 15) India won Silver in Archery World Cup in Turkey.
- 16) India awarded the opportunity to host World T20 for the first time in 2016 and its 4th 50-over World Cup in 2023 by ICC.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) 39<sup>th</sup> G8 Summit held at Lough Erne in Northern Ireland from 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 2) 29<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (India Chapter) to be held here in November 2013 in Kochi, Kerala.
- 3) The Import Duty on Gold and Platinum hiked from 6 to 8 Percent.
- 4) First All-Women Police Station became Functional in Itanagar.
- 5) Reserve Bank of India extended the restriction on advance against gold on co-operative banks set to curb the demand for gold on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 6) China developed the Fastest Computer of the World called Tianhe-2.
- 7) M. Veerappa Moily launched the Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL)

- Scheme in 18 districts on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 at Tumkur near Bangalore.
- 8) The Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh, visited Japan in 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 for the Annual Summit of the Prime Ministers.
  - 9) The United States of America exempted India and eight other countries from sanctions for importing oil from Iran. Countries are India, China, Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and Taiwan.
  - 10) Reserve Bank of India imposed a fine on Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank for violation of KYC norms and anti-money laundering guidelines.
  - 11) Union Government on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 decided to put an end to the 160 years old Telegraph Services in India from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
  - 12) First-Ever Chinese Film Festival inaugurated in New Delhi.
  - 13) Raghav Joneja became the youngest Indian to scale the Mount Everest on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2013 with his five schoolmates.
  - 14) The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013 increased the validity period of setting up of banks from one year to 18 months.
  - 15) Nation's highest Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) will be set up at Nyoma, Leh district at a height of about 14000 feet.
  - 16) Korean electronic major Samsung on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 launched another handset model called Samsung GALAXY Mega.
  - 17) Panja Sahib in Pakistan is to be declared a Holy City by Government of Pakistan. Panja Sahib is a house of stone with hand print of Guru Nanak Dev.
  - 18) Indian Railway will start the services of booking travel tickets through SMS. The services will start from July 2013.
  - 19) WPI inflation in May 2013 came down to 4.7 percent against 4.89 percent measured in April 2013.
  - 20) The number of Internet users in India is likely to nearly triple from 125 million in 2011 to 330 million by 2016.
  - 21) The Union government on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 almost doubled the price at which natural gas is supposed to be sold to producers of power, fertilizer, minerals and steel.
  - 22) The Export Import (EXIM) Bank of India announced on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 that it received a license for opening the representative office in Yangon, Myanmar.
  - 23) In June 2013 a fierce cloudburst was witnessed in Uttarakhand resulting in huge damage across the state and hundreds of deaths. Thousands were reported missing and several villages were swept away.
  - 24) Union External Affairs Minister, Salman Khurshid visited Iraq from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Khurshid is the first Indian Minister to visit Iraq in 23 years.
  - 25) CBDT on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 announced that the Commodities Transaction Tax shall be levied on the non-farm products from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013.
  - 26) Nitish Kumar won Vote of Confidence in Bihar Assembly with support of 126 MLAs.
  - 27) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013 approved mechanism for coal supply to Power Producers.
  - 28) Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 flagged off first train which connects Banihal in Jammu with Qazigund in Kashmir.
  - 29) United States Secretary of State John Kerry completed his India visit on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. He was on three-day visit to India from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013 to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
  - 30) The World Health Organization introduced new guidelines for the treatment of HIV.
  - 31) The white tiger safari was restarted in the Nandankanan Park of Odisha by the Park officials, marking the end of a month's long closure.
  - 32) The Union Cabinet of India on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 approved the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill 2013.



- 33) Ministry of Rural Development on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 launched a new skill development scheme to offer employment to tribal youth in 24 Naxal affected districts.
- 34) Japan has unveiled its new levitating bullet train, which can travel at speeds of upto 500 kmph.
- 35) India and Myanmar set three billion dollar trade target by 2015 in New Delhi held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 36) Media General, the owner of 18 network-affiliated TV stations announced on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 that it will merge with New Young Broadcasting.
- 37) India offered 150 million Dollars credit to Myanmar for establishing a Special Economic Zone at Sittwe.
- 38) Apple unveiled new software for its computers, smartphones and tablets on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 called iOS7.
- 39) Infinity Tower, the world's tallest twisted tower of 307 meter with ability of twisting at 90 degrees was launched in Dubai on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 40) Microsoft India on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 announced its partnership with the Kolkata-based JIS Group for setting up its innovation centre.
- 41) As per the data released on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, Retail inflation stood at 9.31 per cent in May 2013.
- 42) Maharashtra on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 confirmed that the Asian Athletic Championship will be held in Pune from 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 to 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- 43) NIOT has installed ETWS installed at Rangachang in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to predict Tsunami within three minutes of being triggered.
- 44) The Parliament of Norway, called the Storting, voted on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to recruit women in armed forces. It became the first NATO country to do so.
- 45) Australian Parliament on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 approved a proposed law with new rules to clear out wrong use of the visa scheme for foreign workers by employers.
- 46) Telecom regulator TRAI on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 announced reduction in the national mobile phone roaming charges which will come into effect 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013.
- 47) Scientist discovered New Species of Bird in Phnom Penh named it Cambodian tailorbird.
- 48) Amol Rajan, the 29-year-year-old Indian Origin Journalist, became the Editor of UK National Paper, the Independent, on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 49) Reserve Bank of India in its June mid-quarter monetary policy on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, left its key policy (repo rate) unchanged at 7.25 percent.
- 50) The first of seven pilot carbon emission trading schemes for China was launched in the city of Shenzhen, China on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- 51) UNESCO's World Heritage Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 increased pressure on the Australian Government so as to conserve the Great Barrier Reef.
- 52) The Government of India and China joined hands for organizing the Chinese film festival in India from 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013 at New Delhi.
- 53) A relief fund of 1000 crore rupees was announced for disaster relief to Uttarakhand by the Government of India.
- 54) President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated Gas-based Power Plant at Palatana in Tripura.
- 55) UNESCO WHC declared Six Forts of Rajasthan as World Heritage Sites. The recognition was granted at 37<sup>th</sup> session of WHC in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 56) US Ambassador to India on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013 announced that US would provide 150000 US dollar to NGOs that are working for affected areas of Uttarakhand.
- 57) Sri Lanka and India on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 held discussion in Colombo on trade, investment and economic cooperation.
- 58) Muthoot Finance got in-principal approval from the Reserve Bank of India for establishing as well as operating White Label ATMs (WLAs).

- 59) Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh takes oath as **Rayja Sabha Member** from Assam for **5<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Term**.
- 60) **O3b Networks** launched a series of **satellites** which is supposed to provide **fast, cheap Internet and phone service** to remote areas in **180 countries**.
- 61) **India and United Kingdom** decided to develop the signature **Bangalore-Mumbai Economic Corridor project**.
- 62) **European Union leaders** on **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** have signed a deal of a **1.3 trillion dollar** for **seven-year budget** from **2014-2020**.
- 63) **Vice President of India** released the book **Ziauddin Barni's Tarikh-I-Firoz Shahi**.
- 64) **Dard-E-Dil Likhun Kab Tak** a book authored by **Rukhsar Amrohvi** was released by **Hamid Ansari** in Hindi and **Urdu** languages on **6<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**.
- 65) **CCEA** on **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** approved the **Minimum Support Prices (MSPs)** for **kharif crops** of **2013-14 season**.
- 66) **Union Cabinet of India** on **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** gave its approval to the proposal for the **GSAT-15 communication satellite project**.
- 67) **The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand** announced on **19<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** that the **Kedarnath shrine** will remain shut down for **one year** because of **heavy damage**.
- 68) **Andhra Pradesh state Assembly** on **19<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** passed the **bill to restore gender balance**.
- 69) **Tata Power** with **Geodynamics** commissioned a **1 MW geothermal plant in Australia**, thereby strengthening the **footprint in overseas market**.
- 70) **Maharashtra Government** made possession of **UID Number mandatory** for the **teaching and non-teaching staffs** in the state to **draw their salary**.
- 71) **Government** proposed **sweeping changes** in **FDI regime** to **attract foreign investors** based on the recommendations made by **Arvind Mayaram Committee**.
- 72) **INS Trikand** was commissioned into the **Indian Navy** on **29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** at **Kaliningrad, Russia**.
- 73) **Japanese** got its **First MOX Nuclear Shipment** port since **Fukushima** on **28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** which was arrived from **France** loaded with **reprocessed nuclear fuel**.
- 74) **The UN Security Council** eased sanctions against **Iraq** imposed after **Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990**.
- 75) **Union Government** on **27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013** raised the base price of rice to **1310 rupees per 100 kilograms** from **1250 rupees** as compared to **year 2012**.
- 76) **Indian Space Research Organization scientists** will establish **navigation satellite system** for **India** like that of **America's GPS**.
- 77) **Ministry of External Affairs** and **Nalanda University** signed **Headquarters Agreement**.

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