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## 20 June 2023 Daily Current Affairs

### Important Days

#### 19 June 2023 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence

- ❖ The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is annually observed on 19th June across the world to raise awareness of the need to put an end to Conflict-related Sexual Violence (CRSV).
- ❖ 19th June 2023, marks the observance of the 9th official International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.



#### Background

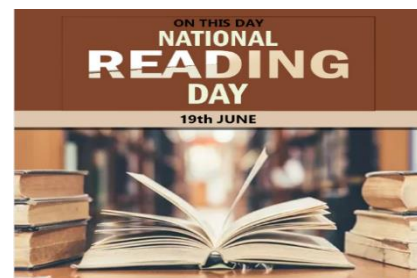
- ❖ In 19th June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution (A/RES/69/293) and proclaimed 19th June of each year the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
- ❖ The first ever International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict was observed in 19th June 2015.

#### United Nations (UN)s

- ❖ Founded in- 1945
- ❖ Secretary-General- António Guterres
- ❖ Headquarters- New York, the United States of America (USA)

#### 19 June 2023 - National Reading Day

- ❖ National Reading Day is annually observed across India on 19th June to mark the death anniversary of Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker (PN Panicker), who is fondly known as the Father of the Library Movement in Kerala. The observance aims to encourage the habit and culture of reading and to promote literacy.
- ❖ The day is observed as a tribute to the effort of PN Panicker to transform society with his literacy movement in India.
- ❖ 19th June 2023 marks the observance of the 27th Reading Day.



#### Background

- ❖ On 19th June 1996, The government of Kerala, in association with the P N Panicker Foundation, initiated the state observance of Reading Day.
- ❖ In 2017, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi declared 19th June of every year (Kerala's Reading Day) as National Reading Day in India.



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## 20 June - World Refugee Day (International)

- ❖ This day is observed annually on 20 June to raise awareness about the struggles that refugees face around the world.
- ❖ World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee.



## 20 June- Jagannath Ratha Yatra

- ❖ The Ratha Yatra of Puri, popularly known as Ratha Jatra is the oldest and largest Hindu chariot festival. It celebrates Lord Jagannath and his siblings annually, on the bright half of the lunar month of Ashadh (June-July).
- ❖ This ancient tradition of chariot procession is held with great joy and pomp in Odisha and Ahmedabad.
- ❖ The auspicious Jagannath Rath Yatra will begin on June 20 at 10:04 pm and will end on June 21 at 7:09 pm.

## Persons in News

### Government appointed IPS officer Ravi Sinha as RAW chief.

- ❖ On 19 June, senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha has been appointed as the new chief of India's external intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).
- ❖ Presently, Shri Sinha is working as Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.
- ❖ Sinha will succeed Samant Kumar Goel, who will complete his tenure on June 30, 2023.
- ❖ The Cabinet Appointments Committee has approved the appointment of Sinha as Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) for a tenure of two years.
- ❖ Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) is India's foreign intelligence agency. It is headquartered in New Delhi. It was founded in 1968.



### Nusrat Choudhury is set to become America's first Muslim female federal judge.

- ❖ US Senate confirmed that Nusrat Choudhury is set to become the judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of New York.
- ❖ She will be the first Bangladeshi-American and female Muslim federal judge in the United States.
- ❖ She received 50 vote in her favour while 49 votes were casted against her.





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- ❖ She is the legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois.
- ❖ She was deputy director of the organization's racial justice program from 2018 until 2020.
- ❖ She was nominated by US President Joe Biden to the federal bench in January 2022.
- ❖ she spent most of her time professional career with the national, ,American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) where she worked on racial justice and national.

## Defence News

### Indian Army Contingent participates in multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023 in Mongolia

- ❖ Defence Ministry said, Military contingents and observers from over 20 countries are participating in this exercise.
- ❖ President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the Exercise.
- ❖ The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the Garhwal Rifles.
- ❖ The 14-day exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability of the participating nations, sharing experience, and training uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.
- ❖ The exercise will prepare participants for future UN Peacekeeping missions, develop peace operations capabilities and enhance military readiness.
- ❖ The exercise includes Command Post Exercise, Field Training Exercises, combat discussions, lectures, and demonstration.
- ❖ The Ministry said, the military exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation between Indian Army and participating countries, especially with the Mongolian Armed Forces which will enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.



## Awards and honours

### Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presents National Water Awards 2022 in New Delhi; MP tops in Best State Category

- ❖ Vice President (VP) of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, conferred the 4th National Water Awards, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, on 41 winners in 11 categories for their exemplary work in the field of water conservation and management.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh (MP) tops the Best State category which is followed by Odisha at 2nd position and Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Bihar at 3rd position jointly.



### Award Ceremony

- ❖ The award ceremony was organised by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MOJS). The event started with the traditional 'Jal Kalash' ceremony.



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- ❖ Each award winner was conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

## Piku, the mascot of National Water Mission

- ❖ The Vice President also launched an animated short film on
- ❖ 'Piku', the mascot of 'National Water Mission (NWM)-Catch the Rain' for telecast on Doordarshan channel to spread the message of water conservation.

## Recent Related News

- ❖ i. According to the "Water Bodies - first Census Report" released by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, West Bengal (WB) has topped the list of states with the most number of ponds and reservoirs.

## Ministry of Jal Shakti

- ❖ Union Minister- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Constituency- Jodhpur, Rajasthan)
- ❖ Ministers of State (MOS) - Bishweswar Tudu (Constituency- Mayurbhanj, Odisha);
- ❖ Prahlad Singh Patel (Constituency- Damoh, Madhya Pradesh)

## Gita Press, Gorakhpur to receive Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021

- ❖ The Ministry of Culture has named Gita Press, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), a publishing house, as an awardee of Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 in recognition of the work done by the institution in community service.
- ❖ This decision has been taken after due deliberations by the jury headed by Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi.
- ❖ Gita Press is one of the largest publishers of religious texts such as the Bhagavad Gita, the Ramayana and the Upanishads.
- ❖ For 2020 i.e. Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 was awarded to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for his contributions towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods.



## Gandhi Peace Prize

- ❖ Instituted in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, it is an annual award carrying an amount of Rs 1 crore, a citation, a plaque and an exquisite handicraft or handloom item. It is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender.

## Geeta Press

- ❖ Gita Press is one of the world's largest publishers, having published 41.7 crore books in 14 languages, including 16.21 crore Bhagavad Gita.
- ❖ The year 2023 marked its 100 year of establishment (Centenary year).

## Sports

### Bhavani Devi becomes first Indian to win bronze medal at Asian Fencing Championships in China

- ❖ C. A. Bhavani Devi has created history by defeating reigning World Champion Misaki Emura in the Asian Fencing Championship quarterfinal and securing India its first-ever medal at the event.



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- ❖ The Indian fencer stunned the world number one 15-10 to enter the women's sabre semifinal.
- ❖ Bhavani, however, lost to Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova in the semifinals, 15-14, securing a bronze medal.
- ❖ Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has congratulated Bhavani Devi for her victory.
- ❖ In a tweet, Mr Thakur described Bhavani Devi as a trailblazer and an inspiration to fellow athletes. He said, Bhavani Devi elevated the sport to the recognition it deserves.



## Formula 1: 'Max Verstappen' of Red Bull Wins Canadian Grand Prix 2023

- ❖ Dutch-Belgium racing driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull won the Canadian Grand Prix 2023 title, 9th round of the Formula 1(F1) 2023 championships, at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- ❖ Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso finished 2nd and Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton finished 3rd in the Canadian Grand Prix 2023
- ❖ This marks Red Bull's 100th win in Formula 1 events since its inception in 2004.
- ❖ This also marks Max Verstappen 41st F1 win, equalling Brazilian Ayrton Senna da Silva's record in F1.
- ❖ Verstappen and Senna had the fifth-highest wins in F1, while Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton topped with 103 wins in F1 events.



### Canadian Grand Prix 2023 Podium:

Position	Driver	team
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
2	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin
3	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes

## Indian Football Team defeated Lebanon to win Hero Intercontinental Cup 2023

- ❖ Indian Men's Football Team (also known as Blue Tigers) captained by Sunil Chhetri won the Hero Intercontinental Cup 2023 title by defeating Lebanon team captained by Hassan Maatouk (2-0) in the finals at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.





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- ❖ Hero Intercontinental Cup 2023, the 3rd edition of the Intercontinental Cup, was held from 9th to 18th June 2023 in Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ❖ This marks India's 2nd Intercontinental Cup title. India previously won the inaugural edition in 2018.
- ❖ This marks also mark's India's first victory against Lebanon since 1977. India and Lebanon played eight matches against each other from 1977 to 2023.

## Intercontinental Cup

- ❖ The Intercontinental Cup (known as the Hero Intercontinental Cup for sponsorship reasons) is a four-nation football tournament organised by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- ❖ It was launched in 2018 as a replacement for Nehru Cup. The first edition held as the 2018 Intercontinental Cup.
- ❖ **Participants:** India, Mongolia, Lebanon and Vanuatu.

## Badminton: Ashwini/Tanisha Combination Cup

- ❖ India's Ashwini Ponnappa/Tanisha Grasto won the women's doubles trophy at the Nantes International Challenge Badminton Tournament in France.
- ❖ In the final round, the Indian pair defeated Chinese Taipei's Hung En Xu/Lin Yu Bei 21-15, 21-14 in 31 minutes to become the champions.
- ❖ However, in the mixed doubles final, Sai Phra Deek/Tanisha Grasto lost 21-14, 14-21, 17-21 to Denmark's Mads Westergaard/Christine Busch to clinch silver. The game ended in 51 minutes.

## Tamilnadu News

### A self-help group exclusively for the third gender

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development and Special Program Implementation Minister Udayanidhi Stalin said that a self-help group will be set up for the third gender in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A producer and marketer coordination program were held in Trichy under the "We Live and Show" program by Tamil Nadu Rural Development and Panchayat Department.
- ❖ In this, Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the exhibition organized by the Association of Manufacturers and said:
- ❖ For the first time in Tamil Nadu, a gathering of manufacturers and marketers is taking place in Trichy.
- ❖ Former Chief Minister Karunanidhi established Women's Self-Help Groups in 1989 for the advancement of women.
- ❖ Today there are about 1.06 crore members of about 7.22 lakh women self-help groups in Tamil Nadu. These groups are silently generating enormous industrial output in rural areas.
- ❖ The products produced by SHGs are of high quality.
- ❖ Women are very efficient in economic management. That ability is the foundation of their success. That is why the government is providing various types of financial assistance to women self-help groups.



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- ❖ 6,000 farmers' groups are functioning in Tamil Nadu only for marketing agricultural produce. They have all kinds of government. Support the success of self-help groups to the next level
- ❖ We are going to start a marketing plan soon in order to e-commerce. A Self-Help Committee will be set up separately for the third sex after accepting the request of Trichy District Collector.
- ❖ Subsequently, the producers and marketers exchanged MoUs. In the program, School Education Minister Anbil Mahes Poyiamozhi, Rural Development and Panchayat Department Government Principal Secretary P. Senthil Kumar, Sathut Kathum Project Chief Executive Officer S. Divyadarshini, Chief Executive Officer of this project, District Collector Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Municipal Corporation Mayor M. Anpahagan, Commissioner Vaithinathan and others participated.

## National News

### Wihu Kuh festival of Tangsa Tribe showcases Arunachal Pradesh's vibrant culture

- ❖ The Wihu Kuh festival is annually celebrated by the Tangsa, a traditional tribal community deeply rooted in their agricultural traditions, living mainly in the verdant hills of Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Wihu Kuh, translating to "paddy transplantation festival", marks the beginning of the agricultural season and a cultural exhibition that enclose the spirit of the Tangsa people.
- ❖ This festival is a time of labour and hope, it is also a period of happiness, as the tribe welcomes the prospect of an abundant harvest.

### Tangsa tribe

- ❖ Tangsa tribe is a collective of sub-tribes each with their distinct dialect and customs, reside primarily in the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh and across the border in the Sagaing region of Myanmar, Burma.
- ❖ In spite of their diverse sub-tribal identities, all Tangsa communities come together to celebrate the Wihukuh Festival, a testament to their unity and shared devotion to the land that sustains them and their unwavering belief in the power of community.

### Wihu Kuh festival

- ❖ The Wihukuh Festival stands as a symbol of the tribe's rich cultural tapestry, which reflects their deep connection with the earth, their joyful spirit, and their strong sense of community.
- ❖ The festival begins with common prayer and the ceremonial sowing of the first rice seeds by playing the rhythmic beats of the "rongker", traditional drums, and the sweet-toned tunes of the "pangtoi", a bamboo flute.
- ❖ At the festival the men are decorated in vividly coloured traditional attire and headgears decorated with bird feathers and wild boar tusks. The women wear handwoven shawls and beaded necklaces.
- ❖ Traditional Food Rice beer, locally known as "apong", is a traditional beverage that flows freely during the festival.



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## Songs and Tales

- ❖ Traditional folktales and songs are shared throughout the festival, and passed down from older generations to the young, keeping the tribe's oral tradition alive.
- ❖ The stories define the tribe's intrinsic connection with nature and their respect for the environment.

### Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ Chief Minister- Pema Khandu
- ❖ Governor- Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- ❖ Airport- Tezu Airport, Itanagar Airport

## International Relation

### PM Modi embarks on 5-day State visit to US and Egypt; to lead International Day of Yoga celebrations at UN Headquarters tomorrow

- ❖ In his departure statement, the Prime Minister said, this visit will be an opportunity to enrich the depth and diversity of India-US partnership.
- ❖ He said that, India-US ties are multifaceted, with deepening engagements across sectors and the USA is India's largest trade partner in goods and services.
- ❖ The Prime Minister said, India and US collaborate closely in science & technology, education, health, defence and security fields.
- ❖ He said, the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies has added new dimensions and widened collaboration to defence industrial cooperation, space, telecom, quantum, Artificial Intelligence and biotech sectors.
- ❖ He said that his discussions with President Biden and other senior US leaders will provide an opportunity to consolidate the bilateral cooperation as well as in plurilateral forums such as G20,
- ❖ Quad and The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)
- ❖ On Egypt, Mr Modi said that he will travel to Cairo at the invitation of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and very excited to pay a State Visit to a close and friendly country for the first time.