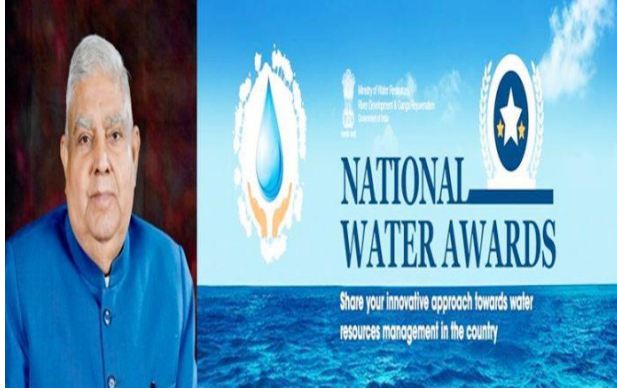


Weekly Current Affairs (16th-22nd June 2023)

Q1) Vice President to confers the 4th National Water Awards 2023



- The Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar will confer the 4th “National Water Awards 2023” on June 17 2023 in New Delhi.
- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has announced a total of **41 winners**.
- The best state award will be conferred to Madhya Pradesh while the best district will be conferred on Ganjam district, Odisha.

Some winners

Best state	- Madhya Pradesh
Best district	- Ganjam district (Odisha)
Best village panchayat	- Jagannadhapuram panchayat (Telangana)
Best urban local body	- Chandigarh Municipal Corporation
Best Media	- Advance Water Digest Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon
Best school	- Jamiyatpura Primary School, Mehsana (Gujarat)
Best institution for campus	- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (J&K)

Q2) Udhampur- Doda Parliamentary Constituency is among the most developed constituencies



- Udhampur- Doda Parliamentary Constituency is among the most developed constituencies out of 550 parliamentary constituencies in India.
- The only constituencies in India having three medical colleges and AIIMS.
- Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary Constituency has witnessed significant strides in various sectors, contributing to its overall development.
- This constituency is the birthplace of purple revolution in India giving rise to Agri-tech start-ups not only in J&K but across the country.
- The highest railway bridge in the world, longest road tunnel are located in this constituency.

Q3) India to host IAS Annual Conference in India



- India will host the “International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) 2025” annual conference at **Kochi, Kerala** in February 2025.
- The theme for this conference will be **“Next Generation Administrative Reforms- Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile”**.

- The hosting decision has been conveyed to the IAS's Council of Administration via video conferencing.

About IAS

Formed - **1930**
Headquarter- **Brussels (Belgium)**

Q4) Indian Men's Senior Football teams wins Intercontinental Cup 2023



- The Indian Men's Senior football player led by the captain **Sunil Chhetri** emerged victorious in the **3rd** edition of the "Intercontinental Cup 2023" by defeating Lebanon team 2-0 in the final held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.
- This victory marks the India's second title in the Intercontinental Cup with their first title win during the inaugural edition in 2018.
- Sunil Chhetri's goal in this match marked his 87th international goal in 137 appearances for the Indian national team.
- Chhetri now hold the distinction of being the third highest goal-scorer in the international football trailing behind Portugese player Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi of Argentina.
- North Korea won the previous edition by defeating Tajikistan 1-0 in the final in 2019.

Best player– **Sandesh Jhingan (India)**

Q4) Goa CM launches mascot for the 37th National Games 2023



- Goa CM Dr. Pramod Sawant has launched the mascot for the upcoming 37th National Games 2023 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao.
- The official mascot named “**MOGA**” , a bison representing the distinct identity of Goa.
- The event was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Sports Authority of Goa.
- The ceremony was attended by the Sports Minister of Goa, Govind Gaude, President of the Indian Olympic Association, P.T Usha and Olympic medallist M.C Mary Kom.

Winners of 36th National Games 2022

Rank	State	Medals
1	Services	128 (G-61, S-35, B-32)
2	Maharashtra	140 (G-39, S-38, B-63)
3	Haryana	116 (G-38, S-38, B-40)

Q5) Gita Press, Gorakhpur awarded Peace Prize for 2021

- Gita Press, Gorakhpur will be awarded the “Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021” in recognition of its exceptional contribution to social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and non-Gandhian methods.
- The jury headed by PM Narendra Modi unanimously selected Gita Press as the recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize.

About Gita Press

- Established in 1923, Gita Press is renowned as the as one of the world’s largest publishers, having published 41.7 crore books in 14 languages including 1.21 crore copies of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.

About Gandhi Peace Prize

Formed – **1995** on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of
Mahatma Gandhi

First recipient – **Julius Nyerere (Tanzania)**

Previous winner (in 2020) - Shiekh Mujibur Rahman (Bangladesh)

Q6) NHAI launches “Knowledge Sharing Platform”



- The National Highway Authority of India (NHA) has launched a “Knowledge Sharing” platform.
- This platform will help the authority to join hands with experts and citizens who wants to share knowledge and insights related to topics such as road design, environment sustainability and related fields.
- Aim: to encourage sharing of best practices from around the world.
- This platform will also contribute towards the holistic development of National Highways infrastructures in the nation.

Q7) Ruby Sinha appointed as the President of BRICS CCI WE



- SheAtWork founder Ruby Sinha has been appointed as the President of **BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women's Vertical (CCI WE)** for a term of three years.
- She will succeed Shabana Naseem who has moved to the position of Executive Director of BRICS CCI and Chief Patron of BRICS CCI WE.
- BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry promotes trade, commerce and entrepreneurship among BRICS countries and other friendly countries.

About BRICS CCI

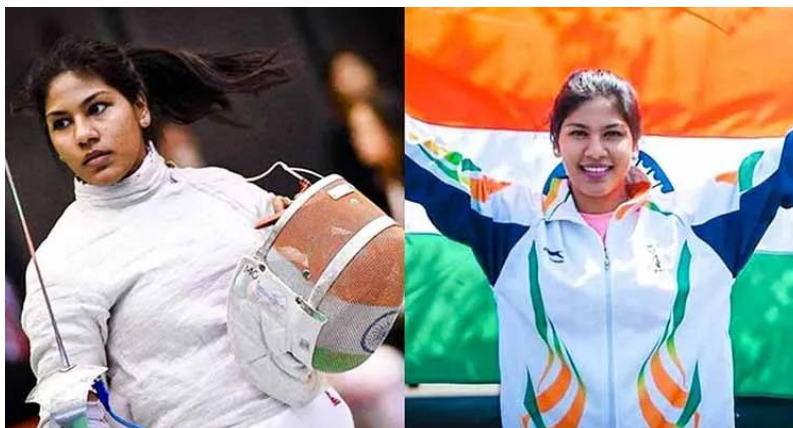
- The parent organization for the promotion of trade and commerce in the BRICS countries.
- Founded in **2012** with the efforts of eminent professionals and entrepreneur, is a not-for-profit and non-governmental organization.
- Registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 of the Indian Government.
- Listed with NITI Aayog and recognized by the United Nations.

Q8) Egypt won the World Squash Championship after defeating Malaysia



- Egypt has retained the World Squash Championship after beating Malaysia by 2-1 in the final in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The C.M of Tamil Nadu, M.K Stalin awarded the winning team with the golden cup
- Malaysia won the Silver medal and third place (bronze medal) was shared jointly by India and Japan.
- India was defeated by Malaysia by 3-0 in the semifinal.
- The championship was held from 13 to 17 June in Express Avenue Mall in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Eight countries including India participated in the tournament – Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, and Colombia.
- Egypt had won the last edition of the World Cup which was also held in Chennai in 2011.

Q9) Bhavani Devi becomes first Indian to win Bronze medal at Asian Fencing Championships in China



- Indian star fencer Bhavani Devi has secured the Bronze medal at “Asian Fencing Championships 2023” held in Wuxi, China from 17 to 22 June 2023.
- In the quarterfinal, she created history by defeating reigning world champion Misaki Emura of Jap and secured India its first-ever medal at the event.
- The win confirmed the Indian fencer a historic medal.

Rank of Bhavani Devi - 49

Medal tally

Rank	Nation	Medal
1	Japan	9 (G-4, S-1, B-4)
2	S.Korea	12 (G-3, S-5, B-4)
3	China	11 (G-2, S-3, B-6)
9	India	1 (G-0, S-0, B-1)

Q10) The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023



- A policy advisory and research organization, Startup Genome has released “The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023.”
- The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023 (GSER 2023) is an in-depth analysis of startup ecosystems globally,
- It provides insights into leading ecosystems, emerging trends, and challenges faced by entrepreneurs.
- **Silicon Valley, New York City and London** maintain their top position in the global startup ecosystem report.
- Chinese ecosystems have experienced a decline in rankings with Shenzhen, Beijing and Shanghai drooping in the overall ranking.
- Indian ecosystems particularly **Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi** have shown **positive growth in the rankings.**
- In terms of startups, Mumbai move 5 paces to **31st** while **Bengaluru** was **ranked 20th** followed by **Delhi** in **24th** rank.

- India was ranked **3rd largest start-up in the world** behind the US and China.
- India is home to as many as 75,000 startups.
- India has moved up from 81st (2015) to 46th in 2021 among 130 countries in the world.

Other News

1) Gender Gap Index 2023

India's rank - **127th out of 146 countries**

Top country - **Iceland (91.2%)**

2) Norway 3) Finland

India's neighbouring countries - **59) Bangladesh**

103) Bhutan, 107) China

2) Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh inaugurated **Simulator Complex (ISC) "DHRUV"** at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi on June 21, 2023.

3) **Dubai** will host the 1st-ever "Women's Kabaddi League" on June 16, 2023.

4) India beat Bangladesh to win the "Women's Emerging Asia Cup title 2023" played in **Hong Kong**.

Player of the match - Kanika Ahuja (India)

Player of the series - Shreyanka Patil (India)

She was the highest wicket taker.

5) Global Liveability Index 2023

Most Liveable city - **Vienna (Austria)**

2) Copenhagen (Denmark) 3) Sydney

Indian cities in this list - **New Delhi & Mumbai (141st)**

Chennai (144th), Ahmedabad (147th)

Bottom cities - **Damascus (Syria) & Tripoli (Libya)**

- Healthcare, education, culture and stability were used as parameters in the ranking.

6) Arundhati Roy wins 45th European Essay Prize for her latest essay "Azadi".