

Weekly Current Affairs (1st-7th June 2023)

Q1) India defeated Pakistan to win Junior Men's Asia Cup Hockey 2023



- The Indian Hockey team outclass Pakistan team 2-1 to lift the 10th edition “Junior Men’s Asia Cup Hockey 2023” title held at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex Stadium in Salalah, Oman.
- This was India’s 4th title at Men’s Junior Asia Hockey Cup after winning in 2004, 2008 & 2015.
- With this win, the Indian teams has become the most successful nation in the history of the Men’s Junior Asia Cup.
- While Pakistan is the second-most successful team in the tournament with three titles.

Number of teams - 10

Winner- India (4th title)
Runners-up – Pakistan
3rd place - South Korea

Player of the match - **Uttam Singh (India)**
Best goalkeeper - **Mohith H.S (India)**

Q2) Cannes Film Festival 2023 announced



- The annual 76th “Cannes Film Festival 2023” recently concluded here on 27 May in Cannes, France with the celebrities from across the globe.
- Crime drama “Anatomy of a Fall” (directed by Justine Triet) was conferred with the **Palme d’or prize**, the highest prize at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival.
- She is the third woman director to win the Cannes’ top honour.

Other awardees

Honorary Palme d’Or - **Michael Douglas**

Best Actress - **Merve Dizdar (for “About Dry Grasses”)**

Best Actor - **Koji Yakusho (for “Perfect Days”)**

Best Director - **Tran Anh Hung (for “The Pot-Au-Feu”)**

Short film Palme d’Or - **27 (by Flora Anna Buda)**

Q3) Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain bags two Gold medals in Flanders Cup 2023



- Top Indian sprinter, Amlan Borgohain has bagged two Gold medals in the men's 100m and 200m race category at the "Flanders Cup 2023 Athletics" held in **Merksen, Belgium**.
- He holds the 100-metre national record of 10.25 seconds and another national record in 200 m race with a time of 20.96 seconds.
- On the other hand, Indian athlete Sapna Kumari finished behind Belgium's Amber Vanden Bosch in the women's 100m hurdles after clocking 14.10 in what was a two-woman field.

Winners in Men's 100m race

Gold medallist - **Amlan Borgohain (India)**

Time - **10.25 s**

Silver medallist - Aubrey Allen (Jamaica)

Time- 10.80 s

Bronze medallist - Victor Hofman (Belgium)

Time- 11.01 s

Winners in Men's 200m race

Gold medallist - Amlan Borgohain (India)

Time – 20.96 s

Silver medallist - Victor Hofman (Belgium)

Time - 21.42 s

Bronze medallist - Samuel Rowe (Jamaica)

Time- 21.88 s

Q4) Dennis Francis elected as 78th UNGA President



- Dennis Francis, a citizen of Trinidad & Tobago (T&T) created history by becoming the first T&T citizen to be elected as the President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- He will serve as the 78th president of the UNGA.
- The election took place at the UN Headquarter in New York, USA.
- Francis, who has served in the diplomatic service for over 40 years, was nominated on April 1 and faced no opposition in the election.

Q5) 3rd Khelo India University Games concludes in Varanasi



- The 3rd edition of the “Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2022” recently concluded at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The tournament saw over 4000 athletes from over 200 universities competing in 21 sports.
- Earlier, CM of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur unveiled the Mascot, Anthem, Jersey of the tournament.
- The Mascot was named **Jeetu (a Reindeer), the state animal of Uttar Pradesh.**
- Four cities across Uttar Pradesh - Lucknow, Varanasi, Greater Noida and Gorakhpur - hosted a majority of KIUG 2023 events. Only the shooting events were scheduled in New Delhi.
- **Rowing** made its debut in this year’s tournament.
- The 3rd edition of KIUG 2022 won by the “Panjab University” with total 69 medals including 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals.
- Swimmer **Siva Sridhar** topped the men’s section with a total of 11 medals, including eight golds, while fellow swimmer **Shrungi Bandekar** won nine medals in the women’s section, including five golds.

Medals tally

Rank	University	Medals
1	Panjab University	69 medals (G-26, S-17, B-26)
2	Guru Nanak University, Amritsar	68 medals (G-24, S-27, B-17)
3	Jain University, Karnataka	32 medals (G-16, S-10, B-6)
4	Panjabi University, Patiala	34 medals (G-12, S-14, B-8)

Q6) India’s shuttler H.S Prannoy won the Malaysia Masters Badminton Championship 2023



- India's star shuttler H.S Prannoy won the Men's Singles title at the "Malaysian Masters Badminton Championship 2023" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- HS Prannoy defeated Weng Hong Yang of the People's Republic of China 21-19, 13-21, 21-18 to win his maiden BWF World Tour title.
- Prannoy became the third Indian after Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu to win the Malaysian Masters Championship.
- Also became the first Indian to win in the Men's singles category.
- Gold came in Men's singles for the first time. At the same time, India has won gold three times in women's singles.
- PV Sindhu twice and Saina Nehwal once won the Championship.

Men's singles title - **H.S Prannoy**

Women's singles title - **Akane Yamaguchi**

Q7) Shri Ramcharitmanas became the longest song of the world



- Dr. Jagdish Pillai of Varanasi created a Guinness World Record by singing India's longest epic, Shri Ramcharitmanas for **138 hrs, 41 minutes and 2 seconds**.
- This achievement made Shri Ramcharitmanas the longest epic in the world.
- Dr. Jagdish Pillai has been credited with five years of broadcast of Shri Ramcharitmanas recitals on more than 100 official audio channels across the globe.
- The previous record for the longest song was UK's Mark Christopher Lee and The Pocket Gods on Dec. 2021 with the duration of 115 hours and 45 minutes.
- Dr. Pillai, who has done PhD in Vedic Science is the author of more than 5 hundred books and has become the Guinness Record awardee for 5 times from Uttar Pradesh.
- Shri Ramcharitmanas is the 16th century epic poem written by Tulsidas in the Awadhi language.

Q8) FICCI presents award to Mumbai's BEST for Excellence in Smart mobility



- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has conferred the award in the “smart mobility” category to the **Brihanmumbai Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST)**.
- Reason: Pioneering efforts in adopting green and sustainable practices.
- The BEST has been working on its transformation for 2 years, such as 10,000 electric buses, digital tickets on NCMC and BEST Chalo app and many more.
- The award was given during the **9th** edition of the “FICCI Smart Cities Summit” held in New Delhi.

About FICCI

Formed - 1927

Headquarter- New Delhi

President of FICCI - **Subhrakant Panda**

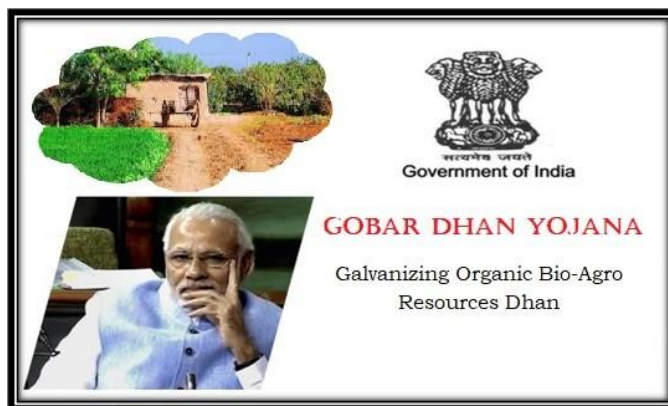
New Secretary-General of FICCI - **Shailesh Pathak**

Q9) Atal Bhujal Water scheme extended by two years



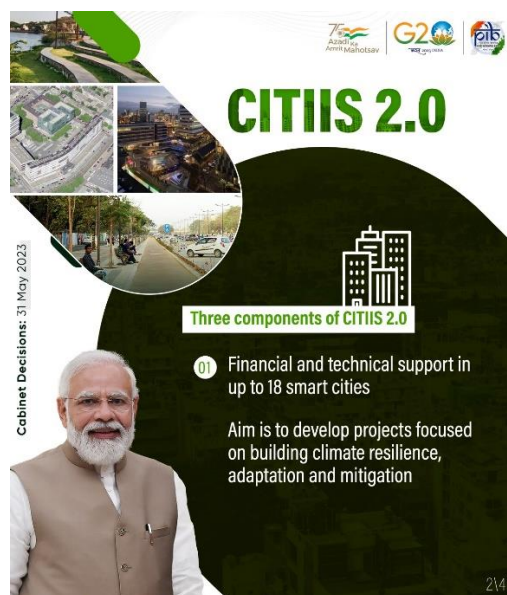
- The Union Government has extended the "Atal Bhujal Yojana" (Atal Jal) for two years until December 2025.
- Initially launched in **2019**, Atal Jal is active across 8,220 water-stressed Gram Panchayats within 80 districts of seven Indian states: Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- Atal Jal plans to bring 450,000 hectares of irrigated area under efficient water techniques like drip irrigation and crop diversification.
- It is a groundwater management scheme launched by the PM Modi during the 95th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 25 December 2021.
- The purpose of the scheme is to improve the groundwater management across 7 states.

Q10) Union Minister for Jal Shakti launched GOBARdhan Portal



- The Ministry for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched the unified registration portal for GOBARdhan.
- The scheme aims to convert organic waste, such as cattle dung and agricultural residue, into biogas, CBG, and bio-fertilizers, thus promoting a circular economy and waste-to-wealth generation.
- GOBARdhan refers to **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan**.
- The government launched the Gobardhan scheme in **2018** as a national priority project under the “Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase II” programme.
- Nodal Ministry: The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Q11) CITIS 2.0 program



- the Union Cabinet Chaired by the Prime Minister Modi has approved the **City Investments to Innovate, Integrated and Sustain 2.0 (CITIS 2.0)** program.
- CITIS 2.0 is a program conceived by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) the European Union (EU) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).
- The program will run for **4 years from 2023 till 2027**.
- CITIIS 2.0 aims to leverage and scale up the learnings and successes of CITIIS 1.0. CITIIS 1.0 was launched jointly in 2018 by MoHUA, AFD, EU, and NIUA, with a total outlay of ₹933 crore.

- The funding for CITIIS 2.0 includes a loan of Rs. 1,760 crore (EUR 200 million) from AFD and KfW (EUR 100 million each), as well as a technical assistance grant of Rs. 106 crore (EUR 12 million) from the EU.

Short News

1) Director General of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Mrityunjay Mohapatra elected as **one of the three Vice-Presidents of the “World Meteorological Organisation”**, the UN agency for monitoring climate change.

- During WMO election in Geneva, Abdulla Al MAndous, Director of UAE National Centre of Meteorology was elected **President of WMO for 4 years.**

Formed - **1950**

Headquarter - **Geneva**

President - **Gerhard Adrian (Germany)**

- Celeste Saulo of Argentina become the **1st DG of WMO.**

2) NHPC, Nepal & VUCL, India sign MoU for **Phukot Karnali Hydroelectric Project (480 MW) in Nepal for power generation.**

3) Dr. Vijay Darda’s new book “RINGSIDE” to be released by Shashi Tharoor.

4) AIIMS Nagpur is the first AIIMS to receive NABH certificate.

5) “Badra Versova Sea Link” bridge to be renamed as “**Veer Savarkar Setu**”

6) Councilor Chaman Lal has become the first ever British-Indian sikh to take oath as **Birmingham’s Lord Mayor.**