

June 1st

- **Fight Lt. Mohana Singh: First Woman Pilot to fly Hawk Jet**

The Indian Air Force's (IAF) Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became first ever woman pilot to fly by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft.

- **Background**

In June 2016 three women officers including Mohana Singh, Bhawana Kanth and Avani Chaturvadi became first batch of women pilots to join fighter stream of Indian Air Force (IAF). Later in early May 2019 Flight Lt Bhawana Kanth also had created history by becoming first daytime woman fighter pilot to fly a MiG-21 Bison.

- **Admiral Karambir Singh is 24th Chief of Indian Navy**

Admiral Karambir Singh assumes charge as the new Chief of Indian Navy. With this appointment he now becomes 24th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS).

Key Highlights

He took charge from outgoing Admiral Sunil Lanba, who stepped down upon his superannuation on 31 May 2019.

Term: The tenure of a Service Chief is three years or 62 years of age, whichever is earlier.

Conflict: His appointment super ceded the senior officer Vice Adm. Bimal Verma who has approached the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) questioning the appointment.

The Army and Air Force too will see a change of guard at the end of 2019 as The Army Gen. Rawat and the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa set to retire in December 2019 and in October 2019 respectively.

- **Rajasthan Health Department wins WHO's Award for Tobacco Control**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) awarded Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department its Tobacco Control Award for year 2019 in recognition of Rajasthan's achievements in the field of tobacco control.



- **Government forms new 'Jal Shakti' Ministry**

The Centre has created a new Ministry called 'Jal Shakti' by merger of Ministries of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation along with Drinking Water and Sanitation. The move will bring all aspects of water management and regulation under one department.

- **Government approves Monthly Pension Scheme for Traders**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Rs.3000 monthly pension scheme for small retail traders and shopkeepers after they attain the age of 60 years.

- **India has 20 health workers per 10,000 people: NSSO study**

A recent study based on the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) data, India has 20.6 health workers per 10,000 people. This is less than the World health Organization's (WHO) minimum overreach of 22.8 per 10,000 people.

- **Puerto Williams named as the World's southernmost city**

Puerto Williams in Chile has become the southernmost city in the world after getting its status upgraded to city category. Previously, the southernmost city was Ushuaia in Argentina.

- **Flipkart's Sachin Bansal joins Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**

Flipkart's co-founder Sachin Bansal to join Ujjivan Small Finance banks as it's an independent director from June 1st. This step is taken in order to achieve the banks plan to upgrade itself as an state-of-the-art mass market bank.

Headquarters of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka.



June 2nd

- **UN extends sanctions against South Sudan**

Despite resistance from Russia, China and African countries, United Nation Security Council (UNSC) has extended an arms embargo and sanctions on South Sudan for a year.

- **Indian-origin Anita Bhatia appointed UN Deputy Executive Director**

United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) Antonio Guterres recently appointed Indian-origin Anita Bhatia as Deputy Executive Director of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships.

Key Highlights

Earlier Lakshmi Puri, Veteran Indian diplomat and a gender equality champion had served as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women.

The key appointment comes less than a week after Antonio Guterres appointed Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar an Indian Army officer as new Force Commander of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

Background: UN Women was established in July 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and is headquartered in New York City, United States. It became operational in January 2011.

- **Unemployment rate in India at 6.1% in 2017-18**

According to a survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) between July 2017 and June 2018 covering 4.3 lakh people revealed that the unemployment rate was about 6.1% in 2017-18, highest in 45 year since 1972-73.

- **Infant Mortality rate (IMR) in India falls but the pace of change slows**

According to the sample Registration system (SRS), India's infant mortality rate declined by 9 positions from 42 in 2012 to 33 in 2017. Madhya Pradesh and Assam had the worst IMR of 47



and 44 respectively while Kerala and Tamil Nadu recorded the lowest IMR of 10 and 16 respectively.

- **Veteran industrialist Brij Mohan Khaitan passes away at 92**

Brij Mohan Khaitan, a veteran industrialist passed away in Kolkata at the age of 92 due to old age ailments. He recently resigned as chairman of Eveready Industries and McLeod Russel. He is also known as Evergreen tea man of India. He hailed from West Bengal

- **IAF AN-32 Aircraft went missing with 13 people in Assam**

On June 3, 2019, IAF AN-32 Aircraft, taken off at 12.27 pm from Jorhat, Assam headed towards Mechuka in Arunachal Pradesh went missing with 13 people. The AN-32 was inducted into the IAF in the 1980s.

- **Haryana High court declares of entire animal kingdom as 'legal entities'**

On June 2, 2019, The Haryana High court (HC) declared the entire animal kingdom, including avian and aquatic, as a legal entity having rights of a living person. The verdict of Punjab and Haryana HC comes a year after Uttarakhand HC passed similar order to protect and promote greater welfare of animals.



June 3rd

- **Ex-President Pratibha Patil awarded Mexico's Highest Civilian Honour**

Former President of India, Pratibha Patil was conferred Mexico's highest civilian honour for foreigners titled 'Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca' (order of the Aztec Eagle).

Melba Pria, Mexico's Ambassador to India, presented the award to Pratibha Patil at a special ceremony held in The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) Bhavan in Pune.

- **US withdraws India's GSP benefits**

The United States of America (USA) President Donald Trump terminated India's designation as a beneficiary developing nation under the GSP (Generalized System of Preference) trade program w.e.f. 5 June 2019.

Key Highlights

The US has withdrawn preferential tariffs to Indian exports. The step was taken on determining that India has not committed to provide "equitable and reasonable access to its markets" for the US.

Under the US's oldest preferential trade scheme called GSP, India is the largest beneficiary nation and exported goods worth \$6.35 billion under the scheme in 2018.

Reasons: cited by trump administration are trade imbalance with India, no access to Indian market for US dairy, medical device industry and issues related to data localisation norms.

- **ONGC overtakes India Oil Corp as Most Profitable PSU**

The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) overtook India Oil Corporation (IOC) by regaining crown of being India's most profitable Public Sector Undertakings (PSU).

Key Highlights

In the previous two financial years (2016-17 and 2017-18) ONGC had lost the most profitable PSU tag to IOC.



In fiscal year 2018-19, ONGC's net profits increased by 34% to Rs.26,716 crore in comparison to it IOC registered a net profit of Rs.17,274 crore for fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

In Financial year 2018-19 IOC also lost its title of being India's largest company by turnover tag to Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries. It was because IOC's refining margins were under pressure due to falling oil prices. Thus with a 44% rise in revenue, RIL is now India's biggest firm in terms of revenue, profit and market capitalisation.

- **Italy's Volcano Mount Etna erupts on Island of Sicily**

Europe's Highest Volcano Mount Etna, in southern Italy erupted with burst into life, spews ash, fire, and spitting molten lava high into sky.

- **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) meets in Bangkok**

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue also known as Quad is an informal strategic grouping consisting of India, US, Australia and Japan recently met in Bangkok in Thailand.

- **Key Highlights of Meet**

The meet in Bangkok was attended by senior officials of Quad (India, US, Japan and Australia).

At the meet countries held consultations on their collective efforts for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. The consultations also underscored Quad's intention of continuing with close coordination and collaboration among themselves in support of sustainable, private sector-led development, maritime security of the region and of good governance.

The Quad (or QSD) is committed to preserving and promoting the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region. At this meet they reaffirmed their shared commitment.

The Quad call for an open Indo-Pacific region (which is a biogeographic region) is because China has been trying to expand its military presence in the Indo-Pacific.

China claims almost all of the South China Sea (SCS) even though other countries of same region viz. Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have also countered China's claims over it.



June 4th

- **OIC appoints Yousef Aldobeay as its special envoy for J&K**

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) appointed Yousef Aldobeay of Saudi Arabia as its special envoy for Jammu & Kashmir. The decision was taken at the 14th OIC Summit held in the holy city of Makkah, in Saudi Arabia.

- **U.S. Visa process now needs Social Media Profiles**

Under a new rule, the United States has asked all Visa applicants to must provide information on their social media use and declare their social media profiles going back five years.

- **CAG Rajiv Mehrishi elected External Auditor for WHO**

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India Rajiv Mehrishi has been elected as external auditor of World Health Organization (WHO) for a period of four years from year 2020 to 2023.

- **‘Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge’ book by Ashis Ray released**

Celebrated cricket broadcaster Ashis Ray released a new book titled ‘Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge’. In the new book he has Ray penned down the journey of Indian cricket at the World Cups since the inaugural edition of WCs in 1975.

- **Indian Army installs Air Quality Monitor at Fort Williams**

The Indian Army has commissioned a “Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System” (CAAQMS) at its Eastern Command headquarters in Fort William Military Station, Kolkata in West Bengal. The commission of air quality monitor is part of Army’s countrywide ‘Go Green’ initiative, which was started in April 2019.

- **Ajit Doval reappointed as National Security Adviser**

Ajit Doval is reappointed as National Security Advisor (NSA) of India for another five year tenure. In recognition of his earlier contribution in the national security domain, he has also been elevated to rank of Cabinet Minister for this term. During his first term 2014-2019 NSA was given rank of Minister of State (MoS).



About National Security Advisor (NSA)

- a. NSA is the chief adviser to the prime minister of India on national and international security policy matters. He serves at the discretion of Prime Minister of India.
- b. NSA is now seen as the most powerful bureaucrat in the Government of India.
- c. This post was created in 1998 by then government of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Since then either an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) or the Indian Police Service (IPS) serves the post. Senior IFS officer Brajesh Mishra was India's first NSA (in office from November 1998-May 2004).
- d. NSA presides over the National Security Council (NSC). NSC was established in 1998. It is an executive government agency that oversees India's political, economic, energy and security issues of strategic concern. It is a three-tiered organization comprising of Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), Strategic Policy Group (SPG) and National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).

- **Nilekani Panel suggests measures to encourage Digital Payments**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Nandan Nilekani committee has submitted its suggestions on measures to encourage digital payments in India to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Background: In January 2019 the RBI had set up the five-member panel under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to provide suggestions on deepening digital payments with a view of encouraging digitization of payments and of enhancing financial inclusion through digitization.

- **Draft National Education Policy 2019 Submitted By Dr. Kasturirangan Committee**

A committee headed by Dr. Kasturirangan submitted draft national education policy 2019 to Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Minister of State for HRD, Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre in New Delhi to rename Minister of Human Resource Development to Minister of education.



June 5th

- **#SelfiewithSapling campaign: launched by Environment Minister**

On the eve of World Environment Day, Union Environment Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched a people's campaign called #SelfiewithSapling, urging people to advocate the cause on social media.

- **PM approves changes in Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on assuming his office took the very first decision of granting approval to major changes in the 'Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund. This decision is in line with PM's vision for India's safety, security and well-being of those who protect the nation.

Changes approved by Prime Minister

Scholarship Rate: The rates of scholarship have been increased from Rs.2000pm (per month) to Rs.2500pm for boys and from Rs.2250pm to Rs.3000pm for girls.

- **Kharga Prahar: Army training exercise concludes**

The "Kharga Prahar", a major training exercise conducted by the Indian Army in Punjab from 27 May 2019 concluded on 4 June 2019.

- **Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed Director General of IMD**

Renowned scientist, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra is appointed as Director-General the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

- **Malayalam actor Sheela wins J.C. Daniel Award**

Veteran Malayalam actress Sheela was honoured with prestigious J C Daniel Award for her contributions to Malayalam Cinema field. She is only the second woman to win this award after Aranmula Ponnamma (in 2005).

About J C Daniel Award

It is Kerala government's highest honour for outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema.



- **Facebook launched its first interactive Game Show in India**

The Social networking giant Facebook launched its first interactive game show, titled “Confetti” in India on 4 June 2019. The launch announcement was made on sidelines of Facebook’s Social Entertainment Summit held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- **5 June: World Environment Day celebrated**

Every year World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June globally. It is celebrated to raise awareness globally about environmental issues and action that has to be taken to tackle them.

Theme for the World Environment Day 2019 was ‘**Beat Air Pollution**’.

- **Mumbai ranked most congested city in the world, Delhi ranked 4th: Traffic Index 2018**

On June 5, 2019, The recent study “Traffic Index 2018”, analysis of the current status of traffic mobility was conducted by location technology specialist TomTom. According to the findings, Mumbai is the most traffic-congested city among 403 cities in 56 countries with a congestion level of 65 percent, while New Delhi ranked fourth with congestion of 58 percent.

- **Jay-Z is the World’s 1st Billionaire Rapper as per Forbes Magazine**

As per Forbes Magazine, Jay-Z, whose real name is Sean Carter, was named as World’s 1st Billionaire Rapper. The 49 years older rapper, husband of the singer Beyonce, has a wealth of \$1bn (£800m).

- **Gianni Infantino re-elected as FIFA President**

Swiss–Italian football administrator Gianni Infantino has been re-elected as President of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), a global governing body of football till 2023.

- **‘Czar of Indian Cuisine’ Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra died at 71**

Jaspal Inder Singh Kalra known as Jiggs Kalra, celebrated chef and culinary revivalist passed away at the age of 71 in New Delhi.



June 6th**• 6 June: Maharana Pratap Jayanti observed**

Maharana Pratap Jayanti is observed every year on 6 June to celebrate birth anniversary of brave Rajput warrior. The year 2019 marks 479th birth anniversary of great warrior.

• Nigeria's UN envoy elected as President of UNGA 74th Session

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Nigeria's Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) was elected as President of 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

• SDG Gender Index: India ranked 95

In first-ever SDG Gender Index which measures progress made in achieving gender commitments against internationally set targets, India was ranked 95th out of a total 129 countries. The Index is developed by Equal Measures 2030, a partnership effort of regional and global organisations.

Key Findings

The global average score of 65.7 out of 100 (means "poor") shows that till date no country has fully achieved commitment about gender equality.

This shows that almost 40%, of world's girls and women (around 1.4 billion) live in countries failing on gender equality and another 1.4 billion live in countries that barely pass the benchmark.

Top 10 countries: Denmark (1), Finland (2), Sweden (3), Norway (4), Netherlands (5), Slovenia (6), Germany (7), Canada (8), Ireland (9), and Australia (10).

Bottom 10 countries: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Yemen, Congo, DR Congo and Chad.

India's Performance: India's overall score was 56.2 which means that it is among 43 countries that fall in the 'very poor' category.

India scores were highest in health (79.9), hunger (76.2) and energy (71.8). It performed poorly in partnerships (18.3), industry, infrastructure and innovation (38.1) and climate (43.4).



- **Sunder Pichai, Adena Friedman to receive 2019 Global Leadership award**

On June 6, 2019, American multinational technology company, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai (46) and NASDAQ's (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) President Adena Friedman (50) were chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019. They were chosen by business advocacy group US-India Business Council (USIBC) for "catalyzing growth in the US-India commercial corridor".

- **Rail Wheel Factory was awarded best performing Production Unit in the field of environment**

On June 6, 2019, The report on achievements of environment management of Indian Railways, "Environmental Sustainability Annual Report 2018-19", stated that best-performing Production Unit in the field of the environment was awarded to Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Karnataka.

- **Former Chief Election Commissioner N Gopalaswami has been appointed as BCCI's electoral officer for AGM**

N Gopalaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner has been appointed as an electoral officer to supervise the BCCI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) election that is to be held on October 22.

- **China to host 2023 Asian Cup confirmed by Asian Football Confederation (AFC)**

Asian Football Confederation (AFC), confirmed that China will host the 2023 Asia Cup. This will be the second time China is hosting the quadrennial continental tournament, after the 2004 edition.

- **Sunil Chhetri becomes most capped Indian footballer**

Indian professional footballer Sunil Chhetri has been named most capped football player. He surpassed the former Indian captain Bhaichung Bhutia's 107 international matches as he has played 108 matches for India.

- **Laldingliana Sailo, former Doordarshan, All India Radio News Editor passed away at the age of 76**



Laldingliana Sailo, the former Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) news editor, has passed away in Aizawl at the age of 76. He hailed from Aizawl.

- **Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel sworn in as Chief Justice Of Delhi High Court**

On 7th June 2019, Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel, sworn in as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. His oath of the ceremony is administered by the lieutenant governor of Delhi, Anil Baijal.



June 7th

- **PM Modi reconstitutes NITI Aayog**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of government of India's policy think tank **NITI Aayog** (or **National Institution for Transforming India**). The decision was taken ahead of first meeting of NITI Aayog's governing council scheduled on June 15.

Key Highlights

On 5 June, PM will chair 5th meeting of NITI Aayog's Governing Council (first governing council meeting under new NDA government) to discuss various issues concerning agriculture, water management and security.

Rajiv Kumar will continue his designation as Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

Other members including V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and Dr. V K Paul were also reinstated barring economist Bibek Debroy.

Amitabh Kant, who served as CEO at NITI Aayog (in NDA-I) is not mentioned in reconstitution.

The NITI Aayog constitution is as follows-

Chairperson– Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Vice-Chairperson– Dr. Rajiv Kumar

Full-Time Members– includes (1) Shri V.K. Saraswat, (2) Prof. Ramesh Chand (3) Dr. V.K. Paul

- **Andhra Pradesh CM allows CBI to enter state**

The new state government under newly appointed Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy revoked previous governments' order of barring Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from conducting raids in state without state government permission.

Key Highlights

Background: The previous Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government headed by then Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu issued a government order number 176 (GO 176), on 8



November 2018 withdrawing 'general consent' to CBI officers for exercising jurisdiction in state and for investigating corruption charges against central government officials and private persons.

- **Prayuth Chan-ocha elected as new Prime Minister of Thailand**

National Assembly of Thailand (Thailand's Parliament) elected 2014 coup leader Prayuth Chan-ocha as Prime Minister after military-backed party that nominated Prayuth won 2nd-highest number of seats in House of Representatives (lower house of Thailand's Parliament) in a general election held in March 2019.

- **Women's Prize for Fiction: American author Tayari Jones wins**

American novelist Tayari Jones won this year's Women's Prize for Fiction for her fourth novel "An American Marriage". It is one of the biggest international celebrations of women's creativity.

- **DMRC becomes India's 1st project to receive Power from Waste-to-Energy**

Delhi Metro has become first ever project in India to receive power generated from a waste-to-energy plant. The move is in continuation of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) efforts to establish an environment-friendly network.

Waste-to-energy Plant:

It is a state of the art facility, set up by East Delhi Waste Processing Company Limited (EDWPCL). It is based on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model which involves government of Delhi, East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) and EDWPCL.

It can process over 1,500 tonnes per day (TPD) of waste and can generate 12 MW of green power. This plant is India's first Euro norms compliant waste-to-energy facility.

- **Russia launches 1st Arctic train service**

Russia has launched first Arctic train service running from St. Petersburg station headed to Norway. The inaugural trial journey of first tourist train traveling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway will be a 11-day trip with 91 passengers aboard.



Key Highlights

Journey: The train is named 'Zarengold' (means 'The Tsar's gold' in German). It is complete with two restaurant cars will travel along route from Saint Petersburg through Petrozavodsk (historic town of Kem) and Murmansk.

- **Rihanna named as world's richest female musician with \$600 million wealth**

Singer Rihanna of age 31 is named as the world's richest female according to the Forbes magazine with an estimated fortune of \$600 million.

- **Pramila Jayapal first South Asian American woman to preside over US House**

Indian-American Pramila Jayapal of age 53, a Democrat from Washington DC set a record by becoming first South Asian American woman to preside over the US House of Representatives as a temporary speaker. She was first elected in 2016. The Congress holds about 17 Asian Americans, with 14 in the House and three in the Senate.

- **Government launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League**

On June 6, 2019, Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched Swachh Survekshan 2020 League (SS League 2020) in New Delhi. It will be a cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India on a quarterly basis. It will be integrated with Swachh Survekshan 2020, the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness survey of urban India to be conducted between January – February 2020.

- **Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Vietnam elected to UNSC as Non-permanent Members**

On June 7, 2019, Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines, Tunisia, and Vietnam are elected to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as Non-permanent Members for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2020.



June 8th

- **Teen Climate activist Greta Thunberg wins Amnesty prize**

The 16-year old climate activist, Greta Thunberg of Sweden won Amnesty International's 'Ambassador of Conscience' Award 2019 for mobilising world public opinion global warming.

- **Romila Thapar elected as member of American Philosophical Society**

Eminent historian and writer Romila Thapar has been elected as international member of American Philosophical Society (APS) at its Annual Spring Meeting.

- **SriLankan Airlines: World's Most Punctual Airline**

SriLankan Airlines, the National Carrier of island nation has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for second consecutive time.

- **African Union suspends Sudan, demanding end to Military Rule**

The African Union (AU) suspended Sudan until establishment of a civilian-led transition to democracy and also demanded to resolve an entrenched and bloody crisis. The decision was taken at AU's peace and Security Council meet in Addis Ababa, (Ethiopia's capital).

- **Equator Prize 2019 won by Deccan Development Society**

The Women Sangams (groups) of Deccan Development Society (DDS) were honoured with Equator Prize 2019 by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for their contribution to ecology and innovations in rainfed millet cultivation.

- **IAF inks Rs 300 crore deal to procure SPICE 2000 bombs from Israel**

Indian Air Force (IAF) signed Rs.300 crore deal with Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, an Israeli defence firm to procure a batch of SPICE 2000 guided bombs.



June 9th

- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana, a new Central Sector Scheme (CSS), to provide pension cover to farmers. This decision was taken at the first Cabinet meeting after formation of new Government (second term) of Modi Government.

Key Features of Scheme

It is voluntary and contributory pension scheme for all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) across the country.

Eligibility: Entry age of 18 to 40 years with provision of minimum fixed pension of Rs.3,000 on attaining the age of 60 years.

- **China launches Space Rocket from Yellow Sea for 1st time**

China launched a space rocket named “Long March 11” from a mobile launch platform in Yellow Sea off Shandong province (China) for the first time. With this China became 3rd nation following the U.S. and Russia to successfully demonstrate ability to launch satellites into orbit from a floating platform.

- **Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha given three months extension**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended service of Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha for a further period of three months.

- **Andhra Pradesh CM appoints 5 Deputy CMs in Cabinet**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister(CM) Jagan Mohan Reddy appointed 5 Deputy CMs in a full 25-member Cabinet, one each from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Minority and Kapu communities.

