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DAILY UPDATES (06, 07 JULY 2018)

NATIONAL

- On 5th July 2018, Union Minister of State for Culture (I/c), Dr. Mahesh Shrama, inaugurated an exhibition named "Arth – art for earth" at IGNCA, New Delhi.
- On July 6, 2018, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) for setting up a 'Design University for Gaming' in Visakhapatnam.
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- On July 6, 2018, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari has said, under Sagarmala project, Centre will provide 500 crore rupees to Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) to lease out cruises to promote cruise tourism.
- On July 6, 2018, The Airport authority of India has allocated Rs.1200 crores, spread over 12 years for the establishment of Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO) at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. With an aim to start Research and Development infrastructure, procurement of tools, skill development and knowledge transfer.
- On 6th July 2018, the Telangana government allotted 200 acres to 3 women entrepreneurs' associations in Telangana.
- On July 5, 2018, Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari' on Swami Vivekananda's death anniversary in New Delhi to pay tribute to integrity. To curb illegal mining in the country.
- On June 30, 2018, External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurated a three day 9th Heads of Mission Conference of all Indian ambassadors and high commissioners in New Delhi.
- On July 5, 2018, The National Health Agency (NHA), the apex body for implementation of the Centre's ambitious Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Scheme, has launched a formal process to empanel public and private hospitals to achieve universal health coverage. To improve access and provide better healthcare for the most vulnerable and unreached sections of the population.
- On July 5, 2018, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into three Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (UAPA) in May and June 2018.
- On July 5, 2018, The Centre and the state governments of Tripura and Mizoram signed an agreement for repatriation of thousands of people belonging to the Bru community from Tripura to Mizoram.
- On 4th July 2018, IRCTC said that, the National Security Guard (NSG) will be the first central paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing instead of the railway warrant as per a MoU signed with the IRCTC.
- On July 3, 2018, The UP Government announced a new Defence Manufacturing policy named 'UP Defence Aerospace Unit and Employment Generating Policy, 2018'.
- On 5th July 2018, Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy presented the Congress-JD(S) coalition government's first budget, announcing farm loan waiver worth Rs 34,000 crore.

INTERNATIONAL

- MORI Building Digital Art Museum in Tokyo, Japan, has become the world's first all-digital museum.

- India has received a joint submarine design and construction proposal from Russia to build on the technology transfer acquired while building the nuclear fleet. It is said to reduce the cost of Indian Navy's next-generation vessel plan.
- On July 6, 2018, India goes on a joint venture to operate the loss-making Mattala international airport in southern Sri Lanka with the Sri Lankan government.

MISCELLANEOUS

- On July 6, 2018, Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani at the Reliance Industries' 41st Annual General Meeting said that Reliance is India's largest payer of Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise and Customs Duty, and Income Tax in the private sector paying Rs.9844 crore in FY18.
- On July 6, 2018, HDFC Bank overtook Russia's Sberbank to become the most valuable bank in the emerging market outside China.
- On July 6, 2018, According to RBI data in the fortnight ending in June 22, the bank credit grew by 12.84 per cent to Rs 86,16,408 crore and bank deposits had risen by 7.59 per cent to Rs 113,53,525 crore.
- On July 6, 2018, United Payments Interface (UPI) will get a major upgrade with new features and a doubling of the transaction limit to Rs 2 lakh and is awaiting RBI's approval. It is the app most awaited 'standing instruction feature'.
- On July 6, 2018, Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Chennai announced the launch of indigenously manufactured semi high-speed train, code-named Train 18 in September, 2018.
- On July 6, 2018, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) is setting up a joint venture (JV) in India with the manufacturer, Zorya Mashproekt, to overhaul turbines in India.
- On July 6, 2018, Infosys said that it has partnered with Siemens PLM Software to develop applications and services for the open cloud-based IoT operating system called MindSphere.

- On 6th July 2018, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) announced the winners for the logo design contest and slogan/tagline contest conducted regarding the 25th year anniversary celebrations of NHRC.
- Scientists of the University of Warwick have produced a new method of microscopy that enables to view proteins under human cells.
- Scientists have warned that, rising sea levels would cost \$14 trillion worldwide annually by 2100.
- Rani Rampal will lead the Indian women's hockey team at the Asian Games that will be held in Indonesia from 18th August to 2nd September 2018.
- On 5th July 2018, Bajrang Punia won gold medal in the 65kg category at the Tbilisi Grand Prix in Georgia.
- Shardul Thakur will replace Jasprit Bumrah in India's One-Day International squad for the upcoming ODI series against England.
- On 6th July 2018, World Zoonoses Day was observed all over the world. World Zoonoses Day aims to create awareness on the zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases can be spread from animals to humans.
- On July 5, 2018, The RBI has issued licence to Bank of China to launch operations in India.
- On July 3, 2018, The Finance Ministry announced that it has kept the interest rates on small savings schemes, including NSC and PPF, unchanged for the July-September quarter.
- On July 5, 2018, State-run Bank of Baroda has increased the marginal cost based lending rates (MCLR) by 0.05 per cent for various tenors of loans.
- On July 5, 2018, SBI Card, the country's second largest credit card issuer, announced the launch of ELA' (Electronic Live Assistant), a virtual assistant for customer support and services.
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