

June 21 - Fourth International Yoga Day**2018 theme – “Yoga for Peace”****June 21 - World Music Day; Clean Air Day 2018; World Giraffe Day**

- **4th International Yoga Day** held at the **Forest Research Institute campus in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**
- **A Guinness World Record** was created in **Rajasthan’s Kota city**, where more than **1.05 lakh people** performed yoga.
- **Kerala** has decided to scrap the plantation tax in view of the crisis in the sector. **Kerala is the only State in the country which levies the tax.**
- **The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, participated in the **4th International Yoga Day celebrations in Paramaribo, Suriname.**
- **PM Modi** addresses at the **inauguration of the Nature Cure Centre in New York, USA** via video conferencing.
- **Tehran’s largest football stadium** was to admit thousands of women together with men for the first time since the **Islamic Revolution of 1979.**
- **New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern** gave birth to a baby girl becoming only the **second world leader to do so while in office.**
- **Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad**, discovered a **sub-Saturn or super-neptune size planet** around a **Sun-like star.** The planet will be known as **EPIC 211945201b or K2-236b.**
- The **46-year-old western lowland gorilla** named **Koko** died who **knews sign language.**
- **First time in the country’s conservation history** **T-2**, a three-year-old tiger from the **Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh** introduced it to **Odisha’s Satkosia Tiger Reserve.**
- **India & Tajikistan** agree to enhance mutual cooperation for sustainable water development.
- **19th All India Conference of Directors of Finger Print Bureaux** in Hyderabad.
- The **Ministry of HRD** has issued fresh guidelines for **Selection of Teachers for National Awards.**

- **Project Gandiva** to make **Andhra Pradesh No.1** in Sports in the country in 10 years.
- **Top 100 brands in U.S.**
- **58th rank - Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS)**
- **The number of refugees** worldwide registered an **annual increase of 13%** according to a **UNHCR report.**
- **‘Compendium of Finger Print equipment – 2018’ & ‘Award of excellence in identification’** released by The Minister of State for Home Affairs **Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir.**
- **Prime Minister's Award - Vishwas Mandlik of Nashik and The Yoga Institute in Mumbai** (for outstanding contribution to promotion and development of yoga)

India Smart Cities Award – 2018

- **Surat Smart City - ‘City Award’; Bhopal and Ahmedabad - ‘Innovative Idea’ Award**
- **Dr. Atul Gawande - CEO of health firm jointly formed by Amazon, Buffett, JPMorgan**
- **Uzhavan mobile app**, launched by the **Tamil Nadu Agriculture Department** for farmers.
- **Punjab State Government** has launched a **mobile application ‘i-Hariyali’** to order free plant saplings.