

**Daily Current Affairs – June 20, 2019****Important Days****June 20 – World Refugee Day**

- The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.
- 2019 Theme: #StepWithRefugees — Take A Step on World Refugee Day

**June 20 - World Productivity Day**

- June 20th is the World Productivity Day, in which people from all over the world celebrate productivity .It's a celebratory day encouraging people everywhere to boost their productivity. It's also an opportunity for productivity-related companies to promote their products and services, and show people how they can help them be more productive. The purpose of World Productivity day is to remind people how being productive is important to leading the best possible life.

**National Affairs****DD India programmes to be available in Bangladesh, South Korea**

- Government has decided to show BTV World, a channel owned by Bangladesh TV, on the Doordarshan Free Dish which will be available for the viewers of Doordarshan in our country. At the same time, DD India would be made available in Bangladesh for being viewed by the people in that country. An official release said this arrangement is a result of an MoU signed between Prasar Bharati and Bangladesh TV (BTV) on 7th of May.

**Jammu and Kashmir****J&K Government to open 18 AMRIT stores**

- Jammu and Kashmir Government is planning to open 18 AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) stores in all the Medical colleges' Hospitals and prominently associated hospitals of the State. The purpose of the initiative is to provide quality and affordable medicines to the end users.
- AMRIT pharmacies, operating under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, offer more than 5200 drugs, implants, surgical disposables and other consumables at average discounts up to 60% of the maximum retail price. In the previous year, 118.52 lakh people in country availed its services at a lesser price than its MRP.

**Tamilnadu****Bar Council adopts online enrolment**

- Supreme Court judge Indira Banerjee and Chief Justice of Madras High Court Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani inaugurated online enrolment of advocates with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and online verification of their antecedents through the police.

**International****Voluntary Euthanasia becomes legal in Australian state**

- Victoria has become the first state in Australia to enact Euthanasia laws that would now allow terminally ill patients suffering from intolerable pain to legally ask their doctor for lethal drugs to end their lives.

**Bangladesh emerged as fastest growing economy among 45 countries of Asia-Pacific region**

- Bangladesh has emerged as the fastest growing economy among the 45 countries of the Asia-Pacific region according to Asian Development Bank (ADB). In the financial year 2018-19 Bangladesh attained growth rate of 7.9 % which is its fastest rate since 1974. The bank predicted that the growth will be 8% in the next financial year.

**Business & Economy****India has the highest data usage per smartphone**

- India has the highest average data usage per smartphone, reaching 9.8 GB per month at the end of 2018, according to a new study by Swedish telecom equipment maker Ericsson. The report, released, also forecasts that this figure is likely to double to 18 GB per month per smartphone by 2024.

**Summit****Fourth edition of National Yoga Olympiad**

- A three day National Yoga Olympiad of school children, organised by the National Council of Educational Research and Training is being held at Chacha Nehru Bhawan in New Delhi. The Olympiad was inaugurated by the Director and UNESCO Representative for India, Mr. Eric Falt in the presence of Director NCERT, Professor Hrushikesh Senapaty. This is the fourth edition of National Yoga Olympiad. It was first started in the year 2016.

**20th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council**

- The 20th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi. The Meeting reviewed the current global and domestic economic situation and financial stability issues including, inter-alia, those concerning Banking and NBFCs.

**International workshop on piracy related issues**

- A two-day international workshop on issues related with piracy and armed robbery began in New Delhi. The workshop is being organised by the Indian Coast Guard in cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP). Presently, 20 countries are members of the ReCAAP. Officials of concerned ministries and members of the Diplomatic Corps are attending the workshop. The participants are being trained on issues related to piracy and armed robbery such as international laws, prosecution process, forensics and emerging threats.

**MoU & Cabinet Approval****Shri RK Singh approves Dispute Resolution Mechanism for solar/wind sector**

- In a major decision to facilitate the solar and wind energy projects, Shri RK Singh, Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (IC) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has approved a proposal to set up a Dispute Resolution Committee to consider the unforeseen disputes between solar/wind power developers and SECI/NTPC, beyond contractual agreement.

**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approves Cancer Institute at GMC Jammu**

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has formally approved 120 crore rupee Cancer Institute at Government Medical College, Jammu for strengthening the tertiary level cancer services in the State.

**Rankings & Indexes****QS World University ranking**

- Twenty-three Indian Institutions have been ranked among the best global universities in QS World University ranking released. Indian Institute of Technology, IIT Bombay has become India's best institute, securing 152nd rank. IIT Delhi and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore have also been figured in the top 200.

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