

Daily Current Affairs – June 30, 2019**IMPORTANT DAYS****June 30 - International Asteroid Day**

- In December 2016 the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution and declared 30th June as International Asteroid Day in order to "observe each year at the international level the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on 30 June 1908, and to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard."
- International Asteroid Day aims to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard and to inform the public about the crisis communication actions to be taken at the global level in case of a credible near-Earth object threat.

June 30 – International Day of Parliamentarism

- June 30 is the day designated to celebrate the International Day of Parliamentarism. It is also the date, in 1889, on which the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the global organization of parliaments was established.
- This Day celebrates parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over. It is also an opportunity for parliaments to take stock, identify challenges, and ways to address them effectively.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS**ASSAM****Irrigation Dept to implement soon minor irrigation scheme ‘Har Khet Ko Pani’**

- In Assam, with a view to improve farm productivity and ensure better utilisation of water resources, Irrigation Department would implement soon minor irrigation scheme ‘Har Khet Ko Pani’. This initiative to increase access to ground water would be implemented under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and will cover 14 districts in the first phase

GUJARAT**Gujarat govt to increases DA of employees and pensioners by 3%**

- Gujarat government has decided to increase the Dearness Allowance (DA) of its over nine lakh employees and pensioners by three per cent. Now, the employees and pensioners will get a total 12 percent dearness allowance from the existing 9 per cent with retrospective effect from the 1st of January this year.

INTERNATIONAL**US deploys F-22 stealth fighters to Qatar for 1st time**

- The United States has deployed F-22 stealth fighters to Qatar for the first time. The announcement adds to a buildup of US forces in the Gulf amid tensions with Iran. The US Air Forces Central Military Command stated that the Air Force F-22 Raptor stealth fighters have been deployed to defend American forces and interests. The number of hi-tech planes sent was not specified.

SCIENCE**NASA's PUNCH mission**

- NASA has selected Texas-based Southwest Research Institute to lead its PUNCH mission which will image the Sun. This is a landmark mission that will image regions beyond the Sun's outer corona. Dipankar Banerjee, solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics is also a Co-Investigator of the PUNCH mission. PUNCH, which stands for "Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere," is focused on understanding the transition of particles from the Sun's outer corona to the solar wind that fills interplanetary space.

AWARDS**NALCO to get President's award for excellent CSR in social development**

- Odisha-based Navaratna Company NALCO has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development. NALCO started a scheme "Aliali Jhia" in 2015. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has also praised the CMD of NALCO, Tapan Chand who started the scheme to adapt and promote the poor and talented girls for education.

APPOINTMENTS**Chief Secretary of Haryana**

- The Haryana government appointed senior IAS officer Keshni Anand Arora as the State's new Chief Secretary on June 30. She will be the 33rd cabinet secretary of Haryana since 1966, when it was carved out as a separate State.

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