

National News

The Union Agriculture Minister has launched a mobile app called PM Kisan for e-KYC.

- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on **June 22** launched **PM Kisan**, a mobile app that includes **Facial recognition** features.
- The Union Minister said that this app has been launched for the purpose of enabling farmers in remote or very small villages to scan their faces and do **e-KYC** without OTP or fingerprint.

US-based GE Aerospace has signed an MoU with India's HAL.

- US aerospace giant **GE Aerospace** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with India's aerospace giant **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** to "Manufacture fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force".
- The Pact is aimed at GE Aerospace jointly manufacturing **F414 engines** with India to power the Indian Air Force's light fighter jet **Mk2**.

An MoU has been entered into between Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and DRDO.

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) signed a contract with **DRDO** on June 22 to develop two **Air Independent Propulsion (AIP)** systems for the Indian Navy's Kalvari-class submarines.
- These fuel modules are a cell-based AIP system with the objective of improving the submersible capabilities and operations of conventional submarines.

Fitch Ratings has mentioned in its report that India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year 2023-24 will grow at 6.3 percent.

- Renowned international credit rating agency **Fitch Ratings** on June 22 projected India's GDP economic growth to **6.3 percent** in the current financial year 2023-24 from 6 percent.
- Fitch Ratings noted in the announcement that this growth reversal was due to **strong economic performance in the first quarter** of this year.

IFFCO has signed an agreement to export nano liquid urea to the US.

- **The Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Organization (IFFCO)** on June 22 signed an agreement with California-based **Kapoor Enterprises Inc** to export nano-liquid urea to the US.
- India's IFFCO has so far exported more than 5 lakh nano liquid urea bottles to more than 25 countries.

Ashok Leyland and leading IDBI Bank have also entered into an MoU for collaborative development.

- **Ashok Leyland**, the flagship company of India's Hinduja Group, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with leading private bank **IDBI** to enter into a strategic financing partnership and provide financing solutions for **automotive dealers**.
- It is said that through this agreement, the trade of both sides will improve and cooperation between the two sides will improve.

International news

A summit for a global new financial deal has begun in Paris, the capital of France.

- The Summit for a New Global Financial Deal, which was attended by more than 300 pedal experts from various countries and sectors, kicked off in Paris, France on **June 22**.
- The conference aims to address climate change-related financial issues through multi round tables, including reforming the international financial framework, building strategic partnerships, restoring confidence and creating an enabling environment for the private sector.

Dhaka is the 7th most un-liveable city in the world.

- According to the Global Liveability Index 2023 recently released by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU), Dhaka city has been ranked as the **7th least liveable city** in the world for the second time in a row i.e. Dhaka is ranked 7th among the most unlivable cities in the world.
- The list was prepared based on several significant factors including education, health care, economic stability of the country, environment and infrastructure of **173 cities** around the world. It has retained the **166th** position.

State news

Paytm has entered into an MoU with Arunachal Pradesh to create a startup environment for all.

- Paytm has entered into an MoU on **June 22** to set up the Arunachal Pradesh Innovation and Investment Startup Park.
- This agreement has been undertaken with the aim of generating employment for all the youth in the North Eastern state. Also, according to the MoU, Paytm will offer discount rates to early-stage start-ups and help young start-ups in their early-stage growth efforts.

Punjab CM inaugurates upgraded British-era library.

- Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on **June 21** inaugurated the renovated and upgraded British colonial era library at **Sangrur** at a cost of **1.12 crores**.
- Named as **Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Library** in August 2016, the library was first established in **1912**.

Awards

The National Florence Nightingale Awards are presented by Indian Citizen President Murmu.

- Brigadier Amita Devrani and Major General Smita Devrani have been awarded National Florence Nightingale Awards by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu, in recognition of their **military nursing service** for the year 2022 and 2023 respectively. The Award was given to nearly 30 nurses.
- The award was instituted in **1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** and is given to recognize and appreciate the outstanding services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the community.

Some of the top awards have been given to women for their outstanding work.

- **Lakshmi Narayanan**, co-founder of Swatch Waste Picker Cooperative in Pune, Maharashtra, was awarded the **Yashaswini Social Activist Award** for making a positive and positive difference in society through her organization.
- **Dr. Sunitha Porte** of Sangli has received the prestigious **Yashaswini Sahitya Literary Award** for her literary skills in short stories and novels.

Sports news

Ryan Razmi has won bronze at the Asian U-21 Snooker Championship.

- India's Rayan Razmi lost 3-4 to Iran's Milad Pourali Darehchi in the Asian Under-21 Snooker Championship semi-final in the Iranian capital Tehran and walked away with the **bronze medal**.
- **Pakistan's Ahsan Ramzan** registered a resounding 5-2 victory in the 2023 championship to claim the title of **Asian Snooker Champion**.

Madhav Madan won India's first gold medal in swimming in the Special Olympics Games.

- **Madhav Madhan** clocked 00:18.26 seconds to win the **country's first gold medal** in the swimming category at the Special Olympics held in Berlin, Germany.
- It is notable that Madhav Madan won the gold medal and another Indian player Kiritbhai Shankarbhai Chauhan won the bronze medal to increase India's medal tally.

Important day

United Nations Public Service Day 2023

- On December 20, 2002, the United Nations General Assembly through **Resolution 57/277** officially declared **June 23** as Public Service Day to highlight and promote the importance of public service in the world.
- No specific theme has been chosen for this day in 2023. The day conveys to the people the value and virtue of public service to society.

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