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Weekly Current Affairs - 17th - 22th June' 2025

National affairs

- 1. The central government has announced to conduct the 16th census in 2027. The last census was conducted in 2011. The census will be conducted on October 1, 2026 in snow-covered regions like Ladakh and on March 1, 2027 in the rest of the country.
- 2. The 11th International Yoga Day will be held in Visakhapatnam. (World Yoga Day is celebrated on June 21).
- 3. Uttarakhand has launched India's first yoga policy.
- 4. The policy has been formulated with an aim to establish Uttarakhand as a global capital in the field of yoga and wellness. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced a subsidy of up to Rs 20 lakh for setting up yoga and meditation centres in the state.
- 5. Union Minister Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated India's First Agri-Drone Indigenization Hub in Chennai.
- 6. Madhya Pradesh has signed an MoU with France to strengthen cultural and tourism ties.
- 7. Andhra Pradesh government has banned the entry of Totapuri mangoes from Karnataka.
- 8. Maharashtra government has recently issued Letters of Intent (LOIs) to five international universities.
- 9. Maruti Suzuki In-Plant inaugurated India's Largest In-Plant Railway Siding in Manesar, Haryana.
- 10. Bihar is the first state to adopt E-Voting System for municipal elections.
- 11. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that the central government will introduce a FASTag-based annual pass worth Rs 3,000 for private vehicles, effective from August 15, for hassle-free highway travel.
- 12. As the situation worsens due to the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel, the Indian government has launched Operation Sindh to evacuate Indian citizens from Iran. As a first step, the Indian Embassy in Tehran has evacuated 110 Indian students from northern Iran, helping them safely enter Armenia.
- 13. India has hosted the International Big Cat Alliance rally in New Delhi.
- 14. Global Yoga Connect 2025 Summit was held in New Delhi, the capital of India.
- 15. Pondicherry University signed an MoU with Research and Information Systems (RIS) to enhance policy research and global engagement.
- 16. Maharashtra government has made Hindi compulsory from class 1 to 5.
- 17. Belum Caves in Nandyal district of Andhra Pradesh have been declared a Geo Heritage Site by the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

International affairs

- 1. The 51st G7 Summit (2025) was held in Kananaskis, Canada from 16 to 17 June 2025. The member countries of the G7 are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. (India, although not an official member of the G7, is recognized as a strong and influential global country. Since 2003, India has been consistently invited to the G7 Summit as an outreach partner, reflecting India's growing economic and geopolitical significance.
- 2. Zandanshatar Gombojav took office as the 34th Prime Minister of Mongolia. (The capital of Mongolia is Ulaanbaatar).
- 3. Vietnam joined the BRICS as the 10th Partner Country.
- 4. 113th International Labour Conference (ILC) was held in Geneva.

Appointment

- 1. Blaise Metreweli has been appointed as the first female chief of MI6. (After the retirement of Sir Richard Moore, she will take over as the head of the Secret Intelligence Service on 1 October 2025.)
- 2. Arun Srinivas has been appointed as the Managing Director and Head of Meta India.
- 3. Anuradha Thakur has been appointed as the Part-Time Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). (Anuradha Thakur will be the first female Economic Affairs Secretary. She will succeed Finance and Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth.)
- 4. Aliawati Longkumer has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to North Korea. Swiggy has appointed Saurabh Goel as Senior Vice President and Head of Driver and Delivery.
- 5. Sampath Kumar has been appointed as the first Indian Managing Director of Nippon Koei India.
- 6. Professor M Satish Kumar has been appointed as the first Dean of Queen's University Belfast's GIFT City campus in Gujrat.

<u>Award</u>

- 1. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the highest civilian honor of Cyprus. (The current President of Cyprus is Nikos Christodoulides, the capital is Nicosia).
- 2. Sudeshna Maitra received the 2025 Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar in Bengali for the poem "Ekrokha Chiruni Tallaashi".
- 3. IndiGo was named the World's Third-Best Low-Cost Carrier Company.
- 4. Swedish startup company NitroCapt won the 2025 Food Planet Prize for its innovative green fertilizer technology.
- 5. K Ramachandran was appointed as the Additional (Non-Executive Independent) Director and Part-Time Chairman of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.
- 6. Indo-American Professor Anant Chandrakasan is being honored as the Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- 7. Eminent journalist Ram Bahadur Rai was recently awarded the Padma Bhushan.
- 8. Air New Zealand was named the world's safest airline in 2025.
- 9. Indian news agency The Hindu has won the title of 'Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025' at the WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards.

Day/Theme

- 1. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on 17 June; the 2025 theme is "Restore the land. Unlock the opportunities".
- 2. International Picnic Day is observed on 18 June.
- 3. Every year on 18 June, Autistic Pride Day is observed around the world. This day highlights the unique identity, strengths and perspectives of people on the autism spectrum. The 2025 theme Unapologetically Autistic.
- 4. World Sickle Cell Day is observed on 19 June. It is a type of hereditary blood disease in which red blood cells are bent like sickles instead of their normal shape. The disease is caused by an abnormal hemoglobin called hemoglobin S. This results in serious problems such as pain, loss of limbs, etc.
- 5. World Refugee Day is observed on 20 June; the 2025 theme is "Solidarity with Refugees".
- 6. The United Nations has declared 4 December as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures.
- 7. International Yoga Day is observed on 21 June; the 2025 theme is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health".
- 8. Arunachal Pradesh has declared the years 2025-35 as the 'Decade of Hydro Power'.

Sports

- 1. American tennis player Taylor Fritz won the Stuttgart Open 2025 title by defeating Germany's Alexander Zverev.
- 2. Suruchi Singh won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2025.
- 3. A 16-member team will represent India at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Cup to be held in Beijing, China.
- 4. Yajik Hillang from Arunachal Pradesh won the gold medal at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025.
- 5. The first Hockey India Masters Cup will be held in Chennai.
- 6. Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has banned the 'Bunny Hop' boundary catch in cricket.
- 7. India is third in the medal tally at the ISSF World Cup Munich 2025; China is first and Norway is second.
- 8. New Zealand women's cricketer Sophie Devine recently announced her retirement from ODI cricket.
- 9. Indian Team MGD1 wins 2025 FIDE World Rapid Team Chess Championship.
- 10. Neeraj Chopra wins Paris Diamond League 2025.
- 11. British car racing driver George Russell wins 2025 Canadian Grand Prix.
- 12. U Mumba wins Ultimate Table Tennis 2025 title by defeating Jaipur Patriots.
- 13. Women's ODI World Cup 2025 to be held in India and Sri Lanka.
- 14. Indian women's batsman Smriti Mandhana tops the recently released ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings.

Project/ Services

- 1. The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the 'Talliki Vandanam' project.
- 2. Delhi University has launched the JAIHIND (Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development) scheme to provide basic computer skills and guidance for higher education to Scheduled Tribe students.

Miscellaneous

- 1. Amitabh Kant recently resigned from the post of G20 Sherpa.
- 2. India is ranked 71st in the Energy Transition Index 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF); Sweden is at the top.
- 3. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is at the top of the world in the QS World University Rankings 2026.

Obituary

1. Former ISRO scientist Nellai Su. Muthu passed away recently at the age of 74.