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Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day: Observed on June 27

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day: Observed on **June 27**. The **COVID-19 crisis** has taught us that the pandemic and containment measures do not impact everyone in the same way. Among the private sector, **Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**, especially those led by women, youth, ethnic minorities and migrants, suffered the most. In **2021**, the **theme** is “**MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery**”. That is why the **UN will be hosting** a series of events to explore how MSMEs – **the backbone of our economies** – can be equipped to ensure an equitable and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery.

An International Trade Centre survey on **COVID-19 impact among businesses in 136 countries** has shown that **nearly 62% of women-led small businesses** have been strongly affected by the crisis, compared to just over half of firms led by men, and **women-owned are 27% more likely** not to survive the pandemic.

About India's MSME:

- **MSME** stands for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise**.
- It was introduced by the Government of India in agreement with the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act of 2006**.
- As per this act, MSMEs are the enterprises involved in the production, processing or preservation of goods and commodities.
- The **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**, a branch of the Government of India, is the **apex executive body** for the formulation and administration of rules, regulations and laws relating to micro, small and medium enterprises in India.

National Insurance Awareness Day – Observed on June 28

National Insurance Awareness Day is celebrated every year on **June 28**. **Insurance** is one of **those things we forget about until we need it**, kind of like a spare tire. **National Insurance Awareness Day** is celebrated every year on **June 28**.

While the **origin of this day** is a mystery, what's widely known is how important insurance is in many aspects of our lives. From car insurance, to

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life insurance, to home insurance and more, these policies offer a layer of protection to guard us from feeling the harshest of blows by unfortunate events. Insurance Awareness Day **has been created in order to encourage people to go over their insurance plan** on this day. Insurance **offers security** in many different situations.

PM virtually interacts with Toycathon 2021 participants

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with participants of **Toycathon 2021** via video conference. Around **1.2 lakh participants** from across **India** registered and submitted more than 17,000 ideas for the **Toycathon 2021**, out of which 1,567 ideas have been shortlisted for the **three-day online Toycathon Grand Finale**, being held from **June 22 to June 24**. For this purpose, the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell has engaged 645 mentors and evaluators for 1567 participating teams. **85 Nodal centres** have been selected to support the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and the All India Council for Technical Education, which are the organizing agencies for this **Inter-ministerial Toycathon**.

About Toycathon:

- **India**, despite being a home of many globally **popular games** like Chess, Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, is not among leading developers and manufacturers of toys.
- Under the '**AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**' initiated by our **Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi**, **Toycathon-2021** is conceived to challenge India's innovative minds to conceptualize novel Toy and Games based on Bharatiya civilization, history, culture, mythology and ethos.
- **Toycathon 2021** is a **unique opportunity** for Students, Teachers, Start-ups and Toy experts/professionals in India to submit their innovative toys/games concepts and win a large number of **prizes worth Rs. 50 lakhs**.
- **Winning Teams** efforts will be made to commercialize the exceptional toy concepts with support from Industry and investors.

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar launches LiDAR Survey of Forest Areas for 10 States

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar in a virtual event released the **Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)** of LiDAR based survey of forest areas in **ten states namely** Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura. Shri Javadekar informed that **the project** which was **awarded to WAPCOS**, a PSU under the aegis of **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Government of India is a first of its kind and a **unique experiment using LiDAR technology** which will help augment water and fodder in jungles areas thereby reducing human-animal conflict, help in **groundwater recharge**, help **local communities** and also asked state forest departments to use **CAMPA funds** towards implementation of these projects in right earnest and in accordance with the **'Ridge to Valley'** approach of watershed management.

About LiDAR survey:

- **Lidar — Light Detection and Ranging** — is a remote sensing method used to **examine the surface of the Earth**.
- Topographic lidar typically **uses a near-infrared laser** to map the land, while bathymetric lidar uses water-penetrating green light to also measure seafloor and riverbed elevations.
- The surface reflects the light back to the **LIDAR equipment**, and the sensor records the reflected light to measure the distance traveled.

About WAPCO:

WAPCOS has prepared these **DPR's using LiDAR technology** in which the **3-D**(three dimensional) **DEM (Digital Elevation Model)**, imagery and layers of the project areas are used for recommending different types of Soil & Water conservation structures **such as** Anicut, Gabion, Gully Plug, Mini percolation tank, Percolation Tank, Field bund, Sunken pond, Farm pond etc. These structures will help in **catching the rain water** and **prevent stream run off**, which will help in recharging of Groundwater.

WAPCOS with the participation of **State Forest Departments** identified one major ridge inside a forest block in these states with an average area of **10,000** has been selected in each State for preparation of Detailed Project Reports.

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India-Bhutan introduced joint initiative: Tax Inspectors without Borders

Tax Inspectors without Borders (TIWB), a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), launched its programme in Bhutan. India was chosen as the Partner Jurisdiction and has provided the **Tax Expert** for this programme. This programme is expected to be of **about 24 months' duration** through which India in collaboration with the **UNDP and the TIWB Secretariat aims to** aid Bhutan in strengthening its tax administration by transferring technical know-how and skills to its tax auditors, and through sharing of best audit practices. The focus of the programme will be in the area of **International Taxation and Transfer Pricing**.

About Bhutan:

- Bhutan, a **Buddhist kingdom** on the Himalayas' eastern edge, is known for its monasteries, fortresses (or dzongs) and dramatic landscapes that range from subtropical plains to steep mountains and valleys.
- In the High Himalayas, peaks such as 7,326m Jomolhari are popular trekking destinations.
- Paro Taktsang monastery (also known as Tiger's Nest) clings to cliffs above the forested Paro Valley.
- **Capital:** Thimphu
- **Prime minister:** Lotay Tshering
- **Currency:** Bhutan Ngultrum

UNODC Report: 275mn People used Drugs Worldwide in 2020

The **World Drug Report** released on June 24 by the U.N. **Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna** Around **275 million people** used drugs worldwide **last year**, while **over 36 million people** suffered from drug use disorders. The **report also stated** many countries saw a **rise in the use of cannabis** during the **coronavirus pandemic**. In surveys of health professionals across 77 countries, 42% mentioned **cannabis use had increased**.

About UNODC: The **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** is a United Nations office that was **established in 1997** as the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention by combining the United Nations International.

Headquarters : Vienna, Austria
Head: Ghada Waly

Ladakh Celebrates Two days Hemis Festival

Marking the birth of Guru Padmasambhava, Hemis Festival is not only one of the most important Buddhist celebrations in Ladakh but is also the most popular festival amongst tourists. Held in one of the **most-visited monasteries** in Ladakh, Hemis Gompa, the festival is a two-day event that is celebrated on the **10th day of the fifth month of Tibetan Calendar, which is the month of June/July in Gregorian calendar.** On this popular festival in Ladakh, **Cham Dance and other traditional dances are performed** in Hemis Monastery on the beats of drums and cymbal and on the tunes of long pipe like Tibetan music instrument. On both days, giant thankas (**Buddhist paintings**) are unfurled for the public. In fact, **every 12th year, the largest thanka in Ladakh** is unfurled in Hemis on the first day of the festival for the public to see.

Highlights of Hemis Festival:

- Cham Dance
- Unfurling of Thangkas (Buddhist paintings)

About Ladakh:

Ladakh is a **region** administered by India as a union territory, and constitutes a part of the **larger Kashmir region**, which has been the subject of dispute between India, Pakistan, and China since 1947. It was established on 31 October 2019, following the passage of the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act**.

Capital: Leh, Kargil

Lieutenant governor: Radha Krishna Mathur

Goa becomes First Rabies-Free state in India

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that the **state has not had a single case of rabies** in Goa in the past three years. Goa AM mentioned that the state has achieved **5.40.593 vaccination against rabies in dogs**. The government has also **educated nearly one lakh people in preventing dog bite** and has set up 24-hour rabies surveillance. Along with an emergency hotline and rapid response team for the dog-bite victims.

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The campaign in Goa has now **vaccinated around 90,000 dogs per year** and has been beneficial to both humans and dogs. However, through effective campaigns, dogs are not only protected against the disease but also are not seen as a threat.

Mission Rabies Project:

- Sawant stated that the **Mission Rabies organization** has been working with all the political leaders, panchayats to create awareness.
- Following which, Goa has now become the first state in India to become rabies-free.
- **Project Mission Rabies** started back in **2013** of its sister charity **Worldwide Veterinary Service** and became a registered charity in 2015.
- The aim is to eliminate human-canine mediate rabies death by **2030**.

About Rabies:

- A **deadly virus spread to people** from the **saliva of infected animals**.
- Rabies is usually transmitted through an animal bite, for example, from stray dogs.
- **Symptoms** include fever, headache, excess salivation, muscle spasms, paralysis and mental confusion.
- **Seek immediate medical attention** after a bite or suspected bite.
- There is no specific treatment for rabies.
- **A vaccine can prevent infection.**

About Goa:

- **Goa** is a **state in western India** with coastlines stretching along the Arabian Sea.
- Its long history as a **Portuguese colony** prior to 1961 is evident in its preserved 17th-century churches and the area's tropical spice plantations.
- Goa is also known for its beaches, ranging from popular stretches at **Baga and Palolem** to those in laid-back fishing villages such as Agonda.
- **Capital:** Panaji
- **Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- **Chief minister:** Pramod Sawant

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World Bank sanctioned USD125 million financial support for Kerala

Two years after sanctioning an assistance of **USD 250 million** for the **first phase of the Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI)**, the World Bank approved USD 125million assistance for the second phase. A meeting of directors of the Bank held in Washington approved the project proposal from the state government and sanctioned **USD 125 million (approximately Rs 925 crore)**. With the World Bank clearance for the project, the route is **also clear** for the USD 125 million loan from **the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**.

The **aim** of the **Rebuild Kerala Initiative** is to incorporate disaster risk planning in the master plans of urban and local self-governments and to help make the health, water resources management, agriculture, and works departments more resilient to calamities.

About World Bank:

- The **World Bank** is an **international financial institution** that provides loans and grants to the governments of low- and middle-income countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.
- **President:** David Malpass
- **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., United States

About Kerala:

- **Kerala**, a state on **India's tropical Malabar Coast**, has nearly 600km of Arabian Sea shoreline.
- It's known for its **palm-lined beaches and backwaters**, a network of canals.
- Inland are the **Western Ghats**, mountains whose slopes support tea, coffee and spice plantations as well as wildlife.
- **National parks** like **Eravikulam and Periyar**, plus Wayanad and other sanctuaries, are home to elephants, langur monkeys and tigers.
- **Governor:** Arif Mohammad Khan
- **Capital:** Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief minister:** Pinarayi Vijayan

Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel named as acting CVC

Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel will act as the **central vigilance commissioner (CVC)** in the Central Vigilance Commission. The

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appointment was necessitated after **Sanjay Kothari** completed his **term** as the chief of the probity watchdog. The President is pleased to authorize **Suresh N Patel**, vigilance commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission, to act as the central vigilance commissioner, with effect from the date of occurrence of vacancy that is **June 24, 2021**, until the appointment of the central vigilance commissioner. Kothari had joined the commission in April last year.

About CVC:

- **Central Vigilance Commission** is an apex **Indian governmental body** created in 1964 to address governmental corruption.
- In 2003, the Parliament enacted a law conferring statutory status on the CVC.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

R K Sabharwal bags Mongolia's 'The Order of Polar Star'

Shri **RK Sabharwal**, **C&MD, Engineers India Ltd. (EIL)** has been honoured with the **highest civilian award** of Mongolia "**The Order of Polar Star**" by His Excellency, the President of Mongolia to recognize the outstanding contribution made by him towards the establishment of the first ever oil Refinery in Mongolia. This award was presented, **on behalf of the Government of Mongolia, by His Excellency, the Ambassador of Mongolia to India, Mr. Gonching Ganbold**, at a ceremony organized at the Embassy of Mongolia, India on 24th June, 2021.

About the Award:

- The **Royal Order of the Polar Star** is a **Swedish order** of chivalry created by King Frederick I on 23 February 1748, together with the Order of the Sword and the Order of the Seraphim.
- The **Order of Polar Star** is the most desirable and prestigious state award bestowed by the **President of Mongolia** which is highly valuable and distinguished and recognizes individuals who have made invaluable contribution with **their outstanding hard work, intelligence and sincerity to the prosperity of Mongolia and its friendship with other nations**, as well for outstanding contributions in the fields of arts, culture, science and humanity.



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DRDO successfully test fires enhanced Pinaka Rocket in Odisha

On June 25, 2021, The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired an extended range version of indigenously developed “Pinaka”. It was carried at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The 122 mm Caliber rockets were launched from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL). 25 enhanced Pinaka Rockets were launched in quick succession against targets at different ranges.

The enhanced range version of Pinaka Rocket System can **destroy targets at distances up to 45 kms.** The rocket system has been **developed jointly by Pune based Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL).**

About DRDO :

- **Founded:** 1958
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Chairman :** Dr G Satheesh Reddy

About Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) :

- **Headquarters location:** Pune
- **Established:** 1958
- **Director:** Dr V Venkateswara Rao

The startup wife Authored by Tahmima Anam

The award winning author Tahmima Anam Authored a novel titled **The startup wife.** It has been **Published by Penguin Random House India.** The Book explores the dynamics of a modern day in a highly competitive world.

About Tahmima Anam :

Tahmima Anam is a **Bangladeshi-born British writer, novelist and columnist.** Her first novel, **A Golden Age (2007),** was the **Best First Book winner of the 2008 Commonwealth Writers’ Prizes.** Her follow-up novel, **The Good Muslim,** was nominated for the **2011 Man Asian Literary Prize.**

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Kuortane Games : Neeraj Chopra wins bronze medal

On June 26, 2021, Tokyo-bound javelin thrower from India, **Neeraj Chopra won the bronze medal at the Kuortane Games in Finland.** Neeraj Chopra threw his javelin at the **86.79m** mark. This was **Chopra's third best performance this season.** He finished third behind world no. 1 Johannes Vetter of Germany and former Olympic gold medallist Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago. **Johannes Vetter clinched gold with a massive 93.59m** throw, while **Walcott's silver-winning effort measured 89.12m.**

Tokyo Olympics : Sajan Prakash becomes first ever Indian swimmer to qualify

Sajan Prakash became the **first Indian swimmer to qualify for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.** This is the first time an Indian swimmer managed to breach the Olympic qualification mark. Sajan **achieved the feat as he clocked 1:56:38 in the men's 200m butterfly at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome.** The 27-year-old swimmer from **Kerala clocked a time of 1:56.96s.** Tokyo Olympics 2021 will **begin on July 23 and the Games will run up to August 8 2021.**