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World Asteroid Day – Observed on June 30

The United Nations has proclaimed **World Asteroid Day** observed globally on **June 30** every year in its resolution. **Asteroid Day** is an **annual global event** which is held on the **anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event**, which is considered by some to be the most harmful known asteroid-related event on Earth in recent history. 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.

About Asteroid:

- An asteroid is a **minor planet** of the **inner Solar System**.
- Historically, these terms have been applied to **any astronomical object orbiting the Sun** that did not resolve into a disc in a telescope and was not observed to have characteristics of an active comet such as a tail.

International Day of Parliamentarism – Observed on June 30

June 30 is observed as the **International Day of Parliamentarism** every year. The Day was **designated in 2018** by the **United Nations General Assembly**. It marks the day of the **establishment of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**, the global organization of parliaments in **1889**. The day celebrates parliaments and recognizes the significance of parliamentary systems of government in shaping modern societies. The **day acknowledges** the importance of strong parliaments as the cornerstone of democracy, representing the voice of the people, passing laws, implementing laws and policies, and holding governments accountable.

Union Govt extends Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana deadline till March 2022

The government extended the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana**, which was launched in October last year to encourage employment generation, **by nine months till March 31, 2022**. Around 21.42 lakh people have **benefited** from the **scheme till June 18, 2021**, with a total outgo of **902 crore**. Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** stated while announcing a slew of measures to

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revive the economy, “This scheme now, which was valid till June 30, 2021, is being extended till March 31, 2022“.



About the Scheme:

Launched on October 1, last year, the approved outlay under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)**, which is aimed at incentivizing employers for creation of new employment, restoration of loss of employment through EPFO, is **22,810 crore** for 58.50 lakh estimated beneficiaries. The **beneficiaries** are spread around **79,577** establishments. The scheme is being implemented through the **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** and reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/ industries and encourages them to hire more workers.

Swedish PM Stefan Lofven step down after losing no confidence vote

Sweden’s Prime Minister, Stefan Löfven, has **stepped down** a week after losing a **no confidence vote**, deciding to ask the speaker of the country’s deadlocked parliament to find a new government rather than call a snap election. “It is the most difficult political decision he had ever taken.” He added that **he would stay** on in a **caretaker capacity** because a snap election in mid-pandemic was “not what is best for Sweden”.

About Stefan Lofven:

Kjell Stefan Löfven is a **Swedish politician** serving as the prime minister of Sweden since **2014** and leader of the Swedish Social Democratic Party since 2012. As of **28 June 2021**, Löfven is the **interim Prime Minister** having tendered the government’s resignation as part of the process of trying to form a new cabinet.

Google, Amazon, Microsoft take top spots as India’s most attractive employer brands: REBR Survey 2021

Technology giant Google India has emerged as the **most ‘attractive employer brand’**, followed by Amazon India and Microsoft India, says a survey. According to the findings of **Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2021**, Google India scored high on financial health, strong reputation, and attractive salary and benefits parameters — the top three Employee Value Proposition (EVP) drivers. **Amazon India** emerged as the **runner-up**, followed by Microsoft India. **Others in the top 10 most attractive employer brands** in India for 2021 include Infosys Technologies at fourth place, **Tata Steel (5th)**, **Dell Technologies**



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Ltd (6th), IBM (7th), Tata Consultancy Services (8th), Wipro (9th), and Sony (10th).

About Employer branding:

The term was **first used in the early 1990s**, and has since become widely adopted by the global management community. Minchington describes employer brand as “the image of your organization as a ‘**great place to work**’ in the mind of current employees and key stakeholders in the external market (active and passive candidates, clients, customers and other key stakeholders). **The art and science of employer branding** is therefore concerned with the attraction, engagement and retention initiatives targeted at enhancing your company’s employer brand”.

P. Sainath honoured with the award 2021 Fukuoka Prize

Journalist Palagummi Sainath has been awarded the **Fukuoka Grand Prize for 2021**. The award, established by **Japan’s Fukuoka city and the Fukuoka City International Foundation**, is given to individuals and organisations for their work in preserving Asian culture. The **Fukuoka Prize Committee** mentioned **Sainath is a committed journalist** who has continued to investigate impoverished farming villages in India and captured the reality of the lifestyle of the residents in such areas.

About Fukuoka Prize:

The **Fukuoka Prize** is an award established by the city of **Fukuoka and the Fukuoka City International Foundation** to honor the outstanding work of individuals or organizations in preserving or creating Asian culture. There are **three prize categories**: Grand Prize, Academic Prize, and Arts and Culture Prize.

First awarded: 1990

Presented by: Fukuoka City; the Fukuoka City International Foundation (formerly The Yokotopia Foundation)

Awarded for: Outstanding individuals or groups/organizations in preserving and creating the unique and diverse cultures of Asia.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk 2021 – Turkey & Azerbaijan Joint Military Drills Started in Baku

On June 28, 2021, Turkey & Azerbaijan armies started joint military exercises Mustafa Kemal Atatürk – 2021 in Baku. The **three day drill will run until June 30, 2021.** The drill name is a reference to **modern Turkey’s founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.** It involves **600 soldiers, 40 tanks and armored vehicles, 20**



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cannons, seven war helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles and 50 other vehicles

Purpose : To improve the interaction between the two countries' army units during combat operations, to develop the commanders' military decision-making skills and their ability to manage military units

A New Book Titled **Policymaker's Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C**"

Authored by **Kaushik Basu**

A New Book Titled "**Policymaker's Journal: From New Delhi to Washington D.C**" Authored by Indian economist **Kaushik Basu**. The book charts the course of **Kaushik Basu's** career over seven years first in India as Chief Economic Adviser to the Indian Government and after that as Chief Economist at the World Bank in Washington. This book is a revised version of the diary that **Kaushik Basu** kept for seven years.

ISSF Shooting World Cup : **Rahi Sarnobat Clinches Gold In 25m Pistol**

On June 28, 2021, Indian shooter **Rahi Sarnobat** won a gold medal in the women's 25M pistol event at the 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup being held in Osijek, Croatia. It is being held from June 22 to July 03, 2021. **Rahi shot 39 out of 50** in the 25m pistol final to win & It was **India's first gold at the ongoing edition of the tournament**. The silver went to **France's Mathilde Lamolle**, who scored 31 out of 50.

Archery World Cup Stage 3: **India's Deepika Kumari completes hat-trick of gold medals in Paris**

On June 27, 2021, India's **Deepika Kumari** completed a hat-trick of gold medals at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Paris. **Deepika Kumari beat Elena Osipova of Russia 6-0 in the final**. It is her **third gold medal at the tournament**. **Deepika** has also won the top prize in the mixed team and women's individual recurve events. In the mixed recurve team event, husband-wife duo **Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari bagged Gold with 5-3 win over the Netherlands**. This was their **second successive gold medal in the World Cup this year, and sixth overall** (Shanghai-2011, Medellin-2013, Wroclaw-2013, Wroclaw-2014, Guatemala City-2021).

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About Deepika Kumari Achievements :

- Deepika became the **second Indian to win** the title after Palton Hansda won the junior compound competition at the **2006 Archery World Cup in Mérida, Mexico.**
- In **2009, She won the 11th Youth World Archery Championship held in Ogden, Utah, United States.**
- She won a **gold medal in the 2010 Commonwealth games in the women's individual recurve event.**

In May 2012, Deepika Kumari won her first World Cup individual stage recurve gold medal at Antalya, Turkey. On 22 July 2013, she won the gold medal in Archery World Cup stage 3 held at Medellin, Colombia. In November 2015, she won a bronze medal in the Asian Championships with Jayanta Talukdar in the Recurve Mixed Team event.

Awards & Honours :

- Deepika Kumari was **honoured with the Outstanding Performance at CWG (Female) Award at the 2010 Sahara Sports Awards ceremony.**
- She was conferred the **Arjuna Award, India's second highest sporting award, in the year 2012 by President of India Pranab Mukherjee.**
- In **February 2014, she was honored with FICCI Sportsperson of the Year Award.**
- She also received the **fourth-highest civilian award in the Republic of India, Padma shri in the year of 2016.**
- In **2017, She got the Young Achievers Award.**