

National Statistics Day

The Government of India celebrates Statistics Day on June 29 every year to popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies. The day marks the birth anniversary of Indian scientist Prof. P C Mahalanobis, in recognition of his invaluable contribution in establishing the National Statistical System. “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

International Day of Parliamentarism

The United Nations International Day of Parliamentarism is held on June 30 to celebrate parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over. The 2019 event is the second edition of the celebration. **It also marks the anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the global organization of parliaments, that was established on June 30, 1889.**

‘One nation one ration card’ scheme from July 1, 2020

‘One Nation One Ration Card’ scheme, which will allow portability of food security benefits, will be available across the country from July 1, 2020. This means poor migrant workers will be able to buy subsidised rice and wheat from any ration shop in the country, so long as their ration cards are linked to Aadhaar. All the States have been given one more year to use point of sale (PoS) machines in the ration shops and implement the scheme.

Airtel becomes first telco to shut down 3G network

Bharti Airtel switched off its 3G network in Kolkata and has refarmed the 900 MHz band spectrum to further strengthen its 4G network. This is one of the first phase-outs of 3G technology globally.

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. To promote the education of Girls of BPL families, NAVARATNA Company NALCO has started "Aliali Jhia" a new scheme on the line of **BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO** from 2015. Under this scheme, 416 girls from BPL families of 66 villages of Anugul, Damanjodi and Potangi area in Anugul and Koraput district.s have been adopted by Company.

Mark Tully Gets Lifetime Achievement Award For Role In UK-India Ties

Veteran British journalist Sir Mark Tully was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in London for his contributions to the UK-India relationship. Tully, who has been previously knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in the UK and conferred with the Padma Bhushan in India.

Abu Dhabi to host first ISA's joint security exercise ISALEX19

The first edition of the joint security exercise of International Security Alliance (ISA) named **ISALEX19** kicked off in **Abu Dhabi, UAE** on June 30, 2019 to test the readiness of the different teams and to evaluate the tools, strategies and procedures developed jointly between member countries. The International Security Alliance was launched in Abu Dhabi in 2017. **The alliance now comprises nine countries, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic**

India signs Rs 200-crore deal with Russia to acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers

India has signed a deal to **acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile** from Russia for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers. The deal for the missiles is worth around Rs 200 crore and would give an added capability to the Mi-35 attack choppers to take out enemy tanks and other armoured elements.

Money parked in Swiss banks: India slips one place to 74th, UK remains on top

India has moved down one place to 74th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks, while the UK has retained its top position, as per data released by the central banking authority of the Alpine nation. **India was ranked 73rd last year**, after jumping 15 places from its 88th position a year ago.

Former Navy Chief Sushil Kumar Authors Book 'A Prime Minister to Remember'

A Book titled '**A Prime Minister to Remember: Memories of a Military Chief**' was released on June 28, 2019. The book has been written by Admiral Sushil Kumar and speaks about the huge impact that the late Prime Minister Vajpayee had on the Armed Forces of India.

Karolina Pliskova Destroys Angelique Kerber to Win 2nd Eastbourne International Title

World number three Karolina Pliskova cruised to her second Eastbourne International title with a 6-1, 6-4 destruction of Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber.