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Country's First Agri-PV Plant: Kundanpura (Jaipur)



Why in News?

- The country's first Agri-PV plant has been established in Kundanpura village (Bassi-Tunga) of Jaipur.



Key Points:

- **Collaborating Institution:** Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), with financial support from Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- This plant has been set up under the PM-KUSUM scheme.

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- **Agri-PV:** It stands for Agri-photovoltaics. It is also known as agrivoltaics or agrisolar.
- It is an innovative, dual-use technology in which the same piece of land is used simultaneously for cultivating agricultural crops and generating solar photovoltaic electricity.
- In this system, solar panels are installed at a height of 10 to 12 feet to ensure crops receive the necessary sunlight and light.

Facts for Prelims (PM-KUSUM):

- **Launch:** March 2019.
- **Full Name:** 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan'.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- **Objective:** To ensure energy security for farmers and to fulfill India's commitment to increasing the share of installed electric power capacity from non-fossil-based sources to 40 percent by the year 2030.

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24th State-Level Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championship: Jaipur



Why in News?

- The 24th State-Level Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championship is being organized at the Jagatpura Shooting Range in Jaipur.



Key Points:

- **Organizer:** Rajasthan Rifle Association.
- **Gold medalists in various events:**
- **Manini Kaushik:** Gold medals in the 50m Rifle Prone (Women's category) and 50m Three-Position (Women's category).
- **Praveen Charan:** Gold medal in the 50m Rifle Prone (Men's category).
- **Deependra Singh Shekhawat:** Gold medal in the 50m Three-Position event.
- **Open Sight 50m Rifle Prone:** Yogesh Kumar (Men's category) and Shivangi Kanawat (Women's category) emerged as winners.
- **10m Air Rifle Event:** Devanshi Katara, Dev Balraj Chaudhary, Abhimanyu Kuntal, and Yashvi Chahar won gold medals.
- **25m Standard Pistol Event:** Hambir Singh, Purvi Pratap Kachhawa, and Khushveer Singh Ranawat won gold medals.

Approval for the Establishment and Operation of 9 New Courts in the State



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has approved the establishment and operation of 9 new courts in the state to ensure speedy justice for the general public and to strengthen the judicial system.



Key Points:

- An official notification regarding this was issued by the Rajasthan Department of Law and Legal Affairs.

Approved New Courts:

- **Sumerpur (Pali):** Special Judicial Magistrate (NI Act) Court.
- **Kareda (Bhilwara):** Creation of the post of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate.
- **Gulabpura (Bhilwara):** Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate Court.
- **Bhinay (Ajmer):** Creation of a Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate Court.
- **Bajju (Bikaner):** Creation of a Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate Court.
- **Pokaran (Jaisalmer):** Creation of an Additional District Judge Court.
- **Ramgarh (Alwar):** Creation of an Additional District Judge Court.
- **Manoharthana (Jhalawar):** Creation of an Additional District Judge Court.
- **Dhorimanna (Balotra):** Creation of an Additional District Judge Court.

Transfer of 9 Ancient Heritage Sites in Jhalawar to the 'Department of Archaeology and Museums'



Why in News?

- The Jhalawar district administration recently registered the free-of-cost lease (ownership) of 9 ancient historical heritage sites in the district in the name of the Department of Archaeology and Museums. Jhalawar is the first district in Rajasthan to take this step.



Key Points:

- This decision will grant legal ownership to all these heritage sites, thereby facilitating their future conservation, restoration, and the promotion of tourism.

The 9 ancient heritage sites transferred:

1. Roman Aqueduct.
2. Gangdhar Fort.
3. Rani Mahal (Queen's Palace), Gangdhar.
4. Basalt rock formations at Mishroli.
5. Manoharthana Fort.
6. Begum's Tomb (Dag).
7. Palaces of Kotra Malta.
8. Bakani Fort.
9. Ramanand Ji's Chhatri (Cenotaph).



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Dr. Meenu Beriwal: Honoured with the 'Diamond of Asia International Award-2026' ■ Jaipur-based advocate Dr. Meenu Beriwal was honoured with the 'Diamond of Asia International Award-2026' in Dehradun. ■ She received this honour for her remarkable contributions in the fields of social awareness, women's empowerment, and counselling. ■ Presented by: New Think Forums International Conference and Awards-2026
2.	50th Board Meeting of Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC) ■ Approval was granted to implement the 'Recruit-Train-Deploy' (RTD) model under the 'Rajasthan Skill Policy-2025' during the 50th board meeting of the Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC). ■ Its primary objective is to directly recruit youth based on industry requirements and ensure employment by providing them with modern, industry-specific training. ■ On March 9, 2025, the Rajasthan Cabinet approved the Rajasthan Skill Development Policy-2025 with the aim of promoting skill development and employment generation for the youth in the state. ■ The policy aims to train youth in alignment with modern industrial needs and provide them with new employment opportunities.



International Olympic Day, 2026

[Source: DD NEWS, IOC and AIR]



Why in News?

- International Olympic Day is celebrated every year on June 23.



Key Points:

International Olympic Committee:

- **Establishment:** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded on June 23, 1894, at a conference held at the Sorbonne University in Paris. Two years later, in 1896, the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens.
- **Origin:** International Olympic Day has been celebrated every year on June 23 since 1948 to commemorate this date.

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- **Current IOC President:** Kirsty Coventry
- **Theme for 2026:** "You Can Do This!"
- **Symbol:** Five rings; the five intertwined colored rings on the Olympic flag represent world unity. The white background represents peace and fairness, while the colors blue, yellow, black, green, and red symbolize the diversity of the world's continents.
- **The Olympic motto:** "Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter" ("Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together")
- **The Olympic Torch:** The Olympic torch is lit in Olympia, Greece, by sunlight through a special reflective mirror. No artificial fire is used. This process symbolizes the purity and sanctity of the sporting spirit.
- **The Three Pillars of the Olympic Movement:**
 1. **Excellence:** In Olympic philosophy, excellence does not simply mean winning a gold medal. It truly means performing to one's best. It inspires one to continuously improve oneself.
 2. **Friendship:** The Olympics teach that the opponent is not the enemy.
 3. **Respect:** Respect means following the rules, respecting the opponent, honesty towards oneself, and sensitivity to the environment.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Twenty-two women participated for the first time in the 1900 Paris Olympics.
- **Contemporary challenges facing the Olympics:** The doping crisis, excessive political interference, war and security challenges, and the economic burden of hosting.

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George Kurian

[Source: AIR]



Why in News?

- George Kurian, Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, has resigned from the Union Council of Ministers.

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Book: "Claiming the Unclaimed: Unlocking the Potential of Idle Financial Assets in India"

[Source: PIB]



Key Points:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, organized a panel discussion on the theme "Your Capital, Your Right – Education and the Way Forward" at the Samarasata Auditorium of the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on June 22, 2026.
- On this occasion, the book titled "Claiming the Unclaimed: Unlocking the Potential of Idle Financial Assets in India" was launched.

ICC Women's T20 Rankings

[Source: DD NEWS]



Why in News?

- India's left-arm spinner Shree/Sree Charani has secured the top spot in the ICC Women's T20 bowling rankings for the first time.



Key Points:

- **Bowling Rankings:**

Rank	Player
1 st	Shree/Sree Charani (India)
2 nd	Charlie Dean
3 rd	Linsey Smith (England)
4 th	Sophie Ecclestone

- **Shree/Sree Charani:** She has taken 10 wickets in 3 matches of this edition so far. The 21-year-old Charani is currently the highest wicket-taker in the tournament.
- **Batting Rankings:**
 - Australian opener Georgia Voll retained the number 1 spot despite scoring 62 runs across three World Cup innings, while fellow Australian Beth Mooney held the second position.
 - India's Shafali Verma remained in sixth place, while captain Harmanpreet Kaur climbed one spot to break into the top 10.
- **All-rounder Rankings:** Hayley Matthews retained the top spot in this category, staying ahead of New Zealand's Amelia Kerr.

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Geography and Geology



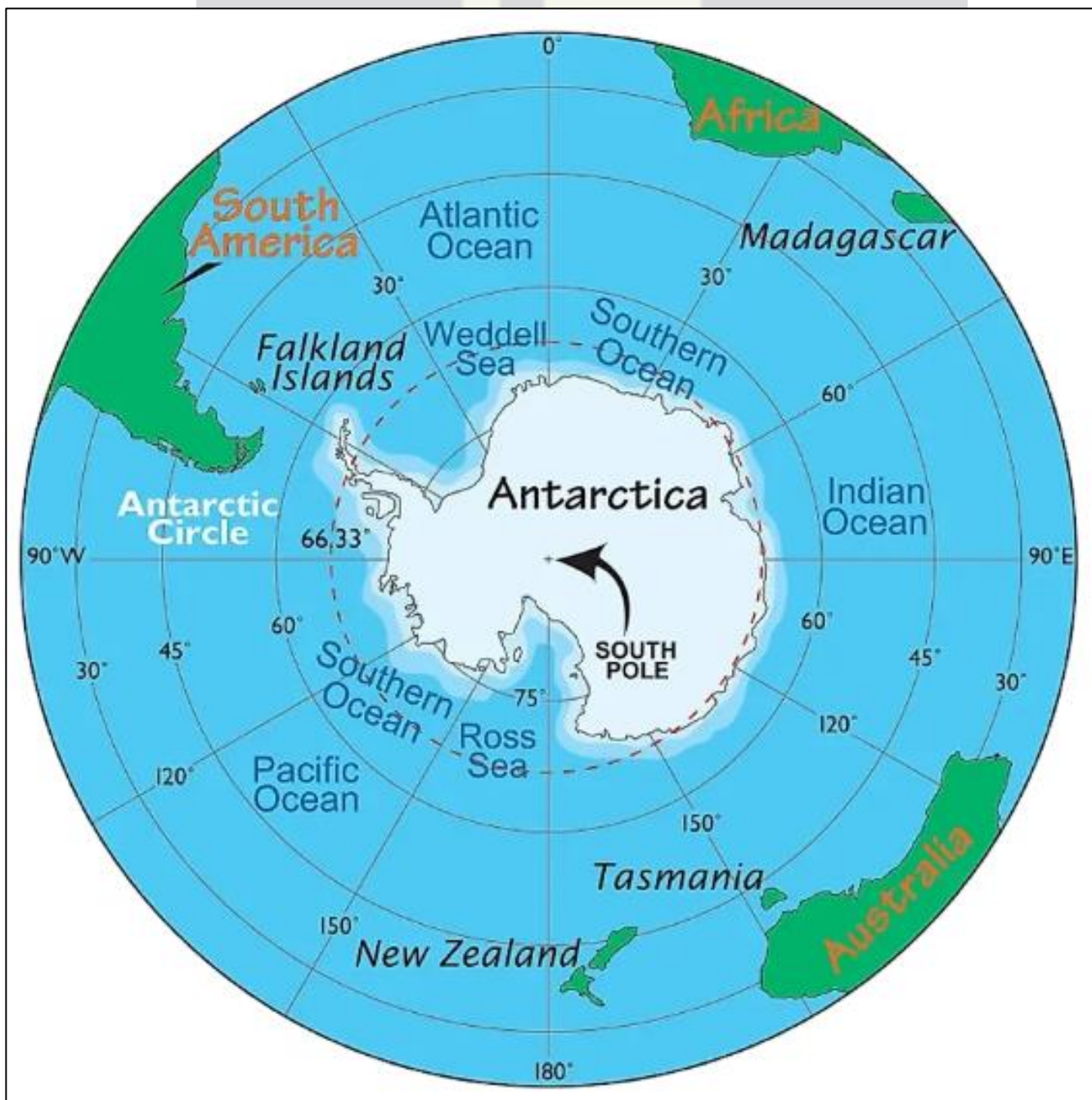
Antarctic Treaty

[Source: THE HINDU]



Why in News?

- The 65th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty was observed on June 23, 2026.



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Key Points:

- **Entry into Force:** The treaty was signed in Washington on December 1, 1959 (Antarctic Day) and officially entered into force on June 23, 1961.
- **Original Signatories:** 12 countries (UK, Australia, Belgium, France, Japan, Chile, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, the Soviet Union, Argentina, and the USA).
- **Current Signatories:** 58 member countries.
- **Key Provisions:**
 1. **Article 1:** Antarctica shall be used for peaceful purposes only.
 2. **Articles 2 and 3:** Freedom of scientific research and cooperation shall be maintained.
 3. **Article 4:** It neither recognizes, disputes, nor establishes territorial claims.
 4. **Article 5:** It prohibits nuclear explosions and the disposal of radioactive waste in the Antarctic region.

India's Role and Contribution to the Antarctic Treaty:

- **Signature:** India signed the Antarctic Treaty in 1983 and obtained Consultative (voting) status in the same year.
- **India's Research Stations:**

Research Station	Year	Other Details
South Gangotri	1983	India's first permanent Antarctic research station (currently decommissioned).
Maitri	1989	Located in the Schirmacher Oasis and currently operational. India also created a nearby freshwater lake called Priyadarshini Lake.
Bharati	2012	Located about 3,000 km east of Maitri, between Thala Fjord and Quilty Bay.

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Maitri II	Approved in 2025	The Ministry of Finance has granted in-principle approval for India's fourth Antarctic research station, Maitri II, with completion targeted by 2032 in East Antarctica. Nodal Agency: National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. Maitri II is envisioned as a large "green research station" powered primarily by solar and wind energy and will replace the existing Maitri station.
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- **Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022:** It aims to provide for national-level measures by India to protect the Antarctic environment and its dependent and associated ecosystems.

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Economic Developments



National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED)

[Source: PIB]



Why in News?

- On June 23, 2026, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation launched NAFEX.in, the e-auction portal of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), at the Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan in New Delhi.



Key Points:

- **NAFED has launched four major initiatives:**
 1. NAFED-KALYAN Scholarship for farmers' children.
 2. DRISHTI portal for inventory management of pulses and oilseeds.
 3. ERP portal to strengthen Enterprise Resource Planning.
 4. Auction portal NAFEX.in.
- NAFED plays a significant role in supporting farmers and in areas such as agricultural marketing, procurement, and cooperative-based agribusiness.

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Ethiopia Elections

[Source: PIB and DD NEWS]



Why in News?

- Recently, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali and his Prosperity Party secured a victory in the country's parliamentary elections.



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Key Points:

- The National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) announced that the ruling Prosperity Party (PP) has won the country's seventh general election.
- It won 438 out of the 486 seats in the House of Peoples' Representatives during the general election.
- According to the Ethiopian Constitution, the political party or coalition that secures a majority in the House of Representatives forms the government and nominates the Prime Minister.
- Indian companies have invested over five billion dollars in Ethiopia's economy. This investment has been made primarily in key sectors such as manufacturing and pharmaceuticals, creating employment for more than 75,000 local people.

