

## International Affairs

**Today (6th July) is World Zoonosis(also spelled zöonosis and zoonoses)Day.**

Zoonosis is an ailment that is transmitted from animals to human beings.

Zoonosis is derived from the Greek words zoon (animal)and nosos (ailment).

Approximately 150 zoonotic diseases are known to exist.

This day is observed every year to emphasize and bring the problem awareness amongst people, and teach them to take right action.

**Theme for the year 2016 :** The disease threat in human-animal interface

**India ranked 91 among 139 countries, in terms of readiness for transition to a digitised economy and society, according to World Economic Forum's annual report released today.**

Important Points to Note :

Singapore topped the list.

Last year (2015) India ranked 89 in the list.

India was at the 114th place for infrastructure, while it ranked 8 in terms of affordability.

**Hungary, a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, today expressed its support for India's bid to become a member of the 48-member group.**

A joint Indo-Hungarian statement said this will "further strengthen nuclear non-proliferation and make global nuclear commerce more secure".

Note : A consensus among all the members will be required for India to become a member of the group.

The Oxford English Dictionary has added the words **ROFL (Rolling on Floor Laughing)** and **tl;dr (too long; didn't read)** in its **June 2016** update.

The update for this quarter also includes the words **glamping (glamorous camping)**, **budgie smugglers (close-fitting men's swimming trunks)** and **listicle (an online article in the form of a list)**.

**The Shahi Imam of Delhi's Jama Masjid, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, has announced that Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated on July 7 in India as the moon could not be sighted on Tuesday.**

Earlier in the day, the government had announced a holiday for Eid on July 7 for its offices.

Note : Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of the holy month of Ramzan.

China launches military drill around Paracel Islands to defend its sovereignty claim in the South China Sea a week ahead of ruling by the International Court of Justice.

## National Affairs

**World famous Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath begins at Puri.**

The world's largest 'charkha' (spinning wheel) was unveiled at Terminal-3 of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport by BJP President Amit Shah.

This charkha is 27 feet long and 15 feet tall.

This charkha commemorates the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa.

Around 42 carpenters in Ahmedabad took 55 days to build this charkha.

**Rajasthan became first state to introduce minimum wages for part time workers.**

The Union Cabinet has approved a National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) for

providing apprenticeship training to over 50 lakh youngsters in order to create more jobs.

The Scheme has an outlay of 10,000 crore rupees and a target of training 50 lakh apprentices by 2019-20.

### **MOUs & Agreements**

**The Union Cabinet today approved a long-term contract by signing an MoU with Mozambique for the import of pulses.**

The MoU is aimed at promoting the production of pulses in the African country, thereby doubling the trade between the two nations by 2020-21.

This is expected to stabilise the price of pulses by meeting the current shortfall in supply.

### **Banking & Economy**

**The Dollar was unanimously adopted as the monetary unit of the United States on this day (6th July) in the year 1785.**

However, the United States Mint didn't start issuing the first dollar coins until 1792.

Note : The US dollar is the most used currency in international transactions with several countries using it as their official currency, and several others as their de facto currency.

**A total of 17 merger and acquisition (M&A) deals have been made between Singaporean and Indian enterprises in the first half of 2016, global valuation firm Duff & Phelps has reported.**

The deals had a combined investment of \$940 million.

**China is planning to give Bangladesh a \$9 billion low-interest loan to build 6 rail projects.**

The rail projects will connect the capital, Dhaka, to domestic industrial areas and the Indian border.

**The Union Cabinet today approved the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme worth ₹10,000 crore to train over 50 Lakh apprentices by 2020.**

Along with support in basic training of apprentices, employers will also be offered financial incentives for engaging apprentices.

The decision aims to focus on apprenticeship as a key component for creating skilled manpower in India.

**The Union Cabinet has approved the Interest Subvention Scheme for farmers for the year 2016-17.**

For this purpose Union Government has earmarked a sum of 18,276 Crore Rupees.

The scheme will help farmers getting short term crop loan payable within one year up to 3 lakhs Rupees at only 4% per annum.

**Interest subvention for providing short term crop loan to farmers has been provided to Public Sector, Private Sector, Cooperative, Regional Rural banks and NABARD.**

### **People in News**

**Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has set another world record by entering the Limca Book of Records by carving 100 sand chariots at the Puri beach in Odisha.**

Note : The Padma Shri awardee artist already has 20 world records to his name.

### **Deaths**

**The critically acclaimed Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami (76) passed away.**

Note : His 1997 film Taste of Cherry won the prestigious Palme d'Or Award at the Cannes Film Festival.

## Science & Technology

**NASA's Jupiter mission, Juno spacecraft is the fastest human made object ever.**

Accelerated by Jupiter's gravity, Juno's top speed is estimated at 265,000 km/h relative to the earth.

Note : The all-time speed record was previously held by NASA's Helios 1 and Helios 2 spacecraft, launched in the mid-1970s to study the sun.

## New Appointments

**Prakash Javadekar was appointed the Human Resource Development Minister, replacing Smriti Irani from the post after the Union Cabinet reshuffle yesterday.**

**Irani has now been shifted to the Ministry of Textiles.**

**Javadekar had been serving as the Minister of State for Environment since May 2014.**

**Arun Jaitley has been replaced by Venkaiah Naidu as the Information and Broadcasting Minister.**

Naidu, who is also the incumbent Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, will give up his Parliamentary Affairs portfolio.

However, Arun Jaitley will remain the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs.

**Ananth Kumar has been made the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.**

He will replace Venkaiah Naidu, who has been given the charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

**Uttar Pradesh MP Anupriya Patel (35), who took oath yesterday as the Minister of State for Health and Social Welfare, has become the**

**youngest minister in PM Narendra Modi's Cabinet.**

Note : Previously, Smriti Irani (then 38) was the Modi Cabinet's youngest minister.

## Books & Authors

**Home Minister Rajnath Singh today unveiled a comic book 'Ayodhya ke Shoorvir' on the exploits of the CRPF personnel who averted a terrorist attack in Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid complex in 2005.**

This is the fifth such book in the series 'Shaurya Gathayen' (stories of valour) being published by the paramilitary force to honour its personnel and martyrs.

## Sports

**As a part of PM Narendra Modi's cabinet reshuffle, former Delhi BJP President Vijay Goel was sworn in as the new Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

Goel will replace Sarbananda Sonowal, the new Chief Minister of Assam.

**Gymnast Dipa Karmakar became the first Indian to be certified as 'World Class Gymnast' by the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique.**

The 22-year-old is also the first ever Indian female gymnast to qualify for the Olympic Games.

Dipa, who hails from Tripura, had earlier won a bronze medal for India at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

**South African Olympic and Paralympic athlete Oscar Pistorius was sentenced to 6 years in prison for the murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in 2013.**

**Former England captain Nasser Hussain has set a Guinness World Record for the highest catch of a cricket ball.**

The 48-year-old caught the cricket ball that was dropped using a drone from a height of 150 feet in windy conditions at the Lord's stadium. The ball reached an approximate speed of 119 km/h before landing safely in the cricketer's hands.

**Para swimmer Niranjan Mukundan has won 8 medals at the recently-concluded IWAS (International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports) U-23 World Games held in Prague, Czech Republic.**

Of the 8 medals Niranjan bagged three gold medals in 50m butterfly, 200m freestyle and 50m breaststroke events.

He won two silver medals in 100m fly and 50m freestyle, and three bronze medals in 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke events.