

## Top Current Affairs of the Week (2 - 8 June 2019)

### 1. 2nd June: Telangana celebrates its fifth formation day'

- Telangana people celebrated the fifth anniversary of its Formation Day with enthusiasm and fervour.
- Telangana was formed on 2nd June in 2014 following the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.
- Telangana Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao hoisted the tricolour at a ceremonial programme held on the lawns of Jubilee Hall at Public Gardens in Hyderabad.
- A number of cultural, sports and social events have been lined up in the state capital Hyderabad & also in districts as part of the celebrations.

#### Related Information:

- Telangana is bordered by the states of Maharashtra to the north and northwest, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka to the west and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south.

### 2. Nayib Bukele sworn in as president of El Salvador

- Nayib Bukele (37-years) has been sworn-in as the Central American country El Salvador's President.
- Mr. Bukele was sworn-in by the Speaker of the National Assembly in downtown San Salvador.
- Delegations from 83 countries attended the ceremony.

### 3. Pratibha Patil receives Mexico's highest civilian honour

- Former President of India Pratibha Patil (85-year) was conferred with the "Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca" (Order of the Aztec Eagle), the highest civilian award of Mexico given to foreigners.
- The award was accoladed by Mexico's Ambassador to India, Melba Pria, at a special ceremony held in the MCCIA Bhavan, Pune.
- She is the first Indian female and only the second Indian (first late President S Radhakrishna) to get Mexico's civilian award.
- Pratibha Patil is the first Indian women to have served as the President of India (2007-2012).

#### Related Information:

- The award was created in 1993 by the then President of Mexico, Abelardo L. Rodriguez.

### 4. Kasturirangan committee submits new draft education policy to HRD Ministry

- Former ISRO chief Dr Kasturirangan led Committee submitted the draft National Educational Policy (NEP) to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank in New Delhi.



- The policy draft recommends incorporation of Indian knowledge systems in the curriculum, constituting a National Education Commission and curbing arbitrary fees hikes by private schools.
- The expert panel also proposed massive transformation in Teacher Education by moving all teacher preparation and education programmes into large multidisciplinary universities or colleges.
- The topics will include Indian contribution to mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, psychology, yoga, architecture, medicine, as well as governance, polity, society, and conservation course on Indian knowledge systems.
- The existing NEP was framed in 1986 and revised in 1992.

### **5. Ajit Doval reappointed National Security Advisor with Cabinet rank**

- PM Narendra Modi has reappointed IPS (Retd) Ajit Doval (74-years) as 5th National Security Advisor (NSA) for another five-year term.
- Ajit Doval (first NSA to serve two consecutive terms) has been also granted cabinet status.
- With his reappointment, Modi's national security team is complete — with S Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister) and Amit Shah (Home Affairs minister) as the other members of the trio.
- Earlier, Mr. Doval served as the Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) in 2004–05, after spending a decade as the head of its operation wing.
- Under his supervision 2016 Indian Line of Control strike (on 29th Sept 2016) and Balakot airstrike (on 26th Feb, 2019) were conducted.
- Brajesh Mishra (Indian Foreign Service office) was appointed the first National Security Adviser of India (in November 1998).

### **Related Information:**

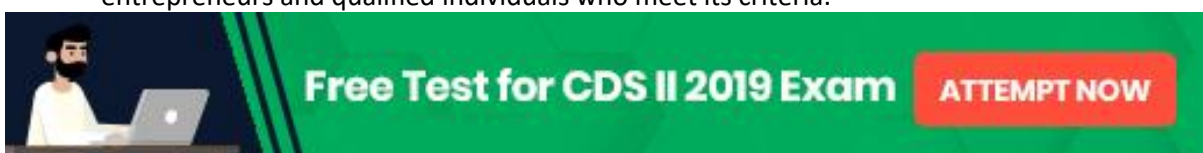
- The National Security Adviser (NSA) is the senior official on the National Security Council (NSC) of India, and the chief adviser to the Prime Minister of India on national and international security policy.
- From October 2018, Strategic Policy Group (SPG), led by the NSA, includes the cabinet secretary, the three Service chiefs, and the secretaries of defence, home & external affairs.

### **6. 4th June: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**

- The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is a United Nations (UN) observance every year on 4th June to protect the rights of children.
- The day was established on 19th August 1982.
- Its purpose expanded to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse

### **7. ICA issues first UAE Permanent Residency 'Golden Card' in Abu Dhabi**

- UAE's Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) has issued the first Golden Residence Permit in Abu Dhabi.
- It is a part of the Investors Permanent Residence System aimed to attract investors, entrepreneurs and qualified individuals who meet its criteria.



The advertisement features a green background with a white border. On the left, there is a small illustration of a man with a beard and glasses sitting at a desk with a laptop. To the right of the illustration, the text "Free Test for CDS II 2019 Exam" is written in white. Further to the right, there is a red button with the text "ATTEMPT NOW" in white.

- According to Forbes magazine's 2019 list of billionaires, The Abu Dhabi-based Keralite tycoon (worth 4.7 billion dollars) has been ranked the richest expat in UAE.
- Indian billionaire M. A, Yousouf Ali was given the Golden card under the Scheme in UAE.
- Earlier, the UAE government had announced that the first batch of 6,800 investors with 100 billion Dirhams worth of investments in the country will be granted the 'Golden Card'.
- Under this scheme, exceptional doctors, engineers, scientists and artists will also be considered.

#### **Related Information:**

- UAE which is home to expats of over 180 countries till now had a system of renewing visas for its expats every two years.

### **8. 5th June: World Environment Day**

- The World Environment Day (WED) observed every year across the world on 5th June to encourage awareness and action for the protection of the environment.
- The theme for World Environment Day 2019 is " Beat Air Pollution ".
- China is the global host nation for the 44th edition of this event.
- Today, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar planted a sapling in Paryavaran Bhawan in New Delhi.

#### **Related Information:**

- World Environment Day is a platform for encouraging awareness and propagating the need for protecting the environment.
- It has been a flagship campaign ((first held in 1974) for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime.

### **9. Telangana enhances assistance under 'Rythu Bandhu Scheme' to Rs 5000**

- Telangana government has announced to increase the assistance under its flagship 'Rythu Bandhu scheme' for 2019-20 from Rs 4000 to Rs 5000.
- The scheme is an Initial Investment support programme of the state government to provide income support for agriculture and horticulture crops to farmer in each season to be used to purchase inputs like seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, labour and other field operations.
- The amount Rs 5000 (per acre per farmer per season) would be paid through electronic transfer using the RBI payment platform, e-Kuber.

### **10. RBI reduces repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75 %**

- Today, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai.
- The Bi-monthly policy has been released based on the assessment of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



- The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) led by RBI Governor also decided to change the stance of monetary policy from neutral to accommodative.
- The RBI reduced the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 5.75 per cent from 6.0 per cent with immediate effect.
- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 5.50 per cent.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.0 per cent.
- Current Policy Rates:

Policy Repo Rate	5.75%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.50 %
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.0%
Bank Rate	6.0%
CRR	4 %

### 11. Govt reconstitutes eight Cabinet Committees

- According to Cabinet Secretariat press release, The Union Government has reconstituted eight Cabinet Committees.
- These are Appointments Committee, Committees on Accommodation, Economic Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs, Political Affairs, Security, Investment and Growth and Cabinet Committee on Employment and Skill Development.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security will have Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar.

### 12. China will host the 2023 Asian Cup

- According to Asian Football Confederation (AFC), China will stage the 2023 Asian Cup football after South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia dropped their bids.
- It will mark the second time for China to host the quadrennial continental tournament.
- In the 2004 edition, China had finished runners-up to Japan.
- This year's Asian Cup in the UAE was expanded to 24 nations for the first time with Qatar winning the final 3-1 against Japan.

### 13. 'Cyclone Man' Mrutyunjay Mohapatra appointed IMD Chief

- Renowned scientist & cyclone warning specialist Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra has been appointed as the chief of India Meteorological Department (IMD) for a five-years.
- The IMD is responsible for weather and climate-related forecasts in the country.
- It is also mandated to issue warning to people about severe weather phenomenon like cyclones, dust storms, heavy rain and snow, cold and heat waves, among others.
- Prior to joining the IMD, Mr Mohapatra (known as Cyclone Man of India) joined the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) laboratory in Chandipur.

#### Related Information:



- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India, headquartered in Delhi.
- It has the responsibility for forecasting, naming and distribution of warnings for tropical cyclones in the Northern Indian Ocean region, including the Malacca Straits, the Bay of Bengal, the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf.

#### **14. Sunder Pichai, Friedman to receive 2019 Global Leadership Award**

- In the United States, Google's India-born CEO Sundar Pichai (46-years) and Nasdaq president Adena Friedman (50-years) have been chosen for the prestigious Global Leadership Awards 2019 by business advocacy group USIBC.
- They recognised for companies' contribution as the leading technology-driven platforms.
- The award by Washington-based US-India Business Council (USIBC) would be conferred Mr. Pichai and Mrs. Friedman during the next week's 'India Ideas Summit'.

#### **Related Information:**

- The Global Leadership Award given annually (since 2007).
- The USIBC Global Leadership Awards recognise top corporate executives from the United States and India whose companies play a major role in catalysing growth in the US-India commercial corridor.
- Achievements in over 30 categories will be recognised and honoured with its unique award.

#### **15. 7 June: World Food Safety Day**

- The World Food Safety Day (WFSD) observed every year across the world on 7th June.
- The theme for World Food Safety Day (WFSD) 2019 is " Food Safety, everyone's business".
- Food safety is key to achieving several UN Sustainable Development Goals and is a shared responsibility between governments, producers and consumers.

#### **16. Russia launches the first Arctic train service ‘Zarengold’**

- The first tourist train travelling through Russia's Arctic region and on to Norway set off from St. Petersburg station(Russia) with 91 passengers aboard for the inaugural trial journey.
- The tourists came from seven countries including the US, Germany, Norway and Russia.
- The train, named, Zarengold, complete with two restaurant cars will travel from Saint Petersburg through according to the organisers.
- The whole trip will take 11 days and allow passengers to discover areas difficult to access by other means.

#### **17. India-France to Hold Mega Air Exercise “Garuda VI” in July**

- The Air Forces of India and France will carry out a two-week-long mega air exercise “Garuda VI” beginning July 1, 2019, at an air base in France.
- “Garuda VI” will boost the military-to-military ties between the two countries.
- From the Indian side, a fleet of Sukhoi 30 fighter jets will engage in dogfights with France’s Rafale multirole aircraft in simulated scenarios as part of the exercise.



### **18. 8 June: World Oceans Day**

- World Oceans Day (WOD) is observed every year on 8th June to provide an opportunity to take personal and community action to conserve the ocean and its resources.
- The theme of World Oceans Day- 2019 is "Gender and Oceans".
- The main action focus is to prevent plastic pollution and encourage solutions for a healthy ocean.
- The Ocean Project has promoted and coordinated World Oceans Day globally since 2002.

### **19. Book Titled “Cricket World Cup” Written by Ashis Ray launched**

- Veteran cricket broadcaster and writer Ashis Ray has come out with a new book titled “Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge”.
- The book is based on the history of the tournament from an Indian perspective.
- The book covers all tournaments from 1975 to 2015, as well as every semi-final and final regardless of whether India featured in them or not.
- The book was formally unveiled by the Chief Executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, Tom Harrison.

### **20. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel takes oath as new CJI of Delhi High Court**

- Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel (59-years) was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.
- Lt Governor Anil Bajjal administered the oath of office to Justice Patel at a function held at Raj Niwas.
- Earlier, Justice Patel was posted at the Jharkhand High Court (from 24th of May 2019 to 6th June, 2019).
- The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended his name for the appointment as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.
- With an approved strength of 60, the Delhi High Court has a shortage of around 24 judges.

#### **Related Information:**

- The High Court of Delhi was established on 31 October 1966.

