

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 17 June 2023

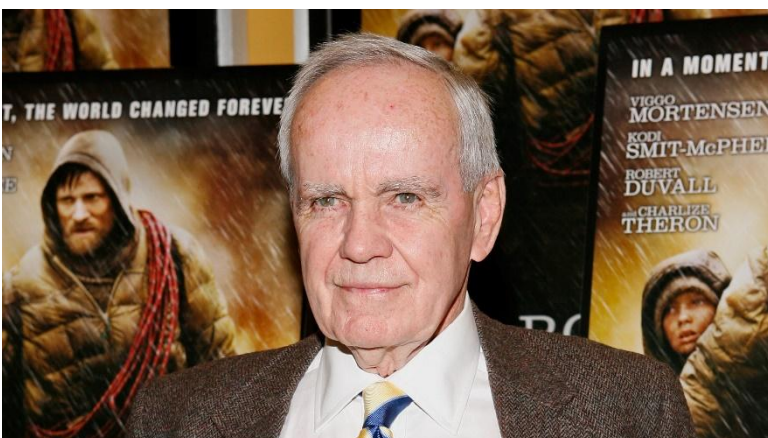
### DAILY UPDATE 1 :IMPORTANT DAY



#### World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought :17 June:-

Every year on June 17, the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed. The day is held in order to transform degraded land into healthy land. Its goal is to find a solution to desertification and assure the repair of damaged land in order to increase food fertility. Human activity and climatic variations are the elements that have contributed to land desertification. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established this day in December 1994 to address desertification and drought. This year, the theme of the International Day Against Desertification, and Drought is "Her land. Her rights."

### DAILY UPDATE 2 :OBITUARIES



#### Cormac McCarthy, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist dies at 89:-

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Cormac McCarthy, the acclaimed author who wrote classic works such as 'The Road' and received the US Pulitzer Prize for it, died on June 13 at the age of 89. 'The Road' and 'No Country for Old Men' are two of his most well-known and critically regarded books. Both works were adapted into successful films. Joel and Ethan Coen adapted his 2005 novel No Country for Old Men for the movie. With Javier Bardem and Tommy Lee Jones starring, it became a phenomenally popular thriller. Not only that, but the film won four Oscars, including best picture.

### **DAILY UPDATE 3: RANK AND REPORT**



#### **Tata Retains Title Of India's Most Valuable Brand, Taj Strongest Brand For 2nd Year In A Row: Brand Finance Report:-**

The Tata Group has retained its title as India's most valuable brand, valued at \$26.4 billion in 2023, up 10.3% from the previous year, according to brand valuation firm Brand Finance's latest assessment of the country's major brands. This is the first time an Indian company has surpassed the \$25 billion level to appear in the top 100 of the company Finance Global 500 2023 list, a yearly ranking of the world's top 500 most valuable brands, according to the UK-based brand valuation agency. Taj Group, with a brand worth of \$374 million, has been India's strongest brand for the second year in a row.

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### DAILY UPDATE 4 : APPOINTMENT



#### Janardan Prasad Appointed New Director-General Of Geological Survey Of India:-

An official has announced the appointment of Janardan Prasad as the new Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI). Mr. Prasad, who took over the 174-year-old institution on June 1, succeeds Dr. S. Raju, who has been in charge since April 2022. Mr. Prasad formerly served as Additional Director General and Head of Department (ADG & HoD) for the southern area since June 2020 and was also chairman of the Technical-cum- Cost Committee (TCC), National Mineral Exploration Trust, New Delhi.

### DAILY UPDATE 5 : MISCELLANEOUS



#### DG Atul Verma Gets Three-Month Extension By Competition Commission:-

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The government is extending Atul Verma's tenure as Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for another three months. The Director General's (DG) office is the fair trade regulator's investigation arm. According to an official order, the competent authority has accepted the extension of Atul Verma's deputation as CCI Director General for three months beyond May 31. CCI is investigating a number of anti-competitive instances, including those involving technology businesses.

### **DAILY UPDATE 6 :ECONOMY**



#### **Centre Approves 3rd Revival Package For BSNL Worth Rs 89,047 Crores:-**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the third BSNL revival package, totaling Rs 89,047 crore. It comprises the provision of 4G/5G spectrum to BSNL via equity investment. The Cabinet approved the allocation of four spectrum bands: 700 MHz for Rs 46,338.60 crore, 3,300 MHz for Rs 26,184.20 crore, 26 GHz for Rs 6,564.93 crore, and 2,500 MHz for Rs 9,428.20 crore. BSNL's authorised capital would be raised to Rs. 2,10,000 crore from Rs. 1,50,000 crore.

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### **DAILY UPDATE 7 : RANK AND REPORT**



#### **India Emerged As The World's 2nd Largest Producer Of Crude Steel:-**

According to Union Minister of Steel and Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia, India has emerged as the world's second largest producer of crude steel. In his statement, the minister emphasised the importance of the steel industry in ensuring India's pragati (growth) and vikas (progress). In the last nine years, India has been a net exporter of steel, with 6.72 MT of finished steel exported versus 6.02 MT imported in 2022-23. India has set a target of 300 MTPA total crude steel capacity and 255 MTPA total crude steel demand/production by 2030-31, he said.

### **DAILY UPDATE 8 : OBITUARIES**



#### **Award-Winning DD Anchor Gitanjali Aiyar Passes Away:-**

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Gitanjali Aiyar, one of India's first female English news anchors on Doordarshan, died recently. In 1971, Aiyar joined Doordarshan. She was named best anchor four times. In 1989, she received the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for Outstanding Women. Besides presenting news programmes, Aiyar, a diploma holder from the National School of Drama, had also been a popular face in several print advertisements and even acted in Sridhar Kshirsagar's TV drama "Khandaan".

### **DAILY UPDATE 9 :SPORTS**



#### **Sunil Kumar Wins Decathlon Gold At Asian U20 Athletics Championship:-**

Sunil Kumar of India won gold in the men's decathlon with a score of 7003 points at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea. Aside from Sunil's heroics, Pooja won silver in the women's high jump with a 1.82m jump, and Bushra Khan won silver in the women's 3000m race. Previously, Siddharth Choudhary won gold in the men's Shot Put with a throw of 19.52m, while Shivam Lohakare took silver in the Javelin with a throw of 72.34m. Sharuk Khan ran 8:51.74 in the men's 3000m steeplechase to add another silver medal to India's total.

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### **DAILY UPDATE 10 :INTERNATIONAL**



#### **5 New Countries Elected As Non-Permanent Members Of The UNSC:-**

Five countries were elected to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for two-year periods beginning January 1, 2024. Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and South Korea are among them. This comes at a time when India has been urging the United Nations Security Council to become more inclusive by adding more permanent and non-permanent members. Stating that the current composition of the UN Security Council (UNSC) no longer aligns with the realities of an interconnected and multipolar world, India's permanent representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj urged for urgent reform of the UN body.