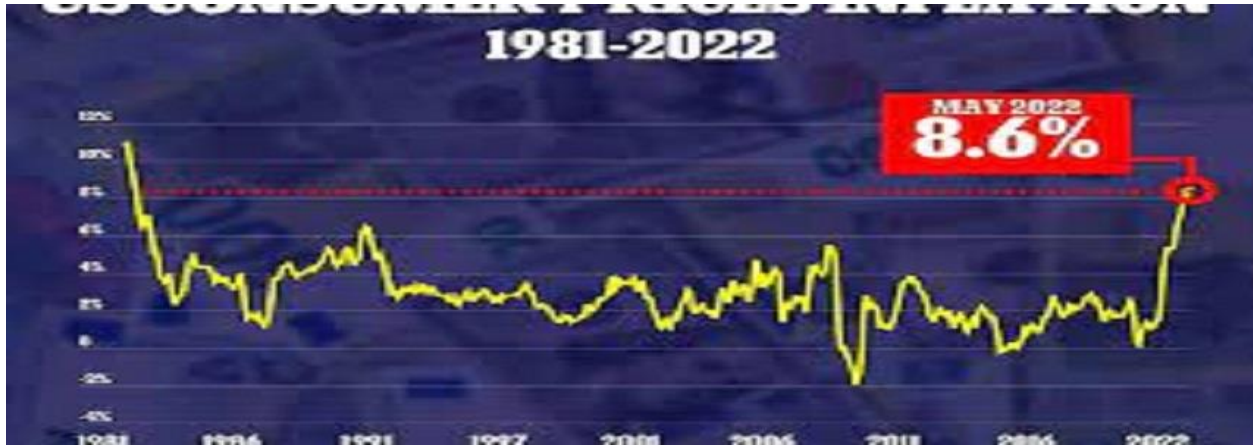


US annual inflation rate rises to 8.6 per cent in May; highest since 1981



In United States, the Labour Department said that inflation rose unexpectedly last month, as rising energy and food costs to the highest rate since 1981.

The Labour Department said, annual inflation rate rose to 8.6 per cent in May, after easing in April. Food prices were up more than 10 per cent last month compared to May last year while energy surged more than 34 per cent. Gas prices have been soaring across the US, approaching five dollars a gallon this week, from 1.90 dollars more than a year ago.

4 Holy Relics of Lord Buddha from India to be taken to Mongolia for 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima



In a special gesture towards the people of Mongolia, four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India to Mongolia for an 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima falling on the 14th of this month.

The Holy Buddha relics, currently housed in the National Museum, are known as the 'Kapilvastu Relics' since they are from a site in Bihar first discovered in 1898 which is believed to be the ancient city of Kapilvastu.

The Relics will be accorded the status of a State Guest and will be taken in the same climate control case as it has been kept presently at the National Museum.

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to UN Rabab Fatima appointed Assistant Secretary General



Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations has been appointed as the Under Secretary General of the United Nations. She will also be High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS). She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.

Ambassador Rabab Fatima is the first woman diplomat from Bangladesh to be appointed to this post. With her appointment as Assistant Secretary General to the UN, Rabab Fatima has become the highest ranking official of Bangladesh under the UN system.

The appointment of Rabab Fatima is testimony to Bangladesh's close engagement with the multilateral diplomatic system and a recognition of the professionalism of Bangladeshi diplomats, said a press release of the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UNGA adopts India - sponsored resolution on multilingualism; mentions Hindi language for first time



The United Nations General Assembly has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time. The resolution passed urges the United Nations to continue spreading vital communications and messages in both official and non-official languages, including Hindi.

India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations T. S. Tirumurti said, multilingualism is acknowledged as a basic principle of the United Nations and expressed gratitude to the Secretary-General for supporting multilingualism. He said, for the first time, the Hindi language is mentioned in the resolution besides Bangla and Urdu.

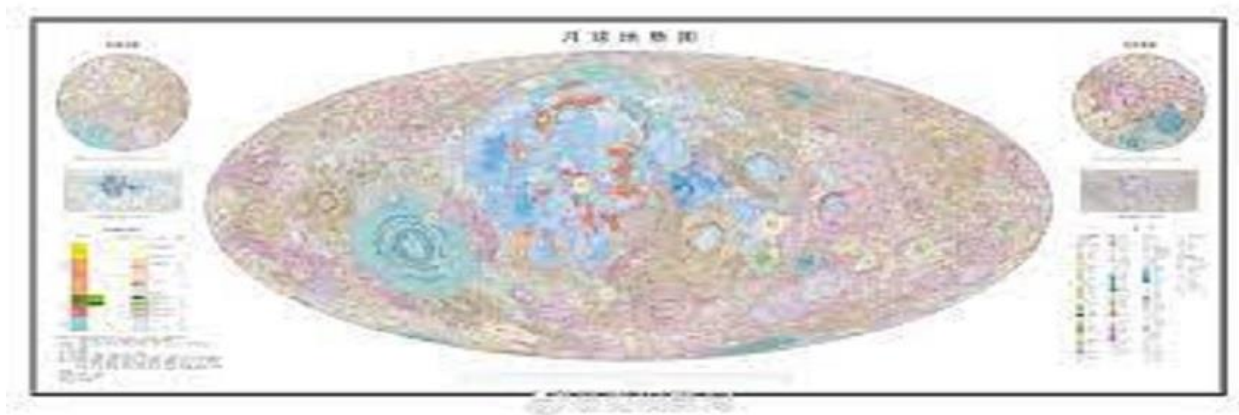
World Day Against Child Labour: 12th June



12th June marks the World Day Against Child Labour. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), there are about 152 million children globally who are engaged in child labour, 72 million of whom are in hazardous work. The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the worldwide extent of kid labour and therefore the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.

The 2022 theme of the World Day Against Child Labour is “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour.”

China releases world’s most detailed map of the moon



China has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date, registering even finer details of the lunar surface than mapped by the US in 2020.

The new map, which has details of craters and structures not charted before, will assist in further research of the moon. The world’s most detailed map of the moon released by China is expected to make a great contribution to the scientific research, exploration, and landing site selection on the moon.

New guidelines to protect interests of consumer from misleading publicity come into effect



The Union Government has notified new guidelines for fair advertising to protect the interests of the consumer from misleading publicity of the product and service.

Secretary of Ministry of Consumer Affairs Rohit Kumar Singh said, these guidelines will not only safeguard the interest of the consumer but also make the industry understand the genuinity of the advertisements so that it can refrain itself from doing misleading publicity. Mr. Singh said, if any product and advertisement is found to be violating these guidelines, they will face strict action by Central Consumer Protection Authority.

Coal Ministry finalizes Action Plan Document for 2022-23



Coal Ministry has finalized Action Plan Document for the year 2022-23. The Action Plan broadly focuses on 15 crucial areas including Grey Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Restructuring Coal Mines, Provident Fund Organisation, Coal evacuation, Regulatory Mechanism for Coal and Coal Pricing Reforms.

This is for the second time that an agenda document for the year has been brought out in the form of a compilation. It has been provided to all senior functionaries who have been given the responsibility of steering these focus areas through the year with regular monitoring and appraisals.

Coking Coal Mission had been launched by the Ministry for enhancement of coking coal production from 45 Million Tonnes in 2020-21 to 140 MTs by 2029-30 which includes 105 MTs from Coal India Limited.

India among 12 economies on currency Monitoring List' of US treasury



India remained on the US treasury department's currency Monitoring List of major trading partners as Washington placed India along with 11 other major economies that merit close attention to their currency practices and macroeconomic policies.

The countries are China, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Italy, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Mexico, said the US Department of Treasury in its semi-annual Report to Congress on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States.

Govt bond for Rs 33,000 crore sails through as RBI accepts bids



Showing comfort with the pricing level in the bond auction, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) accepted bids for four government bonds worth Rs 33,000 crore.

This was the first auction for Government of India bonds after the monetary policy review on June 8. The 10-year (6.54 per cent 2032) bond was also part of the auction.

The RBI accepted bids for 10-year benchmark with a cut-off level of 7.51 per cent for Rs 13,000 crore.

For bonds maturing next year (4.56 per cent GS 2023), the cut-off yield was 6.41 per cent for Rs 4,000 crore.

ICICI Bank partners with ZestMoney to expand 'Cardless EMI' facility



ICICI Bank has partnered with ZestMoney, a digital EMI/ pay-later platform, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms.

The partnership enhances affordability of customers of the Bank who can use pre-approved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs).

Customers can convert transactions up to Rs 10 lakh into EMIs by simply putting their registered mobile number, PAN and OTP at the check-out of the e-commerce website/app or at the PoS machine in retail outlets, without using cards.

Spices Board ties up with Flipkart to enhance market access



The Spices Board on Thursday signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) with Flipkart to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector.

Spices Board, an establishment under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, joined hands with the country's homegrown e-commerce marketplace under its initiative Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL).

The ToU was signed under the Flipkart Samarth programme, which aims to empower MSMEs, artisans, entrepreneurs, rural sellers and farmer communities selling products associated with the country's rich cultural heritage through Flipkart's e-commerce platform.

Khelo India Youth Games: Haryana retains lead in medals tally followed by Maharashtra & Manipur

RANK	STATE	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
1	HARYANA	33	30	36	102
2	MAHARASHTRA	32	28	25	87
3	MANIPUR	13	3	4	45
4	KARNATAKA	11	11	10	42
5	TAMIL NADU	10	11	9	38
6	PUNJAB	7	8	7	26
7	DELHI	7	10	25	42
8	WEST BENGAL	7	5	6	18
9	UTTAR PRADESH	5	12	12	29
10	MADHYA PRADESH	5	5	8	18

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In the Khelo India Youth Games, Haryana has retained the top position in the medal tally with 33 gold, 27 silver and 36 bronze medals. Haryana has so far grabbed 96 medals. Maharashtra is at second position with 85 medals including 32 gold, 28 silver and 25 bronze medals.

Manipur also retained third place with 13 gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Karnataka has replaced Tamil Nadu at fourth place by winning 11 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze medals. Tamil Nadu has come down to fifth place with 10 gold, 11 silver and nine bronze medals. Punjab is at sixth place in the medal tally by winning 10 gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals.

Indian Grand Master R Praggnanandhaa wins Group 'A' title in Norway Chess Tournament



In chess, India's Grand Master and top-seeded player R. Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds. The 16-year old GM remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V. Praneeth.

Praggnanandhaa finished a full point ahead of second-placed IM Marsel Efroimski of Israel and IM Jung Min Seo of Sweden. Praneeth with six points was joint third, but was placed sixth due to an inferior tie-break score.