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NATIONAL

Jal Shakthi Ministry

- ❖ A new ministry called Jal Shakti Ministry has been formed by the central government.
- ❖ Jal Shakti merges the ministries of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation along with Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- ❖ Rajasthan MP Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is the first Cabinet Minister of Jal Shakthi.
- ❖ Rattan Lal Kataria will be the Minister of State in the newly formed ministry.

Flight Service - India and Pakistan

- ❖ Etihad's Abu Dhabi to New Delhi flight became the first to cross into India by flying through Pakistan after a gap of more than three months since the imposition of airspace restrictions by the two countries following the Indian Air Force's (IAF) strikes at Balakot.
- ❖ The service resumed on June 02, 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

Second SCO Mass Media Forum

- ❖ The 2nd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Mass Media Forum was held at Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan capital).
- ❖ Member States adopted 'Resolution of Media Forum' which calls for establishing successful collaborations of Mass Media Organizations of SCO member Countries.
- ❖ A delegation from Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is representing India at international Forum.

SCO and SCO Mass Media Forum

- ❖ SCO is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance.
- ❖ It was founded on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, China.

- ❖ It was created by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Presently, it comprises eight member states and four observer states.
- ❖ The first SCO Media Summit was held on 1st June 2018 in Beijing, China.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen exchange and cooperation in field of mass media amongst SCO countries.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a regional intergovernmental security alliance involving Russia, China and four Central Asian states



The 'Business Case for Change' Report

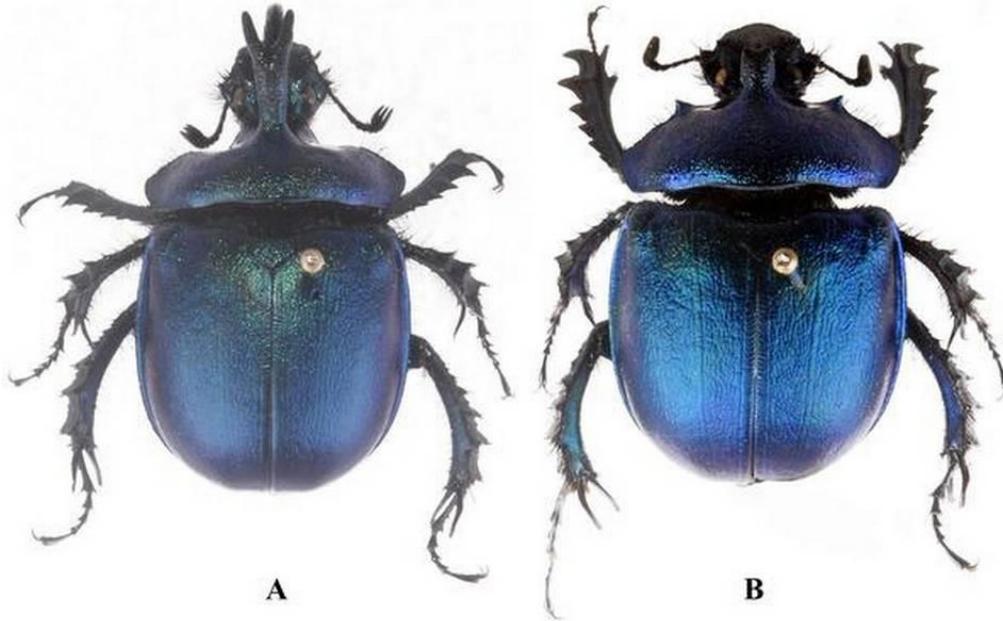
- ❖ The International Labour Organization (ILO) released its second global report, titled "Women in Business and Management: The business case for change".
- ❖ The report highlights that almost half of the surveyed enterprises reported women holding less than 30 per cent of entry-level management positions.
- ❖ Just for Asia and the Pacific, the average female labour force participation rate has declined from 52.9 in 1991 to 45.3 per cent in 2018, dropping by 7.6 percentage points.

ENVIRONMENT

Enoplotrupes tawangensis – New beetle

- ❖ A new species of dung beetle has been discovered in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

- ❖ The species is named *Enoplotrupes tawangensis*.



- ❖ It is shining dark blue in colour and, measuring up to 27 mm.
- ❖ It is relatively bigger than most of the dung beetles.

Specter of extinction of species in Russia

- ❖ Six mammal, bird and fish species are facing the spectre of extinction in Russia according to World Wildlife Fund (WWF).
- ❖ These include the Saiga antelope, the gyrfalcon, the Persian leopard, the spoon-billed sandpiper, the Sakhalin sturgeon and the kaluga, also a type of sturgeon.
- ❖ Meanwhile, the populations of some other species that were on the verge of extinction in the last century has increased due to conservation efforts.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

- ❖ It is an international non-governmental organization which was founded in 1961.
- ❖ It is the world's largest conservation organization.
- ❖ It's Headquarter is located in Gland (Switzerland).
- ❖ It releases the Living Planet Report every two years since 1998.

STATES

Ban on e-cigarettes – Maharashtra and Rajasthan

- ❖ Maharashtra and Rajasthan have decided to ban e-cigarettes to discourage nicotine addiction.
- ❖ Electronic nicotine delivery systems may be as harmful as conventional tobacco products.
- ❖ Apart from e-cigarettes, Maharashtra has also banned vapes and e-hookahs.
- ❖ The ban was issued in Rajasthan on World No Tobacco Day which is celebrated on May 31 every year.

WHO Award – Rajasthan

- ❖ The World Health Organization has selected the Rajasthan government's Medical & Health Department for its award this year in recognition of its achievements in the field of tobacco control.
- ❖ WHO has selected five organisations from the South-East Asian region for the prestigious award.
- ❖ The Rajasthan Health Department of the State is the only government body in the country which will be awarded for its tobacco-free initiatives.
- ❖ Three other organisations in the South-East Asian region have been selected from Thailand and Indonesia
- ❖ Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi is also among the recipients of the award.

Ganga pollution penalty – NGT

- ❖ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a penalty of ₹25 lakh each on the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal for not taking adequate steps to curb pollution in the river Ganga.
- ❖ The fine will be used on restoration of the environment.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Admiral Karambir Singh – 24th Navy Chief

- ❖ Admiral Karambir Singh took charge as the 24th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) from Admiral Sunil Lanba.
- ❖ Admiral Singh was the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Eastern Naval Command, headquartered in Visakhapatnam.



- ❖ The tenure of a Service Chief is three years or 62 years of age, whichever is earlier.

Hawk Eye – Lt. Mohana Singh

- ❖ Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly a Hawk advanced jet aircraft.
- ❖ She achieved the feat at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal.



- ❖ A week back, Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became fully operational by day on MiG-21 Bison.

SPORTS

Manu Bhaker – Olympic

- ❖ India's Manu Bhaker clinched a Tokyo 2020 Olympic quota for India in the women's 10m pistol.
- ❖ She finished fourth in the final at the season's third International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Munich.
- ❖ Bhaker earned India's first quota in women's 10m pistol after Saurabh Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma won both the quota places in men's 10m air pistol at the World Cups in Delhi and Beijing respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS

Corporate Tax Haven Index

- ❖ Tax Justice Network has ranked the three British territories, including British Virgin Island, Bermuda and Cayman Islands, at the top for enabling corporate tax avoidance across in the world.
- ❖ TJN is an independent international network.

Rank	Jurisdiction
1	British Virgin Islands
2	Bermuda
3	Cayman Islands
4	Netherlands
5	Switzerland
6	Luxembourg
7	Jersey
8	Singapore
9	Bahamas
10	Hong Kong

- ❖ The top 10 territories alone are responsible for 52 per cent of the world's corporate tax avoidance risks.
