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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 28 June 2023

### Diwali To Become School Holiday In New York City

- Diwali Is Set To Become A School Holiday In New York City, Announced Mayor Eric Adams.
- He Said That Festival Of Diwali Will Be Added To The List Of Public-school Holidays In Recognition Of The Growth Of The City's South Asian And Indo Caribbean Communities.
- The Announcement Came After The State Lawmakers Recently Enacted Legislation Designating It As A Holiday In The Biggest School System In The US.
- Diwali Will Be Observed This Year On November 12, Therefore It Will Be A Day Off From School For The First Time In 2024.



### PM Modi Flags Off Five Vande Bharat Trains

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Flagged Off Five New Vande Bharat Trains Of The Country From Rani Kamalapati Railway Station In Bhopal.
- The Prime Minister First Virtually Launched Ranchi-Patna, Dharwad-KSR Bengaluru And Goa (Madgaon) -Mumbai And Then Also Flagged Off Two Vande Bharat Trains Of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal-Indore And Bhopal-Jabalpur.
- Both These Trains Left Simultaneously From Rani Kamalapati Railway Station.

- In A Tweet Today, The Prime Minister Said That These Trains Will Improve Connectivity In Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar And Jharkhand.



## ODI Cricket World Cup 2023 Schedule Announced

- ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023's Schedule Was Announced .
- The World Cup Will Kick Off On 5th October With A Match Between England And New Zealand At Ahmedabad.
- Final Match Will Also Be Played In Ahmedabad On 19th November. Indian Cricket Team Will Play Its First Match Against Australia On 8th October At Chennai.
- Most Awaited India Pakistan Match Will Be Played On 15th October In Ahmedabad. Both Team Had Their Last Encounter In The 2019 World Cup At Manchester And Indian Team Won The Match.
- A Total Of 10 Teams Will Participate In The World Cup.





## CJI To Lay Foundation Stone Of New J&K HC Complex

- Chief Justice Of India Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud Will Lay The Foundation Stone Of The New Complex Of Jammu & Kashmir And Ladakh High Court In Raika Area Of Jammu.
- The Complex Equipped With Modern Facilities Is Estimated To Cost Over 800 Crore Rupees And Will Be Completed In The Shortest Possible Time.
- The New High Court Complex Will Have 35 Court Rooms And Space For Expansion Up To 70 Court Rooms.



## Arab Youth Survey Reveals India's Growing Influence

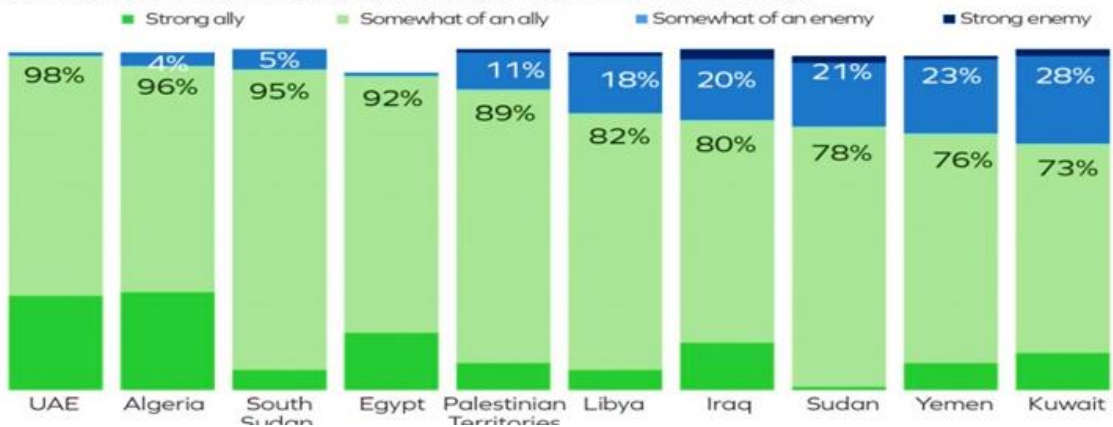
- According To The 15th Annual ASDA'A BCW Arab Youth Survey, Arab Youth Consider India As A Stronger Ally Than The United States. The Survey, Conducted By ASDA'A BCW, The Leading Communications Consultancy In The Middle East & North Africa, Revealed That 73% Of Arab Youth See India As A 'Strong Ally' Or 'Somewhat Of An Ally' To Their Respective Countries, Surpassing The US By A Mere One Percentage Point (72%).
- Covering The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States, The Levantine Countries, And North Africa, The Study Found That India Is Perceived As A Top Ally Among Young Arab Men And Women.
- The Sentiment Was Particularly Strong Among UAE Nationals, With 98% Considering India An Ally.
- Similarly, Significant Endorsement Was Observed In Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, And Oman, With Nearly Two-thirds Of Youth In These Countries Viewing India As An Ally. Notably, 84% Of Young Egyptians And Substantial Majorities In

The Palestinian Territories, Iraq, South Sudan, Sudan, And Libya Also Regarded India As An Ally.

### Arab youth across the three regions surveyed few India as 'a strong ally' or 'somewhat of an ally'

Do you consider India a strong ally, somewhat of an ally, somewhat of an enemy, or a strong enemy of YOUR country?

(Showing percentage, among all, Top 10 saying 'strong or somewhat of an ally')



### International Pineapple Day

- **June 27:** People Come Together To Appreciate The Unique Flavor And Charm Of Pineapples.
- It Is A Time To Enjoy The Fruit's Refreshing Taste, Explore Different Pineapple-based Recipes, And Recognize Its Cultural Significance Across The Globe.
- The Word "Pineapple" Was Originally Used In English As The Name For The Reproductive Organs Of Conifer Trees - What We Now Call Pinecones.



## Centre Approves Rs. 56,415 Cr For Capital Investment

- The Centre Has Approved 56 Thousand 415 Crore Rupees To 16 States For Capital Investment Under The 'Special Assistance To States For Capital Investment 2023-24' Scheme In The Current Financial Year.
- The Investments Cover Various Sectors, Including Health, Education, Irrigation, Water Supply, Power, Roads, Bridges, And Railways.
- It Aims For Giving A Timely Boost To Capital Spending By The States.
- Funds For Meeting The State Share Of The Jal Jeevan Mission And Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Have Also Been Provided To The States Under This Scheme. The Movement Is Expected To Enhance The Project Pace In These Sectors.

| Sl. No. | State             | Amount Approved | (Rs. in crore) |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.      | Arunachal Pradesh |                 | 1255           |
| 2.      | Bihar             |                 | 9640           |
| 3.      | Chhattisgarh      |                 | 3195           |
| 4.      | Goa               |                 | 386            |
| 5.      | Gujarat           |                 | 3478           |
| 6.      | Haryana           |                 | 1093           |
| 7.      | Himachal Pradesh  |                 | 826            |
| 8.      | Karnataka         |                 | 3647           |
| 9.      | Madhya Pradesh    |                 | 7850           |
| 10.     | Mizoram           |                 | 399            |
| 11.     | Odisha            |                 | 4528           |
| 12.     | Rajasthan         |                 | 6026           |
| 13.     | Sikkim            |                 | 388            |
| 14.     | Tamil Nadu        |                 | 4079           |
| 15.     | Telangana         |                 | 2102           |
| 16.     | West Bengal       |                 | 7523           |



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## NANDI Portal Launched

- Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry And Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala Launched NANDI (NOC Approvals For New Drugs & Inoculation System).
- The NANDI Portal Has Been Developed To Pave The Way To A Resilient Animal Health Sector In India By Streamlining And Digitizing The Regulatory Approval Process.
- It Is Also Aimed To Speed Up The Process To Assess And Examine The Safety, Efficacy, And Essentiality Of Veterinary Product Proposals Received In The Department. Speaking On The Occasion, Mr. Rupala Termed The Launching Of The Portal As A Timely Move.
- He Said The Nandi Will Ensure Seamless Approval Of Vaccines. The Minister Said, The Decision Of Launching The Mobile Veterinary Units And Vaccinating All Livestock In The Country Will Bring A Big Change In The Animal Husbandry Sector.

- The Nandi Portal Will Help In Achieving The Goal Of Developing A Global Manufacturing Hub For Veterinary Products In The Country And Stimulating Research And Development Focused On Improving Animal Health.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. First Train Started In India?

- A. 1851
- B. 1852
- C. 1853
- D. 1854

**ANSWER: C**

2. Separate Railway Budget Was Introduced In

- A. 1920
- B. 1924
- C. 1925
- D. 1930

**ANSWER: B**

3. Separate Railway budget was introduced on the recommendations of

- A. Hunter committee
- B. Acworth committee
- C. Simon committee
- D. Woods Dispatch

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Railway Budget Merged With General Budget In**

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Last Railway Budget Was Presented By**

- A. Arun Jaitley
- B. Nirmala Seetharaman
- C. Suresh Prabhu
- D. Piyush Goyal

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Railway Budget Merged With General Budget On The Recommendations Of**

- A. Bibek Debroy Committee
- B. Amit Paswan Committee
- C. Jaya Jaitley Committee
- D. Rajamannar Committee

**ANSWER: A**

**7. How Much Distance Was Travelled By First Train Of India?**

- A. 33 km
- B. 36 km
- C. 34 km
- D. 46 km

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Governor-General Responsible For Railway In India**

- A. Lord William Bentick
- B. Lord Cornwallis
- C. Lord Kenning
- D. Lord Dalhousie

**ANSWER: D**



**9. What Is The Width Of Broad-gauge Railway Line In India?**

- A. 5 feet 3 inches
- B. 5 feet 6 inches
- C. 4 feet 11 inches
- D. 5 feet 4 inches

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Shatabdi Express Train Was Started In**

- A. 1984
- B. 1988
- C. 1990
- D. 1985

**ANSWER: B**

**11. The First Shatabdi Express Train Was Introduced By**

- A. Madhavrao Scindia
- B. Ashok Gehlot
- C. Kamal Nath
- D. Lalu Prasad Yadav

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Is The Shortest Station Name In Indian Railways?**

- A. Pune
- B. Isvi
- C. Goa
- D. lb

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Diesel Locomotives Are Built In?**

- A. Bangalore
- B. Varanasi
- C. Perambur
- D. Hubli

**ANSWER: B**

**14. First Railway Minister**

- A. John Mathai
- B. N. Gopaldaswami Ayyangar
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Swaran Singh

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Current Railway Minister**

- A. Ashwini Vaishnav
- B. Nirmala Seetharaman
- C. Suresh Prabhu
- D. Piyush Goyal

**ANSWER: A**

**16. The Longest Serving Railway Minister Of India**

- A. Lalu Prasad Yadav
- B. N. Gopaldaswami Ayyangar
- C. Babu Jagjivan Ram
- D. Swaran Singh

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Largest Marshalling Yard In India (Also The Longest In Asia)?**

- A. Mughalsarai
- B. Mathura
- C. Itarsi
- D. Guntakal

**ANSWER: A**

**18. The Largest Railway Junction In India?**

- A. Delhi
- B. Bhatinda
- C. Mathura
- D. Allahabad

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Is The Fastest Train In India?**

- A. Rajdhani Express
- B. Shatabdi Express
- C. Duronto Express
- D. Vande Bharat Express

**ANSWER: D**

**20. State With Longest Route (KMs) Of Railway Line In India?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

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