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**June 01, 2020—World Milk Day**

- June 1 is observed as World Milk Day with the aim to raise awareness about milk and its importance as a global food.
- The overarching theme of 2020 is "the 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day.
- In the last few years, India has become the largest producer of milk in the world with over 150 million tonnes of production and per capita availability of over 300 grams per day.
- Established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as global food, World Milk Day is been observed on June 1 each year since 2001.

**June 03, 2020—World Bicycle Day**

- The Third World Bicycle Day is being observed on 3 June 2020.
- In April 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 3 as International World Bicycle Day.
- It recognizes "the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the Bicycle.
- The day highlights bicycle as an affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation also as they do not produce any air-borne pollutants, fumes, greenhouse gases and even reduce countries carbon footprints
- World Bicycle Day is now being associated with promoting a healthy lifestyle for those with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

**June 04, 2020**
**International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**

- International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on June 4.
- The main aim behind observing this day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children across the world, which is caused due to any kind of abuse including physical, mental and emotional.
- The whole thing came about when during an emergency special session in August 19, 1982, the General Assembly was left appalled at the number of Palestinian and Lebanese children who became victims of the 1982 Lebanon War. It was then that it decided to commemorate June 4 of every year as International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression to protect the rights of children.
June 05, 2020—World Environment Day

- World Environment Day is observed on the 5th of June every year for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
- Since it began in 1974, the event has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries.
- World Environment Day 2020 is being hosted by Colombia in partnership with Germany, with a theme of “biodiversity—a concern that is both urgent and existential”. India hosted World Environment Day 2018 emphasizing on prevention of ‘Plastic Pollution’.

June 05, 2020
International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing

- Every year, on June 5, the International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing is observed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.
- On 5 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly agreed to a resolution to fight fish poaching declaring June 5, 2018, as the first International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.
- The date was selected because 5 June is the date, in 2016, when the first international treaty designed to end illegal fishing – the FAO Port State Measures Agreement – entered into force.

June 07, 2020
International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)

- The International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) is an awareness campaign on level crossing safety. The campaign has been spearheaded by the UIC, the worldwide railway organisation with the support of the railway community around the world.
- The International Level Crossing Awareness Day is a joint commitment continuing from the success of the first European Level Crossing Awareness Day held on 25th June 2009 in 28 countries raising public awareness on the dangers of misbehaviour at level crossings.
June 07, 2020—World Food Safety Day

- The second World Food Safety Day (WFSD) will be celebrated on 7 June 2020 to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.
- It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018 in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- The day aims to create awareness about the importance of maintaining safe food standards and also reduce the burden of deaths due to foodborne diseases.
- The United Nations has designated two of its agencies — the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) — to lead efforts in promoting food safety around the world.

Solar Minimum

- Every 11 years or so, sunspots fade away, bringing a period of relative calm. This is called the solar minimum.
- The solar cycle is based on the Sun’s magnetic field, which flips around every 11 years, with its north and south magnetic poles switching places.
- It’s not known what drives these cycles — recent research suggests it has to do with an 11.07-year planetary alignment — but the poles switch when the magnetic field is at its weakest, also known as solar minimum.

Herbal belt

- In a significant decision to boost herbal and medicinal plants cultivation in the country, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to develop 800-km network roads in the state as a ‘Herbal belt’ by planting medicinal and herbal trees along both sides of the road.
- The state government will plant trees like Peepal, Neem, Sahjan along with other herb varieties like Brahmi, Ashwagandha and Jatrofa to promote herbal and medicinal plant cultivation.

**Significance of the initiative:**
- Planting of samplings will provide raw material for the medicines and will also help in curbing the erosion of land.
- This scheme will help both the development and beautification of the area and bring medicinal benefits along with promoting biodiversity.
3 New Plant Species

Scientists have discovered three new plant species from the evergreen forest patches of the southern end of the Western Ghats in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

The three new species—
- Eugenia sphaerocarpa of the Myrtaceae or Rose apple family
- Goniothalamus sericeus of the Annonaceae family of custard apple
- Memecylon nervosum of the Melastomataceae (Kayamboo or Kaasavu in local parlance) family

Montenegro—European Country

- Montenegro, a small Balkan country of some 600,000 people, has become the first country in Europe to declare itself Coronavirus free.
- One of Europe’s smallest countries with a population of a little over 6 lakh, Montenegro is known for its rugged mountains capes, glacial lakes and its buzzing beaches.

Mizoram has accorded ‘Industry’ status to sports

The northeastern state of Mizoram has accorded ‘industry’ status to sports to further bolster the sports activities, by attracting investment.

- Mizoram is known for its love for sports — especially football which is played competitively through the Mizoram Premier League, the state’s highest football league.
- At least 100 Mizo players are part of the Indian Super League, one of the top premier football leagues in India.
- Besides football, hockey, wrestling, there are a number of indigenous games such as, stick fighting, Insuknawra (rod pushing), Kalchhet kal (relay race using bamboo), Inarpathai (cock fighting) in Mizoram.

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)

- The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), formerly known as the Millennium Dam, is under construction in the Benishangul-Gumuz region of Ethiopia, on the Blue Nile River, which is located about 40km east of Sudan.
- The Nile Basin river system flows through 11 countries. The Blue Nile and White Nile merge in Sudan before flowing into Egypt and towards the Mediterranean.
- The GERD, Africa’s biggest hydro power project, concerns control of the flow of water in the world’s longest river among the riparian states.
**FAITH’ TRIALS**

- With the number of COVID-19 patients rising in India, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., has announced a new randomised, open-label study to test the combined efficacy of two antiviral drugs — Favipiravir and Umifenovir as a potential COVID-19 treatment strategy.
- The two antiviral drugs have different mechanisms of action, and their combination may demonstrate improved treatment efficacy by effectively tackling high viral loads in patients during early stages of the disease.
- The new combination clinical trial will be called FAITH – (FA vipiravir plus Um I fenovir (efficacy and safety) Trial in Indian Hospital setting)

**Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary**

- Amid the controversy regarding coal mining inside Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary, the state forest department has said that no final approval has been accorded for the mining.
- The Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, also known as the Jeypore Rainforest is a part of Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve.
- It is located in the districts of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.
- Dehing Patkai is a deciduous rainforest interspersed with semi-evergreen and lush green flora, the only patch of virgin rainforest in Assam.

**Chardham Tunnel**

- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has achieved a major milestone in the construction of a 440-m tunnel below the densely populated Chambatatown on the Rishikesh-Dharasu road (NH 94) in Uttarakhand.
- The achievement is part of efforts to boost the annual Chardham yatra.
- Under the Chardham project costing about Rs.12,000 crore, the BRO is constructing 250 km of the national highways leading to the holy shrines of Gangotri and Badrinath.
- Five projects are slated for completion by October 2020.
Charru mussel

- Charru mussel is spreading quickly in the backwaters of Kerala, elbowing out other mussel and clam species and threatening the livelihoods of fishermen engaged in molluscan fisheries.
- The rapid spread of the Charru mussel may have been triggered by Cyclone Ockhi which struck the region in 2017.
- Charru mussel (Mytella strigata) is an invasive mussel native to the South and Central American coasts.
- Externally, the Charru mussel resembles the green and brown mussels (kallummekka in Malayalam), but is much smaller in size.
- Its colour varies from black to brown, purple or dark green.

ANITA- ANtarctic Impulsive Transient Antenna

- In a significant breakthrough, a team of researchers have succeeded in finding “a fountain of high-energy particles erupting from the ice” in Antarctica which according to the researchers could be proof of a parallel universe. The event was recorded by NASA’s ANITA.

Indian Olympic Association

- The Indian Olympic Association constituted an 11-member committee led by Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwala to monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020-2021 cycle.

Indian Olympic Association:

- The Indian Olympic Association is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.
- The Indian Olympic Association is recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Committee:

- Besides Sumariwala, the panel includes D R Saini, Vagish Pathak, S M Hashmi, Sekhar Chandra Biswas, Vithal Shrigaonkar, M P Singh, D V Seetharama Rao, Abu Mehta, Madhukant Pathak and B K Roka.
- The committee will review and monitor issues concerning the disbursement of IOA’s annual grant to its members in coordination with the finance department.
Delimitation Commission

- The Lok Sabha Speaker has nominated 15 MPs from Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh as “associate members” of the Delimitation Commission to assist the panel in redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies of the northeastern states and the union territory.
- The Delimitation Commission is a commission established by the Government of India under the provisions of the Delimitation Commission Act to redraw the boundaries of the various assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies on a recent census.
- Under Article 82 of the Constitution of India, the Parliament enacts a Delimitation Act after every Census.
- Under Article 170, States also get divided into territorial constituencies as per Delimitation Act after every Census.

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Terminal High Altitude Area Defense—THAAD

- Recently, China objected to the presence of the USA’s THAAD missile defence system in South Korea.
- THAAD is an acronym for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, a transportable, ground-based missile defense system.
- This anti-ballistic missile defence system has been designed and manufactured by the US company Lockheed Martin.
Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

- Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules of 2020 notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- These rules seek to regulate the production, import, trade, ownership and operation of unmanned aircraft systems or drones. They also create a framework for their use by businesses.
- Entities authorised by the Director General of Civil Aviation.
- Permits for flying these also have to be sought online and a log has to be shared after the flight.
- Nano-drones weighing 250 grams or less can be operated without a drone pilot license.
- No unmanned aircraft (UA) system shall be operated in India unless there is in existence a valid third party insurance policy to cover the liability that may arise on account of a mishap.
- For owning and using a drone, one has to be at least 18 years old.

#iCommit Initiative

- Recently, the Ministry of Power launched '#iCommit Initiative' on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- It is a clarion call to all stakeholders and individuals to continue moving towards energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainability to create a robust and resilient energy system in the future.
- The nodal agency for the implementation of the initiative is Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) under the administration of Ministry of Power.
- It aims to unite a diverse set of players such as Governments, Corporates, Multilateral and Bilateral Organisations, Think Tanks and Individuals.
- It can bring together a diverse spectrum of government and private players to build a new energy future for India.
- It is centred around the idea of building an energy resilient future and the pre-requisite for that goal is to create a flexible and agile power system.

Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings

- The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has launched the “Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings” initiative that will pioneer ways to make workplaces healthier and greener.
The initiative has been launched by EESL in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) MAITREE program.
As part of this initiative, EESL has taken the leadership by being the first to implement this framework in its own offices.
This initiative addresses the challenges of retrofitting existing buildings and air conditioning systems so that they are both healthy and energy-efficient.
It will pave the way for other buildings to take appropriate steps to be healthy and energy-efficient.

**Scorpaenopsis Neglecta**

- A rare band-tail scorpionfish was recently found in the Gulf of Mannar.
- The band-tail scorpionfish (Scorpaenopsis neglecta) camouflages within the seagrass meadows.
- It is well-known for its stinging venomous spines and ability to change colour.
- The fish has the ability to change colour and blend with its surrounding environment to escape from predators and while preying.
- The fish is called ‘scorpionfish’ because its spines contain neurotoxic venom.

**Cyclone Nisarga**

- A fast-moving depression in the Arabian Sea is predicted to be intensified into a severe cyclone named ‘Nisarga’.
- The name ‘Nisarga’ has been suggested by Bangladesh.
- As per the India Meteorological Department, the impact of the cyclone is likely to be felt in Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- There is a concern about the impact of the cyclonic storm on the battle against Covid-19, as the rain and flooding may set back social distancing and other necessary measures at evacuation centres, and even at some Covid-19 facilities located in low-lying areas.
- Few days back, super cyclone Amphan – one of the strongest cyclones the country has seen in the last few decades – hit West Bengal, Odisha and Bangladesh.
- Cyclone Nisarga is expected to be weaker than Cyclone Amphan in strength and intensity.
- However in case of both the cyclones, the exceptional warm ocean temperatures seem to be behind the intense storms.
Petrapole-Benapole border

It is the Indian side of Petrapole-Benapole border checkpoint between India and Benapole of Bangladesh, on the Bangladesh-India border, near Bongaon in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.
- Petrapole border is the only land port in south Bengal. It is also the largest land customs station in Asia.
- The landport alone accounts for nearly 60 per cent of the bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh

Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)

It is a fully government-owned company that was established in 1957 to promote exports by providing credit insurance services.
- The ECGC provides Export Credit Insurance to Banks (ECIB) to protect the banks from losses on account of export credit at the Pre and Post-Shipment stage given to exporters due to the risks of insolvency or protracted default of the exporter borrower.
- It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce.

Libya-Tripoli

- Libya’s UN-backed gov’t announces taking over Tripoli from the militias of Haftar.
- Tripoli is the capital city and the largest city of Libya.
- It is located in the northwest of Libya on the edge of the desert, on a point of rocky land projecting into the Mediterranean Sea and forming a bay.

SaalBhar60

- A new campaign on air pollution unveiled by Haridwar-based Ridhima Pandey.
- It demands that the government put in place measures to ensure that the PM 2.5 levels in cities is 60 micrograms per cubic metre, which is the safe limit for 24 hours as prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Ameri Ice Shelf (AIS)

- The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) predicts that there would be a 24% increase in the expansion of Ameri Ice Shelf (AIS) boundaries by 2021 and another 24% expansion by 2026 from its 2016 positions. Scientists feel that this study would help understand the ongoing changes in the ocean and atmospheric forces better.
The AIS is one of the largest glacier drainage basins in the world, located on the east coast of Antarctica, at about 70°S Latitude, 70°E Longitude.

It is located at the head of Prydz Bay between the Lars Christensen Coast and Ingrid Christensen Coast. It is part of Mac. Robertson Land.

**Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust**

- Cabinet approves renaming of Kolkata Port Trust as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust. The decision was previously announced on January 12 at the inaugural ceremony of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the port.
- In the early 16th century, the Portuguese first used the present location of the port to anchor their ships, since they found the upper reaches of the Hooghly river, beyond Kolkata, unsafe for navigation.

**National Productivity Council (NPC)**

- NPC is national level organization to promote productivity culture in India. Established by the Ministry of Industry, Government of India in 1958.
- It is an autonomous, multipartite, non-profit organization with equal representation from employers’ & workers’ organizations and Government, apart from technical & professional institutions and other interests.
- NPC is a constituent of the Tokyo-based Asian Productivity Organisation (APO), an Inter Governmental Body, of which the Government of India is a founder member.

**Depsang plain**

- There have been reports of a heavy Chinese presence at Depsang.
- The “Depsang plain” is one of the few places in the Western Sector where light armour (vehicles) would have ease of manoeuvre, so any Chinese buildup there is a cause for concern.
- It is an area at a crucial dip (called the Bulge) on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- The Chinese Army occupied most of the plains in 1962.
- India controls the western portion of the plains as part of Ladakh, whereas the eastern portion is part of the Aksai Chin region, which is controlled by China and claimed by India.
Global Economic Prospects

- It is the World Bank’s semi-annual flagship publication on the state of the world economy.
- It examines global economic developments and prospects, with a special focus on emerging market and developing economies.
- It is issued twice a year, in January and June. The January edition includes in-depth analyses of topical policy challenges while the June edition contains shorter analytical pieces

Changpa community

- The Chinese Army’s intrusion in Chumur and Demchok since January has left Ladakh’s nomadic herding Changpa community cut off from large parts of summer pastures.
- This has also resulted in a sharp rise in deaths of young Pashmina goats this year in the Korzok-Chumur belt of Changthang plateau in Ladakh.

Changthangi or Pashmina goat:

- It is a special breed of goat indigenous to the high-altitude regions of Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir.
- They are raised for ultra-fine cashmere wool, known as Pashmina once woven. These goats are generally domesticated and reared by nomadic communities called the Changpa in the Changthang region of Greater Ladakh.
- The Changthangi goats have revitalized the economy of Changthang, Leh and Ladakh region.

What Is Antifa?

- As massive protests following the death of George Floyd continued to rock the United States, President Donald Trump has announced that the far-left group Antifa would be designated as a terrorist organisation by his government.
- Short for “anti-fascists,” antifa is not a single organization but rather an umbrella term for far-left-leaning movements that confront or resist neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations.
- Anti-fascists of the movement tend to be grouped on the leftward fringes of the US political spectrum, many describing themselves as socialists, anarchists, communists or anti-capitalists.
- The origin is traced as far back as Nazi Germany.
SPIC MACAY

- Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) is a voluntary youth movement which promotes intangible aspects of Indian cultural heritage.
- It does this by promoting Indian classical music, classical dance, folk music, yoga, meditation, crafts and other aspects of Indian culture.
- It is a movement with chapters in over 300 towns all over the world. It was established by Dr. Kiran Seth in 1977 at IIT Delhi.

CHAMPIONS

- PM launched the technology platform CHAMPIONS which stands for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.
- The platform also aims to identify the sparks, i.e., the bright MSMEs who can withstand at present and become national and international champions.

Ultra Swachh

- It is a disinfection unit to disinfect a wide range of materials, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), electronics items, fabrics, etc. Developed by DRDO.
- The system uses an advanced oxidative process comprising of multiple barrier disruption approach using Ozonated Space Technology for disinfection.

“My Life – My Yoga” contest

- “My Life – My Yoga” contest also called “Jeevan Yoga” contest.
- It is a Video Blogging Contest. It is a joint effort by the Ministry of AYUSH and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- The contest focuses on the transformative impact of Yoga on the lives of individuals, and comes as one of the activities related to the observation of the sixth International Day of Yoga (IDY) coming up on 21st June 2020.
- It is held both at the national level and global level.
**Mahesh Navmi**

- It is an auspicious Hindu festival that is celebrated by the devotees of Lord Shiva—also known as Lord ‘Mahesh’
- The festival is primarily celebrated by people of Maheshwari community, who are usually known for their family business.
- The festival is observed on the ninth day of Shukla Paksha (Waxing moon) in the month of Jyeshta according to the Hindu Calendar.
- The festival is mainly celebrated by the people of Rajasthan.

**Agneeprastha**

- Missile Park ‘Agneeprastha’ to be set up at INS Kalinga. It aims to capture glimpses of missile history of INS Kalinga from its establishment in 1981 till date.
- It will be dedicated to all the officers, sailors and support staff of INS Kalinga. It will also commemorate the award of the prestigious Unit Citation to INS Kalinga for the year 2018-19.
- P-70 ‘Ametist’, an underwater launched anti-ship missile from the arsenal of the old ‘Chakra’ (Charlie-1 submarine) which was in service with Indian Navy during 1988-91 is the main attraction point in the Park.
- INS Kalinga is a premier Naval Establishment located on the Visakhapatnam–Bheemunipatnam beach road under the Eastern Naval Command.

**Jaya Jaitly Task Force**

- The Women and Child Development Ministry has constituted a task force to examine issues related to age of motherhood, lowering Maternal Mortality Rate and improvement of nutritional levels.
- To examine the issues related to Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, Total Fertility Rate, Sex Ratio at Birth, Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and any other issues pertaining to health and nutrition.
- To suggest measures for promoting higher education among women.
- To suggest suitable legislations and amendments in existing laws and also chalk out a detailed roll-out plan with timelines to implement these recommendations.
Ved Prakash Marwah (1934 – 2020)

- Modi consoled the demise of Ved Marwah, former Police Commissioner of Delhi and former Governor of Manipur, Mizoram and Jharkhand.
- Ved Prakash Marwah (1934 – 2020) was an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer. He served as the Commissioner of Police (1985-88), Delhi; and Director General of the National Security Guard (1988-90). After retirement, he served as governor of Manipur, Mizoram and Jharkhand. In 1995, Marwah authored the book ‘Uncivil Wars: Pathology of Terrorism in India’. He was awarded Padma Shri in 1989.

NasoPharyngeal (NP)

- The National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) Pune has successfully developed an indigenous nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for collecting samples from the throat cavity of patients affected with Corona Virus which causes the Covid-19.
- The National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) Pune, a lab under the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), will manufacture one lakh nasopharyngeal swabs a day.

Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways

- Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched the UNDP national awareness campaign on ‘Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways’.
- It aims at generating awareness and education for the masses at large towards reducing or eliminating mortality on the roads.

Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has created a Rs 500-crore Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) to encourage acquirers to deploy Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure — both physical and digital modes — in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and north eastern states.
- The PIDF will be governed through an Advisory Council and managed and administered by RBI.
Nagar Van scheme

- Union Environment Minister launched the Urban Forest program (Nagar Van scheme) on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- In the initial phase, under this program, forests will be developed in 200 corporations and cities in the country across the country over the next five years.
- The scheme will be, in part, paid for by the CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016) funds.

UK Moots 5G Club

- The British government has approached the US with the prospect of creating a 5G club of 10 democracies, including India, amid growing security concerns related to Chinese telecom giant Huawei.

What is the D10 club?

- A so-called “D10” club of democratic partners, including G7 countries – UK, US, Italy, Germany, France, Japan and Canada – plus Australia, South Korea and India will aim to create alternative suppliers of 5G equipment and other technologies to avoid relying on China.

Indian Air Force’s 18 Squadron

- The Indian Air Force’s 18 Squadron, which earned the nickname of Defenders of Kashmir Valley for being the first to land and operate from Srinagar, has been operationalised once again at Air Force Station Sulur near Coimbatore.

What is 18 Squadron?

18 Squadron was formed on 15 April 1965 with the motto ‘Teevra aur Nirbhaya’ meaning ‘Swift and Fearless’.
- The Squadron was flying MiG 27 aircraft before it got number plated on 15 April 2016.
- The squadron actively participated in the 1971 war with Pakistan and was decorated with the highest gallantry award ‘Param Vir Chakra’ awarded to Flying Officer NirmalJit Singh Sekhon posthumously.
**ZooBank**

- ZooBank is the official registry of Zoological Nomenclature, according to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN).

**Earth’s magnetic field is weakening**

- The Earth’s magnetic field is weakening between Africa and South America, causing issues for satellites and space craft. Scientists studying the phenomenon observed that the South Atlantic Anomaly has grown considerably in recent years, though the reason for it is not entirely clear.