



HALF YEARLY

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/CURRENT AFFAIRS

CLASSES - VI TO VIII

NATIONAL NEWS

1. Important Portfolios of India

- Prime Minister - Mr. Narendra Modi
- Home Minister- Mr. Amit Shah
- Defence Minister- Mr. Raj Nath Singh
- External Affairs Minister- Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- Finance Minister- Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman
- Railway Minister- Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Chief Justice of India- Mr. D.Y. Chandrachud
- Lok Sabha Speaker- Mr. Om Birla

2. **The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)** is launching a Master of Arts (MA) course in **Bhagavad Gita Studies** for the 2024-2025 academic session.
3. Seasoned diplomat **Vikram Misri**, took charge as **India's new foreign secretary** on July 15.
4. The **Central Railway** has installed a 10 MWp floating solar plant at **Igatpuri Lake** located in the Western Ghats.
5. **The World Bank** has approved a \$1.5-billion loan to help India accelerate its low-carbon energy development. The funds will be used to **promote a market for green hydrogen, and increased renewable energy.**
6. **NITI Aayog** is set to launch the **Sampoornata Abhiyan** on July 4, 2024. Marking a new chapter in India's journey towards inclusive growth.
7. **Ministry of Culture** initiates **Project PARI** for the **46th World Heritage Committee Meeting.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. World Hepatitis Day is observed on July 28th.
2. Nelson Mandela international day is celebrated on July 18th
3. Serum Institute of India has developed a high efficacy Malaria vaccine for Africa.
4. Global Conference on Space Research was held at Busan, South Korea.
5. Hong Kong and Singapore have been voted as the most expensive cities in the world to live in.
6. China has built World's first Carbon fibre high speed train.

7. Singapore passport is the World's most powerful passport offering visa free access to a record 195 global destinations.
8. 30th June was observed as International Asteroid day.

## IT NEWS

1. Digital India- a campaign launched by the Government of India, has introduced a new app to help students learn subjects like math and science through fun games and videos.
2. Robotics startup Figure has released a video clip showcasing its namesake humanoid robot getting ready for a job assembling cars at BMW's plant in South Carolina.
3. Mark Zuckerberg's company Meta launched Meta 3D Gen to make hyper - realistic video games, movie effects, and other things.
4. India ranks 72nd in the 2024 Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index, highlighting the need for improved AI infrastructure and innovation capabilities.

## SPORTS NEWS

### CRICKET

Indian Women won the one-off Test against South Africa by 10 wickets held at Chepauk.

The India Champions team defeated Pakistan Champions by five wickets in the final of the World Championship of Legends 2024 at Edgbaston.

### TENNIS

Wimbledon Championships: Carlos Alcaraz, won the Wimbledon Championships in the men's finals. Barbora Krejčíková defeated Jasmine Paolini win the ladies singles title.

### FOOTBALL

European Championships: Spain won the European Championships beating England 2-1. The tournament was held in the USA. Rodri of Spain was named the best player of Euro 2024.

## STATIC GK

### 1. Full Form of:

- UN - United Nations
- UNESCO - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- UNICEF - United Nations Children's Emergency Fund
- WTO - World Trade Organisation
- WHO - World Health Organisation
- NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation

- DMF- District Mineral Foundation
- NTA- National Testing Agency

## **2. Significant cities of India:**

- Cleanest city of India - Indore
- Cyber city of India - Hyderabad
- Silicon Valley of India - Bangalore
- Pink city of India - Jaipur
- Garden City of India - Bengaluru
- City of Lakes - Udaipur
- Blue city of India - Jodhpur
- Diamond City of India - Surat

## **3. Headquarters**

- United Nations Organisation - New York, USA
- UNICEF - New York, USA
- WHO - Geneva, Switzerland
- UNESCO - Paris, France

## **4. Civilian Awards**

- Bharat Ratna highest civilian award
- Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award
- Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award
- Padma Shri is the fourth-highest civilian award