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Current Affairs :- June 06 – June 15, 2018

- Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India has increased the policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.25 percent. Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 percent.
 - World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June, with the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.
 - Maharashtra government will provide the financial grant of 1,000 rupees per quintal to those farmers whose tur and gram could not be purchased by the administration before the May 31 deadline.
 - In Uttarakhand, Polythene will be completely prohibited from 31st July in the state. Note: Krishna Kant Paul is present Governor of Uttarakhand.
 - The Madhya Pradesh government has announced an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for laborers and poor families. The state cabinet headed by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (Power Bill Waiver Scheme). The state cabinet also
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approved Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana 2018 (a scheme to provide subsidized power).

- India cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation topped by American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Kohli, the only sportsman from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million.
 - The Centre has constituted a group of eminent persons headed by Bharat Forge's Baba Kalyani to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) policy of the country and suggest measures to make it more relevant for exporters and compatible with World Trade Organisation (WTO) norms.
 - Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) are in the top 200 in QS World University Rankings 2019. IIT-Bombay is the top institute in the country.
 - The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to do away with semester system in undergraduate (UG) courses and revert to annual examination system.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind gave West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi additional charge of Tripura Governor, during the absence on leave of Tathagata Roy.
 - Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu stated that the state was now Open Defecation Free (ODF).
 - Indian cricketer Mithali Raj has become the first batter from the country to score 2000 runs in T20I cricket. Mithali is the seventh woman batter to score 2,000 runs in T20Is, a list which is topped by Charlotte Edwards.. When it comes to men's T20I, the list is led by Martin Gupthill
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(2271) followed by Brendon McCullum (2140) and Virat Kohli (1983).

- Virat Kohli's phenomenal batting form has fetched him the BCCI's best cricketer award for two seasons, while World Cup stars Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana were chosen for the women's equivalent of the honour. Following his phenomenal show in the past two seasons, Team India captain Virat Kohli will be presented with the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for the best international cricketer (2016-17 and 2017-18). Note: BCCI President- C.K. Khanna, Headquarters-Mumbai.
 - World Ocean Day was observed on 8th June 2018.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind has declared Tripura's queen variety pineapple as state fruit.
 - In a bid to check loan defaults, RBI stated that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) will be set up containing information on all borrowers to ensure financial stability. This was recommended by Yeshwant M Deosthalee headed High-Level Task Force.
 - Veteran actor Anupam Kher will be given the prestigious Outstanding Achievement honour at the upcoming International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards ceremony in Bangkok.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Qingdao, China, to attend the two-day long 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. This was India's first participation in the summit as a full-time member of the organization. India, along with Pakistan, became a full-time member during the Astana summit in June 2017.
 - India Meteorological Department (IMD) will use flash flood guidance system for the first time in the country to
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forecast floods. Currently, the Central Water Commission issues flood warnings.

- Odisha's most popular lyricist, Narayan Prasad Singh, popularly known as 'Rasaraj', has passed away.
 - With 1,86,000 Indian students currently studying in the United States, India is the second highest sender of foreign students to the US, next only to China.
 - The 44th G7 summit was held on June 8–9, 2018, in Quebec, Canada. This was the sixth time since 1981 that Canada has hosted the meetings. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has hosted this summit. The 45th G7 summit or next G7 summit will be held in 2019 in France. Note: The Group of Seven (G7) is a group consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
 - India has lifted the Intercontinental Cup football title. In the summit clash in Mumbai, they defeated Kenya 2-nil. Both the goals were netted by skipper Sunil Chhetri. Sunil Chhetri has become the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi with his 64th strike for the country against Kenya.
 - World number one Simona Halep has won her first Grand Slam title with a victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open final.
 - World number one Rafael Nadal won an 11th French Open title by beating Austrian Dominic Thiem in straight sets.
 - NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has selected 3,000 additional schools for the establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs). The selected schools shall receive a grant of Rs.20 lakh spread over the next five years to
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establish Atal Tinkering Labs for nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among secondary school children across India.

- The World Day against Child Labor was observed on June 12.
 - The United States has decided to provide security guarantees to North Korea, in exchange of Pyongyang's firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. Note: Pyongyang is the capital of North Korea. 'North Korean won' is the official currency of North Korea.
 - The government has approved a 33% increase in carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy under its affordable housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) to attract more beneficiaries. The carpet area of a house has been enhanced to 160 sq m from 120 sq m for Middle Income Group-I (MIG-I), while it has been increased to 200 sq m from 150 sq m in case of MIG-II. Under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS), each beneficiary can avail subsidy up to Rs.2.35 lakh on purchase of a house under the scheme.
 - The Union Government has announced to establish India's first national police museum in the premises of the national police memorial in Chanakyapuri area, Delhi.
 - India will host first military exercise of the BIMSTEC Countries in September 2018 in Pune, Maharashtra. The theme of the exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain and cordon and search. BIMSTEC countries had held disaster management exercise in 2017 in New Delhi, but this will be the first military exercise of the grouping. Note; BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic
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Cooperation. Member countries are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka from South Asia and Myanmar, Thailand from South East Asia.

- Former NIA chief Sharad Kumar has been appointed vigilance commissioner in the probity watchdog CVC.
 - The 11th World Hindi Conference will be held in Mauritius in August 2018 with an aim to increase the popularity of Hindi globally. The main theme of the Conference is 'Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti'.
 - At 17.2%, Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions but it's Paytm that tops volumes with 22%. However, Paytm's value share is a meagre 0.25%, according to State Bank of India's (SBI) annual report for 2017-18.
 - India stands 177th in the Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings. In 2016, the country had ranked 141 out of 180 countries. The Top 3 countries on the list are: 1. Switzerland, 2. France, and 3. Denmark.
 - The Maharashtra government and Canada's Quebec province have signed a pact to increase the economic cooperation, especially in areas of information technology, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and welfare of the tribal community.
 - Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.
 - Noted social reformer and founder of Sulabh International, Bindeshwar Pathak was honoured with Japan's prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize.
 - The United States, Mexico and Canada won the right to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Note: Russia is the host
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country for FIFA World Cup 2018. Qatar will host the next FIFA World Cup in 2022.

- India to host European Union Film Festival (EUFF).
 - Every year, on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.
 - Former World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz was sworn in as Jordan's Prime Minister after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government.
 - Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari released Niti Aayog's composite water management index report. Gujarat topped the list while Jharkhand was adjudged as the worst performer. In the northeastern and Himalayan states, Tripura has been adjudged as the top state in 2016-17.
 - Housing finance major HDFC has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine. American Express has topped this category, while Indiabulls Housing Finance is the only other Indian company (at 13th place) on the list.
 - India Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana will become the first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League - the women's cricket super league in England. Smriti was signed by Western Storm.
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