



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 27, 2024

NATIONAL

- **India's First Coal Gasification Pilot Project**
- ✓ Ministry of Coal has initiated India's inaugural pilot project for underground coal gasification in Jharkhand. Located at the Kasta coal block in Jamtara District, this innovative venture by Eastern Coalfields Limited aims to transform the coal industry.



- ✓ Rather than extracting coal, the process will occur underground, converting coal into valuable gases like methane, hydrogen, and carbon monoxide.
- ✓ These gases can then be used to produce synthetic natural gas, chemical feedstocks, and more, potentially revolutionizing India's energy sector.

INTERNATIONAL

- **International Solar Alliance**
- ✓ Paraguay has become the 100th country to join as full member of the International Solar Alliance.



- ✓ External Affairs Ministry said that Paraguay handed over the Instrument of Ratification, during the meeting of Ambassador Fleming Raul Duarte of Paraguay with Head of Depository, Joint Secretary in the Ministry, Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.
- ✓ Initially conceived as a **joint effort by India and France**, ISA was conceptualized during the **21st Conference of Parties (COP21)** in 2015.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise-HOPEX**
- ✓ Indian Air Force and Egyptian Air Force conducted Exercise-HOPEX to strengthen Defence cooperation.



- ✓ The fourth joint exercise of IAF and EAF held in Egypt from 21 to 26 June.
- ✓ Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in Egypt for "Exercise-HOPEX." C-17 Globemaster and IL-78 tankers also participated in the week-long exercise.
- ✓ The exercise aims to promote bilateral and regional cooperation, symbolizing the long-term relations between the two countries.

ECONOMY

➤ **India likely to Grow at 7.5% in FY25: NCAER**



- ✓ Gross domestic product (GDP) growth during 2024-25 (FY25) may turn out to be higher than 7 per cent and even close to 7.5 per cent, with high frequency indicators showing resilience amid growth dynamism in the Indian economy.
- ✓ The monthly economic review released by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).

APPOINTMENT

➤ **Secretary General Of NATO**

- ✓ North Atlantic Council decided to appoint outgoing **Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte** as the next Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).



- ✓ Mark Rutte (57), whose 14-year term as Dutch Prime Minister is set to end within weeks, will be the fourth Dutchman to head the 75-year-old alliance. The Netherlands is a founding member of NATO.
- ✓ NATO's Secretary General is responsible for coordinating the alliance and is one of NATO's most important officials.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day – June 27**
- ✓ Every year on June 27, the world celebrates Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day.



- ✓ This important observance highlights the crucial role these businesses play in our economies and communities.
- ✓ The 2024 theme focuses on “Leveraging Power and Resilience of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Eradicate Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises”.

