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INTERNATIONAL

1) "Global trends: Forced Displacement in 2021"

- The report titled "Global trends: Forced Displacement in 2021" presents key statistical trends and the latest numbers of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced and stateless persons worldwide as well as numbers of people who have returned to their countries or areas of origin.

- It was released by United Nations High Commissioner for refugees.

2) Financial Action Task Force

- Financial Action Task Force has retained Pakistan on its terrorism financing "grey list".

- FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

3) WHO releases World Mental Health Report

- Recently, World Mental Health Report was released WHO. Almost a billion people, 14% of whom were adolescents, were living with some form of mental health issues in 2019.

- Globally, 71% of psychosis patients don't receive treatment.

NATIONAL

1) Inter- State Council

- Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister suggested that bills of national importance should be placed before the Inter- State Council before being tabled in Parliament.

- It will help to "strengthen the spirit of cooperative federalism".

In 1988, the Sarkaria Commission suggested the Council should exist as a permanent body, and in 1990 it came into existence through a Presidential Order.
It was established under Article 263 of the Constitution.

2) GST Council

- The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on June 28 and 29, 2022 in Srinagar. The GST Council is chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) "Payments Vision 2025 Document"

- The current Vision document builds on the Payments Vision 2019-2021 document and outlines the thought process for the period up to December 2025.

- Payments Vision 2025 leverages India's efforts and builds on the focus of G-20 to enhance cross-border payments by addressing the four key challenges of cost, speed, access and transparency.

- Theme of the document: E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Ranjana Prakash Desai

- Retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai became the first women chairperson of Press Council of India.

- Press Council of India is a statutory, quasi-judicial authority functioning as a watchdog of the press, for the press and by the press.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day for Countering Hate Speech

International Day for Countering Hate Speech was observed on June 18th.
United Nations defined hate speech is any kind of speech or writing that attacks or discriminates against a person or a group based on religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender, or any other identity factor.

2) International Picnic Day

- International Picnic Day is celebrated annually on 18 June.

- On this day, people spend time with their loved ones and go for picnics to get a break from their monotonous everyday routine.

3) Sustainable Gastronomy Day

- Every year, the world observes Sustainable Gastronomy Day on 18 June.

- The objective of this day is to recognise the practices associated with sustainable food consumption, especially with the art of collecting and preparing the food we eat.