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History, Art and Culture

Murshidabad Falls Again

On **June 24, 1763**, the East India Company, led by **Major John Adams**, recaptured Murshidabad, re-installing **Mir Jafar** as the puppet Nawab of Bengal.

• **Critical Development -** This capture was pivotal in the Company's struggle for Bengal, following Mir Jafar's initial installation post-Plassey (1757) and subsequent deposition in 1760.

• **Mir Qasim's Resistance -** Mir Qasim, Mir Jafar's successor, challenged British supremacy by curbing trade abuses and strengthening his administration, leading to conflict.

• **Decisive Victory -** Major Adams' campaigns against Mir Qasim culminated in the June 24, 1763, recapture of Murshidabad, effectively crushing Mir Qasim's resistance.

• **Mir Jafar's Second Reign -** Mir Jafar's return solidified the Company's control; he was a mere figurehead, with real power held by the British.

• **Cementing British Power -** This event deeply entrenched the East India Company's authority in Bengal, setting the stage for direct British rule and significant exploitation of the region.

Gandhi and Cabinet Mission

On June 24, 1946, Mahatma Gandhi was deeply involved with the Cabinet Mission Plan, a period of intense negotiations for India's independence.

• **Mission's Arrival -** The Cabinet Mission arrived in March 1946.

• **Proposing a** - Three-tier federal structure and rejecting Pakistan, but suggesting provincial "groupings" for Muslim-majority regions.

• **Congress's Stance** - On June 24, 1946, the Congress formally accepted the Mission's long-term plan and the Constituent Assembly, crucially rejecting compulsory provincial grouping.

• **Gandhi's Influence** - Gandhi, a moral advisor to Congress, strongly influenced this stance. His belief in a united India and concerns about compulsory grouping leading to partition were paramount.

• **Role in Negotiations** - While not a direct negotiator, Gandhi's emphasis on non-violence and distrust of communal strife significantly impacted Congress's decisions.

• **Path to Partition** - The Congress's qualified acceptance on June 24th eventually led to disagreements, contributing to the Mission's failure to preserve a united India and setting the stage for partition.

Geography

Flash Flood in Balasore

Over 50,000 people in Balasore, Odisha, were affected by a flash flood from the **Subarnarekha River**, caused by heavy rain and water release from **Chandil Dam**.

• **Subarnarekha River Origin -** The Subarnarekha River, meaning "Streak of Gold," originates near Ranchi, Jharkhand, and flows through Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha.

• **Key Tributaries & Mouth -** Notable tributaries include the Kharkai. It's an independent river system, emptying into the Bay of Bengal near Talsari, Odisha.

• **River Features -** The river is 395 km long with an 18,951 sq. km drainage area. The famous Hundru Falls (98 meters) is on its course in Jharkhand.

• **Cultural Significance -** Culturally, the Subarnarekha is known for traces of gold in its riverbed sands.

• **Chandil Dam Details -** The Chandil Dam, a multi-purpose dam for tourism and irrigation, is built on the Subarnarekha River in Seraikela Kharsawan district, Jharkhand.

Polity & Governance

Swarna Andhra @2047: A Vision for Prosperity

Andhra Pradesh launched its "Swarna Andhra @2047" vision, aiming to transform the state's economy and governance.

• **Initial Reforms -** Chief Minister Naidu's early actions included repealing the AP Land Titling Act, increasing NTR Bharosa pensions, hiring 16,000+ teachers, and reviving Anna Canteens

• **Amaravati: A Global Hub -** An ambitious plan aims to develop Amaravati into a global knowledge hub, projected to support 3.5 million people and create 1.5 million jobs by 2050.

• **P4 Model for Poverty -** The Public-Private-People Partnership (P4) model seeks to eradicate poverty by 2029, with over 87,000 adoptions already registered.

• **Economic Outlook -** Andhra Pradesh has attracted ₹9.34 lakh crore in investments, expecting 8.5 lakh jobs. The state targets 12.02% GSDP growth for 2024–25, emphasizing digital governance.

Estimates Committee Conference

The Lok Sabha Speaker recently inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees in Mumbai, celebrating 75 years of the Parliamentary Estimates Committee.

• **Established in** - 1950, this key financial oversight committee of the Indian Parliament ensures economy, efficiency, and accountability in government spending.

• **Membership and Selection** - It comprises 30 Lok Sabha MPs, excluding Ministers, elected annually by proportional representation. The Chairperson is appointed by the Lok Sabha Speaker for a renewable one-year term.

• **Key Functions** -The Committee reviews government estimates, recommends policy improvements, evaluates spending efficacy, and suggests better budget presentation, but excludes Public Undertakings.

• **Working Process** - It scrutinizes ministries, gathers information, conducts study visits, holds evidence sessions, and publishes reports. The government must respond with Action Taken Reports within six months.

• **Significant Achievements -** Since 1950, the Committee has presented 1184 reports (656 original, 528 action taken), significantly strengthening financial oversight and promoting fiscal accountability across major Ministries.

International Relations and Issues

International Day of Women in Diplomacy (IDWD)
Observed annually on **June 24**, IDWD honors women's crucial role in diplomacy, a historically male-dominated field now seeing more female leaders.
• **2025 Theme -** "Eliminating Structural Barriers to Women's Leadership in Diplomacy" highlights persistent inequalities and calls for institutional reforms like gender-balanced ministries and anti-harassment programs.
• **History -** First proclaimed on **June 20, 2022**, and first observed on **June 24, 2023**, the day recognizes the evolving landscape of diplomacy.
• **Why It Matters -** IDWD raises awareness of systemic exclusion, promotes **gender equality (SDG 5)**, fosters inclusive diplomacy, and challenges restrictive cultural norms.
• **Key Data -** As of January 2025, women hold only **25** heads of state/government positions and **22.9%** of global cabinet roles, with even lower representation in peace negotiations.
• **Get Involved -** Raise awareness, educate others, support aspiring female diplomats, and advocate for gender-sensitive foreign policies.

UN Public Service Day
Observed annually on June 23, United Nations Public Service Day honors public servants' vital contributions to development and quality of life globally.
• **Purpose of the Day** - It recognizes public servants' national development contributions, celebrates innovation, encourages youth in public service, and highlights public institutions' role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
• **Genesis and Awards** - Established by UN General Assembly Resolution 57/277 in 2002, the first observance and UN Public Service Awards (UNPSA) ceremony were in 2003, recognizing excellence and promoting transparent governance.
• **Global Recognition** - The UNPSA are prestigious awards honoring public institutions for creative, impactful, and inclusive approaches in governance, promoting professionalism, best practices, and knowledge exchange.
• **2025 Forum -** The 2025 UN Public Service Forum in Samarkand, Uzbekistan (June 23-25), themed "Five Years to 2030: Accelerating Public Service Delivery for a Sustainable Future," will focus on accelerating innovation for SDGs.

Science

Kounis Syndrome: Allergic Heart Attack
A recent industrialist's death from a bee sting highlights Kounis Syndrome, a rare condition where an allergic reaction triggers acute coronary syndrome.
• **Mechanism -** Triggers (like stings, drugs, food) activate mast cells, releasing chemicals that cause coronary artery spasms, reducing blood flow, and potentially leading to heart attacks.
• **Symptoms -** Symptoms include chest pain, rash, hives, shortness of breath, low blood pressure, and ECG changes.
• **Types -** Type I involves normal arteries and spasm; Type II affects existing coronary disease, destabilizing plaques; Type III involves stent thrombosis.
• **Triggers -** Common triggers are insect stings, medications (antibiotics, NSAIDs), certain foods (shellfish, nuts), environmental allergens, and underlying conditions like mastocytosis.
• **Treatment -** Treatment involves antihistamines, corticosteroids, and epinephrine for the allergy, plus standard cardiac care like oxygen, nitrates, and blood thinners for the heart.

Miscellaneous

India Unveils Para Athletics Logo & Mascot

With 100 days to go, India launched the official logo and mascot for the **2025 World Para Athletics Championships** in New Delhi on **June 20, 2025**.

• **Historic Hosting -** This marks the first time India will host this prestigious global para-athletics event, showcasing its commitment to inclusive sports.

• **Event Details -** The 12th edition will run from September 27 to October 5, 2025, at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, featuring 186 medal events and over 100 participating countries.

• **"Viraaj" the Mascot -** The mascot, **Viraaj**, is a young elephant with a blade prosthesis, symbolizing the **strength, resilience, and inclusive spirit** of para-athletes.

• **Venue Preparations -** The athletics track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium is undergoing relaying, expected to be completed one month before the event, with preparations on schedule.

• **Global Significance -** Hosting this event elevates India's global sporting profile, promotes para-athletes, and could inspire significant infrastructural and social improvements for persons with disabilities.

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