

DAILY NEWS MONITOR: 6 JUNE 2022

1. PM Modi calls for 'one earth, many efforts' to make environment better

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5 June launched the 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement', a global initiative, and asserted its vision is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. Those who live such a lifestyle are called "pro-planet people," he said in a video address, and added that "Mission LiFE' borrows from the past, operates in the present and focuses on the future. Giving the slogan of "one earth, many efforts", he said India is ready to lend its support to actions to make environment better and improve global wellness.

2. Daiki Axis Japan setting up second unit in India at Rs 200-cr investment

Source: Financial Express ([Link](#))

Water treatment solutions provider Daiki Axis Japan is setting up its second plant in India at Haryana with an investment of Rs 200 crore, a company official said. The plant with a capacity to produce 1,000 sewage treatment units with Japanese "Johkasou" technology is coming up in Palwal, Kamal Tiwari, CEO of Daiki Axis India, told PTI during an interaction. Daiki Axis India is a subsidiary of Japan-based Daiki Axis Japan. The facility will be operational by September 2023, he said adding a unit is already functional in Vapi, Gujarat. The Gujarat unit, which has a capacity to produce over 800 sewage treatment plants, was commissioned in 2019, Tiwari said.

3. Govt committed to protect kirana stores from large-format e-tailers: Piyush Goyal

Source: The Hindustan Times ([Link](#))

The government is committed to protecting small retailers such as 'kirana' stores from "large-format" e-commerce giants while encouraging the use of technology for democratisation of the marketplace and consumer convenience, commerce and consumer affairs minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday, citing examples of Centre's initiatives such as GeM portal and the Open Network for Digital Commerce. India's e-commerce model is unique that believes in the co-existence of both 'kirana' stores and e-tailing giants in contrast to some developed countries where big multinational e-commerce entities annihilated millions of small neighbourhood shops and rendered them jobless, he told reporters. "We don't want that to happen in India," he added.

4. Covid-19 vaccine: SII to test Novavax for Omicron variant strain

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

Serum Institute of India (SII) is getting ready to work with its US partner Novavax on an Omicron variant specific vaccine for Covid-19 that would be different from the original shot developed by the US major using the Wuhan strain of the Sars-CoV-2 virus. The Pune-based company has also got a nod from the Indian drug regulator's office to manufacture trial batches of this vaccine for the purpose of testing, sources indicated. SII did not wish to comment on the matter. Sources, however, indicated that the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved the manufacture of this Sars-CoV-2 spike protein recombinant nano-particle vaccine for 'examination, test, and analysis'. Globally, Novavax is testing this Omicron BA.1 specific vaccine as a booster after two shots of mRNA vaccine.

5. PM Modi to inaugurate 'Iconic Week Celebrations', launch Jan Samarth portal

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 'Iconic Week Celebrations' of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs today at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi. The "iconic week" is being celebrated as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM) from June 6 to June 11, 2022. PM Modi will launch the national portal for credit-linked government schemes - Jan Samarth Portal. It is a one-stop digital portal linking government credit schemes that directly connect beneficiaries to lenders. According to the Prime Minister's Office, the main purpose of the Jan Samarth portal is to encourage inclusive growth and development of various sectors by guiding and providing them with the right type of government benefits through simple and easy digital processes. The portal ensures end-to-end coverage of all the linked schemes.