

Current Affairs: JUNE 14

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY - On this day, Every year on JUNE 14th, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. It serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

NATIONAL STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE DAY - National Strawberry Shortcake Day on June 14th each year lands at the peak of strawberry season. While we are able to get strawberries all year long now, the best strawberries are those picked from April to June. These bright red berries during this time are sweeter and more flavorful.

NATIONAL BOURBON DAY - On this day, recognizes the Official Spirit of America. Like Scotch, Cognac, and some other spirits, Bourbon must meet certain standards and be produced in a specific geographical region to earn its name. Bourbon is a whiskey that is only so when it's distilled in the United States.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- PM reviews **COVID-19** situation in the country; Asks officials to augment testing, number of beds & services to handle a peak of the pandemic.
- HM held meeting with Delhi **LG, CM** to discuss the corona crisis; Centre decides to immediately provide 500 railway coaches to Delhi for Covid-19 patients.
- PM instructs **Health Ministry officials** to undertake emergency planning for **COVID-19** in consultation with States, UTs.
- The recovery rate of **COVID-19** crosses at more than **50%** in the country.
- **NDA** govt has taken several landmark decisions including the abrogation of Article 370 for development of J&K: Defence Minister.
- Monsoon covers most parts of Maharashtra; **Gujarat** receives widespread rains
- Institute of Company Secretaries postpones its **June session examinations till August**

WORLD

- **WHO:** Coronavirus mutations not expected to **alter vaccine efficacy**.

Current Affairs: INDIA

Jammu and Kashmir: Launches J&K Poultry Policy 2020

- Govt of **Jammu and Kashmir** recently launched the Poultry Policy, 2020. The Government has provided operational guidelines under the policy to promote the establishment of poultry units.
- The Jammu and Kashmir Government has announced **Rs 50 crores** of subsidy per annum to establish broiler farms and its allied activities. The policy aims to generate employment in the territory.

Capitals Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer)

J & K was a region formerly administered by India as a state from 1954 to 2019, constituting the southern & southeastern portion of the larger Kashmir region, which has been the subject of a dispute between India, Pakistan, & China since the mid-20th century.

State-of-the-art Flood Warning System launched in Mumbai

- iFLOWS- Mumbai, a state-of-the-art Integrated Flood Warning System for Mumbai was launched jointly by Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray, and Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on 12 June through video conference.

Benefits of iFLOWS

(I)Using this device, the floods can be estimated 3 days in advance, at ward-level.

(II)Decision Support System will enable smart decision-making and field action based on risk assessment

(III)iFLOWS flood warning system is developed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Mumbai City in Maharashtra

Official language Marathi

District Mumbai City; Mumbai Suburban

Centre launched Aarogyapath for healthcare supply chain

- **Govt of India** has launched **Aarogyapath**, a web-based solution for the healthcare supply chain that provides real-time availability of critical supplies.
- Aarogyapath is available on **CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal**. The portal Aarogyapath was developed in partnership with **Sarvodaya Infotech**.

Aarogyapath:

(I) Aarogyapath will serve manufacturers, suppliers, and customers.

(II) The **aim** is to tackle the national health emergency that has arisen out of the COVID-19 pandemic, where the critical items may be compromised due to a variety of reasons.

(III) Aarogyapath aims to provide a path that leads one on a journey towards Aarogya (healthy life). it has been developed to address these challenges.

Centre directs all 8 North Eastern States to set-up e-office

- Centre has directed all the **8 North Eastern States** to set up e-office in a stipulated timeframe. The announcement was made by Union Minister of State for Personnel, PG and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- The **e-office** project will be a cardinal pillar of Digital India.

NHAI becomes first construction sector organization to go Fully Digital

- The **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** under the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has announced that it has gone Fully Digital as it has launched a unique cloud-based and Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered Big Data Analytics platform 'Data Lake and Project Management Software'.

NHAI Founded	1988
Sector	Indian National Highway System
Purpose	Development and maintenance of national highways
Agency executive	Sanjeev Ranjan (Chairperson)

Current Affairs: Business

RBI sets up panel to review ownership, the corporate structure of Private sector banks

- **Reserve Bank of India(RBI)** has constituted 5 member Internal Working Group to review the guidelines related to ownership, governance, and corporate structure of private sector banks.
- In a press release, **RBI** informed that RBI Central Board Director P K Mohanty will head the committee, which will submit its report by Sep 30, 2020.

RBI Central Board Director - P K Mohanty

Current Affairs: JUNE 15

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY - Every year, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is celebrated on June 15 by the United Nations. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the neglect and abuse of older persons.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY DAY - On this day, The **North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA)** along with millions of photographers & photography lovers across the nation observe Nature Photography Day on June 15th.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- **Home Minister Amit Shah** to chair an all-party meeting today to review the management of coronavirus in Delhi.
- Center orders house-to-house health survey in **Containment zones** of national capital to improve contact mapping.
- **Delhi** Govt withdraws decision declaring nursing homes with bed strength between 10 to 49 as COVID centers.
- **Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput** dies at 34 in Mumbai; debut movie: 'Kai Po Che!' (2013), last movie: 'Chhichhore' (2019)
- **Viral message** on social media claiming reimposition of strict Lockdown is false.

ECONOMY

- **NCLT** allows Jet Airways to sell its premises in **Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC)** in Mumbai to settle debts.
- **TPG** to buy 0.93% equity stake in Jio Platforms Ltd for ₹4,546.80 crores; **L Catterton** to buy 0.39% for ₹1,894.50 crores.

WORLD

- **Donald Trump** considering suspending **H1B**, other visas: Report
- **2nd wave** fears as China reports most new cases in months.
- Nepal's upper house of parliament endorses a proposal to update its political map that includes Indian territories located in **Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh** district.

Current Affairs: INDIA

Punjab Govt: “Ghar Ghar Nigrani”: Mobile Application launched

- Punjab Govt has launched the “**Ghar Ghar Nigrani**” mobile application to undertake house to house surveillance to eliminate the **COVID-19** pandemic.
- The mobile application was launched by the **Punjab CM Amarinder Singh**. The application is to be used as a tool for early detection and testing of COVID-19 and prevent community spread.

Punjab CM	Amarinder Singh
Capital	Chandigarh
Governor	V. P. Singh Badnore

Remdesivir now a part of COVID-19 therapy in new health protocol

- The **Union Health Ministry** has recently included Remdesivir as a part of investigational therapy and updated the Clinical Management Protocol of COVID-19 patients.
- The ministry has also added loss of taste and loss of smell as two key symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

Hydroxychloroquine	It is a medication used to prevent and treat malaria in areas where malaria remains sensitive to chloroquine.
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Indian Gaurs facing Mutation

- India with the help of Worldwide Fund had recently held an estimation exercise of Indian Gaur in the **Nilgris forest** division of Tamil Nadu. This is the first estimation exercise being held in the region. According to the exercise, there are around 2,000 Gaurs across the division.
- The report says that the animals in the region are prone to human-animal conflicts due to habitat loss, fragmentation. The Indian Gaurs in the region, specifically are inhabiting tea estates and human settlements.

Current Affairs: International

Mission Sagar: INS Kesari returns to Port Louis of Mauritius to embark Indian Navy Medical Team

- As part of Mission Sagar, Indian **Naval Ship Kesari** returned to Port Louis, Mauritius, today to embark the **Indian Navy Medical Team**, which was disembarked during her last visit to Port Louis on 23 May 2020.
- The 14-member medical team comprising specialist doctors and paramedics was disembarked at Port Louis with an aim to assist in the management of **COVID-19** pandemic, share expertise to help contain the spread of the disease and minimize risk to life.

Current Affairs: Defence

Defense Budget: Pakistan's misplaced priorities

- The Defence Budget document shows that the defense outlay for 2020-21 would be Pakistani Rs 1,289 billion as compared to **Pakistani Rs 1,152 billion** earmarked for the ongoing fiscal year.

Pakistan Capital	Islamabad
Currency	Pakistani rupee
Prime minister	Imran Khan

Current Affairs: JUNE 16

NATIONAL FUDGE DAY - National Fudge Day comes around each year on June 16th, allowing you to indulge in your favorite flavor of this delicious confectionery. Some of the most familiar fudge flavors are chocolate, chocolate nut, peanut butter, maple, and maple nut. Fudge lends itself to experimentation when it comes to flavors.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILY REMITTANCES - Every year, the International Day of Family Remittances is observed on June 16 by the United Nations. The day is observed all over the world. This year the day is celebrated under the theme **Theme: Remittances are a lifeline**

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- **WPI (Wholesale Price Index)**-based inflation was -3.21% in May 2020
- **Pune Postal Dept.** dispatches 1343 boxes of Covid-19 testing kits across the country.
- **PM Modi** to interact with CMs of all states, UTs tomorrow & day after.
- Govt will take all necessary steps to check the spread of **COVID-19 in Delhi**: HM Amit Shah.
- Exports in May 2020 fall **36.47% to \$19.05 bn**, trade deficit down to \$3.15 bn.
- **CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs)** launches e-Office to automate internal file handling.
- Airtel Payments Bank launches 'Suraksha Salary Account' for the workforce of MSMEs
- **Railways transport** more than 60 lakh migrants through 4450 Shramik Special trains.
- ByteDance discontinuing its Vigo Video and Vigo Lite apps in India

STATE

- **Tamil Nadu** approves ordinance to give Neet quota for govt students.
- **CM Arvind Kejriwal** rules out another lockdown.
- HC hauls up **Telangana govt** for cutting pensions, says no law allows it

WORLD

- **India asks Pakistan** to return two of its Islamabad based officials to Indian High Commission immediately.
- India joins **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)** as a founding member
- **Paris** restaurants and cafes reopen as Macron accelerates lifting of lockdown

SPORTS

- Azerbaijan's Mamedyarov Shakhriyar wins Sharjah World Stars online chess tournament; India's P. Harikrishna 2nd

Current Affairs: INDIA

India: 1st infectious disease Diagnostic Lab

- The first disease diagnostic laboratory is ready to be launched. The mobile laboratory was constructed under the scheme Atma **Nirmar Bharat Abhiyan** launched by PM Modi.
- The laboratory aims to promote and support the idea of becoming self-sufficient in difficult times. It was constructed in a record time of 8 days. The laboratory was built with the assistance of the Department of Biotechnology.

Advisory Panel on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) reconstituted

- **Govt of India** recently reconstituted the advisory panel on corporate insolvency resolution and liquidation process.
- The **IBBI** recently reconstituted the advisory panel by inducting **four members**. The committee was constituted in 2017 and is chaired by a noted banker Uday Kotak. The new members include **Crisil MD Ashu Suyash, former chief economist at NSE Nirmal Mohanty, Edelweiss Group chairman Rashesh Shah and L&T Director R Shankar Raman.**

IBBI - The **IBBI** is a regulator that oversees insolvency proceedings in the country. It was established in 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. The IBBI board includes 10 representatives. It includes representatives from Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Finance, law and corporate affairs.

IBBI Regulatory agency executive

M. S. Sahoo, Chairperson

Founder

Parliament of India

Founded

October 1, 2016

HIL India Ltd. supplies 25 MT Malathion 95 percent ULV Insecticides to Iran for Locust Control Programme

- **HIL (India) Limited**, a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has supplied **25MT Malathion 95% Ultra-low volume (ULV) to Iran** under Government-to-Government initiative for Locust Control Programme.
- HIL (India) Limited is supplying Malathion 95% ULV to the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Locust Control Programme** in India. From the year 2019 to date, the HIL company has supplied more than 600 MT of Malathion 95% ULV for this program.

India joined GPAI to support the responsible and human-centric development and use of AI

- India has joined as a founding member and launched the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay)**.
- Under this move, India has joined along with the league of leading economies including Australia, the US, the UK, European Union (EU), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Korea, Singapore.

Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)

It is an international and multistakeholder initiative to guide the responsible development and use of **AI**, grounded in human rights, inclusion, diversity, innovation, and economic growth.

Rapid Antigen Test Kits recommended

- the **Indian Council of Medical Research** recommended the use of **Rapid Antigen** test kits along with RT-PCR in containment zones.
- The Antigen test kits will allow faster diagnosis. They will reduce laboratory examinations. The maximum time taken by the Rapid antigen test to interpret positive or negative is 30 minutes.

Antigen Test Kits

The Antigen Test kits were developed by a South Korea based company SD Biosensor. Just like the RT-PCR test of COVID-19, the antigen testing also looks for virus rather than the antibodies. Antigens are foreign substances that induce the immune system in the body.

Current Affairs: International

Russia-India-China Trilateral Conference

- The **External Affairs Minister of India Shri S Jai Shankar** is to hold a joint virtual conference with his Russian and Chinese Counterparts on June 22, 2020.
- The Minister is expected to discuss the recent standoff between **Indian and Chinese** militaries at the border. The meeting is being convened with the initiative of Russia. The countries will also discuss regional issues and synchronize their views on regional stability.

External Affairs Minister of India	Shri S Jai Shankar
Russia President	Vladimir Putin
Currency	Russian Rouble
Prime minister	Mikhail Mishustin
Capital	Moscow

France is fully reopening its economy: French President Emmanuel Macron

- **French President** has announced that France is fully reopening its economy, including all restaurants, to accelerate the country's recovery after the virus crisis.
- President said restaurants in the Paris region will be allowed to open indoor seating starting today. Until then, only outdoor seating was permitted.
- Restaurants in other French regions have already reopened. **All nursery schools, primary schools, and junior high schools** will be open From **June 22**, and mandatory for all students - instead of classes capped to small groups and many children staying at home.

French President	Emmanuel Macron
Capital	Paris
Currencies	Euro, CFP franc

Current Affairs: Business

India's first gas trading platform launched

- The Indian Energy Exchange launched the first gas trading platform. The platform was inaugurated by the **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan**
- The **Indian Gas Exchange**, the online gas trading platform will act as a subsidiary of the Indian Energy Exchange and is to be launched in July 2020.
- It will be the first online gas trading platform for physical delivery of natural gas. The trading of natural gas in the platform is to be done in rupees. The minimum lot size allotted is 100 million **British Thermal Unit (MBTU)**.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Dharmendra Pradhan

Current Affairs: JUNE 17

GLOBAL GARBAGE MAN DAY - On this day, during Global Garbage Man Day, the world takes time to recognize the dedicated efforts of the men and women who keep our communities clean. We describe the experts who collect the garbage, recyclables, and castoffs from our homes and neighbourhoods by several names.

NATIONAL EAT YOUR VEGETABLE DAY - On this day, falls in the middle of National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month. Today's celebration is one more opportunity to remind everyone to continue with this part of a healthy diet.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- **PM Modi** to interact with **CMs** of 15 remaining States, UTs to further discuss **COVID-19 pandemic**.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** pays homage to martyred soldiers in Galwan Valley.
- COVID-19 National recovery rate reaches to **52.79%**; **5 states**, UTs register above 72%.
- PM Modi to address the nation on 21st June on the occasion of International Yoga Day
- India summons Pakistan envoy, protests torture of **Two High Commission officials**.
- **PM Modi to CMs:** Focus on lives, livelihood and health infrastructure as India gets back on track.
- **Dexamethasone** could be the miracle drug to reduce the **COVID-19** mortality rate.

WORLD

- **North Korea** blows up an inter-Korean joint liaison office in its border town of Kaesong
- UN chief expresses concern over reports of violence at **LAC between India, China**

Current Affairs: INDIA

Centre launched Feedback Call Centres on COVID-19 Public Grievances

- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Personnel, PG and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched the **Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances** on 15 June. Recently, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) reached the milestone of redressing one lakh COVID-19 Public Grievances.
- DARPG collaborated with **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** to operationalize Feed Back Call Centers in Bhubaneshwar, Guwahati, Jamshedpur, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Ajmer, Guntur, Coimbatore and Guntakal with 1406 call centre operators.

BSNL CEO Pravin Kumar Purwar (Jun 2019–)

Founder Government of India

Subsidiaries BSNL Mobile, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, BSNL Tower Corporation Limited

Headquarters New Delhi

divyangjan under ADIP Scheme: Centre distributed assistive aids and devices

- **Govt of India** has taken special measures to benefit the **welfare scheme for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)** amidst the prevailing unprecedented situation faced by society due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A virtual **ADIP** Scheme for free distribution of assistive aids and devices at Block level for Divyangjans under the ADIP scheme was organized at Talwandi Bhai Block of Firozpur district in Punjab.

COVID-19: Fifth Recession of India

- Since Independence in 1947, India has faced four recessions. According to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, the recessions occurred in **1958, 1966, 1973 and 1980**.
- Recession is defined as the fall in economic activities of the country along with a decline in sales, income and employment. India has so far seen four such negative GDP growth. In 1958, the GDP growth was -1.2%, in 1966 it was -3.6%, in 1973 it was -0.32% and in 1980 the GDP growth was -5.2%.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters	Mumbai
Founder	British Raj
Founded	April 1, 1935, Kolkata

High Court seeks EIA on Lonar lake colour change

- The **Bombay High court** recently sought report on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of Lonar lake from the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and **GSI (Geographical Survey of India)**.
- The expert team from the Geographical Survey of India and **NEERI** are to examine the findings of glass formation on the surface of the lake.

Bombay High Court Chief justice	B. P. Dharmadhikari
Established	1862
Founded	August 14, 1862

Current Affairs: International

Fifth State of Matter observed by NASA scientists

- The **NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** scientists in the International Space Station unveiled the first results of Bose-Einstein condensate experiments under which the particles can be manipulated free from Earthly constraints.

Bose-Einstein Condensates were predicted by Indian Mathematician Satyendra Nath Bose and Albert Einstein almost a century ago. The BEC is a state of matter that is typically formed when a gas of bosons is cooled to temperatures close to absolute zero.

NASA Headquarters	Washington, D.C., United States
Founder	Dwight D. Eisenhower

Founded

1 October 1958, United States

India joins Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence

- India joined the Global Partnership of **Artificial Intelligence** as a founding member.
- The other leading member countries that joined along with India are the **UK, USA, European Union, Australia, France, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Italy, Republic of Korea, Singapore, New Zealand, etc.**
- The Gee-Pay or **GPAI-Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence** is a multi-stakeholder initiative that will guide the development of Artificial Intelligence.

Current Affairs: Business

UN: India Ninth largest recipient of FDI in 2019, will continue to attract investments

- India received 51 billion US dollar in foreign investment in 2019. **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** in its report said it was the world's 9th-largest recipient of **Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)**.

KVIC rolls out unique project to produce Neera, Palm jaggery

- **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has rolled out a unique project to produce Neera and Palm jaggery which has huge potential to create employment.
- The project that aims at promoting Neera as a substitute to soft drinks while also creating self-employment to Adivasis and traditional trappers was launched at Dahanu in Palghar district of **Maharashtra**.

KVIC Founded 1956

Purpose

To plan, promote, facilitate, organise and assist in the establishment & development of khadi & village industries

Headquarters

Mumbai

Current Affairs: Sports

Sports Ministry all set to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence

- The **Sports Ministry** is all set to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence under the Khelo India Scheme.
- One such centre will be identified in each State and Union Territory with an aim to create a robust sporting ecosystem in the entire country.
- The Sports facilities in eight states including **Karnataka, Odisha, Kerala, Telengana, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram & Nagaland** which will be upgraded into Khelo India State Centre of Excellence.

Officeholder	Kiren Rijiju (MOS independent charge)
Founded	May 27, 2000
Headquarters location	New Delhi
Departments	Department of Children & Youth Affairs, Department of Youth and Sports Development

Current Affairs: JUNE 18

NATIONAL GO FISHING DAY - On this day, National Go Fishing Day on June 18th each year encourages us to drop a line – in the nearest stream, pond, lake, or river. Taking a break from our daily routine to bait a hook and catch some fish can be a relaxing endeavour.

NATIONAL CAREER NURSE ASSISTANTS' DAY - On this day, the first day of National Nursing Assistants' Week, we observe National Career Nurse Assistants' Day. On this day, we recognize all nursing assistants who dedicate their lives to the well-being of others, whether it's been 5 years or 58 years of service.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- **India** will give a befitting reply to anyone who tries to impinge upon its sovereignty and integrity, asserts **PM**.
- **EAM S Jaishankar lodges** strong protest to his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the violent face-off in **Galwan Valley**.
- **Defence forces** stand strong towards protecting sovereignty and integrity of the country: **Army Chief**.
- **PM Modi** emphasizes the need to weed out the stigma attached to **COVID-19 infection**.
- Railways deploy **960 COVID Care Coaches** in five States

WORLD

- **UN Security Council** to elect 5 new non-permanent members today.
- Closely monitoring **India-China situation, says the US**.

Current Affairs: INDIA

GoI Report: Average Temperature in India to rise by 4.4 degree Celsius

- The **Ministry of Earth Science** recently released its report “**Assessment of Climate Change over Indian Region**”. According to the report, the average surface temperature of India could increase up to 4.4 degrees Celsius by the end of 2100 as compared to the temperature between **1976 & 2005**.
- The report says that with the **RCP (Representative Concentration Pathway)** increasing to 4.5, the temperature of India could rise to 2.4 degrees Celsius.

Ministry of Earth Science Departments	India Meteorological Department
Minister responsible	Dr Harsh Vardhan
Founded	2006
Officeholders	Y. S. Chowdary (Minister of State), Harsh Vardhan (Minister)

Researchers discovered new fish species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

- A new species of fish has been discovered in the state of **Arunachal Pradesh**. It was discovered by **Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha**, Associate Professor & Head, Dept of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat.
- The name of the new fish species "Schizothorax sikusirumensis" was derived from the name of the rivers where it was found.

Schizothorax sikusirumensis The new species of the fish is named as Schizothorax sikusirumensis. It is from the genus Schizothorax. The fish species were collected from the junction of River Siku and Sirum. The new fish species inhabit the waterlogged area of torrential river drainage.

Arunachal Pradesh Capital	Itanagar
Union territory	January 21, 1972
Chief minister	Pema Khandu

Ranchi: Thaawarchand Gehlot to inaugurate CRC for persons with disabilities

- The **Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot** is to inaugurate **Composite Regional Centre (CRC)** on 17 April through video conferencing amid COVID-19 pandemic. The Centre is located inside Namkum Block Office, Khijri, Ranchi.
- **CRC-Ranchi** will provide rehabilitation services including Physical medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Audiology and Speech Therapy, Psychology, Prosthetics & Orthotics, Special Education, Early intervention & treatment, etc., to persons with disabilities in Jharkhand and adjoining areas.

Sanitary Napkins available for Rs.1 per pad at Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras

- **Jan Aushadhi Suvidhi Sanitary Napkin** is made available in more than **6300 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushdhi Pariyojna**, PMBJP Kendras across the country at a minimum price of **Rs.1 per pad**.
- The market price of the similar Sanitary Napkins is around Rs.3 to Rs.8 per pad. over 3.43 Crore pads have been sold till 10 June 2020 at Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras.
- The social drive comes in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current Affairs: International

Nepal: India to construct a sanitation facility at Pashupatinath Temple

- India has pledged to construct an **Rs.2.33 Cr sanitation facility** at the Pashupatinath Temple complex in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It will improve the infrastructure in the holy shrine for the pilgrims.
- Pashupatinath Temple project will be constructed under the **Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership** as a high impact community development scheme by India.
- Under the initiative, India has pledged to extend financial assistance amounting to NRs Rs.2.33 crore for the sanitation facility that would be implemented by the Kathmandu Metropolitan City.

Nepal Capital	Kathmandu
Currency	Nepalese rupee
Prime minister	KP Sharma Oli

Current Affairs: Agriculture

Wheat procurement from farmers touches an all-time record of 382 lakh tonnes

- The Govt today said that the procurement of **wheat from farmers** has touched an all-time record to **382 Lakh tonnes**. The earlier record was 381.48 lakh tonnes, achieved during 2012-13.
- Consumers Affairs, **Food, and public distribution Ministry** said that the commencement of procurement was delayed by a fortnight due to the first lockdown and was kicked off only from 15th April in most of the wheat surplus states.

Public Distribution Founded

Departments

Department of Food and Public
Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs

Officeholders

Ram Vilas Paswan (Minister), C. R.
Chaudhary (Minister of State)

Current Affairs: JUNE 19

WEAR BLUE DAY - On this day, Men's health is the focus of Wear BLUE Day on June 14th. By wearing blue, you are saying you support the men in your life to lead a healthy lifestyle, and you care about their well-being. As part of the campaign that includes Men's Health Month and Men's Health Week in June, Wear BLUE Day encourages us to take stock of our health choices and become more aware of health risks.

NATIONAL WATCH DAY - On this day, National Watch Day recognizes an industry that has been around for more than 500 years and is steadily evolving. Even with the advent of smartphones and smartwatches, the classic wristwatch signals individual taste, culture, and a rich history that cannot be disputed.

NATIONAL FLIP FLOP DAY - On this day, Each year on the 3rd Friday in June, National Flip Flop Day encourages us to wear our favorite flip flops and show them off! Thong style sandals are by no means new to footwear. They've been around for thousands of years. However, the term "flip flop" has applied to flat-soled sandals with straps between the first and second toes and across the top of the foot since the 1960s. The term also describes someone who changes their mind or an electronic component.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- **PM Narendra Modi convenes** an all-party meeting today to discuss the situation along the India-China border.
- **India asks China** to confine its activities to its side of LAC.
- **Tamil Nadu govt** imposes full lockdown in Chennai & its suburbs.
- **PM Modi** says **yoga** provides multidimensional solutions to Covid-19.
- Elections for 19 **Rajya Sabha** seats spread over eight states to be held today

WORLD

- **UNSC** permanent and non-permanent members congratulate India and three others on election win.

Current Affairs: INDIA

India 9th largest recipient of FDI in 2019 reports UN

- The **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** reported that it was the world's 9th largest recipient of **foreign direct investments (FDI)** in the year 2019 in its World Investment Report 2020. India has received \$51 billion in foreign investment in 2019.
- As per the report, the global FDI flows are forecast to decrease by up to 40% in 2020 against \$1.54 trillion in 2019.

India ranked 43rd on the IMDs World Competitiveness Index

- India ranked 43rd on the **Institute for Management Development's (IMD)** 2020 World Competitiveness Index ranks. It stated that the continued low ranking of India is due to the traditional weaknesses such as insufficient education investment and poor infrastructure.
- The Index was topped the 63rd edition of IMD rankings. Denmark ranked 2nd. It secured 8th rank in 2019.

KVIC taps with Indian Palm Industry to boost employment opportunities

- The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** launched a unique project at Dahanu in Palghar district of Maharashtra, a state with more than 50 lakh palm trees. Under the project, **Neera and Palmgur** will be produced in India.
- Neera and Palmgur have huge potential to create employment in the country. The Aim of the project to promote Neera as a substitute for soft drinks. It is aimed to generate self-employment to Adivasis and traditional trappers.

National Employment Policy

- The **Ministry of Labour** is to fast track the **National Employment Policy**. The main idea of framing the National Employment Policy is to lay out a roadmap that will provide incentives for employment generation.
- The policy will aim at absorbing an additional 5 million workforces every year. Also, the policy will focus on formalizing 500 million workforces in the country. It will also ensure social security and job security for them.
- The policy will frame a road map to provide incentives for employment generation. Also, the policy will focus on the challenges thrown by the COVID-19

Solar Eclipse in India

- The Earth is to witness an annular solar eclipse on **June 21, 2020**. The eclipse is to be the deepest as the moon is to cover 98.8% of the sun.

- The eclipse to occur on **June 21, 2020**, will be visible in many parts of India. The eclipse is to continue for 6 hours. The eclipse is to be visible to states such as Rajasthan, Haryana, and Uttarakhand. To the rest of the country, the eclipse is to be partial.
1. **Total Eclipse:** The total eclipse occurs when the moon completely obscures the sun
 2. **Annular Eclipse:** The eclipse that occurs when the sun and moon are in line with the earth. During this eclipse, the sun appears as a bright ring or an annulus.
 3. **Hybrid Eclipse:** This type of eclipse shifts between the total and annular eclipse.
 4. **Partial Eclipse:** This eclipse occurs when the sun and moon are not in line with the moon and the earth.

Current Affairs: Sports

AIFF recommends IM Vijayan for Padma Shri

- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** recommended former Indian football team captain **IM Vijayan** for Padma Shri, which is India's fourth-highest civilian award.

IM Vijayan

IM Vijayan scored 40 goals in 79 matches for India since making his debut in the early 90s. IM Vijayan has won the Arjuna award in 2003. He was also awarded the Indian 'Player of the Year' in the year 1993, 1997 & 1999. The 51-year-old former striker had scored 4 goals to emerge as the top scorer in the Afro-Asian Games which was held in India in 2003. It was his last appearance for the country.

Previous awardees:

6 Indian footballers namely Sailen Manna in 1971, Chuni Goswami in 1983, PK Banerjee in 1990, Bhaichung Bhutia in 2008, Sunil Chhetri in 2019, and Bembem Devi in 2020, have won the Padma Shri.

Current Affairs: JUNE 20

NATIONAL VANILLA MILKSHAKE DAY - On this day, National Vanilla Milkshake Day celebrates the cold beverage made with vanilla ice cream, vanilla, and milk. This frosty drink didn't begin with those three ingredients, though. In 1885, the term "milkshake" showed up in print for the first time. The concoction of cream, eggs, and whiskey was often served with other alcoholic tonics such as lemonades and soda waters.

NATIONAL ICE CREAM SODA DAY - On this day, enjoy a cool, frothy ice-cream soda to celebrate National Ice Cream Soda Day! There are many claims to the invention of this delicious treat. One such claim was made by a Mr. Robert McCay Green. Once he began substituting ice cream, he had a hit on his hands.

NATIONAL SEASHELL DAY - On this day, the first day of summer, National Seashell Day reminds us to put our toes in the sand and admire the beauty of seashells. Shellers get ready to celebrate and start shelling! To those not in the know, shellers are beachcombers who collect seashells by scouring the beaches for the gems left behind by snails and mollusks.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- Country's 1st **mobile I-Lab (Infectious Disease Diagnostic Lab)** for last-mile coronavirus (COVID-19) testing access launched by Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- Manipur Rajya Sabha election winner: **Leishemba Sanajaoba** of BJP.
- **AP Rajya Sabha** election winners: Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose, M. Venkata Ramana, Parimal Nathwani, and Ayodhya Rami Reddy of YSR Congress.
- **MP Rajya Sabha** election winners: Jyotiraditya Scindia and Sumer Singh Solanki of BJP and Digvijaya Singh of Congress.
- **Rajasthan Rajya Sabha** election winners: K. C. Venugopal and Neeraj Dangi of Congress and Rajendra Gehlot of BJP

WORLD

- India will be the President of the **United Nations Security Council President** for August 2021.
- Global **Status Report** on Preventing Violence Against Children 2020 launched by the UN.

- Facebook acquires **Swedish startup Mapillary** in a move aimed at taking on Google Maps

Current Affairs: INDIA

On 20 June: PM Narendra Modi to launch Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will launch **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan** on June 20, 2020, from Beldaur of Khagaria District of Bihar.

Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (i) Under **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**, a campaign of 125 days will work in mission mode.
(ii) It will also create infrastructure in the rural regions of the country on the other hand, with a resource envelope of Rs.50,000 crore.

Bihar It is a state in East India, bordering Nepal

Governor Phagu Chauhan

Chief minister Nitish Kumar

Current Affairs: Technology

IIT-Guwahati develops affordable diagnostic kits for COVID-19 pandemic

- The **VTM kits** are used to collect nasal and oral swab specimens from an individual source to a laboratory safely for culture and testing.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** in association with RR Animal Healthcare Ltd and **Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH)** developed low-cost diagnostic kits.

VTM kits: The kit consists of a comprehensive solution specially formulated for the collection and transport of **SARS-CoV-2**.

COVID-19: CSIR-CDRI candidate drug Umifenovir secures DCGI approval for Phase III Clinical Trial.

- **CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) Lucknow** received permission to carry out Phase III randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled trial of efficacy, safety, and tolerability of antiviral drugs Umifenovir.
- The Phase III Clinical Trials will be carried out at King George's Medical University (KGMU), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS), and ERA's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Lucknow.

Umifenovir Clinical Trial

(i)Umifenovir drug has a good safety profile. (ii)Umifenovir is used to treat influenza. The drug is available in China and Russia.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched DBTAMTZ Mobile Diagnostic Unit for COVID Testing I-Lab

- Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated & flagged off India's first **Infectious disease diagnostic lab (I-Lab)** for COVID-19 testing in rural and inaccessible areas of India.

I-Lab

- (i) The infectious disease diagnostic laboratory is a mobile testing facility that was dedicated to providing **COVID-19** testing access to rural India.
- (ii) India's first I-lab has been built at **AMTZ** in the record time of 8 days from the date of receipt of Automotive Chassis, from Bharat Benz.
- (iii) This mobile testing facility will be deployed through the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** testing hubs to remote regions of the country for COVID-19 testing.

Current Affairs: International

WHO warns about a New and Dangerous phase of COVID-19

- Following reports of relaxation in lockdown by various major economies around the world, on 19th June 2020, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** has warned that this could lead to a **new and dangerous phase** of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- As people and governments across the world are tired of lockdowns, the **WHO** reminded that the Covid-19 virus spread has accelerated.

Current Affairs: Business

First Installment of Highest Ever Rs 60,750 Crore Grant to RLBs Released

- For the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21, the Fifteenth Finance Commission had earlier submitted its report for the **Rural Local Bodies (RLB)**, the recommendations in the report were accepted by the Government. Based on it, the highest ever grants in a single year was allocated to the RLBs for the FY 2020-21 of Rs 60,750 Crore.
- The first installment of which, Rs 15187.50 crore was released to 2.63 lakh RLBs across 28 states in the country on 17th June 2020.

- The **Union Minister of Rural Development** and Panchayati Raj, **Narendra Singh Tomar** further added that the second installment of Rs 15187.50 crore is also expected to be released soon by the Finance Ministry.

Current Affairs: JUNE 21

FATHER'S DAY - On this day, 3rd Sunday in June, Father's Day honors the role fathers play in the family structure and society. Many families dedicate the day to their fathers & grandfathers.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2020 - International Day of Yoga 2020 is celebrated on 21 June every year to create awareness globally about the benefits of practicing yoga. The aim is to improve health and create awareness about the importance of maintaining health to the people.

NATIONAL SELFIE DAY - On this day, Thanks to social media and the smartphone, 21st June recognizes a form of self-portrait that couldn't exist without them; It's National Selfie Day! While the act of taking a selfie may predate social media, smartphones, and the word itself (which is now in the Oxford Dictionary), the popularity of taking these self-portraits keeps increasing.

GO SKATEBOARDING DAY - On this day, Inspired skaters carve a space on their calendar on June 21st each year for Go Skateboarding Day! A combination of athleticism, dance, and art, skateboarding has grown up in an urban world.

Top One Line Current Affairs Headlines

INDIA

- PM launches **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan** to provide employment to migrant workers.
- India will respond firmly to any attempt to transgress LAC: **PM Modi**.
- **COVID-19** recovery rate improves to **54.13 percent**
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** to attend Victory Parade in Russia.
- Highest single-day spike of **304 COVID-19 cases in Odisha**; two more dies.
- Yoga brings people together; and goes beyond **race, color, gender, faith, and nations: PM Modi**.
- **Defence Minister** holds high-level meetings with CDS, 3 service chiefs on the situation in Ladakh.
- India refutes **China's untenable** claim with regard to the Line of Actual Control

WORLD

- **Trump** is about to deal a big blow to your American dream.
- **Saudi Arabia** to launch a **\$4 billion tourism** development fund.
- Chinese researchers launch a **phase-2 human test** for possible vaccine

Current Affairs: INDIA

RBI extends restrictions on PMC Bank, eases Withdrawal Limit

- The Reserve Bank of India on June 19, 2020, has extended the regulatory restrictions imposed on the **multi-state urban Cooperative Bank, Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited** (PMC Bank) by another 6 months.
- As per the earlier notice dated **March 21st, 2020**, the regulatory restrictions were up to 22nd June 2020, which now has been extended up to 22nd December 2020.
- However, the customers were provided relief in terms of withdrawal limit set by the RBI earlier in November last year as now the limit was enhanced from the earlier Rs 50,000 to Rs 1,00,000 per depositor.
- The **RBI** went on to inform that with the relaxation in withdrawal limits, more than 84 percent of the customers of the bank will now be able to withdraw the entire available balance from their accounts.

Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank) Founded

1984

Headquarters location

Mumbai

Areas served

Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh

AIM partners with CIL to boost its Innovation and Entrepreneurship initiatives

- **Coal India Limited (CIL)** has agreed to partner with **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, NITI Aayog to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country.
- A **strategic Statement of Intent (SoI)** partnership between AIM and Coal India Limited was signed and exchanged in a virtual e-summit for the 19 June.

Coal India CEO

Anil Kumar Jha (18 May 2018–)

Headquarters

Kolkata

Director

Pramod Agrawal

Owner

Government of India (70.96%)

Current Affairs: International

India to lead Summit 2020 on 21st, 22nd July

- The **45th annual meeting** of the **United States India Business Council (USIBC)** will be marked with the 2020 India Ideas Summit. India will virtually host the event on 21st and 22nd July.
- The summit will showcase the importance of the positive outcome of the India-US economic partnership and the overall bilateral relationship between the two nations.
- **USIBC** summit is an outcome of the joint efforts of the United States Chambers of Commerce and USIBC.

US-India Business Council Headquarters location

Washington, D.C., United States

Founded

1975

Key person

Nisha Desai Biswal (Chairman)

Type of business

Non-profit organization

USD 1.05 Billion Approved by World Bank for 3 Projects in Bangladesh

- The **World Bank** has announced on 19th June 2020 that it had approved a **USD 1.05 billion** for helping the economy of Bangladesh to bounce back by Creating more and better jobs.
- **Bangladesh** to date has received financial aid of more than **USD 13 billion** of loans from the **International Development Association (IDA, a part of the World Bank Group)**. With this grant, the total loan provided by the World Bank Group to Bangladesh since its independence in 1971 has crossed USD 31 billion.
- The financial aid for the 3 projects is provided by the IDA on behalf of the World Bank Group.

World Bank Headquarters

Washington, D.C., United States

Parent organization

World Bank Group

Founded

July 1944

Founders

John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White

Current Affairs: Business

Shipowners worldwide invited to flag their ships in India to take advantage of Make in India policy

- The **Shipping Ministry** has invited ship owners worldwide to flag their ships in India to take advantage of the Make in India policy.
- Govt has recently revised its Make in India Policy for public procurement, among others, of all services. Under the revised policy, no global tender inquiry shall be issued, except with the approval of the Competent Authority, for procurement of all services with an estimated value of purchases less than 200 crore rupees.

Ministry of Shipping Departments

Directorate General of Shipping

Founded

2018

Minister responsible

Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Minister of State
(Independent Charge)

Current Affairs: Agriculture

Kharif Crops Sowing Area Increases Significantly as Compared to Last Year

- **Kharif Crops** are grown in hot and humid rain fed areas. During the first 18 days of the month of June, the country has received a surplus rainfall of about 26mm. As compared to last year, rainfall was 82.4 mm in between 1st to 18th June, while this year, the country has registered 108.3mm of rainfall during the period.

**Kharif
Crops**

Kharif crops are cultivated and harvested in India generally between June to November depending on the monsoon rains of that particular region. These crops are sown after the first rain of the southwest monsoon season in June or sometimes even during the last week of May in Southern parts of the country. Kharif Crops are directly dependent on the quantity and timing of rainfall.

Current Affairs: SPORTS

Nagaland Sports Academy, Kohima selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence

- **Nagaland State** Sports Academy at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima has been selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, **KISCE**.
- In a press release, Adviser for Youth Resources and Sports, Zale Neikha said that it is a historic and defining moment for the people of Nagaland.
- He expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister, Union Sports Minister and State Chief Minister for recognizing the effort and giving the opportunity to the state to upgrade its sporting facilities into a National-level Centre of Excellence.

Sports Ministry to establish 1000 district-level KIC to engage past champions in training

- Govt has decided to establish 1000 **Khelo India Centers (KIC)** at the district level across the country.
- The move is to tap into the expertise of past sporting champions for grassroots-level training of athletes and also to ensure a sustained source of income for them in the sports ecosystem.
- The decision, while strengthening grass-root level sports, will also ensure that past champions can contribute to making India a sporting superpower while earning a livelihood from sports.