

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020**

### **Awards**

The Indian economist who has been chosen to be awarded the 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for his work on issues around global justice by German Publishers and Booksellers Association, Börsenverein – **Amartya Sen**

The leading soil scientist from Ohio State University, who has been chosen for 2020 World Food Prize for developing and mainstreaming a soil-centric approach to increasing food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change – **Dr. Rattan Lal**

The Indian poet, lyricist and writer who has been chosen for the Richard Dawkins Award 2020 by US based organisation Center for Inquiry – **Javed Akhtar**

The Indian writer who has been chosen for The Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2020 for Asia region by Commonwealth Foundation for her work The Great Indian Tee and Snakes – **Kritika Pandey**

### **Persons**

The Health Minister of Kerala who has been honoured by the UN for her efforts to fight COVID-19 in Kerala – **K.K. Shailaja**

The Turkish diplomat and politician who has been elected as the President of the 75th General Assembly of the United Nations – **Volkan Bozkir**

The 13 year old girl from Tamil Nadu who has been chosen by UNADAP to be its Goodwill Ambassador for the Poor (the girl had spent her Rs. 5 lakhs savings on migrants) – **M. Nethra**

The former Delhi Police chief and former Governor of Jharkhand, Manipur and Mizoram, who passed away on 05 June 2020 – **Ved Marwah**

The well-known Bollywood filmmaker-screenwriter best known for directing films like Choti Si Baat, Rajnigandha, Baaton Baaton Mein etc who passed away on 04 June 2020 – **Basu Chatterjee**

The Bollywood music director and singer of Sajid-Wajid duo, famous for giving music in films Dabangg, Welcome etc. who passed away on 31 May 2020 – **Wajid Khan**

### **Places**

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first lichen park has been developed by Uttarakhand Forest Department to protect, conserve and cultivate lichen – **Munsiyari, Pithoragarh**

The airport in Uttar Pradesh for which Union Cabinet has given its approval to be declared an International Airport – **Kushinagar**

The oil field in Tinsukia district of Assam which caught fire on June 9 resulting in death of 2 Oil India Limited persons – **Baghjan**

### **Sports**

The Indian umpire who has been chosen to be a part of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Elite Panel of Umpires for the year 2020-21 – **Nitin Menon**

The two countries which have won the bid to host FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 beating the bid by Colombia – **Australia and New Zealand**

The cricketer who is only one from India to figure in 2020 Forbes' list of world's highest-paid athletes (list topped by Roger Federer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi) – **Virat Kohli**

### **Miscellaneous**

The rank of India in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks at the end of 2019 (UK is ranked at the 1st position) – **77**

The theme of Statistics Day observed on 29 June 2020 to mark the birth anniversary of Prof. P C Mahalanobis – **SDG- 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) & SDG- 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls)**

The company which has become the first Indian company to touch \$150 billion in market capitalisation in stock market – **Reliance Industries**

The Indian Railways zone which has launched AI enabled robot Captain Arjun (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice) to intensify the screening and surveillance of railway passengers and railway staff – **Central Railways**

The autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways which has become the first construction sector organisation to go 'Fully Digital' – **National Highways Authority of India**

The patriotic poem written by Katakabi Laxmikanta Mohapatra which has been given the State anthem status by Odisha cabinet – **Bande Utkala Janani**

The special micro-credit facility scheme for providing affordable loan upto Rs. 10,000/- to street vendors launched by the Central Govt is named – **PM SVANIDHI**

The tropical cyclone which originated in Arabian Sea and made landfall near Mumbai causing loss of lives and property in Maharashtra was name – **Cyclone Nisarga**

### **Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan**

**Purpose:** To empower and provide livelihood opportunities in areas/ villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19.

**Launched by:** PM Shri Narendra Modi through video conferencing.

**Flagged-off from:** Village Telihar, Block Beldaur, district Khagaria, Bihar through Video-Conference attended by the CMs and Representatives of the 6 Participating States.

An amount of Rs 50,000 Crores would be spent for building durable rural infrastructure under the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan.

**States in which it will be implemented:** 1. Bihar; 2. Uttar Pradesh; 3. Madhya Pradesh; 4. Rajasthan; 5. Odisha and 6. Jharkhand

**Work areas identified:** 1. Construction of Community sanitation centre (CSC); 2. Construction of Gram Panchayat Bhawan; 3. Works under 14th FC funds; 4. Construction of National Highway works; 5. Water conservation & Harvesting works; 6. Construction of Wells; 7. Plantation works; 8. Horticulture; 9. Construction of Anganwadi Centers; 10. Construction of rural housing works; 11. Rural connectivity works; 12. Solid and liquid waste management works; 13. Construction of farm ponds; 14. Construction of cattle sheds; 15. Construction of poultry sheds; 16. Construction of Goat Shed; 17. Construction of Vermi-compost structures; 18. Railway; 19. RURBAN; 20. PM Kusum; 21. Bharat Net; 22. CAMPA plantation; 23. PM Urja Ganga Project; 24. KVK training for Livelihoods; 25. District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) works.

### **Sushant Singh Rajput**

Born: 21.01.1986; Death: 14.06.2020

Actor, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist

Debut TV serial: **Kis Desh Mein Hai Meraa Dil** (2008)

Debut Film: **Kai Po Che**

Other Films: Shuddh Desi Romance (2013), Detective Byomkesh Bakshy! (2015), PK (2014), M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story (2016), Kedarnath (2018) and Chhichhore (2019).

Launched **Sushant4Education** programme to help students achieve their dreams.

### **MSP for Kharif 2020-21**

Sl. No	Crop	MSP (Rs.)
1.	Paddy (Common)	1,868
2.	Paddy (Grade A)	1,888
3.	Maize	1,850
4.	Tur (Arhar)	6,000
5.	Groundnut	5,275
6.	Sunflower Seed	5,885

## FSSAI's Food Safety Index 2019-20

Large States		Small States		Union Territories	
Rank	State	Rank	State	Rank	UT
1.	Gujarat	1.	Goa	1.	Chandigarh
2.	Tamil Nadu	2.	Manipur	2.	Delhi
3.	Maharashtra	3.	Meghalaya	3.	Andaman islands

## Important Days of June

<b>Global Day of Parents:</b> 01 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2012
<b>World Milk Day:</b> 01 June 2020 Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation First observed: 2001 Theme: 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day
<b>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression:</b> 04 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1983
<b>World Environment Day:</b> 05 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1974 Host Country: Colombia Theme: Biodiversity
<b>World Food Safety Day:</b> 07 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2019 Theme: Food Safety - Everyone's Business
<b>World Ocean Day:</b> 08 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2009 Action focus: Gender and the Ocean
<b>World Day Against Child Labour:</b> 12 June 2020 Designated by: International Labour Organization First Observed in: 2002 Theme: Protect Children from Labour, now more than ever
<b>World Blood Donor Day:</b> 14 June 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2004 Theme: Safe Blood Saves Lives Slogan: Give blood and make the world a healthier place
<b>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day:</b> 15 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012

<p><b>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought:</b> 17 June 2020          Designated by: UN General Assembly          First Observed in: 1995          Theme: Food. Feed.Fibre. - the links between consumption and land</p>
<p><b>International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict:</b> 19 June 2020          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p><b>World Refugee Day:</b> 20 June 2020          Designated by: UN General Assembly          Theme: Every Action Counts          First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p><b>International Day of Yoga:</b> 21 June 2020          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          Theme: Yoga for Health - Yoga at Home          First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p><b>Olympic Day:</b> 23 June 2020          Designated by: International Olympic Committee          First Observed in: 1948          Theme: Move, Learn and Discover          Observed to: Celebrate the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894.</p>
<p><b>International Widows Day:</b> 23 June 2020          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p><b>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:</b> 26 June 2020          Designated by: UN General Assembly          First Observed in: 1988          Theme: Better Knowledge for Better Care</p>

### **India Rankings 2020 for Higher Educational Institutions (NIRF)**

Released by: **Union HRD Minister**

#### **Overall**

1.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

<b>University</b>		<b>Engineering</b>	
1.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	1.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	2.	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
3.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Management		Colleges	
1.	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad	1.	Miranda House, Delhi
2.	Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru	2.	Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi
3.	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta	3.	Hindu College, Delhi

### QS World University Rankings 2021

Rank	University	Rank	University
1.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	172.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
2.	Stanford University	185.	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
3.	Harvard University	193.	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

### Environmental Performance Index 2020

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Denmark	107.	Bhutan
2.	Luxembourg	120.	China
3.	Switzerland	142.	Pakistan
4.	United Kingdom	145.	Nepal
5.	France	168.	India

### CHAMPIONS Platform

Launched by: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

**CHAMPIONS: which stands for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength**

The portal is basically for making the smaller units big by solving their grievances, encouraging, supporting, helping and handholding. It is a real one-stop-shop solution of MSME Ministry.

Detailed objectives of CHAMPIONS:

1. Grievance Redressal: To resolve the problems of MSMEs including those of finance, raw materials, labor, regulatory permissions etc particularly in the Covid created difficult situation;

1. To help them capture new opportunities: including manufacturing of medical equipments and accessories like PPEs, masks, etc and supply them in National and International markets;

1. To identify and encourage the sparks: i.e. the potential MSMEs who are able to withstand the current situation and can become national and international champions.

## **Abbreviations in News**

**CHAMPIONS:** Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength

**PM SVANIDHI:** Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi

**YUKTI:** Young India combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation

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