

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JUNE 2021

Awards

The Indian journalist who has been chosen for the Fukuoka Prize for 2021 for promoting civil cooperation through his writing – **P Sainath**

The French author who has won the 2021 International Booker Prize for his book At Night All Blood is Black (translated by Anna Moschovakis) – **David Diop**

Sports

The cricketer from Haryana who has become the youngest Indian male or female to represent India in all three formats of the game – **Shafali Verma**

The Indian sportsperson from Kerala who has become the first Indian swimmer to qualify for the Olympics (200m butterfly event) – **Sajan Prakash**

India's Olympic medal winner who has been appointed the first Vice-Chancellor of upcoming Delhi Sports University – **Karnam Malleswari**

The former Indian cricketer who has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame along with 9 other former cricketers from other countries – **Vinoo Mankad**

Places

The place in Madhya Pradesh where Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated NATRAX, the longest High speed Track for all types of vehicles in Asia – **Indore**

The city of New Zealand which has topped the Global Liveability Index 2021 released by The Economist Intelligence Unit ranking global cities for their urban quality – **Auckland**

Persons

The Vigilance Commissioner who has been appointed as the Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner on the retirement of CVC Shri Sanjay Kothari – **Shri Suresh N Patel**

The Indian industrialist who has topped the list of 2021 Edelgive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century (last 100 years) followed by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warrent Buffet at 2nd and 3rd place – **Jamsetji Tata**

The candidate from Combatant Clergy Association who has been elected the next President of Iran to succeed Hassan Rouhani in August 2021 – **Ebrahim Raisi**

The present CEO of Microsoft who has been chosen to be its Chairman succeeding John W Thompson – **Satya Nadella**

The politician from New Right party of Israel who has taken over as the country's 13th Prime Minister – **Naftali Bennett**

The Foreign Minister of Maldives who has been appointed the President of 76th United Nations General Assembly – **Mr. Abdullah Shahid**

The former Supreme Court judge who has been appointed the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission – **Justice Arun Kumar Mishra**

The Chairperson of the Jewish Agency of Israel who has been elected as the President of Israel to succeed Mr Reuven Rivlin in July 2021 – **Mr. Isaac Herzog**

Persons - Obituary

The British-American programmer and the writer of the first anti-virus program who passed away on 23 June 2021 – **John McAfee**

The former President of Philippines from 2010 to 2016 who passed away on 24 June 2021 – **Benigno Aquino III**

The first President of independent Zambia from 1964 to 1991 who passed away on 17.06.2021 – **Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda**

The renowned Kannada poet, playwright and Dalit activist who passed away on 11.06.2021 – **Dr. Siddalingaiah**

The renowned Bengali filmmaker and poet who passed away on 10 June 2021 – **Buddhadeb Dasgupta**

The former President and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Padma Vibhushan recipient who passed away on 03 June 2021 – **Sir Anerood Jugnauth**

Defence

The Indian Air Force pilot who has become the first female fighter pilot from Jammu and Kashmir – **Flying Officer Mawya Sudan**

The maiden joint Naval exercise conducted in Gulf of Aden from 18 to 19 June 2021 with participation of ships from Italy, Spain, France and India was named – **IN-EUNAVFOR**

The hydrographic survey ship of the Indian Navy which was decommissioned on 04 June 2021 after 40 years of service – **INS Sandhayak**

Miscellaneous

The theme of National Statistics Day 2021 observed on 29 June 2021 - **End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture**

The MSP for paddy (common) for the marketing season 2021-22 as approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs – **Rs. 1940**

Olympics 2020 - Indian Theme Song

Title: **Tu Thaan Le**

Composer and Singer: **Mohit Chauhan**

Written by: **Ms. Prathna Gahilote**

World Competitiveness Index 2021

Released by: Institute for Management Development, Switzerland

Rank	Country
1.	Switzerland
2.	Sweden
3.	Denmark
4.	Netherlands
5.	Denmark
10.	USA
16.	China
43.	India

India's rank for the previous year was the same.

QS World University Rankings 2022

Rank	University	Score
1.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (US)	100
2.	University of Oxford (UK)	99.5
3.	Stanford University (US)	98.7
4.	University of Cambridge	98.7
5.	Harvard Univeristy	98
177.	IIT, Bombay	46.4
185.	IIT, Delhi	45.9
186.	IISc, Bengaluru	45.7

Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru has a score of 100 in Citations per faculty indicator along with 8 institutions from other countries.

Labelling of COVID-19 Variants by WHO

#	WHO Label	Pango lineage	1st sample in
1.	Alpha	B.1.1.7	United Kingdom; Sep 2020
2.	Beta	B.1.351	South Africa; May 2020
3.	Gamma	P.1	Brazil; Nov 2020
4.	Delta	B.1.617.2	India; Oct 2020

Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20

Released by: Ministry of Education, Govt of India

The Performance Grading Index (PGI) is a tool to provide insights on the status of school education in States and UTs including key levers that drive their performance and critical areas for improvement.

Top 5 states/UTs in PGI 2019-20

#	State
1.	Punjab
2.	Chandigarh
3.	Tamil Nadu
4.	Kerala
5.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Important Days of June

Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2012 Theme: Appreciate all parents throughout the world
World Milk Day: 01 June 2020 Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation First observed: 2001 Theme: Sustainability in the Dairy Sector
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1983
World Environment Day: 05 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1974 Host Country: Pakistan Theme: REIMAGINE. RECREATE. RESTORE
World Food Safety Day: 07 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2019 Theme: Safe Food Now for a Healthy Tomorrow
World Ocean Day: 08 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2009 Theme: Oceans: Life and Livelihoods
World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2020 Designated by: International Labour Organization First Observed in: 2002 Theme: Act now, End child labour

<p>World Blood Donor Day: 14 June 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2004 Theme: Give blood and keep the world beating Slogan: Give blood and make the world a healthier place</p>
<p>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1995 Theme: Restoration, Land, Recovery - We build back better with healthy land</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p>World Refugee Day: 20 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Together we heal, learn and shine First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>International Day of Yoga: 21 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Yoga for Well-being First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p>Olympic Day: 23 June 2020 Designated by: International Olympic Committee First Observed in: 1948 Theme: Stay healthy, Stay strong, Stay active</p>
<p>International Widows Day: 23 June 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: 26 June 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1988 Theme: Share facts on drugs - save lives</p>

[Milkha Singh, the Flying Sikh](#)

Born: 20.11.1929; Death: 18.06.2021

Birth place: **Gobindpura** in Pakistan

- Only athlete to win gold at 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games.
- He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games.
- Represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

- He finished at fourth-place with a timing of 45.73 seconds in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games.
- His timing was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.
- Awarded the Padma Shri in 1959

SDG India Index 2020

Released by **NITI Aayog**

Top 5 states

#	State	Score
1.	Kerala	75
2.	Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu	74
3.	Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Uttarakhand	72
4.	Sikkim	71
5.	Maharashtra	70

Bottom 5 states

#	State	Score
1.	Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Odisha	61
2.	Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh	60
3.	Assam	57
4.	Jharkhand	56
5.	Bihar	52

Books in News

Home in the World by **Amartya Sen**

Fiercely Female - The Dutee Chand Story by **Sundeep Misra**

1232 kms – **Vinod Kapri**