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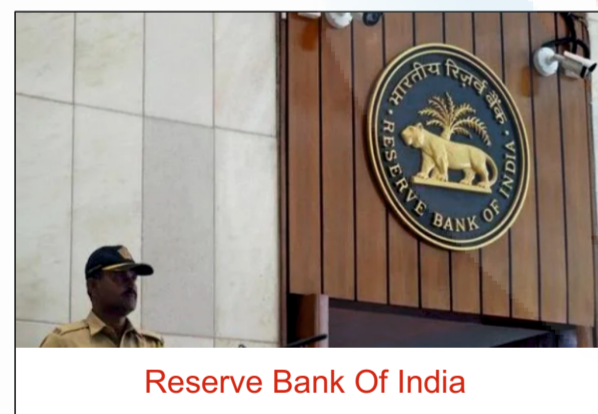
National Defence/ Security Current Affairs



Defence Minister (Rajnath Singh)

1. **Indian Navy** has installed a medical ICU (MICU) on the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) at INS Hansa. It will help in boosting its capacity to evacuate critical patients even in very bad weather conditions.
2. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval commissioned the Indian Coast Guard ship 'Sajag', the third in the series of 105m Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs).
3. The oldest hydrographic survey ship of Indian Navy INS Sandhayak has been decommissioned after 40 years of service to the nation.
4. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh approved Rs 499 crore budgetary support for Indian defense innovation under PM Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. This scheme aims at providing financial support for nearly 300 startups.
5. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh called upon the country to make public war history and records of other military operations in a timely manner, provide accurate details of events, provide authentic material for research and dispel competing rumours. The new policy has been approved.
6. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated two Centers of Excellence (CoEs) set up by Border Roads Organization (BRO) at Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi.
7. The Defense Secretary inducted the first 3 of the 16 indigenously advanced Light Helicopters into the Indian Coast Guard to assist in coastal surveillance, rescue operations and enhancing coastal security.

Business, Economy & Finance



Reserve Bank Of India

1. **The Reserve Bank of India** has expanded the scope of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) with effect from August 31, 2021.
2. The 44th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council was chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on June 12, 2021. Several changes have been made in the GST rates.
3. Rebate and cut in GST on COVID related equipment and medicines extended till September.
4. The government will implement mandatory hallmarking of gold jewelry and artefacts from June 15, 2021. Earlier this date was 1 June 2021, but due to the pandemic it will be applicable from 15 June.
5. First commercial consignment of GI certified Jardalu Mango from Bihar exported to the United Kingdom.

6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the risk-based internal audit (RBIA) rules for all deposit taking and non-deposit taking HFCs (Housing Finance Companies) having assets above Rs 5,000 crore. These rules will be effective from 30 June 2022.
7. RBI has imposed an aggregate fine of Rs 6 crore on Bank of India and Punjab National Bank for violation of norms.
8. E-commerce giant Flipkart has partnered with the Andhra Pradesh government to lead the "Medicines From the Sky" project. Sky Project Consortium of drugs has been assigned to the project under the development and execution of drones delivering medical supplies to remote areas.
9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has changed some rules regarding cash withdrawal from ATMs. The new rules include higher fees on transactions in excess of the free permissible limit. ATM card holders can do three free financial and non-financial transactions at Metro centers while five others can do non-metro transactions at other bank ATMs.
10. NITI Aayog has recommended the sale of government stake in Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as part of the privatization initiative announced in the Union Budget.
11. State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a collateral-free "Kavach Personal Loan" to enable its customers To meet the medical expenses of self and family members for the treatment of covid.
12. ICRA Ratings has projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to grow at 8.5 per cent in the financial year 2021-22. "The impact of the second wave of COVID-19 and the ensuing state-wise restrictions were observed in April-May 2021 in various high frequency indicators.
13. India's exports of organic agricultural products have grown to 51 per cent in 2020-21, challenging supply chain bottlenecks amid COVID-19.
14. India's exports of agriculture and allied products have increased by 17.34 percent in 2020-21. This is now equal to USD 41.25 billion.
15. Tata digital company recently acquired digital health startup 1mg.
16. Yamuna international airport Pvt. Ltd has obtained a loan of Rs 3725 crore from the state bank of India.
17. RBI deputy governor Mahesh Kumar Jain's service tenure has been extended for the next two years.

Awards & Recognitions

1. **Dr Harshavardhan Singh**, Union Minister has been honoured by WHO director-general special award for his efforts in controlling tobacco consumption in India.



Dr. Harshavardhan Singh

Government Initiative And Schemes

1. **Indian Government** has launched the "Expansion of Hospitals" project in several states to bridge the gap in key health infrastructure to fight COVID-19. This project will run exclusively in rural areas and small towns.
2. Madhya Pradesh government will launch 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to increase awareness among people on the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the campaign, college teachers and about 16 lakh students will be made aware of the Kovid-19 infection and educate them about the appropriate behavior and vaccination of Kovid.
3. The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government Of India has launched "Project O2 for India" with an aim to ensure the supply of critical raw materials such as zeolites. It will also set up small oxygen plants, manufacture compressors, and end products such as oxygen plants, concentrators and ventilators.
4. Government of India refuses to exempt digital news content of TV channels and print media from the purview of IT Rules, 2021.
5. The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India launched the mobile application "Namaste Yoga" during the inaugural event of 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 11, 2021.
6. According to Dr VK Paul, a member of NITI Aayog, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will start the fourth national COVID-19 serosurvey. He also urged the states to start their own sero surveillance to assess the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be the fourth serosurvey to be conducted by ICMR.
7. The Maharashtra cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, approved an action plan to protect ancient and old trees of 50 years and above age in urban areas.
8. The Union Government has asked the States and Union Territories to include the UDID (Special Disability Identification) card as an identity proof while registering on the Co-Win 2.0 platform. This will ensure a smooth and effective COVID-19 vaccination campaign.
9. A scheme called 'Untab' Launched by Lt Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur, under which 12,300 tablets will be distributed among the students in the union TERRITORY. tablets were distributed to Students of class 9 to 12.

Appointments And Resignations



1. **Vice admiral Ravneet Singh** takes charge as the deputy chief of Indian naval staff.
2. Current CRPF DG Kuldeep Singh an IPS officer, given additional charge of the national investigation agency (NIA) chief.
3. IFS officer Rajiv Kohli has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Serbia.
4. IFS officer B. Shyam has been appointed as the new ambassador of India to the republic of Iceland.
5. IIT-Kanpur Professor Mukesh Sharma has been appointed as an Honorary Member of the WHO Global Air Pollution and Health-Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG).
6. Vice admiral Kiran Deshmukh from the Indian navy takes charge as controller of warship production and acquisition.
7. The Cabinet Appointments Committee (ACC) has appointed B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), for holding unique positions in the Ministry of Commerce.
8. Senior IAS officer Alok Kumar has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Tripura.
9. Lt. General Pradeep Chandran Nair has been appointed as the new director-general Assam rifles.
10. Vishwvir Ahuja has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of RBL.
11. Reserve Bank of India has re-appointed Chandrashekhar Ghosh as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank, for a period of three years.
12. Former power secretary, Sanjeev Nandan Sahai will be named as the new chairman of PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board).
13. RS Sodhi, Managing Director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. to be elected on the board of IDF.
14. The Messaging app WhatsApp has Appointed Paresh B Lal as the Grievance Officer for India.
15. Facebook has Appointed Spoorthi Priya as its grievance officer for India.
16. Wipro has appointed Anup Purohit as its new CIO (chief information officer).
17. Hitendra Dave has been appointed as the CEO of HSBC India.
18. Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor, starting from June 2021 TO June 2024. He is the first Indian teacher to hold such Prestigious position.
19. French defense and aerospace group Thales announces the appointment of Ashish Saraf as Vice President and Country Director for India with effect from June 1, 2021.

10. The UP government has allocated Rs 10870 crore for the Jal Jeevan mission.
11. Haryana government has launched 'Pran Vayu Devta pension scheme'.
12. Gujarat state government has waived property tax for cinema houses and gymnasium.
13. Karnataka state govt. Has announced a subsidy of two thousand rupees to street vendors.
14. UP govt. Has started pink booths for vaccination of women.
15. DGCI has given permission to the serum institute of India to make the sputnik-5 vaccine in India.
16. PM Modi started the E-100 project in Pune, Maharashtra.
17. Uttarakhand state govt. Has recently announced to set up 451 health and wellness centers.
18. The West Bengal government has recently received a grant of Rs 7000 crore under the Jal Jeevan mission.
19. The Tamil Nadu state govt. Has announced financial assistance to the temple workers.

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Agreements And Mou's:-



1. **India and Kuwait** signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Domestic Worker Recruitment on June 10, 2021. This MoU will bring Indian domestic workers to the Gulf country within a legal framework that will provide them protection under the law.
2. India and Argentina have signed the MoU for cooperation in the

- field of mineral resources.
3. Indian govt. has signed an MoU with Japan for sustainable urban development.
4. India has signed a loan agreement of 200 dollars with the world bank for a national nutrition campaign.
5. CBSE has collaborated with Microsoft to introduce coding as a new subject in their curriculum for the students of classes 6 to 8 and data science for the students of 8 to 12 in the academic session 2021-22.
6. The government of Karnataka industrial development board has signed an MoU with HDFC to provide wide ranges of financial services to its customers.
7. The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Telephonics Integrated Systems for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar for Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

Science & Technology



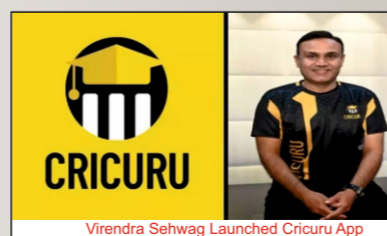
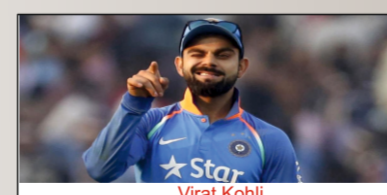
1. **IIT Ropar** has developed a device called 'Jeevan Vayu'. The device works even without electricity.
2. A Pune-based start-up firm, Thinkr Technologies India Pvt Ltd, has developed a 3D-printed mask, which is coated with antiviral agents called Virusides.
3. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has developed an early cyclone detection technique using eddy detection technology that will help in early detection of tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean region.

Film Industry/ Entertainment

1. **Akshay Kumar** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Mylab.
2. Sonu Sood has announced a free coaching scholarship for those aspirants preparing for the civil services examination.
3. Indian actress Tillotama Shome has made the country proud by winning the Best Actor award at the 2021 UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF).
4. Water burial found in Arunachal Pradesh National Award for Best Film on Environment Preservation at the 67th National Film Awards 2021.
5. The Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list has been unveiled, Rhea Chakraborty has bagged the number 1 spot on Times Most Desirable Women 2020 list.
6. The Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list has been unveiled, Disha Patani secured the second rank in the list.
7. The Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list has been unveiled, Kaira Advani secured the third rank on the list.
8. The Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list has been unveiled, Deepika Padukone secured the fourth rank in the list.

Sports

1. **Former Indian cricketer** all-rounder Vinoo Mankad inducted into the International Cricket Council (ICC) Hall of Fame.
2. Vinesh Phogat wins gold in women's 53kg freestyle at the Poland Ranking Series Wrestling in Warsaw.
3. Lovlina Borgohain became the first Assamese woman to qualify for the Olympics.
4. Virendra Sehwal, former Indian cricketer has launched the cricket coaching website called 'Cricuru'.
5. Virat Kohli has been ranked in the list of 100 highest-paid players according to Forbes magazine.
6. Ravi Shastri has written a book 'Stargazing: The players in my life?'



Authors

1. **A new** book titled '1232 km: The Long Journey'
2. Home' by filmmaker Vinod Kapri. The book is published by HarperCollins.

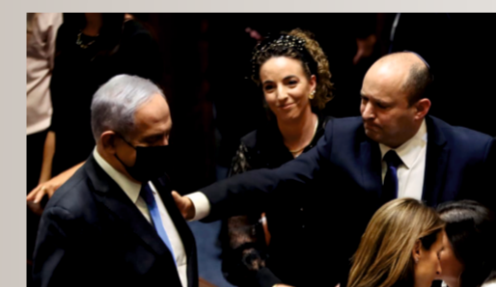


Important Days

1. **June 15** is observed as the global wind day.
2. June 14 is celebrated as World Blood Donor Day. This year World Blood Donor Day is being celebrated under the theme- "Give blood and keep the world beating".
3. Raja Parba festival has started in Odisha from June 14. It is a three-day festival that celebrates womanhood.
4. The World Day Against Child Labor was observed on 12 June under the theme 'Act Now: End Child Labour' to raise awareness about the harmful consequences of child labour. Raja Parba festival
5. International Albinism Awareness Day observed on 13 June, Theme: "Strength Beyond All Odds". The theme chosen was: Highlighting the achievements of people with albinism around the world.
6. International Level Crossing Awareness Day was observed by "South-Central Railway (SCR)" on June 10, 2021.
7. The World Accreditation Day IS Celebrated on 9th of June to promote the role of accreditation in trade & the economy.
8. World food safety day is observed on June 7.
9. World pest day is observed on the 6th of June.
10. World Environment day is observed on the 5th of June.
11. World bicycle day is observed on June 3.
12. World milk day is observed on June 1.



International Affairs



1. **Naftali Bennett** was sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Israel.
2. The 31st formal meeting of the Heads of Government of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) was held on June 14, 2021 in Brussels, Belgium with the aim of discussing the future of NATO.
3. The Chinese government has allowed Chinese couples to have three children. Earlier only two children were allowed.
4. India is on track to achieve its national commitment of land degradation neutrality, PM Narendra Modi addressed a virtual high level dialogue on desertification, land degradation and drought at the United Nations.
5. Novak Djokovic, a Serbian tennis player has won his 19th Grand Slam title at the French Open 2021 in the men's singles category at Roland Garros in Paris.
6. On June 12, 2021, Google Doodle celebrated Italian astrophysicist and scientific broadcaster Margherita Hack on her 99th birth anniversary using an animated graphic.
7. Indian-origin journalist Megha Rajagopalan has won the USA's Pulitzer Prize 2021 Journalism Award on June 11, 2021. She has won the award for innovative investigative reports uncovering the infrastructure of prisons and mass internment camps built undercover by China.
8. PM Modi attends an outreach session of G7 Summit titled 'Building

- Back Together'.
9. The G7 Summit 2021 summit was hosted by the United Kingdom from June 11-13, 2021 in Carbis Bay, Cornwall. The UK is chairing the Group of Seven (G7) this year. The first in-person meeting of the G-7 leaders since the outbreak of COVID-19, the G7 leaders agreed on a set of concrete actions to address the global transition from coal production as part of efforts to tackle the climate crisis.
10. Australian swimmer Kaylee McKeown breaks the world record in women's 100-meter backstroke at 57.45 seconds.
11. Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, Albania, Ghana and Gabon were elected to the UNSC for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2022.
12. China-Sri Lanka Friendship Hospital inaugurated in Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka.
13. Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková wins women's singles title at French Open tennis
14. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has approved the nomination of Rebecca Grinspan to head the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). She is an economist. She will be the first woman and Central American to preside over UNCTAD. She was nominated as the Secretary-General of UNCTAD by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
15. The New Atlantic Charter is an agreement that was signed on June 10, 2021 between Boris Johnson and Joe Biden at the G7 summit in England. This is a new version of the Atlantic Charter of 1941. The agreement was signed to redefine the Western Alliance.
16. The G-7 countries also plan to make a transition from fossil fuel-powered vehicles and a commitment to a "green transition" in developing countries.



International Affairs



World Health Organization

17. The US government plans to buy about 200 million doses in 2021 to be distributed through the COVAX facility, with the aim of achieving equitable global distribution of the vaccine. Vaccines will be given to 92 low-income countries and the African Union.

18. China has passed a new law against foreign sanctions. With this law, China seeks to build its defense against increasing US and EU pressure on trade and human rights.

19. The World Health Organization (WHO) released a handbook to assess the burden of foodborne diseases and address data gaps that will help strengthen health infrastructure.

20. The World Trade Organization (WTO) is ready to start formal Covid -19 vaccine supply talks to promote COVID-19 vaccine supply in developing countries.

21. India was elected to the 54-member UN ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council) along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman by the United Nations General Assembly on June 7, 2021.

22. Choguel Kokalla Miaga has become the new prime minister of Mali.

23. Falcon Claws 4 ground forces exercise has started between the USA and Saudi Arabia.

24. Benedetto Vigna has been appointed as the new CEO of Ferrari.

25. El Salvador is the first country in the world to give legal tender status to bitcoin.

26. Auckland has been named as the world's most liveable city of 2021.

27. Yuka Saso has won our women's open golf tournament in June 2021.

28. Female sprinter Sifan Hassan from Netherland has set a world record by completing 10000 meters in just 29:06:82.

29. Brazil will host Copa America for the second time.

30. Bangladeshi government will provide tax incentives to companies that employ transgenders.

31. David Diop won the international booker prize in the category of fiction.

32. Google is manufacturing the world's largest undersea cable.

33. Russia is building the first naval ship that will be fully equipped with stealth technology to make it hard to detect.

34. Oman has been named as the host of the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey 5s World Cup. Men and women events will be held in Muscat, the capital city of Oman January 2024.



The man who does not read books has no advantage over the one who cannot read them.

--Mark Twain



- Which State govt. Has started pink booths for vaccination of women?
 A Madhya pradesh B Himachal pradesh C Arunachal pradesh D Uttar pradesh
- What is the name of a Pune based startup which developed a 3D-printed mask, which is coated with antiviral agents called Virusides ?
 A Thinkr Technologies India Pvt Ltd B MK life care pvt ltd. C Venus safety and health pvt. Ltd. D Medicare pvt. Ltd.
- Mylab has recently appointed which bollywood actor as its brand ambassador?
 A Sonu Sood B Salman Khan C Akshay Kumar D Aamir Khan
- What is the name of the woman who bagged the number 1 spot on Times Most Desirable Women 2020 list?
 A Katrina Kaif B Rhea Chakroborty C Rani Mukherjee D Radhika Apte
- World milk day is celebrated on?
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