

## 1-14 June 2019 Current Affairs



**1)** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 7 June 2019 cut interest rates by 25 basis points for the third time this year. At 5.75% the Repo Rate is the lowest since which year? – **2010**

(Due to lower inflation, huge availability of buffer food-grain stock, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI on 7 June 2019 voted unanimously to bring down the Repo Rate from 6% to 5.75%. This is the lowest Repo Rate since 2010)

**2)** During June 2019 which project became the first in India to receive power from waste-to-energy? – **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation**

(From June 2019 the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) started receiving 2 MW power from a 12 MW capacity waste-to-energy plant set up in Ghazipur. It thus became the first Indian project to receive power from waste-to-energy)



**3)** Who was elected the Prime Minister of Thailand on 5 June 2019? - **Prayuth Chan-ocha**

(Prayuth Chan-ocha, the one-time coup leader and incumbent Prime Minister, was again elected as the Prime Minister of Thailand by country's new Parliament on 5 June 2019. He comfortably exceeded the 375-vote threshold in the two houses of parliament. Prayuth is a former military general and had occupied the post of PM since he lead the military coup in 2014)



**4)** How many ministers were included in the NITI Aayog as ex-officio members after the Union Government reconstituted the entity on 6 June 2019? – **Four**

(Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 6 June 2019 approved the reconstitution of government think-tank NITI Aayog. While Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar continues in his post along with members VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul, the ex-officio members now include Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. However, the name of Bibek Debroy, a former permanent member, is missing from the new list)

**5)** What is India's rank in the first-ever SDG Gender Index that was released during June 2019? – **95 out of 129 countries**

(The first-ever Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Gender Index was released during June 2019. India is ranked 95<sup>th</sup> out of 129 countries in the index that measures global gender equality looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace. The new index includes 51 indicators across 14 of the 17 official Sustainable Development Goals and covers 129 countries across all regions of the world. Denmark was ranked at the first place and Chad at 129<sup>th</sup> place. China ranked at 74 position, Pakistan at 113 while Nepal and Bangladesh at 102 and 110 respectively)



**6)** Rafael Nadal won his record 12<sup>th</sup> French Open title by defeating Dominic Thiem in the final of 2019 French Open men's singles final on 9 June 2019. With this title win Nadal has now won how many tennis Grand Slam titles? – **18**

(Rafael Nadal (Spain) won his 18<sup>th</sup> tennis Grand Slam title on 9 June 2019 as he defeated Austrian

Dominic Thiem by 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 and 6-1 in the finals. He is now just 2 titles behind Roger Federer's all time record of 20 Grand Slam titles. This was Nadal's 12<sup>th</sup> French Open title, which is the highest by any men in the open era)



7) Which former Australian woman cricketer on 8 June 2019 won the women's singles title of 2019 French Open? - [Ashleigh Barty](#)

(23-year old Ashleigh Barty of Australia won the women's singles title of 2019 French Open as she defeated MarketaVondrousova of Czech Republic in final by 6-1, 6-3. It is worth mentioning that Ashleigh is a former cricketer and had registered with the Brisbane Heat for the inaugural Women's Big Bash League of Australia. But in 2016 she returned back to tennis, her first love)



8) Noted writer, playwright, actor and intellectual GirishKarnad passed away at the age of 81 on 10 June 2019. In which year he was conferred the prestigious Jnanpith Award? – [1998](#)

(Karnad was one of the most prominent theatre personalities of the 60s and 70s, a period regarded as the Renaissance of Indian theatre. He was also a film director and actor. He acted in films like Manthan, Swami, Nishant, MinsaraKanavu, Hey Ram, China Gate, Tiger ZindaHai, Kadhalan among others. He directed films like Utsav, TabbaliyuNeenadeMagane and Kaadu. He was also applauded for his acting in TV serial "Malgudi Days". He was conferred the Jnanpith Award in 1998 for his contribution to Kannada literature)

## 15-17 June 2019 Current Affairs



1) The 2-day Summit meet of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held on 14 and 15 June 2019 at which city? – [Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan](#)

(The 2019 Summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation was held on 14 and 15 June 2019 at Kyrgyzstan's capital city of Bishkek. Indian Prime Minister NarendraModi represented India at the summit. In the inaugural event Modi raised the issue of terrorism in the region in an apparent message to Pakistan. The Indian PM raised the issue of terrorism in the meet. SCO is a political, economic and security organisation of 8 Eurasian countries and it came into existence on 2001 in China's Shanghai. The members of SCO include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, India and Pakistan)



2) Who was conferred with the 54<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award for 2018 on 12 June 2019 with which he became the first Indian writer in English to win the award? - [AmitavGhosh](#)

(Ace Indian writer AmitavGhosh was on 12 June 2019 conferred with the 54<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award for 2018 by ex-West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi in Delhi. He thus became the first Indian writer in English to win the award, which is often regarded as the most prestigious literary award in the country)

3) On 11 June 2019 the RBI constituted a six-member committee to review the ATM interchange fee structure. Who is heading this committee? - [VG Kannan](#)

(The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 11 June 2019 constituted a six-member committee, headed by VG Kannan, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association, to review the ATM interchange fee structure. The committee is expected to come up with recommendations to give a fillip to ATM deployment in unbanked areas)



**6)** During June 2019 India's first Dinosaur Museum and Fossil Park was opened in which state? – [\*\*Gujarat\*\*](#)

(India's first Dinosaur Museum and Fossil Park was opened in Gujarat's Mahisagar district's Raiyoli village on 7 June 2019. This is third such facility in the world. Spread across 72 acres, the park showcases fossilised remains of dinosaurs in the natural form. The museum has 10 galleries showcasing the evolution and extinction of dinosaurs)



**4)** During June 2019 who was appointed the Leader of House in the Rajya Sabha to take place of Arun Jaitley? - [\*\*Thawarchand Gehlot\*\*](#)

(Senior BJP leader Thawarchand Gehlot was appointed as the Leader of House in the Rajya Sabha. He replaced former Union Minister Arun Jaitley as he had requested to step down from key positions in view of his health. Gehlot represented the Shajapur Lok Sabha seat between 1996 and 2009. He became a Rajya Sabha member in 2012 and was re-elected to the Upper House of Parliament from Madhya Pradesh in 2018)



**7)** Who was crowned Miss India 2019 at the 56th Femina Miss India pageant held on 15 June 2019? - [\*\*Suman Rao\*\*](#) (Suman Rao, a CA aspirant from Rajasthan, was crowned the new Miss India 56th Femina Miss India 2019 pageant. Sanjana Vij of Telangana was runner-up, while Bihar's Shreya Shanker was crowned Miss India United Continents 2019)



**5)** Which team became the first-ever Canadian team to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) title on 13 June 2019? – [\*\*Toronto Raptors\*\*](#)

(Toronto Raptors created history as they clinched their maiden NBA championship title with a 114-110 victory over defending champions Golden State Warriors in the Game 6 on 13 June 2019. With this win the team became the first-ever Canadian team to win the NBA title. Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard was named the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player. Notably, Toronto Raptors are the lone Canadian team in the NBA)



**8)** Which district of Bihar was severely affected with the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) resulting in the death of over 100 children by 15 June 2019? – [\*\*Muzzafarpur\*\*](#)

(Bihar's Muzzafarpur district was severely affected by the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) during June 2019 with over 100 children succumbing to the dreaded disease by 16 June 2019. Encephalitis is a viral infection that causes mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, convulsions and headaches)



1) Who was unanimously elected the Lok Sabha Speaker for the 17th Lok Sabha on 19 June 2019, a day after he was nominated for the post by the BJP? - [Om Birla](#)

(Om Birla, a two-term BJP Lok Sabha MP from Kota (Rajasthan) and a 3-time MLA from Kota South assembly was nominated by the ruling party for the position of Speaker of the Lok Sabha on 18 June 2019. A day later on 19 June 2019 he was unanimously elected for the post as Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally nominated him. He received support of all political parties)



2) Who was administered the oath as the pro-tem Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha on 17 June 2019? - [Virendra Kumar](#)

(Former Union Minister and seven-time MP Virendra Kumar on 17 June 2019 took oath as the Pro-tem Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha. President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath in the presence of Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and PM Narendra Modi. He administered the oath to the newly elected MPs and also oversaw the election of the new Lok Sabha speaker)



3) Who was selected as main Indian opposition party Congress' leader in the Lok Sabha? - [Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury](#)

(Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, a 5-time Congress Lok Sabha MP from West Bengal was on 18 June 2019 chosen as party's leader in the Lok Sabha.

Mallikarjun Kharge was the leader of the Congress in the previous Lok Sabha but he lost the election this time. Chowdhury currently represents the Berhampore Lok Sabha constituency in Murshidabad district of West Bengal. It is worth mentioning that the Congress failed to secure the post of Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha as it did not get the requisite 10% seats in the House required for the post)



4) Former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi died on 17 June 2019 after collapsing in a court while on trial for espionage charges. He headed which Islamist movement (now-banned) when he became the first democratically elected head of state in Egypt's modern history? - [Muslim Brotherhood](#)

(Mohamed Morsi served as the fifth President of Egypt, from 30 June 2012 to 3 July 2013. He was the first democratically elected head of state in Egypt's modern history. Morsi was part of the Muslim Brotherhood movement and led his party – Freedom and Justice Party in 2012 Presidential elections. However, his elected government was ousted in a military coup in 2013)



5) Leading Indian budget airline IndiGo on 17 June 2019 announced to have placed a \$20-billion order for aircraft engines from which company, which is the largest ever single engine order in airline history? - [CFM International](#)

(IndiGo on 17 June 2019 announced it has placed a \$20-billion order for LEAP-1A engines with French-US engine maker CFM International to power its future fleet of 280 Airbus A320-family jetliners. This is the largest ever single engine order in history. It is worth mentioning that with this order IndiGo has moved away from Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines following a series of glitches that grounded several of its planes and delayed aircraft deliveries, disrupting operations)

**6)** What is the name of Sri Lanka's first satellite that was successfully launched into orbit on 17 June 2019? – [Raavana-1](#)

(Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Raavana-1', designed and developed by two Sri Lankan engineers, was released into orbit from the International Space Station (ISS) on 17 June 2019. It was launched from Earth on 18 April 2019. The satellite is expected to fulfill five missions including capturing pictures of Sri Lanka and surrounding regions. Designed for a minimum lifespan of 1.5 years, Raavana-1 is expected to be active for about five years)

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**21-24 June 2019 Current Affairs**



**1)** Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, claimed to be the largest irrigation project to be taken up by any Indian state till date was inaugurated on 21 June 2019. This project is in which state? – [Telangana](#)

(Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Kaleshwaram (Bhoopalpally) in the state of Telangana. The project starts at the confluence point of Pranahita River and Godavari River, which is at Kaleshwaram village. The mammoth project costing over Rs. 80,000 crore was formally inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on 21 June 2019. The project is an off-shoot of the original Pranahitha-Chevella Lift Irrigation Scheme taken up by the Congress government in 2007 when Andhra Pradesh was not divided)

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**2)** The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of International Yoga Day was observed all over the world on 21 June 2019. What was the theme for the event as selected by the United Nations? – ['Yoga for Climate Action'](#)

(The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of International Yoga Day was observed on 21 June 2019. In India Prime Minister NarendraModi participated in the yoga event held at Ranchi's Prabhat Tara Maidan in which over 25,000 yoga enthusiasts took part. The theme for International Yoga Day 2019 was 'Yoga for Climate Action', as selected by the United Nations. On the other hand a yoga event was held at the UN

General Assembly (UNGA) hall on 20 June 2019. The UN officials and diplomats along with many others did various yoga asanas)



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**3)** Which Deputy Governor of the RBI resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term, as was reported in media reports of 24 June 2019? - [Viral Acharya](#)

(Viral Acharya, Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) youngest deputy governor post-economic liberalisation, has resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term. Acharya, who joined the RBI on 23 January 2017, for a three-year term, is returning to New York University Stern School of Business (NYU Stern) in August 2019, instead of February 2020, as the CV Starr Professor of Economics. RBI's 3 other Deputy Governors are - BP Kanungo, N. S. Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain, while bank is headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das)

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**4)** The RBI panel on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which submitted its report to the Union Govt. on 19 June 2019, has suggested how much collateral-free loan under Mudra scheme? – [Rs. 20 Lakh](#)

(The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) expert committee on MSMEs has recommended doubling the cap on collateral-free loans to Rs 20 lakh from the current Rs 10 lakh under the PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). The panel, headed by former SEBI Chairman U K Sinha, submitted its report on 18 June 2019. PMMY was launched in April 2015 by Prime Minister NarendraModi. Under the scheme the loans are given to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises)



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**5)** Which African country on 22 June 2019 went to elections for the first time since it gained

independence from France nearly 60 years ago? – **Mauritania**

(Mauritania went to polls for the first time on 22 June 2019 since the northwestern African nation gained independence from France in November 1960. President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, who seized power in a coup in 2008, agreed to step down and abide by the maximum two five-year elected terms)

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**25-26 June 2019 Current Affairs**



**1)** Which state again topped the NITI Aayog's Health Index for 2019 that was released on 25 June 2019? – **Kerala** (Kerala continued to top the list for the best performing State in the health sector among the 21 large States, while Uttar Pradesh retained the worst performer tag. This was disclosed in NITI Aayog's Health Index titled "Healthy States, Progressive India: Report on Rank of States and UTs" that was disclosed on 25 June 2019. Kerala, which got an overall score of 74.01, was followed by Andhra Pradesh (65.13). Among the UTs, Chandigarh jumped one spot to top the list with a score of (63.62), followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli (56.31)



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**2)** During June 2019 which country became the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)? – **Saudi Arabia**

(Saudi Arabia was admitted into the organization after the group's meeting in Orlando, Florida on 21 June 2019. It thus became the first Arab country to be granted full membership of task force of the global money laundering watchdog)



**3)** During June 2019 which important landmark was inaugurated on the occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern Olympic movement? – **New Headquarters of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne**

(The International Olympic Committee (IOC) formally opened its \$145 million new headquarters on 23 June 2019 at Lausanne in Switzerland exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games movement was revived. It is worth mentioning that a Congress of the IOC was held in Paris headed by father of Olympic movement Pierre de Coubertin where on 23 June 1894 Athens was unanimously chosen to stage the inaugural modern Games. The new IOC headquarters has been built on the site of the former headquarters, and 95% of the old materials were reused and recycled)



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**4)** Indian Navy has deployed two of its vessels - INS Chennai and INS Sunayna in the Gulf of Oman following the recent maritime security incidents in the region. What is the name given to this operation? – **Operation Sankalp**

(During June 2019 the Indian Navy started Operation Sankalp in Gulf of Oman with the prime objective of providing support for Indian-flagged vessels operating and transiting through the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. The Navy deployed its Kolkata-class stealth guided missile destroyer INS Chennai and Saryu-class patrol vessel INS Sunayna to undertake maritime security operations)

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**5)** During June 2019 Indian women's rugby team defeated which team to register its first international victory? – Singapore

(The 15-member Indian women's rugby team, which was formed barely one year ago, achieved a huge achievement as it defeated Singapore by 21-19 on 22 June 2019 to register its first international victory. This was just the third international match for the Indian team. This historic win came in the Asia

## 27-28 June 2019 Current Affairs



1) Who was appointed the next Director of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the external intelligence agency of India? - [SamantGoel](#)

(The Union Government on 26 June 2019 appointed SamantGoel as the next chief of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). Goel, a 1984 batch IPS officer, of Punjab cadre was part of planning the Balakot air strikes and also had a role in surgical strikes after Uri attack. He replaced Anil Dhasmana)

2) Who was appointed the new head of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) by the Union Government on 26 June 2019? - [Arvind Kumar](#)

(Arvind Kumar, a 1984 batch IPS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will head the Intelligence Bureau (IB), the main internal intelligence unit of the government. He replaced Rajiv Jain, who completed an extended tenure as the IB chief)



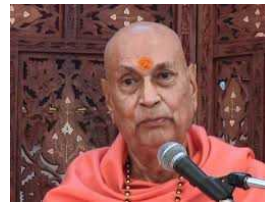
3) Which conglomerate on 26 June 2019 acquired a controlling stake in IT services company Mindtree, which marked India's first hostile takeover in India's IT industry? - [L&T](#)

(Engineering conglomerate Larsen and Toubro (L&T) stake in Bengaluru-based IT services company Mindtree crossed 51% mark on 26 June 2019. With this the group marked the first successful hostile takeover in Indian IT sphere. It is worth mentioning that L&T had first acquired 20.32% stake in Mindtree held by Café Coffee Day (CCD) founder V.G. Siddhartha and two of his firms in March 2019. Since then the group has continuously increased its stake in Mindtree. By 27 June L&T's stake in Mindtree rose over 60%)



4) On 24 June 2019 the Parliament of the Council of Europe (CoE) voted to end Russia's suspension from the Council and restored its voting rights. When was Russia suspended from CoE? - [2014](#)

(Russia was suspended from CoE in 2014 after it illegally annexed Crimea from Ukraine. On 24 June 2019 the Parliament of CoE voted to end this suspension, with 118 in favor, 62 against and 10 abstentions. However, CoE's decision to end the suspension was opposed by many countries especially Ukraine. CoE was created in 1949 and is based in Strasbourg, France. It is dedicated to upholding democracy, human rights and the rule of law in its 47 member states.)



5) Renowned Indian spiritual guru Swami SatyamitranandGiri, who passed away on 25 June 2019, was the founder of which famous temple in Haridwar? - [Bharat Mata Mandir](#)

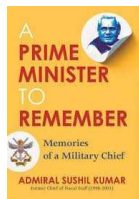
(Bharat Mata Mandir, founded by Swami SatyamitranandGiri, was inaugurated on 15 May 1983 by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Haridwar. Satyamitranand was crowned the JagatguruShankaracharya of an Upapeeth at Jyotirmath. In June 1969 Swamiji, in order to spread the teachings of Sanatana Dharma across the world he abdicated his status of JagatguruShankaracharya. He passed away at the age of 87 on 25 June 2019)

## 29-30 June 2019 Current Affairs



**1)** The 14<sup>th</sup> Summit of Group of 20 (G20) nations was held on 28-29 June 2019 in which Japanese city? – [Osaka](#)

(The 2019 Summit of G20 nations was held on 28-29 June 2019 in Japan's Osaka. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Group and was held at the International Exhibition Centre in the city. Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India at the Summit and he raised the issue of terrorism vehemently. G20 is the group of 19 of the countries and the European Union which collectively account for around 90% of the gross world product and around two-third of the world population. It was formed in September 1999. The 19 member countries of the group are – Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States)



**2)** Who has authored the book “A Prime Minister to Remember”, a book on late Indian Prime Minister AtalBihari Vajpayee, which was released on 28 June 2019? – [Admiral \(Retd.\) Sushil Kumar](#)

(Former Chief of Indian Naval Staff Admiral (Retd.) Sushil Kumar is the author of the book “A Prime Minister to Remember”, a book on former Prime Minister AtalBihari Vajpayee. The book credits Vajpayee for turning the strategic tactical loss into a massive victory in the Kargil War of 1999)



**3)** Woman IPS officer Aparna Kumar came to news during June 2019. Why? – [She became the first Indian civil servant and IPS officer to complete the 'Seven Summits' Challenge](#)

(Uttar Pradesh cadre IPS officer Aparna Kumar wrote her name in history books as she became the first civil servant and IPS officer to complete the “Seven Summits” Challenge. This challenge includes scaling the highest mountains from each of the seven continents. Kumar hoisted India's tricolour on Mount Denali (20,310 ft) in Alaska, US, the

highest peak of North America. She scaled the summit in her third attempt. Aparna is presently Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP))



**4)** What is the name of Apple Inc.'s Chief Design Officer, who came to news as he announced his resignation during June 2019? - [Jonylve](#)

(Jonylve (full name Jonathan Paul Ive) is the outgoing Chief Design Officer (CDO) of US technology behemoth Apple Inc. He has received a number of accolades and honours for his designs and patents. He had joined Apple in 1992 and was part of the team that designed legendary Apple products like iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad. On 27 June 2019 he announced that he is leaving Apple to start his own creative business venture called LoveFrom. Ive was apparently in disagreement with key Apple persons on design aspects and positioning of products)