

1-7 June 2020 Current Affairs



1) On 4 June 2020 India inked a landmark agreement for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support with which country? – [Australia](#)

(A historic Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) was signed between India and Australia on 4 June 2020. This agreement is primarily for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support besides firming up six more pacts to further broaden ties. The agreement was signed after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison held an online summit. India has already signed similar agreements with the US, France and Singapore)

2) The RBI on 5 June 2020 announced establishment of a fund with the objective of giving a push to digital payments across the country. What is the name given to this fund that will be established with a corpus of Rs. 500 crore? - [Payment Infrastructure Development Fund](#)

(Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) is the name given to the new fund announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 5 June 2020 with the primary objective of giving a push to digital payments across India. The RBI has made an initial contribution of Rs. 250 crore covering half the fund. This fund has been created to encourage acquirers to deploy point of sale (PoS) infrastructure, both physical and digital, in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and north eastern states)



3) Which Indian entrepreneur was named “EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year for 2020” on 5 June 2020 and became the third Indian to get this prestigious honour? - [Kiran Mazumdar Shaw](#)

(Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson and Managing Director of Biocon Limited was on 5 June

named EY (Ernest and Young) World Entrepreneur Of The Year for 2020. She was picked from among 46 nominations from 41 countries. She is the third award winner from India. Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak (2014) and Infosys founder Narayana Murthy (2005) are the former recipients. Kiran also became the second woman to hold the title, following Olivia Lum of Hyflux Limited from Singapore in 2011. She founded Biocon, a bio-enzymes company, in 1978 with just two employees and \$500. The company is now employs more than 11,000 people)



4) Lawmakers from which eight democracies around the world came together on 5 June 2020 to launch “The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China”, a front counter China and to reform democratic approach to China? - [Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, the UK and the US](#)

(Lawmakers from Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, the UK, US as well as the European Union (EU) on 5 June 2020 formed a coalition to counter China. The coalition was named “The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China” and its primary objective is to assist legislators to construct coordinated responses to help craft a strategic approach on issues related to China)



5) What is the name of the severe cyclonic storm that hit Maharashtra by making a landfall at Mumbai on 3 June 2020? – ["Nisarg"](#)

(Nisarg is the name given to the severe cyclonic storm that hit India's western coastline by making a landfall at Mumbai on 3 June 2020. This storm started as a deep depression in the Arabian Sea and was revised as a severe cyclonic storm by the Indian Meteorological Department on 2 June 2020. It was initially expected to hit Maharashtra as well as Gujarat but later deviated and made a landfall in Maharashtra. Nisarg thus became the second tropical cyclone of the 2020 North Indian Ocean cyclone season to hit the Indian subcontinent in a

span of two weeks, after Cyclone Amphan. Till 4 June 2020 3 fatalities were reported as the cyclone lashed Mumbai at speed of over 100 km/hr. triggering massive rain and flooding)

6) Which rating agency on 1 June 2020 downgraded India's sovereign rating to "BAA3" which is the lowest investment grade? – [Moody's](#)

(India's sovereign credit rating was cut by a notch to the lowest investment grade ("BAA3") with negative outlook by Moody's Investors Service on 1 June 2020. The agency cited growing risks that Asia's third-largest economy will face a prolonged period of slower growth amid rising debt and persistent stress in parts of the financial system. India's credit rating was downgraded to Baa3 from Baa2. Moody's also revised its FY21 GDP estimate for India to 4% contraction against 0% growth projected earlier)

7) Which Indian company offered a rights issue valuing Rs. 53,124 crore that is India's largest-ever rights issue? – [Reliance Industries Limited – RIL](#)

(MukeshAmbani-led Reliance Industries (RIL) brought a Rs. 53,124 crore rights issue that was India's biggest ever. It was subscribed 1.59 times with the company receiving commitments of over Rs. 84,000 crore. This issue was also the world's biggest rights offering by a non-financial company in at least 10 years)



8) Noted veteran film maker and director BasuChatterjee passed away on 4 June 2020. Known as one of the founders of what came to be known as middle cinema or middle-of-the-road cinema, Chatterjee was associated as an illustrator and cartoonist with which erstwhile tabloid for 18 years? – ["Blitz"](#)

(BasuChatterjee started his career as an illustrator and cartoonist with the weekly tabloid Blitz published in Mumbai that was edited by RussiKaranjia. He worked for 18 long years before turning a film maker. Some of his most critically acclaimed are Sara Akash (1969), PiyaKaGhar (1972), Us Paar (1974), Rajnigandha(1974), Chhoti

Si Baat (1975), Chitchor (1976), Swami (1977), KhattaMeetha, Priyatama, Chakravyuha (1978 film), JeenaYahan (1979), Baton Baton Mein (1979), ApneParaye (1980), Shaukeen and EkRukaHuaFaisla. Two of his most popular TV serials were "Rajani" and "ByomkeshBakshi". He passed at the age of 90 on 4 June 2020)

8-12 June 2020 Current Affairs



1) Which state government on 11 June 2020 issued a notification for changing the English names of 1,018 places to match their exact local pronunciation? – [Tamil Nadu](#)

(The Tamil Nadu state government on 11 June 2020 issued a notification for changing the English names of 1,018 places. The change has been done to match exact Tamil pronunciation of these places. Some prominent changes are Coimbatore will be called Koyampuththoor, Vellore (Veeloor) and Madurai (Mathurai))



2) A 1,250-tonne cryostat base made by which Indian company was successfully installed at the world's biggest nuclear fusion project during June 2020? - [L&T Heavy Engineering](#)

(A 1,250-tonne cryostat base made by L&T Heavy Engineering was successfully installed at France's International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), the world's biggest nuclear fusion project. The \$22 billion science experiment is backed by the EU, the US, China, India, Japan, South Korea and Russia. It is worth mentioning that the L&T manufactured cryostat base is the single largest and heaviest component in the reactor)



3) Who was unanimously confirmed as the next chief of staff of the US Air Force by the US Senate on 9 June 2020 thus becoming the first African American to serve as a service chief in the US military? - [General Charles Brown Jr.](#)

(The American Senate on 9 June 2020 unanimously confirmed Gen. Charles Brown Jr. as the Air Force's chief of staff. He will thus be the first black man to hold the position of a chief in the US military. His elevation to the post was approved by a vote of 98 to 0, which is a rare moment of unanimity in a deeply divided Senate. General Brown will be the 22nd Chief of the US Air Force and will replace General David L. Goldfein)

4) Who became the first Indian to win Richard Dawkins Award for critical thinking, as was announced during June 2020? - [JavedAkhtar](#)

(Lyricist JavedAkhtar was honoured with Richard Dawkins Award 2020 for critical thinking, holding religious dogma up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values. He thus became the first-ever Indian to win the coveted this award. Richard Dawkins Award, named after British evolutionary biologist, is presented annually to individuals who have significantly furthered the cause of reason and science)



5) Which India-born executive was appointed as the new head of Google Search during June 2020? - [PrabhakarRaghavan](#)

(IIT-Madras graduate PrabhakarRaghavan, who joined Google in 2012 and was leading advertising product since 2018, was appointed as the new head of Google Search by the tech-giant Google during June 2020. He holds a PhD from UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Prabhakar published a foundational text on search and also led search teams at IBM and Yahoo)

6) Which company won the world's largest solar order from the Indian government to develop 8 GW of solar power? - [Adani Green Energy](#)

(Adani Green Energy on 9 June 2020 announced that it won the world's largest solar order from the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to develop 8 GW of generation projects. The deal is valued at Rs. 45,000 crore, or \$6 billion. The first 2 GW of generation capacity is expected to come online by 2022



7) Who became the first woman to reach the deepest known point in Earth's ocean? - [Kathryn Sullivan](#)

(Former NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan on 8 June 2020 returned from Challenger Deep, the deepest known point on Earth at about 35,853 feet under the Western Pacific Ocean. She thus became the first woman to reach the deepest known point in Earth's ocean. It is worth mentioning that Kathryn was also America's first female spacewalker, when she performed the feat in 1984)

8) Which UP-based cooperative bank was barred by the RBI from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for six months on 11 June 2020? - [People's Cooperative Bank](#)

(On 11 June 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred Kanpur-based People's Cooperative Bank from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for six months until its financial position improves. The banking regulator also restricted the withdrawal of money from the accounts of depositors. The co-operative bank has also been barred from selling, transferring or disposing of any of its properties or assets)

13-19 June 2020 Current Affairs



1) Twenty Indian personnel, including a Commanding Officer (CO) Colonel, were killed in violent clashes with Chinese troops on 16 June 2020. This was the worst incident between the two countries since 1975. The clashes took place at which area of Ladakh? – [Galwan](#)

(The violent face-off between Indian and Chinese troops took place during the de-escalation process underway in the Galwan Valley near Galwan River in the Indian territory and resulted in 20 casualties on Indian side and even more on Chinese side. Chinese troops entered into Indian territory and used iron clubs and rocks to attack Indian troops. Chinese soldiers scurried for safety as Indian soldiers mounted a massive attack in which China lost at-least 35 of their soldiers including a commanding officer. India lost 20 soldiers including Colonel B. Santosh Babu the commanding officer of the company of Bihar Regiment. This is the first time that casualties were reported from both sides in a violent scuffle since 1975)



2) On 17 June 2020 India was elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). With this election India has achieved this distinction how many times? – [8 times](#)

(India got elected as a non-permanent member of the UNSC for the eighth time, securing the seat for the Asia-Pacific Group on 17 June 2020. India got 184 out of the 192 valid votes polled. Non-permanent members are elected for a two-year term. India's term will start from 1 January 2021 and will last till 31 December 2022)

3) What is the name of India's first automated natural gas trading platform that went live on 8 June 2020? - [Indian Gas Exchange](#)

(Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) is the name of India's first automated natural gas trading platform. It went into operation on 8 June 2020 and features multiple buyers and sellers to trade in spot and forward contracts at designated physical hubs. Set up by the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX), the platform already has 12 members and over 300 clients so far)

4) India's foreign exchange reserves crossed which landmark figure for the first time during June 2020? - [\\$500 billion](#)

(India's foreign exchange reserves crossed the \$500 billion mark for the first time, reaching \$501.7 billion in the week ended 5 June 2020. India's current reserves provide an import cover of over a year. Foreign currency assets, the biggest component, are at \$463.63 billion while gold reserves stand at \$32.35 billion)



5) Nepal's Parliament on 18 June 2020 passed an amendment to include which 3 Indian territories in its map as Indian Government opposed this action as completely inappropriate? - [Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura](#)

(The Lower House of Nepal's Parliament on 13 June 2020 voted unanimously to amend the Constitution to redraw the country's new political map, laying claim over the strategically key areas of Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura along the border with India. Later on 18 June 2020 the Upper House also passed the resolution. India has been maintaining that these three areas belonged to it. The ties between the two countries came under severe strain after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 80-KM-long road on 8 May 2020. Nepal reacted sharply to the inauguration of the road claiming that it passed through Nepalese territory. India rejected the claim)

6) Who was named by US space agency NASA as the first woman head of its human spaceflight operations? - [Kathy Lueders](#)

(During June 2020 NASA appointed Kathy Lueders as the associate administrator of the Human Exploration and Operations (HEO) Mission Directorate. She is the first woman to have been appointed to the role. Earlier Kathy has successfully managed both the Commercial Crew and Commercial Cargo programs at NASA)

7) During June 2020 who became the first observant Sikh to graduate from the United States Military Academy? - [Anmol Narang](#)

(Second Lieutenant AnmolNarang, a 23-year-old second-generation Indian immigrant, became the first observant Sikh to graduate from the United States Military Academy. Observant Sikh means she follows religious practices including Kesh, which calls for allowing hair to grow naturally without cutting it)

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(During June 2020 Mumbai-based Glenmark Pharmaceuticals launched a new antiviral drug - Favipiravir with brand name FabiFlu - for the treatment of mild to moderate Covid-19 patients. It thus became the first Indian firm to launch Favipiravir in India. Earlier Indian drug regulator DGCI gave Glenmark the approval to market and manufacture Favipiravir in India)

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20-30 June 2020 Current Affairs



1) Prime Minister NarendraModi on 26 June 2020 launched AtmaNirbhar Uttar Pradesh RojgarAbhiyan. What is the main objective of this campaign? – **To provide employment to 1.25 crore migrant workers and others in 125 days in UP**

(On 26 June 2020 Indian PM NarendraModi launched AtmaNirbhar Uttar Pradesh RojgarAbhiyan, a campaign to provide employment to 1.25 crore migrant workers and others in Uttar Pradesh, who lost their jobs during the coronavirus pandemic. The 125 days campaign will cover 31 districts of Uttar Pradesh, which has seen more than 30 lakh migrant labourers return home following the lockdown in the country)

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2) During June 2020 the Union Government took which historic step with regard to cooperative banks? – **It brought these banks under direct supervision of the RBI**

(On 24 June 2020, the Union government issued an ordinance to bring 1,482 urban cooperative banks and 58 multi-state cooperative banks under the direct supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The ordinance will give RBI the same powers of supervision over cooperative banks as it does over scheduled cooperative banks and also a say in key appointments. Most cooperative banks are controlled by powerful politicians, which explains their poor supervision and the lack of political will to change things)

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3) Which pharma firm became the first Indian company to commercially launch the antiviral drug Favipiravir used for treatment of Covid-19 patients? – **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals**

4) The Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU), the world's first yoga university outside India was inaugurated at which place during June 2020? – **Los Angeles**

(The Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU) was jointly launched on 22 June 2020 in Los Angeles. It is offering programmes that combine scientific principles and modern research approaches to the ancient Indian practice. It is the first yoga university outside India and was inaugurated during a virtual event held at the Consulate General of India in New York. Eminent Indian yoga guru Dr H R Nagendra is the first Chairman of VaYU)

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5) BOND, a leading US-based investment firm co-founded by Mary Meeker, during June 2020 made its fund investment in India. This investment was in which entity? – **BYJU'S**

(Ed-tech unicorn BYJU'S has raised an undisclosed amount of funding from US-based investment firm BOND. This marks BOND's first investment in India, after having backed companies like Facebook, Slack and Uber. According to media reports BYJU's valuation rose to \$10.5 billion with the round, making it India's third "decacorn" after Paytm and OYO)

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6) Which team won the English Premier League title for the first time in their history and ended a 30-year wait for a top-flight championship victory? – **Liverpool**

(Liverpool won its maiden English Premier League (EPL) title as it aggregated 86 points in the league after winning 28 of their 31 matches. The team won the title with seven matches remaining after Chelsea (54 points) beat second-placed Manchester City (63 points) 2-1)

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