

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JUNE 2022

Persons

The former Indian civil servant who has been appointed as the next CEO of NITI Aayog succeeding Shri Amitabh Kant – **Shri Parameswaran Iyer**

The former Indian civil servant also known as the Father of Public Sector Undertakings in India, who passed away on 26 June 2022 – **Dr. V. Krishnamurthy**

India's first female ambassador to Bhutan who has been appointed as India's permanent representative to the United Nations succeeding Shri TS Tirumurti – **Ms. Ruchira Kamboj**

The renowned santoor player recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1992 and the Padma Shri in 2004, who passed away on 02 June 2022 – **Shri Bhajan Sopori**

The Chief Operating Officer of Meta, the Facebook parent company, who has stepped down from her post after 14 years – **Sheryl Sandburg**

Places

The venue of 48th G-7 Summit held from 26 to 28 June 2022, India being represented by the PM Shri Narendra Modi as an invitee – **Krun, Germany**

The country which was hit by an earthquake of magnitude 6.3 killing over a 1000 people and destroying over 10,000 houses on 21.06.2022 – **Afghanistan**

The country in which ONGC-Videsh, has made an oil discovery in the recently drilled well, Urraca-IX – **Colombia**

The city in which the Union Minister of Steel Sh. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh inaugurated the first six lane highway road made by using Steel Slag – **Surat**

The place at which National Museum of Customs and GST named Dharohar was inaugurated by the Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman – **Goa**

The station from which the first service of the theme-based Bharat Gaurav Train started its journey on 14-06-2022 with 1100 passengers aboard – **Coimbatore North (to Sainagar Shirdi)**

The place in Maharashtra at which Jagatguru Shrisant Tukaram Maharaj Temple was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 June 2022 – **Dehu, Pune**

The country to which four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India for an 11-day exposition by a 25-member delegation, led by Minister of Law and Justice, Shri Kiren Rijiju as a part of celebrations of the country's Buddh Purnima falling on 14th June, 2022 – **Mongolia**

The country which has decided to abolish mandatory death penalty which is used in a number of offences including murder and terrorism – **Malaysia**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre was inaugurated by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 05.06.22 – **Maghar, Gorakhpur**

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first Liquid Mirror Telescope has been commissioned recently – **Devasthal Observatory, Nainital**

Defence

The aircraft carrier of China with fully indigenous design launched from Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard is named – **Fujian**

The 14-day multinational peacekeeping exercise featuring participation from 16 countries including India conducted in Mongolia is named – **Ex Khaan Quest 2022**

The India-Bangladesh joint military training exercise being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022 is named – **Ex SAMPRITI-X**

The Indian Navy ships which were decommissioned after more than 32 years of service at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai – **INS Nishank and Akshay**

Awards

The America-Canadian who has been awarded the Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel The Book of Form and Emptiness – **Ms. Ruth Ozeki**

The Indian airport which has been awarded the Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia 2022 at the Skytrax World Airport Awards – **Bangalore**

The airport which has been named the World's Best Airport 2022 at the Skytrax World Airport Awards – **Hamad International Airport, Doha**

Sports

The Indian Olympian who has won the Silver medal at Paavo Nurmi Games 2022 in Turku, Finland and also set a new national record with a throw of 89.30 meters and went on win the Gold medal at Kuortane Games 2022 in Finland – **Neeraj Chopra**

The 19-year old chess player from Telangana who has become India's 74th Chess Grandmaster – **P. Rahul Srivatshav**

The place in Haryana where the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 were inaugurated by the Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah on 04.06.2022 – **Panchkula**

Miscellaneous

India's first mRNA vaccine against COVID-19, developed at Pune's Gennova Biopharmaceuticals which has been given a 'restricted emergency use' nod for the 18-and-above age group is named – **GEMCOVAC**

The unique festival showcasing the talent of rare musical instruments from across the country, including street performers and train entertainers held in New Delhi from 21 to 25 June was named – **Jyotirgamaya**

The airport which has become the first in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power – **Delhi**

The largest known single-cell bacterium measuring an average 10 mm in length, which has been discovered in Guadeloupe archipelago is named – **Thiomargarita Magnifica**

India's first indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine for animals produced by ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE) in Haryana is named – **Anocovax**

The assembly constituency of Uttarakhand from where its Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has won the bypoll to retain his post – **Champawat**

World Competitiveness Index 2022

Released by: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Denmark	17.	China
2.	Switzerland	37.	India
3.	Singapore	-	-

India jumped 6 places from its 43rd rank in 2021. 63 countries were assessed this year.

Medicines in News

Dostarlimab: It is monoclonal antibody used as a medicine for treatment of cancer. In a clinical trial on a group of 18 patients at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, US, the drug was administered for a period of six months. At the end of the trial, cancer was checked for and remained undetected through physical exam, endoscopy, positron emission tomography or PET scans or MRI scans.

Tirzepatide: It is a drug approved to treat type 2 diabetes but has been found to have substantial reductions in body weight of patients. The results are comparable to those seen with gastric bypass surgery.

Paxlovid: The drug manufactured by Pfizer has been authorised by the FDA for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization and death.

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

Film of the Year Award: **Pushpa: The Rise**

Best Film Award: **Shershaah**

Best Actor Award: **Ranveer Singh** for film 83

Best Actress Award: **Kriti Sanon** for film Mimi

Outstanding Contribution to Films: **Asha Parekh**

QS World University Rankings 2023

Rankings

#	University	#	University
1.	Masachusetts Institute of Technology	155.	IISc, Bangalore
2.	University of Cambridge	172.	IIT, Bombay
3.	Stanford University	174.	IIT, Delhi

Mithali Raj - Indian women's cricket team captain

In news: Announced her retirement from all forms of cricket

Debut: **1999** (ODI against Ireland at Milton Keynes)

Matches: **Test: 12; ODI: 232; T20I: 89**

Runs scored: Test matches: **699; ODIs: 7,805; T20I: 2,364**

She is the only female cricketer to reach the 7,000-run mark. She holds the record for most runs in Women's ODI.

Awarded Arjun Award in 2003, Padma Shri in 2015 and **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021.**

2022 Men's Hockey Asia Cup

Venue: **Jakarta**, Indonesia

Dates: 23 May to 01 June 2022

Teams: 8

- Winners: **South Korea**
- Runners-up: **Malaysia**
- Third position: **India**
- Top scorer: **Razie Rahim** (13 goals) (Malaysia)
- Best player: **Jang Jong-hyun** (South Korea)
- Best young player: **Uttam Singh** (India)
- Best goalkeeper: **Takashi Yoshikawa** (Japan)

2022 Environmental Performance Index

Prepared by: Yale University (Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy) and Columbia University (Center for International Earth Science Information Network)

Rankings

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Denmark	176.	Pakistan
2.	United Kingdom	177.	Bangladesh
3.	Finland	180.	India

2021 Khelo India Youth Games

Venue: Panchkula, Haryana

Dates: 04 to 13 June 2022

Medals Tally

#	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Haryana	52	39	46	137
2.	Maharashtra	45	40	40	125
3.	Karnataka	22	17	28	67

2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup (Wrestling)

Venue: **Almaty**, Kazhakstan

Dates: 02 to 05 June 2022

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Iran	7	5	2	14
2.	India	6	1	5	12
3.	Kazakhstan	4	12	12	28

Team Ranking

#	Men's freestyle	Men's Greco-Roman	Women's freestyle
1.	Kazakhstan	Iran	India
2.	India	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan
3.	Iran	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan

French Open 2022

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Casper Rudd (Norway)
Women's Singles	Iga Swiatek (Poland)	Coco Gauff (USA)
Men's Doubles	Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) and Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands)	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Austin Krajicek (USA)
Women's Doubles	Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula (USA)
Mixed Doubles	Ena Shibahara (Japan) and Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)	Ulrikke Eikeri (Norway) and Joran Vliegen (Belgium)

Note: Rafael Nadal has the maximum number of Grand Slam Men's Singles titles i.e. **22**.

Important Days of June

<p>Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2012</p>
<p>World Milk Day: 01 June 2022 Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation First observed: 2001</p>
<p>International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 1983</p>
<p>World Environment Day: 05 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1974 Host Country: Sweden Theme: #Only One Earth</p>
<p>World Food Safety Day: 07 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2019 Theme: Safe Food, Better Health</p>
<p>World Ocean Day: 08 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2009 Theme: Revitalization: collective action for the ocean</p>

<p>World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2022 Designated by: International Labour Organization First Observed in: 2002 Theme: Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour</p>
<p>World Blood Donor Day: 14 June 2022 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2004 Slogan: Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives</p>
<p>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1995 Theme: Rising up from drought together</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p>World Refugee Day: 20 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>International Day of Yoga: 21 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Yoga for Humanity First Observed in: 2015</p>
<p>Olympic Day: 23 June 2022 Designated by: International Olympic Committee First Observed in: 1948 Theme: #MoveForPeace Observed to: Celebrate the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894.</p>
<p>International Widows Day: 23 June 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: 26 June 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1988 Theme: #CareInCrisis</p>

Global Liveability Index 2022

#	City	Country
1.	Vienna	Austria
2.	Copenhagen	Denmark
3.	Zurich	Switzerland
4.	Calgary	Canada
5.	Vancouver	Canada

Launch of GSAT-24

Launch date 22 June 2022

Launch station: **Kourou, French Guiana**

Launch vehicle: **Ariane-V VA257**

- GSAT-24 is a 4180 kg 24-Ku band communication satellite that provides pan-India coverage for DTH application requirements.
- The mission was undertaken by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a Govt. of India company under Department of Space (DoS) as its 1st Demand Driven mission post space reforms.
- NSIL has leased the entire satellite capacity to M/s Tata Play.
- The GSAT-24 has a 15-year mission life.
- MEASAT-3d for the Malaysian operator MEASAT was also launched along with GSAT-24.

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves

UNESCO has designated 11 new biosphere reserves

#	Reserve	Country
1.	Sunshine Coast Biosphere Reserve	Australia
2.	Doumba-Rey Biosphere Reserve	Cameroon
3.	Sena Oura Biosphere Reserve	Chad
4.	Dedoplistskaro Biosphere Reserve	Georgia
5.	Three Alazani Rivers Biosphere Reserve	Georgia
6.	Burabay Biosphere Reserve	Kazhakstan
7.	Markakol Biosphere Reserve	Kazhakstan
8.	Khuvsgul Lake Biosphere Reserve	Mongolia
9.	Harrat Uwayrid Biosphere Reserve	Saudi Arabia
10.	Kafue Flats Biosphere Reserve	Zambia
11.	Chimanimani Biosphere Reserve	Zimbabwe

FSSAI State Food Safety Index 2021-22

Large States

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Gujarat
3. Maharashtra

Small States

1. Goa
2. Manipur
3. Sikkim

Union Territories

1. J & K
2. Delhi
3. Chandigarh

2022 IIFA Awards

Held from 3 to 4 June 2022

Place: Abu Dhabi

Best Film: Shershaah

Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)

Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

SHRESHTA

Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas

Launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Objective: to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest Scheduled Caste students.

Eligibility: Students studying in Class 8 or Class 10 whose parental annual income is up to Rs. 2.5 Lakh per annum, at free of cost from Class 9th to Class 12th

Scheme: A specified number of meritorious SC students (Approx 3000) in States / UTs are selected through a transparent mechanism of a National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS), conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

National Air Sport Policy 2022

VISION: To make India as one of the top sports nations by 2030, by providing a safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable and sustainable air sports ecosystem in India.

The policy has been launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt of India in June 2022.

The policy will cover the following air sports in India:

1. Aerobatics
2. Aero modeling and model rocketry
3. Amateur-built and experimental aircraft
4. Ballooning
5. Drones
6. Gliding and powered gliding
7. Hang gliding and powered hang gliding
8. Parachuting (including skydiving, BASE jumping and wing suits etc.)
9. Paragliding and para motoring (including powered parachute trikes etc.)
10. Powered aircraft (including ultralight, micro light and light sports aircraft etc.)
11. Rotorcraft (including autogyro)