



CURRENT AFFAIRS

JUNE

2019

AWARDS

- The former Tribune journalist, at present with Huffington Post who has been awarded the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' for her far-reaching expose during Calendar 2018 on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of Indian (UIDAI) and its Aadhar data cache – ***Rachna Khaira***
- The Bengaluru based NGO which has been chosen for the BBC World Service Global Champion Award – ***Akshaya Patra***
- The former Indian President who has been conferred the Order of the Aztec Eagle (the highest civilian award to foreigners) by Mexico – ***Mrs. Pratibha Patil***

DEFENCE

- The Indian Coast Guard officer who has been chosen to be the next Director General of Coast Guard replacing DG Rajendra Singh on 30 June 2019 – ***Krishnaswamy Natrajan***
- The operation launched by the Indian Navy in Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels transiting through the area is named – ***Operation Sankalp***

PERSONS

- The new Chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chosen to succeed Shri Anil Dhasmana – ***Shri Samant Goel***
- The former President of Egypt from June 2012 to July 2013 who passed away on 17 June – ***Mohamed Morsi***
- The BJP MP from Kota-Bundi constituency of Rajasthan who has been elected the 17th Speaker of the Lok Sabha – ***Shri Om Birla***
- The BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh who has been appointed the Leader of the House - Rajya Sabha, replacing Shri Arun Jaitley – ***Thawarchand Gehlot***

- The Chairman of the six-member committee to review the overall patterns of usage of ATMs and assess the impact, if any, on charges and interchange fees – **VG Kannan**
- The popular Tamil theatre and film comedian and playwright who passed away on 10 June 2019 – **Crazy Mohan (Mohan Rangachari)**
- The BJP MP who has been chosen to be the Protem Speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha – **Dr. Virendra Kumar**
- The former Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army who has been elected its Prime Minister by Thailand's new Parliament – **Prayuth Chan-ocha**
- The renowned scientist and cyclone warning specialist who has been appointed the new chief of Indian Meteorological Department – **Dr. Mrutyanjay Mohapatra**
- The world famous folk dancer of Rajasthan who passed away in a road accident on 02 June 2019 – **Queen Harish**
- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India who has been elected as the external auditor of World Health Organisation for a term of 4 years from 2020 to 2023 – **Shri Rajiv Mehrishi**
- The present National Security Advisor who has been reappointed for another 5-year term with a cabinet rank status – **Shri Ajit Doval**

PLACES

- The cities of Italy which have been chosen to host the 2026 Winter Olympic Games – **Milan and Cortina**
- The venue of G-20 Summit held from 28 to 29 June 2019 – **Osaka, Japan**
- The Indian state which has been gifted a museum of peace by Japan to mark 75 years of a fierce battle in 1944 – **Manipur**

- The venue of meeting of Council of Heads of State (CHS) of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held from 13 to 14 June – **Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic)**
- The country which has honoured the Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi with its highest honour Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen – **Maldives**
- The venue of 2nd Global Disability Summit held from 06 to 08 June 2019, India represented by Union Minister Shri Thawarchand Gehlot – **Buenos Aires, Argentina**

SPORTS

- The chess player from Karnataka who has become 63rd person from India to become Grandmaster – **Girish A Koushik**
- The team which was defeated by Indian women's hockey team in the finals to win the FIH Series Finals Hockey tournament in Hiroshima hockey stadium in Japan – **Japan**
- The number of ODIs in which Virat Kohli has reached 11000 runs becoming the fastest to do so beating Sachin Tendulkar's record of doing it in 284 ODIs – **230**

MISCELLANEOUS

- The theme of National Statistics Day 2019 observed on 29 June 2019 – **Sustainable Development Goals**
- The theme of Finance Literacy Week observed by Reserve Bank of India from 03 to 09 June 2019 – **Farmers and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system**

- The public sector undertaking which has become the most profitable public sector company overtaking Indian Oil Corporation for the financial year 2018-19 – **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**

MISS INDIA 2019

- Venue of the pageant: **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium**, Mumbai
- Miss India 2019: **Ms Suman Rao** (Rajasthan)
- Miss Grand India 2019: **Ms Shivani Jadhav** (Chhattisgarh)
- Miss India United Continents 2019: **Ms Shreya Shankar** (Bihar)

UNION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

- Prime Minister, Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions: **Shri Narendra Modi**
- Minister of Defence: **Shri Rajnath Singh**
- Minister of Home: **Shri Amit Shah**
- Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs: **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman**
- Minister of External Affairs: **Shri S Jaishankar**
- Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises : **Shri Nitin Gadkari**
- Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development: **Smt Smriti Irani**
- Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry: **Shri Piyush Goyal**
- Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers: **Shri DV Sadananda Gowda**
- Minister of Tribal Affairs: **Shri Arjun Munda**

- Minister of Food Processing Industries: **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal**
- Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: **Shri Ram Vilas Paswan**
- Minister of Law and Justice, Minister of Communications and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad**
- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Steel: **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**

Important Days of June Global Day of Parents: 01 June 2019

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 2012

World Milk Day: 01 June 2019

Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation

First observed: 2001

Theme: Drink Milk Today and Everyday

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 04 June 2019

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First observed: 1983

World Environment Day: 05 June 2019

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 1974

Host Country: China

Theme: Beat Air Pollution

World Food Safety Day: 07 June 2019

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 2019

Theme: Food Safety - Everyone's Business

World Ocean Day: 08 June 2019

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2009

Action focus: Gender and the Ocean

World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June 2019

Designated by: International Labour Organization

First Observed in: 2002

Theme: Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams

World Blood Donor Day: 14 June 2019

Designated by: World Health Organisation

First Observed in: 2004

Theme: Blood donation and universal access to safe blood transfusion

Slogan: Safe Blood for All

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 15 June 2019

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2012

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17 June 2019

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 1995

Theme: Let's Grow the Future Together

International Day for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June 2019

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 2015

World Refugee Day: 20 June 2019

Designated by: UN General Assembly

Theme: Step with Refugees - Take a Step on World Refugee Day

First Observed in: 2001

International Day of Yoga: 21 June 2019

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

Theme: Climate Action

First Observed in: 2015

Olympic Day: 23 June 2019

Designated by: International Olympic Committee

First Observed in: 1948

Observed to : Celebrate the foundation of the International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne, Paris, on 23 June 1894.

HEALTHY STATES, PROGRESSIVE INDIA

Report released by: NITI Aayog A composite health index based on key health outcomes and other health systems and service delivery indicators

Rank	Larger States	Smaller States	UTs
1.	Kerala	Mizoram	Chandigarh
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Manipur	Dadra and Nagar Haveli
3.	Maharashtra	Meghalaya	Lakshadweep

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2019

Released by: Australian think tank Institute for Economics & Peace

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Iceland	15	Bhutan
2.	New Zealand	72	Sri Lanka
3.	Portugal	76	Nepal
4.	Australia	101	Bangladesh
5.	Denmark	141	India

Note: India was ranked 136 in 2018. Pakistan is ranked at 153.

Girish Karnad

- 19 May 1938 to 10 June 2019

- Indian actor, film director, Kannada writer, playwright
- Director of the Film and Television Institute of India: 1974–1975
- Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi: 1988–93

Awards for literature

- Sangeet Natak Akademi award – 1972
- Padma Shri – 1974
- Padma Bhushan – 1992
- Kannada Sahitya Parishat Award – 1992
- Sahitya Academy award – 1994
- Jnanpith Award – 1998
- Kalidas Samman – 1998

In addition to the above, he won several awards for screenplay and acting in films.

French Open 2019

Title	Winner	Runner-up
<i>Men's Singles</i>	<i>Rafael Nadal (Spain)</i>	<i>Dominic Thiem (Austria)</i>
<i>Women's Singles</i>	<i>Ashleigh Barty (Australia)</i>	<i>Marketa Vondrousova (Czech Republic)</i>
<i>Men's Doubles</i>	<i>Kevin Krawietz and Andries Mies (Germany)</i>	<i>Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Martin (France)</i>
<i>Women's Doubles</i>	<i>Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)</i>	<i>Duan Yingying and Zheng Saisai (China)</i>
<i>Mixed Doubles</i>	<i>Latisha Chan (Taiwan) and Ivan Dodig (Croatia)</i>	<i>Gabriel Dabrowski (Canada) and Mate Pavic (Croatia)</i>

Note: Rafael Nadal has won 12 French Open titles which is the highest for any player.