

## Current Affairs

20th June 2021



### Today's Important News

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#### 1. PM Modi to address lead event of 7th International Yoga Day on 21st June

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the lead event of the 7th International Yoga Day on Monday.
- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the lead event of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2021 will be a televised programme and is scheduled to start at 6.30 AM on all Doordarshan channels.
- The event will also include an address by Minister of State for Ayush Kiren Rijiju and a live Yoga demonstration by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.
- Lakhs of Yoga lovers have already committed themselves to be a part of this activity, doing Yoga from the safety of their own homes.
- Those who require guidance for performing Common Yoga Protocol are invited to follow the live demonstration from the lead event which will be televised on all Doordarshan channels.



#### 2. World Refugee Day being observed on 20<sup>th</sup> June

- Screen GrabWorld Refugee Day being observed 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- The United Nations designated the day to celebrate the strength and courage of people forced to flee their homes and countries to escape conflict or persecution.



- World Refugee Day is also a day to build empathy and understanding of their plight and to recognize their efforts in rebuilding their lives. The day recognises the rights, needs and dreams of refugees.
- A person forced to flee his or her country following persecution, war or violence is a refugee.
- According to the United Nations, people who fled their homes and countries due to a well-founded fear of persecution because of his/her race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion is a refugee.
- At the end of 2020, a mammoth 82.4 million remained forcibly displaced worldwide due to persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations. According to the UN, the COVID-19 pandemic slowed the rate of displacement, and thus the number of people seeking asylum remains high.

### **3.HPCL to set up grain based ethanol plant in Himachal's Una district**

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has decided to set up a grain-based ethanol plant in the Una district (Himachal Pradesh).
- The state government would provide about 70 acres of land and a rail-fed POL terminal of higher capacity.
- This plant would have a capacity to generate 125 KL ethanol per day.
- These projects would be set up at a cost of 400 crore rupees and would provide direct and indirect employment to about 300 persons.



#### **Foot Notes:**

#### **About HPCL:**

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

**CEO:** Mukesh Kumar Surana

**Chairperson:** Mukesh Kumar Surana

### **4.Country's foreign exchange reserve rose by US 103 Billion in last one year**

- According to the RBI, Foreign exchange reserves of the country reached an all-time high of US\$ 605.0 billion on June 4, 2021.
- In the last one year, the country's foreign exchange reserve rose by US\$ 103 Billion.
- RBI estimated that, In terms of projected imports for 2021-22, the current level of reserves provides cover for less than 15 months.
- In the foreign exchange market the Indian rupee appreciated against the US dollar in May 2021 and gained further in June.



### 5. IndusInd Bank launches a digital lending platform "IndusEasy Credit"

- IndusInd Bank has announced to launch a comprehensive digital lending platform "IndusEasy Credit".
- It enables customers to meet their financial requirements from the comfort of their homes.
- With this, both existing, as well as non-IndusInd Bank customer, can instantly avail of personal loans or credit cards on a single platform in a completely paperless and digital manner.



#### Foot Notes:

**About IndusInd Bank:**

**CEO:** Sumant Kathpalia

**Headquarters:** Pune

### 6. India and Bhutan sign MOU for developing cooperation in Environment

- India and Bhutan inked an MoU for developing cooperation between two countries in the area of the environment.
- The MoU was signed virtually by the Minister of Environment.
- Union Minister Prakash Javadekar from the Indian side and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairperson of the National Environment Commission Lyonpo Dr. Tandi Dorji from the Bhutanese side.
- The MoU will open new vistas of bilateral cooperation in the area of climate change, waste management etc.



#### Foot Notes:

**About Bhutan:**

**Capital:** Thimphu

**Prime minister:** Lotay Tshering

**Currencies:** Bhutanese ngultrum, Indian rupee

### 7. ADB approves USD 250 million loan for social Devt. programs in Bangladesh

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved USD 250 million loans to Bangladesh to help finance reforms.
- It is aimed at improving the inclusiveness and responsiveness of the country's social development and resilience program.
- The Strengthening Social Resilience Program will include institutional and policy reforms to address cross-sector issues of social development in Bangladesh.



**Foot Notes:**

**About ADB:**

**Headquarters:** Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

**President:** Masatsugu Asakawa

**8. Madhya Pradesh Govt launches 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan'**

- The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched 'Yuva
- Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' involving youth to make the people aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and covid appropriate behaviour.
- Mr. Chouhan said that about 10 lakh students of the colleges of the state will play an important role in the eradication of Corona.
- Chief Minister also launched a mobile app 'Covi-Sandesh' designed for real time monitoring of the campaign.



**Foot Notes:**

**About Madhya Pradesh:**

**Capital:** Bhopal

**Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**Governor:** Anandiben Patel

**9. Govt announced establishment of five Divyangta Khel Kendras in country**

- Government announced establishment of five Divyangta Khel Kendras in different parts of country.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot has said the decision has been taken looking at the interest towards the sports among the Divyangjan and their good performance in Paralympics.
- Mr Gehlot was virtually addressing the Samajik Adhikarita Shivir for distribution of aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan in Jamnagar.
- The Minister informed that the central government has released 8.06 crore rupees fund to Gujarat under Scholarship program benefitting 2808 beneficiaries.



**10. Zambia's first President Kenneth Kaunda passed away**

- Zambia's first President Kenneth Kaunda (97-years) passed away in the capital, Lusaka.
- Mr Kaunda served as the first President of independent Zambia from 1964 to 1991.



- In 1991, he was forced to hold the first multi-party elections for 23 years, which he lost to long-time foe, trade unionist Frederick Chiluba.
- Zambia gained independence from Britain in October 1964.

**Foot Notes:**

**About Zambia:**

**Capital:** Lusaka

**Currency:** Zambian kwacha



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