June 2021 Current Affairs

QS World University Rankings 2022

Top Indian University

- **IIT-Bombay** is ranked as the best **University in India with a rank of 177.** It is followed by **IIT-Delhi (185) and IISc (I86).**
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru,** has also been adjudged as **"world's top research university,** achieving a perfect score of 100/100 for Citations Per Faculty (CPF) indicator, which measures research impact.
- This is the first time that any Indian institute has scored a perfect 100 in research or any other parameter.

Top University

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** has topped the ranking for the **10th years** in a row.
- **MIT** is followed by the **University of Oxford** in the second position. **Stanford University** and the **University of Cambridge** shared the third spot.

COVID-19 Variants by WHO

WHO label	Pango lineage	GISAID clade/lineage	Nextstrain clade	Earliest documented samples	Date of designation
Alpha	B.1.1.7	GRY (formerly GR/501Y.V1)	20I/S:501Y.V1	United Kingdom, Sep-2020	18-Dec-2020
Beta	B.1.351	GH/501Y.V2	20H/S:501Y.V2	South Africa, May-2020	18-Dec-2020
Gamma	P.1	GR/501Y.V3	20J/S:501Y.V3	Brazil, Nov-2020	11-Jan-2021
Delta	B.1.617.2	G/452R.V3	21A/S:478K	India, Oct-2020	VOI: 4-Apr-2021 VOC: 11-May-2021

Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20

- In the latest set of scores and grades for the pre-COVID-19 year, 2019-20, the **Andaman and Nicobar islands, Chandigarh, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu** have **performed the best**, although **they still fall short of the 951-1,000 points slab**, the **highest possible**.
- **33 States and Union Territories** that their PGI **scores have improved over the previous year**.

- **Andaman and Nicobar, Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh**, by a noteworthy **20%. (Highest improvement)**
- **Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh actually regressed**, although the PGI scheme is now three years old.
- The PGI scores show that the **southern and western States** are on firm ground to achieve this, while those in **central India and parts of the east and Northeast are less resourced.**

Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21

Top performers

- Kerala: 75 points
- Himachal Pradesh: 74 points
- Tamil Nadu: 74 points

States at the bottom of table

- Bihar: 52 points
- Jharkhand: 56 points
- Assam: 57 points
- Top performing Union Territories
- Chandigarh: 79
- Delhi: 68
- Lakshadweep: 68
- Top gainers
- Mizoram: 12 points gained
- Haryana: 10 points gained
- Uttarakhand: 8 points gained
- New front runners (Score between 65 and 99)
- Uttarakhand
- Gujarat
- Maharashtra
- Mizoram
- Punjab
- Haryana
- Tripura
- Delhi
- Lakshadweep
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

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Milkha Singh

Nickname: The Flying Sikh

Date of Birth: 20 November 1929 (According to records in Pakistan), 17 October, 1935 (Other official records)

Place of Birth: Gobindpura in Muzaffargarh district now in Pakistan

Profession: Athlete

Date of Death: 18 June, 2021

Place of Death: PGIMER, Chandigarh

Cause of Death: COVID-19

Sport: Track and Field

Event(s): Sprinting

Spouse/Ex-: Nirmal Kaur

Children: Jeev Milkha Singh

Honours and Medals

- 1st Gold medal 1958 Asian Games – 200 m
- 1st Gold medal 1958 Asian Games – 400 m
- 1st Gold medal 1958 Commonwealth Games – 440 yards
- Padma Shri – 1959
- 1st Gold medal 1962 Asian Games – 400 m
- 1st Gold medal 1962 Asian Games – 4 x 400 m relay
- 2nd Silver medal 1964 Calcutta National Games – 400 m

List of Important Days in June

Date	Days
1st June	- World Milk Day - Global Parents Day
2nd June	- International Sex Workers Day - Telangana Formation Day
3rd June	World Bicycle Day
4th June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5th June	World Environment Day
7th June	World Food Safety Day

8th June	- World Oceans Day - World Brain Tumour Day
12th June	World Day Against Child Labour
14th June	World Blood Donor Day
15th June	- Global Wind Day - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
17th June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
18th June	Autistic Pride Day
20th June	- World Refugee Day - World Fathers' Day (Every 3rd Sunday of June)
21st June	- World Hydrography Day - International Yoga Day - World Music day
23rd June	- International Olympic Day - United Nations Public Service Day - International Widow's Day
26th June	International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
30th June	World Asteroid Day

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