

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 10, 2020

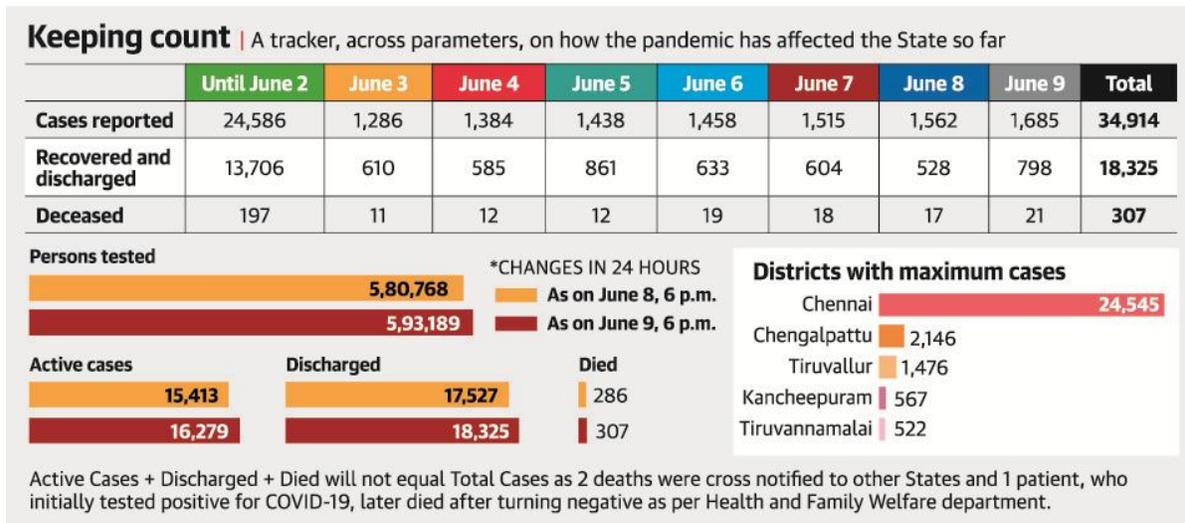
### TAMIL NADU

- **The number of Covid-19 infections in Tamil Nadu - touched 34,914 with 1,685 people reported infected on June 9.**
- ✓ Chennai touched another new high on the day with 1,242 cases
- ✓ Of the 1,685 fresh cases, 36 had returned to the state from abroad and other States.
- ✓ The state also recorded its highest single-day death toll with 21 casualties reported on the day.
- ✓ All 21 fatalities occurred in Chennai — 15 in government hospitals and six in private hospitals.
- ✓ By the end of the day, 16,279 people in the state, including 12,570 in Chennai, were being treated for Covid-19.
- ✓ As many as 244 of the 307 fatalities in the State have occurred in Chennai

<b>1,242 NEW CASES IN CITY</b> <small>B A Raju</small>	
<b>1,685</b> test +ve on Tuesday in TN	
<b>21 deaths</b> take state toll to 307	
<b>34,914</b> cases so far <b>16,279</b> still active	
<b>24,545</b> cases in Chennai <b>12,570</b> active	
<b>798</b> discharged across the state on Tuesday	
<b>LIFE SAVER:</b> A guest worker with his child at central railway station	

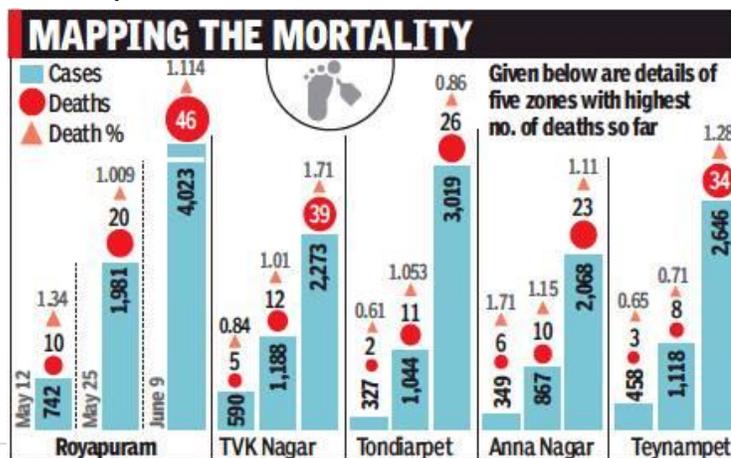
- ✓ Chennai's neighbours Chengalpattu (158), Tiruvallur (90), and Kancheepuram (32) added 280 cases on the day.
- ✓ Further, 16 fresh cases were reported each in Madurai, Tiruvannamalai and Vellore, and 10 in Thoothukudi.
- ✓ The three neighbouring districts of Chennai had 2,157 active cases together

- ✓ With 158 new cases, the overall tally of Chengalpattu surpassed the 2,000-mark and reached 2,146 on the day.
- ✓ Tiruvallur reported 90 new infections, taking its total infections count to 1,476.
- ✓ On the day, 798 people walked out of hospitals taking the total number of people recovered from the viral infection to 18,325.



- ✓ However, there was a decline in the number of samples tested on the day when compared to the past few days.
  - ✓ On June 9, a total of 13,219 samples were tested by the state.
  - ✓ With this, 6,21,171 samples have been tested in the State, while the total number of persons tested stands at 12,421.
- ✓ A total of 1,917 persons who had returned to the State by flights, trains, roads and seaports have tested positive for COVID-19 till date.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the government has set up a control room at the 108 Emergency Response Centre to handle calls from COVID-19-positive persons in the Greater Chennai Corporation limits and dispatch ambulances to their locality without delay.
  - ✓ The control room can be contacted at 044-40067108.
  - ✓ It has 10 phone lines and would function round-the-clock.
- ✓ Further, on June 9, Health minister C Vijayabaskar promised 1,100 more hospital beds for worst-hit Chennai.
  - ✓ A total of 500 beds were kept ready at the newly constructed Institute of Ageing inside King Institute of Preventive Medicine campus.
  - ✓ In addition, there will be 300 beds at the Chennai Port hospital and another 300 beds at the old block of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital in Egmore.
- ✓ In the meantime, Coimbatore-based PSG private hospital has been authorized by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to join the plasma therapy trials for Covid-19 patients

- ✓ With this, it becomes the second private medical college hospital in the state to join the trials, after receiving the approval 10 days ago.
- ✓ On June 9, the state government cancelled the Class X exam and promoted all students.
  - ✓ More than nine lakh students were scheduled to appear for the exam at 12,690 centres across the state from June 15.
  - ✓ Further, Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami also announced cancellation of pending Class XI exams in chemistry, accountancy and geography.
  - ✓ Class XII exam for absentees, too, has been postponed and a date will be announced later.
  - ✓ The final marks for Class X students will be based on their performance in quarterly and half-yearly exams and their attendance.
  - ✓ As per the calculation, the half-yearly and quarterly exam marks of the students will get 80% weightage and the remaining 20% weightage will be given for attendance
- ✓ Meanwhile, the private bus services will resume their operations across the state from June 10, except in Covid hotspots - Tiruvallur, Chengalpet and Kanchipuram districts.
  - ✓ There were 4,600 private buses operating in the entire state, except in Chennai, Madurai city, Nagercoil and Ooty
  - ✓ Since March 24, the buses were grounded due to the lockdown
  - ✓ As per the norms to be followed for operation, the crew members of private mofussil and city buses will be provided with safety gears, including facemasks.
  - ✓ To ensure social distancing, the buses will operate with less than 60% occupancy, like the state-run TNSTC buses
  - ✓ Seats will be allotted to passengers alternatively, ensuring social distancing.
- **Among the Covid-19 hotspots in the city, Royapuram zone - crossed 4,000 cases on June 9, while Tondiarpet crossed 3,000.**
- ✓ Thiru-Vi-Ka Nagar, Anna Nagar, Teynampet and Kodambakkam are the other zones which have 2,000 plus cases.



- ✓ Royapuram zone has taken 14 days to go from 2,000 to 4,000 cases, while cases in Tondiarpet doubled from 1,500 to 3,000 in nine days.
  - ✓ However, Tondiarpet has lesser deaths than Royapuram
  - ✓ As on date, 26 deaths have been recorded in Tondiarpet, while Royapuram has 46 deaths, highest in the city, during the same period.
  - ✓ The overall mortality rate for Greater Chennai Corporation rose from 0.73% on May 12 to 0.97% on June 9 and deaths from 32 to 223 during the period.
  - ✓ Royapuram, apart from having the most cases, also has the most recovered patients – 2,173.
  - ✓ The total number of patients hospitalised from the zone remains at 1,804, which is slightly lesser than Tondiarpet's 1908 cases.
- **The Tamil Nadu Government – has notified the changes in name of the 1,018 places across the state, which comes in effect from April 1**
- ✓ It is the culmination of an initiative started in 2018 to have Tamil equivalents or original Tamil names of Anglicised names of places across the state.
  - ✓ Henceforth, Tondiarpet turns into Thandaiyaarpettai, Purasawalkam into Purasaivaakkam and Adyar into Adaiyaaru.
  - ✓ The popular neighbourhood of Mylapore is renamed as Mayilappoor.
  - ✓ So, V O C Nagar in north Chennai becomes 'Va Oo Si Nagar,' while Aminjikarai has become Amaindhakarai.
  - ✓ Egmore has regained its Tamil name Ezhumboor and Thiruvanmiyur is now spelled Thiruvanmiyoor.
  - ✓ The 'pettais' of Chennai will no longer have their names ending with 'pets'.
  - ✓ Hence, Saithaappettai, Chinthadharipettai and Jalladiyaanpettai will become the new names.
  - ✓ Thoothukkudi is now spelled Thooththukkudi.
  - ✓ Trichy has become Thiruchirappalli and Srirangam is now Thiruvarangam.
  - ✓ Dharmapuri has been renamed Tharumapuri.
- **To eliminate use-and-throw plastics, the Tamil Nadu government - has withdrawn the exemption granted for use of plastic bags for packaging.**
- ✓ As per a notification issued on June 5, plastic bags, which constitute or form an "integral part of packaging" in which goods are sealed prior to use at manufacturing or processing units, are not exempted any more from the plastic ban.
  - ✓ The order came into effect on June 5, the World Environment Day
  - ✓ Since January 1, 2019, the State government banned manufacture, storage, supply, transport, sale or distribution and use of certain throwaway items such as plastic sheet, plastic plate, plastic-coated tea and water cup, water pouch and packet, plastic straw, plastic carry bag, and plastic flag, irrespective of thickness.
  - ✓ However, plastic carry bags manufactured exclusively for export purpose, plastic used to pack milk and carry bags made from compostable plastics are exempted.

- ✓ Meanwhile, Nilgiris administration has announced that 'Paper Boat', a packaged soft drink, will be banned for selling in the district from July 1.

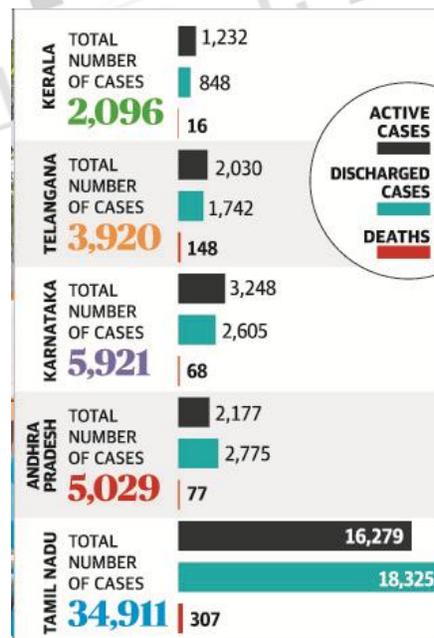
## STATES

- **On June 9, the Uttar Pradesh government - amended the UP Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 through an ordinance.**
- ✓ The ordinance makes it a punishable crime to injure a cow or its progeny, mutilate or starve them with the intent of endangering their lives.
- ✓ For this purpose, a new section, 5B, has been introduced in the Act
- ✓ A repeat of any offence under the Act will now also invite double punishment.
- ✓ The ordinance -- The UP Prevention of Cow Slaughter (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 -- was cleared by the state cabinet on June 9
- ✓ The new ordinance has increased the penalty for offences like cow slaughter, sale of beef and illegal transportation of beef or cow and its progeny.
- ✓ The punishment ranges from a jail term of one to seven years and a minimum fine of Rs 1 lakh, which can go up Rs 3 lakh.
- ✓ If a person who violates the regulation on transportation of beef, cow or its progeny and tries to evade law enforcing agencies, the government can put up their name and photographs in prominent locations in the area where they live or in public places.
- ✓ For illegal transportation of beef, cow or its progeny, the driver, operator and owner of the vehicle which is caught transporting the unauthorised cargo will be charged under the Act.

## NATIONAL

- **As on June 9, Covid-19 cases in India were set to cross 2.75 lakh, with the actual numbers remaining unclear as the Delhi government had not released the day's data till past midnight**
- ✓ Overall, 243 deaths were reported from across the country on the day.
- ✓ June had so far seen more than over 84,000 new Covid-19 cases in the country whereas 1.5 lakh infections were reported in May.
- ✓ While 2,300 deaths were reported in June, May recorded 4,251 fatalities.
- ✓ This indicates that the month of June has already reached around 50% of the cases and fatalities reported in the entire month of May
- ✓ Without adding Delhi's count, 8,806 new Covid-19 cases were reported from other states, taking the total tally to 2,74,748, as per data collated from states and health ministry's count of unassigned cases.
- ✓ Maharashtra reported the highest number of fresh infections in the country at 2,259, although it is a decline from over 2,500 reported a day earlier.
- ✓ Mumbai's fresh cases count also dropped to 1,015 cases on the day.
- ✓ At least three other states, Rajasthan (369 new cases), Andhra Pradesh(216) and Mizoram (46) saw their biggest surge in infections on the day.

- ✓ On the day, Maharashtra's fresh infections count crossed 90,000, accounting for a little less than a third of all cases in the country.
  - ✓ The state also reported 120 fatalities on the day, with Mumbai alone registering 58 deaths.
- ✓ Rajasthan too recorded its highest single-day increase of 369 cases, surpassing the previous peak of 338 recorded on May 19.
  - ✓ With these new cases, the state's cumulative case count has risen to 11,245.
  - ✓ The state reported nine fatalities, with three deaths in Jaipur alone.
- ✓ Gujarat reported 33 deaths on the day, taking the death toll to 1,313, which includes 27 from Ahmedabad alone.
- ✓ The state has witnessed 123 deaths in the last 4 days, accounting for the death rate of 6.4%.
  - ✓ The state has recorded 470 Covid-19 positive cases on the day, taking the total tally to 21,044.
  - ✓ The state has added 1,925 cases in just four days.
- ✓ In Odisha, 150 more tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 24 hours
- ✓ Further, more fatalities continued to be reported in the south, with six patients dying in Telangana, taking the toll to 148.
- ✓ In Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, two people died, taking their respective toll to 66 and 77.
- ✓ In Kerala, 91 more persons tested positive, taking the total number of active cases in Kerala to 1,231.



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh reported a cumulative caseload of 5,029, with the reporting of 216 new cases on the day.
- ✓ However, Karnataka reported 161 new cases on the day, after reporting over 200 cases since June 1

- ✓ This takes the total number of cases in the state to 5,921.
- ✓ The number of COVID-19 cases in Telangana rose to 3,920 after 178 more samples testing positive on the day.
- **On June 9, the Ministry of Health - deployed high-level multi-disciplinary central teams in 15 States/UTs having more than 50 districts or municipal bodies with high Covid-19 cases - to provide technical support for virus containment and to facilitate management of the outbreak.**
- ✓ These states and UTs are — Maharashtra (seven districts/municipalities), Telangana (four), Tamil Nadu (seven), Rajasthan (five), Assam (six), Haryana (four), Gujarat (three), Karnataka (four), Uttarakhand (three), Madhya Pradesh (five), West Bengal (three), Delhi (three), Bihar (four), UP (four), and Odisha (five).
- ✓ Each of these teams comprise three-members — two public health experts, epidemiologists, clinicians and a senior joint secretary level nodal officer for carrying out administrative and governance activities.
- ✓ These teams will work in the field and visit healthcare facilities to support the state health department
- ✓ They will help out in containment measures and in efficient treatment and clinical management of cases within the districts and cities
- ✓ These teams will address challenges faced by the state authorities such as testing bottlenecks, low tests per million population, high confirmation rates, risk of capacity shortfall over the next two months, potential bed shortage, growing cases fatality rate, high doubling rate and a sudden spike in active cases.

## SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **On June 9, the Supreme Court - suggested that the Centre and state governments drop FIRs raised against migrant workers for violations of lockdown guidelines**
- ✓ A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M R Shah asked state governments to identify all migrant workers who wanted to return home and send them to their native places by trains or buses in the next 15 days.



- ✓ It asked the Centre to provide Shramik Special trains, in addition to 171 already allotted on specified dates, within 24 hours of request.

- ✓ After lockdown was declared on March 25, huge crowds of guest workers thronged bus terminals and railway stations at many places to go back to their hometowns.
- ✓ Delhi and Mumbai police alone have booked thousands of workers for violating social distancing norms in March and April.
- ✓ Gujarat saw 90% of its migrant workforce, 20.5 lakh of 23 lakh, returning home
- ✓ Bihar saw 28 lakh migrant workers return from other states, while Uttar Pradesh got back 25 lakh workers.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan received 14 lakh each.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Maharashtra said 17 lakh migrant workers had left for their home states and another 37,000 were waiting to return.
- ✓ Karnataka said 1 lakh migrant workers still wanted to go home.
- ✓ Kerala already arranged for transportation of 1.2 lakh migrant workers and another 1.5 lakh are awaiting their turn to return.
- ✓ **Further, the Supreme Court ordered the Centre and states to complete 'Skill mapping' of migrant workers to help provide employment to over 1 crore guest workers who have returned their native places following the lockdown**
- ✓ In this regard, India will soon undertake a gigantic exercise of registering all guest workers and specifying their occupational skill at village, block and district levels
- ✓ The details of guest workers, including nature of their skill, place of their earlier employment etc., will be maintained in the prescribed proforma
- ✓ It will be collected by the concerned state at village level, block level and district level so that necessary help can be extended by state authorities and district authorities to these workers
- ✓ The UP government recently announced that it has completed skill mapping of all 23.5 lakh guest workers who returned to the state.
- ✓ The bench directed the Union government to give details of all schemes, so that workers who have migrated to their native places could avail the benefits.
- ✓ The necessary details have to be presented before the court before July 8, the next date of hearing.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **On June 9, Moscow - emerged from a strict COVID-19 lockdown, despite Russia seeing thousands of new cases every day**
- ✓ Meanwhile, the World Health Organization warned the pandemic was "worsening" worldwide.
- ✓ On the day, Russia registered 8,595 new cases and its total death toll surpassed 6,000.
  - ✓ With more than 4,85,000 cases as on date, Russia has the third-highest number of confirmed infections after the United States and Brazil.
  - ✓ The high number of cases is the result of a huge testing campaign, with more than 13 million tests carried out so far

- ✓ However, Russia has relatively low mortality rate, which was cited as reason to ease lockdowns.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, President Vladimir Putin rescheduled a high-profile military parade for June 24 and a vote on constitutional reforms for July 1.
  - ✓ Pakistan has recorded over 100 deaths in a single day for the first time due to COVID-19
  - ✓ A total of 4,646 patients were diagnosed with the viral infection in the last 24 hours, taking the total tally to 1,08,317
    - ✓ A total of 105 deaths were reported on the day, taking the total number of fatalities to 2,172.
  - ✓ But as large parts of Europe and the U.S. reopen, the WHO reported a record number of new coronavirus cases globally.
  - ✓ A total of 1,36,000 cases had been reported in the previous 24 hours, which is the most in a single day so far, with the majority of them in the Americas and South Asia.
  - ✓ The Covid-19 deaths have passed 406,000 worldwide, with more than seven million infections, since the disease emerged in China late last year
  - ✓ On June 9, Cyprus welcomed its first tourists after nearly three months on lockdown, with flights scheduled from Israel, Greece and Bulgaria.
  - ✓ Spain, one of the hardest-hit countries in Europe, said that wearing face masks in public will be compulsory, until the virus is permanently eliminated with an effective treatment or vaccine.
  - ✓ Britain, which is nearing almost 50,000 suspected and confirmed deaths, has imposed a two-week quarantine for anyone coming into the country
  - ✓ New York City — the epicentre of America’s coronavirus outbreak — began partially reopening its shattered economy on June 8 after almost three months of lockdown.
- **On June 9, North Korea - said it was cutting off all communication channels with South Korea and called the country as its ‘enemy’**
- ✓ The move indicates that North Korea has grown frustrated that Seoul has failed to revive lucrative inter-Korean economic projects and persuade the U.S. to ease sanctions.
  - ✓ In its announcement, North Korea said the move was a response to South Korea’s failure to stop activists from floating anti-Pyongyang leaflets across their border.
  - ✓ For years, South Korean activists, including North Korean defectors living in the South, have floated huge balloons into North Korea carrying leaflets criticising leader Kim Jong-un over his nuclear ambitions and human rights record.

# INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- On June 9, Nepalese lawmakers - “unanimously endorsed” a proposal for considering a Constitution Amendment Bill meant to approve Nepal’s controversial new map which includes territory in India’s Uttarakhand state



- ✓ The bill seeks to validate the new map of Nepal by revising the map in the national emblem.
- ✓ The amendment process is not yet complete though and may take another three days
- ✓ A constitutional amendment has to be approved by two-thirds majority in both Houses.
- ✓ The ruling Nepal Communist Party has full majority in the other House or National assembly.
- ✓ Nepal’s decision to release a new map showing areas in India’s Pithoragarh district as its own has dealt a big blow to bilateral ties.
- ✓ As per the new map, the Indian territories of Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and the strategic Lipulekh Pass were shown as belonging to Nepal.
- ✓ Nepal reiterated that Limpiyadhura was the source of the Kali river which acted as its western border.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- In a first-of-its-kind move, the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEF&CC) - has issued an advisory to streamline the process of importing and possessing live exotic animals

- ✓ As per the advisory, the owners of exotic species are requested to voluntarily disclose information on their pets within six months.



- ✓ The advisory was recently uploaded on the government's Parivesh portal
- ✓ The Ministry plans to develop an inventory of exotic live species in India through voluntary disclosure, registration and declaration of progeny of the imported exotic live species and to lay down a procedure for their import.
- ✓ According to the advisory, the phrase "exotic live species" includes only "animals named under the Appendices I, II and III of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora" and "does not include species from the Schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972".
- ✓ Approximately 5,800 species of animals and 30,000 species of plants are protected under the CITES against overexploitation through international trade.
- ✓ The import of live exotic animals is already covered under Customs Act in India
- ✓ However, there is no law yet to track and regulate numbers of exotic species being kept as pets by individuals and breeders in India.
- ✓ Some of the most sought after exotic species in India are Ball python, Scarlet Macaw, sea turtles, sugar glider (*Petaurus breviceps*), marmoset and grey African parrots.
- ✓ These species are illegally trafficked into the country to avoid lengthy documentation and scrutiny.
- ✓ India became a signatory to CITES in 1976

## ECONOMY

- **The tiny Caribbean nation of Guyana - is forecast to grow by 51.1% in 2020-21, following the massive oil production of an offshore field.**
- ✓ This was projected in the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report
- ✓ However, in 2021-22, the growth rate of Guyana is forecast to come down to 8.1%.
- ✓ Egypt, Benin, Ethiopia and Uganda are forecast to grow in the 3%– 3.2% range, while Vietnam is likely to grow at 2.8%.

- ✓ India's neighbours Bangladesh 1.6%, Myanmar 1.5%, Nepal 1.8% and Bhutan 1.6% will remain above the contraction level expected in the entire south Asia
- ✓ Several African countries are also expected to grow in the 1% to 2.5% range
- ✓ China is projected to slow to 1% in 2020 — by far the lowest growth it has registered in more than four decades.
- ✓ It has estimated that the Indian economy will contract by 3.2% due to the impact of the strict lockdown.

## SPORTS

- **The third ever chess game between Earth and Space - ended in a draw on June 9, 2020**
- ✓ It is being held on the 50th anniversary of the first ever Earth vs Space chess game held on June 9, 1970



- ✓ Sergey Karjakin represented Earth at the Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics and used the normal chess board for the game.
- ✓ From the International Space Station, pilot-cosmonaut Anatoly Ivanishin and test-cosmonaut Ivan Vagner, represented the Space team and played using an iPad
- ✓ They were seen to be vertically floating in the space station, 420 km above the Earth
- ✓ In the first ever Space vs Earth game in 1970, Andrian Nikolayev and Vitaly Sevastyanov of Soyuz 9, represented Cosmonauts while ground based cosmonauts Viktor Gorbakto and Nikolai Kamanin appeared for Earth.
  - ✓ The game ended in a draw, after lasting for six hours
- ✓ History repeated itself on June 9, as Karjakin's draw offer was accepted by his rivals from Space.
- ✓ Over 800,000 people have watched the game.
- ✓ Karjakin, a Russian GM, holds the record for the world's youngest ever grandmaster, having qualified for the title at the age of 12 years and 7 months.

- ✓ Karjakin won the European U10 Chess Championship in 1999, and he was World U12 Chess Champion in 2001.
- ✓ The second Earth vs Space chess game was played in 2008-2009
  - ✓ It was organised by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) and US Chess Federation.
  - ✓ Astronaut Greg Chamitoff resigned the match in December 16, 2009 and the Earth team represented by the Public emerged victorious.
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC) - has announced a set of 'temporary' playing conditions as the game gets ready for resumption after a forced break due to the pandemic.**
  - ✓ The sport's world body has allowed replacements for players displaying Covid-19 symptoms during Test matches and announced a penalty of up to five runs for teams using saliva on the ball.
  - ✓ The replacement rule won't be applicable in ODIs and T20Is.
  - ✓ Regarding the replacement, the match referee would determine a 'similar' replacement, much like the process that is followed for a concussion substitute.
  - ✓ Going forward, the country's boards will determine the frequency of Covid-19 tests to be done on players during a series or on a tour.
  - ✓ The boards will specify whether the players need to be tested before every match or just on arrival for a series
  - ✓ On the use of saliva during a match, a team can be issued up to two warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva on the ball will result in a 5-run penalty.
  - ✓ Whenever saliva is applied to the ball, the umpires will be instructed to clean the ball before play recommences.
  - ✓ The ICC has introduced two home team umpires for bilaterals after nearly two decades and removed the neutral match officials, due to the logistical challenges of travelling given the international flight restrictions.
  - ✓ An additional unsuccessful DRS review for a team in each innings is permitted "keeping in mind that there may be less experienced umpires on duty at times."
  - ✓ The ICC has also allowed an extra logo, not exceeding 32 square inches in size, on the chest of a Test match shirt for the next 12 months to get more sponsors and make up for financial losses due to the pandemic.
  - ✓ This is in addition to the three other logos already allowed as per regulations.
  - ✓ As of now, logos on chests are only allowed in ODIs and T20Is.
- **Basketball player Amritpal Singh - has been suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (Nada) after traces of the banned substance terbutaline were found in his urine sample during an out-of-competition testing in Bengaluru.**
  - ✓ Amritpal holds the distinction of being the first and only Indian to play in Australia's National Basketball League (NBL)
  - ✓ He has been an integral part of the national team since his India debut in 2011

## DOPE RADAR

Prominent athletes who have failed dope tests in recent times...

Name	Sport	Substance
Amritpal Singh	basketball	Terbutaline
Neeraj Phogat	boxing	Ligandrol
Satnam Singh Bhamara	basketball	Higenamine
Ravi Kumar	shooting	Propranolol
Sumit Sangwan	boxing	Acetazolamide
Ravi Kumar Katulu	weightlifting	Ostarine
Prithvi Shaw	cricket	Terbutaline
Sanjivani Jadhav	long distance runner	Probenecid
Gomathi Marimuthu	middle distance runner	Nandrolone
Dharam Raj Yadav	discus thrower	Testosterone

- ✓ Amritpal has accepted the provisional suspension effective May 19 last month after waiving off his right for 'B' sample testing
- ✓ His sample was collected on February 16 this year in Bengaluru during the national team's preparatory camp for the FIBA 3x3 Tokyo Olympic qualifiers, but the test report from Qatar's Doha laboratory arrived only in May.
- ✓ **Meanwhile, international medal-winning woman boxer, Neeraj Phogat (57kg) — who was among the probables for the Tokyo Games — has been banned by Nada's disciplinary panel for a maximum period of four years.**
- ✓ The Haryana girl's ban period will start from December 2, 2019, the day she was provisionally suspended by the Nada
- ✓ She tested positive for performance enhancing drug, ligandrol and other anabolic steroids.
- ✓ The boxer had won the gold medal at last year's India Open in Guwahati.
- ✓ She also won bronze at the Strandja Memorial tournament in Bulgaria.
- ✓ **In shooting, another international, Sharvan Kumar (men's 10m air pistol) has been provisionally suspended after returning positive for banned substance propranolol, a beta blocker.**
- ✓ Sharvan shot to fame after scoring higher than reigning CWG and Asian Games champion Saurabh Chaudhary's world record during the national selection trials in July last year
- ✓ Sharvan is a junior and youth national champion who represented India at the Tokyo Olympics qualifier and in the 14th Asian Championship in Doha
- ✓ He was tested on February 5 this year during the senior national selection trials in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ He accepted the provisional suspension on May 22.
- ✓ Notably, Amritpal, Neeraj and Sharvan's decisions haven't been made official by Nada.

# RANKINGS

- The top five Indian Institutes of Technology and the Indian Institute of Science - have all dropped in their ranks in this year's QS World University rankings, released on June 10.

QS World University Rankings 2021: Global Top 20			
2021	2020		
1	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
2	2	Stanford University	USA
3	3	Harvard University	USA
4	5	California Institute of Technology	USA
5	4	University of Oxford	UK
6	6	ETH Zurich	Switzerland
7	7	University of Cambridge	UK
8	9	Imperial College London	UK
9	10	University of Chicago	USA
10	8	University College London	UK
11	11=	National University of Singapore	Singapore
12	13	Princeton University	USA
13	11=	Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	Singapore
14	18=	Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	Switzerland
15	16	Tsinghua University	China (Mainland)
16	15	University of Pennsylvania	USA
17	17	Yale University	USA
18	14	Cornell University	USA
19	18=	Columbia University	USA
20	20	University of Edinburgh	UK

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- ✓ Only the newer IITs in Guwahati and Hyderabad have shown some improvement in the rankings.
- ✓ The total number of Indian institutions in the top 1,000 global list has also fallen from 24 to 21
- ✓ This happened, despite the Centre's flagship Institutes of Eminence scheme, launched two years ago to boost the Indian institution's presence in these global rankings.
- ✓ India performs poorest on the parameter of internationalisation, while scoring well on research impact, measured through citations per faculty.
- ✓ Out of the six parameters, Indian institutions got zero score on ratio of international faculty and students.
- ✓ IIT-Bombay still maintains its position as the top institution in India in the QS rankings, but has slipped 20 places from 152 to 172 in the global list.

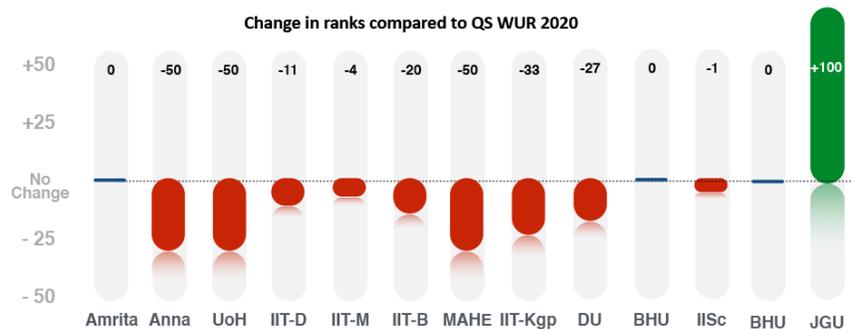
- ✓ IISc overtook IIT Delhi to make it to the second place, but still dropped a rank to 185.
- ✓ IIT Delhi dropped by more than 10 places in the rankings to 193th rank, while IIT Madras is at 275<sup>th</sup> rank.
- ✓ Both IIT Kharagpur and IIT Kanpur crashed out of the top 300.

India at QS World University Rankings 2021		
RANK		
172		<a href="#">Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)</a>
185		<a href="#">Indian Institute of Science</a>
193		<a href="#">Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD)</a>

- ✓ IIT Roorkee maintained its ranking at 383, while IIT Guwahati improved from 491 to 470.
- ✓ IIT Hyderabad entered the top 1,000 for the first time.
- ✓ In terms of Private universities, prestigious names such as BITS Pilani and the Vellore Institute of Technology have dropped out of the top 1,000 list
- ✓ However, OP Jindal Global University, a new entrant last year, has climbed to the 650-700 slot in the rankings.

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PERFORMANCE OF IOEs OUT OF 21 INDIAN UNIVERSITIES COMPARED TO 2020



O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is the only Institution of Eminence (IOE) that has climbed up in the QS World University Rankings 2021 compared to QS WUR 2020 making

**JGU the Number 1 Private University in India**

- ✓ Earlier this year, the top seven IITs had jointly decided to boycott the Times Higher Education rankings, questioning its methodology and transparency.