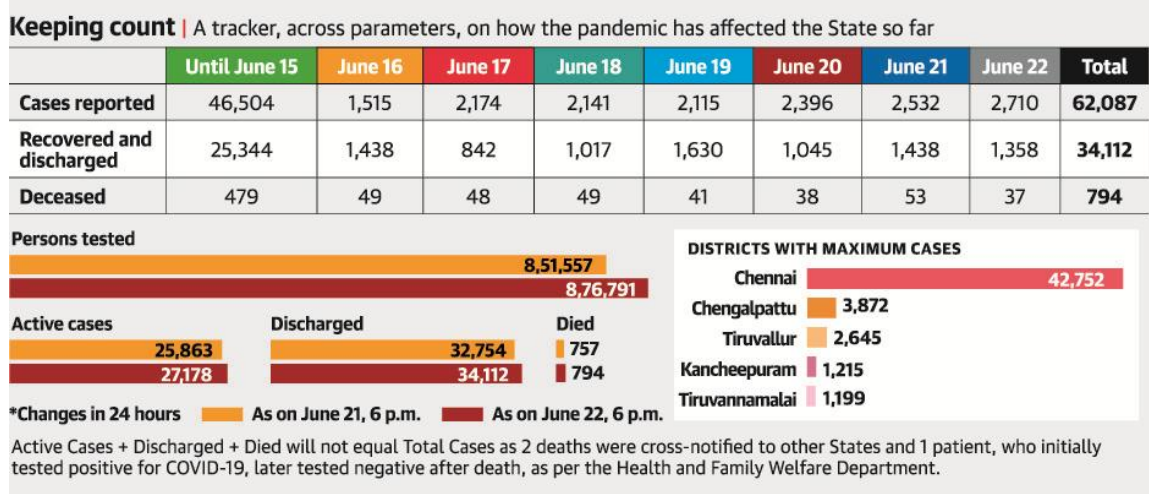


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 23, 2020

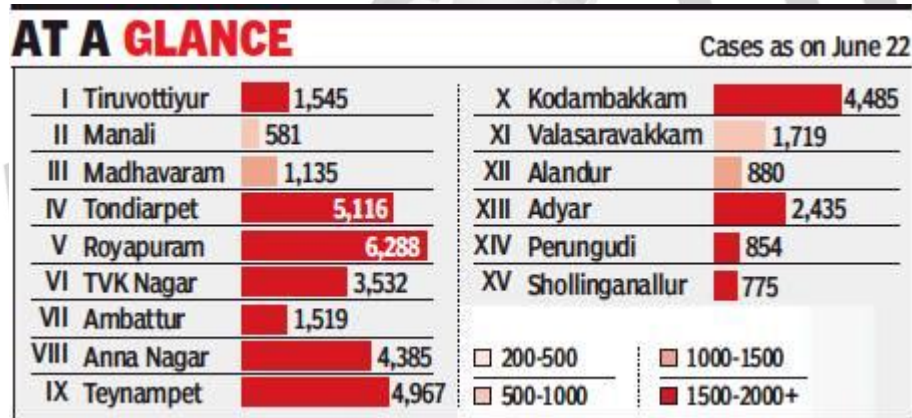
TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu - recorded its highest-ever daily count of 2,710 cases on June 22**
- ✓ With this, the total number of cases in the state rose to 62,087 and the toll reached 794 after 37 deaths reported on the day
- ✓ The fresh cases were reported from all the 37 districts across the State on the day.



- ✓ Chennai continued to remain the worst-hit district with 1,487 fresh cases, followed by Madurai, which recorded 157 cases
- ✓ With the day's tally, Chennai has reported 42,752 cases and 623 casualties, till date.
- ✓ Further, Tiruvannamalai accounted for 139 fresh cases followed by Chengalpet (126), Tiruvallur (120), Kancheepuram (56), Cuddalore and Tuticorin (63), Ranipet (52) and Trichy (51).
- ✓ On the day, the state had tested 25,234 people compared to 29,963 a day before.
- ✓ With this, the State had so far tested a total of 9,19,204 samples.

- ✓ Another 1,358 persons were discharged on the day, taking the total number of persons recovered to 34,112
- ✓ The state's recovery rate is above 55% and the mortality rate stands at 1.27%
- ✓ One more private laboratory — Endocare Diagnostic Centre, K.K. Nagar, Madurai — has been approved for COVID-19 testing.
 - ✓ With this, there are 46 government testing facilities and 41 private laboratories in the State.
- ✓ After Chennai, the State government has announced an intensified lockdown from June 24 to 30 in the Madurai city and adjoining rural areas in Paravai town panchayat and villages in Madurai East, Madurai West and Thiruparankundram blocks to tackle the spread of Covid-19
 - ✓ There will be a 'complete' lockdown without any relaxations from midnight on June 28 to 6am on June 29.
 - ✓ Madurai has 849 cases as on date, with the last 299 cases reported in just three days
- ✓ The Tondiarpet zone became the second zone to cross 5,000 cases after Royapuram that has recorded 6,288 cases as on date.



- ✓ In fact, only four zones in the city -- Manali, Alandur, Perungudi and Shollinganallur-- have recorded less than 1,000 cases as on date.
- ✓ In another development, the 108 ambulance network has increased its Covid-19-dedicated ambulances from 50 to 80 to transfer patients in Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) limits.
- ✓ Across the State, the network operates 223 ambulances, exclusively for Covid-19 cases.
- **Tangedco – has proposed to purchase 500MW from the Power Trading Corporation of India (PTC) to meet the state's electricity demand in the current year.**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu is estimated to face a power shortage of 2,396MW this financial year as none of the new thermal projects of Tangedco are nearing commissioning.
- ✓ To fill the demand-supply gap, Tangedco has decided to purchase 500MW from PTC India for three years at ₹3.26 per unit.



- ✓ The discom has been meeting the demand without power cuts through purchase from power exchange on a daily basis
- ✓ Tangedco is meeting the state's demand from the installed capacity of conventional sources of 14,783 MW, out of which Tangedco's own capacity is 4,320MW.
- ✓ Among the other sources, Gas accounts for 516MW, independent power projects 416MW and share from Central units remain at 6,151MW.
- ✓ Further, long term power purchase agreements have been signed for 2,830MW and medium term agreements have been signed for another 550MW.
- ✓ Among the thermal projects, the first unit of Neyveli New Thermal Power Plant, which was commissioned in January, is yet to stabilise and 600MW is expected from that unit.
- ✓ The other ongoing thermal projects at Ennore SEZ, STPS, Udangudi, Uppur and ETPS Expansion are getting delayed.

STATES

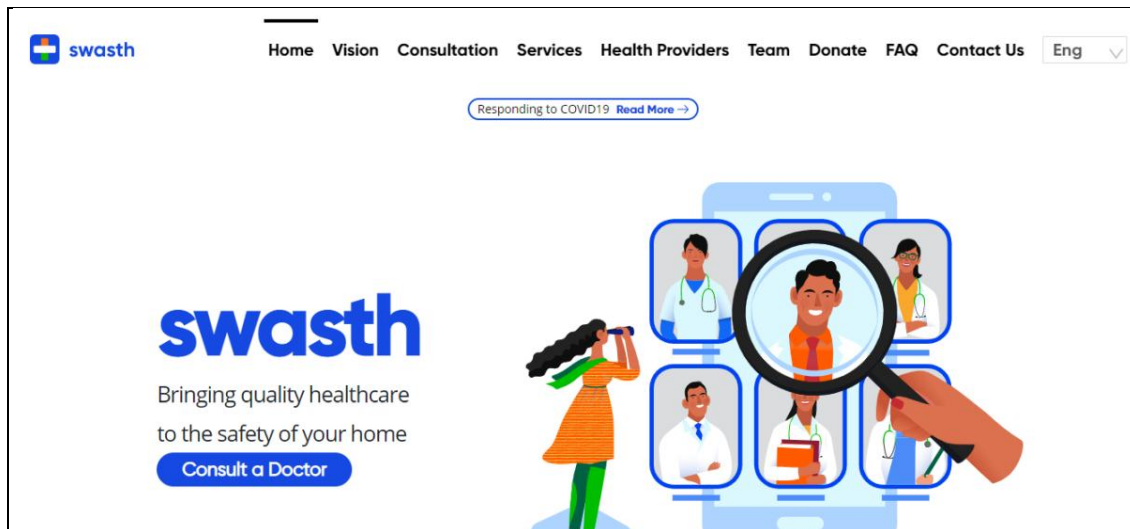
- **For the first time in the country, Kerala government – has decided to engage private weather companies for alerts and warnings about extreme climate events, moving away from the India Meteorological Department.**
- ✓ The state's Disaster Management Department recently authorised the release of ₹95 lakh to three private companies — Skymet Private Ltd, Earth Networks and IBM Weather Company — to use “ensemble predictions to improve extreme weather alert services in the State”
- ✓ As per the state's order, these services would be part of a 1 year pilot project.
- ✓ The state of extreme-weather preparedness in Kerala has been a concern following the devastating floods of 2019
- ✓ Earlier, the state government has announced that it was dissatisfied with the IMD in an earlier order issued on April 30
- ✓ In that order, the state has mentioned that the IMD had promised to put up 15 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) before the monsoon
- ✓ However, no new AWS has come up and the real-time data streaming from IMD is minimal to nil
- ✓ After cyclone Ockhi of 2017, the IMD, as part of improving the State's weather warning capabilities, committed to installing 100 AWS.

- ✓ However, it didn't happen immediately as they could only be installed as per a pre-defined IMD protocol.

NATIONAL

- **On June 22, India – has recorded 14,778 new cases, as the number of new cases fell marginally below the 15,000-mark for the first time in three days and down from the previous day's record figure of 15,372**
- ✓ This was the first time in six days that the daily count of cases did not touch a new record peak.
- ✓ During this six-day period, the country has recorded more than 87,000 fresh Covid-19 cases.
- ✓ With this, the total positive infections in the country went past 4.4 lakh while 2.47 lakh patients had recovered from the infection
- ✓ Overall, 314 deaths were reported on the day, taking the overall death toll from the virus to 14,006, just two days after crossing the 13,000 mark
- ✓ Maharashtra topped the contributions to the overall total by reporting 3,721 cases on the day, taking its tally to 1,35,796.
 - ✓ The State has been reporting 3,000-plus cases daily for the past six days now
 - ✓ It has also added 113 deaths to its overall toll, including 51 pre-dated deaths, taking the cumulative casualties in the state to 6,283.
- ✓ The infection surged to a new single-day peak in Tamil Nadu, which reported 2,710 cases, as well as Telangana (872), Kerala (138), Nagaland (69) and Manipur (57).
- ✓ In Delhi, the count of fresh cases dropped to 2,909 after recording 3,000-plus infections for the past few days
- ✓ Overall, a total of 237,195 people cured of the viral disease so far taking the recovery rate to 55.77%, while there are 174,384 active cases.
- ✓ Further, the country continues to have one of the lowest cases per lakh population at 30.04, whereas the global average is more than 114.67.
- ✓ The US has 671.24 cases per lakh population while the figures for Germany, Spain and Brazil are 583.88, 526.22 and 489.42 respectively
- **The Centre - has raised concerns in implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in 3 states, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Odisha.**
- ✓ The mission aims to provide drinking water to rural households through tap connections across the entire country by 2024
- ✓ These three are among the big states which could not reach their targets of 2019-20 in terms of providing tap connection to rural households under the mission
- ✓ The mission is a flagship scheme of the government, which was launched last year to cover remaining nearly 15 crore rural households in the country.

- ✓ The Union 'Jal Shakti' (water resources) minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has written to chief ministers of all these three states to 'speed up' their efforts so that they can meet the national goal.
- **Swasth, a not-for-profit telemedicine initiative – has been launched by a group of 100 medical organisations to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic.**



- ✓ These organisations include India's top and largest hospital chains like Apollo and Manipal, diagnostic labs Metropolis and SRL, along with technology startups Practo, 1MG, Mfine and Curefit.
- ✓ The initiative is the brainchild of Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan and former banker & philanthropist Nachiket Mor, among others.
- ✓ It is planning to reach 50,000 doctor consultations a day with an eventual target of reaching 2 million consultations on a day.
- ✓ The initiative will continue to operate in the post-pandemic era as well.
- ✓ Swasth also promises to be a one-stop-shop to deal with Covid-19 — from understanding the seriousness of symptoms, to directing patients to test centres close to their home, to training them about home quarantine and also directing them to hospitals with available beds

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **On June 22, the Supreme Court lifted its June 18 ban on the conduct of annual Jagannath Rath Yatra, the world famous Chariot festival held in Puri, Odisha**
- ✓ However, the apex court imposed 11 conditions to allow the conduct of Rath Yatra
- ✓ As per the SC order, no public participation has been allowed for the festival to avoid spread of infection amid the pandemic.
- ✓ The chariot festival would be held under a total 'curfew' with strict adherence to health guidelines

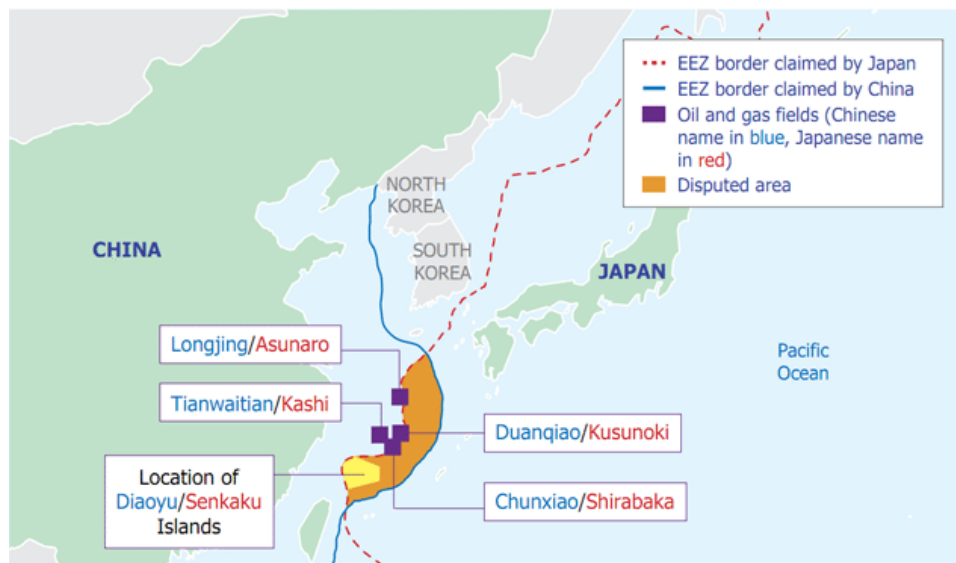
- ✓ Each of the three chariots would be pulled by a maximum number of 500 people who have tested negative for the novel coronavirus.



- ✓ A 'virtual' three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde, who was in Nagpur, and Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and A S Bopanna Odisha ordered "strict curfew" in the city of Puri from the night of June 22, till the entire duration of the festival.
- ✓ All entry points to the city would also remain closed during this period.
- ✓ The festival is scheduled to begin from June 23.
- ✓ Further, the government has been urged to maintain record of those allowed to participate in the Rath Yatra or in the rituals, along with details of their medical condition after testing.
 - ✓ The SC has permitted only "bare minimum number of people" in the rituals and Yatra.
 - ✓ There should be a one-hour gap between two chariots.
 - ✓ Visual media would be allowed to install cameras at vantage points.
 - ✓ As per the order, the "primary responsibility" to conduct the festival lies with the committee in-charge of the Puri Jagannath temple administration, headed by Puri king.
 - ✓ Both the temple management and the State should consult the Centre on the safety norms.
- ✓ The court was also persuaded to permit the rath yatra in view of the state's agreement to follow the guidelines and its good record in managing the pandemic.
- ✓ However, the SC reminded the state government of the spread of cholera and plague in the 18th-19th century due to rath yatra and asked it to be extra vigilant and strict with implementation of health guidelines.
- ✓ After the order, Priests have immediately moved the decorated chariots from the construction site to Jagannatha Temple for the annual yatra

INTERNATIONAL

- **On June 21, the world - reported its largest single-day increase in coronavirus cases with infections soaring in Brazil, Iraq, India and southern and western US states.**
- ✓ The WHO reported a record increase in global coronavirus cases on the day, with the total rising by 1,83,020 in a 24-hour period.
 - ✓ The previous record for new cases was 1,81,232 on June 18.
 - ✓ It took over three months for the world to see 1 million virus infections, but the last 1 million cases have come in just eight days
- ✓ This was announced by WHO chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, during a videoconference for the Dubai-based World Government Summit.
- ✓ So far, over 9 million people have been infected by the virus worldwide and more than 4,69,000 have died, according to the data sourced from Johns Hopkins University.
- ✓ The biggest increase was from North and South America with over 1,16,000 new cases.
 - ✓ Brazil, the second most affected country after the US, officially passed 50,000 coronavirus deaths on the day
 - ✓ The country already has more than 1 million cases, coupled with rising political instability and a crippled economy.
- ✓ US authorities have reported more than 30,000 new infections a day, while New York City, once the epicentre of the US outbreak, began lifting many lockdown restrictions, including reopening offices.
- ✓ Further, in Asia, infections slowed in China and South Korea
 - ✓ South Korea, which for the first time confirmed about a “second wave” of infections, reported 17 new cases — the first time its daily increase fell to under 20 in a month.
 - ✓ China reported a single digit increase of just nine cases for the first time in eight days.
- **A Japanese city – passes bill to rename the administrative area that includes remote islands claimed by both China and Japan since 1972**



- ✓ The disputed islands without any human presence is located in East China Sea and known as the Senkaku in Japan and the Diaoyu in China and Taiwan
- ✓ The Senkaku islands are controlled by the administrative authority of Ishigaki city of Japan's Okinawa Prefecture
- ✓ The islands are located in the southern part of Japan
- ✓ The Ishigaki city assembly in Okinawa in southern Japan, had passed a bill to change the name of the administrative area covering the islands from "Tonoshiro" to "Tonoshiro Senkaku" from October 1.
 - ✓ The name had been changed to avoid administrative mistakes as another location in Ishigaki city was also called Tonoshiro.
- ✓ According to China, the bill was "a serious provocation to China's territorial sovereignty, is illegal, invalid, and cannot change the fact that the Diaoyu Islands belong to China"
 - ✓ It has lodged a complaint with Japan and reserved the right to take further action.
- ✓ Traditionally, the group of islands was controlled by the Ryukyu Kingdom of China
- ✓ But during the First Sino-Japanese War the Islands were annexed by the Japanese Central Government.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Defence minister Rajnath Singh - left for Moscow on a three-day trip on June 22**



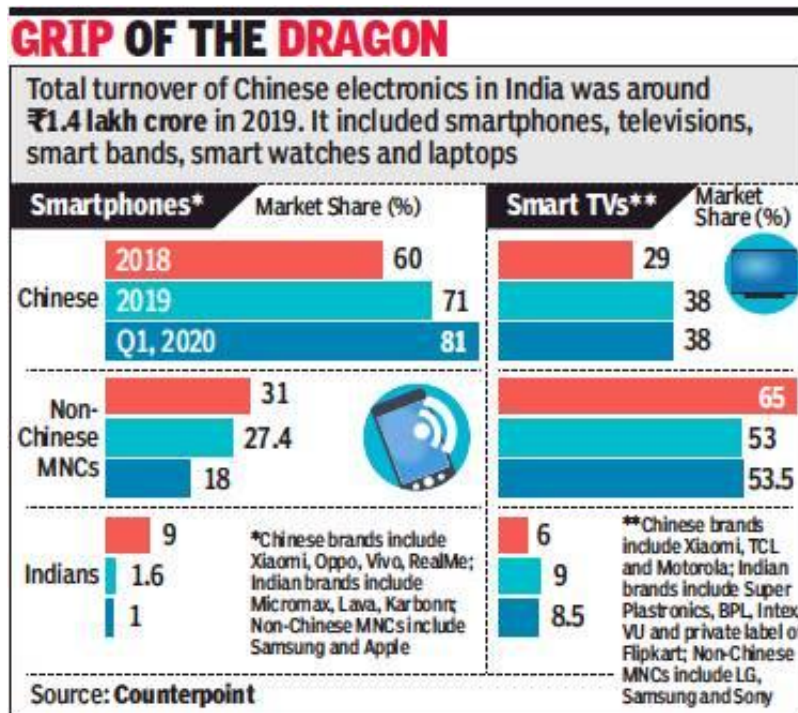
- ✓ During the trip, the Minister will hold meetings to deepen the defence and strategic partnership between both the countries.
- ✓ In general, India is expected to ask Russia to deliver contracted weapon systems at the earliest and urgently send out critical spares for its fighter planes, main battle tanks and submarines following the ongoing troop confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh.
 - ✓ The Defence Minister will press Russia for air transportation of the spares and related equipment — for Sukhoi-30MKI and MiG-29 fighters, T-90S main battle tanks and Kilo-class submarines — instead of the time-consuming route through shipping
- ✓ The Minister will also be attending the 75th Russian Victory Day Parade in Moscow on June 24
 - ✓ In a first, India has sent a 75-member tri-service military contingent to participate in the Parade along with the other contingents and Russia's own contingent.
 - ✓ India's marching contingent will be led by a major rank officer of the gallant Sikh Light Infantry Regiment.
 - ✓ The regiment had fought with great valour during World War II and it had earned four Battle Honours and two Military Cross, amongst other gallantry awards
 - ✓ India's participation at the Russian Victory Day parade will mark tribute to the great sacrifices made by Russia and other nations during World War II.
 - ✓ This year's victory parade will mark the 75th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender to Soviet Union during the Second World War.
 - ✓ It is being organised to honour the patriotism and sacrifices made by the Russian people and its allies.

- ✓ Over 60% of the weapons systems used by the 1.5 million strong Indian armed forces are still of Russian origin
- ✓ During the talks, India will also ask Russia to expedite delivery of the five squadrons of S-400 Triumf surface-to-air missile systems under the \$5.43 billion (Rs 40,000 crore) deal signed in October 2018.
- ✓ The S-400 deliveries were originally scheduled to begin from October 2020 and end by April 2023
 - ✓ The S-400 version to be delivered to the country can detect, track and destroy hostile strategic bombers, jets, spy planes, missiles and drones at a range of 380 km.
- ✓ India is also planning to procure 21 more MiG-29 jets, which will cost around Rs 230 crore each, as well as 12 additional Sukhois to replace the ones that have crashed.
 - ✓ The IAF has so far inducted over 250 Sukhois of the 272 originally contracted in batches from Russia for well over \$12 billion, with the bulk of them being licence- produced by defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics
 - ✓ However, these jets are hampered by the relatively poor serviceability
 - ✓ In this regard, India has for long been asking Russia for proper maintenance support and supply of spares for its crucial weapon systems.
- ✓ Incidentally, over 70% of China's arms imports now come from Russia
- ✓ China has inducted six S-400 systems under a \$3 billion deal inked with Russia in 2014, with the deliveries beginning in January 2018.

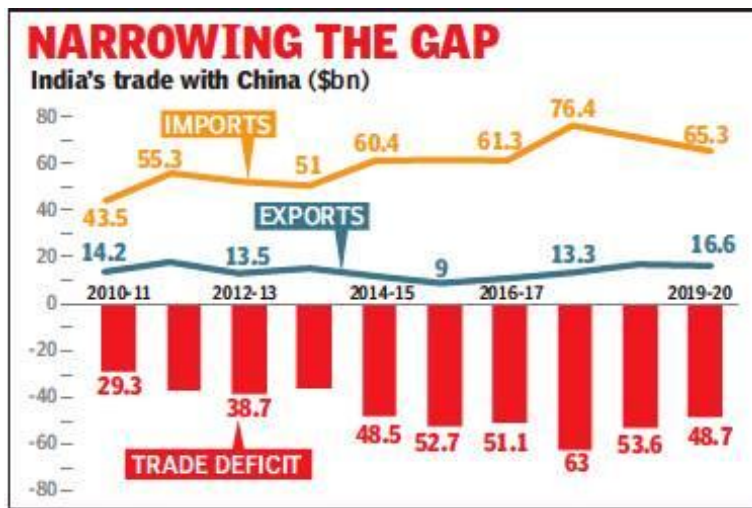
ECONOMY

- **Chinese companies – have dominated the fast-growing Indian market in the categories of smartphones, televisions, laptops, and even smart bands and watches.**
 - ✓ They have registered sales of nearly ₹1.4 lakh crore in the Indian electronics market last year.
 - ✓ This domination has been continuing despite the losses incurred by local Indian brands such as Micromax, Lava, Intex, and Karbonn, and MNCs from other countries such as Korea (Samsung and LG) and Japan (Sony).
 - ✓ In 2019, the Chinese brands had a market share of 71% in the revenue-intensive smartphones category, and this further increased to 81% in the first quarter (January-March) of this year
 - ✓ This has been mainly possible due to the success of Chinese brands such as Xiaomi, Oppo, Vivo and Real-Me
 - ✓ However, the homegrown Indian brands had only 1.6% share in 2019, which further dipped to under 1% in the first quarter of 2020

- ✓ Even well-established Korean company Samsung also reported a drop in market share in the country, while it has already exited its business in China
- ✓ Apple is the only other non-Chinese MNC that does business, but even its share remains marginal



- ✓ The Chinese companies are expanding at a faster rate in India in various other categories too, including TVs, smart bands, and smart watches.
- ✓ Companies such as Lenovo already hold a significant share in computers.
- **India's trade deficit with China - is estimated to have narrowed to \$48.6 billion during the last financial year — the lowest in five years**
 - ✓ Last year, the trade deficit with China stood at \$53.6 billion
 - ✓ The decline in trade deficit is due to the drop in imports from China by over 7%
 - ✓ The total imports from China have reached \$65 billion during 2019-20 as against \$76 billion a year ago
 - ✓ The fall in imports from China also helped the US to take a lead as India's largest trading partner.
 - ✓ India's trade with US was estimated at \$88.8 billion, while the trade with China was pegged at just under \$82 billion.



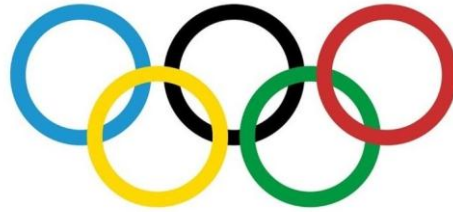
- ✓ Last year's trade deficit was roughly the same as the level seen in 2014-15, but 34% higher than 2013-14
- ✓ During 2019-20, India's exports declined by over 5% when compared with last year.



INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Olympic Day – June 23

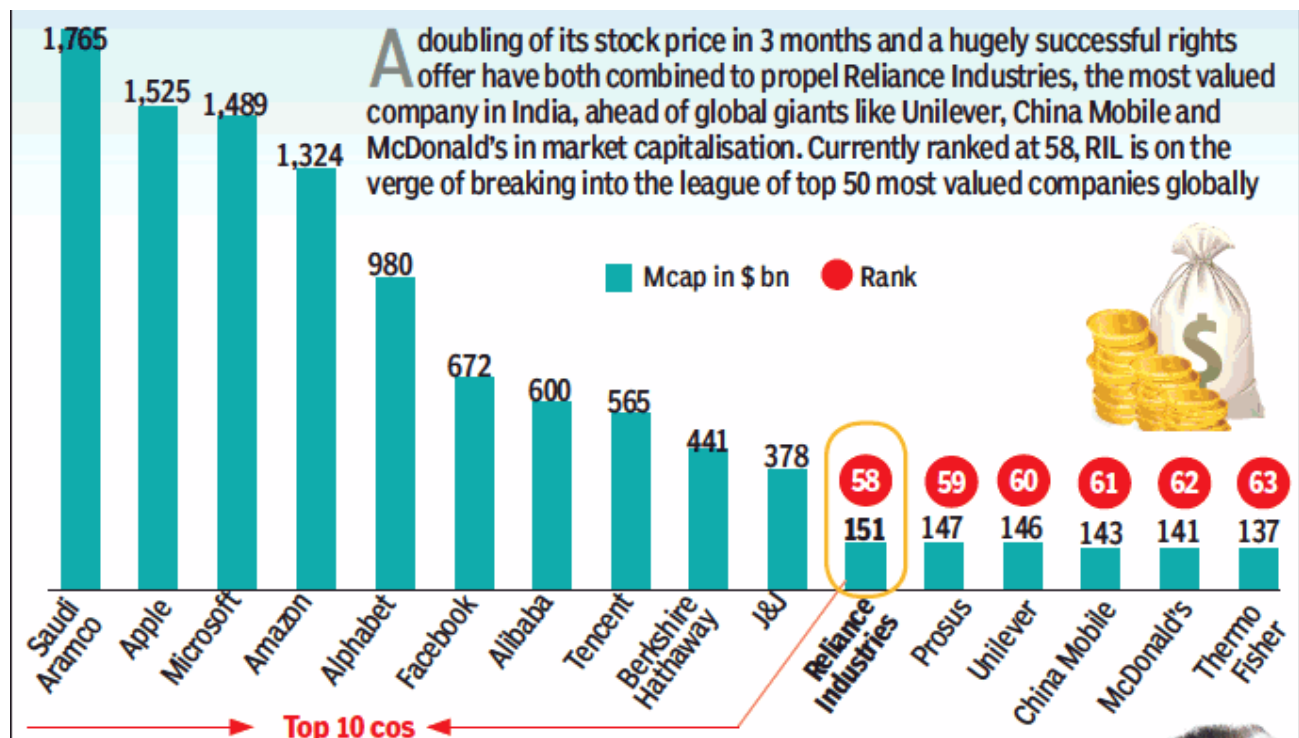
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC DAY



June 23, 2020

- ✓ The day commemorates the foundation day of the International Olympic Committee.
- ✓ The International Olympic Committee was established in Paris on 23rd June 1894.
- ✓ It was founded by Pierre de Coubertin and Demetrios Vikelas
- ✓ The International Olympic Day was first celebrated by 9 countries in the year 1948.
- ✓ It has been since expanded to be observed by all the members of the IOC.
- ✓ The IOC organizes the summer and winter Olympic Games once in every four years.
- ✓ It is a non-governmental sports organization headquartered at Lausanne, Switzerland.

RELIANCE M-CAP vis-à-vis OTHER COMPANIES – A REPORT



Ambani In Top 10: The net worth of **Mukesh Ambani** has jumped to **\$64.5 billion**, making him the only Asian tycoon in the exclusive club of the world's top 10 richest people, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Ambani had made it to Forbes' top 10 rich list too after RIL's stock surged on Friday. He overtook Larry Ellison of Oracle and France's Françoise Bettencourt Meyers, the wealthiest woman, to reach the 9th spot



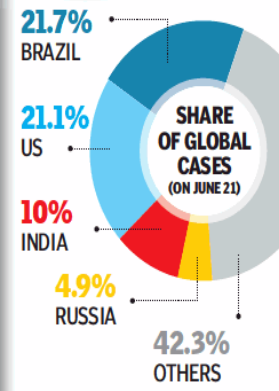
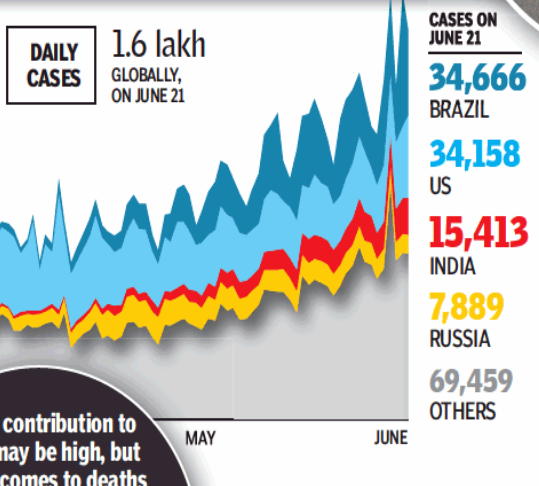
MORE COVID INFECTIONS BUT LESS DEATHS – A REPORT

Since lockdowns have been relaxed all over the world, people are out in the streets and there might be a feeling that the worst is over. Data, however, shows a steady increase in the daily average of Covid-19 cases reported globally. Till June 21, the average was 1.6 lakh cases per day. This is far higher than the averages in March and April. But on the brighter side, the number of deaths has come down. Fewer deaths when cases are higher means the world has now got a better grip on the pandemic. **Atul Thakur** explains



Four countries are contributing more than half of daily cases...

New cases are largely concentrated in Brazil, US, India and Russia. There has been a steady decline in Europe's share of positive cases. In March, about 60% of the cases came from the continent, which is now down to 12.6%. There is a steady increase in Asia and Americas



...and about half of global deaths

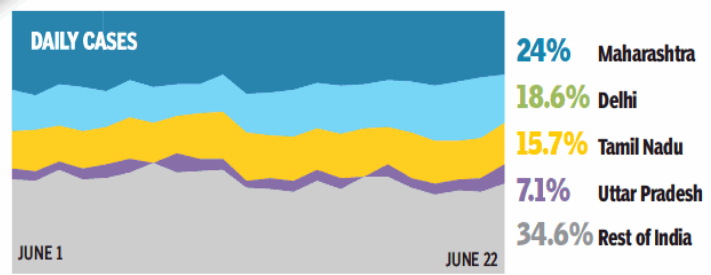
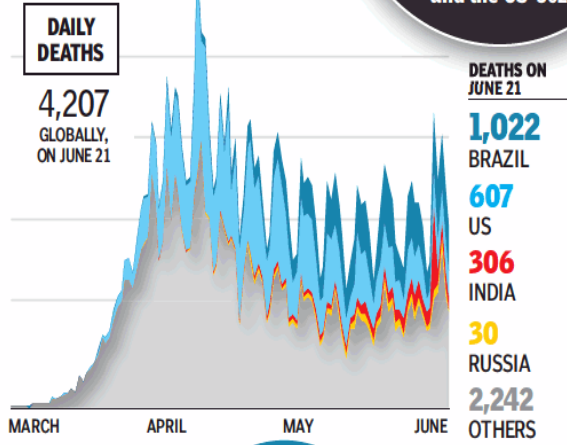
Brazil has overtaken the US, which in April had one third of the total casualties and now just 16%. India numbers are steadily rising

India's contribution to cases may be high, but when it comes to deaths per million population, it is the lowest among the four worst-affected countries. India has 10 Covid deaths per million, far lower than Russia's 56, Brazil's 238 and the US' 362

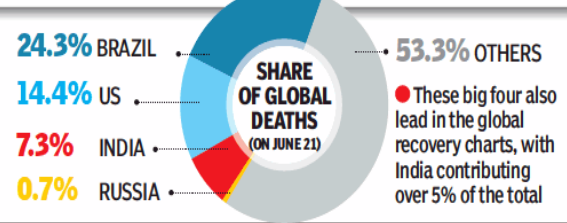
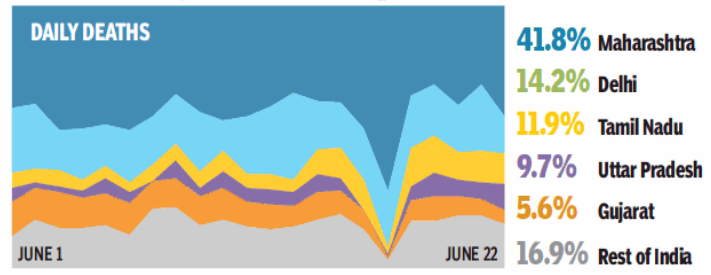
THE INDIA STORY

Four states account for over 60% of India's daily cases...

Of every 10 cases reported in a day, six come from four states, and their combined share has largely remained the same. Over time, Maharashtra's share in daily cases has come down from over a third, while Delhi's share is steadily increasing



...and 8 of every 10 deaths are reported from five states



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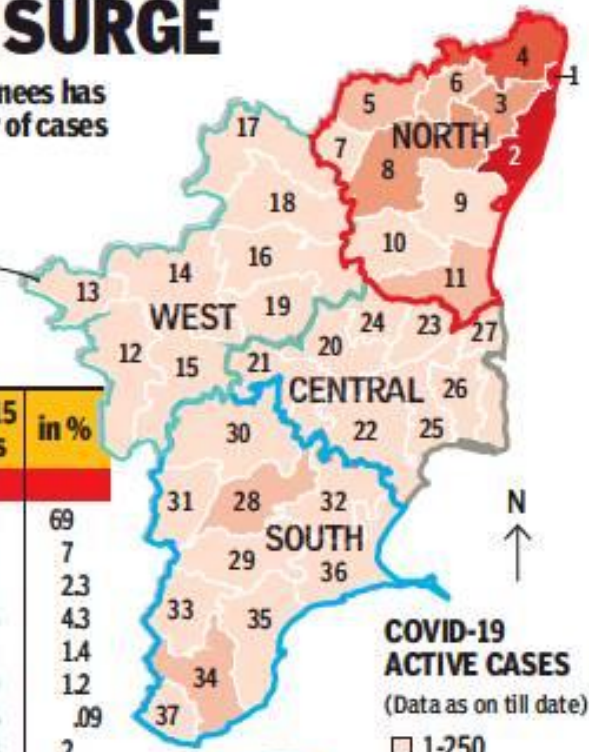
COVID PROGRESS IN TAMIL NADU – A REPORT



SUDDEN SURGE

Influx of Chennai returnees has pushed up the number of cases across the districts

Numbers in maps indicate districts



COVID-19 ACTIVE CASES
(Data as on till date)

- 1-250
- 251-500
- 501-750
- 751-1000
- 1001-1250
- 1251-1500
- 1501+



District	last 15 days	in %
NORTH TN		
1 Chennai	19023	69
2 Chengalpet	1891	7
3 Kancheepuram	643	2.3
4 Tiruvallur	1205	4.3
5 Vellore	413	1.4
6 Ranipet	340	1.2
7 Tirupathur	26	.09
8 Tiruvannamalai	568	2
9 Villupuram	201	.7
10 Kallakurichi	115	.4
11 Cuddalore	284	1

District	last 15 days	in %
WEST TN		
12 Coimbatore	107	.3
13 Nilgiris	15	.05
14 Erode	12	.04
15 Tirupur	9	.03
16 Salem	119	0.4
17 Krishnagiri	26	.09
18 Dharmapuri	22	.08
19 Namakkal	9	.03

District	last 15 days	in %
CENTRAL TN		
20 Trichy	150	.5
21 Karur	28	.1
22 Pudukottai	37	.1
23 Ariyalur	40	.1
24 Perambalur	7	.03
25 Thanjavur	159	.5
26 Tiruvarur	159	.5
27 Nagappattinam	126	.4

District	last 15 days	in %
SOUTH TN		
28 Madurai	393	1.4
29 Virudhunagar	54	.1
30 Dindigul	138	.5
31 Theni	76	.2
32 Sivaganga	40	.1
33 Tenkasi	138	.5
34 Tirunelveli	254	.9
35 Tuticorin	248	.8
36 Ramanathapuram	193	.7
37 Kanyakumari	81	.2

