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01 Jun 2020

- Elections for 18 Rajya Sabha seats will be held on June 19, the Election Commission has said. The list includes 4 seats each from Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, three each from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, two from Jharkhand and one each from Meghalaya and Manipur.
- The first phase of nationwide unlock starts today. Unlock 1 will allow a phased reopening of most activities across India. India is now the seventh most-affected nation in the global COVID-19 tally, with over 1.9 lakh cases and 5,400 deaths.
- SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft with two NASA astronauts successfully docked with the International Space Station last night after a historic launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- World Milk Day is celebrated today.
- Wajid Khan, of composer duo Sajid-Wajid has died at the age of 42.

02 Jun 2020

- The Union government has approved Gilead Sciences Inc's antiviral drug remdesivir for emergency use in treating COVID-19 patients.
- Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari announces development of new Greenfield expressway to Amritsar.

03 Jun 2020

- Union Government today said that the recovery rate reached to 48.31 per cent in the country and the number of recovered people from Corona virus crossed the one lakh mark. Also the number of people who have tested positive for Covid-19 in India crossed the 2 lakh-mark today.

- The Union Cabinet today approved a historic amendment to Essential Commodities Act. With the amendment to Essential Commodities Act, commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes have been removed from list of essential commodities.
- Senior diplomat Raveesh Kumar has been appointed as the next Ambassador to Finland. Mr. Kumar, a 1995 batch IFS officer was earlier the spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs.
- Severe cyclonic storm Nisarga hits north Maharashtra coast. It landfall at Diveagar in Alibagh around 1.15 pm today.

04 Jun 2020

- First ever India-Australia Virtual Summit held between PM Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison. Indian and Australia signed seven agreements including a landmark deal for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support during the online summit.
- The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) approved the development of a twin-engine made-in-India fighter jet, following the successful trial landing of the Tejas-N fighter onboard INS Vikramaditya.
- Veteran filmmaker Basu Chatterjee passed away following age related health issues. He was 93.

05 Jun 2020

- Prakash Javadekar launched the Urban Forest program on the occasion of World Environment Day, today.
- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, founder and current Chairperson and Managing Director of Biocon Limited, has been named EY World Entrepreneur of the Year for 2020.

06 Jun 2020

- Cricketer Rohit Sharma has been nominated for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2020 by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Besides, the BCCI has also nominated Deepti Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan and Ishant Sharma for the Arjuna Awards.

08 Jun 2020

- World Oceans Day is celebrated today. In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided to designate 8 June as World Oceans Day.
- Religious places, shopping malls, restaurants, hotels and offices which were closed due to the lockdown, have reopened in many states today with certain conditions.
- Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya declared Gairsain as new summer capital. The Gairsain is also called Bhararisen.
- New Zealand lifts all social and economic restrictions except border controls after declaring it is free of the coronavirus, one of the first countries in the world to return to pre-pandemic normality.

10 Jun 2020

- The Government of India has extended Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayushman Bharat) to the migrant workers. Govt of India had announced that the Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries will receive free COVID-19 testing.
- International Cricket Council, ICC has approved substitution in case a player shows symptoms of COVID-19 during a Test match besides ratifying the interim ban on using saliva to shine the ball.

11 Jun 2020

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras is the country's best in the field of higher education, according to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released today. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, stands at the second place, followed by IIT-Delhi.
- The population of Asiatic lions in Gujarat increase by 28.87 percent. The recent exercise called Poonam Avalokan, shows that the population of lions has gone up to 674 against the 523 which was reported in 2015.

12 Jun 2020

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that no late fees will be levied on registered entities with Nil GST return filing between July 2017 and January 2020.

- Eminent Indian- American soil scientist Rattan Lal has been named this year's recipient of the World Food Prize for developing and mainstreaming a soil-centric approach to increasing food production.

13 Jun 2020

- Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, AVSM, YSM, VSM assumed the charge as Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), Visakhapatnam on 12 June 2020. Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta replaced Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, the outgoing Chief of Staff, has proceeded on transfer as Controller Personnel Services at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), New Delhi.

14 Jun 2020

- Today is World Blood Donor Day. This year the theme is - Safe blood saves lives.
- Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput dies by suicide at the age of 34 in his Mumbai residence.

15 Jun 2020

- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Personnel, PG and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Feedback Call Centres on Public Grievances on 15 June. Recently, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) reached the milestone of redressing one lakh COVID-19 Public Grievances.

16 Jun 2020

- Government of India has taken special measures to benefit the welfare scheme for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) amidst the prevailing unprecedented situation faced by the society due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

17 Jun 2020

- 20 Indian soldiers martyred in violent clashes with Chinese troops in Galwan area of Ladakh region on last Monday night.
- Bayern Munich has been crowned Bundesliga champions for an eighth successive season after a 1-0 win at Werder Bremen.

18 Jun 2020

- India was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term after winning 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Along with India, Ireland, Mexico and Norway also won the Security Council elections.
- The upper House of Nepal Parliament passed a Constitution Amendment Bill in favour of the new map that claims the disputed territory of Limpiyadhura-Kalapani-Lipulekh.

20 Jun 2020

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan in six states. Over 42 crore poor people received financial assistance of Rs 65,454 cr under Garib Kalyan Package.
- 61 candidates have been elected to the Rajya Sabha from 20 States in the biennial elections.

21 Jun 2020

- The 6th International Day of Yoga is being celebrated today.
- Glenmark's FabiFlu tablets are approved for coronavirus treatment in India. It will cost Rs 103 per tablet. Glenmark pharmaceuticals was the first company in India to initiate phase three clinical trials on Favipiravir for COVID-19 patients in India.
- Nagaland State Sports Academy at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima has been selected to be established as Khelo India State Centre of Excellence, KISCE.

22 Jun 2020

- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the net worth of Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd., has jumped to \$64.5 billion, making him the only Asian tycoon in the exclusive club of the world's top 10 richest people.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has left for Moscow, Russia on a three-day visit.
- India has become the 12th largest holder of US government securities at the end of April, with holding worth 157.4 billion dollars.

23 Jun 2020

- India and China have reached a consensus to disengage in the Eastern Ladakh sector. Both sides agreed to disengage from all friction areas.
- World famous Rath Yatra being carried out amid restrictions in Puri, Odisha. The District Administration has imposed a curfew in Puri for the Yatra.
- International Olympic Day is observed today to commemorate the foundation day of the International Olympic Committee.

24 Jun 2020

- The Union Cabinet decided to bring all cooperative banks under the Reserve Bank of India through an ordinance. This was announced by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar. Also Union Cabinet Approves Private Sector Participation in Space Activities.
- A 75-member Tri-service contingent of the Indian Armed Forces participating in the Victory Day Parade in Russia.

25 Jun 2020

- Indian Army Chief General, Manoj Mukund Naravane on June 24 awarded the commendation cards to the soldiers who fought with the Chinese troops in face-offs that took place in the Eastern Ladakh sector.

26 Jun 2020

- Today is International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- The Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) extended the ban on international commercial flights till July 15 due to rise in coronavirus cases.
- Liverpool crowned Premier League champions after Manchester City lost their match against Chelsea by 1-2.

27 Jun 2020

- The Union Government allowed the use of the low-cost steroid drug dexamethasone as an alternative to methylprednisolone to treat coronavirus patients with moderate and severe symptoms.
- President Ram Nath Kovind has promulgated the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 in pursuance of the commitment to ensure safety of depositors across banks.

28 Jun 2020

- Jharkhand government has decided to extend the state lockdown till July 31, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19. The announcement was made by Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

29 Jun 2020

- The World's largest Convalescent Plasma Therapy Trial project launch today by the Maharashtra State Government. The name of the project is Platina.
- The Delhi government will setup a plasma bank to fight coronavirus. The Plasma Bank will be set up at the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS). It will be first Plasma Bank in India.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray on June 29, 2020 launched 'Project Platina' - world's largest convalescent plasma therapy trial to treat severe COVID-19 patients.

30 Jun 2020

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- PM Narendra Modi on June 30, 2020 addressed the nation in the context of Unlock 2.0 that will be effective from July 1. PM Modi extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana till November 2020 to support migrants and poor labourers. The Prime Minister stated that essential ration will be provided to vulnerable families even after Diwali and Chhat Puja.
- PM Modi in his address to the nation on June 30 gave a special mention to 'One Nation, One Ration Card Scheme'. With 20 states already under the scheme, he assured that the scheme will be implemented across the nation.