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Today in History on 23 JUNE

➤ 1757 - First Battle of Plassey

The first battle of Plassey was fought on 23 June 1757 at a place called 'Plassey' on the banks of the Bhagirathi River, which is currently located 22 miles south of Murshidabad in Nadia district of West Bengal. In this war, on one side was the army of the British East India Company and on the other side was the army of the Nawab of Bengal. The army of the company defeated Nawab Siraj-ud-Daulah under the leadership of Robert Clive. But this war cannot be considered a victory of the company because before the war, Clive had conspired with the three generals of the Nawab, Mir Jafar, his courtiers, and the rich Seth Jagat Seth of the state etc. The entire army of the Nawab did not even participate in the war.

Maratha ruler Peshwa Balaji Bajirao passed away in 1761. He is also known as "Nana Saheb", and was the Peshwa from 1740 to 1761. The Maratha Empire expanded during his reign, but after the defeat of the Maratha army in the Third Battle of Panipat in 1761, he went into depression and died on June 23, 1761. In the Battle of Panipat, his son Vishwas Rao and cousin Sadashivrao Bhau were also killed, which caused him a severe shock.



➤ 1810: Construction of Duncan Dock in Bombay completed.

In 1810, the construction of Duncan Dock in Bombay (now Mumbai) was completed. The dock was designed by the British and built between 1807 and 1810. It was a significant addition to the city's maritime infrastructure and was named after Jonathan Duncan, the Governor of Bombay at the time. The dock, initially the largest dry dock outside



➤ 1761: Maratha ruler Peshwa Balaji Bajirao passes away.



of Europe, remains in use today for docking frigates, patrol vessels, and submarines.



➤ 1868: Christopher L. Sholes receives a patent for the typewriter.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his typewriter. This typewriter had the QWERTY keyboard layout, which is still used today.

It was the first commercially successful typewriter.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes, Carlos Glidden, and Samuel W. Soule received a patent for a typewriter. This typewriter, known as the Sholes and Glidden typewriter, was the first typewriter to be commercially successful.



➤ 1960: Security Agreement between Japan and the US.

In 1960, Japan and the US signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. Under this treaty, the US got the right to establish military bases in Japan, and in return, the US committed to defend Japan in case of any attack on it. This treaty was a revised version of the original treaty of 1951. In the 1951 treaty, the US was allowed to station its troops in Japan and use them without prior consultation,



Important NEWS on 23 JUNE

➤ PM Modi Flags Off India's First Locomotive Export to Guinea from Bihar

In a major milestone for Indian manufacturing and global trade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off India's first locally-built locomotive export to the Republic of Guinea on June, 2025, from the

Marhowrah rail factory in Bihar. This move highlights India's emergence as a competitive global supplier in the railway manufacturing sector and marks a pivotal moment in strengthening India-Africa economic relations.



➤ AIIMS Mangalagiri Observes World Sickle Cell Day with Awareness Rally

To commemorate World Sickle Cell Day on June, 2025, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh, organized an awareness rally in partnership with the Departments of Health and Family Welfare and Tribal Welfare. The event brought together students, tribal members, and healthcare professionals in a unified call to eliminate sickle cell disease, particularly in vulnerable tribal communities.



➤ UPSC Launches 'Pratibha Setu' to Connect Top Candidates with Private Employers

In a groundbreaking move to link India's untapped pool of top exam performers with meaningful career opportunities, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has launched "Pratibha Setu"—a digital platform that allows government and private sector employers to access details of non-recommended, willing candidates who cleared all stages of UPSC exams but narrowly missed the final merit list. The initiative, previously known as the Public Disclosure Scheme, is aimed at unlocking talent that nearly made it into the nation's premier civil services.



➤ Iran Products List in India: Check the Updated List

Trade relations between India and Iran have long been shaped by both historical ties and strategic interests, particularly in the realms of energy, agriculture, and food. Despite international sanctions on Iran, non-sanctioned goods—



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especially in the food and consumer sectors—continue to find their way into the Indian market. This article explores the latest list of Iranian products in India, their categories, and the dynamics shaping their flow into the Indian economy.



➤ Sampath Kumar Becomes First Indian MD of Nippon Koei India

In a significant leadership development, Nippon Koei India (NKI), the Indian arm of Japan-based ID&E Holdings, has appointed G Sampath Kumar as its Managing Director (MD). This marks the first time an Indian has been appointed to this top leadership role in the company, signaling a renewed strategic focus on regional expansion and local leadership.



➤ Neeraj Chopra Wins Paris Diamond League 2025 with Massive 88.16m Throw

Indian javelin ace Neeraj Chopra secured a stunning victory at the 2025 Paris Diamond League, registering a throw of 88.16 metres in his first attempt. This win marks his first major title in two years and a significant comeback in the Diamond League series, reaffirming his position as one of the top javelin throwers in the world.



➤ Wind power generation in Tamilnadu 2025

The Wind power generation in the state crossed the 100-million-unit (Mu) mark (113.09) for the sixth time this year. The maximum daily generation of 111.174 Mu was recorded on July 18, 2024. Tamil Nadu has an installed capacity of 11,361 MW of wind power and produces 13,000 Mu of power annually.





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Current affairs MCQS on 23 JUNE

Q.1. Captain James Cook's lost ship HMS Endeavour was recently discovered where?

- (a) Rhode Island
- (b) Australia
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) New Guinea Island

Answer: (a) Rhode Island

After 250 years, Captain James Cook's long-lost ship, HMS Endeavour, has been found near Newport Harbor, Rhode Island. The ship was the first European to reach eastern Australia during Cook's 1768-1771 expedition. It was later renamed the Lord Sandwich and sank in 1778 during the American War of Independence. The Australian National Maritime Museum confirmed the wreck after 25 years of underwater exploration and global research. The wreck, labeled RI 2394, was identified by matching its structure with Cook's 1768 plans.

Q.2. Which New Zealand cricketer recently announced his retirement from ODI cricket?

- (a) Kane Williamson
- (b) Sophie Devine
- (c) Trent Boult
- (d) Suzie Bates

Answer: (b) Sophie Devine

New Zealand captain Sophie Devine will announce her retirement from the ODI format after this year's ICC Women's World Cup. The 35-year-old allrounder, who has been a cornerstone of the White Ferns for nearly two decades, will move to a casual playing agreement for the 2025-26 season.

Q.3. With which country did India recently hold the first joint working group meeting on agricultural cooperation?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) Belarus
- (d) Poland

Answer: (b) Ukraine

The first meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Agriculture between India and Ukraine was held virtually. This meeting is an important step towards strengthening bilateral cooperation in agriculture and related sectors between the two countries. The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Ajit Kumar Sahu (Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) from the Indian side and Ms Oxana Osmachko (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food) from the Ukrainian side.

Q.4. Recently scientists of which country developed nano-cup structure therapy technology for cancer treatment?

- (a) USA
- (b) Japan
- (c) India
- (d) Germany

Answer: (c) India

Giving a new direction to cancer treatment research in India, Indian scientists have developed a simple and novel technique of synthesis of gold nano-cups, which can prove to be highly effective in photothermal therapy (PTT). These specially designed PEGylated semi-shells are capable of targeting and destroying cancer tumours through heat, making it a less painful and more effective option than conventional treatments. This innovation has been done by scientists from INST Mohali, IIT Bombay and ACTREC - Tata Memorial Centre and can make a big contribution in increasing the survival rate in cases of metastatic breast cancer.





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Q.5. Where did Google recently open its first security engineering center in the Asia-Pacific region and fourth globally?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Chennai

Answer:(b) Hyderabad

Google inaugurated the Google Safety Engineering Center, India (GSEC India) in Hyderabad. This is the first such facility to be launched in the Asia-Pacific region and the fourth such facility globally. According to a press release issued by the company, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurated the facility. He called it an important step for India's digital security and Telangana's technological future.

Q.6. Recently, the Asian Development Bank announced an economic package of \$2.3 billion for which country?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bangladesh

Answer:(a) Nepal

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched a new Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Nepal for the year 2025-2029, which promises to provide concessional economic assistance of \$2.3 billion. Nepal is going to move from the category of least developed countries to the category of developing countries. In view of this situation, a strategy has been formulated by the Asian Development Bank to provide economic assistance to Nepal in a new way.

Q.7. Recently, the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 was held in which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Austria

Answer:(b) Germany

The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 kicked off in Bonn, Germany, with more than 5,000 government representatives, scientists, indigenous leaders and civil society activists attending. This mid-year meeting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) plays a key role in shaping the global climate agenda.

Q.8. What is India's rank in the recent Energy Transition Index 2025 of the World Economic Forum?

- (a) 71
- (b) 63
- (c) 85
- (d) 92

Answer:(a) 71

Despite significant progress in energy efficiency and clean energy investments, India has dropped eight places to 71st on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Energy Transition Index 2025 compared to last year. The index, which ranks 118 countries based on their performance in energy security, sustainability and equity, is topped by Sweden, Finland and Denmark. While India's ranking has dropped, the WEF has acknowledged the country's significant improvements in energy access, regulatory framework and transition readiness.

Q.9. Recently, which country launched the Zhang Heng-102 satellite to monitor natural disasters?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Russia

Answer:(b) China

China has launched the Zhangheng 1B satellite to strengthen the early warning system of natural disasters. It was launched by a Long March 2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi Desert. The satellite was developed under a 2019 agreement with Italy and was successfully put into orbit. It is equipped with nine instruments, including





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Italian-made electric field detectors and high-energy particle sensors.

Q.10. Which Indian institute topped the QS World University Rankings 2026 in India recently?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Delhi

Answer:(d) IIT Delhi

A record 54 Indian Institutes have been featured in the QS World University Rankings, with the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Delhi emerging as the country's top-ranked Institute. IIT Delhi's global ranking has seen a significant jump from the earlier 150th position to the current 123rd rank in the latest edition of the rankings of higher education institutions across the world. This is also the highest QS World University Ranking achieved so far by the Institute.

Q.11. Recently, which state was given ₹2,006.40 crore by the central government to recover from floods and landslides?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam

Answer:(c) Himachal Pradesh

The central government has sanctioned Rs 2,006.40 crore to Himachal Pradesh. In a significant step towards aiding post-disaster recovery efforts in Himachal Pradesh, the central government has sanctioned an amount of ₹2,006.40 crore for reconstruction and rehabilitation in the wake of devastating floods, landslides and cloudbursts during the 2023 monsoon. The high-level committee headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved the rehabilitation and reconstruction plan for Himachal.

Q.12. Recently, the International Religious Freedom Summit 2025 was held in which city?

- (a) Cape Town

- (b) Addis Ababa
- (c) Nairobi
- (d) Lagos

Answer:(c) Nairobi

The first International Religious Freedom (IRF) Summit on Africa was held in Nairobi, Kenya. It was organized by Pepperdine University and the Institute for Religious Freedom, and hosted by the Global Peace Foundation. The summit brought together policymakers, religious leaders, and civil society groups from across Africa. It aimed to discuss both challenges and opportunities related to promoting religious freedom on the continent. The event is an important step in unifying global efforts to protect the right to religious belief and practice in Africa.

Q.13. Recently, which state became the first state in India to connect all urban local bodies through a single portal?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer:(c) Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to bring all urban local bodies on a digital platform. The Urban Development and Housing Department has launched e-Nagarpalika 2.0 to make citizen services transparent and efficient. The scheme is also linked to other departments and mobile apps like Umang, which promotes the goal of Digital India.

Q.14. Who was Maruthi Chitampally, who died recently?

- (a) Classical musician
- (b) Wildlife photographer
- (c) Environmentalist
- (d) Historian

Answer:(c) Environmentalist

Renowned environmentalist, wildlife expert and Padma Shri awardee Maruti Chitampally, popularly known as 'Aranya Rishi', died at the age of 93 in



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Solapur, Maharashtra due to age-related ailments. He dedicated his life to forests, wildlife and conservation literature. Chitampally received the Padma Shri award from the President on April 30 this year.

Q.15. Who was recently awarded Padma Bhushan by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts?

- (a) Saira Joseph
- (b) Anahat Singh
- (c) Ram Bahadur Rai
- (d) Acharya Prashant

Answer:(c) Ram Bahadur Rai

Eminent journalist and cultural intellectual Shri Ram Bahadur Rai was formally conferred the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award, by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The special award was given at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) office in Delhi as Shri Rai was unable to attend the main function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The award ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries and intellectuals who paid rich tributes to his lifelong contribution to journalism, public discourse and cultural thought.

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