

Current Affairs

June 20

1. Hezbollah leader warns Israel of war with 'no red lines,' threatens Cyprus *Source: CNBC*
<https://www.cnn.com/2024/06/20/hezbollah-leader-warns-israel-of-war-with-no-red-lines-threatens-cyprus-.html>
2. Iran inaugurates Rasht-Caspian Railway *Source: en.apa.az*
<https://en.apa.az/infrastructure/iran-inaugurates-rasht-caspian-railway-440663#:~:text=The%20Rasht%20Caspian%20Railway%20which,Mehrdad%20Bazrpash%2C%20and%20other%20officials.>
3. Russia, Vietnam agree to deepen strategic partnership following Putin's visit *Source: Russian News Agency* <https://tass.com/politics/1805961>
4. Indian Rupee Hits Record Low as Broad Dollar Strength Weighs *Source: Bloomberg*
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-06-20/indian-rupee-hits-record-low-as-broad-dollar-strength-weighs>
5. EU ambassadors agree on 14th sanction package against Russia *Source: abc media*
<https://abcmedia.am/en/news/71312/>
6. Swiss National Bank presses ahead as rate cutting front-runner *Source: Business Times*
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/swiss-national-bank-presses-ahead-rate-cutting-front-runner>
7. Climate models underestimate carbon cycling through plants *Source: Imperial College London*
<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/news/254136/climate-models-underestimate-carbon-cycling-through/#:~:text=The%20research%2C%20carried%20out%20by,overestimating%20how%20long%20that%20carbon>
8. New genetic cause of obesity could help guide treatment *Source: University of Exeter*
<https://news.exeter.ac.uk/faculty-of-health-and-life-sciences/new-genetic-cause-of-obesity-could-help-guide-treatment/#:~:text=Scientists%20have%20discovered%20a%20new,to%20be%20overweight%20or%20obese.>
9. Jumping leeches caught on camera for the first time by scientists *Source: Natural History Museum*
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2024/june/jumping-leeches-caught-camera-first-time-scientists.html>
10. Who is Mark Rutte, pegged to be next NATO head as Romania's prez withdraws from race? *Source: The Week*
<https://www.theweek.in/news/world/2024/06/20/who-is-mark-rutte-the-man-pegged-to-be-next-nato-head-as-romania-pres-withdraws-from-race.html>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On June 20

Important events of June 20

- *World Refugee Day*
- **712:** Muhammad of Bin Quasim (Kasim), Arabs, attacked Sindh and captured it. Muhammad defeated and killed King Dahir, Hindu king, at Rawar.
- **1574:** Akbar himself left Agra.
- **1756:** A group of British soldiers along with Halvel were imprisoned by some rebellions in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta." Most of them died here.
- **1837:** Victoria became Queen of England.
- **1840:** Samuel Morse received the patent for the telegraph.
- **1858:** Gwalior fort was captured by British troops and the first Indian Sepoy Mutiny officially came to an end.
- **1862:** Romanian Prime Minister Barbu Catargiu was assassinated.
- **1863:** West Virginia became the 35th state of the United States.
- **1869:** Laxmanrao Kirloskar, great industrialist, social reformer, patriot and founder of Kirloskar Industry was born at Belgaum.
- **1873:** Young Men Christian Association of India was established in Calcutta.
- **1877:** Alexander Graham Bell introduced the world's first commercial telephone service in Ontario, Canada.
- **1887:** India's busiest railway station, Victoria Terminus (Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus) in Mumbai opened to the public.
- **1897:** Ratnakant Barkakti, famous Assamia poet, was born.
- **1911:** Dattatray Purushottam Karmarkar, veteran freedom fighter and former cabinet minister, died.
- **1916:** Sreemati Nathibai Damodher Thackersey (SNDT) Indian Women's University, first women's and the fifth Indian University, was established in Pune by D.K. Karve.
- **1918:** K.K. Singh, politician and social worker, was born at Agra.
- **1921:** Tilak University was established.
- **1939:** Ramakant Bhikaji Desai, cricketer (effective pace bowler for India in the 60s), was born in Bombay.
- **1946:** Gandhiji attends the Working Committee meeting from 20-21 June.
- **1946:** Kashmir authorities arrest President-elect Nehru for refusing to obey an order banning him from the state.
- **1948:** Lord Mountbatten resigns as the Governor General of the Indian Union.
- **1957:** Govindrao Burhanpurkar, famous harmonium player, died.
- **1960:** The Mali Federation (later split into Mali and Senegal) gained independence from France.
- **1972:** Paras Laxmikant Mhambrey, great Indian cricket pace bowler (Test v England 1996), was born in Bombay.

- 1976:** *After the assassination of the American ambassador, America evacuated hundreds of its citizens from Lebanon.*
- 1979:** *Renedy Singh, Indian Soccer(Football) player, was born in Manipur.*
- 1985:** *The Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian decoration, was presented to Mother Teresa by President Ronald Reagan.*
- 1987:** *Dr. Salim Ali, internationally renowned expert of birds, died at Bombay.*
- 1990:** *A magnitude 7.4 earthquake shook Iran, killing at least 50,000 people and injuring 150,000.*
- 1990:** *Asteroid Eureka was discovered.*
- 1990:** *About 40 thousand people died in the earthquake that struck Iran.*
- 1992:** *CPM decides to back Dr. Sharma.*
- 1992:** *Carnatic musician Maharajapuram Santhanam died in a car accident in Villupuram in Tamil Nadu.*
- 1992:** *The JD and the NF choose former Lok Sabha Dy Speaker Prof. G. G. Swell as the Presidential candidate.*
- 1993:** *Harshad Mehta's senior counsel Ram Jethmalani asks JPC to summon the PM and allow cross-examination.*
- 1994:** *Anti-Pakistan slogans rent the air in Jammu & Kashmir against the killing of Quazi Nissar Ahmed, Mirwaiz of South Kashmir and a famous religious Kashmiri leader who was gunned down by Pak-aided terrorists.*
- 1995:** *B.R. Verma was made pro-tem Speaker by the Governor by invoking Article 180 (1).*
- 1995:** *Mayawati Government wins vote of confidence.*
- 1996:** *Govt. of India declares at Geneva conference on 'Global Ban On Nuclear Testing' that it won't sign the CTBT.*
- 1997:** *Basu Bhattacharya (65), film-maker, died in Mumbai.*
- 1997:** *Second round of Foreign Secretary-level talks between India and Pakistan starts in Islamabad.*
- 1998:** *Viswanathan Anand won the 5th Frankfurt Classic chess tournament in 1998 defeating Vladimir Kaimnik.*
- 1991:** *The proposal to make Berlin the capital of unified Germany again was approved by the Parliament in 1991.*
- 1991:** *There was a vote in the Parliament to make Berlin the capital of Germany again.*
- 1994:** *70 people killed in bomb blast in Iran mosque in 1994.*

- 1999:** *The world's top 5 cities with the most air pollution in 1999 were Mexico City, Beijing, Shanghai, Tehran and Calcutta respectively.*
- 2000:** *The tenth summit of G-15 countries was held in Cairo.*
- 2001:** *General Pervez Musharraf became the President of Pakistan.*
- 2002:** *The American court banned the death penalty for mentally ill people in 2002.*
- 2002:** *Pakistan appointed Ashraf Jahangir Qazi as its new ambassador to the United States in 2002.*
- 2003:** *The Wikimedia Foundation was founded in 2003 in Petersburg, Florida.*
- 2005:** *Russian cargo spacecraft M-53 arrived at the International Space Station in 2005.*
- 2006:** *Japan decided to withdraw its troops from Iraq in 2006.*
- 2008:** *Seed manufacturing company Avadat India Limited acquired the soybean seed business of American company Limagrain.*
- 2012:** *105 people killed, 500 injured in communal violence in Libya.*
- 2014:** *The Jnanpith Award given to the renowned poet Kedarnath Singh was announced*

Famous People born on June 20

- 1869:** *Laxman Kashinath Kirloskar, the famous industrialist of India and founder of Kirloskar Industries Group was born.*
- 1915:** *Terence Young, a British film director, and screenwriter.*
- 1923:** *Skilled journalist and writer Gaur Kishore Ghosh was born.*
- 1939:** *Ramakant Desai, former Indian cricketer.*
- 1952:** *Vikram Seth, an Indian novelist, and poet.*