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Economy Current Affairs



RBI keep Repo Rate unchanged at 6.5%, Ups FY25 GDP forecast to 7.2%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the eighth consecutive time. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on 5th, 6th, and 7th June 2024.

The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25%, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75%.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das stated the inflation-growth balance is favorable and monetary policy must stay disinflationary, aiming for a 4% inflation target.

The RBI raised the growth projection to 7.2% from an earlier estimate of 7% for the current financial year.

Environment Current Affairs



World Environment Day- June 5

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on **June 5** to encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. This United Nations Day is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, and government entities.

The theme for World Environment Day 2024 is "Land restoration, desertification & drought resilience". It focuses on #GenerationRestoration, emphasizing the importance of growing forests, reviving water sources, and bringing back soils.

International Current Affairs



Claudia Sheinbaum elected as the first woman President of Mexico

Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as the first woman President of Mexico. She is also the first President of Jewish heritage in Mexico.

Sheinbaum received nearly 58% of the vote, according to preliminary results.

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Her opponent, Xochitl Galvez, backed by a coalition of the National Action (PAN), Institutional Revolutionary (PRI), and Democratic Revolution (PRD) parties, received between 26.6% and 28.6% of the votes.



Gitanas Nausėda, President of Lithuania, has been re-elected for a second five-year term

Gitanas Nausėda, the incumbent President of Lithuania, has been re-elected for a second five-year term. The election took place on May 12, 2024.

- Nausėda won in a landslide victory over Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė.
- Preliminary figures show Nausėda secured 74.5% of the votes, while Šimonytė received 24.1%.
- During his presidency, Nausėda has strongly supported Ukraine and provided refuge to those fleeing repression in Belarus and Russia.

National Current Affairs



India set a world record with 64.2 crore voters in the Lok Sabha Polls

India set a world record with 64.2 crore voters in the Lok Sabha Polls. A record 31.2 crore women voters participated. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar briefed the media on 3 June 2024:

- This number is 1.5 times the combined voters of all G7 countries.
- No major incidents of violence occurred during the election.
- Seizures worth ten thousand crore rupees were reported, including cash, freebies, drugs, and liquor.

Polity Current Affairs



Modi to take oath as Prime Minister for a third term on Sunday

Newly elected MPs of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are expected to meet on 8 June 2024 to elect Narendra Modi





as their leader. This election will pave the way for Modi to take oath as prime minister for a third term, with the swearing-in likely on 9 June 2024(Sunday).

Senior NDA members, including TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar, will join Modi to present the list of supporting parliamentarians to President Droupadi Murmu.

The NDA has 293 MPs, comfortably above the majority mark of 272 in the 543-member Lok Sabha.

World leaders including Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu are set to attend the function.



NDA leaders elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders unanimously elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader during a meeting on 5 June 2024, in New Delhi. According to sources, PM Modi will take the oath for the third time on June 8, 2024.

- The meeting was held at Modi's residence in New Delhi.
- Key attendees included BJP President J P Nadda, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah.
- Leaders from various NDA constituent parties also attended, including:
 - N Chandrababu Naidu (Telugu Desam Party)
 - Nitish Kumar (Janata Dal (United) and Bihar CM)
 - Eknath Shinde (Shiva Sena (Shinde Group) and Maharashtra CM)
 - Chirag Paswan (Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas))
 - Anupriya Patel (Apna Dal)
 - Jayant Chaudhary (RLD)
 - H D Kumaraswamy (JD(S))
 - Jitan Ram Manjhi (Hindustani Awami Morcha)
 - Pawan Kalyan (Jan Sena Party)
 - Other NDA leaders

The participation of N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar in the NDA meeting is a significant step as the support of their parties is crucial for the BJP to form the government. This time, the BJP fell 32 seats short of the majority mark of 272 and will need to rely on its allies to form a government.







<u>Lok Sabha 2024 Results: BJP Emerges</u> <u>Triumphant with 240 Seats</u>

The results of the Lok Sabha elections 2024 have been officially declared by Election Commission of India. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has emerged as the single largest party victory with 240 seats.

Detailed Seat Distribution:

Party Name	Seats
Bharatiya Janata Party — BJP	240
Indian National Congress – INC	99
Samajwadi Party – SP	37
All India Trinamool Congress – AITC	29
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam – DMK	22
Telugu Desam – TDP	16
Janata Dal (United) – JD(U)	12
Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) – SHSUBT	9
Nationalist Congress Party – Sharadchandra Pawar – NCPSP	8
Shiv Sena – SHS	7





Party Name	Seats
Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) – LJPRV	5
Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party – YSRCP	4
Rashtriya Janata Dal – RJD	4
Communist Party of India (Marxist) – CPI(M)	4
Indian Union Muslim League – IUML	3
Aam Aadmi Party – AAAP	3
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha – JMM	3
Janasena Party – JnP	2
Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) – CPI(ML)(L)	2
Janata Dal (Secular) – JD(S)	2
Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi – VCK	2
Communist Party of India – CPI	2
Rashtriya Lok Dal – RLD	2





Party Name	Seats
Jammu & Kashmir National Conference – JKN	2
United People's Party, Liberal – UPPL	1
Asom Gana Parishad – AGP	1
Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) – HAMS	1
Kerala Congress – KEC	1
Revolutionary Socialist Party – RSP	1
Nationalist Congress Party – NCP	1
Voice of the People Party – VOTPP	1
Zoram People's Movement – ZPM	1
Shiromani Akali Dal – SAD	1
Rashtriya Loktantrik Party – RLTP	1
Bharat Adivasi Party – BHRTADVSIP	1
Sikkim Krantikari Morcha – SKM	1





Party Name	Seats
Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam – MDMK	1
Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) – ASPKR	1
Apna Dal (Soneylal) – ADAL	1
AJSU Party – AJSUP	1
All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen – AIMIM	1
Independent – IND	7
Total	543

Key Highlights:

- BJP's Resounding Victory: The Bharatiya Janata Party has won 240 seats. BJP with the support his alliances Telugu Desam (16) and Janata Dal (United) (12) and some other regional party securing a majority in the Lok Sabha.
- **INC's Position:** The Indian National Congress has secured 99 seats, reflecting a significant opposition presence.
- Regional Parties: The Samajwadi Party, All India Trinamool Congress, and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam have shown strong performances with 37, 29, and 22 seats respectively.



Andhra Pradesh and Odisha State Assembly Results

Counting of votes for the State Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha was conducted on June 4, 2024.

Andhra Pradesh Assembly Polls:

- **Total Seats:** The State Assembly has a total of 175 seats.
- Telugu Desam Party (TDP): Won 135 seats.





- Janasena Party: Won 21 seats.
- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP): Secured 8 seats.
- YSR Congress Party (YSRCP): Won 11 seats.
- Key Individual Wins:
 - YSRCP candidate and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy won the Pulivendula Assembly seat by over 61,000 votes.
 - TDP Chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu won the Kuppam Assembly constituency.

Odisha Assembly Polls:

- Total Seats: The State Assembly has a total of 147 seats.
- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP): Bagged 78 seats.
- Biju Janata Dal (BJD): Won 51 seats.
- Congress: Secured 14 seats.
- Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M): Bagged 1 seat.
- Independent Candidates: Won 3 seats.
- Key Individual Wins:
 - BJD President and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik won from the Hinjili Assembly constituency.



New Record: NOTA (None of the Above) option received over 2 lakh votes in Indore

The NOTA (None of the Above) option received over 2 lakh votes in Indore. This marked a new record for the highest votes secured by NOTA. counting for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections took place on June 4, 2024.

- 1. Congress candidate Akshay Kanti Bam withdrew his nomination on the last day and joined BJP.
- 2. The Congress party then urged voters to choose the NOTA option.
- 3. BJP candidate Shankar Lalwani won the Indore seat by a margin of 10,08,077 votes.
- 4. NOTA secured 2,18,674 votes, more than any other candidate except the BJP winner.
- 5. The next highest votes were for BSP candidate Sanjay Solanki, who received 51,659 votes.







Assembly Election Result: BJP and SKM retain power in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim respectively

BJP Wins Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh:

- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has returned to power in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The BJP secured a landslide victory, winning 46 out of 60 seats.
- Prominent BJP winners include Ninong Ering, Dr. Mahesh Chai, Tai Nikio, Homchun Ngamdam, Wangling Lowangdong, Tsering Lamu, and Chakat Aboh.

SKM Wins Assembly elections in Sikkim:

- The ruling Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) has secured another term in Sikkim.
- SKM won 31 out of 32 seats. The Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) won only one seat.
- Incumbent Chief Minister and SKM President Prem Singh Tamang won from both Rhenock and Soreng Chakung Constituencies.

Election Context:

- Counting of votes for Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim was held on 2 June 2024.
- Polling for the seats was held on 19 April, alongside the first phase of Lok Sabha elections.

Science and Technology Current Affairs



Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore safely safely docked with the International Space Station (ISS)

Sunita Williams, a 58-year-old Indian-American astronaut, and Barry Wilmore, a NASA astronaut, launched aboard the Boeing Starliner from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on June 5. On June 7,

2024, they safely docked with the International Space Station (ISS).

• The mission, Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT), aims to certify the Starliner for regular crewed flights to the ISS under NASA's Commercial Crew Program.





- If successful, Starliner will become the second private spacecraft, after SpaceX's Crew Dragon, to transport astronauts to and from the ISS.
- The astronauts will spend about a week aboard the ISS, conducting tests and validating Starliner's systems, before returning to Earth with a parachuteassisted landing in the western US.
- The ISS is a collaborative project involving NASA, Roscosmos, ESA, JAXA, and CSA, serving as a microgravity laboratory and orbiting Earth at approximately 400 kilometers (250 miles). It has been continuously occupied since November 2000.



Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams becomes first woman to pilot new Spacecraft on maiden crewed test flight

Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, along with Butch Wilmore, became the first to fly to space aboard the Boeing Starliner's first-ever crewed mission. The 59-year-old Williams created history by becoming the first woman to fly on the maiden mission of a new human-rated spacecraft.

The crew was launched on 5 June 2024 aboard the United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This is the third attempt, with weather being 90% favorable for the launch. Butch, 61, is commanding the flight, and Williams is piloting it. The duo will stay at the International Space Station for about a week before returning to Earth aboard the reusable crew capsule.

The Starliner mission aims to carry astronauts and cargo for future NASA missions to low Earth orbit and beyond.



China landed a spacecraft, Chang'e-6, on the far side of the moon in sample retrieval mission

China landed an uncrewed spacecraft, Chang'e-6, on the far side of the moon on June 2, 2024, aiming to retrieve the first rock and soil samples from this region.

This mission enhances China's status in the global competition to exploit lunar minerals for sustaining long-term astronaut missions and moon bases, with similar interests from countries like the United States.





China's lunar ambitions include a manned mission around 2030, with Russia as a partner. This follows their 2020 Chang'e-5 mission, which retrieved samples from the moon's near side.

Sports Current Affairs



Sunil Chhetri's Farewell Match Ends in Goalless Draw Against Kuwait

Kuwait held India to a goalless draw in the World Cup qualification game on 6 June 2024. The match was the farewell game for Indian skipper Sunil Chhetri.

Chhetri, who retired after this match, ended his international career with 94 goals from 151 matches.

Despite both teams creating scoring opportunities, neither side managed to goal. India will now face Asian champions Qatar in their final group game.



Indian boxers Jasmine Lamboria and Amit Pangal qualify for Paris Olympic

Indian boxers Jasmine Lamboria and Amit Pangal have secured quotas for the Paris Olympics. Their qualification came after impressive performances on 2 June 2024.

Amit Pangal's Performance:

Amit Pangal won against Liu Chuang of China. He achieved a 5-0 victory in the men's 51 kg quarter-final.

Jasmine Lamboria's Performance:

Jasmine Lamboria defeated Marine Camara of Mali. She secured a 5-0 victory in the women's 57 kg quarter-final.

Other Indian Qualifiers:

Four other Indian boxers have also qualified for the Paris Olympics. These include Nishant Dev, Nikhat Zareen, Preeti Pawar, and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain.







ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 from 1 to 29 June 2024 in West Indies and United States

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 is co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States from 1 to 29 June 2024.

This is the ninth edition of the T20 World Cup, a biennial Twenty20 International (T20I) tournament organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

This cricket event features 20 teams competing across 55 games for the right to be crowned ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 champions.

20 Teams participating in the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup are:

India, Pakistan, Ireland, Canada, USA, England, Australia, Namibia, Scotland, Oman. New Zealand, West Indies, Afghanistan, Uganda, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Nepal.



Nishant Dev, becomes first Indian male boxer to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games

Nishant Dev, a world championships bronze medalist, is the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He

qualified by defeating Moldova's Vasile Cebotari with a unanimous 5-0 decision in the men's 71 kg category quarterfinal at the World Boxing Qualifiers on 31 May 2024.

Dev is the fourth Indian pugilist to qualify for the Paris Olympics, joining Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg), and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg). Lovlina Borgohain is a Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist.

Nishant Dev is currently the only Indian male boxer qualified for the Summer Games.





Weekly Current Affairs MCQ: 01 June to 08 June 2024

Q: What is the current policy repo rate (unchanged at 6.50% for the eighth consecutive time) as decided by the Reserve Bank of India on 7 June 2024?

a) 6.25%

b) 6.50%

c) 6.75%

d) 7.00%

Answer: b) 6.50%

Detail News

Q: What is the name of the mission in which Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore were safely safely docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on June 7, 2024?

A. Starliner Test Flight

B. NASA Crew Mission

C. Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT)

D. SpaceX Crew Mission

Ans: C. Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT)

Detail News

Q: What is the International Space Station (ISS)?

A. A lunar base established by NASA

- B. A collaborative spacecraft orbiting Earth, used for scientific research and international cooperation
- C. A Mars rover developed by ESA
- D. A space tourism station run by private companies

Ans: B. A collaborative spacecraft orbiting Earth, used for scientific research and international cooperation

Detail News

O: Who is Sunil Chhetri?

- A) An Indian cricketer
- B) A Bollywood actor
- C) An Indian footballer
- D) A renowned chef





Answer: C) An Indian footballer

Detail News

Q: Who is expected to be elected as the leader of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) MPs?

- a) N Chandrababu Naidu
- b) Nitish Kumar
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Mukesh Dalal

Ans: c) Narendra Modi

Detail News

Q: Who is the Prime Minister of Bangladesh?

- a) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- b) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- c) Sheikh Hasina
- d) Mohamed Muizzu

Ans: c) Sheikh Hasina

Detail News

Q: When do we celebrate World Environment Day every year?

- A) January 1
- B) April 22
- C) June 5
- D) September 21

Correct Answer: C) June 5

Detail News

Q: What is the primary cause of ozone depletion in the Earth's atmosphere?

- A) Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- B) Methane (CH₄)
- C) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- D) Nitrous oxide (N₂O)

Correct Answer: C) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)





Q: Which gas is responsible for the greenhouse effect?

- A) Oxygen (O₂)
- B) Nitrogen (N₂)
- C) Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- D) Argon (Ar)

Correct Answer: C) Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Detail News

Q: Why is the participation of N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar in the NDA meeting for formation of Govt is significant?

- a) They are new members of the NDA.
- b) Their parties' support is crucial for the BJP to form the government.
- c) They were absent from previous meetings.
- d) They opposed the NDA leadership.

Answer: b) Their parties' support is crucial for the BJP to form the government.

Detail News

Q: Who became the first to fly to space aboard the Boeing Starliner's first-ever crewed mission in June 2024?

- a) Neil Armstrong and Sunita Williams
- b) Buzz Aldrin and Rakesh Sharma
- c) Chris Hadfield and Kaplana Chawala
- d) Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore

Answer: d) Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore

Detail News

Q: Which Lok Sabha seat set a record for the highest votes secured by NOTA in the 2024 elections?

- A) Mumbai South
- B) Indore
- C) Bangalore North
- D) Delhi Central

Ans: B) Indore





Q: Which party won the most seats in the Odisha Assembly polls?

- A) Congress
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Biju Janata Dal (BJD)
- D) CPI(M)

Ans: B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Detail News

Q: How many seats did the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?

- A) 240
- B) 220
- C) 200
- D) 260

Ans : A) 240 Detail News

Q: How many seats did the Indian National Congress (INC) win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?

- A) 75
- B) 99
- C) 120
- D) 135

Ans: B) 99 Detail News

Q: What world record did India set in the recent Lok Sabha Polls 2024?

- A) Most number of repolling instances
- B) Highest number of Code of Conduct violation
- C) Highest total number of boot capturing incidents
- D) Highest total number of voters

Answer: D) Highest total number of voters





Q: Who has been elected as the first woman President of Mexico?

- A) Xochitl Galvez
- B) Claudia Sheinbaum
- C) Margarita Zavala
- D) Rosario Robles

Answer: B) Claudia Sheinbaum

Detail News

Q: Which party won the majority in the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections held in April 2024?

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF)
- D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

Ans: B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Detail News

Q: Which political party won the majority in the Sikkim Assembly elections held in April 2024?

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF)
- D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

Ans: D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

Detail News

Q: In which category did Amit Pangal secure his Olympic quota?

- A) Men's 57 kg
- B) Men's 51 kg
- C) Women's 57 kg
- D) Women's 51 kg

Ans: B) Men's 51 kg





Q: What is the main objective of China's Chang'e-6 mission?

- A) To establish a moon base
- B) To retrieve the world's first rock and soil samples from the moon's far side
- C) To conduct a manned mission to the moon
- D) To explore the moon's surface for water
- B) To retrieve the world's first rock and soil samples from the moon's far side Detail News

Q: Who became the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games?

- A) Vasile Cebotari
- B) Nikhat Zareen
- C) Nishant Dev
- D) Lovlina Borgohain

Answer: C) Nishant Dev

Detail News

Q: Which institution received the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion from the WHO?

- A) AIIMS
- B) NIMHANS
- C) IIT Bengaluru
- D) PGIMER

Answer: B) NIMHANS

Detail News

Q: Which countries are co-hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A) India and England
- B) Australia and New Zealand
- C) West Indies and United States
- D) South Africa and Sri Lanka

Answer: C) West Indies and United States