

# Daily Current Affairs 24th-25th-26th-27th June 2022



### 24th June 2022

#### **Summits & Conferences**

### 1. Jammu and Kashmir to host G-20 meetings in 2023



- Jammu and Kashmir has been selected to host the G-20 meetings in 2023.
- The UT government has also set up a five-member high-level committee for the coordination of G20 summit.
- Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry Minister) was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September 2021.
- India will take the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022.
- India has been represented by PM Modi since 2014 in G20 summit.
- G20, 2024: Brazil
- G20, 2025: South Africa

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### **Honours & Awards**

# 2. Odisha, 'Mo Bus' service received the prestigious UN Public Service Aw



- Mo Bus, Odisha-based public transport service has been honoured with a prestigious United Nations award.
- Reason: Role and efforts in helping the world recover better from COVID-19.
- Initiatives from Brazil, Canada, India, Ireland, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Ukraine have also been recognised.
- Mo Bus service launched: November 6, 2018
- Aim: transformation of the urban public transport
- Bus fares: Rs 5 -70 (AC), Rs 5 -55 (Non AC)

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### State Affairs

### 3. Gujarat CM launches 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'



- Gujarat CM, Bhupendra Patel has launched the 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'.
- Aim: To increases the enrollment of students in primary schools in the state.
- This is a three-day enrollment drive, starts from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka (Banaskantha district).
- This drive helps to reduce the dropout rate of students.
- The drop out rate has been reduced to 3.07% from 37.22 % in 2002.
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat





#### **National Affairs**

### 4. Gautam Adani pledges ₹60,000 crore for social causes



- Asia's richest person, Gautam Adani and his family have pledged to donate
   ₹60,000 crore to a range of social causes to celebrate the 60th birthday of Gautam Adani on June 24.
- This will be administered by the Adani
  Foundation, it is also to mark the birth
  centenary year of his father Shantilal
  Adani.
- As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the net worth of Adani is almost \$92 billion
- The Forbes real-time billionaires has placed him at 6th rank (\$95 billion).

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### 5. Ranjit Bajaj appointed as Chairman of Advisory Panel Formed by CoA



- The former owner of I-League side Minerva Punjab FC, Ranjit Bajaj, has been appointed as the chairperson of the 12-member committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA).
- The CoA took charge of the AIFF, after the Supreme Court removed the Praful Patel led office bearers for not holding elections on time.
- Aim: To look the day-to-day matters of various departments of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

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### **Sports**

### 6. Rumeli Dhar announces retirement from international cricket

- The India seam-bowling all rounder, Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement from international cricket at 38.
- She has played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England at Brabourne (2018).
- She has been featured in four Tests, 78
   ODIs, and 18 T20Is.
- She has scored 1328 runs and took 84 wickets across formats.
- She was also the part of the 2005 World Cup final, South Africa, India lost to Australia by 98 runs.

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**National & International Appointments** 

### 7. NDB appoints Dr D J Pandian as head of Indian Regional Office, Gift city

 Former bureaucrat, Dr D J Pandian has been appointed as the Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB), India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).



- In May 2022, the NDB had announced to set up IRO in the Gift city.
- The NDB has also approved 20 projects in India worth of USD 7.2. billion.
- The IRO will support the effective and efficient implementation of these projects and work closely with Project Implementation Agencies.

### **National Affairs**

### 8. Indian Oil reveals 'Surya Nutan', an indoor solar cooking stove

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable cooking stove named Surya Nutan.
- It is a kitchen connected cooking stove that uses the sun's energy to cook food.
- This was developed by IOC's research and development division at Faridabad.
- It captures solar energy through a PV panel that placed outdoor or on the roof.
- The cost of base model is ₹12,000, while the top model will cost ₹23,000.

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### Banking & Finance

### 9. AU Small Finance Bank launches customisable credit card



 AU Small Finance Bank has launched customised Credit Card product named AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today).

- This credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders.
- Cardholders can choose the features and time period according to their wish.
- Through the AU0101 app, cardholders can track their saving/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.
- Cardholders can get the best of both Cashbacks and Reward Points by using the features.

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### 10. Liberty General Insurance partners Peerless Financial Products Distribution



- Liberty General Insurance has signed an agreement with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL) to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products.
- The product distribution across the country will be done through the 42 branches of Peerless.
- Liberty is working closely with PFPDL to provide training and operational expertise.
- Liberty General Insurance HQ: Mumbai;
   CEO: Roopam Asthana

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### Banking & Finance

### 11. Karnataka Bank launches 'V-CIP' for account opening



- Karnataka Bank has launched 'Videobased Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)'.
- It is an online savings bank (SB) account opening facility.
- This facility will enable in the corporate website of the bank, strengthen the prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC verification through a video call.
- This is a end-to-end paperless digital process.
- It also reduces the turnaround time of account opening.

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### 12. World Banka approved Uttarakhand project to boost rain-fed agriculture



- Rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas of Uttarakhand has been approved by the World Bank.
- The project will cost Rs. 1,000 crore.
- The watershed department will carry out the Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project.
- Aims: Lower the greenhouse gas emissions.
- It will also encourage environment friendly agricultural practices.
- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh;
   Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami

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#### International Affairs

### 13. India recognized as 'country of the year' by Europe's Vivatech

- The Europe's biggest start-up conference, Vivatech
   2020 has recognized India as the "country of the year."
- The country has been recognised with this honour, due to the global contribution of Indian start-ups.
- The start-up ecosystem of India is growing rapidly and has over 100 unicorns.
- India has participated in Vivatech is to showcase Indian start-ups are solving global problems and innovating for the world.

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### 25th June 2022

### **State Affairs**

# 1. IGI becomes first airport in India to run entirely on hydro & solar energy

 Indira Gandhi International Airport has become India's first airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power since June 1.





- Presently, the airport met its electricity requirement of 6% (approx) from onsite solar power plants and rest 94% by hydropower plants.
- Delhi Airport has signed a power purchase agreement with Himachal Pradesh to supply hydroelectricity for the airport until 2036.
- The airport has also targeted to become a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.

### 2. Parameswaran lyer becomes new CEO of Niti Aayog

- Former Secretary of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Parameswaran lyer has been appointed as a new CEO of Niti Aayog for two years.
- · He will replace Amitabh Kant.
- He is a 1981-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- In 2016, lyer was appointed to implement government's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- He resigned as Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation at the Jal Shakti Ministry in 2021.

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### 3. International Day of Seafarers: 25th June



- The International Maritime
  Organization (IMO) is observed
  International Day of Seafarer on
  annually June 25 to pay respect to
  Seafarers and sailors who help the entire
  world function by conducting sea
  transport.
- This day was proposed by International Maritime Organization in 2010.
- This day recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the worldwide commerce and economic system.
- 2022 theme: Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future.
- IMO HQ: London, UK

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#### Defense

### 4. Bharat Electronics signs MoU with Belarus firm for Airborne Defense Suite

- Bharat Electronics Limited has signed an MoU with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus).
- Reason: To supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- It would be supported by DI with transfer of technology (manufacturing and maintenance) for supply of advanced electronic warfare suite for helicopters under 'Make in India' category.

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### Banking & Finance

# 5. Disbursement of Loan to MSME sector grew by 182% after pandemic period

 According to the study conducted by credit bureau CRIF High Mark, the loan disbursed to MSME sector grew by a massive 182% in FY22 to Rs 37 trillion.



- In terms of value, the loan disbursal of private banks increased from 33.6% in FY20 to 69.8% in FY22.
- Share of private banks increased from 26.9% in FY20 to 33.5% in FY22 in volume terms.
- Top 3 states (value): Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi
- Top 3 states (volume): Maharashtra,
   Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh

#### International Affairs

### 6. US president, Joe Biden signs landmark gun safety bill

- The US President, Joe Biden has signed the gun violence bill, and toughen background checks for the youngest (21 years) gun buyers.
- Other reforms: \$ 13 billion in federal funding for mental health programs and school security upgrades
- The funding will encourage the states to implement "red flag" laws to remove firearms from people considered a threat.
- Blocking sales of gun to those convicted of abusing unmarried intimate partners.

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# 7. ICICI Bank launches 'Campus Power' platform for student ecosystem

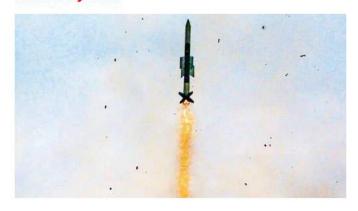


- ICICI Bank has launched a digital platform called 'Campus Power.'
- Aim: To help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and outside the country.
- This platform will cater the varied needs
   of the entire
   student ecosystem comprising
   students, parents, and institutes.
- This will assist users to explore financial products according to their needs ranging from bank accounts including overseas accounts, education loans and its tax benefit etc.

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#### Defense

### 8. India successfully test-fired VL-SRSAM missile system



- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed shipborne weapon system, Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM), was successfully test fired from Chandipur in Odisha.
- This missile system has been designed to strike at the high-speed airborne targets.
- Range: 40km to 50km
- This missile's design is based on Astra missile.
- Two key features: cruciform wings and thrust vectoring

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### National & International Appointments

### 9. Government appoints Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau

- The Central government has appointed senior IPS officer, Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge.
- He is a 1988 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer.
- He will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director, Arvind Kumar.
- He has handled crucial cases such as terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, especially targeted killings in the Valley.

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### 10. Garuda Aerospace to set up drone factory in Malaysia

- The Garuda Aerospace company has entered into a partnership with HiiLSE Global SdnBhd (HiiLSE Drones), a Malaysian company, to set up the largest plant in the South Asia region.
- The HiiLSE Garuda Aerospace Plant will be made across 2.42 hectares of land, with an investment of ₹115 crores.
- Aim: To provide state-of-the-art technology to public and private sectors alike in the whole region.
- Founder-CEO of Garuda
   Aerospace: Agnishwar Jayaprakash

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### 26th June 2022

**National & International Appointments** 

### 1. Former Punjab DGP, Dinkar Gupta appointed as new Director General of NIA



- The Centre has appointed former Punjab DGP, Dinkar Gupta as the Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- He will replace Director General of CRPF, Kuldeep Singh, who was given an additional charge of the NIA after the retirement of Y C Modi.
- He will hold this post till March 31, 2024.
- NIA is a counter-terrorist task force of India.
- It is formed under the National Investigation Agency Act 2008 by the Parliament of India on Dec 31, 2008.

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### 2. Dr Jitendra Singh attends "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon







- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh will take part in the "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon, which starts from June 27.
- The conference is co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal.
- He will deliver the Keynote address at the Conference on the theme 'Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stock taking, Partnerships and Solutions'.

### Banking & Finance

### 3. World Bank finance Indian Railways to reduce carbon emissions

- The World Bank has approved a \$245million loan for the Indian Railways to reduce the India's high carbon emissions and low modal freight share in the railways.
- The Indian Railway project will help India to shift more traffic from road to rail.
- This will make transport more efficient and reduce tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.
- This loan is financed through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development with a maturity of 22 years.

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### 4. Zomato to acquire Blinkit for ₹4,447 crore in all-stock deal

 Zomato (Online food delivery platform) has announced to acquire Blinkit, which was earlier known as Grofers, in an all-stock deal of Rs 4,447 crore.

- Zomato would acquire up to 33,018 equity shares of Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd.
- The total purchase consideration of Rs 4,447.48 crore at a price of Rs 13.45 lakh per equity share.
- Last year, Zomato had bought a 10% stake in Blinkit for about \$100 million.
- Founder & CEO Zomato: Deepinder Goyal

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#### **Important Dates**

### 5. International Day against Drug Abuse: 26 June



- The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on June 26.
- Aim: To spread awareness about the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse, drug overdose deaths.
- The theme 2022: Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crisis
- The UNGA has decided to observe this day on December 7, 1987.
- In 2022, the UNODC has started the campaign - "#CareInCrises" - for World Drug Day.

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#### **National Affairs**

### 6. NHA to host Hackathon Series under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)



- The National Health Authority (NHA) will organise its first ever open-to-all hackathon series in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem.
- Aim: To drive ideation and innovations.
- The series of hackathon will begin on July 14, 2022.
- This also focus on the Unified Health Interface (UHI) and to mobilise the health start-up ecosystem in India.
- UHI is designed as an open network to enable the interoperable transaction of digital health services.

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#### **Sports**

### 7. Indian women's recurve team bag silver medal in World Cup Stage 3 in Paris



- The Indian women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur has clinched for a silver medal at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris.
- India has lost to Chinese Taipei by 1-5 in the women's recurve team final.
- India has concluded their campaign with one gold and two silver medals.
- The duo of Abhishek Verma-Jyothi
   Surekha Vennam win gold in compound mixed team event.
- In Individual event, Jyothi Surekha Vennam has clinched silver.

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# 8. Tata Power Solar commissions India's largest floating solar power project



- Tata Power Solar Systems has commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) in Kerala backwaters.
- The project has been installed on a 350acre water body in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
- The installation was completed within the stipulated period, despite the various challenges of variable like water depths, high sea tides, and severe water salinity concern.
- Tata Power Solar is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power.



### **Important Dates**

### 9. United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: 26 June

- The International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed annually on June 26.
- Aim: to promote the abolition of torture, support victims, and promote human rights.
- The United Nations General Assembly has passed a resolution on December 12, 1997. Presently, the Convention has been ratified by 162 countries.
- This day was first observed on June 26, 1998.
- This day is administered by the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva.

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#### International Affairs

### 10. UK, US, Japan and Canada to ban Russia gold imports amid Ukraine war



- Th UK, the United States, Japan and Canada will soon ban the new imports of gold from Russian, to tighten the sanctions squeeze on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.
- Countries will apply for newly mined or refined gold.
- This move will not affect previously exported Russian gold.

- Last year, the exports of Russian gold were worth 12.6 billion pounds.
- Recently, the London Bullion Market Association has suspended accreditation for 6 Russian precious metals refiners.

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### 27th June 2022

#### **Sports**

### 1. Madhya Pradesh clinches first ever Ranji Trophy title against Mumbai



- Madhya Pradesh has created history after defeating the 41-time champions, Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- Madhya Pradesh has chased down 108 in the fourth innings for the fall of four wickets
- Madhya Pradesh has now become the fourth first-time winner of the Ranji Trophy in the last five seasons - joining Gujarat, Vidarbha (two-time winners now) and Saurashtra.

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### **International Affairs**

2. G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries



- During the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alps, G7 leader has made an announcement to help developing countries tackle climate change and pledge to raise 600 billion dollar.
- This will boost help to give a boost to the economies of countries.
- G7 is offering sustainable, quality infrastructure and will be listening closely to the recipient countries.
- G7 members: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the USA and the EU.

#### Honours & Awards

### 3. Vijay Amritraj honoured with 2021 Golden Achievement Award



- India's Vijay Amritraj has been awarded the 2021 Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.
- This award is conferred to a person who has made important contributions internationally to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion, or education and has devoted long and outstanding service to the sport.
- The award was presented at a special celebration hosted in London.

### Science & Technology

### 4. Iran launches a solid-fueled rocket, Zuljanah into space



- Iran has launched a solid-fueled rocket,
   a 25.5 meter-long rocket into space.
- · Rocket name: Zuljanah
- This rocket is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms.
- It will gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry.
- This launch just comes after the European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, traveled to Tehran in a push to resuscitate negotiations over Iran's nuclear program that have stalemated for months.

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#### **Important Dates**

### 5. World MSME Day 2022: 27 June



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- The World Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) day is observed annually on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Theme 2022: Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has marked first World MSME Day by 74th Plenary on April 6, 2017.
- MSME minister: Narayan Rane

#### **Obituaries**

### 6. A noted lyricist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away



- A noted lyricist, author and journalist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty has passed away at the age of 86.
- Krishnankutty has penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books.
- He was retired from the Malayala Manorama daily as an Assistant Editor.
- Awards: Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for satire, Poonthanam Jnanapana and Revathy Pattathanam Awards among others.
- He was also worked as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Kalamandalam.

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#### **National & International Appointments**

### 7. IRS officer, Nitin Gupta appointed as new chairman of CBDT

- Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer,
   Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- Gupta, will replace Sangeeta Singh who had been given an addition charge after the retirement of JB Mohapatra on April 30.
- The CBDT is headed by a Chairman and may consist of six members in the rank of Special Secretary.
- It is the administrative body for the Income Tax Department.

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**National & International Appointments** 

### 8. Anil Khanna appointed as the acting President of IOA



- The Delhi High Court has passed an order, that Narinder Dhruv Batra cannot continue as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in a contempt proceeding.
- While hearing a contempt proceeding filed on behalf of former Olympian Aslam Sher Khan against Batra, IOA secretary



general Rajeev Mehta and Sports Secretary.

- The court has also appointed Anil Khanna as acting president.
- Batra was become an IOC member in 2019.

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Defense

### 9. IAF participates in Tactical Leadership Program of Egyptian Air Force



- Indian Air Force has participated in Tactical Leadership Programme at Egyptian Air Force Weapon School in Cairo west Airbase.
- Indian Air Force: Three Su-30MKI aircraft, two C-17 aircraft and 57 IAF personnel including C-17 contingent.
- A month long event, is a unique exercise with Air assets in a Large Force Engagement environment, simulating various conflict scenarios.
- Aim: Enhancing defence cooperation between the two countries and exchange of best practices.

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Sports

### 10. Cyclist, Ronaldo becomes first Indian to win silver at Asian Championship



- India's Ronaldo Singh has scripted history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022.
- He also became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver medal (including the Elite category) at the Asian Track Championship.
- Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam hails from Manipur, and started cycling at the age of 14.
- He had created a national record in the quarter-final with a 9.946s sprint (first Indian to breach 10 sec mark).

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