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 National & Polity

1 - 9

1 PM Modi's State Visit to Seychelles (June 27-29)

PM Narendra Modi made a three-day State Visit to Seychelles at the invitation of President Patrick Herminie. India and Seychelles signed nine agreements (UPI, healthcare, extradition, shipping, space) and a Rs 1,250 crore umbrella line of credit through EXIM Bank, with 19 total outcomes.

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Capital: Victoria

Currency: Seychellois Rupee

Famous: Aldabra Atoll & Vallée de Mai (UNESCO)

In: Indian Ocean

2 Modi Conferred 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'

Seychelles conferred its new presidential distinction 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' on PM Modi, recognising India's role in maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. India also handed over the made-in-India fast patrol vessel L'Espoir to the Seychelles Defence Forces.

3 First India-made C-295 Aircraft Completes Maiden Flight

The first C-295 transport aircraft manufactured in India completed its maiden flight, a major aviation milestone. A total of 40 such aircraft are being built in India at the Tata-Airbus facility in Vadodara, Gujarat.

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Built by: Tata-Airbus

Plant: Vadodara, Gujarat

Role: Medium tactical transport

4 PM Disburses Rs 2,400 crore under PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (June 19)

PM Modi disbursed employment incentives worth around Rs 2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, a scheme aimed at boosting formal job creation across the country.

5 Rs 47,600 crore Projects Launched at Rairangpur, Odisha (June 20)

Marking two years of the government's second term, PM Modi inaugurated and laid foundations for projects worth over Rs 47,600 crore at Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha. He also released the Odisha Vision Document and launched the Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana.

 GK BYTE

Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar

CM: Mohan Charan Majhi

Famous: Konark Sun Temple, Chilika Lake

6 Supreme Court Verdict on Election Commission's SIR Power

The Supreme Court delivered a key judgment on the Election Commission's power to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. SIR removes duplicate, migrated and deceased entries; it was extended to West Bengal, Assam and Tamil Nadu after Bihar, raising disenfranchisement concerns.

 GK BYTE

ECI Est.: 25 Jan 1950

Article: 324

Jan 25: National Voters' Day

7 Mahesh Dixit Appointed Intelligence Bureau (IB) Director

Mahesh Dixit, a 1993-batch IPS officer of the Telangana cadre, was appointed the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau, succeeding Tapan Kumar Deka.

8 Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Executive Director at World Bank

Economist Neelkanth Mishra was appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank for a three-year term, succeeding Parameswaran Iyer. He represents India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka on the Bank's Board.

 GK BYTE

World Bank HQ: Washington, D.C.

Est.: 1944 (Bretton Woods)

President: Ajay Banga

9 CDS Releases Joint Air Defence Doctrine

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan released the comprehensive 'Joint Air Defence Doctrine', aimed at merging multi-service anti-aircraft radars under a unified tri-service interface for integrated air defence.

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First CDS: Gen Bipin Rawat (2020)

Current CDS: Gen Anil Chauhan



Government Schemes & Bills

10 - 21

10 West Bengal Becomes 36th State/UT to Implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

With West Bengal joining, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY achieved nationwide coverage across all 36 States/UTs. About 1.43 crore families (nearly 6 crore people) in West Bengal get free cashless cover up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year.

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Launched: 2018

Cover: Rs 5 lakh/family/year

World's largest health assurance scheme

11 MSME Day 2026 - 'Udyami Bharat' (June 27)

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan presided over MSME Day 2026, launching digital platforms including PMEGP 2.0, SAMADHAAN 2.0, MSME Global Mart 2.0, MSME Testing Portal and MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0, with access in all 22 scheduled Indian languages.

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MSME Day: June 27 (UN)

Udyam: MSME registration portal

12 Kisan Sarathi Crosses 2.95 crore Registered Farmers

Kisan Sarathi, India's largest integrated digital agro-advisory platform, crossed 2.95 crore registered farmers as of June 2026, operating across 37 States/UTs, 768 districts and 6.63 lakh villages.

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Developed by: ICAR & Digital India Corporation

13 Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

This tribal development scheme is delivering infrastructure and services to over 60,000 tribal villages nationwide, including 40 residential schools across 11 districts of Odisha, as highlighted by PM Modi in June 2026.

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"Dharti Aaba": title of Birsa Munda

Birsa Munda: tribal icon (b. 15 Nov 1875)

14 Gyan Post Initiative by India Post

Gyan Post aims to cut postal costs for delivering educational books and materials via India Post, with revised charges of Rs 20 for up to 300g and Rs 100 for up to 5kg, promoting affordable access to learning material.

 GK BYTE

India Post Est.: 1854

World's largest postal network

15 Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 Passed

Parliament passed the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026, advancing trust-based governance by decriminalising minor offences, removing outdated rules and reducing litigation burden on citizens and businesses.

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First Jan Vishwas Act: 2023

Theme: Ease of living & doing business

16 Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 - Delimitation

Part of the delimitation package, this Bill raises the maximum Lok Sabha strength to 850 members (up to 815 from states and 35 from UTs) and enables women's reservation based on fresh delimitation.

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Current LS strength: 543

Women's Reservation: 106th Amendment (2023)

17 Delimitation Bill, 2026

The Delimitation Bill, 2026 and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seek to increase Lok Sabha size and enable delimitation based on the 2011 census, with women's reservation linked to the new delimitation.

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Last delimitation: 2002 (on 1971 census)

Commission appointed by the President

18 Cabinet Approves Modified UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme)

The Union Cabinet approved the Modified UDAN scheme for ten years (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36) with a total outlay of Rs 28,840 crore, proposing to develop 100 airports from existing unserved airstrips.

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UDAN: Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik

Launched: 2016

19 Cabinet Approves Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Scheme

The Union Cabinet approved a Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects with a financial outlay of Rs 37,500 crore, to promote cleaner use of coal resources.

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Coal Ministry target: 100 MT coal gasification by 2030

20 India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0 - Rs 1.25 lakh crore Outlay

The government approved an outlay of Rs 1.25 lakh crore for ISM 2.0, a sharp rise from Rs 76,000 crore under ISM 1.0, aimed at deepening India's chip manufacturing ecosystem.

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Nodal ministry: MeitY

ISM 1.0: Rs 76,000 crore

21 Semicon India Programme Progress - 12 Projects

As of June 2026, 12 projects worth around Rs 1.64 lakh crore had been approved under the Semicon India Programme, including one fabrication unit, two compound semiconductor fabs and nine packaging units.

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India's first full fab: Dholera, Gujarat (by 2028)

States, Governance & Misc. National

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22 Himachal Pradesh Signs 19 Hydropower Project Agreements

The Himachal Pradesh government signed implementation agreements for 19 hydropower projects totalling 278 MW with an investment of Rs 3,336 crore, plus an MoU with Geo Tropi India for geothermal energy development.

 GK BYTE

Capital: Shimla / Dharamshala (winter)

CM: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

23 Madhya Pradesh Cabinet Approves Rs 5,960 crore Initiatives (June 23)

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved development initiatives worth Rs 5,960 crore covering infrastructure and welfare projects across the state.

 GK BYTE

Capital: Bhopal

CM: Mohan Yadav

Famous: Khajuraho, Kanha NP

24 Punjab Notifies Viksit Bharat Rural Employment Scheme

Punjab notified the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme 2026, effective July 1, 2026, replacing MGNREGA in the state and guaranteeing 125 days of wage employment annually.

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Capital: Chandigarh

MGNREGA: enacted 2005 (100 days)

25 First IBCA Summit, New Delhi - 'Delhi Declaration' (June 1-2)

India hosted the first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit in New Delhi. A key outcome was the adoption of the first-ever global declaration on big cat conservation, the 'Delhi Declaration'.

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IBCA HQ: India

7 big cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar, Cheetah**26 Five New Supreme Court Judges Sworn In (June 2)**

CJI Surya Kant administered the oath to five new Supreme Court judges - Justices Sheel Nagu, Shree Chandrashekhar, Sanjeev Sachdeva, Arun Palli and Senior Advocate V. Mohana.

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SC sanctioned strength: 34

Article 124: establishes Supreme Court

27 Aarogya Setu 2.0 Launched (June 29)

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched Aarogya Setu 2.0 and linked digital health initiatives at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, upgrading the citizen health platform.

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Original launch: 2020 (COVID-19)

Health Minister: J.P. Nadda

28 AI-enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal Launched (June 28)

The AI-enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal was launched at the Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Sammelan, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, to strengthen transparency in rural development spending.

29 Bharat Taxi Launched - India's First Cooperative Ride-hailing Platform

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched Bharat Taxi in Gujarat, India's first cooperative ride-hailing platform, designed to give drivers better earnings and ownership.

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Min. of Cooperation: formed 2021

Minister: Amit Shah



International & Summits

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30 52nd G7 Summit Held in Evian-les-Bains, France (June 15-17)

The 52nd G7 Summit took place under France's presidency with the theme 'Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity.' Leaders adopted declarations on Ukraine, critical minerals, cancer care, migrant smuggling and online safety.

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France Capital: Paris

Currency: Euro

G7: US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada

31 PM Modi Attends G7 as Special Invitee

PM Modi participated in the G7 Outreach Session as a special invitee, representing the Global South and presenting India's vision for inclusive, sustainable growth. He held bilateral talks with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines.

32 G7 Critical Minerals Target

G7 leaders set a target to reduce dependence on any single supplier outside the G7 and partner countries for rare earths and permanent magnets to below 60% by 2030, aiming for 50% as soon as possible.

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Rare earths: 17 elements

China is the dominant global supplier

33 G7 Welcomes India-EU Free Trade Agreement

G7 leaders welcomed the conclusion of India-EU FTA negotiations and pressed for early signing. The deal - the largest ever for either side - covers about 2 billion people and nearly 25% of global GDP, with signing expected by end-2026.

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EU HQ: Brussels, Belgium

Members: 27

34 India-Canada CEPA Fast-tracked at G7

India and Canada agreed to expedite the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by end-2026, aiming to double bilateral trade by 2030, and to begin negotiations on a General Security of Information Agreement (GSOIA).

 GK BYTE

Canada Capital: Ottawa

Currency: Canadian Dollar

35 2026 Iran War Ceasefire - US-Iran MoU (June 17)

The US and Iran signed a memorandum of understanding establishing a 60-day extension of the ceasefire to negotiate final terms. The conflict disrupted oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz, which carries about 20% of global petroleum.

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Iran Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian Rial

Strait of Hormuz: ~20% of world oil

36 India Welcomes US-Iran Ceasefire

India's Ministry of External Affairs welcomed the US-Iran ceasefire and called for an early end to the conflict to ensure unimpeded trade flow through the Strait of Hormuz, vital to India's energy security.

37 BRICS Agriculture Ministers Adopt 'Indore Declaration' (June 15)

Under India's BRICS Presidency 2026, the Indore Declaration was adopted at the BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in Indore, Madhya Pradesh - a farmer-centric roadmap for food security, climate-resilient agriculture and seed sovereignty.

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Indore: "Mini Mumbai", Madhya Pradesh

India's cleanest city (Swachh Survekshan)

38 India Chairs BRICS in 2026

India is chairing BRICS in 2026 for the fourth time (after 2012, 2016, 2021) under the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.' The 18th BRICS Summit is scheduled in New Delhi on September 12-13, 2026.

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BRICS bank: New Development Bank, Shanghai

NDB head: Dilma Rousseff

39 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram (June 25-26)

India hosted the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram, focusing on energy security, sustainability, innovation and affordable energy access among member nations.

40 BRICS Heads of Space Agencies Meeting, Bengaluru

As BRICS Chair, India (ISRO and the Department of Space) hosted the BRICS Heads of Space Agencies Meeting in Bengaluru, with all 11 BRICS members participating. India proposed a 'BRICS Space Economy' concept.

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BRICS (2026): 11 members

Original 5: Brazil, Russia, India, China, S. Africa

41 India-China NSA-level Talks (June 22)

Indian NSA Ajit Doval met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in New Delhi on the sidelines of the BRICS NSA Meeting, discussing gradual normalisation of bilateral ties.

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India NSA: Ajit Doval

China Capital: Beijing



Economy & Banking

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42 RBI Holds Repo Rate at 5.25% (June 2026 MPC)

At its June 2026 meeting, the RBI Monetary Policy Committee under Governor Sanjay Malhotra unanimously kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% with a neutral stance. SDF stayed at 5%, MSF and Bank Rate at 5.5%.

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RBI HQ: Mumbai

Est.: 1 April 1935

Governor: Sanjay Malhotra

43 RBI Cuts FY27 Growth, Raises Inflation Forecast

The RBI lowered its FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6.6% (from 6.9%) and raised its inflation forecast to 5.1% (from 4.6%), citing the West Asia conflict, higher energy prices and monsoon/El Nino uncertainty.

GK BYTE

MPC: 6 members

Inflation target: 4% (+/- 2%)

44 CPI Retail Inflation Rises to 3.9% in May 2026

Retail inflation rose to about 3.9% in May 2026 (released in June) from 3.5% in April - the highest in 16 months but still below the RBI's 4% midpoint. Food inflation jumped to around 4.8% amid the Middle East conflict.

GK BYTE

CPI base year: 2012

Compiled by: NSO / MoSPI

45 India's Q4 FY26 GDP Grows 7.8%

India's GDP grew a provisional 7.8% in Q4 FY26 (Jan-Mar 2026), supported by private consumption and fixed investment. Full-year FY26 real GDP expanded about 7.7%, the sharpest growth since FY2022.

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GDP data by: NSO / MoSPI

FY26 full-year: ~7.7%

46 World Bank Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.6%

In its Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank raised India's FY 2026-27 GDP forecast to 6.6%, keeping India the fastest-growing major economy, with growth seen rebounding to 7.2% in FY28.

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Report: Global Economic Prospects (released twice a year)

47 World Bank Projects Global Growth at 2.5% for 2026

The World Bank's Global Economic Prospects projected global growth slowing to 2.5% in 2026, citing the Middle East conflict and energy price spikes. South Asia growth was projected to moderate to 6.2% before recovering to 6.5% in 2027.

48 Industrial Production (IIP) Up 4.9% in April 2026

India's Index of Industrial Production expanded 4.9% year-on-year in April 2026 (released in June), above the 3.9% expected, with manufacturing rising a sharper 6.2%.

 GK BYTE

IIP base year: 2011-12

3 sectors: Mining, Manufacturing, Electricity

49 Trade Deficit Widens to Record \$28.4 billion

India's trade deficit widened to a record \$28.4 billion in April 2026, with exports up 13.8% to \$41.6 billion and imports up 10% to \$71.9 billion, driven by a surge in oil, fuel and coal prices.

50 FY26 Exports Cross \$860 billion

India's total exports (merchandise plus services) rose 4.22% to about \$860.09 billion in FY26, though imports grew faster, widening the overall trade deficit.

51 India's Forex Reserves Cross \$700 billion

India's foreign exchange reserves crossed \$700 billion in June 2026, reaching about \$702.78 billion as of June 27, recovering from a May dip as the RBI defended a weak rupee (around 94/USD in mid-June).

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Components: FCA, Gold, SDRs, Reserve position in IMF

52 RBI Expands Fully Accessible Route (FAR)

The RBI expanded the FAR to include all new 15-, 30- and 40-year government securities, removed investment and concentration limits for FPIs under the General Route, and raised equity caps for NRIs and OCIs.

53 SEBI Board Reforms (June 19)

At its June 19, 2026 Board meeting, SEBI approved reforms across buy-backs, AIFs, mutual funds and debt markets. It reintroduced open market buy-backs through stock exchanges effective August 1, 2026, and aligned securitisation governance with the RBI framework.

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SEBI HQ: Mumbai

Statutory: 1992

Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey

54 SEBI 50:50 Margin Rule for F&O

Under the fully implemented 50:50 margin rule effective June 2026, at least 50% of the margin requirement for Futures & Options trading must be maintained in cash or cash-equivalent instruments.

55 NPCI Adds UPI Verified-Name Safety Feature

NPCI introduced a UPI safety feature that displays the recipient's verified bank-registered name whenever users scan a QR code or enter a mobile number, replacing custom names and aliases to curb fraud.

 GK BYTE

NPCI Est.: 2008

Products: UPI, RuPay, IMPS, FASTag

56 **HDFC Bank Appoints Rajiv Kumar as Chairman**

HDFC Bank appointed former Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar as its part-time non-executive chairman for a three-year term, subject to RBI approval.

 GK BYTE**HDFC Bank:** India's largest private bank**Rajiv Kumar:** former CEC**57** **REC-PFC Merger Approved**

REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation approved a merger scheme effective June 28, 2026, with an 88:100 share exchange ratio, creating a power-sector financing giant with a combined loan book of over Rs 11 lakh crore (subject to approvals).

 GK BYTE**Both under:** Ministry of Power**Share swap:** 88:100**Science, Space & Defence****58 - 80****58** **ISRO Hot-tests Indigenous Semi-cryogenic Engine (June 24)**

ISRO successfully hot-tested its indigenous semi-cryogenic engine power head at 175 tonnes of thrust at the Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri (Tamil Nadu), validating about 90% of designed capacity for next-generation heavy-lift launch vehicles.

 GK BYTE**ISRO HQ:** Bengaluru**Est.:** 1969**Chairman:** V. Narayanan**59** **Netra AEW&C Gets Final Operational Clearance (June 25)**

DRDO handed over the Final Operational Clearance for the indigenous Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control system in Bengaluru, making India the 5th country with indigenous AEW&C capability.

 GK BYTE**Built by:** DRDO (CABS, Bengaluru)**AEW&C nations:** US, Russia, Israel, China, India

60 First GAGAN-guided Jet Landing at Udaipur

India conducted its first satellite-based GAGAN landing approach on a commercial jet (an IndiGo Airbus A320) at Udaipur Airport. GAGAN is the indigenous SBAS jointly developed by ISRO and the Airports Authority of India.

 GK BYTE**GAGAN:** by ISRO + AAI**Type:** Satellite-Based Augmentation System**61 DRDO Tests Multi-layer Ballistic Missile Defence (AD-1 / AD-2)**

On June 10-11, 2026, DRDO conducted two consecutive flight tests of its multi-layered BMD interceptors AD-1 and AD-2 from the Integrated Test Range off the Odisha coast, validating capability against ICBM-class threats.

 GK BYTE**DRDO HQ:** New Delhi**Est.:** 1958**Test range:** ITR, Chandipur (Odisha)**62 NASM-MR Anti-ship Missile Tested**

DRDO test-fired the indigenous Naval Anti-Ship Missile (Medium Range), NASM-MR, off the eastern coast. It has a range of about 300 km, uses INS+GPS midcourse guidance and a radar altimeter for sea-skimming flight.

63 RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile Trials

In early June 2026, DRDO and the IAF successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from an airborne platform under extreme release conditions, demonstrating maturity of India's indigenous precision-strike weapons.

 GK BYTE**RudraM:** India's first anti-radiation missile family

64 LRLACM Second Developmental Trial (June 15)

India carried out the second developmental trial of the Long-Range Land-Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, advancing indigenous cruise-missile capability.

 GK BYTE

Test site: APJ Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island), Odisha

65 Navy Commissions INS Dunagiri, Sanshodhak & Agray (June 21)

PM Modi commissioned three warships at Kolkata: INS Dunagiri (Project 17A Nilgiri-class stealth frigate by GRSE), INS Sanshodhak (Survey Vessel Large) and INS Agray (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft).

 GK BYTE

Builder: GRSE, Kolkata

Navy motto: Sham No Varunah

66 Record Single-month Naval Induction

June 2026 saw India's largest single-month naval induction in recent years - five indigenous platforms across three categories: two Project 17A stealth frigates, one survey ship and two ASW shallow water craft, part of a planned ~19 warships in 2026.

67 Exercise Khaan Quest 2026 Begins (June 20)

The multilateral UN peacekeeping exercise Khaan Quest 2026 ran June 20 to July 3 at the Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with the Indian Army participating in checkpoint, cordon-and-search, counter-IED and casualty evacuation drills.

 GK BYTE

Mongolia Capital: Ulaanbaatar

Currency: Tögrög

Theme: UN peacekeeping

68 Divyastra MK-1 Loitering Munition Tested

The Indian Army successfully tested its newly inducted FPV kamikaze loitering munition drone system 'Divyastra MK-1' under extreme combat configurations in Jodhpur.

69 Advanced Weapon System Complex Inaugurated at DRDL Hyderabad

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDL Hyderabad, supporting Mission Sudarshan Chakra - a planned three-layer missile defence shield for India.

70 HAL Tejas Mk1A Programme Review

A HAL review on June 8, 2026 emphasised LCA Tejas Mk1A timelines: 18 airframes prepared and six GE engines delivered, with GE to deliver 20 engines between June and December 2026. The first Mk1A from the Nashik facility was targeted for end-June delivery.

 GK BYTE

HAL HQ: Bengaluru

Tejas: indigenous Light Combat Aircraft

71 NASA Roman Space Telescope Launch Advanced

NASA announced the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is now targeted for launch on August 30, 2026 - about eight months ahead of schedule. It will fly on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy to the Sun-Earth L2 point.

 GK BYTE

NASA HQ: Washington, D.C.

Orbit: Sun-Earth L2 point

72 NASA Readies 'Swift Boost' Servicing Mission

NASA prepared the first-of-its-kind Swift Boost mission to raise the orbit of the aging Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory. A robotic servicer named LINK (by Katalyst Space) is to perform the ~\$30 million orbit-raising rescue.

73 ISS Spacewalk to Repair Canadarm2 (June 30)

NASA scheduled a spacewalk for June 30, 2026 to replace a wrist joint on the ISS's Canadarm2 robotic arm, with the EVA beginning around 8:35 a.m. EDT.

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Canadarm2: Canada's robotic arm on the ISS

EVA: Extra-Vehicular Activity

74 Meta-Reliance AI Data Centre Deal (June 10)

Meta announced it will lease an AI-enabled data centre in India with 168 MW capacity from Reliance Industries. The government has announced a 20-year tax exemption for hyperscalers using Indian data centres to serve global clients.

75 Sarvam AI Raises \$234 million Series B

Indian AI startup Sarvam raised \$234 million in its Series B round, pushing its post-money valuation to about \$1.5 billion, underscoring India's sovereign-AI push under the IndiaAI Mission.

 GK BYTE

IndiaAI Mission: approved 2024

Goal: sovereign AI ecosystem

76 India's AI Compute Capacity Scaling Up

India's aggregate supercomputing capacity reached about 44 petaflops, with IndiaAI targeting beyond 200 petaflops. A shared compute facility with 45,000+ GPUs forms the national AI backbone.

77 Saurabh Vijay Appointed IndiaAI Mission CEO (June 5)

UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay took charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission, the body driving India's national artificial intelligence strategy and compute infrastructure.

 GK BYTE

UIDAI: issues Aadhaar

IndiaAI: under MeitY

78 AdFalcivax Malaria Vaccine Licensed

ICMR's indigenous multi-stage malaria vaccine AdFalcivax - developed at RMRC Bhubaneswar to target Plasmodium falciparum - was licensed to five companies: Indian Immunologicals, TechInvention Lifecare, Panacea Biotec, Biological E and Zydus Lifesciences.

 GK BYTE

ICMR HQ: New Delhi

Est.: 1911

Malaria parasite: Plasmodium

79 DengiAll Dengue Vaccine in Phase III Trial

Panacea Biotech, overseen by ICMR, advanced Phase III clinical trials of its indigenous dengue vaccine candidate DengiAll, enrolling over 10,000 volunteers across India.

 GK BYTE**Dengue vector:** Aedes aegypti mosquito**80 CSIR RISE Conclave 2026, Bengaluru (June 14-15)**

The CSIR RISE Conclave (Research, Industry, Start-up and Entrepreneurship) was held at the HAL campus, Bengaluru, covering aerospace technologies, AI ethics, the agri-food nexus and lab-to-market commercialization.

 GK BYTE**CSIR HQ:** New Delhi**Est.:** 1942**Environment & Ecology**

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81 World Environment Day 2026 (June 5) - Theme 'Climate Action'

World Environment Day was observed on June 5, 2026 under UNEP with the theme centred on climate action. The Republic of Azerbaijan (Baku) was the global host, with the main event at the Heydar Aliyev Center.

 GK BYTE**Since:** 1972 (Stockholm Conf.)**UNEP HQ:** Nairobi, Kenya**2026 Host:** Azerbaijan (Baku)**82 World Oceans Day 2026 (June 8)**

World Oceans Day was observed on June 8 to promote sustainable use and conservation of marine resources. The UN theme was 'Reimagine', aligned with the High Seas (BBNJ) Treaty which entered into force on January 17, 2026.

 GK BYTE**High Seas (BBNJ) Treaty:** in force 17 Jan 2026

83 State of India's Environment (SOE) 2026 Report

The CSE and Down To Earth's SOE 2026 report warned that seven of the nine planetary boundaries have now been breached - ocean acidification being the seventh - and that the world is near the 1.5 degrees C warming threshold.

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By: CSE & Down To Earth

CSE head: Sunita Narain

84 SOE 2026 Flags Rising Human-Tiger Conflict

The SOE 2026 report highlighted escalating human-tiger conflict, noting the invasive shrub *Lantana camara* now occupies nearly 50% of India's forest and scrublands, pushing tigers into thickets and reducing prey availability.

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Lantana camara: invasive shrub

Project Tiger: launched 1973

85 Global Wind Day 2026 Conference in Goa (June 15)

India hosted the Global Wind Day 2026 Conference in Goa under the theme 'Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration.' India ranks 4th globally in installed wind power capacity.

 GK BYTE

Global Wind Day: June 15

India: 4th in wind power capacity

86 India's Ramsar Tally Reaches 100 Sites

As of mid-2026, India has 100 Ramsar (wetland) sites covering about 13.87 lakh hectares - the largest network of Ramsar sites in Asia - reflecting India's expanding wetland conservation efforts.

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Ramsar Convention: signed 1971

Place: Ramsar, Iran

On: Wetlands conservation

 Sports, Awards & Reports

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87 FIFA World Cup 2026 Begins (June 11)

The 23rd FIFA World Cup, jointly hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, kicked off on June 11, 2026 at the Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, where hosts Mexico beat South Africa 2-0. It is the first 48-team World Cup.

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Hosts: USA, Canada, Mexico

Opener: Estadio Azteca

First 48-team edition

88 French Open 2026 - Men's Singles: Alexander Zverev

Germany's Alexander Zverev won his first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros, defeating Italy's Flavio Cobolli in a five-set final (6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-1), after three previous major runner-up finishes.

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Venue: Roland Garros, Paris

Surface: Clay court

89 French Open 2026 - Women's Singles: Mirra Andreeva

Russia's Mirra Andreeva claimed her maiden Grand Slam, beating Maja Chwalinska 6-3, 6-2. At 19 years and 1 month, she became the youngest woman to win Roland Garros since Monica Seles in 1992.

90 NBA Finals 2026 - New York Knicks Champions

The New York Knicks beat the San Antonio Spurs 4-1 in the NBA Finals (June 3-13) to win their third NBA championship and their first since 1973.

91 Stanley Cup 2026 - Carolina Hurricanes Win

The Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Vegas Golden Knights 4-2 in the NHL Stanley Cup Final (June 2-14) to win their second Stanley Cup and first since 2006, clinching Game 6 with a shutout.

92 Padma Awards 2026 - Second Investiture Ceremony (June 23)

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the remaining Padma Awards at the second Civil Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. India announced 131 Padma Awards for 2026: 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri.

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Instituted: 1954

Highest civilian award: Bharat Ratna

Conferred by the President

93 Notable Padma Awards 2026 Recipients

Actor Mammooty and singer Alka Yagnik received the Padma Bhushan. Cricketers Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur, hockey player Savita Punia, actor-filmmaker R. Madhavan and veteran actor Satish Shah were among Padma Shri honourees.

94 World Press Freedom Index 2026 - India 157th

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) ranked India 157th of 180 countries in the 2026 World Press Freedom Index, a fall of six places from the previous year.

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By: Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

HQ: Paris

Total: 180 countries

 **Important Days & Obituaries**

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95 International Day of Yoga 2026 (June 21) - 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'

The 12th International Day of Yoga theme was 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing.' PM Modi led the main national event from the riverfronts of Kolkata, West Bengal, with over 210 Indian missions abroad holding programmes at nearly 2,500 locations.

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Since: 2015

Proposed by: India (UNGA, 2014)

2026 venue: Kolkata

96 World Refugee Day 2026 (June 20)

World Refugee Day, led by UNHCR, marked the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention with the theme of solidarity with refugees and the message that 'the right to seek safety was made for you and me.'

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UNHCR HQ: Geneva

Convention: 1951 Refugee Convention

97 World Day Against Child Labour (June 12)

Observed by the ILO/UN, the 2026 slogan was 'Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults', spotlighting the global drive to end child labour.

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By: ILO

ILO HQ: Geneva

98 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (June 26)

The annual UN observance on June 26 raises awareness against narcotics abuse and illicit trafficking, mobilising governments and communities toward a drug-free world.

 GK BYTE

By: UNODC

HQ: Vienna

99 World Blood Donor Day (June 14)

World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14 to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors and raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products worldwide.

 GK BYTE

By: WHO

Marks: birthday of Karl Landsteiner

100 Obituary: Music Legend Clive Davis (June 22)

Clive Davis, the legendary Grammy-winning American record producer and music executive who shaped the careers of numerous global artists, died on June 22, 2026 at the age of 94.

Rapid Revision — One-Line Facts

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Question / Cue	Answer
Capital & currency of Seychelles	Victoria · Seychellois Rupee
Honour given to PM Modi by Seychelles	Guardian of the Blue Horizon
New IB Director (June 2026)	Mahesh Dixit
India's new ED at World Bank	Neelkanth Mishra
36th State/UT to implement PM-JAY	West Bengal
Max Lok Sabha strength proposed (131st Amend.)	850 seats
Modified UDAN outlay	Rs 28,840 crore (10 years)
ISM 2.0 outlay	Rs 1.25 lakh crore
52nd G7 Summit host city	Evian-les-Bains, France
BRICS 2026 Chair & 18th Summit venue	India · New Delhi (Sep 12-13)
BRICS Agriculture declaration (June)	Indore Declaration
RBI repo rate (June 2026)	5.25% (neutral stance)
RBI Governor	Sanjay Malhotra
India's Q4 FY26 GDP growth	7.8%
India's forex reserves milestone	crossed \$700 billion
New HDFC Bank Chairman	Rajiv Kumar (ex-CEC)
5th nation with indigenous AEW&C	India (Netra)
ISRO semi-cryogenic engine thrust	175 tonnes
Khaan Quest 2026 venue (country)	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)
World Environment Day 2026 host	Azerbaijan (Baku)
FIFA World Cup 2026 hosts	USA, Canada, Mexico

Question / Cue	Answer
French Open 2026 champions (M / W)	A. Zverev / M. Andreeva
NBA Champions 2026	New York Knicks
Total Padma Awards 2026	131 (5+13+113)
India's rank, Press Freedom Index 2026	157 of 180
International Day of Yoga 2026 theme	Yoga for Healthy Ageing
India's Ramsar sites tally	100 sites

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