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### India plans to introduce plastic currency notes as the RBI restarts its polymer note initiative

The Reserve Bank of India is reviving its plan to introduce polymer (plastic) currency notes through a pilot project. These notes are more durable, cost-effective, and resistant to wear and counterfeiting than paper notes. Rising cash circulation, increasing printing costs, and disposal of soiled notes have driven this move. Lower denomination notes deteriorate faster, making polymer a viable solution. India had earlier tested polymer notes in 2012 but paused the initiative due to technological constraints.

### Min Aung Hlaing is set to make a brief official visit to India

Min Aung Hlaing will visit India from May 30 to June 3, 2026, at the invitation of Narendra Modi. His first official visit aims to strengthen bilateral ties through discussions on trade, connectivity, security, and cultural cooperation. Key highlights include talks in New Delhi, a business forum, and visits to Bodh Gaya and Mumbai. Myanmar remains strategically important to India as a gateway to Southeast Asia under its Act East and Neighbourhood First policies.



### Prime Minister Urges Citizens to Listen to Upcoming Mann Ki Baat Broadcast

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently spotlighted Jammu and Kashmir's traditional Kalari cheese on Mann Ki Baat, celebrating its growing international recognition. Often hailed as the Mozzarella of Kashmir, this unique, dense dairy delicacy has thrust the region's rich culinary heritage into the global limelight. While enjoyed across the territory, the Udhampur district stands out as the primary hub celebrated for producing this authentic, traditional cheese. This prestigious mention underscores a significant push for local food culture, elevating a traditional specialty from a specific northern district to a celebrated spot on the global gastronomic map.



### Nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' to Be Conducted from June 1 to June 30

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the rollout of the month-long nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan campaign. The central focus of this grassroots initiative is improving soil health and reducing excessive chemical fertilizer use across the agricultural sector. Running throughout the month, the campaign aims to curb the reckless application of chemical inputs by sensitising farmers to balanced, soil-test-based nutrient management. Over five hundred multidisciplinary scientific teams will specifically target areas identified with high chemical dependency, helping farmers protect long-term soil fertility and seamlessly transition toward sustainable, resilient natural farming practices.

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## Centre Announces Export Duties on Petrol, Diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel for Upcoming Fortnight

The central government has announced revised export levies for the upcoming fortnight beginning June 1, 2026, keeping a strict check on fuel shipments. Under the new directives, the export duty on petrol has been fixed at 1.50 rupees per litre. Concurrently, the authorities have maintained the Road and Infrastructure Cess on the export of both petrol and diesel at nil. This specific regulatory adjustment solely impacts outbound energy shipments, as retail prices and internal excise duties for fuel cleared for domestic consumption remain entirely unchanged, ensuring stable pricing for local consumers across the country.



## Maruti Suzuki Unveils India's First Flex-Fuel Car

Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday 4 June unveiled the WagonR Flex Fuel, the nation's first mass-market passenger vehicle running on E20 to E100 ethanol-petrol blends. Attended by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, the launch supports government efforts to cut fossil fuel dependence and introduce biofuel strategies like 15 percent isobutanol-blended diesel. Gadkari urged automakers to retro-fit older vehicles for flex-fuel and Euro 6 emission compliance. Highlighting India's position as the world's third-largest auto industry, Maruti Suzuki executives noted that the company accounted for nearly half of last year's domestic green vehicle sales and is expanding investments into compressed biogas and hydrogen technologies.

## Fotu La Tunnel Project

The Fotu La Tunnel project on National Highway-01 (NH-01) in Ladakh has been sanctioned by the GOI on June 4, 2026 at an estimated cost of Rs 1,196.22 crore. Spanning a 2.65 km alignment, the project features a 1.96 km unidirectional twin-tube tunnel and 0.69 km of approach roads. Located at 4,108 meters, Fotu La Pass is the highest point on the critical Uri-Srinagar-Leh corridor. By bypassing the existing steep gradients, sharp bends, and winter snow closures, the tunnel will shorten travel by 8.5 km, securing safer, year-round civilian connectivity and strategic defense logistics in the border region.

## Navachar Mantra

On June 3, 2026, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launched 'Navachar Mantra,' a national initiative to identify, mentor, and scale grassroots innovations and early-stage startups. Implemented by NIESBUD with FIIT as the technical knowledge partner, the program focuses on Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, rural areas, and aspirational districts. It aims to build a structured ecosystem transforming ideas into scalable businesses across priority sectors like AgriTech, HealthTech, EdTech, Climate/Sustainability, Rural Commerce, and MSME Enablement. Interested innovators can apply through a dedicated digital platform until July 5, 2026, ahead of expert evaluations.

## President Approves Appointment of Permanent Judges in Bombay High Court

In a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, the President of India appointed six Additional Judges of the Bombay High Court as Permanent Judges. Issued in June 2026 under constitutional powers and following consultations with the Chief Justice of India, the elevation confirms the permanent status of Justices Nivedita Prakash Mehta, Prafulla Surendrakumar Khubalkar, Ashwin Damodar Bhohe,

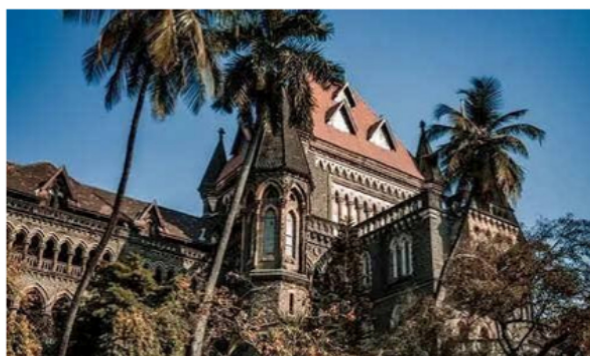


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Rohit Wasudeo Joshi, Advait Mahendra Sethna, and Pravin Sheshrao Patil. This transition addresses judicial vacancies and helps reduce operational uncertainty, strengthening the court's overall permanent bench strength to ensure continuity and faster disposal of pending litigations across its multi-state jurisdiction.



## Government Highlights India's Position Among Nations with Lowest Domestic LPG Costs

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas confirmed that extensive shipping blockades in the Strait of Hormuz triggered a massive 46 percent surge in the global Saudi Contract Price benchmark, escalating import costs significantly. This strategic maritime chokepoint, handling over half of Indian liquefied petroleum gas inbound shipments, faced intense geopolitical friction that compressed Middle East supply baselines. Despite the international price shock driving actual supply costs past 1600 rupees per cylinder, India maintained heavily discounted household rates through aggressive state-backed moderation, insulated via diversified sourcing pipelines from non-Hormuz suppliers like Canada and Algeria.



## Tamil Nadu Launches Singappen Special Force

On June 9, 2026, Tamil Nadu launched the Singappen Special Task Force, an all-women police unit, at Rajarathinam Stadium in Egmore, Chennai. This elite task force was among the first orders signed by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay after taking office on May 10, 2026. Functioning under the Chief Minister's direct supervision and led by Inspector General K. Bhavaneeswari, the unit has a first-phase sanctioned strength of 36 posts. Its core mandate is protecting women and children by identifying vulnerable zones and increasing surveillance at public transit hubs, educational institutions, and IT sectors. Deployed in a unique uniform, the force also includes specialized Cyber Crime personnel to swiftly address digital and physical safety threats.



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**Narendra Modi becomes India's longest serving elected Prime Minister**

On June 10, 2026, Narendra Modi became India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister, completing 4,399 continuous days since May 26, 2014, surpassing Jawaharlal Nehru's record, who first took the oath as an elected Prime Minister on 13th May 1952 and served until 27th May 1964 (4,398 days in total). Winning three consecutive mandates in a diverse nation of 1.4 billion, Modi's tenure provides political stability and continuity. Rising from a humble background without political lineage, he remains one of the world's most popular leaders. Under his governance, India became the fastest-growing major economy, lifted nearly 250 million people out of multidimensional poverty, and expanded digital and physical infrastructure. Globally, Modi has strengthened India's influence on climate action and Global South priorities, while receiving over 30 international civilian honors.

**Project GANGA for Rural Broadband in Uttar Pradesh**

On 9 June 2026, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched Project GANGA (Government Assisted Network for Growth and Advancement) in Lucknow to provide fibre-based broadband connectivity to rural households. The project aims to connect around 20 lakh families to high-speed internet and the digital economy. It will initially cover 21 districts and later expand to all 57,000 Gram Panchayats and 8,000 Nyaya Panchayats in the state. OneOTT Entertainment Limited, part of the Hinduja Group, is supporting the initiative as a Knowledge Partner and Implementation Enabler on a no-profit, no-loss basis. Project GANGA will promote digital education, telemedicine, e-governance, skill training, smart agriculture, and public Wi-Fi, while creating over one lakh jobs. Around 50 percent of the beneficiaries are expected to be women.

**Amit Shah Launches Land Port Management System VINIMAY**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS), named VINIMAY, in New Delhi on 9 June 2026. VINIMAY is a centralized digital platform that integrates cargo, passenger, and vehicle processing at India's land ports through a Single Electronic Window. The system enables real-time information sharing among border security forces, regulatory authorities, and central agencies, reducing paperwork and improving efficiency. India currently has 15 operational land ports, with 11 more planned, raising the total to 26. As part of the Smart Border initiative, VINIMAY is expected to eliminate about 90 percent of paperwork, reduce truck waiting times by 40–60 percent, and cut gate processing time by 22–35 percent. Land-port trade has increased from Rs5,000 crore in 2014 to Rs 83,000 crore currently.

**Centre Extends CGSMFI-2.0**

In the late hours of June 10, 2026, the Central Government extended the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0) until August 31, 2026, or until its Rs 20,000 crore guarantee limit is reached. Launched on March 20, 2026, the scheme provides guarantee cover through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC). It backs bank loans to NBFC-MFIs and MFIs for onward lending to small borrowers meeting RBI microfinance criteria. As part of the update, the maximum eligible loan cap for large-sized NBFC-MFIs/MFIs has been raised from Rs 300 crore to Rs 1,000 crore. However, this remains subject to an overall ceiling of 20 percent of their Assets Under Management (AUM). Both new and existing small borrowers remain eligible.



### **Gol signs MoU with Bihar and Manipur for Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0**

On June 10, 2026, the Central Government signed reform-linked Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Bihar and Manipur under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0. The agreements aim to strengthen sustainable, community-driven rural drinking water supply systems. The primary objective of these MoUs is to establish a Gram Panchayat-led, service-based, and community-centered model of rural water governance, ensuring regular access to safe drinking water. JJM 2.0 focuses on sustaining rural water infrastructure and securing long-term service delivery. Its key priorities include ensuring the functionality of tap water connections, water quality assurance, source sustainability, and strengthened operation and maintenance systems. It additionally emphasizes driving community ownership, active participation, and maintaining regular monitoring and evaluation.

### **Centre Introduces New Order to Prevent Diesel Hoarding and Black Marketing**

Under the newly enforced fuel supply regulation order of 2026, the central government has implemented stringent guidelines for dispensing diesel at all retail outlets nationwide. The new mandate explicitly permits retail stations to dispense diesel only directly into vehicle fuel tanks or into specialized containers that have been formally approved by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation. This regulatory measure aims to prevent unauthorized storage,

minimize hazardous handling practices, and significantly enhance public safety protocols across all fuel distribution networks, ensuring strict adherence to established national explosive and petroleum safety standards.

### **NITI Aayog Holds Development Dialogue with North-Eastern Chief Ministers**

A historic tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of India and the state governments of Assam and Nagaland was prominently featured during the recent NITI Aayog Development Dialogue. The landmark agreement primarily aims to facilitate and resume long-stalled mineral oil operations within the disputed border areas shared by the two northeastern states. By establishing a collaborative framework for resource exploration and extraction, the pact effectively bypasses prolonged boundary friction to unlock critical energy reserves, promote regional economic development, and foster closer economic cooperation under central monitoring.

### **India Launches First Wind Turbine Supply Chain Portal to Boost Domestic Manufacturing**

At the Global Wind Day Conference in Goa on Monday 15 June, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched WT-MARUT, India's first dedicated Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal. Developed by the MNRE and IWTMA, the portal aims to improve supply-chain visibility, ensure domestic sourcing compliance, aid supplier discovery, and boost export readiness.

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India added a record 6.1 GW of wind capacity in FY 2025-26, driving its total capacity past 56.1 GW and cementing its position as the world's fourth-largest wind energy market. Backed by a near 50 percent growth in wind turbine exports, which surpassed Rs 12,000 crore, the country is rapidly scaling up to become a global manufacturing hub, targeting an ambitious wind capacity of over 100 GW by 2030.



### Ayush Ministry launches Yoga Park Portal to turn public parks into wellness hubs

The Ministry of Ayush on June 16 launched the Yoga Park Portal to transform public parks into community wellness hubs for yoga, meditation, and preventive healthcare. Unveiled by Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav in Khajuraho during the 25-day countdown to International Day of Yoga 2026, the digital platform provides guidelines and registration for stakeholders. The community-driven initiative invites local bodies, NGOs, and corporate entities, via Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs, to develop and maintain these neighborhood spaces. Designed with yoga platforms and meditation zones for all age groups, the parks will host regular sessions and health campaigns. Aligning with the 2026 theme, 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing,' the portal aims to foster a nationwide movement promoting physical activity and mindfulness across urban and rural India.



### Net direct tax collections rise 14.6% to Rs. 5.21 trillion in FY27

India's net direct tax collections rose 14.64% year-on-year to Rs. 5.21 trillion (April 1–June 17, FY27), reflecting strong economic activity and improved compliance. Gross collections crossed Rs. 6.1 trillion, up 12.46%, while refunds stood at about Rs. 89,025 crore. Growth was driven by higher corporate tax receipts (Rs. 2.08 trillion) and non-corporate taxes (Rs. 2.93 trillion). The data indicate robust corporate profitability, rising incomes, and increased advance tax payments, providing a positive outlook for government finances in the current financial year.



### Consumer Protection Authority Fines Two Food Companies for Misleading Product Claims

In a major enforcement move against deceptive marketing, the Central Consumer Protection Authority has penalized Storia Foods and Mrs. Bectors Food.



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Specialities for making misleading '100 percent' product claims. The apex consumer watchdog pulled up the companies for failing to substantiate these absolute marketing assertions, which were found to be deceptive to the public. Officials confirmed that the authority exercised its strict regulatory and punitive powers derived directly under the Consumer Protection Act of 2019. This high-profile action underscores a tightening regulatory environment aimed at ensuring absolute transparency and protecting statutory consumer rights across the FMCG sector.



## Parliamentary Panel Initiates Comprehensive Review of India's Economy Amid Global Uncertainties

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, led by chairperson Bhartruhari Mahtab, has officially initiated a comprehensive review into the evolving economic conditions in the country. Convening senior government officials, including the Chief Economic Advisor and the Economic Affairs Secretary, the panel detailed critical domestic and global trends shaping India's fiscal landscape. Key deliberations focused heavily on sticky retail inflation, currency volatility regarding the rupee, and rising geopolitical conflicts. Additionally, the committee flagged the slowdown in private capital investments lagging behind robust public capex expansion as a primary macroeconomic challenge requiring urgent policy intervention.

## Amit Shah to launch NAFED's digital auction platform NAFEX.in on June 23

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will launch NAFED's digital auction portal, NAFEX.in, in New Delhi on Tuesday June 23 to boost transparency and efficiency in agricultural auctions. The event at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan will be attended by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and senior NAFED officials. Aligning with the 'Sahkar Se Samridhhi' vision, Shah will also unveil the DRISHTI portal for pulses and oilseeds inventory management, an ERP organizational portal, and the NAFED-KALYAN scholarship scheme, distributing educational cheques to farmers' children. Following a live portal demonstration, Shah will chair a NAFED Board of Directors meeting to review progress and discuss the organization's future roadmap for agricultural procurement and cooperative trade.

## Odisha Exports Egg Powder to Austria

On 20-21 June 2026, Odisha dispatched its maiden commercial shipment of dried whole egg powder to Austria. The 22.6 metric-tonne consignment was exported by OVO Farm Pvt. Ltd., an APEDA-registered company based in Bolangir. Produced at a modern facility established in 2025, the processed poultry product is heavily used globally in baking, confectionery, and pharmaceuticals due to its long shelf life. Reflecting high international standards, the facility holds FSSC 22000 Version 6, HALAL, and KOSHER certifications. This milestone underscores the rise of agri-processing trade in eastern India under APEDA (established via a 1985 Act under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry), boosting India's footprint in global processed food markets.

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## Centre Reappoints Tushar Mehta as Solicitor General

On the late evening of 20 June 2026, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved a three-year extension for Senior Advocate Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General of India. Beginning 1 July 2026, this fresh term extends his tenure as the Union Government's second-highest law officer, projecting his total service to eleven years since his initial October 2018 appointment. Additionally, five Additional Solicitors General (ASGs) for the Supreme Court, Vikramjit Banerjee, K.M. Nataraj, Suryaprakash V. Raju, N. Venkataraman, and Aishwarya Bhati, were re-appointed for three-year terms. Meanwhile, Chetan Sharma's tenure as ASG for the Delhi High Court received a six-month extension effective 1 July 2026.

## Government Grants Navratna Recognition to Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited

The Government of India has elevated Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) to Navratna status, making it the 28th Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise. Approved by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, this status grants CPCL significant financial autonomy, allowing it to invest up to ₹1,000 crore in a single project without prior government approval.

CPCL qualified by consistently scoring high on key financial parameters and reporting an annual turnover of around ₹59,400 crore for FY 2025-26.

## Aadhaar App Surpasses 31 Million Downloads Within Five Months of Launch

The Ministry of Electronics & IT announced that the new Aadhaar App has crossed 31 million downloads within five months of its launch. Designed to enhance ease of living, the privacy-first mobile application allows users to update addresses and mobile numbers directly from their smartphones.

So far, nearly 4 million users have updated their mobile numbers and 850,000 have updated addresses. The app features biometric locking, face verification, and digital identity sharing for seamless real-world use cases.



## Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Lead 10th NCORD Apex-Level Meeting in New Delhi

The Narco-Coordination Centre mechanism operates through a robust four-tier administrative structure designed to maximize synergy between central and state law enforcement agencies. This multi-layered framework comprises the Apex Level Committee headed by the Union Home Secretary, followed by the Executive Level Committee overseen by the Special Secretary for Internal Security under the Ministry of Home Affairs. To ensure effective grassroots implementation, the system further extends to State Level Committees chaired by respective state Chief Secretaries and District Level Committees led by



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District Magistrates. This structured hierarchy enables seamless intelligence sharing, unified operational strategies, and comprehensive policy execution to counter drug trafficking and substance abuse across India.

## International

**India and Canada have accelerated negotiations on the CEPA, with both countries aiming to finalise the deal by the end of 2026**

India and Canada have reaffirmed their commitment to finalise the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by 2026, aiming to boost trade and investment. Announced at the 2026 Canada-India Trade and Investment Forum, the pact is expected to enhance market access and reduce trade barriers. Key sectors like energy, technology, and pharmaceuticals may benefit. The newly launched forum will promote business collaboration. Existing trade remains strong, with India exporting pharmaceuticals and textiles, while importing pulses, coal, and crude oil from Canada.

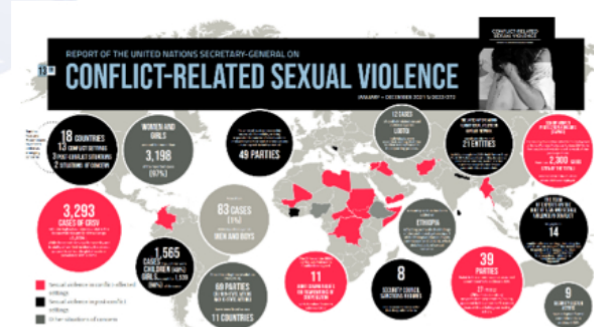
**Indian-origin student Shrey Parikh clinched the 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee title**

Shrey Parikh, a 14-year-old from California, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2026 by spelling 32 words in a 90-second spell-off. He defeated Ishaan Gupta, who spelt 25 words, while Sarv Dharavane secured third place. The event featured 247 participants from the U.S. and other countries. Shrey received a \$50,000 prize and other awards, highlighting the strong performance of Indian-origin students in this prestigious global competition.



**The United Nations has added Israel to its conflict-related sexual violence watchlist**

The United Nations has added Israel to its Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) list, which tracks alleged sexual violence in conflict zones. The listing, based on reported abuses against Palestinian detainees, aims to ensure accountability and protection of civilians. Israel has strongly rejected the allegations, calling them biased, and suspended engagement with Antonio Guterres's office. The UN maintains that its report is based on verified evidence and remains open to dialogue.



**APEDA Enables First Shipment of Fresh Jharkhand Mangoes to the United Kingdom**

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority facilitated a breakthrough by flagging off Jharkhand's first commercial agricultural consignment to London. The shipment consisted of 1.5 metric tonnes of premium Amrapali mangoes, known

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for their rich flavour and sweetness. Sourced directly from an all-women agricultural collective operating in the Bano Block of Simdega district, the produce was dispatched via Kolkata. This international linkage bypasses traditional domestic middle channels, ensuring higher profit margins for smallholder tribal women farmers and establishing Jharkhand's capability for global compliance.



## 14,000-Year-Old Footprints Found in Italy Cave

Archaeologists in June 2026 identified 180 footprints and handprints from approximately 14,000 years ago in Grotta della Bàsura, northern Italy. Left by five Epigravettian hunter-gatherers, two adults, an adolescent, and two young children, the trackways provide the first fossil evidence of human crawling locomotion through low tunnels. Using multi-disciplinary methods like 3D modeling and archaeobotany, researchers discovered the group explored the cave using burning Scots pine twigs as torches, providing ten meters of visibility. Abundant cave bear remains and canid traces also suggest a dog accompanied them, offering a rare glimpse into Pleistocene cave exploration.

## Indian delegation at International Labour Conference in Geneva

Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje, led the Indian delegation at the 114th International Labour Conference in Geneva on June 10th. The participation highlighted India's commitment to inclusive growth, gender equality, and social dialogue. Alongside conference discussions,

she held several high-level bilateral meetings. In talks with Ramjee Yadav, India reaffirmed Nepal's importance under the Neighbourhood First policy, while both sides discussed skill development, labour mobility, and digital technology cooperation. She also met Teresa Rodrigues Dias to strengthen collaboration in employment, vocational training, social protection, and workforce development. During discussions with Muhammad Reza Casam Uteem, she emphasized the strong historical, cultural, democratic, and people-to-people ties between India and Mauritius.

## NASA Announces Artemis III Astronaut Crew

NASA announced the four-member prime crew for Artemis III on 9 June 2026 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The crew includes Randy Bresnik (Commander), Luca Parmitano of the European Space Agency (Pilot), and NASA astronauts Andre Douglas and Frank Rubio (Mission Specialists). Bob Hines was named as the backup crew member. Scheduled for launch in late 2027 from Kennedy Space Center, Florida, Artemis III is part of NASA's Artemis lunar exploration programme and will use the Orion spacecraft along with commercial human landing systems developed by Blue Origin and SpaceX. The mission will test rendezvous and docking operations in Earth orbit and evaluate the AxEMU lunar spacesuit. Following a revised mission plan, the first human lunar landing is now expected during Artemis IV in 2028.

## Israel Plans to install Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Statue

Israel announced on 6 June 2026, coinciding with Shiv-rajyabhishek Din, its plan to install a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in one of its major cities. Shiv-rajyabhishek Din commemorates the coronation of Shivaji Maharaj, founder of the Maratha Empire, at Raigad Fort on 6 June 1674. The initiative aims to strengthen cultural and diplomatic ties between India and Israel while highlighting historical connections between Maharashtra and the Indian Jewish community, particularly the Bene Israel community.

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The formal announcement was made by Israeli Consul General in Mumbai Yaniv Revach on June 9, who discussed the project with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. The Maharashtra government has offered assistance regarding historical references, artistic guidance, and design. The statue is envisioned as a long-term cultural and educational project.



## France to build its first traditional Hindu temple using Indian stones

France is set to inaugurate its first traditional Hindu temple in September 2026, marking a significant milestone for the Indian diaspora. Built using stones carved in India and assembled in France, the temple reflects authentic Hindu architectural traditions. The 15-day inauguration will feature religious and cultural events. Beyond a place of worship, it will serve as a cultural hub, strengthening community bonds and symbolising growing cultural ties between India and France.



## UAE sets 15 as the minimum age for social media use

The United Arab Emirates has set a minimum age of 15 for social media use, banning younger children from creating or operating accounts. Platforms must adopt advanced verification methods like AI-based age checks and digital identity systems. Teens aged 15–16 can access platforms with safeguards such as privacy controls and parental supervision. This move aims to enhance child safety, reduce exposure to harmful content, and address concerns around mental health, screen time, and data privacy in the digital space.

## India Set to Host Eleventh BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram

India has officially assumed the spotlight by hosting the eleventh BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting in Gurugram, Haryana, under its high-profile 2026 BRICS Chairship. While New Delhi steers the broader multilateral summit under the overarching theme of Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability, the critical energy track has received a distinct, dedicated focus. Moving away from standard diplomatic phrasing, policymakers have formally adopted the resonant Sanskrit phrase Sarvesham Urjam, translating to Energy for All, as the guiding theme for the energy track to highlight equitable and sustainable global resource distribution.

## Canada Acquires Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar System

On 22 June 2026, Canada finalized a USD 2.5 billion agreement with Australia and BAE Systems Australia to acquire an Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) system under its NORAD modernization program. The agreement was signed in Canberra by Canada's Stephen Fuhr and Australia's Richard Marles. Derived from Australia's Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN), the A-OTHR utilizes ionospheric reflection to detect aircraft and missile threats beyond the line of

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sight over Canada's Arctic. The transmitting station will be built in Ontario's Kawartha Lakes region, and the receiving station in Clearview Township. Work begins 1 July 2026, targeting initial operational capability by December 2029. The project will generate 2,270 annual Canadian jobs through 2033.

## Ranks/Reports/Indices

### Bengaluru Overtakes Mumbai to Emerge as India's Second-Busiest Airport for Domestic Air Traffic

According to the latest passenger traffic data released by the Airports Authority of India, Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi continues to firmly top the chart as the busiest airport in the country for both domestic and overall air traffic. While Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru successfully claimed the second spot in domestic passenger footfall by surpassing Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, New Delhi's main aviation gateway maintains a massive lead across all primary metrics, cementing its position as India's premier transport hub for domestic and international travel alike.



### Government to replace Wholesale Price Index with Producer Price Index system

The Indian government said on Wednesday June 3, that it will gradually replace the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with a modern Producer Price Index (PPI) system to match global data standards. Concurrently,

the Commerce and Industry Ministry revised the WPI base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23, expanding its item coverage from 697 to 957 commodities to better represent economic activity. Both the updated WPI and new PPI series are scheduled to launch on June 15. Because WPI is deeply embedded in commercial contract escalation clauses, the government will publish it alongside PPI for five years to ensure a smooth transition before completely phasing it out.



### Bengaluru ranked second among Asia's AI-native startup clusters

Bengaluru ranked second in Asia's AI-native startup clusters after Beijing in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2026, launched at VivaTech 2026. It also ranked 15th globally with an ecosystem value of USD 153 billion. Bengaluru hosts 30 unicorns and is the world's second-largest AI talent hub with 600,000 professionals. The city has 606 AI-native startups and attracted USD 39 billion in funding (2021-25), highlighting its strong innovation, R&D, and startup ecosystem growth.



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## QS World University Rankings 2027 released

India has secured the 5th position globally in the QS World University Rankings 2027 with 52 institutions featured, reflecting its growing academic strength and research output. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi leads India at the 118th rank. Top global spots are held by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University. India's rise is driven by improved research, global collaborations, and reforms like the National Education Policy 2020, enhancing its global academic reputation.

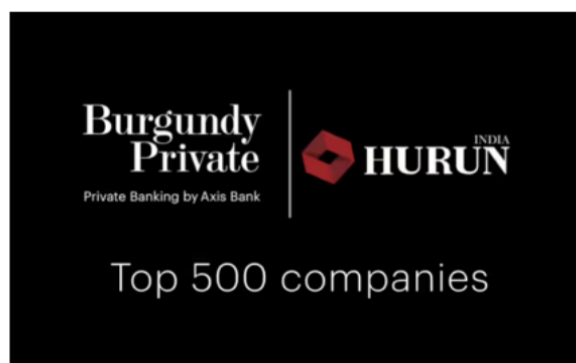
## S&P Projects India's FY27 GDP Growth at 6.6% Despite Energy and Monsoon Risks

S&P Global Ratings and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) project India's FY27 GDP growth to slow down to 6.6% (from 7.7% in FY26). This deceleration is driven by energy market stress from the West Asia conflict, rising input costs, a global slowdown, and a sub-par monsoon exacerbated by El Nino.

Consequently, both institutions have raised consumer inflation forecasts to 5.1%. While S&P anticipates a policy rate hike in the second half of the fiscal year, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra states that a rate hike is currently premature. The RBI maintains a neutral, 'wait-and-watch' stance, relying on upcoming data regarding monsoon progress and global crude prices.

## Hurun India 500 Report 2026

The Hurun India 500 Report 2026, released alongside Axis Bank and Burgundy Private, reveals that India's top ten most valuable companies collectively command ₹86 trillion, representing 27% of the total valuation of the top 500 firms. Reliance Industries retains the leading spot with a valuation of ₹19.36 trillion, while HDFC Bank follows in second place despite a 17% valuation drop. Financial services have notably strengthened their market dominance, with ICICI Bank climbing to fourth and Bajaj Finance entering the top ten. Conversely, traditional IT giants like TCS and Infosys have lost ground due to a global slowdown in tech spending.



## Summits/MoUs/Conferences/Agreement

### Government, Industry and Academia Join Hands to Advance Water Research and Innovation

The Ministry of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, has announced a major joint research initiative called MAHA on Water, which stands for Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas for Water. This high-level collaborative mission aims to systematically drive and scale up cutting-edge scientific research across key sector priorities, including sustainable water resources management, drinking water security,

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climate resilience, and water-use efficiency. By bridging the gap between scientific innovation and policy execution, the new mission framework is designed to accelerate technology-driven solutions for India's long-term water security and resource sustainability challenges.

### India to host Second BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting

India, holding the 2026 BRICS chairship, will host the Second BRICS Culture Working Group Meeting in Varanasi from June 4 to 5 under the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.' The 11-member bloc will discuss three priorities: cultural heritage protection, sustainable development, and creative economies alongside AI copyright. Deliberations will shape an outcome document for August's Culture Ministers' meeting in Bhopal. Notably, the historic host city Varanasi features prominent Hindu pilgrimage ghats along the Ganga and sits near Sarnath, the Buddhist site where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon.

### BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Meeting

India, holding the 2026 BRICS presidency, will host the Second Technical Meeting of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Group at the Taj Puri Resort in Odisha from June 3 to 5. Representatives from 11 member and partner nations will attend the summit, inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. Discussions will target risk financing, resilient infrastructure, anticipatory action, and traditional disaster management knowledge. Recognized globally for its resilient cyclone response, Odisha was selected as host. Notably, Puri is a prominent coastal town famed for the historic Jagannath Temple and annual Rath Yatra festival.

### ASI and Denmark signed an MoU to conduct an underwater survey of the Oresund shipwreck near Karaikal

The Archaeological Survey of India and the National Museum of Denmark signed an MoU to conduct a non-invasive underwater survey near Karaikal, Puducherry, to locate the 1619 wreck of the Danish ship Oresund. The project aims to boost Indo-Danish cooperation and study early maritime links. Using advanced scientific methods, it will help identify, document, and protect underwater heritage, offering insights into Danish East India Company-era activity and early European presence in India.



### First Indian appointed Vice President of Financial Action Task Force

Vivek Aggarwal has been elected Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) at its Paris plenary, becoming the first Indian to hold this position. He will serve from July 2026 to June 2027, supporting global efforts against money laundering and terrorist financing. A 1994-batch IAS officer, Aggarwal has led India's FATF delegation and headed Financial Intelligence Unit-India, bringing extensive expertise in financial regulation and international cooperation.

### Coal Ministry Hosts BRICS Dialogue on Clean Coal Technologies and Coal Gasification

The Ministry of Coal organized a specialized BRICS Side Event on Clean Coal Technologies, spotlighting coal gasification as a vital pillar for industrial growth and



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energy security. During this global dialogue, Eastern Coalfields Limited presented the critical progress of the Kasta Underground Coal Gasification Pilot Project located in Jharkhand. This pioneering initiative focuses on converting unmineable, deep-seated coal deposits directly into valuable industrial synthetic gases while remaining in-situ. By showcasing this advanced resource utilization model, the government highlighted its broader strategic roadmap to achieve the clean gasification of 100 million tonnes of domestic coal by 2030.



## Science and tech/Space/Defence

### Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket exploded during a ground test ahead of a planned satellite launch

Blue Origin, founded by Jeff Bezos, faced a major setback when its New Glenn rocket exploded during an engine test at Cape Canaveral on May 28, 2026. No injuries were reported, but the incident delayed plans to launch Amazon's satellites. The failure adds to earlier technical issues, raising concerns for its role in NASA's Artemis program. New Glenn is a heavy-lift rocket designed to compete in the commercial space launch market.

### Digi Yatra Records Over 10 Crore Passenger Journeys Across 38 Airports

The Ministry of Civil Aviation celebrated a major milestone for India's digital public infrastructure as the Digi Yatra ecosystem successfully crossed ten crore

passenger journeys. Powered by advanced facial recognition technology, the contactless and paperless travel platform has recorded over two crore downloads. Currently, this biometric system is operational across thirty-eight Indian airports, drastically reducing average terminal entry processing times from fifteen seconds down to just five seconds per passenger. Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu highlighted that twenty-seven additional airports will be integrated into the network by next year to effectively manage accelerating domestic passenger traffic.



### Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Assumes Charge as Chief of Western Naval Command

Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan officially assumed charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the strategically vital Western Naval Command in Mumbai during a ceremonial parade. Prior to taking up this critical operational command, he served as the forty-seventh Vice Chief of the Naval Staff at the Naval Headquarters in New Delhi, where he was heavily responsible for capability development and future readiness. A specialist in gunnery and missile systems with over three decades of service, his high-level transition marks a pivotal rotation in top military leadership as the maritime force continually shapes its long-term strategic and defense footprint.

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## IN-SPACe Opens LVM-3 Launch Vehicle Programme

On June 10, 2026, IN-SPACe invited Expressions of Interest to transfer technology of ISRO's LVM3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3), India's heaviest operational rocket, nicknamed 'Bahubali', to private domestic companies for manufacturing and commercialization. The three-stage heavy-payload vehicle previously launched Chandrayaan-2, Chandrayaan-3, and 72 OneWeb satellites. The selected private entity or consortium will receive ISRO technical support for 42 months or until launching two rockets. Eligible applicants must be private Indian firms operating for seven-plus years with five years of aerospace experience, alongside an average annual turnover exceeding Rs 800 crore or a Rs 2,000 crore market valuation. Part of the 2020 space reforms, this follows previous technology transfers for the PSLV and SSLV, letting ISRO focus on advanced missions like Gaganyaan.

## India Validates First Indigenous HPV Test

India has validated Truenat HR-HPV-Plus, its first indigenous point-of-care molecular test for cervical cancer screening on June 10, 2026, developed by Goa-based Molbio Diagnostics. Published in the International Journal of Cancer using 1159 samples, the study involved AIIMS New Delhi, ICMR, and WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Supported by DBT-BIRAC, the assay detects eight high-risk HPV types causing 95 percent of cervical cancers.

India records 1,27,000 cases and 80,000 cervical cancer deaths annually. The validation follows an April 2025 announcement by Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. Because district-level workers already use the Truenat platform for infectious diseases, this near-patient testing system will easily integrate into national screening programs for women over 30, complementing India's HPV vaccination drive.



## IIT Madras unveils world's most detailed 3D Atlas of human brainstem

IIT Madras has released 'ANCHOR,' the world's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem, mapping over 200 brainstem nuclei and fiber tracts on Friday June 12, 2026. Developed by the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre (SGBC), the project tracks human brain evolution from the prenatal period through adulthood. ANCHOR was unveiled at the 3rd BRICS Neuroscience Symposium held June 5-7, 2026. This open-access multimodal resource integrates MRI, histology, and chemo-architecture, reconstructing data from hundreds of serial sections using eight complementary immunostains. SGBC's global team aims to map over 100 whole brains across the human lifespan and neurological diseases. Principal Scientific Adviser Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood praised the platform, noting its critical clinical application in identifying specific cell populations affected by brainstem lesions.



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## Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Appointed as Next Chief of the Army Staff

The Indian Army's premier offensive strike formation based in Bhopal is traditionally known as the Sudarshan Chakra Corps. As one of the critical strike arms of the Southern Command, this elite formation is heavily equipped with armored and mechanized units designed for deep offensive operations into enemy territory. Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth, who subsequently assumed higher command responsibilities, previously served as the General Officer Commanding of this elite corps. The formation remains central to India's conventional deterrence and strategic military readiness, consistently executing high-intensity integrated maneuvers to ensure rapid mobilization and overwhelming firepower along critical operational axes.



## INS Sharda Concludes Operational Visit to Sri Lanka

Indian Naval Ship Sharda recently concluded a successful port call to Colombo, Sri Lanka, aimed at reinforcing bilateral maritime cooperation and enhancing interoperability between the two neighboring navies. Serving the Indian Navy as a Sukanya-class patrol vessel, the offshore patrol ship participated in joint training exercises, personnel interactions, and professional exchanges during the visit. This strategic deployment underscores India's commitment to the Security and Growth for All in the Region initiative, bolstering maritime security, fostering goodwill, and ensuring stability across the critical sea lanes of the Indian Ocean Region.

## DRDO tests Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)

On June 15, 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. Monitored by the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, the missile met all mission objectives, validating its critical technologies and operational performance. Developed with the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) as the nodal laboratory alongside domestic industry partners, this fully indigenous project enhances India's precision-strike capabilities against strategic land targets at extended ranges.



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## Sports

### Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Gujarat Titans by five wickets to retain IPL title

Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru retained their IPL title, defeating Gujarat Titans by five wickets in the final at Ahmedabad on the night of 31st May 2026. Chasing Gujarat's 155/8, anchored by Washington Sundar's unbeaten 50 and restricted by Rasikh Salam's three wickets, RCB reached 161/5 in 18 overs, powered by Player of the Match Virat Kohli's unbeaten 75. Fifteen-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was named Most Valuable Player, Emerging Player, Super Striker, and most sixes hitter, becoming the youngest Orange Cap winner with 776 runs. Kagiso Rabada earned the Purple Cap (29 wickets), while Manish Pandey, Mohammed Siraj, and Sai Sudharsan won individual season awards.



### Zee Entertainment to broadcast 2026 FIFA world cup in India

Zee Entertainment has secured the Indian broadcasting rights for the 2026 FIFA World Cup alongside 38 other FIFA tournaments running through 2034. The deal concludes a months-long negotiation standoff in India, one of FIFA's final unsold major markets, just ten days before the June 11 kickoff across the US, Canada, and Mexico. While financial specifics were withheld, FIFA previously lowered its initial USD 100 million target to USD 60 million.

Zee won the package after competitor JioStar (a Reliance-Disney venture) had a USD 20 million proposal rejected, while previous broadcaster Sony engaged in talks but declined to bid.



### ICC Suspends Cricket Canada Over Governance Breaches

The International Cricket Council (ICC) suspended Cricket Canada on June 1, 2026, due to severe governance breaches, financial mismanagement, and corruption allegations highlighted in a recent CBC documentary. Meeting in Ahmedabad, India, the ICC Board acted following frozen funding in May and a separate anti-corruption probe involving national captain Dilpreet Bajwa. Despite the suspension, Canadian national teams can still participate in ICC events, supported by restricted funding for team programs. To achieve reinstatement, Cricket Canada must fulfill governance criteria supervised by an ICC Normalisation Committee tasked with restructuring the member body.

### India Wins Men's Under-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026 Championship

India clinched the Men's Under-18 Hockey Asia Cup 2026 title after a thrilling victory against Japan in the final match. Displaying exceptional tactical skill and defensive resilience, the Indian team maintained control throughout the high-stakes tournament finale to secure the prestigious regional championship.



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This victory underscores India's robust grassroots development and talent pipeline in field hockey, re-establishing its dominance in the youth circuit. The successful campaign reflects the intensive training programs and strategic preparation of the squad, marking a significant milestone for the country's rising sports stars on the continental stage.

### Indian Women's Under-18 Hockey Team Claims Bronze at Asia Cup 2026

Midfielder Sweety Kujur led the Indian Women's Under-18 Hockey Team as captain during their intensive Asia Cup 2026 campaign. Entrusted with the leadership responsibility by Hockey India, the young skipper played a pivotal role in anchoring the team's midfield strategies, maintaining squad discipline, and executing crucial tactical maneuvers on the continental stage. Under her captaincy, the squad demonstrated exceptional teamwork and resilient performances against top regional competitors. Her leadership not only drove the team's competitive spirit during high-pressure match situations but also highlighted India's robust development structure for nurturing future leaders in international field hockey.



### 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off Today at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City

The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, kicks off on June 11, 2026 at Mexico City's Estadio Azteca with Mexico facing South Africa. Marking the tournament's largest

expansion, 48 teams will compete in a record 104 matches across 12 groups of four. The three host nations qualified automatically, alongside 45 qualified teams. The top two teams from each group and the eight best third-placed finishers will advance to an expanded Round of 32 knockout stage. Concluding with the final on July 19, 2026, this edition presents extreme challenges due to massive travel distances, varying climates, altitudes, and time zones. Historically, only eight nations have won the trophy, with the Netherlands remaining the most notable three-time finalists without a title.



### Sports Minister Engages with Youth During Ladakh Border Outreach Programme

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports delegation organized a high-level community outreach programme in Ladakh to foster regional engagement and youth development. As part of this comprehensive border outreach initiative, officials held major interactive sessions with local youth, traditional artists, and students at Hemya Village. The event focused on promoting sports infrastructure, community-led cultural preservation, and national integration. Delegations highlighted government schemes designed to empower border communities through skill development and athletic training. This targeted interaction underscores the broader administrative effort to bridge development gaps and strengthen socio-economic ties in remote border regions.



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## Lionel Messi equals Miroslav Klose as the joint-highest goalscorer in the FIFA World Cup

Lionel Messi made history in the FIFA World Cup 2026 by becoming the first player to appear in six World Cups and scoring a hat-trick against Algeria. He equalled Miroslav Klose's record of 16 World Cup goals and reached 120 international goals. At 38, he also became the oldest player to score a World Cup hat-trick, further cementing his legacy as one of football's greatest players.

## Deepti Sharma becomes India's joint-highest wicket-taker

Deepti Sharma created history by becoming the joint-highest wicket-taker in women's international cricket with 355 wickets. She achieved this milestone during the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 match against the Netherlands at Headingley, equalling the record of Jhulan Goswami. She now shares the top spot with Goswami and Katherine Sciver-Brunt, highlighting India's strong presence in global women's cricket.

## India Wins FIH Women's Nations Cup 2026

The Indian Women's Hockey Team completed an unbeaten campaign by defeating hosts New Zealand 2-0 in Auckland to win the FIH Women's Nations Cup on 21st June. First-quarter goals from Navneet Kaur and Sunelita Toppo powered India to victory, finishing the tournament with a perfect five-for-five record. Indian drag-flicker Deepika finished as the joint top scorer alongside America's Ashley Sessa. With this title, India secured automatic promotion to next season's FIH Pro League, marking a triumphant return after being relegated last year. This historic victory marks India's second Women's Nations Cup championship, having previously won the tournament's inaugural edition in 2022.



## India Wins Women's 4x100m Relay Gold

On 21 June 2026, the Indian women's 4x100m relay team, comprising Srabani Nanda, Sneha SS, Sudeshna Shivankar, and Tamanna, won gold at the Asian Relays Championships in Shangyu, China, clocking a season-best 43.85 seconds. China secured silver (44.09s) and Thailand took bronze (44.11s). India also claimed a silver medal in the mixed 4 x 400m relay (3:17.06) and a bronze in the mixed 4 x 100m relay (41.47s). Notably, athletes Tamanna and Sneha Shanuvalli finished the competition with two medals each. Following this successful campaign, India is slated to host the third edition of the Asian Relays Championships in Chandigarh in 2027.

## FIFA World Cup 2026

During the FIFA World Cup 2026—hosted across the US, Canada, and Mexico—Argentina captain Lionel Messi made history by becoming the tournament's all-time top goal scorer. Scoring five goals in this expanded 48-team edition, Messi reached a career total of 18 World Cup goals, surpassing Germany's Miroslav Klose who previously held the record with 16.

Meanwhile, France's Kylian Mbappé scored four goals in the 2026 tournament, bringing his total to 16. Mbappé now matches Klose's benchmark in just three tournament appearances, positioning himself as the top modern contender to challenge Messi's historic milestone.



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### **Sikkim Police has been awarded the President's Police Colour by Droupadi Murmu for its distinguished service**

Sikkim Police was awarded the prestigious President's Police Colour by Droupadi Murmu in Gangtok on May 28, 2026. This highest ceremonial honour recognises exceptional service, professionalism, and dedication to public safety. The President praised the force's long-standing role in maintaining peace and public trust since 1897, and emphasized the need for citizen-centric, transparent, and sensitive policing in modern India.

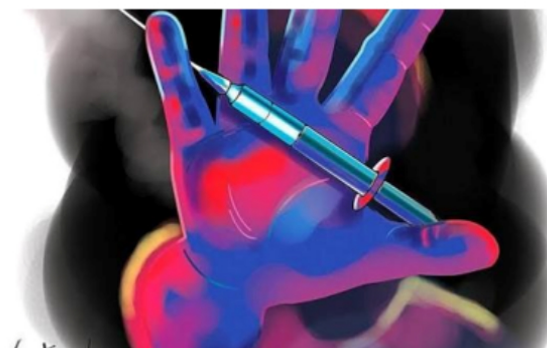
### **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Surpasses 90 Crore ABHA Health Accounts**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced that the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission has achieved a major milestone by crossing ninety crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account registrations nationwide. Implemented by the National Health Authority, this digital health identity initiative enables citizens to securely link, store, and share medical records across various healthcare providers with explicit consent. Driven by exceptionally strong state-level participation, Uttar Pradesh leads the country with the highest number of absolute health account registrations, crossing over fifteen crore creations. This digital push significantly minimizes reliance on physical medical documents while smoothly accelerating citizen-centric care across India.

### **DRI Intensifies Operation Chakravyuh in Kerala; Major Narcotics Haul Recovered**

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence executed a major nationwide crackdown under Operation Chakravyuh to dismantle sophisticated international drug syndicates. Conducting synchronized raids across multiple transit hubs, law enforcement officials successfully seized over twenty-four kilograms of high-grade illicit substances. Forensic analysis confirmed

that the combination of major narcotics and psychotropic drugs recovered during this joint operation consisted of Methaqualone, Methamphetamine, and Hashish oil. This coordinated action has effectively disrupted extensive domestic supply networks, broken the financial back of organized narcotics cartels, and highlighted India's tightening regulatory enforcement against the manufacturing and smuggling of synthetic and illicit substances.



### **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Receives First Strategic Investment Approval Under PM-SETU Initiative**

In a major boost to industrial skill development, Andhra Pradesh has become the first state in the country to onboard an Anchor Industry Partner and operationalize an industry partnership under the PM-SETU scheme. The development follows the National Steering Committee clearing a strategic proposal submitted by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India. Under this partnership framework, the steel major will collaborate closely with state institutions to bridge skill gaps, align vocational training with modern industry standards, and enhance regional youth employability, establishing a benchmark for public-private initiatives in technical education across India.

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## Surha Tal as India's 100th Ramsar site

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated the designation of Uttar Pradesh's Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Ballia as India's 100th Ramsar site on June 5, 2026. This biologically rich wetland serves as a critical habitat for numerous resident and migratory bird species. In a social media statement, the Prime Minister highlighted that this milestone reflects India's dedication to environmental and wetland conservation. He emphasized that rejuvenation initiatives have succeeded by incorporating community involvement, innovation, and scientific awareness. Ultimately, these collaborative conservation efforts are vital for protecting biodiversity, maintaining ecological harmony, and ensuring an environmentally sustainable future for upcoming generations.

## Three-day Raja Parba celebrations begin across Odisha

President Droupadi Murmu, PM Narendra Modi, Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, and CM Mohan Charan Majhi extended warm greetings to Odisha on Raja Parba. The three-day agrarian festival, which began on June 14, celebrates the monsoon's arrival, fertility, womanhood, and Mother Earth. The festival progresses through Pahili Raja, Mithuna Sankranti, and Basi Raja, concluding with Vasumati Snana. To respect nature's regenerative cycle, agricultural work is suspended, and women are relieved of daily chores to be celebrated with dignity. Festivities feature traditional swings, new attire, and Odia delicacies like Poda Pitha. Leaders emphasized that Raja Parba reflects Odisha's rich cultural identity, highlighting environmental protection, social harmony, and a strong commitment to sustainable nation-building.



## Global Wind Day 2026 Observed on 15 June

Global Wind Day 2026 was observed on 15 June as the 18th annual celebration promoting wind energy as a renewable power source. Organised by WindEurope and the Global Wind Energy Council, the global theme is "Our Wind, Our Community." India hosted the Global Wind Day Conference 2026 in Goa under the theme "Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration." Wind energy is a renewable, non-fossil source of electricity generated through wind turbines and is considered inexhaustible. India ranks fourth globally in installed wind power capacity, which increased from 21.04 GW in 2014 to 56.09 GW in March 2026, with 28 GW under implementation. By 2030, wind energy is expected to supply 9 percent of global electricity demand.

## India's Exports Grow 14.66 percent to USD 162.69 Billion

According to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 15, India's total exports (goods and services) during April–May 2026–27 grew by 14.66 percent year-on-year to USD 162.69 billion, up from USD 141.89 billion. This surge reflects robust growth across key sectors, with merchandise exports rising 16.09 percent to USD 88.91 billion and non-petroleum exports increasing 10.49 percent to USD 70.74 billion compared to the previous year. For May 2026 alone, overall exports reached an estimated



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USD 81.96 billion, marking a 15.83 percent growth over May 2025. Meanwhile, total imports for May 2026 stood at USD 92.47 billion, resulting in a manageable monthly trade deficit of USD 10.51 billion.

## Guntur Lam Farm Releases Two New Chilli Varieties

On June 16, 2026, the Regional Horticultural Research Station (RHRS) at Lam Farm, Guntur, released two new chilli varieties as alternatives to popular Teja and Byadgi types. (LCA-625: Developed for dry production, it features high pungency (45,000–50,000 Scoville Heat Units) and a red color value of 60–65 ASTA units. LCA-643: Suitable for both green and dry markets, its bright red dried form resembles Byadgi. It offers moderate resistance to the Gemini virus and withstands black thrips infestations.) Foundation seeds went on sale immediately at Lam Farm, priced at Rs 1,200 per kilogram. To manage limited availability, sales are capped at 250 grams per farmer. India leads global chilli production, with Andhra Pradesh being a primary cultivating state.



## Sarvam AI Enters India's Unicorn Club

On June 15, 2026, Bengaluru-based sovereign AI startup Sarvam AI entered India's unicorn club after raising USD 234 million in a Series B round, valuing the company at USD 1.5 billion post-money. HCLTech led the round with a USD 150 million strategic investment for a 10.46 percent stake, alongside Bessemer Venture Partners, Khosla Ventures, and Peak XV Partners. Co-founded in 2023 by Vivek Raghavan and Pratyush Kumar, Sarvam AI trains local, open source

parameter versions in early 2026). The startup will use the capital to develop frontier agentic, coding, and cybersecurity AI. Sarvam AI's real-world deployments include voice agents assisting 17 million farmers and automating renewals for 45 million insurance policyholders.

## Vishal Kumar received the Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal at the IMA Passing Out Parade 2026

In June 2026, President Droupadi Murmu awarded the Sword of Honour and President's Gold Medal to Lt Vishal Kumar at the Passing Out Parade of the 158th course of the Indian Military Academy. He topped the Order of Merit and was named the best all-round cadet. Academy Under Officer Prince Raj won the Silver Medal, while Senior Under Officer Tejas Bhatt secured the Bronze. Lt Vishal Kumar, from Patna, excelled in academics, training, leadership, and overall performance.

## Odisha clears Rs. 76,612 crore investment proposals and forays into the lab-grown diamond sector

Odisha has approved investment proposals worth Rs. 76,611.86 crore across 20 projects, boosting its industrial growth under the leadership of Mohan Charan Majhi. The initiatives span sectors like lab-grown diamonds, renewable energy, steel, and critical minerals, creating over 50,500 jobs across nine districts. Key investments include solar manufacturing, EV-related materials, and large steel plants. This diversification strengthens Odisha as a major industrial hub while supporting clean energy goals, infrastructure development, and balanced regional growth.

## Autistic Pride Day 2026

Autistic Pride Day, observed on 18 June, celebrates neurodiversity and promotes acceptance, dignity, and inclusion of autistic individuals. It emphasises that Autism Spectrum Disorder is a natural variation, not a disease to be cured. First marked in 2005, the day highlights the strengths and rights of autistic people.

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The 2026 theme—Recognition, Representation, and Reform—focuses on building an inclusive society that respects diversity and ensures equal opportunities across education, employment, and community life.

### **Maharashtra clears Rs. 300 crore cyclotron project in Nagpur to boost cancer care**

The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the Rs. 300 crore High-Energy Medical Cyclotron Project in Nagpur to boost cancer diagnosis by enabling local production of vital radioisotopes for PET-CT scans and nuclear medicine. Implemented via Mahacare, the project will serve central India and reduce dependency on distant centres. Additionally, the state cleared the Maharashtra Rural Drinking Water Policy 2026, aligned with Jal Jeevan Mission, aiming to ensure sustainable, technology-driven water access in rural areas.

### **Ministry of AYUSH launches Yoga Park Portal to boost preventive healthcare in India**

The Ministry of Ayush has launched the Yoga Park Portal to convert public parks into community wellness hubs promoting yoga, meditation, and preventive healthcare. Announced by Prataprao Jadhav, the initiative encourages participation from local bodies, NGOs, and corporates through CSR. It aims to make wellness a part of daily life by creating accessible, inclusive spaces that support healthy lifestyles and community engagement across urban and rural India.



### **Tripura's traditional instrument, Sarinda, gets GI tag recognition**

Tripura's traditional instrument, Sarinda, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, boosting efforts to preserve its cultural heritage. Announced by Manik Saha, the recognition protects its unique identity and supports local artisans. The handcrafted bowed instrument is central to indigenous folk traditions and oral storytelling. With this addition, Tripura now has four GI-tagged products, highlighting its rich cultural diversity and strengthening its traditional knowledge systems.

### **Smriti Mandhana becomes the only Indian in TIME100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026**

Smriti Mandhana has been named in the TIME100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026, becoming the only Indian on the prestigious list. Recognised for her outstanding performances and leadership, she joins global icons like Lionel Messi and LeBron James. Mandhana's achievements include centuries in all formats, record-breaking run tallies, and leading Royal Challengers Bengaluru to WPL titles, highlighting her growing global influence in women's cricket.

### **World Sickle Cell Day 2026**

World Sickle Cell Day, observed on June 19, raises awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). The 2026 theme, "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease," highlights the need for equal access to diagnosis and treatment. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008, the day promotes early screening, research, and support for patients. In India, efforts like the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission aim to eliminate SCD by 2047.

### **World Refugee Day 2026**

World Refugee Day, observed on June 20, honours the resilience of people forced to flee due to conflict, persecution, or human rights violations. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2000, it raises



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awareness about refugee challenges and promotes global support. The 2026 theme, "Until Everyone is Safe," emphasises access to protection, healthcare, education, and dignity, highlighting the need for inclusive policies and international cooperation to support displaced populations worldwide.



## India aims to eliminate Sickle Cell Disease by 2047

India aims to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047 through the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, launched on July 1, 2023, in Shahdol. The mission focuses on screening, diagnosis, counselling, and care, especially in tribal areas. Implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it follows a three-pillar approach—health promotion, prevention, and holistic management. Over 7 crore people have been screened, making it one of the world's largest genetic disease control programmes.

## Ladakh bans single-use plastics with penalties

Ladakh has imposed a ban on identified single-use plastic items and littering from June 19, 2026, under orders of the Lieutenant Governor. The ban covers items like plastic cutlery, straws, thermocol decorations, and packaging materials. Violations attract a Rs. 10,000 penalty, while littering invites a Rs. 5,000 fine. Authorities will enforce rules through inspections and checks, including at Leh Airport. The move aims to protect Ladakh's fragile Himalayan ecosystem from increasing tourism-related waste.

## PM-VBRY receives Rs. 2,400 crore via Direct Benefit Transfer

Narendra Modi transferred Rs. 2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) via Direct Benefit Transfer to over 15 lakh beneficiaries on June 19, 2026. Launched in August 2025 with an outlay of Rs. 99,446 crore, the scheme aims to create 3.5 crore jobs. It offers incentives to first-time employees and employers, has already generated over 70 lakh jobs, and significantly supports small enterprises and women's participation in the formal workforce.



## Jainendra K Jain wins the Wolf Prize in Physics, becoming the first Indian-origin laureate

Jainendra K. Jain became the first Indian-origin scientist to receive the Wolf Prize in Physics in 2026 for his discovery of composite fermions. This breakthrough explained the fractional quantum Hall effect and transformed condensed matter physics. Presented in Jerusalem by Isaac Herzog, the award highlights Jain's global impact. His work continues to influence research in quantum computing, topological matter, and advanced semiconductor physics.

## NTA Conducts NEET-UG Re-Examination with Enhanced AI-Based Security Measures Across the Country

In a bid to restore absolute institutional integrity, the National Testing Agency has successfully conducted the NEET-UG re-examination for affected candidates nationwide. To eliminate the threat of impersonation

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and identity fraud, advanced real-time technological frameworks were integrated into the security protocols at all centers. The agency deployed a cutting-edge, real-time AI-based Biometric and Facial Recognition System. This high-tech surveillance layer verified candidate identities instantaneously against registration databases, ensuring a secure and transparent testing environment.

### Animated Film Bharati Aur Bibo Premieres at MIFF 2026 Honouring Women Icons

The nineteenth Mumbai International Film Festival hosted the highly anticipated world premiere of the Hindi animation series Bharati Aur Bibo. Co-produced by the National Film Development Corporation and Puppetica Media under the direction of Sneha Ravishankar, the project functions as a historic edutainment initiative. Centered around young Bharati and her magical companion Bibo, the series features unedited, realistic depictions of legendary Indian women leaders and change-makers, including Ahilyabai Holkar, Rani Durgavati, Rani Rashmoni, and Saalumara Thimmakka. Filmmakers consciously integrated complex themes like widowhood, marriage, and systemic patriarchal struggles to challenge traditional stereotypes and make authentic histories engaging for younger generations.

