

# Daily Current Affairs

## 13 June 2025

### Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau

- **Air India has confirmed that 241 people** on board its London-bound flight were killed when the aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from the Ahmedabad airport yesterday. The **Boeing 787-8 aircraft was carrying 242 passengers** and crew members. The passengers comprised 169 Indian nationals, 53 British nationals, seven Portuguese nationals and one Canadian national. The other 12 people on board were two pilots and 10 crew members.



- The pilot of the plane issued a '**Mayday**' distress call, denoting a full **emergency**, soon after takeoff at 1.39 pm. The ill-fated flight was under the command of **Capt Sumeet Sabharwal along with First Officer Clive Kunder**.
- While Sabharwal has 8,200 hours of flying experience, Kunder has 1,100 hours. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has initiated a formal investigation into the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad. Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said that the investigation will be done in line with international protocols set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.



- **Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran has announced** that the company will provide one crore rupees to the families of each person who lost their life in the tragic crash. He **also said that the Tata Group will cover the medical expenses** of those who were injured and ensure they receive full care and support. He added that the Tata Group will also help build a new hostel at BJ Medical College as part of its support efforts.



## Centre Cuts Customs Duty On Crude Edible Oils

- Centre has reduced the **basic customs duty on crude edible oil**, including crude sunflower, soybean, and palm oils, **from 20 per cent to 10 per cent**. This has resulted in the import duty differential between crude and refined edible oils from 8.75 per cent to 19.25 per cent.



- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said that this move aims to reduce the landed cost and retail prices of edible oils, providing relief to consumers and **helping to curb overall inflation**. The reduced duty will also encourage domestic refining and ensure fair compensation for farmers. An advisory has been issued to edible oil associations and industry stakeholders to ensure that the full benefit of the reduced duty is passed on to consumers.

## India's Social Security Coverage

- India's social security coverage has increased from 19 per cent in 2015 to 64.3 per cent in 2025. According to the latest data from the International Labour Organisation's ILOSTAT, the coverage reflects a 45 percentage point surge over the past decade.



- Recognising these efforts, the ILO acknowledged India's achievement and officially published on its dashboard that **over 94 crore people are now covered** under at least one social protection benefit.
- In terms of beneficiary count, India now ranks second in the world, providing social **protection to around 94 crore citizens**. The **Director General ILO, Gilbert F. Hounqbo, praised India's focused** welfare policies for the poor and labour class under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.



- While holding a **bilateral discussion with the DG, ILO on the sidelines** of the International Labour Conference in Geneva, Labour and Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya highlighted the pro-poor and labour welfare schemes undertaken by the Modi Government over the past eleven years.
- **He said, this remarkable achievement stands as a testament to** the visionary leadership of Mr Modi and the relentless efforts of the Government in building an inclusive and rights-based social protection ecosystem. He said the increase marks the fastest expansion in social protection coverage worldwide, reflecting the Government's unwavering commitment to empowering the last mile and fulfilling the promise of leaving no one behind.



## India, Norway

- Minister of State for Earth Sciences **Dr. Jitendra Singh** held a bilateral meeting with Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy of Norway, **Marianne Sivertsen Ness, in France**. During the meeting, held on the sidelines of the **3rd United Nations Ocean Conference**, they discussed a range of issues concerning sustainable fisheries, marine resource management, sustainable fisheries and the broader framework of the blue economy.



- The two leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening collaboration on **sustainable ocean governance and fisheries**. The 3rd United Nations **Ocean Conference** is taking place from 9th to 13th June in Nice, **France**.
- The conference has **brought together global leaders, scientists**, policymakers, and industry representatives to discuss collective actions toward ocean health, sustainable development, and climate resilience.
- India's participation reflects the country's commitment** to playing an active role in shaping the global ocean agenda, while also safeguarding the interests of coastal communities and promoting sustainable ocean-based livelihoods.

## Yoga Sangam 2025

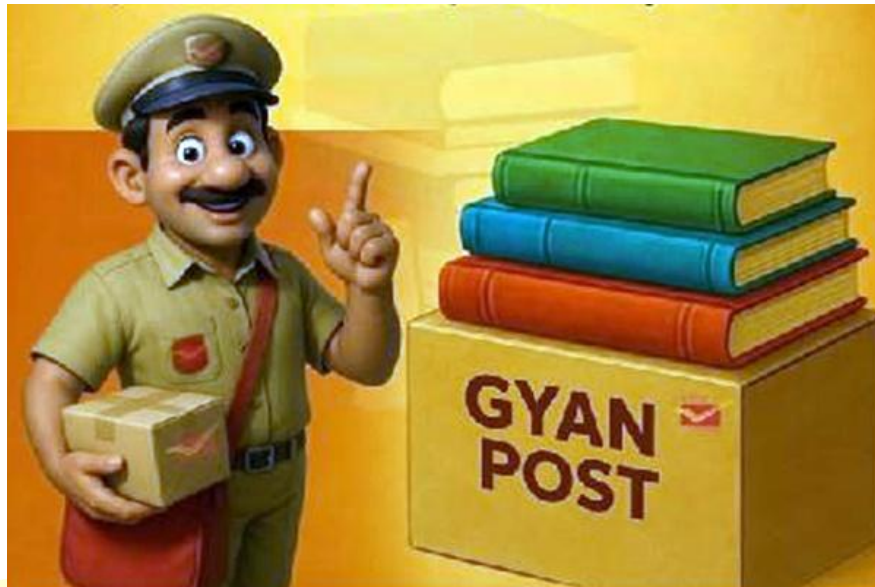
- **Over 50 thousand organisations** from across the nation have registered to host Yoga Sangam, scheduled to be held on the 21st of this month, which is a new benchmark for collective participation.
- The **Ministry of AYUSH in its statement said that Rajasthan has** emerged as the front runner with an impressive more than 11 thousand organisations registered for Yoga Sangam 2025 the highest among all states. This remarkable participation is followed by Telangana with over seven thousand registrations, and Madhya Pradesh with close to five thousand registrations.



- This year's theme, '**Yoga for One Earth, One Health**' echoes a **universal** call for unity and wellness.
- The Ministry said that with over one lakh locations expected to host the International day of Yoga event, Yoga Sangam 2025.
- The Ministry invites citizens, institutions, and communities to come together in this global celebration.

## ‘Gyan Post’

- **Department of Posts has introduced ‘Gyan Post’**, a dedicated postal service for affordable delivery of educational, cultural, social and religious books. This initiative aligns with the **New Education Policy (NEP)** objectives.



- It aims to **bridge the educational divide by making printed educational material** more accessible and affordable across India, including remote and rural areas.
- **‘Gyan Post’ is operational through all post offices with a minimum rate of 20 rupees for packets** up to 300 gms and a maximum rate of 100 rupees for packets up to 5 kilograms, excluding taxes. A tracking facility will be available to ensure transparency and reliability.

## India Tops Global Real- Time Payments

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that there has been a more than **ninety times increase in direct benefit transfer (DBT)** in just a decade. In a social media post, **Ms. Sitharaman said that from over 7 thousand crore in 2014**, DBT has risen to 6.83 lakh crore in the last financial year.



## India Leads the World in **REAL-TIME PAYMENTS**



**₹260+ lakh crore** worth of transactions processed in 2024-25



Handles approx **18,600 crore transactions** by volume annually



- In another post, the Minister stated that India also leads the world in real-time payments as transactions of more than 260 lakh crore rupees were processed in 2024-25. She added that nearly 18 thousand 6 hundred crore transactions by volume are being handled annually.

## Agri Ministry To Launch CROPIC

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in India is set to launch **CROPIC, an innovative initiative aimed at enhancing crop monitoring** and loss assessment. CROPIC stands for Collection of Real-Time Observations & Photo of Crops. This initiative is as it **leverages artificial intelligence and crowd-sourced data to** improve agricultural practices and financial support for farmers.
- **CROPIC is designed to gather comprehensive data** on crop health through field photographs taken during the crop cycle. The initiative will initially focus on two seasons – kharif 2025 and rabi 2025-26. It aims to create a detailed directory of crop signatures that can be used for various agricultural assessments.





- The **CROPIC mobile application** will be the **primary tool** for data collection. Farmers will take photographs of their crops using this app. The images will be analysed to determine the crop type, growth stage, and any damage that may have occurred. This **crowd-sourced approach** allows for **real-time data** collection directly from the field.
- **CROPIC employs an AI-based cloud platform** for analysing the collected photographs. This technology will facilitate the extraction of vital information regarding crop health. A web-based dashboard will provide visualisation of the data, making it accessible for farmers and officials alike.



- The primary purpose of CROPIC is to support the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**. The initiative will automate the assessment of crop losses and

the subsequent disbursement of compensation to farmers. By using computer vision technology, CROPIC aims to enhance financial resilience among farmers.

- The project **will commence with pilot studies in at least 50 districts**, selected to represent various agro-climatic zones. These districts will cover three major notified crops for each season. The government plans to roll out CROPIC nationwide by 2026, encompassing all crops notified under PMFBY.
- **CROPIC will be funded through the Fund for Innovation and Technology (FIAT)**, which has an allocation of Rs 825 crore for technological innovations in crop insurance. This financial backing will support the development and implementation of the initiative.

## Operation Secure

- Global operation was launched to combat cybercrime. **Codenamed 'Operation Secure', this initiative involved** law enforcement agencies from 26 countries. The operation aimed to dismantle malicious infrastructure linked to information-stealing malware.
- **Interpol coordinated these efforts, collaborating** with private sector partners such as Group-IB, Kaspersky, and Trend Micro. Operation Secure ran from January to April 2025. It focused on identifying and taking down over 20,000 malicious IP addresses and domains associated with cybercriminal activities.



- **The operation successfully eliminated 79% of the identified suspicious IPs.** Law enforcement from countries including India, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka participated

in the operation. They worked together to locate servers, map networks, and execute targeted takedowns.

- This **collaborative effort strengthened international cybersecurity measures**. The operation resulted in the seizure of 41 servers and over 100 GB of data. In total, 32 suspects were arrested for their involvement in illegal cyber activities. The operation also **notified more than 216,000 potential victims**, advising them to change passwords and secure accounts. Infostealer malware was identified as a primary tool for cybercriminals.



- This software extracts sensitive data from infected devices. Commonly stolen data includes **browser credentials, passwords, and credit card details**. The logs harvested by infostealers are often traded on the cybercriminal underground. Authorities reported identifying numerous victims across participating countries.
- **In Vietnam, 18 suspects were arrested, while Sri Lanka and Nauru** also saw multiple arrests. Victims were informed to take immediate action to protect their information. The **operation revealed 117 command-and-control servers** in Hong Kong. These servers acted as hubs for launching phishing and online fraud campaigns. The identification of these servers was crucial in disrupting ongoing cybercriminal activities.



## MS Dhoni Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame

- Legendary Indian wicketkeeper-batter and former captain **MS Dhoni has been inducted into the prestigious ICC Hall of Fame**, marking another glorious chapter in his storied cricket career.
- The International Cricket Council announced that Dhoni was among **seven cricketers honoured this year**, which included greats like Matthew Hayden (Australia) and Hashim Amla (South Africa). Celebrated for his calm under pressure and unmatched tactical nous, but also a trailblazer in the shorter formats, MS Dhoni's legacy as one of the game's greatest finishers, leaders and wicketkeepers has been honoured with his induction into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.



- **With 17,266 international runs, 829 dismissals and 538 matches across formats** for India, Dhoni's numbers reflect not just excellence but extraordinary consistency, fitness and longevity.
- Dhoni, who led India to **three major ICC titles** – the 2007 T20 World Cup, 2011 ODI World Cup, and the 2013 Champions Trophy – was celebrated by the ICC for his **"calm under pressure and unmatched tactical nous,"** as well as his trailblazing influence in the shorter formats of the game.



- Across formats, **Dhoni accumulated 17,266 runs, effected 829 dismissals** behind the stumps, and played 538 international matches – a testament to his consistency, fitness, and longevity.
- **Dhoni's ODI legacy is studded with records, including the most stumpings** in the format (123), the highest individual score by a wicketkeeper (183\*), and the most matches as captain for India (200), to name a few. But the crowning moment of his career came in 2011, when he led India to World Cup glory after a 28-year wait.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. Recently Which Cricketer Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Hardil Pandya
- D. Shubman Gill

**ANSWER: A**

### 2. Which State Government Has Launched A Project To Convert INS Guldar Into India's First Underwater Museum

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: A**

### 3. Which Organization Has Released Its 2025 State Of World Population (SOWP) Report Titled 'The Real Fertility Crisis'

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- C. World Bank
- D. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Shahed Drones Are Developed By Which Country**

- A. Iran
- B. Israel
- C. Ukraine
- D. India

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple is located in which state**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Which Institute Has Reported The First Flowering And Seed Set Of Asafoetida (Heeng) In India**

- A. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
- B. CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur
- C. University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru
- D. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Sustainable Energy For All (Sefor ALL) Initiative Was Launched By Which Organization**

- A. World Bank
- B. African Union (AU)
- C. United Nations (UN)
- D. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Fuego Volcano, That Was Recently Seen In News, Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Guatemala
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. Philippines

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Name Of The Investor-centric Portal Recently Launched By The Ministry Of Ayush**

- A. Ayush Nivesh Saarthi
- B. Wellness India Portal
- C. Ayush Udyog Bandhu
- D. Ayush Vyapar Setu

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Which State Government Has Established The Greater Flamingo Sanctuary**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment Launched The Waste Picker Enumeration App Under Which Scheme**

- A. NAMASTE Scheme
- B. Swachh Bharat Mission
- C. AMRUT Scheme
- D. Green India Mission

**ANSWER: A**

**12. An 800-year-old Shiva Temple Of The Later Pandya Period Was Recently Discovered In Which State**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which Country Is The Host Of 12<sup>th</sup> BRICS Parliamentary Forum In 2026**

- A. South Africa
- B. Russia
- C. India
- D. China

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Which Institute Has Developed A Web App Called Dynamic Route Planning For Urban Green Mobility**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Kharagpur

**ANSWER: D**

**15. National E-vidhan Application (Neva) Is An Initiative By Which Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D. Ministry of Panchayati Raj

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Where Was The International Conference On Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2025 Held**

- A. Indonesia
- B. France
- C. India
- D. New Zealand

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Thitu Island, That Was Recently Seen In News, Is Located In Which Region**

- A. South China Sea
- B. Red Sea
- C. Arabian Sea
- D. Black Sea

**ANSWER: A**



**19. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) Was Launched By Which Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Parnadatta Was Appointed Provincial Governor Of Saurashtra By**

- A. Chandragupta Maurya
- B. Rudradaman
- C. Chandragupta II
- D. Skandagupta

**ANSWER: D**