

# Daily Current Affairs

## 23 June 2026

### Olympic Day 2026

- On 23rd June 2026 every year millions of the people around the world come together to celebrate the Olympic Day. It is a global event which promotes sport, physical activity, friendship and the core values of the Olympic Movement.
- It is more than just a tribute to the elite athlete and Olympic Day encourages people of all ages and abilities to embrace healthier lifestyles and experience the joy of the movement.
- Olympic Day is the annual celebration observed on June 23rd to commemorate the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the year 1894.
- The theme for Olympic Day 2026 is the,  
“Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers”
- The roots of the Olympic Day can be trace back to June 23, 1894, when the International Olympic Committee was established in Paris.
- Baron Pierre de Coubertin spearheaded the revival of the Olympic Games and leading to the first modern Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece, in the year 1896.



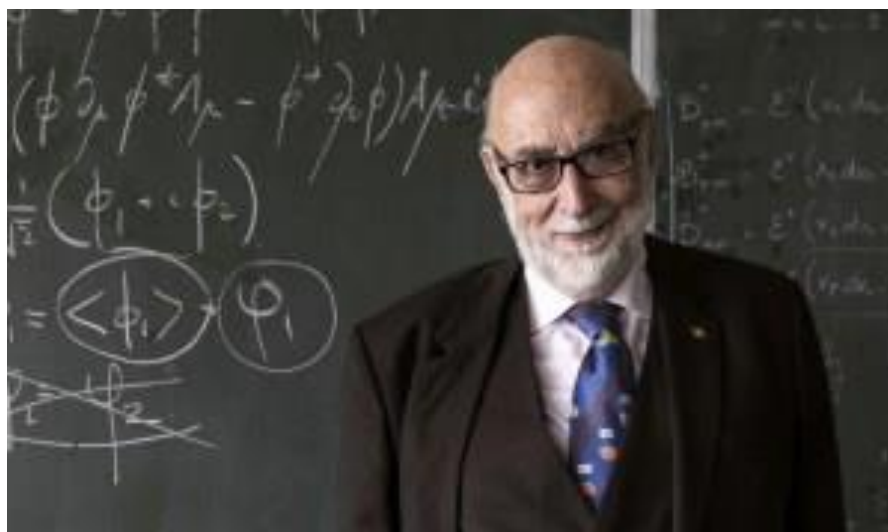
## **United Nations Public Service Day 2026**

- Every year, on 23rd of June, most countries all round the world observe the United Nations Public Service Day to recognize the contribution of the public servants and public institutions to improving people's lives.
- This day highlights the vital role played by the government officials, administrators, healthcare workers, educators, law enforcement personnel and countless other public servants who work to deliver the essential services to the communities.
- The theme for the 2026 Forum is the,
- "Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation, and Inclusion"



## François Englert, Nobel Physicist, Dies at 93

- François Englert, the Belgian theoretical physicist and Nobel Prize in Physics laureate of 2013, died at the age of 93 in Uccle near Brussels. He was born in Etterbeek, Belgium, on 6 November 1932, and studied at the Free University of Brussels before completing a PhD in physics in 1959.
- François Englert and Robert Brout co-authored a 1964 paper on spontaneous symmetry breaking in quantum field theory. Peter Higgs independently developed a similar idea in the same year, and the combined framework became known as the Brout–Englert–Higgs mechanism.
- The mechanism explains how elementary particles acquire mass through interaction with a field that permeates the universe. The associated particle is the Higgs boson, which became part of the Standard Model of particle physics after later experimental confirmation.
- François Englert shared the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics with Peter Higgs.
- The Higgs boson was experimentally confirmed at CERN in 2012 by the Large Hadron Collider.
- The Brout–Englert–Higgs mechanism is linked to spontaneous symmetry breaking in quantum field theory.
- The Standard Model describes elementary particles and three fundamental forces: electromagnetic, weak and strong.



## SEBI Approves GARUDA Green-Channel Framework for AIFs

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved the GARUDA framework for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) on 19 June 2026 through amendments to the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. GARUDA stands for “Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement” and applies to the launch process of AIF schemes in India.
- Alternative Investment Funds are privately pooled investment vehicles regulated under the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012. AIFs are classified into Category I, Category II, and Category III, based on their investment strategy and regulatory treatment.
- Under GARUDA, the launch timeline for Regular Schemes of AIFs has been reduced to 10 working days from the earlier waiting period of about 30 days. Accredited Investor-only schemes and Angel Funds can launch immediately after SEBI acknowledges their documents.
- For Accredited Investor-only schemes and Angel Funds, the requirement to file Private Placement Memorandums through a SEBI-registered merchant banker has been removed. Instead, the AIF manager’s Chief Executive Officer or an equivalent officer, along with the Compliance Officer, must submit an internal undertaking on regulatory compliance.



## Tushar Mehta Reappointed as Solicitor General of India

- The Union Government has reappointed the senior advocate Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General of India for a new fresh term of the three years and reaffirmed the confidence in him. This decision was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet and will take effect from the 1st of July 2026.
- According to the fresh order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Tushar Mehta's reappointment on June 20th, 2026.
- Tushar Mehta is the senior advocate who hails from the Gujarat, and he is widely regarded as India's one of the leading legal practitioners.
- Before becoming a Solicitor General, Mehta served in the various legal capacities which includes representing government institutions in the important cases.
- The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest law officer of the country after the Attorney General of India.
- This office plays the crucial role in representing the Union Government before the Supreme Court, High Courts, tribunals and other judicial forums.
- **Key responsibilities include the,**
- Representing the Government of India in the important legal matters.
- Advising ministries and departments on legal issues.
- Defending government policies and legislation before the courts.
- Assisting the Attorney General in constitutional and public interest matters.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Olympic Day is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A. 21 June
- B. 22 June
- C. 23 June
- D. 24 June

**Answer:** C. 23 June

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**2. What is the theme of Olympic Day 2026?**

- A. Sport for Peace and Progress
- B. Building a Better Future Through Sports
- C. Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
- D. United Through Athletics

**Answer:** C. Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers

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**3. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded in which year?**

- A. 1892
- B. 1894
- C. 1896
- D. 1900

**Answer:** B. 1894

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**4. Who is credited with reviving the modern Olympic Games?**

- A. Thomas Bach
- B. Juan Antonio Samaranch
- C. Pierre de Coubertin
- D. Avery Brundage

**Answer:** C. Pierre de Coubertin

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**5. What is the theme of the United Nations Public Service Forum 2026?**

- A. Inclusive Governance for All
- B. Public Service for Sustainable Development
- C. Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation, and Inclusion
- D. Building Better Governments

**Answer:** C. Transforming Public Institutions: Advancing Innovation, Participation, and Inclusion

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**6. François Englert shared the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics with whom?**

- A. Robert Brout
- B. Stephen Hawking
- C. Peter Higgs
- D. David Gross

**Answer:** C. Peter Higgs

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**7. The Higgs boson was experimentally confirmed in 2012 at which research organization?**

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. CERN
- D. ESA

**Answer:** C. CERN

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**8. What does GARUDA stand for in the context of SEBI's new framework for AIFs?**

- A. Green Asset Regulatory Unified Development Act
- B. Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement

- C. Growth and Regulatory Development for AIFs
- D. General Approval Route for Unified Direct Access

**Answer:** B. Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement

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**9. Under the GARUDA framework, the launch timeline for regular AIF schemes has been reduced to:**

- A. 5 working days
- B. 7 working days
- C. 10 working days
- D. 15 working days

**Answer:** C. 10 working days

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**10. Tushar Mehta has been reappointed as the Solicitor General of India for a term of:**

- A. 2 years
- B. 3 years
- C. 4 years
- D. 5 years

**Answer:** B. 3 years