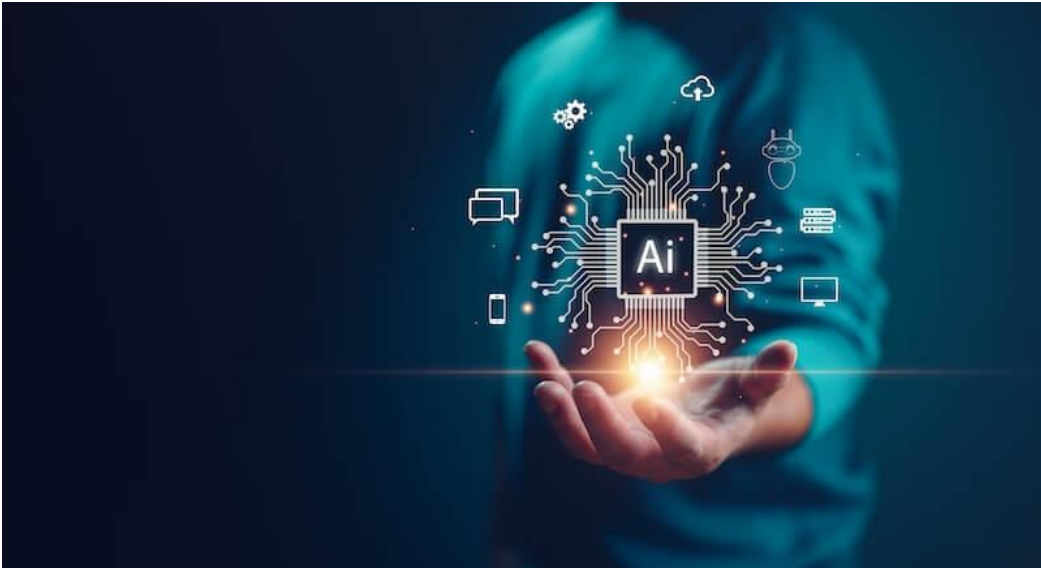


# Monthly Current Affairs

## June 2026

### India Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in AI Performance

- India ranked 4th globally in Artificial Intelligence performance and 5th in digital economy rankings in the State of India's Digital Economy 2026 report. India improved its digital economy position from 8th in 2025 to 5th in 2026, and it stood behind the United States, China and Singapore in AI performance.
- The State of India's Digital Economy 2026 report was released on 29 May 2026 by the ICRIER-Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy. The report assessed India's position across AI performance, digital trade, talent, and digital adoption indicators.
- India ranked 4th globally in AI performance and placed ahead of several developed economies, including Germany, France, Japan, the United Kingdom and Canada, in key AI and digital metrics. India also has the world's second-largest AI talent pool.
- India generated about US\$328 billion in digitally delivered trade, including software exports, IT services and cloud-based solutions. Digitally delivered trade is a category used in global trade statistics for services delivered through digital networks.
- Developing countries accounted for 72% of global AI users, with India and China together making up nearly two-fifths of that total. A LinkedIn study cited in the Stanford University 2026 AI Index placed India first in AI skill penetration on LinkedIn and second in AI talent growth globally between 2019 and 2025.



## Centre Signs MoU with ISRO for Water Research

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Indian Space Research Organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 June 2026 in New Delhi. The agreement covers the use of satellite technology and space-based applications for water resource management in India.
- The MoU was signed during a national workshop on research and development in the water sector at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre. The Department of Water Resources and ISRO will collaborate in 24 research areas under the agreement.
- The collaboration includes reservoir monitoring, water-spread assessment, river-flow analysis, satellite-based water quality assessment, and studies on macroplastic distribution in water bodies. These topics fall within remote sensing, hydrology, and environmental monitoring.
- The workshop also launched the MAHA on Water programme, which stands for Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas for Water.
- The programme is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. An open call for startups and MSMEs was announced under the Bharat Water Innovation Network platform. The platform is linked to innovation in the water sector.
- ISRO was established in 1969 and functions under the Department of Space, Government of India.

- Remote sensing satellites are used in India for mapping water bodies, monitoring floods, and assessing drought conditions.
- The Dr. Ambedkar International Centre is located in New Delhi.
- Water resource management in India involves river basins, reservoirs, groundwater, and water quality monitoring.



## Mesalina Bishnoi Recorded in India for First Time

- *Mesalina bishnoi* is a newly described lizard species from Rajasthan and the first confirmed record of the genus *Mesalina* in India. The formal description was published on 1 June 2026 after specimen collection from an open semi-desert habitat near Gajner in the Bikaner district.
- *Mesalina bishnoi* belongs to the genus *Mesalina* and was placed within the *Mesalina watsonana* species complex. Scientists used morphological examination and genetic analyses to confirm it as a previously unknown species.
- A field survey in August 2025 led to the collection of the specimen near Gajner in western Rajasthan. The habitat was an open semi-desert zone, which is part of the arid landscape of the Thar region.
- The lizard is a small-bodied species with a snout-vent length of about 39.2 mm. It has a greyish to olive-brown body colour with distinct stripes and markings. The species name *bishnoi* honours the Bishnoi community, which is known in India for wildlife conservation traditions.
- The Zoological Survey of India is a scientific organisation under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

- The genus *Mesalina* belongs to the family Lacertidae, which includes many Old World lizards.
- Rajasthan contains major arid and semi-arid habitats, including parts of the Thar Desert.
- Malcolm A. Smith was a British zoologist known for herpetological work in the Indian subcontinent.



## Indian Teenagers Win Earth Prize 2026 for Plas-Stick

- Indian teenagers Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta were named the first-ever Global Winners of The Earth Prize 2026 on 1 June 2026. The 16-year-old innovators won for Plas-Stick, a biodegradable water filtration invention made from tamarind seed waste.
- Plas-Stick is a powder that attracts microplastic particles in water and makes them clump together. The clumped particles can then be removed with a handheld magnet. The method is electricity-free and low-cost.
- Tamarind seed waste is an agricultural by-product used in Plas-Stick. The material is relevant in water treatment research because plant-based waste can be processed into adsorbent or binding substances. The project was designed for rural and low-resource communities in India.
- The team worked with professionals from the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati during project development. As Asia regional winners, the team received a grant of US\$12,500 from The Earth Prize 2026. The project has engaged more than 8,000 students and teachers through awareness and demonstration programmes.
- Microplastics are plastic particles smaller than 5 millimetres in size.
- The Earth Prize is an international environmental competition for young innovators.

- Tamarind is a leguminous tree whose seeds are used in food processing and industrial applications.
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati is an institute of national importance established in 1994.



## Centre Approves ₹10,021 Crore Under PMAY-G

- The Central Government approved a mother sanction of ₹10,021.42 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) on 28 May 2026. The allocation is the first instalment for the financial year 2026-27 under the rural housing scheme, which has a target linked to Housing for All by March 2029.
- PMAY-G is a rural housing scheme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development. The scheme provides financial assistance for the construction of pucca houses in rural areas for eligible households, including landless poor families in several states.
- The ₹10,021.42 crore sanction covers 12 states: Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. An additional ₹11,121 crore had already been sanctioned earlier for the financial year 2026-27.
- PMAY-G has an overall target of 4.95 crore rural houses. Approvals have been granted for 3.91 crore houses, and more than 3.05 crore houses had been completed by May 2026. The housing target for 2026-27 is three times higher than the target for the previous year.

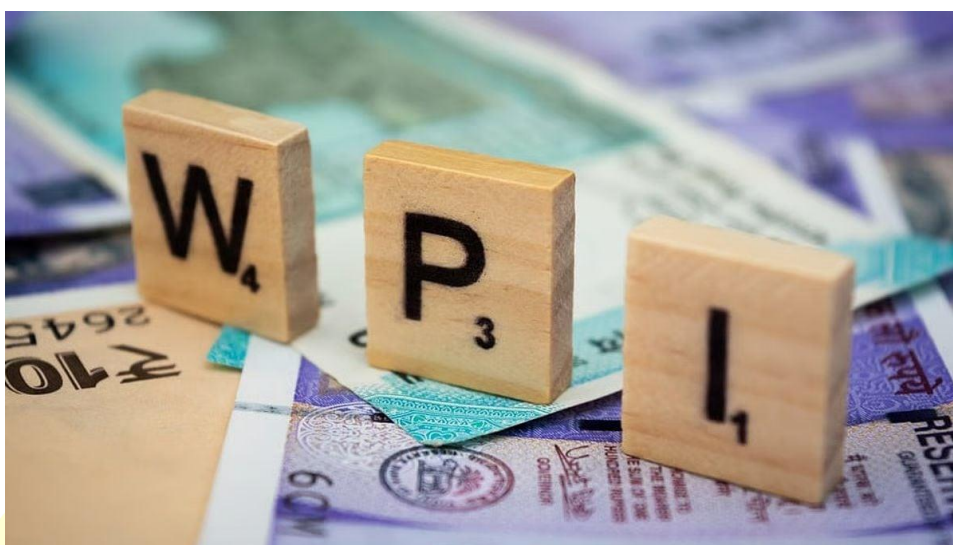
- States were asked to provide land for landless poor families, resolve grievances, complete pending approvals, and use the released funds within the prescribed time. States lagging in approvals for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 targets were instructed to complete the process by 30 June 2026.
- PMAY-G is the rural component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
- The scheme is linked to the goal of Housing for All.
- Rural housing assistance under PMAY-G is meant for eligible households in rural areas.
- The Ministry of Rural Development administers PMAY-G at the Union level.



## India to Launch Producer Price Index in 2026

- India will launch a new Producer Price Index (PPI) series and a revised Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series on 15 June 2026 with base year 2022-23. The WPI and the PPI will run in parallel for five years before the WPI is discontinued.
- The Wholesale Price Index measures price changes at the wholesale level for goods. The Producer Price Index measures prices received by producers and covers output prices, input costs, and service-sector inflation.
- The new PPI framework will have three indices. These are Output PPI, Input PPI, and Service PPI. The Input PPI will begin as a trial for manufacturing, and the Service PPI will cover seven sectors, including Banking, Insurance, Railways, and Telecom.
- The base year for both the revised WPI and the new PPI series is 2022-23.

- The transition from WPI to PPI will last five years.
- The International Monetary Fund has recommended the use of producer-based price indices in many economies.
- The Service PPI will cover sectors such as Banking, Insurance, Railways, and Telecom.



## Arjun Erigaisi Enters FIDE Top 10 Rankings

- Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi is ranked No. 8 in the June 2026 FIDE ratings with an ELO rating of 2761. He is the only Indian player in the FIDE Top 10 rankings in the latest list.
- FIDE is the International Chess Federation, and it publishes official world chess ratings for standard, rapid, and blitz formats. The FIDE rating system uses ELO points to measure player strength and ranking position.
- Erigaisi returned to the Top 10 after gaining 10 rating points. His recent results included the Super Chess Classic Romania, TePe Sigeman 2026, and the Sardinia World Chess Festival. At the TePe Sigeman 2026 tournament, he finished runner-up after a tiebreak loss to Magnus Carlsen.
- World Chess Champion D Gukesh is ranked 19th in the June 2026 FIDE list. Former World Champion Viswanathan Anand is ranked 13th in the same list, and both players are outside the Top 10.
- Arjun Erigaisi became the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to cross the 2800 ELO mark in December 2024.
- His peak rating of 2801 was recorded in December 2024.

- Magnus Carlsen is a former World Chess Champion and one of the highest-rated players in FIDE history.
- FIDE stands for Fédération Internationale des Échecs.



## **Bangladesh Elected to Lead 81<sup>st</sup> UNGA**

- Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman was elected President of the UGA for its 81st session on 2 June 2026 at the General Assembly Hall in UN Headquarters, New York. He won 99 votes out of 190 ballots cast and defeated Andreas S. Kakouris of Cyprus, who received 91 votes.
- The President of the United Nations General Assembly is elected by member states for a one-year term. The 81st session will begin on 8 September 2026, and the presidency for this session was allocated to the Asia-Pacific Group under the UN's regional rotation system.
- The UN General Assembly elects its President by secret ballot in the General Assembly Hall. In this election, 190 ballots were cast, and the winning candidate secured a simple majority of the votes.
- The President of the General Assembly presides over plenary meetings, manages the session's agenda, and facilitates discussions among member states. The office is one of the principal positions in the UN system and is separate from the office of the UN Secretary-General.
- The United Nations General Assembly is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations.
- The UN General Assembly has 193 member states as of 2026.
- The President of the General Assembly serves a one-year term.
- The Asia-Pacific Group is one of the five regional groups used in UN elections and appointments.



## Idris Elba Receives Knighthood from King Charles III

- British actor, musician and activist Idris Elba has received the Knighthood which is one of the United Kingdom's highest honors. He received the honor being knighted by the **King Charles III at the Windsor Castle**.
- This award recognizes not only his outstanding contributions to the entertainment industry but also his extensive efforts in to the supporting young people with philanthropy and community development.
- In the year 2022, he established the Elba Hope Foundation. This organization is dedicated to the,
  - Youth advocacy
  - Educational opportunities
  - Community empowerment
  - Sustainable development initiatives



## David Beckham to Receive Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

- Global football icon Sir David Beckham set to receive the prestigious star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. He will receive the honor on 12th June and this event coinciding with the opening phase of the FIFA World Cup 2026 which is being jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- The former England football captain David Beckham will officially receive the star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on 12th of June 2026. This ceremony is scheduled to take place on the Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles which is one of the most iconic locations in the entertainment world.
- The announcement of this honor has special significance because it comes during the early stages of the FIFA World Cup 2026. This ceremony is expected to take place just hours before the World Cup match between the United States and Paraguay in Inglewood, California.
- **Why Beckham Was Chosen**
- He had an exceptional football career
- Contribution to the global sports culture
- Promotion of the football in the United States
- Influence in entertainment and media

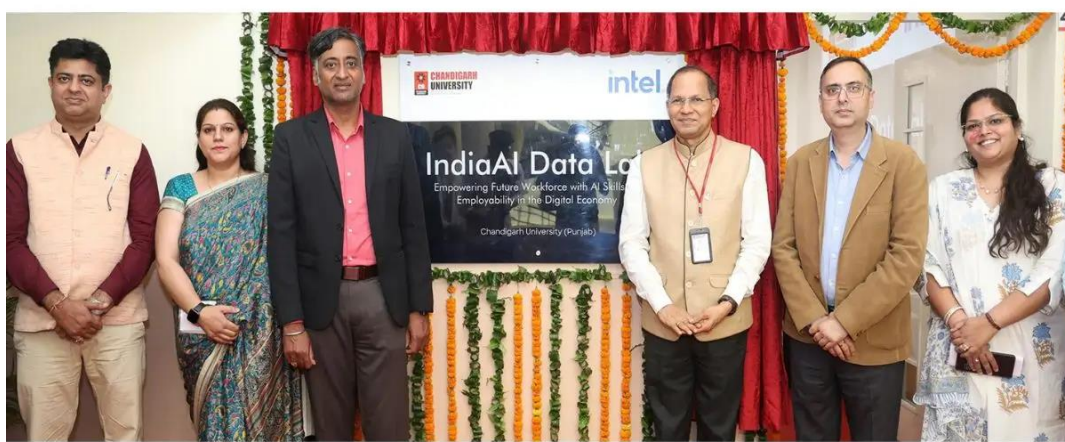
- Philanthropic and business activities
- The Walk of Fame the recognition comes less than a year after when Beckham received Knighthood.
- In the year 2025, he was awarded with the knighthood by King Charles III and recognizing his contributions to sport and public life.



## Chandigarh First Private University to Launch India AI Data Lab

- The Chandigarh University (CU) has become the first private university in India to establish the India AI Data Lab in collaboration with the Intel India.
- This initiative aims to bridge the gap between the academic learning and industry requirements by providing the students with the practical exposure to AI, Data Science, Machine Learning and emerging technologies.
- Chandigarh University has officially inaugurated the India AI Data Lab at its University Institute of Computing (UIC) in partnership with the Intel India. This launch marks the significant milestone in India's efforts to build the AI-ready workforce and promote industry-academia collaboration.
- The state of the art facility has been designed as the dedicated platform where students can acquire the technical expertise, gain practical experience and develop innovative AI solutions.

- The India AI Data Lab is envisioned as the comprehensive learning and innovation hub that combines the academic excellence with practical industry exposure.
- This facility aims to foster the innovation while encouraging students to develop problem-solving skills through experiential learning.



## Ladakh Gets India's First Model Border Village

- Ladakh's Chumur village in eastern Ladakh has become the site of India's first model border village near the India-China border. The project is being developed under the Union Government's Vibrant Villages Programme, which covers border settlements in high-altitude and remote areas.
- Chumur is located at an altitude of 16,700 feet in eastern Ladakh. The village has 24 households and a population of 91 people, and many residents are engaged in Pashmina rearing and production. The settlement lies in a strategic border region along the India-China frontier.
- The Vibrant Villages Programme is a Central Sector scheme for developing villages in border areas with basic infrastructure and livelihood support. The first phase of the programme includes plans for 10 model border villages.
- The programme covers infrastructure, employment and livelihood creation, all-weather functionality, and civilian-defence integration.
- The village will receive climate-resilient south-facing passive solar houses designed for temperatures as low as -35 degrees Celsius. Each housing unit will

include an attached bathroom, an additional room for homestays or tourism, kitchen garden space, livestock sheds, and fodder storage facilities.

- Chumur is located in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 16,700 feet.
- The village has 24 households and a population of 91 people.
- The Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research works on high-altitude agriculture and related technologies.
- Pashmina comes from the fine undercoat of the Changthangi goat, which is reared in Ladakh.



## FIFA World Cup Mascots

- After Every 4 years people wait eagerly for the world's biggest sporting event in the world, and it is none other than FIFA World Cup. Every time for the football world cup FIFA unveiled the mascots for that edition of for football branding and fan engagement.
- It was started in the year 1966 and started with Willie, and the upcoming edition of 2026 continues this tradition with three mascots each of them representing **Canada, Mexico, and the United States**.
- **Key Mascots Are**
- **Maple (Canada):** Moose symbolizing the resilience and creativity
- **Zayu (Mexico):** Jaguar representing the strength and its cultural heritage
- **Clutch (USA):** Bald eagle symbolizing the leadership and courage of country



## India Reaches Landmark of 100 Ramsar Sites

- India achieved the significant milestone in the environmental conservation as the **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary** which is popularly known as the **Surha Tal** in the state of **Uttar Pradesh** has become the 100th Ramsar Sites of India.
- A Ramsar Site is a wetland recognized under the Ramsar Convention (1971) for its international importance in conserving biodiversity and sustaining ecological balance.
- **April 2026:** Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary (UP) – It is the 99th Ramsar Site
- **January 2026:** Patna Bird Sanctuary (UP) and Chhari-Dhand (Gujarat).
- **December 2025:** Siliserh Lake (Rajasthan) and Kopra Jalashay (Chhattisgarh).



## United States Becomes India's Largest LPG Supplier

- India's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) import pattern changed in 2026, with the United States becoming India's largest supplier and the Middle East losing its earlier dominant share. India imports LPG for household cooking fuel, industrial use, and commercial consumption, and the fuel is traded in pressurised cylinders or bulk cargoes.
- In May 2026, the United States supplied more than 55% of India's LPG imports. U.S. shipments to India rose to 666,000 tonnes in May 2026, compared with much lower volumes in February 2026.
- Before the escalation of tensions in West Asia around 28 February 2026, the Gulf region accounted for about 60% of India's LPG consumption and up to 90% of its imports.
- Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited signed a one-year contract in November 2025 to import about 2.2 million tonnes per annum of LPG from the U.S. Gulf Coast. The contract was designed to cover about 10% of India's LPG import requirement in 2026.
- India resumed LPG imports from Iran in March 2026 after a seven-year gap. Iran supplied 145,000 tonnes in May 2026, making it India's second-largest LPG supplier for that month. India also sourced smaller cargoes from Australia, Russia, Argentina, Congo, Angola, Nigeria, and Cameroon.



## **Vizag Selected for Andhra Pradesh's First Semiconductor Project**

- Visakhapatnam, also called Vizag, has been selected for Andhra Pradesh's first semiconductor project under the India Semiconductor Mission. The project is an Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test facility proposed by Advanced System in Package Technologies Private Limited.
- Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test, or OSAT, is a semiconductor back-end manufacturing activity that covers assembly, packaging, and testing of chips. OSAT facilities are part of the semiconductor value chain and are used after wafer fabrication.
- The facility will come up at Tarluvada village in Anandapuram mandal of Visakhapatnam district. The total project investment is ₹2,387.81 crore, and the work will be executed in two phases. The first phase has an investment of ₹542.19 crore, while the second phase has an investment of ₹1,845.61 crore.
- The project is expected to generate 1,000 jobs, including 200 jobs in the first phase and 800 jobs in the second phase.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has approved 30 acres of land for the project at ₹1 per acre and has extended incentives under the Andhra Pradesh Semiconductor and Display Fab Policy (4.0) 2024-29, with support capped at 40% of the project cost.



## Neelkanth Mishra Appointed World Bank Executive Director

- Economist Neelkanth Mishra was appointed as India's Executive Director at the World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C., United States, on 4 June 2026. His tenure will be for three years from the date he assumes charge, and he will succeed Parameswaran Iyer, a retired Indian Administrative Service officer.

- The World Bank Group has a Board of Executive Directors that oversees the institution's operations, policies, and lending decisions. Executive Directors represent member countries or groups of countries at the World Bank, which is headquartered in Washington D.C.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Mishra's appointment. The committee also approved an extension of Parameswaran Iyer's tenure beyond 19 June 2026 until Mishra formally takes over the post.
- Before this appointment, Neelkanth Mishra served as Chief Economist at Axis Bank and as Head of Global Research and Whole-Time Director at Axis Capital.
- He is also a part-time member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, a part-time Chairperson of the Unique Identification Authority of India, and a part-time member of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.



## **Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess 2026 Title**

- India's young chess prodigy Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian ever to win the prestigious Norway Chess tournament. The 20 year old Chennai born player produced the brilliant performance in the final round and defeated the Germany's Vincent Keymer to claim the prestigious title.

- His victory is landmark achievement as even the legendary players like Viswanathan Anand and reigning World Champion D Gukesh had never won the tournament.
- He finished with the 18 points
- Won four consecutive games during the later stages
- Defeated the Vincent Keymer in the final round
- Became the first Indian to become Norway Chess champion.



## **Kimi Antonelli Wins Monaco Grand Prix 2026**

- Italian sensation Kimi Antonelli continued his dominant performance in Formula 1 by winning the Monaco Grand Prix 2026, which is one of the most prestigious races all around the world.
- This Mercedes driver delivered the composed and dominant performance on the streets of Monte Carlo and overcome the late-race drama to secure his fifth consecutive victory of the season and this win has strengthened his lead in the Drivers Championship.
- Lewis Hamilton has also continued his strong form by securing the another podium finish for Ferrari.
- The seven-time world champion made an excellent start and he quickly moved into second place after the Max Verstappen encountered engine problems early in the race.



## India Win SAFF Women's Championship 2026

- Indian women football team has become the champion of SAFF Women's Championship 2026 by defeating the Bangladesh 3-1 in Goa. This victory has ended the seven year wait for the title and it secured the sixth championship for the Blue Tigresses.
- After team India finished runners-up in the previous two editions, India produced the dominant tournament campaign won all the 4 matches and scored 18 goals and just conceded one goal only.
- India produced the strong all-round performance to overcome the defending champions Bangladesh in the final at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao in Goa.
- India took the lead through Pyari Xaxa in the 42nd minute before Bangladesh has equalised through the Ritu Porna Chakma in first-half stoppage time.
- Most Valuable Player (MVP): Sanfida Nongrum (India)
- Best Goalkeeper: Panthoi Chanu Elangbam (India)
- Top Scorer: Aveka Singh (India) – 4 Goals
- Fair Play Award: Nepal
- Dominant Tournament Campaign by India
- The SAFF Women's Championship is the the premier international women's football tournament in the South Asia.
- Organized by: South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)
- Region: South Asia
- Participating Teams: India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

- First Edition: 2010
- Most Successful Team: India



## India Crowned Men's U18 Asia Cup Champions

- India crowned champions of the Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026 after producing the dominant performance against the host nation Japan in the Gold medal Match. The young Indian side has defeated the Japan 4-1 in Kakamigahara to secure the continental title and sign off with the impressive tournament campaign.
- Throughout the tournament India had displayed consistency, attacking flair and resilience and emerged the best team at U18 level.
- India – Gold
- Japan – Silver
- Pakistan – Bronze
- The final standings reflected the India's consistency and the overall dominance throughout the competition.



## UN General Assembly Elects 5 New Non-Permanent Members To UNSC

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has selected the five new countries to serve as the non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the 2027-2028 term. These five countries are **Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe**.
- The election was held at the United Nations headquarters in the New York, where all the member states voted to fill the five non-permanent seats on the Security Council.
- The United Nations Security Council is the only UN body which empowered to make the legally binding decisions on to the international peace and security matters.
- Its key responsibilities includes the,
  - Imposing the international sanctions
  - Authorizing peacekeeping missions
  - Approving military interventions
  - Responding to the conflicts and security threats
  - Maintaining global peace and stability
- The five permanent members are often referred to as the P5 and they are,
  - United States
  - United Kingdom
  - France
  - Russia
  - China



## Bonn Climate Conference 2026

- The Bonn Climate Conference 2026 (SB64) kicked off with the renewed calls for stronger climate action and increased financial support for the vulnerable nations.
- Several health experts and climate advocates have urged the governments to triple a public adaptation finance to at least \$120 billion by the year 2035 and warned that the inadequate funding could weaken the health systems and increase climate-related risks.
- The Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA) have called on the governments to significantly increase the public and grant-based adaptation finance.
- It has proposed raising adaptation finance to at least \$120 billion annually by the year 2035 which is nearly three times the existing target which was established at COP26.
- According to the health advocates increased adaptation funding is essential to protect the vulnerable populations from the worsening impacts of the climate change.
- Under the framework of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 64th Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) to be held.
- The conference is taking place in Bonn, Germany from June 8 to June 18, 2026.
- SB64 serves as the mid-year negotiating platform where countries discuss the technical and policy issues before the annual Conference of Parties (COP).

- The outcomes of the Bonn discussions will also help to shape negotiations at COP31 scheduled to be held in Antalya later this year.
- A major theme of the Bonn negotiations is the concept of the **“Just Transition.”**



## **Fitch Lowers India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 6.4%**

- Fitch Ratings lowered India's gross domestic product growth projection for fiscal year 2027 to 6.4% from 6.7% on 9 June 2026. The revision followed a 0.3 percentage point cut from the March estimate and came alongside a lower global growth forecast of 2.4% for 2026.
- Gross domestic product measures the total value of goods and services produced within a country during a specific period. India recorded 7.4% GDP growth in FY26, while the FY27 forecast of 6.4% places growth below the previous year's pace. Fiscal year 2027 in India runs from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.
- Inflation is the rate at which the general level of prices rises over time. Fitch expects India's inflation to rise to 5.3% by the end of 2026 because of an oil supply shock, and it expects Brent crude oil to average 87 per barrel in 2026 instead of the earlier estimate of 70.
- The Reserve Bank of India had a policy rate of 5.25% at the time of the forecast, and Fitch expects one rate increase to 5.5% during the year.
- Domestic demand refers to spending by households, firms and the government within the economy. Fitch expects domestic demand to remain the main driver of India's FY27 growth, while lower real imports are expected to support net external demand. Real income is the income adjusted for inflation, and higher prices can reduce household purchasing power.

- Fitch Ratings is one of the three major global credit rating agencies, along with S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Ratings.
- Brent crude is a major international benchmark for oil prices.
- The Reserve Bank of India is India's central bank and monetary authority.
- India's fiscal year begins on 1 April and ends on 31 March.



## **Narendra Modi Becomes India's Longest PM**

- PM Narendra Modi achieved the yet another historic milestone in his political journey on the 10th of June, 2026. As on 10th of June, he completed 4,399 consecutive days in office and he surpassed the record of India's first PM, Jawaharlal Nehru and became the country's longest continuously serving elected PM.
- This achievement showcases his popularity, electoral dominance and strong leadership over more than a decade.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi first assumed the office on May 26, 2014 after leading the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to the decisive victory in the Lok Sabha elections.
- Nehru held the office continuously from May 13, 1952 until his death on May 27, 1964 which make his tenure one of the longest in democratic history. Indira Gandhi had served continuously from January 24, 1966 to March 24, 1977.



## India Tops World Yogasana Championship 2026 Medal Table

- India emerged as the champion at the inaugural World Yogasana Championship 2026. As India finished at the first position of the medal tally with the extraordinary efforts and grabs the 114 medals which includes the 102 gold medals.
- It was held at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad from June 4 to June 8 and this championship brought together the 522 athletes from 79 countries.
- While competing across the multiple age groups and disciplines, the Indian contingent secured the,
  - 102 Gold Medals
  - 9 Silver Medals
  - 3 Bronze Medals
- Japan finished second in the medal standings with the,
  - 3 Gold
  - 3 Silver
  - 5 Bronze

- **Top 10 Countries in World Yogasana Championship 2026**
- India – Gold: 102, Silver: 9, Bronze: 3, Total: 114
- Japan – Gold: 3, Silver: 3, Bronze: 5, Total: 11
- Argentina – Gold: 2, Silver: 3, Bronze: 0, Total: 5
- Singapore – Gold: 2, Silver: 2, Bronze: 3, Total: 7
- Nepal – Gold: 1, Silver: 36, Bronze: 15, Total: 52
- Uzbekistan – Gold: 1, Silver: 13, Bronze: 11, Total: 25
- Zambia – Gold: 1, Silver: 5, Bronze: 8, Total: 14
- Indonesia – Gold: 1, Silver: 2, Bronze: 4, Total: 7
- Russia – Gold: 1, Silver: 1, Bronze: 2, Total: 4
- USA – Gold: 1, Silver: 0, Bronze: 4, Total: 5



## **Amit Shah Launches LPMS ‘VINIMAY’**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the **Land Port Management System (LPMS) ‘VINIMAY’** in New Delhi on 9th June, 2026. This digital platform aim to transform the management of the cargo, passengers and vehicles at the India’s lands ports through real time coordination and technology driven operations.
- The Land Port Management System is the digital platform which integrates the cargo management, vehicle processing, passenger movement and inter-agency coordination on a single interface.

- This system connects the various government agencies and stakeholders who are involved in border operations and allowing seamless information exchange and real-time monitoring.
- **Key Features**
- Around 90% of the reduction in paperwork
- Single Electronic Window for the processing
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) based gate operations
- Real-time data sharing among the agencies
- Integrated management of cargo, vehicles, and passengers
- **About Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)**
- Established Year: 2010 under the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010
- Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Objective: To develop, manage and regulate the integrated check posts and land ports along with the India's international borders.



## **Andaman Islands Set Guinness Record for Underwater Human Tower**

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record for the “Tallest Human Stack Underwater” on 3 May 2026 at the Lighthouse dive-site on Swaraj Dweep, also known as Havelock Island. The underwater formation used 14 scuba divers and reached a height of 22.3 metres.
- The human stack remained stable underwater for three minutes. Lieutenant Governor D.K. Joshi was among the participants in the record attempt. Guinness

World Records adjudicator Rishi Nath verified the record on site and presented certificates to the Andaman and Nicobar administration.

- This record was the second Guinness World Record achieved by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in two consecutive days. The first record was for the “Largest National Flag Unfurled Underwater” on 2 May 2026.
- The Andaman and Nicobar administration organised the event with support from the Indian Navy, the Indian Coast Guard, and the Andaman and Nicobar Police. Swaraj Dweep is one of the islands in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago and is known for scuba diving sites in the Bay of Bengal.
- Guinness World Records is a global record-keeping organisation founded in 1955.
- Swaraj Dweep was earlier known as Havelock Island.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a Union Territory of India.
- Scuba diving is an underwater activity that uses self-contained breathing equipment.



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## **World Bank Projects India GDP Growth at 6.6%**

- India’s GDP growth has been projected at 6.6% for fiscal year 2026-27 by the World Bank in its Global Economic Prospects report released on 11 June 2026. The projection follows an estimated 7.7% growth in fiscal year 2025-26, and India is expected to remain the fastest-growing major economy during the period.
- India’s growth forecast for fiscal year 2027-28 has been placed at 7.2%, and the forecast for fiscal year 2028-29 has been placed at 7.0%. The World Bank has

linked the FY27 moderation to higher energy prices and rising input costs, which affect private demand growth.

- Economic activity in India remained robust in early 2026, with domestic demand supported by rural consumption and recovering urban demand. Private consumption is a major component of India's Gross Domestic Product and is closely linked to household spending on goods and services.
- The World Bank lowered global growth to 2.5% for 2026, which it described as the weakest expansion since the COVID-19 pandemic. The forecast was associated with the Middle East conflict and rising energy prices, both of which affect trade, inflation, and industrial output.
- Reductions in fuel taxes and lower Goods and Services Tax rates are among the measures expected to cushion inflationary pressures and support consumer demand. Fuel taxes in India include central excise duty and state-level value added tax in many cases.



## Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

- Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik from Odisha became the first Indian to win the prestigious Russia Grand Sand Master Cup of 2026. He received this award at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in the Russia on 11th of June, 2026.
- Pattnaik was honored for his exceptional contribution to the sand art and his thought-provoking sculpture highlighting the issue of Global Warming.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik won the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup of 2026.
- He became the first Indian sand artist to receive this honor.

- The award was presented at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in the Russia.
- His sculpture was based on the theme of the Global Warming.
- The artwork stood approx. at 3 metres high.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik is world's one of the most celebrated sand artists. He is from Puri, Odisha and he has spent decades using sand art to communicate the messages related to the environmental protection, social awareness, humanitarian causes and global peace.



## JNPA Emerges as India's Top Container Port

- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has emerged as the India's best-performing container port in the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025. It is jointly published by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- It ranked 22nd globally in CPPI 2025.
- Improved by the one position from the previous ranking.
- Recognized as among the world's most improved ports over the last six years.
- Continues to lead the India's container port ecosystem.
- Rank of Top Indian Container Ports in CPPI 2025
- JNPA: 22nd Rank
- Pipavav Port: 28th Rank

- Mundra Port: 30th Rank
- Visakhapatnam Port: 104th Rank
- Pipavav has overtaken the Mundra to become the India's highest-ranked private container port.
- Mundra has dropped five positions to the 30th rank.
- Visakhapatnam Port had witnessed the sharp decline of 34 places.
- **Port Performance Index 2025**

Rank	Port	Country/Territory
1	Fuzhou	China
2	Dalian	China
3	Salalah	Oman
4	Mawan	China
5	Chiwan	China
6	Tanger Med	Morocco
7	Ningbo	China
8	Hamad Port	Qatar
9	Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR, China
10	Kobe	Japan

## 52nd G7 Summit Begins in France

- The 52nd G7 Summit held on (15th June 2026) in the French city of Evian and it will bring together the leaders of the world's leading advanced economies at the time of significant geopolitical developments.

- This year's summit set to kick off against the major breakthrough in West Asia, with the United States and Iran finalizing an agreement to end their 107-day conflict and it is reopening the strategically important Strait of Hormuz.
- The picturesque French city of the Evian which is located on the shores of Lake Geneva, has become the center of the global diplomacy as leaders gather for the three-day summit.
- French President Emmanuel Macron will formally welcome leaders from the G7 member countries such as,
- United States, United Kingdom, Canada
- Germany, France (Host), Italy, Japan
- Prime Minister Modi's participation holds the considerable significance for both India and the Global South
- This marks the,
- India's 13th participation at the G7 Summit
- And it will be the PM Modi's seventh consecutive participation



## **PM Modi Receives Slovakia's Highest National Award**

- Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Slovakia's highest national honour, i.e. The Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class) during his first official visit to Bratislava on 15th of June 2026.

- This award was presented by the Peter Pellegrini in recognition of the Modi's contribution to strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Slovakia.
- This is the 33rd international honor conferred upon to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by a foreign nation which highlights the India's expanding global influence and diplomatic outreach.
- Both countries have signed the 11 agreements and MoUs covering key sectors, including the,
  - Labor migration
  - Defense cooperation
  - Digital technologies
  - Higher education and research
  - Innovation and technology partnerships



## **Smriti Mandhana Becomes Only Indian in TIME100**

- Smriti Mandhana has emerged as one of the biggest stars in the world cricket as In a landmark achievement for the Indian sports, the Indian women's cricket vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has been named into the TIME100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 list.
- She is the only Indian to feature in this prestigious global ranking and joined the legends from football, basketball, tennis, and cricket.

- In the 2026 edition, Mandhana stands alongside the icons such as the **Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, LeBron James, Carlos Alcaraz and Temba Bavuma.**
- Smriti Mandhana is the only Indian to feature into the TIME100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026.
- She is the current vice-captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- She became the first Indian woman to score a double century in a domestic one-day match.
- She is the first Indian woman to score centuries in all the three international formats.
- Mandhana jointly holds the record for most centuries in women's international cricket (17).
- She captained the Royal Challengers Bengaluru and won two WPL titles in 2024 and 2026.
- She was vice-captain of the India's ICC Women's World Cup-winning team in the year 2025.
- She received the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year Award in 2025.



## Sarvam AI Becomes India's Newest Unicorn

- This investment values the company at around \$1.5 billion post-money and making it as one of the most valuable AI startups in the country and it is

reinforcing the India's ambitions to build competitive artificial intelligence technologies.

- The funding round was led by HCL Tech with the strategic investment of around \$150 million, alongside the participation from Bessemer Venture Partners and existing investors Khosla Ventures and Peak XV Partners.
- It was founded in the year 2023 by AI researchers and entrepreneurs Vivek Raghavan and Pratyush Kumar, Sarvam AI has rapidly emerged as India's one of the leading artificial intelligence companies.
- The startup has achieved unicorn status after raising \$234 million in the first close of its planned \$300 million Series B funding round.
- With a post-money valuation of around \$1.5 billion, Sarvam joins an elite group of the Indian startups which are valued at over \$1 billion.
- Sarvam plans to train its next frontier AI model with a focus on to the,
  - Agentic AI systems
  - Coding assistants
  - Cybersecurity applications
  - Enterprise AI solutions
  - Expanding Compute Infrastructure



## Deepti Sharma Becomes Joint-Highest Wicket-Taker

- Indian all-rounder Deepti Sharma creates the history as she become the joint-highest wicket-taker in international women's cricket.
- This achievement comes during India's Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Group A match against the Netherlands at Headingley in Leeds as she claimed her 355th

international wicket and she matched the legendary tally of former Indian captain Jhulan Goswami.

- The landmark wicket came when Deepti dismissed the Dutch opener Phebe Molkenboer in ongoing India’s Women’s T20 World Cup clash against the Netherlands.

Player	Country	Wickets
Deepti Sharma	India	355
Jhulan Goswami	India	355
Katherine Sciver-Brunt	England	355

## QS World University Rankings 2027 Released

- The QS World University Rankings 2027 were released on 18 June 2026. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) ranked first globally for the 15th consecutive year with a perfect overall score of 100 points.
- Imperial College London and Stanford University were tied at second place, while the University of Oxford ranked fourth and Harvard University ranked fifth.
- The QS World University Rankings are annual global university rankings published by Quacquarelli Symonds. The rankings assess higher education institutions across multiple indicators, including academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, research influence, internationalization, employment rate, and sustainability.
- MIT retained the top position in the 2027 edition. Imperial College London and Stanford University shared the second rank, and the University of Oxford and Harvard University occupied the fourth and fifth positions respectively.
- The 2027 edition includes more than 1,500 universities from 106 higher education systems. The United States has 184 entries, the United Kingdom has 93, and Mainland China has 85 entries in the rankings.

- The University of Melbourne ranked 22nd globally in the 2027 list. It also ranked first in Australia for Academic Reputation and Employer Reputation.

1	<a href="#">Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)</a>	USA
2	<a href="#">Imperial College London</a>	United Kingdom
3	<a href="#">Stanford University</a>	USA
4	<a href="#">University of Oxford</a>	United Kingdom
5	<a href="#">Harvard University</a>	USA
6	<a href="#">University of Cambridge</a>	United Kingdom
7	<a href="#">ETH Zurich</a>	Switzerland
8	<a href="#">National University of Singapore (NUS)</a>	Singapore
9	<a href="#">University College London (UCL)</a>	United Kingdom
10	<a href="#">California Institute of Technology (Caltech)</a>	USA

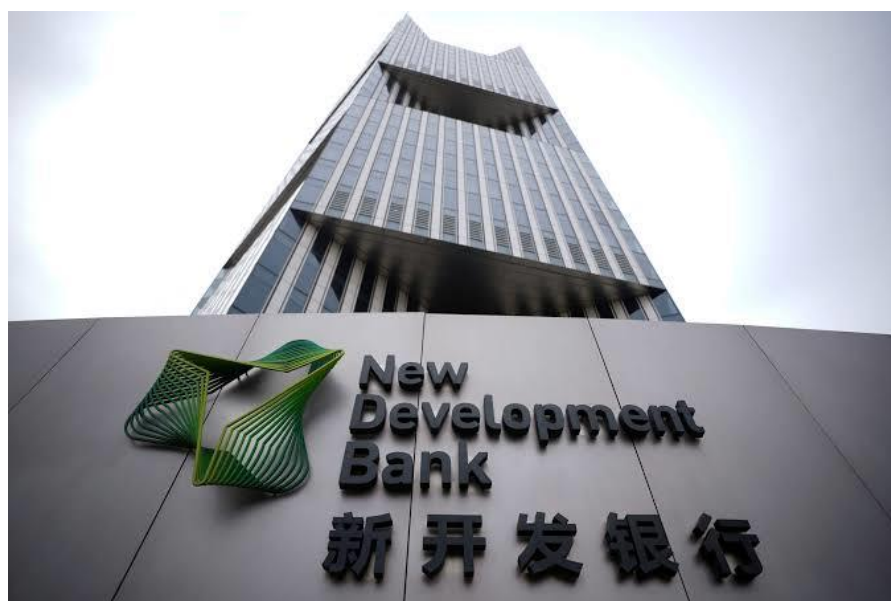


## Uzbekistan Becomes First Central Asian Member of NDB

- Uzbekistan has officially become the first Central Asian country to join the New Development Bank (NDB) and it marked the significant milestone in the expansion of the BRICS backed multilateral financial institution.
- The Republic of Uzbekistan formally became the shareholder of the NDB on 5th of June, 2026 after completing all the necessary accession procedures and ratifying the bank's Articles of the Agreement.
- The announcement was made by the Andrey Bokarev, Director General of the NDB Eurasian Regional Centre who has confirmed that the Uzbekistan

completed all the required formalities and officially entered the bank's shareholder structure on 5th June, 2026.

- With its accession, Uzbekistan becomes the 10th member of the New Development Bank and it is the first country from the Central Asia to join the institution.
- The New Development Bank is the multilateral development financial institution which was established in the year 2015 by the BRICS countries,
  - Brazil (B)
  - Russia (R)
  - India (I)
  - China (C)
  - South Africa (S)
- Since the establishment of the NDB it has approved total 139 projects worth nearly US\$43 billion across various sectors that includes the transport, renewable energy, water management, urban development and social infrastructure.
- The New Development Bank (NDB) which is known as the BRICS Development Bank is the multilateral development bank established by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS).
- NDB aims to mobilize the resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS countries and other emerging economies and developing countries.
- The idea of setting up NDB was first conceived in the year 2012 during the BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India.
- The agreement for establishing the NDB was signed during the BRICS Summit held in the Fortaleza on July 15, 2014, and the Bank started operations on July 21, 2015.
- The bank is headquartered in the Shanghai, China, with regional offices in South Africa and Brazil.
- Membership of NDB is open to any member of the United Nations.



## Vivek Aggarwal Elected FATF Vice President

- Vivek Aggarwal, a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was elected Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force on 19 June 2026 in Paris.
- He is the first Indian official to hold the Vice Presidency of the global body that sets standards on money laundering and terrorist financing.
- The Financial Action Task Force, or FATF, is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the G7. It frames global standards for anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing, and counter-proliferation financing.
- The FATF Vice President serves for a one-year term. Vivek Aggarwal will hold the office from July 2026 to June 2027 and will succeed Giles Thomson of the United Kingdom.
- The FATF was created in 1989 and is based in Paris.
- The FATF issues the “grey list” and “black list” for jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies in anti-money laundering systems.
- The Financial Intelligence Unit-India functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
- The Indian Administrative Service is one of the All India Services under Article 312 of the Constitution of India.



## Jainendra K Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics

- Indian origin theoretical physicist Jainendra K. Jain become the first person of Indian origin to receive the prestigious Wolf Prize in the field of Physics.
- This award recognizes his groundbreaking discovery of the composite fermions, it is a revolutionary concept that transformed scientists understanding of the fractional quantum Hall effect and it opened a new directions in the quantum physics research.
- The Wolf Prize in the Physics was presented to Jain at the state ceremony in Jerusalem by Israeli President Isaac Herzog.
- The award honors his exceptional contribution towards the condensed matter physics via the discovery of the composite fermions, a theoretical breakthrough that solved one of the most challenging puzzles in the modern physics.
- Jain's achievement is particularly important because he is the first physicist of Indian origin to receive the Wolf Prize in Physics since the award's inception in the year 1978.



## Harmanpreet Kaur Creates History

- Indian Captain Harmanpreet Kaur has achieved the historic milestone as she became the first player in the history of the cricket whether it's men's or women's to feature in 200 T20s Internationals.
- She has achieved this milestone against the South Africa in a ongoing Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in Old Trafford, Manchester.
- Harmanpreet's international journey began in the March 2009 when she made her One Day International debut against the Pakistan.
- Just a few months later in June 2009, she played her first T20 International against England at the Taunton.
- The top players includes the,
- Harmanpreet Kaur – 200 matches
- Suzie Bates – 184 matches
- Danni Wyatt-Hodge – 183 matches
- Ellyse Perry – 177 matches
- Smriti Mandhana – 169 matches
- The leading men's T20I appearance records includes the,
- Paul Stirling – 163 matches
- Rohit Sharma – 159 matches

- George Dockrell – 157 matches
- Jos Buttler – 155 matches
- Mohammad Nabi – 152 matches



## Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins FIH Nations Cup 2026

- The Indian women's hockey team scripted the history after defeating the New Zealand 2-0 in the final of the FIH Nations Cup 2026 on 21st June, 2026. With this victory, India not only lifted the trophy, but it also secured the FIH Pro League promotion and it is the highest level of the international hockey competition.
- India captured the its second FIH Nations Cup crown after previously winning the inaugural edition of the tournament in the year 2022.
- This latest triumph highlights the team's continued progress and determination to re-establish itself as the among the world's elite hockey nations.
- New Zealand began the match aggressively and it attempted to dominate possession in the opening minutes.
- However, India struck first via Navneet Kaur who have converted a penalty corner in the fourth minute with the powerful finish.
- Pool Stage Results
- India defeated USA 3-2
- India defeated Japan 2-1
- India defeated Uruguay 3-2
- Semi-Final

- India defeated Chile 6-0
- Final
- India defeated New Zealand 2-0



## India Wins Women's 4x100m Relay Gold

- India won the gold medal in the women's 4x100m relay at the Asian Relays Championships 2026 in Shangyu, China, on 21 June 2026. The Indian quartet of Srabani Nanda, Sneha SS, Sudeshna Shivankar, and Tamanna clocked 43.85 seconds, which was a season-best timing for the team.
- The women's 4x100m relay is a track event in athletics in which four runners cover 100 metres each and pass a baton within exchange zones. China won silver in 44.09 seconds, and Thailand won bronze in 44.11 seconds at the same event.
- India won a silver medal in the mixed 4x400m relay with MR Poovamma, Neeru Pathak, Theerthesh P Shetty, and Barath Sridhar. The team finished in 3:17.06, which placed it behind the gold medallist in the event. India also won a bronze medal in the mixed 4x100m relay through Animesh Kujur, Pranav Gurav, Tamanna, and Sneha Shanuvalli. The quartet finished in 41.47 seconds.
- The Asian Relays Championships 2026 were held in Shangyu, China.
- The women's 4x100m relay gold medal time for India was 43.85 seconds.
- The mixed 4x400m relay silver medal time for India was 3:17.06.
- The mixed 4x100m relay bronze medal time for India was 41.47 seconds.



## PM Narendra Modi Conferred Seychelles' Award

- PM Narendra Modi conferred with the '**Guardian of the Blue Horizon**' **Presidential honor**. Respectable President of Seychelles Dr. Patrick Herminie conferred this award on 28th June 2026 to Indian Prime Minister.
- This recognition highlights the growing role of PM Modi's in areas like climate action, Blue Economy promotion, environmental conservation, and the sustainable development.
- The honour highlights the several major initiatives launched or promoted under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)
- Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
- International Big Cat Alliance



## Italy Becomes the UNESCO World Heritage Capital

- Italy has officially become the UNESCO World Heritage Capital after reaching 61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the highest number recorded by any country in the world.
- Out of the 61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 55 are Cultural Heritage Sites and 6 are Natural Heritage Sites, reflecting the country's unparalleled contribution to world civilization. The recognition further strengthens Italy's position as one of the world's most visited cultural tourism destinations.
- Italy now holds the distinction of having the largest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites globally, surpassing every other nation. The latest addition to the prestigious list has taken the country's total to 61 protected sites, showcasing more than two millennia of history, art, architecture, archaeology, and natural beauty.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites are places recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for their exceptional cultural or natural significance.



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## EXAMS

### REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The Ministry of Jal Shakti signed an MoU with which organization for water resource management using satellite technology?**

- A. DRDO
- B. CSIR
- C. BARC
- D. ISRO

**Answer:** D. ISRO

**2. The newly discovered species *Mesalina bishnoi* belongs to which group of animals?**

- A. Bird
- B. Mammal
- C. Lizard
- D. Amphibian

**Answer:** C. Lizard

**3. The species *Mesalina BISHNOI* was discovered in which Indian state?**

- A. Gujarat

- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Punjab

**Answer:** B. Rajasthan

**4. Indian teenagers Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta won The Earth Prize 2026 for developing which innovation?**

- A. Solar Stick
- B. Green Filter
- C. Plas-Stick
- D. Water Shield

**Answer:** C. Plas-Stick

**5. Which ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)?**

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**Answer:** B) Ministry of Rural Development

**6. How much amount was approved by the Centre as the first installment under PMAY-G for FY 2026–27?**

- A) ₹8,021.42 crore
- B) ₹9,521.42 crore
- C) ₹10,021.42 crore
- D) ₹11,121.00 crore

**Answer:** C) ₹10,021.42 crore

**7. Which Indian chess player entered the FIDE Top 10 rankings in June 2026?**

- A) D Gukesh
- B) R Praggnanandhaa
- C) Arjun Erigaisi
- D) Viswanathan Anand

**Answer:** C) Arjun Erigaisi

**8. What was Arjun Erigaisi's rank in the June 2026 FIDE ratings?**

- A) 5th
- B) 8th

- C) 10th
- D) 13th

**Answer:** B) 8th

**9. Who was elected President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?**

- A) António Guterres
- B) Andreas S. Kakouris
- C) Khalilur Rahman
- D) Philemon Yang

**Answer:** C) Khalilur Rahman

**10. British actor Idris Elba was recently awarded which prestigious honor by King Charles III?**

- A. Order of Merit
- B. Knighthood
- C. Victoria Cross
- D. Companion of Honour

**Answer:** B. Knighthood

**11. The Elba Hope Foundation, established by Idris Elba in 2022, primarily focuses on:**

- A. Wildlife conservation
- B. Space research
- C. Youth advocacy and community empowerment
- D. Sports promotion

**Answer:** C. Youth advocacy and community empowerment

**12. David Beckham is scheduled to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in which city?**

- A. New York
- B. Miami
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Chicago

**Answer:** C. Los Angeles

**13. Which institution became the first private university in India to establish the India AI Data Lab in collaboration with Intel India?**

- A. Amity University

- B. Lovely Professional University
- C. Chandigarh University
- D. Manipal University

**Answer:** C. Chandigarh University

**14. Which sanctuary became India's 100th Ramsar Site in 2026?**

- A. Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary
- B. Chhari-Dhand Wetland
- C. Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)
- D. Patna Bird Sanctuary

**Answer:** C. Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)

**15. In May 2026, which country became India's largest supplier of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)?**

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Iran
- C. Qatar
- D. United States

**Answer:** D. United States

**16. Andhra Pradesh's first semiconductor project under the India Semiconductor Mission will be established in which city?**

- A. Vijayawada
- B. Tirupati
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kakinada

**Answer:** C. Visakhapatnam

**17. Who became the first Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess Tournament in 2026?**

- A) D. Gukesh
- B) Arjun Erigaisi
- C) R. Praggnanandhaa
- D) Viswanathan Anand

**Answer:** C) R. Praggnanandhaa

**18. R. Praggnanandhaa defeated which player in the final round to win Norway Chess 2026?**

- A) Magnus Carlsen
- B) Hikaru Nakamura
- C) Fabiano Caruana
- D) Vincent Keymer

**Answer:** D) Vincent Keymer

**19. Which Formula One driver won the Monaco Grand Prix 2026?**

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Lewis Hamilton
- C) Charles Leclerc
- D) Kimi Antonelli

**Answer:** D) Kimi Antonelli

**20. India defeated which country in the final to win the SAFF Women's Championship 2026?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Pakistan

**Answer:** C) Bangladesh

**21. The Bonn Climate Conference 2026 (SB64) was held in which country?**

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Switzerland
- D) Netherlands

**Answer:** B) Germany

**22. What is the name of the digital platform launched by Amit Shah for managing India's land ports?**

- A) SARATHI
- B) VINIMAY
- C) PARIVAHAN
- D) SETU

**Answer:** B) VINIMAY

**23. The Guinness World Record for the "Tallest Human Stack Underwater" was achieved at which island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?**

- A) North Sentinel Island
- B) Ross Island
- C) Car Nicobar Island
- D) Swaraj Dweep

**Answer:** D) Swaraj Dweep

**24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Slovakia's highest national honour during his visit to Bratislava. What is the name of this award?**

- (A) Order of Merit
- (B) White Lion Award
- (C) Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)
- (D) Slovak National Star

**Answer: (C) Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)**

**25. Which country became the first Central Asian member of the New Development Bank (NDB) in 2026?**

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Kyrgyzstan
- C) Turkmenistan
- D) Uzbekistan

**Answer: D) Uzbekistan**

**26. The headquarters of the New Development Bank (NDB) is located in:**

- A) Beijing, China
- B) Shanghai, China
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Johannesburg, South Africa

**Answer: B) Shanghai, China**

**27. India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate project is being developed at:**

- A) Talcher, Odisha
- B) Korba, Chhattisgarh
- C) Lakhanpur, Odisha
- D) Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: C) Lakhanpur, Odisha**

**28. Jainendra K. Jain became the first person of Indian origin to win which prestigious award in Physics?**

- A) Nobel Prize

- B) Templeton Prize
- C) Wolf Prize
- D) Maxwell Medal

**Answer:** C) Wolf Prize

**29. Jainendra K. Jain was honored for his discovery of which concept in physics?**

- A) Quantum Entanglement
- B) Composite Fermions
- C) Higgs Boson
- D) String Theory

**Answer:** B) Composite Fermions

**30. Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer in history to play how many T20 Internationals?**

- A) 150
- B) 175
- C) 180
- D) 200

**Answer:** D) 200

