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Defence & security

Three naval ships commissioned together

21 June | Kolkata
Source: PIB

INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray entered service together, adding combat, survey and shallow-water anti-submarine capabilities.

• GRSE built all three. Dunagiri is the fifth Project 17A frigate; Sanshodhak is the fourth Survey Vessel (Large).

• Agray is an ASW Shallow Water Craft, equipped for underwater detection and engagement in coastal waters.

Remember: Different roles matter: Dunagiri = frigate; Sanshodhak = hydrographic survey; Agray = shallow-water ASW.

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INS Dunagiri, one of the three commissioned ships. Indian Navy / PIB.

ICGS Akshay commissioned

27 June
Source: PIB

The Coast Guard commissioned the new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel at Goa Shipyard Limited.

• GSL designed and built the vessel in Goa.

• Its roles include maritime law enforcement, coastal security, search and rescue, and protection of the marine environment.

Remember: ICGS identifies a Coast Guard ship; INS identifies an Indian Navy ship.



ICGS Akshay commissioning. Coast Guard / PIB.

Long-range land-attack cruise missile test

15 June
Source: PIB

DRDO successfully flight-tested LRLACM from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha.

• Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru, is the nodal laboratory.

• ITR Chandipur's instruments tracked the flight, and the official release reported that all test objectives were met.

Remember: A cruise missile uses powered, guided flight; distinguish it from a ballistic missile.

RudraM-II air-to-surface tests

2 June | test report
Source: PIB

DRDO and the IAF reported successful airborne flight tests under demanding release conditions.

• The missiles were guided towards predefined targets, with performance checked through range instruments.

• Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, is the nodal DRDO laboratory.

Remember: Air-to-surface describes the launch and target domains; a successful test is not the same as formal service induction.

Khaan Quest in Mongolia

20 June-3 July | announced 18 June
Source: PIB

An Indian Army contingent joined the multilateral peace-support exercise at Five Hills Training Area, near Ulaanbaatar.

• India's 40 personnel were led by troops from a Jat Regiment battalion.

• Training covered checkpoints, patrols, civilian evacuation and other peacekeeping tasks under the UN Chapter VII framework.

Remember: Khaan Quest = Mongolia; the exercise continued into July.

Marine gas-turbine generator contract

19 June
Source: PIB

The Defence Ministry signed an approximately Rs. 425 crore contract with Bharat Forge, Pune.

• The order covers twelve sets of 1.25 MW Marine Gas Turbine Generators.

• Minimum indigenous content is 60%; procurement is under the Buy (Indian) category.

Remember: These generators supply electrical power to naval systems; this contract is distinct from main propulsion-engine procurement.

GNSS jammers for the Navy

10 June
Source: PIB

The ministry signed a Rs. 449 crore contract for twenty Enhanced Capability GNSS Jammers with Accord Software and Systems, Bengaluru.

• The Buy (Indian-IDDM) contract specifies at least 75% indigenous content.

• The systems are intended to interfere with hostile satellite-navigation reception and tracking.

Remember: GNSS includes satellite-navigation constellations; jamming and deceptive signals are electronic-warfare functions.

Defence production reaches Rs. 1.78 lakh crore

17 June | FY 2025-26 figures
Source: PIB

India reported record annual defence production, up 15.6% from the previous financial year.

• Public-sector entities contributed about 76%; the private sector contributed 24%.

• Defence exports for the same year were Rs. 38,424 crore.

Remember: Production and exports are different measures; these annual figures are not June-only output.

New Chief of the Army Staff

Announced 13 June | effective 30 June
Source: PIB / PIB

The government appointed Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth as Army Chief from the afternoon of 30 June, succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi.

• An NDA alumnus, he was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986.

• His prior appointments included Vice Chief of the Army Staff and command of Southern and South Western Commands.

Remember: Retain both dates: the appointment announcement preceded the effective handover.

First NDA-trained women become officers

13 June | consolidated report
Source: PIB

The first batch of seventeen women trained at NDA completed service-academy training and entered the armed forces.

• Nine Army officers were commissioned at IMA Dehradun and five Air Force officers at AFA Dundigal on 13 June.

• Three Navy officers had already been commissioned at INA Ezhimala on 28 May.

Remember: NDA provides joint foundational training; commissioning follows training at the respective service academy.

Gallantry investiture: Phase I

8 June
Source: PIB

The President presented seven Kirti Chakras, fifteen Vir Chakras and twenty-nine Shaurya Chakras at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

• Two Kirti Chakras, three Vir Chakras and one Shaurya Chakra were conferred posthumously.

• Recipients included personnel from the armed forces, central armed police forces and police services.

Remember: This was an investiture ceremony; do not confuse its presentation date with the original award-announcement date.

Distinguished service investiture: Phase II

29 June
Source: PIB

The President conferred 105 distinguished-service decorations on defence and Coast Guard personnel.

• The list comprised seven Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medals, thirty Param Vishisht Seva Medals and twelve Uttam Yudh Seva Medals.

• It also included fifty-six Ati Vishisht Seva Medals.

Remember: Distinguished-service decorations and gallantry awards are separate categories.

UN honour for Major Abhilasha Barak

7 June | official congratulations
Source: PIB

Major Abhilasha Barak was recognised with the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award.

• The announcement identifies her as an Engagement Team Commander and Gender Focal Point in UNIFIL.

• Her work highlights women's participation and gender-responsive approaches in peacekeeping.

Remember: UNIFIL is the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

Tenth India-Thailand defence dialogue

16 June | reported 17 June
Source: PIB

Officials met in Bangkok to review bilateral defence relations and regional security.

• The agenda included maritime cooperation, training exchanges and capacity building.

• The partners discussed deeper collaboration in manufacturing, research, innovation and capability development.

Remember: Bangkok hosted the dialogue; Thailand is an ASEAN member.

First India-Zimbabwe defence committee

4 June
Source: PIB

The inaugural Joint Defence Committee met in New Delhi.

• Discussions covered training, maintenance of shared air assets, manufacturing, counter-terrorism and peacekeeping.

• The committee operationalises the defence-cooperation MoU signed during Aero India 2025.

Remember: Zimbabwe is a landlocked southern African country; Harare is its capital.

India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue

1 June
Source: PIB

Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles co-chaired the second dialogue in New Delhi.

• Maritime awareness, undersea-domain cooperation and defence-industrial research were discussed.

• The partners reviewed work towards a stronger defence and security framework.

Remember: A ministerial dialogue is a consultation mechanism, distinct from a military exercise.

Two new NCC state directorates

15 June
Source: PIB

The Defence Ministry approved independent NCC directorates for Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand.

• The decision increases the total number of directorates from seventeen to nineteen.

• The new structure is intended to improve coordination, training support and access for cadets.

Remember: NCC was established in 1948; it is a youth organisation, rather than a route to automatic military commissioning.

Solar and storage project on defence land

9 June | approval
Source: PIB

A 250 MW solar project with battery storage was approved at the former cantonment in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

• The proposal uses approximately 850 acres of vacant defence land.

• NTPC is implementing the project through a competitive process for defence power requirements.

Remember: An approved project is not yet an operating plant; MW measures rated power.

WASP-5 concludes

29 June
Source: PIB

The IAF concluded the fifth Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Programme with a capstone seminar in New Delhi.

• The six-month programme was jointly conducted by CAPSS, New Delhi, and the College of Air Warfare, Hyderabad.

• It develops strategic understanding through study of military history, doctrine, technology and force design.

Remember: WASP is professional education, not an aircraft platform or combat exercise.

Eastern Fleet outreach in Southeast Asia

23-30 June | port-visit reports
Source: PIB / PIB

Indian ships conducted naval-diplomacy engagements in Vietnam and Thailand during the Eastern Fleet's deployment.

• Udaygiri and Kavaratti visited Ho Chi Minh City; Shakti joined the visit to Sattahip, Thailand.

• The Thailand visit concluded on 30 June after professional and cultural engagements.

Remember: Ho Chi Minh City = Vietnam; Sattahip = Thailand. Port calls support interoperability and maritime ties.

Military appointments: June

1 June
Source: PIB / PIB

Major General Rachel Thomas assumed charge as Additional Director General, Military Nursing Service.

• Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhry took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command.

• These appointments cover military nursing leadership and an operational Air Force command respectively.

Remember: Central Air Command is headquartered at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

Science & technology

Nuclear heat produces hydrogen

26 June
Source: PIB

DAE inaugurated a copper-chlorine thermochemical hydrogen-production demonstrator at IGCAR, Kalpakkam.

• The facility uses process heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor; BARC developed the Cu-Cl technology.

• It demonstrates a non-electric application of nuclear energy, with a possible pathway towards larger-scale hydrogen production.

Remember: Nuclear-produced hydrogen is not automatically classified as green hydrogen under a renewable-energy certification scheme.

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Cu-Cl hydrogen-production demonstrator. DAE / PIB.

Deuterated compounds and nuclear-grade sodium

21 June
Source: PIB

DAE inaugurated a Versatile Deuterated Compounds Production Plant and commissioned a 24 kA prototype sodium cell at HWBF Vadodara.

• High-purity deuterated solvents support advanced scientific research and specialist applications.

• The sodium capability supports the fast-breeder programme and the second stage of India's nuclear-power strategy.

Remember: Deuterium is an isotope of hydrogen; sodium can serve as a coolant in fast reactors.

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Indigenously produced deuterated solvents. DAE / PIB.

CSIR technologies and reference materials

16 June
Source: PIB

CSIR transferred seven technologies to industry, released ten Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravyas and delivered quantum-sensing components to DRDO.

• CSIR-NPL and CSIR-CRRI jointly organised the New Delhi event.

• Reference materials help laboratories calibrate instruments and check measurement accuracy.

Remember: BNDs are certified reference materials; quantum sensing is distinct from quantum computing.

High-reliability connectors: domestic technology

10 June
Source: PIB

TDB-DST supported TIEA Connectors, Bengaluru, to commercialise indigenous high-reliability connector technology.

• Target applications include aerospace, defence, space and electric mobility.

• Connectors must sustain reliable electrical links in demanding operating environments.

Remember: Commercialisation support develops production capability; it does not establish that every component is already deployed.

Solar-storm thermal behaviour studied

30 June
Source: PIB

An Indian Institute of Astrophysics team analysed twenty-nine years of interplanetary coronal mass-ejection observations.

• The study used 1995-2024 measurements to examine thermal evolution and links with geomagnetic disturbances.

• Space weather can affect satellites, radio communication, navigation and power grids.

Remember: A coronal mass ejection contains magnetised plasma; it is different from an ordinary weather system.

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BHASHINI partnership with Nepal

6 June
Source: PIB

Digital India BHASHINI and Kathmandu University agreed to develop language AI and multilingual digital public infrastructure.

• Work includes Nepali datasets, speech-to-text, text-to-speech and machine translation.

• The collaboration emphasises voice-first access and preservation of low-resource languages.

Remember: Speech recognition converts spoken audio to text; machine translation converts between languages.

VYOMA multilingual edge-AI challenge

2 June
Source: PIB

BHASHINI, Current AI and Kalpa Impact launched a challenge for open-source voice-first AI solutions.

• It builds on the Sunno Sutra handheld reference platform.

• The focus includes offline and low-connectivity operation, model optimisation and practical use cases.

Remember: Edge AI runs computation on or near a device, reducing dependence on a remote cloud connection.

India’s space-economy outlook

14 June | government assessment
Source: PIB

The government discussed a target of taking India’s space economy to USD 45 billion over the next decade.

• The assessment highlighted more than 400 space startups and growing private participation.

• The outlook links research, commercial applications and access to national space infrastructure.

Remember: USD 45 billion is a target, not the measured size of the space economy in June 2026.

International affairs

G7 summit at Evian

15-17 June
Source: Elysee / PIB

France hosted the G7 summit at Evian-les-Bains, with India participating in outreach discussions.

• Prime Minister Modi addressed cooperation, solidarity and development priorities.

• G7 members are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States; the EU also participates.

Remember: India was an invited partner, not a G7 member.

India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030

14 June visit | roadmap reported 15 June
Source: PIB / PIB

India and France adopted a roadmap spanning research, emerging technologies, education and innovation.

• Outcomes included an AI working group and cooperation on digital sciences, aeronautics skilling and startups.

• ISRO and CNES signed a Letter of Intent concerning microgravity research and human space exploration.

Remember: CNES is France's space agency; a Letter of Intent indicates planned cooperation.

India-Slovakia Comprehensive Partnership

15 June
Source: PIB / PIB

The partners elevated bilateral ties during Prime Minister Modi's visit to Slovakia, hosted by Prime Minister Robert Fico.

• Outcomes covered labour migration, digital technologies, defence, quantum communication and higher education.

• An ICCR Chair in AI was announced at the Technical University of Kosice.

Remember: Slovakia's capital is Bratislava; distinguish Slovakia from Slovenia.

Myanmar President visits India

30 May-3 June | talks 1 June
Source: PIB

Prime Minister Modi met Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing in New Delhi.

• The discussions reviewed bilateral relations, connectivity and regional issues.

• The visit also included Buddhist sites and business engagement.

Remember: Myanmar shares a land border with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram.

Seychelles: fifty years of independence

27-29 June
Source: PIB / PIB

India participated in Seychelles' fiftieth independence-anniversary celebrations and reviewed the bilateral partnership.

• Outcomes included a fast patrol vessel, maritime support, development assistance and a payments-cooperation MoU.

• Seychelles' decision to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure was announced.

Remember: Seychelles is an Indian Ocean island country; Victoria is its capital.

India-Oman CEPA enters into force

1 June | report 3 June
Source: PIB

The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement signed in December 2025 became operational.

• Oman provided immediate duty-free access for all 945 textile and apparel tariff lines covered in the release.

• The agreement also improves access for Indian handicraft exports.

Remember: Signing and entry into force are different dates; Muscat is Oman's capital.

India's first FATF Vice-Presidency

19 June | appointment announcement
Source: PIB

Vivek Aggarwal was appointed Vice-President of the Financial Action Task Force for July 2026-June 2027.

• The Culture Secretary's appointment marks the first time India will hold the post.

• FATF sets international standards to counter money laundering, terrorist financing and related financial risks.

Remember: This is a June announcement for a term beginning in July; FATF's secretariat is in Paris.

BRICS Indore agricultural declaration

13 June | meeting outcome
Source: PIB

Agriculture ministers and officials adopted the Indore Declaration under India's BRICS chairship.

• Priorities included food security, small farmers, women and young people, and climate-resilient agriculture.

• The agenda links scientific innovation with practical adoption on farms.

Remember: Indore is in Madhya Pradesh; this was an agricultural meeting, not the leaders' summit.

First BRICS MSME Forum

19 June | reported 21 June
Source: PIB

Agra hosted the first BRICS MSME Forum and the third SME Working Group meeting.

• The forum addressed resilient, innovative and sustainable small-business ecosystems.

• Participants discussed industry partnerships and opportunities for international market access.

Remember: MSMEs are micro, small and medium enterprises; participation does not itself create an FTA.

India-Uzbekistan economic commission

19 June
Source: PIB

The fourteenth Intergovernmental Commission reviewed trade, investment and industrial cooperation.

• Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal co-chaired the session.

• The sides sought to double bilateral trade within three years and address non-tariff barriers.

Remember: Uzbekistan is in Central Asia, with Tashkent as its capital; the commission is bilateral.

India-Tajikistan joint commission

10 June
Source: PIB

The partners reviewed trade, investment and business engagement through the joint commission mechanism.

• The twelfth joint commission met through video conference, with opening remarks by India's Commerce Secretary.

• The agenda focused on strengthening economic cooperation and industry links.

Remember: Tajikistan's capital is Dushanbe; it borders Afghanistan and China.

World Bank's June growth outlook

June 2026 | Global Economic Prospects
Source: World Bank

The World Bank projected global growth of 2.5% in 2026 and 2.8% in 2027.

• The report assessed energy disruption, inflationary pressure and uncertainty affecting investment and trade.

• It highlighted downside risks from prolonged conflict and stressed international cooperation.

Remember: These are the World Bank's June forecasts; they differ from IMF forecasts because methods and timing differ.

National affairs & economy

RBI holds repo rate at 5.25%

5 June
Source: RBI

The Monetary Policy Committee unanimously retained the repo rate at 5.25% and its neutral stance.

• The Standing Deposit Facility rate remained 5.00%; MSF and Bank Rate remained 5.50%.

• The statement highlighted uncertainty from energy prices, supply disruption and the inflation outlook.

Remember: The repo rate is the policy lending rate; a neutral stance does not promise the direction of the next change.

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GDP growth: 7.7% in 2025-26

5 June | provisional estimates
Source: PIB

MoSPI released provisional real GDP growth of 7.7% for financial year 2025-26.

• The January-March quarter recorded estimated real GDP growth of 7.8%.

• The estimates use the 2022-23 base-year series introduced in February 2026.

Remember: Annual growth and quarterly growth refer to different periods; provisional estimates can be revised.

Retail inflation: May 2026

12 June | data release
Source: PIB

Provisional all-India CPI inflation was 3.93% year on year, using the 2024=100 base.

• Rural inflation was 4.25%; urban inflation was 3.53%.

• Consumer Food Price Index inflation was 4.78%.

Remember: The reference month is May, even though the release was published in June.

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New wholesale and producer-price series

15 June
Source: PIB

DPIIT's Office of Economic Adviser released WPI and producer-price indices with base year 2022-23.

• The release includes Output PPI, trial Input PPI and service PPIs for seven service categories.

• Provisional WPI inflation for May was 9.68%; the transition plan retains WPI alongside PPI for five years.

Remember: PPI tracks producer prices; it is distinct from the consumer-price index.

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PLFS: May labour indicators

15 June | data release
Source: PIB

The unemployment rate for people aged fifteen and above was 5.5%, based on Current Weekly Status.

• Labour Force Participation Rate was 54.4%; Worker Population Ratio was 51.4%.

• Urban unemployment fell to 6.4% in the bulletin.

Remember: Unemployment uses the labour force as its denominator; LFPR and WPR use the population.

IIP rebased and updated

1 and 29 June | statistical releases
Source: PIB / PIB

MoSPI launched the 2022-23 IIP series, then updated it to use Output PPI for relevant value-based production data.

• The 29 June release superseded the earlier WPI-deflated series for those items.

• May industrial production grew 5.1%; manufacturing grew 5.5% and electricity and gas supply grew 9.9%.

Remember: The new sector coverage includes water supply, sewerage and waste management alongside the other three broad sectors.

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Additional Rs. 30,000 crore for NIIF

29 June | decision reported
Source: PIB

The government announced an additional investment commitment to new and upcoming NIIF funds.

• Total government commitment consequently rises to Rs. 60,000 crore.

• NIIF is a professionally managed, sovereign-anchored platform intended to attract institutional capital.

Remember: A commitment is not the same as money already disbursed or project construction completed.

Aviation-fuel price stabilisation fund

3 June | Cabinet approval
Source: PIB

The Cabinet approved one-time support of up to Rs. 10,000 crore for stabilising ATF prices for scheduled Indian airlines.

• Support takes the form of interest-free advances to Oil Marketing Companies.

• The mechanism includes recovery when international prices moderate, with funds returned to the Consolidated Fund of India.

Remember: ATF means Aviation Turbine Fuel; this is fuel-price support, not a general grant to every airline passenger.

FCRA 2.0 portal and e-OCI card

30 June
Source: PIB

The Home Ministry launched a digital portal for foreign-contribution administration and an electronic OCI card.

• The FCRA portal aims to reduce paperwork and support processing and monitoring of foreign contributions.

• OCI services concern eligible people of Indian origin under the applicable citizenship framework.

Remember: OCI is not dual citizenship; FCRA governs foreign contributions, not ordinary domestic donations.

Drug-control vision for 2026-29

26 June
Source: PIB

The tenth apex NCORD meeting in New Delhi unveiled a three-year narcotics-control vision document.

• Priorities include synthetic drugs, darknet networks, cross-border trafficking and financial investigations.

• The meeting emphasised coordination among central and state agencies.

Remember: NCORD is a coordination mechanism; NCB is the Narcotics Control Bureau.

NAFEX.in e-auction portal

23 June
Source: PIB

NAFED launched an e-auction platform and related digital initiatives in New Delhi.

• The programme also introduced DRISHTI, ERP and NAFED Kalyan.

• The initiatives seek better transparency, management and market access in agricultural cooperative operations.

Remember: NAFED is the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India.

DISHA 2.0 access-to-justice scheme

22 June
Source: PIB

The Law Ministry approved a restructured Central Sector scheme for 2026-27 to 2030-31 with Rs. 255 crore.

• The new VIDHI-Sanjeevani component includes a centralised digital platform and an AI-powered Nyaya Setu chatbot.

• The scheme targets cumulative outreach to three crore beneficiaries across its components.

Remember: DISHA means Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice; the outreach figure is a target.

Twentieth Statistics Day

29 June
Source: PIB

India commemorated P. C. Mahalanobis' birth anniversary with the theme Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data.

• The event emphasised using government-service and administrative records for statistical insight.

• Speakers stressed data quality, credibility and the need to complement traditional surveys.

Remember: Administrative records and sample surveys are different data sources; sound statistics require careful definitions and validation.

IndiaSkills 2026-27 launched

30 June
Source: PIB

The national skill competition opened registrations through the Skill India Digital Hub.

• It covers 63 industry-relevant skills, with MSDE and NSDC supporting implementation.

• The pathway runs through district, state, regional and national stages towards advanced training and global competition.

Remember: IndiaSkills is a national selection and development platform; WorldSkills is the international competition.

SARTHI: reforming ITI training

12 June
Source: PIB

The first meeting of the Strategic Advisory and Reforms Taskforce for Holistic ITI Transformation was held in New Delhi.

• The platform is under the Craftsmen Training Scheme and brings states and other stakeholders into structured discussion.

• The agenda connects vocational training with industry requirements and future skills.

Remember: ITI means Industrial Training Institute; SARTHI is an advisory reform mechanism.

Microfinance credit-guarantee extension

10 June
Source: PIB

The government extended CGSMFI-2.0 to 31 August or until Rs. 20,000 crore of guarantees are issued, whichever comes first.

• The maximum loan cap for large MFIs was raised from Rs. 300 crore to Rs. 1,000 crore, subject to the stated AUM ceiling.

• NCGTC provides guarantee cover supporting lending to eligible microfinance institutions.

Remember: A credit guarantee protects eligible lenders against specified losses; it is not a direct cash transfer to every borrower.

Barrierless tolling at Daulatpura

19 June
Source: PIB

NHAI launched Rajasthan's first Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system on the Delhi-Jaipur section of NH-48.

• The system uses FASTag and Automatic Number Plate Recognition for toll processing.

• Its aim is to reduce stopping and queuing at a conventional barrier-based toll plaza.

Remember: Daulatpura was Rajasthan's first MLFF site; do not label it India's first deployment.

Environment & climate

India reaches 100 Ramsar sites

5 June | announcement
Source: PIB

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary, also called Surha Tal, in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, became India's hundredth Ramsar site.

• The wetland supports migratory and resident bird populations.

• Ramsar designation recognises wetlands of international importance and promotes their conservation and wise use.

Remember: The count is tied to this announcement date; Ramsar status is different from UNESCO World Heritage listing.

World Environment Day 2026

5 June
Source: UNEP

Azerbaijan hosted the global observance, with climate change as the campaign focus.

• UNEP called for both emissions reduction and adaptation to rising climate risks.

• The annual event brings governments, communities and individuals into environmental action.

Remember: Azerbaijan's capital is Baku; mitigation addresses causes, while adaptation addresses impacts.

Green Hydrogen Certification Portal

17 June
Source: PIB

MNRE launched the GHCI portal to support transparent certification and compliance.

• The platform operates under India's green-hydrogen certification framework.

• The event also reviewed state policies, hubs and infrastructure under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Remember: The production pathway and emissions matter; a colourless hydrogen molecule does not reveal whether it meets a green standard.

E85 fuel rollout

5 June
Source: PIB

E85 availability began at 48 public-sector oil-company retail outlets for compatible flex-fuel vehicles.

• The release describes a blend containing roughly 80-85% ethanol and 14-19% petrol.

• Wider outlet expansion was planned; the announcement did not make the fuel available at every petrol station.

Remember: High-ethanol fuel requires a compatible vehicle; E85 and E20 are different blends.

Cleaner trucks and buses for Delhi-NCR

3 June | Cabinet approval
Source: PIB

A two-year replacement scheme was approved with an overall outlay of Rs. 9,585 crore.

• The programme supports replacing BS-IV or older trucks and buses with BS-VI or stricter vehicles, or electric vehicles.

• It involves Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh through NCRPB and implementing ministries.

Remember: Bharat Stage standards concern emissions; replacing an old diesel vehicle is distinct from simply changing its fuel.

Lakhanpur coal-to-ammonium-nitrate project

20 June | foundation stone
Source: PIB

The foundation stone was laid for BCGCL's project at Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda, Odisha.

• BCGCL is a joint venture between Coal India and BHEL.

• The project is intended to convert domestic coal into value-added chemicals through gasification.

Remember: Gasification produces synthesis gas for chemical conversion; coal-based production is not automatically carbon-free.

Agrobiodiversity expert committee

13 June
Source: PIB

The National Biodiversity Authority reconstituted its expert committee on agricultural biodiversity.

• Padma Shri Dr. P. L. Gautam was appointed chairperson.

• The committee supports conservation and sustainable use of agricultural genetic resources.

Remember: Agrobiodiversity includes crop varieties, livestock breeds and associated organisms; diversity can strengthen resilience.

Sport, culture & awards

Roland-Garros singles champions

6-7 June
Source: ATP / Roland-Garros

Alexander Zverev won the men's singles title and Mirra Andreeva won the women's singles title in Paris.

• Germany's Zverev defeated Italy's Flavio Cobolli in five sets on 7 June for his first Grand Slam title.

• Andreeva defeated Poland's Maja Chwalinska 6-3, 6-2 on 6 June for her first major singles title.

Remember: Roland-Garros is the clay-court Grand Slam; match each champion with the correct event and opponent.

India wins SAFF women's football title

6 June final | PIB report 7 June
Source: AIFF / PIB

India defeated Bangladesh 3-1 in the final at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao, Goa.

• The win ended India's seven-year wait for the regional title.

• The competition is organised within the South Asian football framework.

Remember: SAFF means South Asian Football Federation; distinguish the senior women's title from age-group competitions.

Asian U20 athletics: India's 19 medals

1 June | official result report
Source: PIB

The government congratulated India's contingent at the twenty-second Asian U20 Athletics Championships.

• The medal haul was nineteen, including ten gold medals.

• The achievement concerns the under-twenty age group, rather than the senior Asian championships.

Remember: Retain the event category and report date; do not infer a competition date from a congratulatory release.

Five medals at Global Skills Challenge

23-29 June | Australia
Source: PIB

India won three gold, one silver and one bronze medal during preparations for WorldSkills Shanghai.

• Gold winners were Pavan Bhadravati Suresha in Additive Manufacturing, Mausam Kumar Giri in Cloud Computing, and Vishnupriya Sunil in Health and Social Care.

• Harsh Ramesh Pawar won silver in 3D Digital Game Art; Muskan won bronze in Painting and Decorating.

Remember: Global Skills Challenge is a skills competition, distinct from a sports championship.

MIFF: Golden Conch for Silver

21 June
Source: PIB

The Polish documentary Silver, directed by Natalia Koniarz, won the Golden Conch at the nineteenth Mumbai International Film Festival.

• The festival recognises documentary, short-fiction and animation filmmaking.

• The international short-fiction award went to Under The Snow; Small Clouds won Best Indian Short Fiction.

Remember: MIFF's Conch awards are different from National Film Awards and IFFI's Peacock awards.



Golden Conch presentation for Silver. MIFF / PIB.

Sangeet Natak Akademi honours announced

10 June | awards for 2024 and 2025
Source: PIB

The Akademi announced seven Fellows, 108 Akademi Award recipients and 106 young artists for Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar.

• Fellowship is called Akademi Ratna; the award is Akademi Puraskar.

• The fields include music, dance, theatre and traditional, folk, tribal and related performing arts.

Remember: Announcement, selection and the later presentation ceremony are separate milestones.

Twelfth International Day of Yoga

21 June
Source: PIB / PIB

The national observance was led from Red Road, Kolkata, under the theme Yoga for Healthy Ageing.

• The day is observed internationally on 21 June.

• The programme combined the Common Yoga Protocol with wider community participation.

Remember: For exams, pair the 2026 theme with Kolkata; the observance is distinct from the competitive Yogasana championship.

First World Yogasana Championship

4 June | opening ceremony
Source: PIB

The Prime Minister declared the inaugural World Yogasana Championship open in Ahmedabad by video conference.

• Delegations and athletes from more than sixty nations participated according to the release.

• The event presents Yogasana in a competitive-sport format.

Remember: The opening of a championship does not establish its inclusion in the Olympic Games.

FIFA World Cup opens

11 June | tournament continued into July
Source: FIFA

Mexico City Stadium hosted the opening of the 2026 men's World Cup.

• Canada, Mexico and the United States co-hosted the expanded forty-eight-team tournament.

• The final was scheduled for July, so June coverage records the opening and format rather than the eventual winner.

Remember: The competition spans two months; do not place July's final result in a June-only result list.

Visual explainers

Use these concepts alongside the linked news stories. Each panel includes a return link.

THREE SHIPS, THREE COMPLEMENTARY ROLES

1	2	3
INS Dunagiri	**INS Sanshodhak**	**INS Agray**
Project 17A stealth frigate	Survey Vessel (Large)	ASW Shallow Water Craft
High-end naval combat	Hydrographic knowledge	Coastal underwater security

Return to Three naval ships commissioned together

NUCLEAR HEAT TO HYDROGEN: THE JUNE DEMONSTRATOR

1	2	3
FBTR heat	**Cu-Cl cycle**	**Hydrogen**
Nuclear process heat at Kalpakkam	Thermochemical reactions using heat	An energy carrier produced by the process
IGCAR facility	BARC technology	Technology demonstrator

Return to Nuclear heat produces hydrogen

NUCLEAR MATERIALS: ISOTOPES AND COOLANTS

DEUTERATED COMPOUNDS

Deuterium is hydrogen with one proton and one neutron. Replacing ordinary hydrogen in molecules gives deuterated compounds.

NUCLEAR-GRADE SODIUM

High-purity sodium is important for fast-reactor systems. Liquid sodium can transfer heat as a reactor coolant.

Return to Deuterated compounds and nuclear-grade sodium

SPACE WEATHER: FROM THE SUN TO EARTH

1 **Solar eruption**
Magnetised plasma leaves the Sun
Coronal mass ejection

2 **Interplanetary travel**
An ICME moves through the solar wind
Temperature and fields evolve

3 **Earth interaction**
Can disturb the magnetosphere
Navigation, radio and grids

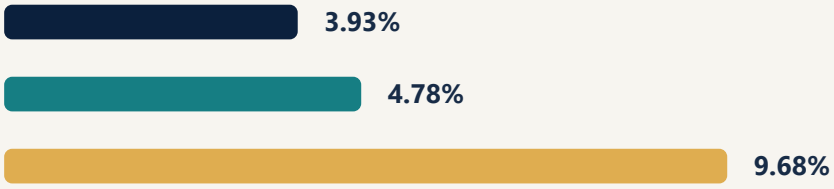
Return to Solar-storm thermal behaviour studied

RBI POLICY CORRIDOR | 5 JUNE 2026

SDF	Repo	MSF
5.00%	5.25%	5.50%
Absorbs liquidity	Policy lending rate	Standing borrowing facility

Return to RBI holds repo rate at 5.25%

MAY 2026 INFLATION | RELEASED IN JUNE



Year-on-year rates; different baskets and base years, not like-for-like indices.

Return to Retail inflation: May 2026

IIP: WHAT CHANGED DURING JUNE?

1 **1 June**
New base year: 2022-23
Replaces the 2011-12 series

2 **15 June**
Output PPI becomes available
Producer-level price index

3 **29 June**
IIP adopts Output PPI where relevant
Updated series supersedes earlier data

Return to IIP rebased and updated

Ships, missiles and awards

Pair the name with its role. June's three Navy ships were commissioned in Kolkata; ICGS Akshay was commissioned in Goa.

Platform	Type	Key point
INS Dunagiri	Project 17A / Nilgiri-class frigate	Fifth of its class; high-end surface, air and submarine defence
INS Sanshodhak	Survey Vessel (Large)	Fourth of the class; hydrographic and oceanographic work
INS Agray	ASW Shallow Water Craft	Coastal submarine detection and engagement
ICGS Akshay	Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessel	GSL-built; law enforcement, rescue and coastal security

Missile	Nodal laboratory	June milestone
LRLACM	ADE | Bengaluru	Land-attack cruise missile flight test | 15 June
RudraM-II	RCI | Hyderabad	Air-to-surface flight tests reported | 2 June

Investiture presentations

Decoration	Number	Category / note
Kirti Chakra	7	2 posthumous
Vir Chakra	15	3 posthumous
Shaurya Chakra	29	1 posthumous
Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal	7	Distinguished-service presentation
Param Vishisht Seva Medal	30	Distinguished-service presentation
Uttam Yudh Seva Medal	12	Distinguished-service presentation
Ati Vishisht Seva Medal	56	Distinguished-service presentation

Sources: PIB / PIB / PIB / PIB / PIB / PIB

Economy: figures worth remembering

Use the reference period as well as the value. Published estimates may later be revised.

Indicator	Value	Reference period
Real GDP growth	7.7%	Financial year 2025-26 | provisional
Real GDP growth, Q4	7.8%	January-March 2026 | provisional
CPI inflation	3.93%	May 2026 | provisional
Food CPI inflation	4.78%	May 2026 | provisional
WPI inflation	9.68%	May 2026 | new base-year release
IIP growth	5.1%	May 2026 | 29 June release
Unemployment rate	5.5%	May 2026 | age 15+ | CWS
LFPR / WPR	54.4% / 51.4%	May 2026 | age 15+
Repo / SDF / MSF	5.25% / 5.00% / 5.50%	5 June MPC decision

Policy allocations and commitments

Decision	Figure	Read it correctly
NIIF investment	Rs. 30,000 crore additional	Total government commitment: Rs. 60,000 crore
ATF stabilisation	Up to Rs. 10,000 crore	Interest-free advances to OMCs, with recovery mechanism
Delhi-NCR vehicle replacement	Rs. 9,585 crore	Overall outlay; cleaner trucks and buses
DISHA 2.0	Rs. 255 crore	2026-27 to 2030-31; access-to-justice support
Defence production	Rs. 1.78 lakh crore	FY 2025-26 production; exports: Rs. 38,424 crore

Sources are linked within the corresponding news stories. A commitment or approved outlay is not the same as expenditure already incurred.

Competition winners

Global Skills Challenge Australia | 23-29 June | Three gold, one silver and one bronze

Competitor	Skill	Medal
Pavan Bhadravati Suresha	Additive Manufacturing	Gold
Mausam Kumar Giri	Cloud Computing	Gold
Vishnupriya Sunil	Health and Social Care	Gold
Harsh Ramesh Pawar	3D Digital Game Art	Silver
Muskan	Painting and Decorating	Bronze

Source: PIB

Event	Winner / result
Roland-Garros men's singles	Alexander Zverev | defeated Flavio Cobolli
Roland-Garros women's singles	Mirra Andreeva | defeated Maja Chwalinska
SAFF Women's Championship	India | 3-1 against Bangladesh in the final
Asian U20 Athletics Championships	India: 19 medals including 10 gold | reported 1 June

Culture: names and numbers

Honour / event	June detail
MIFF Golden Conch	Silver | Poland | director Natalia Koniarz
MIFF international short fiction	Under The Snow | Iran
MIFF Indian short fiction	Small Clouds
Sangeet Natak Akademi	7 Fellows + 108 Akademi Award recipients | 2024 and 2025
Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar	106 young artists selected | 2024 and 2025

Sources: ATP / Roland-Garros / AIFF / PIB / PIB / PIB

June calendar

Recurring observances and their exam connections. Select an observance to open its official source.

Date	Observance	Exam connection
3 June	World Bicycle Day	Active mobility and sustainable transport
5 June	World Environment Day	2026 host: Azerbaijan; climate action
8 June	World Oceans Day	Marine ecosystems and sustainable ocean use
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	Child protection and decent work
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Safe blood and voluntary donation
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Land restoration and drought resilience
20 June	World Refugee Day	Protection of displaced people
21 June	International Day of Yoga	2026 theme: Yoga for Healthy Ageing
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	Public institutions and service delivery
26 June	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Prevention, treatment and anti-trafficking efforts
27 June	Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day	Enterprise, jobs and inclusive growth
29 June	Statistics Day (India)	P. C. Mahalanobis' birth anniversary

KEEP THE MILESTONES DISTINCT

Khaan Quest continued into July. FIFA's June opening and July final belong to different monthly reports. Award selection, announcement and presentation are separate stages; the first NDA-trained women officers also had different service commissioning dates.