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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 26/06/2026

1. Bhawaiya Folk Music

Recent - Vice-President released a book on Bhawaiya, highlighting the need to preserve it.

Bhawaiya is a traditional folk music genre of North Bengal, Assam, and adjoining regions, closely associated with the Koch Rajbanshi community.

Themes: The songs express the emotions, aspirations, love, separation, struggles, and everyday life of ordinary people, especially those from rural and agrarian communities.

2. Recovery of Mangrove Forests

Recent - Global mangrove forests, long considered among the world's most threatened ecosystems, are showing an unexpected and encouraging recovery, according to a new study.

Mangroves are salt-tolerant forests found along tropical and subtropical coastlines. They are among the most productive ecosystems on Earth and provide a wide range of ecological, economic and climatic benefits.

Recovery Trend: Global mangrove cover, which declined from ~154,810 sq km (1980s) to 151,928 sq km (2010), recovered to 153,961 sq km by 2023, driven by natural regeneration and conservation efforts.

3. Maharishi Sushruta

Recent - A bronze statue of Maharishi Sushruta, regarded as the Father of Surgery, was unveiled at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

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Sushruta authored the Sushruta Samhita, one of the foundational texts of Ayurveda and the world's earliest known surgical treatise.

He pioneered surgical techniques such as rhinoplasty (nose reconstruction), cataract surgery, and systematic surgical training in ancient India.

The statue was created at Swamimalai, Tamil Nadu, renowned for its traditional Chola-style bronze casting using the Lost-Wax Technique.

4. Vijayanagara Inscriptions Found in Tirupati

Recent - Archaeological Survey of India discovered three 16th-century rock inscriptions inside Sadasivakona in the Seshachalam forest in Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh.

The inscriptions are trilingual, written in Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada, and date to 1554 CE, during the reign of King Sadasiva Deva Raya of the Vijayanagara Empire.

The main inscription records King Sadasivaraya's personal visit to Sadasivakona for a holy bath and the transfer of taxes (Kaanika) from the Gudimallam temple lands to fund offerings at the newly built Sadasivakona temple.

A second inscription, composed by a Gudi Karanam (Temple Accountant), records land grants in two villages to fund the Gudimallam temple.

5. Black Tigers

Recent - Similipal Tiger Reserve's small, isolated tiger population has experienced limited gene flow and inbreeding, increasing the frequency of the recessive black-tiger trait.

Black tigers are a rare pseudo-melanistic variant of the Bengal tiger, not a distinct species or subspecies.

Habitat: Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha, is the only known wild habitat where black tigers occur naturally.

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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (26/06/2026)

1. Bhawaiya is a traditional folk music associated primarily with:

- (a) Punjab
- (b) North Bengal and Assam
- © Kerala
- (d) Gujarat

2. With reference to mangroves:

- 1. They are salt-tolerant forests.
- 2. They occur along tropical and subtropical coasts.
- 3. Global mangrove cover has shown recovery due to conservation efforts.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- © 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

3. Consider the following about Maharishi Sushruta:

- 1. Author of Sushruta Samhita.
- 2. Pioneer of rhinoplasty and cataract surgery.
- 3. Bronze statue unveiled at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

(a)1&2 (b)2&3 (c)1&3 (d)1,2&3

4. The Vijayanagara inscriptions discovered at Sadasivakona are:

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1. Trilingual.
 2. Dated to 1554 CE.
 3. Related to King Sadasiva Deva Raya.
- (a)1&2 (b)2&3 (c)1&3 (d)1,2&3
5. Black Tigers found in Similipal Tiger Reserve are:
 - (a) Separate species
 - (b) Albino Bengal tigers
 - © Pseudo-melanistic Bengal tigers
 - (d) Hybrid tigers

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1. (b) Bhawaiya is associated with North Bengal, Assam and adjoining regions.
2. (d) All statements are correct.
3. (d) All statements are correct.
4. (d) All statements are correct.
5. © They are pseudo-melanistic variants of the Bengal tiger.