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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 01/06/2026

1. Sanchi Stupa:

Recent - Ministry of Culture transported relics of Lord Buddha's chief disciples, Arahant Sariputta and Arahant Mahamoggallana, from Sanchi Stupa to Mongolia.

Sanchi Stupa is located in Raisen district, Madhya Pradesh. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site (designated in 1989).

Its structure features a hemispherical dome called the anda, symbolising the cosmos, crowned by a harmika and chhatri.

Mauryan Emperor Ashoka built the Great Stupa in the 3rd century BCE as a brick mound over Buddha's relics. During the Shunga period, the brick core was encased in sandstone and nearly doubled in size.

The Satavahanas contributed four stone gateways, 'Toranas', which narrate Jataka tales and the Buddha's life through aniconic symbols, like the Bodhi tree, lotus, and dharma wheel.

Modern Discovery: British officer General Taylor rediscovered Sanchi Stupa in 1818, and Sir John Marshall later spearheaded major restoration works.

2. 6th Round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6):

Recent - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) released the sixth edition of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) for 2023-24.

NFHS is a large-scale, multi-round household survey designed to gather reliable, district-level data on population, health, nutrition, and family welfare.

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Scope: It tracks a broad spectrum of clinical and demographic indicators, ranging from maternal health, biomarkers, and nutrition to digital inclusion and women's empowerment.

The survey is fully funded and directed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, serving as the primary nodal agency.

Historical Baseline: The inaugural round (NFHS-1), conducted in 1992–1993, established India's first standardised national-level demographic and family welfare database.

NFHS-6 Scale: Conducted throughout 2023-24, the latest iteration surveyed nearly 6.79 lakh households across 715 districts.

3. Ghepan Lake:

Recent - A study by ISRO and Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority warned that expanding Ghepan Lake may trigger a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF).

GLOF is the sudden massive release of water from a high-altitude glacial lake, causing severe downstream flooding, often triggered by avalanches, landslides, or earthquakes.

Ghepan Lake is a moraine-dammed glacier lake formed behind unstable barriers of loose rock, sand, and glacial till left by the retreating Ghepan Glacier.

It lies above 4,000 metres in the Lahaul and Spiti district, near Sissu village in Himachal Pradesh.

Sissu village is designated a "Red Zone" due to the highest flood risk in GLOF scenarios.

The Lake feeds the Chandra River, which merges with the Bhaga River at Tandi to form the Chenab River.

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It is classified as “highly vulnerable” by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) because it nearly tripled in size from 1989 to 2022.

4. Polymer Banknotes:

Recent - RBI is reconsidering the introduction of polymer banknotes to reduce rising currency printing costs and improve the durability of notes in circulation.

Polymer banknotes are currency notes printed on a thin, flexible plastic substrate rather than the cotton-based paper used in conventional currency.

Polymer banknotes are lightweight, water-resistant, tear-resistant, and possess a longer circulation life compared to paper notes.

5. Agri – Khet Bachao Abhiyan:

Launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 1st June 2026.

It is a nationwide awareness campaign to promote balanced fertiliser use, soil health management and sustainable farming practices and reduce excessive use of chemical fertilisers and promote alternatives such as nano-urea, organic inputs and integrated nutrient management.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 02/06/2026

1. National Seed Reserve

Recent - A national seed reserve of 1 lakh 74 thousand quintals has been established by the government.

Objective: To safeguard farmers against seed shortages caused by natural disasters, climate-related disruptions, or supply-chain issues.

Maintained by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare with support from National Seeds Corporation and State Seed Corporations.

The Seed Authentication, Traceability and Holistic Inventory (SATHI) digital platform has been established for seed authentication, inventory management, and supply-chain traceability.

2. Valley of Flowers:

Recent - Valley of Flowers has opened to tourists for its annual monsoon blooming season.

It is an alpine valley located at ~3,600 meters in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, within the transition zone between Zaskar and the Great Himalayas. It is associated with Bhotia tribes.

Pushpawati River flows through it.

It is a core zone of Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve. It is a National Park (since 1982) and a UNESCO World Heritage Site (since 2005).

Flora: Hosts over 500 rare wildflower species, including Himalayan Blue Poppy and Brahma Kamal.

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Fauna: Snow leopard, Asiatic black bear, musk deer, brown bear, and bharal (blue sheep).

3. Blue Micromoon:

Recent - A rare celestial event, the Blue Micromoon, occurred after more than five years.

A blue micromoon occurs when a Blue Moon (the second full moon in a single calendar month) coincides with a micromoon (a full moon at apogee, the farthest point from Earth).

It appears about 6-7% smaller & 10-14% dimmer than typical full moon due to its greater distance from Earth.

4. Kill Switch:

Recent - RBI is exploring a 'Kill Switch' facility and a 'Switch On/Switch Off' mechanism to strengthen digital payment security and combat rising online fraud.

A Kill Switch is an emergency mechanism that immediately blocks or disables access to an account, system, or service to prevent unauthorized transactions.

Purpose: Designed to tackle digital frauds, particularly digital arrest scams, where fraudsters coerce victims into transferring money.

Switch On/Switch Off Facility: RBI is considering extending the existing card-control feature to UPI, internet banking, and other digital payment modes, allowing users to activate services only when needed.

Victims have reportedly lost nearly ₹3,000 crore to digital arrest scams, highlighting the need for stronger consumer protection measures.

5. India's First Blue Bond:

Recent - Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SFCL) plans to issue India's first Blue Bonds in FY 2026–27 to finance maritime and blue economy projects.

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Blue Bonds are debt instruments issued to raise funds earmarked exclusively for ocean-friendly projects and critical clean water resources protection.

Similar to Green Bonds, Blue Bonds are a subset of green/sustainable bonds that specifically target marine and water-based projects.

Seychelles launched the world's first sovereign Blue Bond in 2018 backed by World Bank and Global Environment Facility.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 03/06/2026

1. Lavender Festival 2026

Recent - 4th Lavender Festival is being organised in Bhaderwah (Doda, J&K) under the theme “Lavender Goes Global”.

Organised By: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) under the CSIR Aroma Mission to showcase the success of the Purple Revolution.

The festival highlights the transformation of Bhaderwah, known as the birthplace of India’s Purple Revolution, into a major lavender cultivation and aroma-industry hub.

2. Giant “Potato Patch” Coral:

Recent - Researchers have documented a massive coral colony near Kadmat Island in Lakshadweep, known locally as the “Potato Patch”.

The coral belongs to the species *Pavona clavus* and may be among the world’s largest known living coral colonies. Preliminary estimates suggest the coral may be 700–1,800 years old.

Covering an estimated 4,250 sq m, it exceeds the previously largest known *Pavona clavus* colony of ~3,973 sq m on Australia’s Great Barrier Reef.

Researchers describe it as a “natural time capsule”, preserving biological, genetic, and paleoclimatic information that can help model future environmental responses across the Indian Ocean.

3. Majuli Island:

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Recent - Study reconstructed 4,000 years of climate history of Majuli Island using sediments from Sakali Wetland.

Majuli is the world's largest inhabited river island and India's first island district, bounded to the south by the Brahmaputra and to the north by the Kherkutia Xuti (an anabranch of Brahmaputra) and Subansiri River.

It is cultural capital of Assam and epicenter of Assamese Neo-Vaishnavism, led by saint Srimanta Sankardeva.

Tribes: Mising (form the largest demographic), Deori and Sonowal Kachari.

Included in the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in the "Cultural Landscape" category in 2004.

4. Mission Senehjori:

Recent - Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and Assam Government launched Mission Senehjori for Assam Muga Silk.

Objectives: Build a traceable, export-driven economy to boost income for 2.5 lakh weavers and rearers; promote silk heritage tourism via Muga Silk Trail, Silk Tourism Park, and Muga Utsav festivals.

Uses a cluster-based model in key districts and plans to regenerate host plants (Som and Soalu) to improve silkworm ecology.

Key Targets: 5 modern reeling units, a Muga Spun Silk Mill for recycling silk waste, FPOs for collective bargaining, GI verification for traceability, and exports over 2,000 kg by 2028.

5. Project UDAYAK:

Recent - Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated the 37th Raising Day of Project UDAYAK on 1 June 2026 at Doomdooma, Assam.

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Project UDAYAK is BRO's strategic infrastructure project in Northeast India, enhancing connectivity, border security, and socio-economic development.

Area of Responsibility: Covers Anjaw, Lohit, Dibang Valley, Longding, Tirap and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh, along with parts of Assam.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 04/06/2026

1. Mesalina Bishnoi:

Recent - A new species of lizard, Mesalina Bishnoi, has been discovered in Rajasthan, making it the first confirmed record of the genus Mesalina in India.

It was named Mesalina bishnoi to honor the Bishnoi community's centuries-old dedication to wildlife preservation and the conservation of desert ecosystems.

The genus Mesalina was previously known only from the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, making its discovery in India scientifically significant.

Habitat: Adapted to arid and semi-arid landscapes.

Range: At present, Mesalina bishnoi is known only from its type locality in Bikaner district and is considered endemic to the Thar biogeographic province.

2. Tana Bhagats:

Recent - Tana Bhagat community in Jharkhand is opposing a highway expansion project under the Bharatmala Pariyojana, alleging violations of tribal land rights.

Key Concerns: Protesters claim that Gram Sabha consent was not obtained under the PESA Act, 1996, and that the project violates protections provided by the Chotanagpur Tenancy (CNT) Act, 1908, which safeguards tribal land ownership and transfer in Jharkhand.

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Tana Bhagats are a distinct socio-religious community within the Oraon (Kurukh) tribe, primarily concentrated in Jharkhand in the Chotanagpur region, especially in Ranchi, Gumla, Lohardaga, and Latehar districts.

The community traces its origin to Jatra Bhagat (Jatra Oraon), who initiated a reform movement in 1914.

3. Bolide:

Recent - Residents across several towns in the USA reported loud explosion-like booms and shaking, possibly caused by a bolide entering Earth's atmosphere.

A bolide is a bright meteor that explodes in Earth's atmosphere, producing intense flashes, shockwaves, and sonic booms before reaching the ground.

Big bolides may fragment into meteorites, while exceptionally energetic ones are known as superbolides.

4. India Becomes World's 2nd Largest Solar Market:

Recent - India became the world's second-largest solar growth market in 2025 (37 GW capacity added) after surpassing the United States in annual solar capacity additions.

India ranks 3rd globally in total renewable energy installed capacity after China & the USA.

In 2025, renewable sources met ~51.5% of India's electricity demand (203 GW).

5. BALTOPS 2026:

Recent - United States and NATO allies are conducting BALTOPS (Baltic Operations) 2026 in the Baltic Sea amid continuing tensions with Russia.

BALTOPS is an annual US-led multinational naval exercise held in the Baltic Sea since 1971.

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Objective: Focuses on maritime security, protection of sea lines of communication, logistics, and reinforcement of NATO's eastern flank.

Exercises include operations around Gotland, a strategically important Swedish island in the Baltic Sea.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 05/06/2026

1. Patna Kalam:

Recent - Bihar Museum hosted an exhibition featuring over 125 Patna Kalam paintings.

Patna Kalam, also known as the Patna School of Painting, is an 18th century Indian miniature painting style of the broader Company School that flourished in Bihar.

It emerged when artists from the declining Mughal courts migrated to Murshidabad and later to Patna.

Often called the “art of the commons,” it was the world’s first painting school dedicated exclusively to depicting the daily lives of ordinary people.

It blended Mughal miniature precision with European realism and shading, often depicting subjects without elaborate backgrounds, landscapes, or borders to maintain focus on human figures.

2. Flex Fuel Vehicles:

Recent - Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched India’s first mass-market flex-fuel motorcycles by Hero MotoCorp, compatible with E20 to E85 ethanol blends.

A flexible-fuel vehicle (FFV) uses a modified internal combustion engine to run on multiple fuels, usually gasoline blended with ethanol or methanol, stored in a common tank.

Key Benefits: They use domestic biofuels, reducing emissions and crude oil imports (India imports over 85%) and also help increase farmer incomes by creating demand for agricultural feedstocks.

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3. 'State of India's Environment 2026 In Figures' Report:

Recent - The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and DTE jointly released the 'State of India's Environment 2026 In Figures' Report based on government statistics.

Indicators: Environment, agriculture & land, public health, & human development/public infrastructure.

State Ranking: Goa is the top ranker, while India's five most populous states (UP, Maharashtra, Bihar, MP, and WB) perform poorly. Waste management remains a major challenge even for infrastructure.

4. Lodha Tribe:

Recent - An alleged derogatory remark by a government official against the Lodha Tribe in Odisha has triggered an inquiry by the NCST.

The Lodhas are a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group primarily found in Odisha and parts of West Bengal.

The Lodha community was historically labelled under the colonial Criminal Tribes Act, 1871, a legacy that continues to affect perceptions of the community.

5. Salaya Port:

Recent - Indian mechanised dhow MSV Al Umar reached Salaya port after being stranded at Mokha, Yemen, amid immigration curbs at non-notified ports during the West Asian conflict.

Salaya is a minor, non-notified tidal port in Dwarka district, Gujarat, on the southern coast of Gulf of Kutch.

The port is naturally sheltered by creeks, mangroves, and two islands (Kalubhar Tapu and Dhani Bet), making it well-suited for beaching and protecting vessels during extreme weather.

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It serves as an all-weather, deep-draft commercial bulk terminal and the principal hub for India's traditional dhow (Mechanised Sailing Vessel) trade.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 06/06/2026

1. EU Cloud and AI Development Act (CADA)

Recent - CADA is a proposed EU framework aimed at strengthening digital sovereignty by ensuring that critical cloud and AI infrastructure is under European control.

Preventing a “Kill Switch”: Addresses concerns that foreign governments or companies could potentially disrupt essential digital services during geopolitical crises.

Forms part of the strategy to reduce reliance on US & Chinese dominance in cloud computing, AI, and semiconductor

2. Dark Pattern:

Recent - The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), imposed penalties on digital platforms for using dark pattern practices that misled consumers and influenced their choices.

Dark patterns are deceptive practices that distort user choice or consent by creating false urgency, hiding information, adding unintended purchases, inducing guilt, overwhelming users, or misleading them into actions they did not intend to take.

The Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023, were notified by CCPA in 2023. The Guidelines identify 13 dark patterns that are considered unfair trade practices.

3. Laos:

Recent - Deputy PM and Foreign Minister of Laos visited India to co-chair the 10th Joint Commission Meeting and mark 70 years of diplomatic relations.

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Laos (capital: Vientiane) is the only landlocked country in Southeast Asia, bordered by China (North), Vietnam (East), Cambodia (South), Thailand (West), and Myanmar (Northwest).

It forms part of the Golden Triangle (Death Triangle) with Myanmar and Thailand at the Ruak-Mekong confluence, known for illicit opium production.

4. Sowa Rigpa:

Recent - National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) organised a Common Yoga Protocol Session under the Mission LiFE initiative.

Sowa Rigpa is a traditional system of medicine popularly known as the “Science of Healing.” It is mainly practised in the Himalayan regions such as Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, & Arunachal Pradesh etc.

5. Navachar Mantra:

Initiative by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to identify and promote grassroots innovators and early-stage entrepreneurs.

The programme prioritises micro-entrepreneurs, rural innovators, and early-stage start-ups from Tier-2/Tier-3 cities, Aspirational Districts, and underserved regions, offering 12 months of incubation, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 08/06/2026

1. Abhilasha Biofuel (ABF):

Recent - Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology, has extended support to Pune-based GreenJoules Private Limited to scale up Abhilasha Biofuel (ABF) manufacturing.

Abhilasha Biofuel (ABF) is an indigenous second-generation (2G) renewable diesel and naphtha alternative, made entirely from agricultural residues and agro-industrial waste.

Drop-In Fuel: ABF can be used in any machinery or vehicle without modifying engines, fuel systems, or distribution infrastructure

2. Fourth Global Coral Bleaching:

Recent - The 4th global coral bleaching event, the fastest and most extensive on record, likely ended by mid-2025, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

It caused bleaching-level heat stress across 84% of reef areas in 83 countries.

3. Surha Tal: India's 100th Ramsar Site:

Recent - Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Uttar Pradesh, has been designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site.

India now has the highest number of Ramsar Sites in Asia and the third highest globally, after the United Kingdom (176) and Mexico (144).

Located in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, in the middle stretch of the Ganga River basin.

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It is a freshwater oxbow lake formed from an old meander of Ganga River and fed by 3 freshwater channels.

4. Supergranulation and Solar Cycle

Recent - Using over a century of Kodaikanal solar data, scientists found that supergranular properties on the Sun are closely linked to the 11-year solar cycle.

Supergranulation refers to large-scale convection cells on the Sun's surface (Photosphere) formed by the movement of hot plasma. Supergranules concentrate magnetic flux at their boundaries, creating the Sun's network-like structure.

Size & Lifespan: The typical size of Supergranulation is ~30,000 km, with average lifetime of ~24 hours.

5. Phantom Pain:

Recent - Despite affecting 64% of amputees worldwide and 41-57% in India, phantom pain remains widely underdiagnosed and poorly managed.

Phantom pain is the sensation of real pain originating from a body part that no longer exists, commonly occurring after amputation but also after removal of organs, breasts, or teeth.

It results from cortical remapping in the brain and neuroma formation at severed nerve endings, which generate abnormal pain signals despite the absence of the body part.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 09/06/2026

1. Zojila Tunnel

Recent - Zojila Tunnel achieved its final breakthrough, completing the excavation phase.

It is a 13.15-km single-tube, bi-directional roadway engineered using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM) to safely traverse fragile Himalayan geology.

Located at 11,578 feet on Zojila pass, it connects Baltal in J&K to Meenamarg in Ladakh's Drass-Kargil region.

2. Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank (FCNR(B)) Deposits:

Recent - RBI decided to bear the full hedging cost on fresh FCNR(B) deposits till September 30, to attract NRI dollar deposits and support the rupee.

When NRIs place dollars with Indian banks, banks receive dollar funds. These inflows can help improve foreign currency availability in the system and reduce some pressure on the rupee.

It is a fixed deposit that non-resident Indians can hold in foreign currency (US dollar, pound, euro, yen, Canadian dollar or Australian dollar) with Indian banks.

3. Majorana 2 Quantum Chip:

Recent - Majorana 2 is Microsoft's experimental quantum processor based on topological qubits.

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Majorana 2 achieves an average quantum coherence time of 20 seconds (up to 1 minute), compared to milliseconds in most conventional quantum processors.

Improved qubit stability could accelerate the development of fault-tolerant quantum computers.

3. Chloramphenicol & Nitrofurans

Recent – India has intensified action against the illegal use of Chloramphenicol and Nitrofurans in shrimp farming after export consignments faced rejection in major markets.

Both chemicals were banned in India in March 2025 for use in aquaculture and food-producing animals.

Chloramphenicol: It is a broad-spectrum antibiotic formerly used in veterinary and human medicine. Residues in food can cause serious blood disorders, especially aplastic anaemia.

Nitrofurans: They are a group of synthetic antimicrobial drugs used against bacterial infections. Nitrofuran residues can persist in animal tissues and are considered potentially carcinogenic (cancer-causing).

4. World Oceans Day (NOA):

Observed on June 8, 2026, with the theme “Reimagine: Beyond the world we know, a new relationship with our ocean,” urges action against anthropogenic pressures on marine ecosystems.

Proposed by Canada at the 1992 Earth Summit, it was recognised by the UNGA in 2008.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 10/06/2026

1. Istanbul Platform

Recent - The Istanbul Platform: Zero Waste Package to Accelerate Climate Action, launched by the Zero Waste Forum, in Istanbul, during a strategic coordination meeting of the MPGCA.

It is aimed at connecting, strengthening coordination and delivery of zero waste solutions across the Global Climate Action Agenda in the lead-up to COP31 in Antalya.

2. Coal Exchange:

Recent - Ministry of Coal notified the Coal Exchange Rules, 2026, to shift India's coal marketing from a "one-to-many" monopoly to a "many-to-many" trading model.

Coal exchange is an electronic commodity-trading platform for physical coal, replacing state-notified prices and fragmented e-auctions with automated, real-time price discovery.

Coal Controller Organisation (CCO) is the designated central authority responsible for registering, regulating, and auditing coal exchanges.

3. Super Typhoon Sinlaku:

Recent - Satellite imagery analysis revealed that Super Typhoon Sinlaku generated atmospheric gravity waves reaching Earth's mesosphere.

Sinlaku originated in the western North Pacific and intensified into a Category 5-equivalent tropical cyclone, affecting Micronesia and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The cyclone generated atmospheric gravity waves via latent heat from hot towers near the eyewall. These waves reached 80-100 km altitude and persisted because of weak stratospheric winds.

4. Mindanao Island:

Recent - A powerful earthquake struck off Mindanao Island in the Philippines.

Known as the “Food Basket of the Philippines“, Mindanao is the second-largest island of the Philippines after Luzon and is located in the southern part of the archipelago.

The Philippines is an island country of Southeast Asia in the western Pacific Ocean, surrounded by the Philippine Sea, the Celebes Sea, the Sulu Sea and the South China Sea. It lies along the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it highly vulnerable to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis.

5. Shigellosis

Recent - Kerala faced a severe shigellosis outbreak, leading to multiple hospitalisations.

Shigellosis is a highly contagious intestinal infection caused by Gram-negative bacteria called Shigella.

Shigella is the second leading cause of diarrhoeal death worldwide, after Rotavirus. It spreads through faecal-oral means via contaminated water, unhygienic food, and sexual contact.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 11/06/2026

1. Assam Blue Valley Cluster

Recent - The Assam Government & the EU have launched the Blue Valley Cluster in Guwahati.

It is a joint initiative to strengthen cooperation in bioeconomy sectors such as natural flavours, fragrances, and AYUSH and positions Assam as a strategic hub connecting Europe with India's Northeast & broader regional markets.

Objective: To develop sustainable value chains based on Assam's rich biodiversity, medicinal plants, agarwood, tea, and wellness products.

2. Land Port Management System:

Recent - Union Home Minister launched VINIMAY, a centralised digital platform designed to integrate operations across land ports into a unified ecosystem.

It introduces a Single Electronic Window for users and enables real-time information sharing among border guarding forces, regulatory bodies, and central agencies.

It is aimed at modernising India's land port operations by integrating cargo, passenger, and vehicle processing on a single interface.

VINIMAY is a key component of the Centre's four-pronged Smart Border initiative and is expected to eliminate nearly 90% of paperwork at land ports and reduce truck waiting times by 40–60%.

3. C-295 Transport Aircraft:

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Recent - The first Made-in-India C-295 military transport aircraft, manufactured by Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems Limited, successfully completed its maiden test flight

C-295 is a Medium Tactical Transport Aircraft developed by Airbus Aerospace, designed for troop transport, cargo missions, medical evacuation, and disaster relief operations.

Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) Capability allows operations from short and unprepared airstrips.

4. Membrane Cell Technology:

Recent - Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 2025 require caustic soda plants using membrane cell technology to pass a fish-survival test for wastewater toxicity during laboratory-based bioassay testing.

Membrane Cell Technology is an electrochemical process used in the chlor-alkali industry to co-produce chlorine, hydrogen, and high-purity sodium hydroxide (caustic soda).

It uses a selective cation-exchange membrane that restricts ion migration to positive ions, cutting electrical consumption by 26% compared with mercury cells.

5. A&C – Petroglyphs:

Archaeologists discovered petroglyphs and stone-age artefacts in the Bhondsi stretch of Aravalli forests, Gurugram, evidencing continuous human occupation from Lower Palaeolithic to Mesolithic era.

A petroglyph is an image, symbol, or design created by removing part of a rock surface through carving, incising, picking, or abrading.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 12/06/2026

1. Sangeet Natak Akademi Ratna

Recent - Sangeet Natak Akademi has selected 7 eminent personalities for the prestigious Akademi Ratna (Fellowship) and conferred Akademi Awards on 108 artistes for 2024-25.

It has also selected 106 young artists for Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the years 2024 and 2025

The Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) carries a cash prize of ₹3 lakh, while the Akademi Award carries ₹1 lakh, along with a Tamrapatra (citation plaque) and Angavastram (shawl of honour).

Fellowship of the Akademi is a most prestigious and rare honour, which is restricted to 40 at any given time.

2. Excise Duty Exemption for Higher Ethanol-Blends:

Recent - Ministry of Finance exempted four ethanol-blended petrol grades, E22, E25, E27, and E30, from all forms of central excise duty.

The exemption aims to reduce production costs for Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and incentivise gradual market expansion of higher ethanol blends.

Excise duty is an indirect tax levied on the manufacture or production of specific goods within the country. It is imposed at the point of production.

3. Rip Currents

Recently, the ISRO sanctioned a research project to study rip currents and develop AI- and satellite-based tools for beach safety.

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Rip currents are narrow, fast-moving channels of water that flow away from the shore towards the sea.

They form when waves continuously push water towards the coast, and the accumulated water finds a narrow path to flow back into the ocean.

4. Infra – Network Survey Vehicle

A sensor-equipped vehicle that collects road inventory and pavement condition data (e.g., surface cracking, potholes, rut depth) while travelling at normal traffic speeds.

It carries laser profilers, high-resolution cameras, LiDAR sensors, GPS receivers, accelerometers, a Distance Measuring Instrument (DMI), and a video logging system.

5. One Station One Product

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) is using OSOP outlets to market Divyangjan crafts under PM Vishwakarma, promoting Samridhi (Prosperity).

Launched by the Ministry of Railways in 2022, OSOP identifies regional handicrafts, handlooms, agricultural produce, and regional foods and allocates exhibition kiosks at local railway stations.

PM Vishwakarma, launched in 2023 by MoMSME, offers holistic support—recognition, skill training, and credit access—to traditional artisans across 18 trades.

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1. INS Baaz:

Recent – The government recently decided to build a new Rs 13,000-crore greenfield civil-military airport as part of the Great Nicobar project instead of expanding the existing naval airfield at INS Baaz.

It is an Indian naval air station located near Campbell Bay, on Great Nicobar Island in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

It was commissioned on July 31, 2012. It is the first air station in the Nicobar Islands.

It is the southernmost air station of the Indian Armed Forces.

It is under the joint-services Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) of the Indian Armed Forces.

It significantly enhances India's capacity for intelligence gathering, surveillance, and reconnaissance across vast areas of the Indian Ocean.

2. Estonia:

Recent – Estonian government officials and business executives are expressing greater interest in cooperating with India in defence and trade.

It is a country in northeastern Europe, the northernmost of the three Baltic states.

It is bordered by Russia in the east and Latvia in the south.

It is also bounded by the Gulf of Finland in the north, the Baltic Sea in the west, and Lake Peipus in the east.

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Estonia shares its maritime borders with Finland and Sweden.

3. *Chonala albistricta*:

Recent – Researchers recently discovered a new butterfly species named *Chonala albistricta* in Arunachal Pradesh.

Chonala albistricta, or Narrow-banded Wall, is a new species of butterfly.

It was discovered at Mayodia Pass in the Lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh.

It belongs to the genus *Chonala*, a small group of mountain butterflies found in high-elevation regions of the Himalayas and neighbouring parts of Asia.

It is the tenth known species in the genus *Chonala* worldwide and only the second species from the genus recorded in India.

4. *Ingerana occidentis*:

Recent - A researcher recently discovered a new species of frog named *Ingerana occidentis* in the canopy-covered streams of northeastern India.

Ingerana occidentis, or the western trickle frog, is a new species of frog.

It was discovered in the Garo and Khasi Hills of Meghalaya south of the Brahmaputra River.

When comparing the DNA of the newly found southern frogs to the topotypic *Ingerana borealis* frogs living north of the Brahmaputra River, there is an 18% difference in their genetic code.

5. *Varya AI Model*:

Recent – Avataar.ai, an artificial intelligence (AI)-native transformation company has launched the *Varya AI* model.

It is a distilled video model built to make frontier video AI affordable, accessible and relevant for India's next generation of users.

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It is developed with support from the IndiaAI Mission.

Technique used: Varya uses a distillation technique that reduces video generation from 50 steps to 4 steps, while maintaining comparable output quality.

Cost: It can generate video at ₹0.48 per second, making it upto 10x more cost-efficient than several leading global video models.

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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 15/06/2026

1. Paraquat Dichloride:

Recent - Telangana became the 3rd state, after Kerala and Odisha, to ban the sale, distribution, manufacture, and use of the fast-acting, toxic herbicide paraquat dichloride.

Paraquat is a non-selective herbicide used to control broadleaf weeds and grasses, and as a crop desiccant or defoliant. It acts on contact, targeting only the green foliage it touches, without harming mature brown bark or woody stems.

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3. US Hellfire Missiles (AGM-114):

Recent - US military fired Hellfire ('Heliborne Laser Fire-and-Forget') missiles (AGM-114) at oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman to enforce an anti-Iran blockade, causing Indian crew casualties.

The AGM-114 is a short-range, precision-guided air-to-surface and surface-to-surface missile.

Uses semi-active laser homing or millimetre-wave radar guidance for precision strikes.

It can carry high-explosive anti-tank charges to penetrate heavy armour or blast-fragmentation warheads.

4. A&C – Thirukkural:

Classical Tamil ethical text authored by Thiruvalluvar, often called the "Universal Veda" or the "Tamil Veda".

It is divided into three sections: Aram (Virtue/Ethics), Porul (Wealth, Governance & Society) and Inbam (Love and Human Relationships).

Covers a wide range of themes, including ethics, good governance, statecraft, diplomacy, economics, education, family life, and human relationships.

5. Muscat Plan of Action (2026):

UN-backed framework that empowers Traditional and Indigenous Leaders and Peoples in preventing hate speech, genocide, and atrocity crimes.

It was launched at the UNO by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Sultanate of Oman.

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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 16/06/2026

1. Xuanzang:

Recent - India and China are in advanced discussions to submit a joint nomination to UNESCO for The Great Tang Records on the Western Regions (Si-Yu-Ki), the celebrated travel account of the 7th century Chinese Buddhist monk and scholar Xuanzang.

India is separately pursuing joint UNESCO nominations for the Panchatantra with Iran and for the philosophy of Satyagraha with South Africa.

Xuanzang also known as Hieun Tsang was a Chinese Buddhist monk who travelled across India during the reign of Harshavardhana in the 7th century CE.

2. Drop Shipping:

Recent - The rise of drop shipping, driven by AI storefronts and social media, faces scrutiny over deceptive marketing and consumer issues in cross-border e-commerce.

Drop shipping is an inventory-free retail model where sellers act as middlemen, attracting buyers via digital storefronts and using customer payments to order from suppliers who ship directly to customers.

It cuts costs by removing warehousing, inventory, and logistics, helping digital startups, but detachment from physical supply chains risks opaque product origins, poor quality control, and difficult refunds.

3. 2026 Global Peace Index:

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Recent - 2026 Global Peace Index (GPI), published by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), shows a deterioration in global peacefulness for the 12th consecutive year across 163 countries.

The index evaluates countries across three domains: Societal Safety and Security, Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict, and Militarisation.

Iceland remained the most peaceful country for the 19th consecutive year, followed by New Zealand and Switzerland. Poland recorded the largest improvement, while Russia ranked last as the least peaceful.

South Asia recorded the steepest regional decline in peace in the 2026 GPI. While Bhutan (16th) remains the region's most peaceful country, India dropped from 115th in the 2025 GPI to 127th.

4. Shinas Anchorage

Recent - Maritime trade bodies, including the Forward Seamen's Union of India (FSUI), have demanded that the Union government issue advisories to avoid the Shinas Anchorage maritime zone.

Shinas Anchorage is a maritime staging and bunkering area in the Sultanate of Oman, located within the broader Oman Outer Port Limit (OPL) areas.

Situated in the Gulf of Oman, it serves as a critical transit and waiting point for merchant vessels navigating the corridor near the Strait of Hormuz.

5. Chandra X-ray Observatory:

NASA space telescope launched in 1999 via Space Shuttle Columbia to detect high-energy X-ray emissions from extreme cosmic environments such as black holes and supernovae.

It orbits above Earth's X-ray-absorbing atmosphere and is named after Nobel laureate astrophysicist Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar.

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Chandra is part of NASA's Great Observatories programme, alongside the Hubble Space Telescope, the retired Spitzer Space Telescope, and the de-orbited Compton Gamma Ray Observatory.

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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 17/06/2026

1. Miyazaki Mango

Recent - Ayodhya's Shree Ram Mandir received the first locally grown Miyazaki mango, considered the world's costliest mango.

Popularly known as the "Egg of the Sun" due to its bright red-purple colour and oval shape, Miyazaki Mango is a premium mango variety originating from Japan, particularly the Miyazaki Prefecture.

Fruits are rich in natural sugars, antioxidants, beta-carotene, folic acid, and vitamins A & C, giving them exceptional sweetness and nutritional value.

2. India–Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism

Recent - India and Japan have adopted the Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

JCM is a bilateral carbon-credit mechanism under the Paris Agreement, allowing countries to collaborate on emission-reduction projects and share the resulting carbon credits.

Under the India–Japan JCM, Japanese entities can now invest in low-carbon projects in India; the verified emission reductions are converted into carbon credits that help both countries achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

3. Namoo Cities

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Recent - NCR Planning Board has approved development of four greenfield “Namo Cities”, one each in NCR regions of Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

The Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) model will be adopted, with cities planned around Namo Bharat (RRTS) corridors and transport hubs.

Aim: To reduce pressure on Delhi, promote balanced regional growth, and create sustainable, smart urban centres in the NCR region.

4. Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)

Recent - DRDO successfully test-fired the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

LRLACM is an indigenous, subsonic, terrain-hugging cruise missile designed to strike high-value stationary targets, often compared to the US Tomahawk missile.

The missile features a strike range of over 1,000 km at cruise speeds of approximately Mach 0.8. It is propelled by the indigenous Manik Small Turbofan Engine.

LRLACM is the direct successor to the Nirbhay cruise missile, designed for tri-service integration across the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

5. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

Observed on June 17, with Kenya hosting, the 2026 theme is “Rangelands: Recognise. Respect. Restore.”

UNGA established the observance in 1994 to mark the adoption of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the sole legally binding framework for combating desertification and drought.

It promotes Land Degradation Neutrality, in which human activity causes no net loss of land health.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 18/06/2026

1. Sea Silk:

Recent - South Korean researchers recreated sea silk from clam waste and identified the cause of its long-lasting metallic shimmer.

Scientists used pen shells (*Atrina pectinata*), a clam species cultivated for food in Korea. They found that sea silk's golden glow comes from layered nanoscale photonic proteins that bend and reflect light.

Sea silk, known as the “golden fibre of the sea,” was traditionally harvested from byssus threads of *Pinna nobilis*, a Mediterranean giant fan mussel. It is critically endangered because of pathogen outbreaks, overfishing, climate change, and pollution.

2. State Development Loans (SDLs):

Recent - Nine states have raised ₹20,461 crore through State Development Loans (SDLs).

SDLs are market borrowings raised by State Governments through bonds to finance development expenditure and fiscal deficits. Generally carry higher yields than Central Government Securities (G-Secs) and have maturities ranging from 5–30 years.

They are auctioned by the Reserve Bank of India through eKuber on behalf of the State Governments.

Constitutional Basis: State borrowing powers are governed by Article 293 of the Constitution of India.

3. RISE Conclave 2026

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Recent - 6th edition of Research, Industry, Start-up and Entrepreneurship (RISE) Conclave 2026 concluded in Bengaluru. It was hosted by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Theme: Innovation & Entrepreneurship Driven Growth for Viksit Bharat 2047.

It focused on aligning scientific research with commercial applications, and it brought together policymakers, industry leaders, start-ups and researchers to support India's vision for Viksit Bharat 2047.

4. Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project

Recent - Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level meeting that broke a decades-long deadlock over the Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project.

Kishau Dam is a proposed hydroelectric and water-resource project under construction on the Tons River (the Yamuna's largest tributary) at the Himachal Pradesh-Uttarakhand border.

Declared a National Project, it represents a model of cooperative federalism among six beneficiary states: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

5. World Gold Council (WGC)

Recent - World Gold Council's (WGC) 2026 Central Bank Gold Reserves (CBGR) survey indicate that the central banks around the world would accumulate more gold in the future.

The WGC is an international organization representing the world's leading gold mining companies and works to promote the responsible and sustainable use of gold.

It was established in 1987 and is headquartered in London, United Kingdom.

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The Council promotes gold investment, supports market development, and conducts research on global gold demand, supply, and prices. It encourages responsible and sustainable gold mining practices through various industry initiatives.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 19/06/2026

1. India-Russia RELOS

Recent - India and Russia have operationalised the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS), enabling reciprocal logistics support. RELOS was signed in February 2025.

Logistics Support: It enables reciprocal access to military bases, ports, airfields, fuel, repairs, maintenance, medical aid, and supplies during approved activities.

Exercises and HADR: Applicable for joint military exercises, training, port calls, military visits, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations.

Military Bases or Troop Stationing: RELOS does not permit permanent deployment of troops or establishment of military bases in either country.

Arctic Access: The agreement provides India access to Russian logistics facilities, including those in the Arctic, supporting future cooperation along emerging Northern Sea Routes.

2. Project Nimbus:

Recent - Project Nimbus came into the spotlight amid the ongoing Israel-Iran Conflict.

Project Nimbus is a cloud-computing and artificial intelligence (AI) contract awarded jointly to Google and Amazon by the Israeli government in 2021.

The project aims to provide cloud infrastructure, data storage, AI tools, and other digital services to various government departments and public institutions in Israel.

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The project has faced criticism from human rights groups and activists, who argue that the technologies could potentially be used for surveillance of Palestinian activists and impose a brutal siege on Gaza.

3. Helium-3:

Recent - Apollo mission samples confirmed that Helium-3 exists in greater concentrations in the Moon's topmost surface layer, called the regolith.

Helium-3 is a rare isotope of helium that differs from regular helium by having one fewer neutron in its atomic nucleus.

Non-radioactive, and chemically inert. Extremely rare on Earth. Most of the current Earthbound supply comes from the decay of tritium in nuclear weapon stockpiles.

4. QS World University Rankings 2027:

Recent - QS World University Rankings 2027 ranked Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as the top university for the 15th consecutive year, with Imperial College London and Stanford University tied for second place.

QS World University Rankings is an annual publication by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a UK-based higher-education analytics firm.

It evaluates institutions across nine indicators: Academic and Employer Reputation, Citations per Faculty, Faculty-Student Ratio, International Faculty & Student Ratios, Sustainability, Employment Outcomes, etc.

5. Kazan Declaration 2026:

Adopted by Russia and ASEAN on the 35th anniversary of ASEAN–Russia relations, the declaration outlines priorities for the ASEAN–Russia Strategic Partnership (2026–2030) and reaffirms commitment to a just, democratic, and multipolar international order based on the UN Charter and international law.

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Located at the confluence of the Volga and Kazanka rivers, Kazan is the capital of the Russian republic of Tatarstan.

Kazan also hosted the 16th BRICS Summit (2024).

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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 20/06/2026

1. New Naval Platforms

Recent – The Indian Navy is scheduled to commission three indigenously built frontline platforms – Dunagiri, Sanshodhak, and Agray – in Kolkata.

INS Dunagiri

It is the fifth Project 17A stealth frigate.

It was designed by Warship Design Bureau (WDB).

It was built at Garden Reach Shipbuilding and Engineers Ltd (GRSE).

Sanshodhak

It is the fourth Survey Vessel (Large).

Function: It is designed for coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys and collection of oceanographic and geophysical data for defence and civil applications.

Agray

It is the fourth of the Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.

2. Turquoise Nexus Initiative:

Recent – Turkey's Presidency of 2026 UNFCCC COP31 and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have introduced the Turquoise Nexus Initiative (TNI).

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It is aimed at integrating food security, water management and climate adaptation into national climate plans.

It is unveiled by Turkey's upcoming COP31 Presidency and Food and Agriculture Organization.

It will help developing countries align NDCs and Paris Agreement efforts with farmer-inclusive strategies and improved climate finance.

It is a proposed programme under FAO's multistakeholder Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) Partnership which was launched by the COP27 Presidency in 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

3. Drunix:

Recent – the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) rolled out the Drunix platform.

It is an enterprise-grade distributed ledger technology designed to help organizations build and scale tokenization platforms, digital asset ecosystems, and multi-organization networks.

Drunix is a custom-built private blockchain framework designed to deliver high scalability and optimized performance.

It enables blockchain deployment at scale and is engineered for enterprise and public infrastructure adoption.

4. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana:

Recent – the Prime Minister of India disbursed incentives amounting to approximately ₹2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).

It is a flagship employment generation scheme launched by the Government of India to encourage job creation in the formal sector.

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The scheme provides financial incentives to employers and first-time employees, promoting increased enrollment in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

It aims to boost employment opportunities, strengthen social security coverage, and support the vision of a developed India by 2047.

5. Energy Transition Index:

Recent - India moved up two places to rank 70th in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026.

It is released by the World Economic Forum.

It evaluates countries on energy security, sustainability and equity, along with the readiness of their policy, financial and infrastructure environments to support the transition.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 22/06/2026

1. State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2026 Report:

Recent - FAO released the biennial State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026 report under the theme “Blue Transformation: Turning Vision into Impact”.

Global Production reached a record 235 million tonnes in 2024. Aquaculture contributed 53% of aquatic animal production, exceeding 100 million tonnes for the first time.

Asian countries lead global aquaculture, but Africa’s per-capita aquatic food supply remains below average.

Key Concern: Sustainable marine fish stocks’ share dropped from 64.5% in 2021 to 62.4% in 2023.

2. India’s 1st Commercial-Scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project:

Recent - Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of India’s first commercial-scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project at Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda district, Odisha.

The project is being developed by Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL), a joint venture between Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Coal India Limited (CIL).

The project will use coal gasification technology to convert coal into value-added chemicals, including ammonium nitrate.

3. Fast X-ray Transients (FXTs)

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Recent - Astronomers have identified the likely origin of EP241107a, a rare Fast X-ray Transient (FXT), linking it to either a massive-star collapse or a neutron-star merger.

EP241107a was discovered by the Einstein Probe, a Chinese space-based X-ray astronomy satellite designed to detect and monitor high-energy events in the universe.

FXTs are brief, highly energetic bursts of low-energy X-rays that typically last from minutes to a few hours before fading rapidly. FXTs are generally non-repeating and unpredictable, making them challenging to detect.

4. Development Policy Financing

Recent - World Bank approved \$1.5 billion for India through its Development Policy Financing (DPF) operations, aligned with World Bank Group Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for India for FY2026–31.

DPF provides rapid disbursement of financial assistance directly to a country's national budget instead of funding physical infrastructure projects. It can be extended as loans, credits/grants, or guarantees.

Objective: Support institutional reforms promoting sustainable growth and poverty reduction.

5. 12th International Day of Yoga

Celebrated globally on 21 June with the theme “Yoga for Healthy Ageing“, it promotes the benefits of practising yoga.

Proposed by India, it was established by the UNGA in 2014.

In India, the Ministry of Ayush is the nodal agency for organising events.

The day coincides with the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 23/06/2026

1. Skeleton Remains in Rakhigarhi:

Recent - Archaeological Survey of India has transferred excavated human skeletal remains from Rakhigarhi, Haryana, to the Anthropological Survey of India in Kolkata.

The excavation recovered five complete skeletons, all aged 30 to 40 years, alongside three fragmentary burials at Mound No. 7.

Earlier excavations here revealed female skeletons adorned with jewellery, including jasper, agate beads, and shell bangles on their wrists. DNA analysis of a Rakhigarhi female revealed the absence of the “Steppe Pastoralist” gene, challenging Aryan invasion theories and indicating indigenous ancestral contrevealed.

Rakhigarhi, in Hisar district, Haryana, along the seasonal Drishadvati river, is the largest known Harappan site, with continuous occupation from Early to Mature Harappan phases.

2. UNGS Brief on Earth System Tipping Points:

Recent - UN Secretary-General António Guterres released the Scientific Advisory Board’s Brief #12 on Earth system tipping points during the London Climate Action Week.

Guterres also launched a global Call to Action on Methane, co-developed by the UNSG’s Climate Action Team, to reduce methane emissions from three sources: waste, agriculture, and fossil fuel operations.

Tipping points are critical thresholds at which small environmental changes trigger major, self-perpetuating shifts in ecosystems. These

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shifts cannot be reversed on human timescales, even if greenhouse gas emissions are reduced or eliminated.

3. QS World Future Skills Index 2027:

Recent - India secured 13th position globally and ranked 1st among lower-middle-income economies in the QS World Future Skills Index 2027.

Released by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), the index assesses countries' preparedness for an AI-driven, rapidly evolving labour market.

The index evaluates 89 countries across four pillars – Skills Alignment, Academic Readiness, Future of Work, and Economic Transformation.

Top Countries: The United States topped the index, followed by Australia and the United Kingdom.

4. RBI's FCNR(B) Swap Facility:

Recent - RBI issued guidelines regarding its special swap facility for Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits, and External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) and overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs) to encourage foreign currency inflows into India.

Recently the RBI announced a forex swap facility covering FCNR(B) deposits, ECBs, and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs) to encourage foreign currency inflows into India.

Forex Swap (Foreign Exchange Swap): It is an agreement between two parties (usually a central bank and commercial banks) to exchange one currency for another at the current exchange rate and reverse the transaction at a predetermined future date and rate.

5. Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS):

Recent - RBI permitted financiers on Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms to avail government-backed credit guarantee cover for financed invoices.

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TReDS is an RBI-regulated electronic platform that allows MSMEs to access working capital by discounting invoices via competitive bidding.

It offers quick, collateral-free, non-recourse MSME financing, reducing default risk. It lowers corporate procurement costs, supports Priority Sector Lending, and ensures secure transactions.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 24/06/2026

1. Biochar:

Recent - recent report estimates scaling biochar from surplus agricultural residue could remove up to 450 MT of CO₂ annually by 2030, while reducing crop-residue burning in India.

Biochar is a fine-grained, carbon-rich substance produced by heating organic biomass in a low-oxygen, high-temperature environment through pyrolysis.

Applications: Used for soil improvement, carbon sequestration, wastewater treatment (heavy metal removal such as chromium, arsenic), stubble management, and production of clean fuels (syngas and bio-oil).

2. BGP Hijacking

Recent - Telegram's CEO claimed platform access outside India, including the UAE, was disrupted through Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) hijacking.

BGP is the Internet's inter-domain routing system, directing data packets across Autonomous Systems (Ass) that make up the Internet. In BGP hijacking, attackers disrupt it by falsely claiming control over an Internet Protocol (IP) address prefix to reroute traffic.

Risks: Traffic interception, surveillance, man-in-the-middle attacks, unauthorised censorship, espionage, and cross-border network disruptions.

3. Fibre-Optic Drones

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Recent - Fibre-optic drones have emerged as an important tool in modern asymmetric warfare, prominently used in the Russia–Ukraine war and the Israel–Hezbollah conflict.

Fibre-optic drones are unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) connected to their operator through a fibre-optic cable spool, instead of radiofrequency (RF) communication.

Since they emit minimal RF signals, they are resistant to jamming, spoofing, and electronic warfare systems.

4. Ammonia:

Recent - a devastating ammonia gas leak at a seafood processing plant in Tamil Nadu resulted in multiple fatalities and widespread hospitalizations.

Ammonia is a clear, colourless gas with a sharp, pungent odour often compared to that of rotting fish.

It consists of one nitrogen atom and three hydrogen atoms (NH_3). It can be compressed into a liquid and readily dissolves in water.

It occurs naturally in the environment and is also produced through various industrial processes.

5. Thewa Art

Recent – During Prime Minister of India visit to Slovakia, he gifted Thewa motif cufflinks to Slovak President Peter Pellegrini, bringing global attention to Rajasthan's centuries-old Thewa craft.

Thewa is an extraordinary traditional jewelry-making and decorative craft that involves the precise, delicate fusion of hand-carved sheets of pure gold onto vibrant, specially treated molten glass. The final artifact creates an illusion of a gold-rich, heavily ornamented piece while using minimal gold, making it look as though it glows from an internal light source.

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Primary Hub: Exclusively practiced and preserved in the Pratapgarh district of Rajasthan, India.

Geographical Protection: The craft holds a prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) status (awarded in 2013–2014).

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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 25/06/2026

1. DPIIT Notifies Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026

Ministry: Commerce & Industry (DPIIT)

DPIIT has notified the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026.

The Order aims to ensure a smooth transition to mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs).

It seeks to balance industrial competitiveness, innovation, supply chain resilience, and regulatory compliance.

The framework provides flexibility for industries while maintaining product quality standards.

2. Jan Vishwas Reforms in Clinical Establishments

Ministry: Health & Family Welfare

The Union Health Ministry introduced Jan Vishwas reforms relating to Clinical Establishments.

Objective is to reduce compliance burden on healthcare providers.

The reforms aim to improve regulatory efficiency while maintaining healthcare quality.

Part of the Government's broader Jan Vishwas (Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business) initiative.

3. Expansion of QR Code-Based Drug Traceability

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Ministry: Health & Family Welfare

Government expanded the QR Code-based Drug Traceability Framework.

Coverage now includes:

Vaccines

Antimicrobial medicines

Anti-cancer medicines

Objective is to combat counterfeit medicines, improve transparency and strengthen pharmaceutical supply chains.

Enhances patient safety through end-to-end traceability.

4. AIR SUVIDHA 2.0 Portal for Ebola Health Screening

Ministry: Health & Family Welfare & Ministry of Civil Aviation

AIR SUVIDHA 2.0 has been launched for Ebola health screening at India's Points of Entry.

The portal strengthens surveillance of international travellers.

Supports early detection and containment of infectious diseases.

Reflects India's preparedness under the Integrated Disease Surveillance framework.

5. Prime Minister Commemorates 50 Years Since the Emergency:

The Prime Minister paid tribute to those who defended democracy during the Emergency (1975–77).

The day highlighted the importance of:

Constitutional values

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Democratic institutions

Civil liberties

Rule of Law

The occasion has significance in understanding India's constitutional and political history.

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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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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 27/06/2026

1. RBI Digital Scam Compensation Pilot

Recent - RBI issued (Commercial Banks-Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026, to launch a one-year pilot compensating victims of fraudulent digital banking transactions, effective 1 January 2027.

The directions widen consumer protection from “unauthorised electronic banking transactions” to the broader category of “fraudulent electronic banking transactions” (EBTs).

2. Youth Co: Lab:

Recent - Six youth-led startups from across India won the 8th Youth Co: Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026, held in collaboration with T-Hub Foundation.

Founded in 2017 by the UNDP and the Citi Foundation, Youth Co: Lab is Asia-Pacific’s largest youth-led social entrepreneurship movement. In India, it was launched in 2019 by the UNDP and AIM.

Objective: Create a common regional agenda to empower youth and speed up SDG efforts.

3. Netra AEW&C:

Recent - DRDO has handed over the Final Operational Clearance of the indigenous Netra Airborne Early Warning & Control (AEW&C) system to the Indian Air Force.

Developed by DRDO, Netra serves as India’s “eye in the sky” and uses an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar to provide long-range

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airborne surveillance, early warning, target tracking, command-and-control, and battle management.

4. e-Zero FIR:

e-Zero FIR is a digital initiative of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre that automatically converts verified high-value cyber financial fraud complaints into Zero FIRs, enabling immediate police investigation without waiting for jurisdictional formalities.

Like a traditional Zero FIR, an e-Zero FIR can be registered irrespective of territorial jurisdiction and later transferred to the appropriate police station.

5. National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission:

Implemented by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Tribal Affairs to eradicate sickle cell disease (SCD) by 2047, targeting universal screening for people aged 0-40 in 17 high-prevalence states.

Sickle cell anaemia is a blood disorder caused by an inherited autosomal recessive mutation in the HBB gene, which causes red blood cells to become rigid and crescent-shaped.

Sickle cells die prematurely, causing anaemia, blocking small vessels, and depriving tissues of oxygen.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 29/06/2026

1. Murchison Widefield Array (MWA):

Recent – Using the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA), astronomers recently discovered a new millisecond pulsar as part of the ongoing Southern-sky MWA Rapid Two-metre (SMART) survey.

It is a low-frequency radio telescope located at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) in Western Australia, where the future low-frequency Square Kilometre Array (SKA) will be built.

It is a collaboration between 20 research institutions in five countries (Australia, Canada, China, Japan, and the United States) and is led by Curtin University, Australia.

It is made of 4,096 spider-like antennas tuned to receive signals from the sky between 70 and 300 MHz.

2. Exercise RIMPAC 2026:

Recent – The United States officially launched Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 recently, bringing together military forces from 30 countries for the world's largest international maritime exercise.

Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) is the world's largest international maritime exercise.

Hosted by the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet, it is held biennially (every two years) in and around the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean .

It first began in 1971.

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It provides a unique training opportunity for allies and partners to strengthen their collective capabilities and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific.

3. Kisan Sarathi Platform:

Recent – Kisan Sarathi platform represents a significant step in the digital transformation of India's agricultural extension system which is providing information about 610 schemes to farmers.

It is India's largest integrated digital agro-advisory platform launched in July 2021.

It provides timely, authentic, and multilingual advisories to farmers. Farmers also get access to schemes, weather updates, and expert consultations.

It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

4. GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation:

Recent – under the watch of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for the first time a private jet was landed by using GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN).

It is a Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) implemented jointly with Airport Authority of India (AAI) and ISRO.

To provide Satellite-based Navigation services with accuracy and integrity required for civil aviation applications.

To provide better Air Traffic Management over Indian Airspace.

5. Hargila Bird:

Recent – the Prime Minister of India shared about the efforts of thousands of rural women who stepped forward to save the 'Hargila Bird' – known as the 'Hargila Army' in Assam.

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It is a large strikingly looking member of the stork family.

It is also known as Greater Adjutant Stork.

Distribution: It is residing only in the states of Assam and Bihar of India and in Cambodia.

These are usually seen singly or in small groups as they stalk about in shallow water.

These breed during winter in colonies that may include other large waterbirds.

IUCN: Near Threatened.

Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule IV.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 30/06/2026

1. FCRA 2.0 Portal and e-OCI Card

Ministry of Home Affairs launched the FCRA 2.0 Portal and e-OCI Card.

Enhances transparency and ease of compliance under FCRA.

Provides digital processing and improved monitoring of foreign contributions.

e-OCI Card offers secure digital identity for Overseas Citizens of India.

2. AI-enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal

Introduced to strengthen auditing in rural development programmes.

Uses AI for risk-based auditing and anomaly detection.

Improves transparency and financial accountability.

Supports evidence-based monitoring of schemes.

3. National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Sovereign-linked investment platform.

Mobilises long-term domestic and global capital.

Supports transport, renewable energy and urban infrastructure.

Promotes infrastructure-led growth.

4. SUMAN Roadmap 2030

Aims to improve maternal and newborn healthcare.

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Focuses on reducing maternal and neonatal mortality.

Promotes respectful maternity care.

Aligned with Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Medical Device Industry Scheme

Boosts indigenous medical device manufacturing.

Promotes R&D and testing infrastructure.

Reduces import dependence.

Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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