

Kartavya PCS

June 2026 Current Affairs

1. Important Days and Observances

Date	Observance	Key Facts
1 June	World Milk Day	Observed by FAO since 2001; highlights nutritional importance of milk. National Milk Day in India: 26 November
1 June	Global Day of Parents	Established by UNGA in 2012; recognizes the role of parents in raising children
3 June	World Bicycle Day	Celebrated since 2018; promotes cycling as sustainable transport
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Acknowledges children affected by physical, emotional and psychological violence
5 June	World Environment Day	Originated from the 1972 Stockholm Conference; UNEP established the same year; UNEP HQ: Nairobi, Kenya
7 June	World Food Safety Day	Declared by UNGA in 2018; first observed 2019; jointly organized by FAO and WHO
8 June	World Ocean Day	Theme 2026: "REIMAGINE: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship With Our Ocean"
13 June	International Albinism Awareness Day	Established by UNGA in 2014; albinism is a congenital, non-communicable genetic condition
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Celebrated since 2004; marks birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (14 June 1868)
15 June	World Wind Day	18th edition (since 2009); Theme 2026: "Our Wind, Our Community"
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Established by UNGA in 1994; first observed 1995; Theme 2026: "Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore."
21 June	International Day of Yoga	12th edition; Theme: "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"; Main venue: Red Road, Kolkata

23 June	Olympic Day	Since 1948; marks IOC founding on 23 June 1894; Theme 2026: "You Can Do This. Let's Move"
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	Recognizes the value and contribution of public service to society
27 June	World MSME Day	Since 2017; Theme 2026: "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development"
29 June	National Statistics Day	Honours Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis, founder of ISI; known for Mahalanobis Distance (D^2 Statistics)

World Environment Day 2026 Details: - Host country: Azerbaijan (Baku) - Theme: "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." - Campaign slogan: #NowForClimate

World Blood Donor Day — Karl Landsteiner: - Discovered the ABO blood group system (A, B, AB, O) - Received the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine - His work revolutionized blood transfusion safety

International Yoga Day Background: - Proposal introduced by India at the UN in 2014 - First celebrated in 2015 - World Yogasana Sports events organized in Ahmedabad, Gujarat (EKA Arena)

World Maritime Day: Observed on the last Thursday of September each year (not a fixed date)

2. Governance, Administration and Digital India

SkyCast System under Mission Mausam

- India launched its first SkyCast System at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- Purpose: Improve aviation weather forecasting, reduce weather-related delays, improve aviation safety
- India became the 19th country to deploy an advanced aviation weather monitoring system

Common Landing Portal

- Launched by the Department of Financial Services
- Designed as a unified platform for searching and tracing unclaimed financial assets (bank deposits, insurance claims, shares, dividends, mutual funds)
- Directs users to appropriate regulator-managed portals

Airport Rankings

- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru became India's second busiest airport in domestic passenger traffic, overtaking Mumbai (April 2026)
- India's busiest airport remains Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

Samadhan Didi

- AI-enabled multilingual voice chatbot integrated with CPGRAMS
- Launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi
- Developed by DARPG and Bhashini initiative

Chandigarh University — India AI Data Lab

- Became India's first private university to establish an India AI Data Lab
- Developed in collaboration with Intel India

Vinimay Land Port Management System

- India's modernized Land Port Management System
- Launched in New Delhi by Union Home Minister Amit Shah (9 June 2026, Vigyan Bhawan)
- Objectives: Modernization of border management, reduction of manual paperwork, digitalization of trade documentation, improved logistics efficiency
- Expected to reduce paper-based procedures by approximately 90%

NITI Aayog Reconstitution (April 2026)

Position	Name
Chairperson	Prime Minister of India (Ex-officio)
Vice Chairman	Ashok Lahiri
CEO	B.V.R. Subrahmanyam (reappointed)

Full-Time Members: Rajiv Gauba, Prof. K.V. Raju, Prof. Gobardhan Das, Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Dr. M. Srinivas

National Statistical Commission

- Established in 2005
- New Chairman: Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay

New State Assembly Speakers (2026)

State	Speaker
Assam	Ranjeet Kumar Dass
West Bengal	Rathindra Bose
Tamil Nadu	J.C.D. Prabhakar
Kerala	Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan

Nasha Mukht Bharat Week 2026

- Organized by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Duration: 17–26 June 2026
- Objective: Substance abuse prevention awareness and rehabilitation

3. Defence and Strategic Affairs

BrahMos Exports

- India finalized a BrahMos missile export agreement with Vietnam
- Negotiations with Indonesia were in their final stage
- First international customer: Philippines (agreement signed January 2022; deliveries began April 2024)

Rudram-II Missile

- Indigenous air-to-surface anti-radiation missile developed by DRDO
- Developed at Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad

- Successfully tested on 2 June 2026 from Chandipur, Odisha
- Test platform: Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft

Appointment: Chief of Army Staff

- Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth appointed as the 31st Chief of Army Staff
- Assumed charge on 30 June 2026 (promoted to General upon taking office)
- Succeeded General Upendra Dwivedi following his retirement

Exercise Pitch Black 2026

- Biennial multinational air exercise hosted by Australia (Royal Australian Air Force)
- Duration: 20 July – 7 August 2026
- Participation: 20 nations (19 partner nations + host Australia), including India

RIMPAC 2026

- Full form: Rim of the Pacific Exercise
- Biennial multinational naval exercise
- Venue: Hawaii, United States
- Duration: 24 June – 31 July 2026
- Participating countries: 31 nations
- Indian participation: INS Shivalik

India–Thailand Defence Dialogue

- The 10th India–Thailand Defence Dialogue held on 16 June 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand

Sitapur Solar Project

- Ministry of Defence approved a 250 MW solar power project in Sitapur district, Uttar Pradesh
- Includes an integrated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- To be built on vacant defence land

Project Patriot Pipeline (USA)

- Workforce development initiative of the United States Department of Defense
- Announced on 3 June 2026 by US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth
- Pentagon: headquarters of the US Department of Defense

4. International Relations

Venezuela — Acting President's Visit

- Delcy Rodríguez served as Acting President of Venezuela
- She visited India from 3–6 June 2026

UPI Expansion

- Cambodia became the 9th country connected to India's UPI network (launched 2 June 2026)

UPI Countries (in order): 1. Singapore 2. UAE 3. France 4. Mauritius 5. Nepal 6. Bhutan 7. Qatar 8. Sri Lanka 9. Cambodia

UN General Assembly Presidency

- Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman elected President of the 81st Session of UNGA (2 June 2026)
- Bangladesh received this position after 40 years (last held in 1986–87 by Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, 41st session)
- India has held this office only once: Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit chaired the 8th UNGA session in 1953

52nd G7 Summit

- Venue: Évian-les-Bains, France
- Dates: 15–17 June 2026
- G7 Members: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States
- The European Union participates despite not being a formal member
- G7 originated in 1975 (as G6; became G7 when Canada joined in 1976)
- Russia was added later (G8); suspended indefinitely in 2014

PM Modi's Visit to France and Slovakia

- Visit began 13 June 2026
- Participated in the 52nd G7 Summit
- Strengthened bilateral relations with Slovakia

Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding

- 14-point MoU signed on 17 June 2026 at the Palace of Versailles, France
- Between the United States and Iran; Pakistan acted as mediator
- US President Donald Trump signed physically at Versailles
- Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed digitally from Tehran
- Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif signed as mediator

PM Modi's Visit to Seychelles (27–29 June 2026)

- Three-day State Visit
- Guest of Honour at Seychelles' 50th National Day (Independence: 29 June 1976)
- First Indian PM to address the National Assembly of Seychelles
- Nine agreements signed
- PM Modi received the "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" Presidential Distinction
- India extended ₹1,250 crore Line of Credit
- India handed over PS Lespwar (Fast Patrol Vessel for maritime surveillance, built by Goa Shipyard Limited)

Seychelles Quick Facts: - Capital: Victoria - President: Patrick Herminie - Currency: Seychellois Rupee

India–EU Human Rights Dialogue

- 12th India–EU Human Rights Dialogue held in New Delhi on 24 June 2026

India–Saudi Arabia Water Cooperation

- MoU signed on 29 June 2026 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Occasion: First Saudi Water Week Conference

UAE Social Media Policy

- UAE fixed minimum age for social media usage at 15 years

Colombia

- Abelardo de la Espriella elected President of Colombia (runoff won 21 June 2026; inauguration scheduled 7 August 2026)
- Colombia is known as "The Gateway to South America"

Bonn Climate Conference 2026

- Held in Bonn, Germany (8–18 June 2026)
- Conducted under UNFCCC framework
- 64th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB-64)
- Key theme: Tripling adaptation finance to USD 120 billion annually
- COP31 will be hosted in Antalya, Türkiye (9–20 November 2026)

BRICS and New Development Bank

- Uzbekistan became the first Central Asian country to join the NDB and its 10th member
- NDB History: Idea proposed at 2012 BRICS Summit in New Delhi; Agreement signed at 2014 Fortaleza Summit (Brazil); Operations began 2015
- Headquarters: Shanghai, China
- Saudi Arabia's BRICS membership status remains formally pending

US Indo-Pacific Command

- USINDOPACOM: Unified combatant command of the US Armed Forces
- Headquarters: Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, United States

5. Sports

IPL 2026 (19th Edition)

- Held from 28 March to 31 May 2026
- Total teams: 10 | Total matches: 74

Final: Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeated Gujarat Titans by five wickets - RCB won their second title and second consecutive IPL championship - RCB Captain: Rajat Patidar

Teams with consecutive IPL titles: Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bengaluru

Awards:

Award	Winner
Man of the Final	Virat Kohli
Orange Cap	Vaibhav Suryavanshi (776 runs)
Purple Cap	Kagiso Rabada (29 wickets)
Emerging Player	Vaibhav Suryavanshi
Total awards by Vaibhav Suryavanshi	5 (Orange Cap, MVP, Emerging Player, Super Striker, Super Sixes)

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest Indian international cricketer, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record

Singapore Open Badminton 2026

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the men's doubles title

- First Indian men's doubles pair to win the Singapore Open

ICC Suspension

- ICC suspended the membership of Cricket Canada due to serious breaches of membership obligations

Asian U-20 Athletics Championships

- Held in Hong Kong, China (28–31 May 2026)

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	14	9	2	25
2	India	10	5	4	19
3	Japan	5	5	8	18
4	UAE	5	0	1	6
5	Qatar	3	4	3	10

Norway Chess 2026

- R. Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Tournament 2026
- Defeated Vincent Keymer (Germany) in the final round
- Became the first Indian player to win the Norway Chess tournament

French Open 2026

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	Flavio Cobolli (Italy)
Women's Singles	Mirra Andreeva (Russia)	Maja Chwalińska (Poland)

- Alexander Zverev won his first Grand Slam title
- Mirra Andreeva won her first Grand Slam title at the age of 19

SAFF Women's Championship 2026

- Held in Goa (Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao)
- India defeated Bangladesh 3–1 in the final
- India won the title after a gap of seven years
- This was India's record sixth SAFF Women's Championship title

Hockey Under-18 Asia Cup 2026

- India defeated Japan 4–1 in the final
- Tournament hosted in Kakamigahara, Japan
- India's third U-18 Asia Cup title

World Yogasana Sports Championship 2026

- Inaugural edition held at EKA Arena, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 522 athletes from 79 countries participated

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	India	102	9	3	114
2	Japan	3	3	5	11

- 31 countries won at least one medal; 10 countries won at least one gold

TIME 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026

- Smriti Mandhana: only Indian included in the list

Guinness World Record at Swaraj Dweep

- Created at Swaraj Dweep (Havelock Island), Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Achievement: World's tallest underwater human stack
- Height: 22.3 metres (approximately 73.16 feet)
- 14 divers participated in the formation

National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships

- Venue: Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (24–28 June 2026)
- **Ancy Sojan** (Kerala) broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old national long jump record
- Performance: 6.88 metres (previous record: 6.83 m set at Athens Olympics 2004)

Indian Athletics Awards 2025 (held 20 June 2026, New Delhi)

Award	Winner
Best Male Athlete	Neeraj Chopra
Best Female Athlete	Parul Chaudhary
Best State Association	Tamil Nadu
Athletics Supportive State	Odisha
Lifetime Achievement	P.T. Usha, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, Bahadur Singh Chauhan, Anju Bobby George

6. Science, Innovation and Environment

Plas-Stick Water Filter

- Developed by Indian teenagers: Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, Avyana Mehta
- Made from tamarind seeds; biodegradable; removes ~90% microplastics from water
- Won the 2026 Global Earth Prize (awarded by Swiss NGO Earth Foundation, Geneva)
- Given to environmental innovators aged 13–19 years
- First team from India to win the prize

FAO Soil Farmer Hero — Valluvan

- Farmer from Pollachi/Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Converted a loss-making coconut farm into a multi-crop food forest
- Selected as a UN FAO Soil Farmer Hero

Kerala — Senior Citizens Welfare Department

- Became the first Indian state to create a dedicated department for senior citizens' welfare (established 20 May 2026)

VISTA Balloon

- India's first indigenous stratospheric super-pressure balloon
- Developed by Red Balloon Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.
- Launched under Mission SANA from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- India became the fifth country to achieve this capability after USA, France, Japan, China

MAHA Water Mission

- Joint initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
- Intended to promote innovation and sustainable solutions in the water sector

Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)

- Received the 2026 Food Planet Prize (\$1.5 million)
- Awarded by the Curt Bergfors Foundation (Sweden)

Suraha Tal Bird Sanctuary (Ramsar Site)

- Also known as Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary
- Located in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh
- Declared India's 100th Ramsar Site on 5 June 2026 (World Environment Day)
- Became Uttar Pradesh's 13th Ramsar site

Varya AI Model

- Indigenous Indian AI video generation model
- Developed by Avataar AI
- Generates video content in 4 steps vs ~50 in conventional workflows
- Offers lower computational cost (\$0.005/second — 27× cheaper), 10× faster generation

ANCHOR — 3D Human Brainstem Atlas

- Full form: Atlas of Neurochemical Characterization of the Human Brainstem with 3D Reconstruction
- Developed by Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras
- World's most detailed 3D atlas of the human brainstem at cell resolution
- Unveiled at the 3rd BRICS Neuroscience Symposium 2026

SOLAR-1 (Space Weather Satellite)

- NOAA's first dedicated space weather monitoring satellite
- Launched 24 September 2025 from Kennedy Space Center on SpaceX Falcon 9
- Became operational in June 2026 after reaching L1 point
- Previously known as SWFO-L1

GAGAN Satellite-Based Landing System

- On 27 June 2026, India successfully tested a satellite-based landing system on a jet aircraft for the first time
- GAGAN: GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation
- Developed jointly by ISRO and Airports Authority of India (AAI)
- Test: IndiGo Airbus A320 at Udaipur Airport

Seventh Regional Meteorological Centre

- Inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh in Jammu on 5 June 2026
- India's 7th Regional Meteorological Centre
- Primarily benefits: Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh

E85 Fuel Launch

- E85: 85% Ethanol + 15% Petrol
- Launched on 5 June 2026 (World Environment Day) by Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri
- Objectives: Reduce dependence on imported crude oil, strengthen energy security, reduce inflationary pressure, improve environmental sustainability

7. Economy, Rankings and Reports

Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) 2025

- Released by World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence
- India's best performing port: JNPA (22nd globally, 1st in India)

Global Top 5:

Rank	Port	Country
1	Fuzhou	China
2	Dalian	China
3	Salalah	Oman
4	Mawan	China
5	Chiwan	China

- Four of the top five ports belong to China

QS World University Rankings 2027

- MIT retained #1 globally (15th consecutive year)
- India recorded best-ever performance: 52 institutions ranked

Indian Institutions in Top 200:

Institution	Rank
IIT Delhi	118
IIT Bombay	134
IIT Madras	170

- Highest ranked private university in India: Shoolini University (#452)

Trade Watch Quarterly (8th Edition)

- Published by NITI Aayog (released 23 June 2026)
- Covered Q4 FY 2025–26

- India remained the 8th largest services exporter in the world

IMF World Economic Outlook (April 2026)

- India: 6th largest economy by nominal GDP

Global GDP Rankings:

Rank	Country	GDP
1	United States	\$30.77 trillion
2	China	\$19.63 trillion
3	Germany	\$5.05 trillion
4	Japan	\$4.44 trillion
5	United Kingdom	\$4.00 trillion
6	India	\$3.92 trillion

- India slipped to 6th (from higher earlier) due to: rupee depreciation and revision of GDP base year to 2022–23

Global Domestic Aviation Market

- India became the third-largest domestic aviation market in the world
- Ranked behind USA and China; surpassed Brazil and Indonesia

FATF

- Vivek Aggarwal (IAS, Madhya Pradesh cadre) elected Vice President of FATF
- First Indian to hold FATF Vice Presidency

World's First Trillionaire

- Elon Musk became the world's first individual with net worth exceeding USD 1 trillion (12 June 2026)
- Triggered by SpaceX's IPO on Nasdaq

Bihar — New GI Tags

Product	District
Bawan Buti Saree	Nalanda
Patharkatti Craft	Gaya
Pidhiya Painting	Bhojpur

Wind Energy Targets (India)

Target Year	Installed Capacity
Current (2026)	56.1 GW
2030	100 GW
2035	155 GW

Pumped Storage Hydropower

- By December 2025: 10 operational projects, ~7.2 GW combined capacity
- Ministry of Power target: 100 GW by FY 2035–36

MSME Sector Quick Facts

- MSME Development Act: 2006
- Ministry of MSME established: 9 May 2007
- SIDBI: Established 2 April 1990; Headquarters: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

8. Health, Welfare and National Surveys

National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6)

- Conducted during 2023–24
- Covered approximately 6,79,238 households across 715 districts
- Used Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technology
- NFHS-6 covers 101 key indicators (down from 131 in NFHS-5)

Key Indicators:

Indicator	NFHS-6	NFHS-5
Institutional Births	90.6%	88.6%
Stunting (under-5)	29.3%	35.5%
Severe Wasting	5.2%	7.7%
Underweight	31.8%	32.1%
Full Immunization (12–23 months)	87.1%	83.8%

- 95.6% of vaccinations administered through public health facilities

Total Fertility Rate (TFR):

Category	TFR
National	2.0
Rural	2.1
Urban	1.6

- Replacement fertility level: 2.1

Other Indicators:

Indicator	Value
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate	69.1%
Women using Internet	64.3%
Women using Mobile Phones	63.6%

Women with own bank accounts	89%
Health Insurance Coverage	60.2% (up from 41%)

- Ayushman Bharat played a significant role in health insurance increase

Priyadarshini Free Bus Scheme (Kerala)

- Launched on 15 June 2026 by CM V.D. Satheesan
- Beneficiaries: Women and transgender persons
- Free travel on ordinary buses operated by KSRTC
- No age, income or nativity restrictions

SUMAN Roadmap 2030

- Released at the 16th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (29 June 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi)
- SUMAN: Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan
- Focus: Improving maternal health — pregnancy care, childbirth services, postnatal support

Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)

- Launched on 28 June 2026 by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Objective: Strengthen child healthcare for birth to 36 months
- Consolidates Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC)
- Focus: Home-based and community-based care framework

Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan

- Water conservation initiative of the Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Over 3.62 lakh water conservation works worth ₹10,514 crore completed
- Note: Despite its name, the Ganga River does not flow through Madhya Pradesh

SAPLING Dialogue 2026

- Full form: South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth
- Held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat (9–10 June 2026)
- Inaugurated by Union Minister Chirag Paswan
- Organized by Ministry of Food Processing Industries and World Bank SAPLING Initiative

9. Supercomputers and High Performance Computing

TOP500 Rankings (June 2026, 67th Edition)

Rank	Name	Country	Performance
1	LineShine	China	2.198 Exaflops
2	El Capitan	United States	1.809 Exaflops
3	Frontier	United States	1.353 Exaflops
4	Aurora	United States	1.012 Exaflops
5	JUPITER Booster	Germany	1.000 Exaflops

- LineShine: China's first #1 supercomputer since Sunway TaihuLight (2017)
- JUPITER: Europe's first exascale supercomputer
- World currently has 5 exascale supercomputers

India's Position: - India's fastest supercomputer: Airawat (developed by C-DAC Pune) - Entered TOP500 at 75th rank in June 2023; has since dropped significantly

10. Infrastructure and Transport

India's First Offshore Airport

- Proposed location: Kore Beach, Palghar district, Maharashtra
- Located in the Konkan coastal region
- DPR study approved by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis

Haryana–Rajasthan Yamuna Water Project

- Signed 29 June 2026 in New Delhi, in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- Implements the 1994 Upper Yamuna River Board Agreement
- Estimated cost: ₹34,102 crore
- Pipeline: 295.5 km underground
- Source: Hathnikund Barrage, Haryana
- Destination: Hansiyawas Reservoir, Churu district, Rajasthan

Proposed Bullet Train Corridors (7 new routes)

1. Mumbai – Pune
2. Pune – Hyderabad
3. Hyderabad – Bengaluru
4. Hyderabad – Chennai
5. Chennai – Bengaluru
6. Delhi – Varanasi
7. Varanasi – Siliguri

Existing Project: - Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor: 508 km - Implementing agency: NHSRCL (National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited) - India's next-generation indigenous bullet train: B35 (design speed: 350 km/h)

Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve

- Located in Rajasthan (between Mukundra and Gargola ranges)
 - India's first eight-lane highway tunnel constructed beneath the reserve (part of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway)
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11. Awards and Recognition

29th National e-Governance Awards (July 2026, Jaipur)

- Held at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur (1–2 July 2026)
- Theme: "Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven, and Secure Digital Governance"
- 17 projects across 7 categories: 10 Gold, 6 Silver, 1 Jury Award

Gold Awards:

Project	Organisation
Agri Stack	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
e-Jagriti	Ministry of Consumer Affairs
Mahakumbh 2025	Prayagraj Mela Authority, Uttar Pradesh
Blood Bag Traceability Portal	Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council
AI-enabled Clinical Decision Support in eSanjeevani	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
District Court Case Management System	High Court of Kerala
ICMR-MINDS	Indian Council of Medical Research
Security Product for Threat Intel & DNS Filtering	Space Application Centre, ISRO
E Nagar Palika with Cyber Security	Urban Development Dept, Madhya Pradesh
Integrated Cyber Security for Digital Banking	Bank of Baroda

Silver Awards:

Project	Organisation
E-Aarogya Dhamni	Health Dept, Zilla Parishad, Nandurbar, Maharashtra
Pune 360	Pune Municipal Commission
Kadepur Gram Panchayat	Sangli District, Maharashtra
Bijoy Nagar Gram Panchayat	West Tripura District
TRINETRA AI Surveillance	Mahakaleshwar Temple Trust, Ujjain
Panchayat Advancement Index	Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Jury Award: Real-Time Precise Positioning via CORS Network — Survey of India

International Sand Art

- Sudarsan Pattnaik won the Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 in Kaliningrad, Russia
- First Indian to achieve this distinction
- Awarded at the 2nd International Festival of Sand Sculpture

Global Water Awards 2026

- Bihar's Digha Kankarbagh Integrated Wastewater Project won "Wastewater Project of the Year"
- Global Water Summit 2026 held in Madrid, Spain

12. Persons in News

PM Narendra Modi — Longest Serving Elected PM

- On 10 June 2026, completed 4,399 consecutive days as elected PM
- Surpassed Jawaharlal Nehru's record of 4,398 days (1952–1964)

Obituary: Gavri Devi

- Renowned Mand folk singer passed away at 98 years
- Mand: folk music tradition of Rajasthan
- Resided in Pali, Rajasthan

Obituary: Jaspal Rana

- Former Indian shooter (pistol) and coach; passed away at 49 years (11/12 June 2026)
- Asian Games gold medallist (1994, Hiroshima); 15 Commonwealth Games medals (9 gold)
- Coached Manu Bhaker to double bronze at 2024 Paris Olympics
- Awards: Arjuna Award (1994), Padma Shri (1997), Dronacharya Award (2020)

13. Nuclear and Security

SIPRI Nuclear Report 2026

Nine Nuclear Weapon States: 1. Russia 2. United States 3. China 4. France 5. United Kingdom 6. India 7. Pakistan 8. Israel 9. North Korea

- India's estimated nuclear warhead inventory: ~190 warheads (up from 180)

Operation Chakra-II

- Nationwide operation launched by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- Objective: Combat cyber fraud and online financial crimes

14. FIFA World Cup 2026

- Jointly hosted by: United States, Canada, Mexico

Official Match Ball: Adidas Trionda - Colours: Red (Canada), Green (Mexico), Blue (USA)

Official Mascots:

Host Nation	Mascot	Symbol
Canada	Maple	Moose
Mexico	Zayu	Jaguar
United States	Clutch	Bald Eagle

15. Venezuela Earthquake and Operation Amistad

Earthquake (24 June 2026)

- North-central Venezuela (Yaracuy state, near San Felipe) experienced earthquakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5
- Acting President Delcy Rodríguez declared a national emergency late on 24 June

India's Response — Operation Amistad (26 June 2026)

- "Amistad" = Friendship in Spanish
- Two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft deployed

- Dispatched: Medical supplies, humanitarian material, BHISHM Cube (portable hospital system developed under the Aarogya Maitri initiative)

16. Environment and Wildlife

International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- Bangladesh became the 27th member on 24 June 2026
- Launched under India's leadership in April 2023
- Became treaty-based international organization on 23 January 2025
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Thangka Painting

- Traditional Tibetan Buddhist painting style
- Depicts Buddhist deities, mandalas, spiritual teachers, and religious events
- Holds immense cultural and religious significance in Himalayan Buddhist traditions

17. Miscellaneous

Referendum and Direct Democracy

- A referendum is an important feature of direct democracy
- Switzerland: most prominent example of regular referendum use

Jonathan the Tortoise

- Aged approximately 194 years; recognized as world's oldest living land animal
- Species: Seychelles/Aldabra giant tortoise
- Resides on Saint Helena (South Atlantic Ocean)
- Named a Guinness World Records ICON in June 2026

Global Water Summit 2026

- Held in Madrid, Spain (18–20 May 2026)

Haryana–Rajasthan Yamuna Water Project

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