

## National & International News

**Q1. Which digital platform was launched by Union Minister Amit Shah in June 2026 to digitize cargo and passenger movement at India's land ports?**

- A) PORTAL-SANGAM
- B) LPMS 'VINIMAY'
- C) BORDER-CONNECT
- D) SETU-BHARAT

**Answer: B) LPMS 'VINIMAY'**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Union Minister Amit Shah (Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation) officially launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS) named 'VINIMAY' in New Delhi.

- **Purpose:** It is a specialized digital platform designed to modernize and streamline operations across India's land ports. It focuses on accelerating cargo processing, easing passenger transit, strengthening cross-border security, and enhancing overall trade efficiency.
- **Impact:** According to initial performance assessments, the Vinimay system successfully eliminates nearly 90% of physical paperwork and acts as an inter-agency real-time data bridge connecting isolated government databases under a singular dashboard.

**Q2. In June 2026, which country officially announced the closure of the strategic Strait of Hormuz to all vessel traffic following regional airstrikes?**

- A) Oman
- B) Yemen
- C) Iran

D) United Arab Emirates

**Answer: C) Iran**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Khatam al-Anbiya command of Iran announced the total closure of the **Strait of Hormuz** to all types of commercial and military vessel traffic. This escalation followed military strikes in the region involving U.S. forces and subsequent retaliatory strikes on commercial vessels transiting the narrow chokepoint. The move severely impacts global energy markets, as the Strait of Hormuz is a vital conduit for roughly one-fifth of the world's petroleum consumption.

**Q3. As per the updates from the Ministry of Civil Aviation in June 2026, which city has been integrated as the first hub-and-spoke aviation model city for seamless international connectivity?**

- A) Varanasi
- B) Amritsar
- C) Indore
- D) Guwahati

**Answer: A) Varanasi**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu announced that **Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)** has become the first city integrated into India's new "Easy Connect" hub-and-spoke aviation model.

- **Mechanics:** Under this framework, international travelers departing from regional spokes like Varanasi can complete all immigration, customs, and baggage formalities locally before catching a domestic connecting flight to a major international hub like Delhi, significantly

reducing airport congestion and travel friction.

**Q4. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) Yearbook 2026 released in June, what is the core focus of the annual assessment?**

- A) Global Food Security and Agricultural Trade
- B) State of Armaments, Disarmament, and International Security
- C) Cyber Warfare and Artificial Intelligence Regulations
- D) Renewable Energy Capabilities of Developing Nations

**Answer: B) State of Armaments, Disarmament, and International Security**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released its **SIPRI Yearbook 2026**, which evaluates the current state of global armaments, nuclear arsenals, international security, and ongoing disarmament efforts. The yearbook serves as a vital resource for UPSC aspirants studying international relations and global security threats, highlighting changing geopolitical equations and nuclear modernization tracking.

**Q5. Who recently became India's longest-continuously-serving Prime Minister, surpassing historical central governance records in June 2026?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Indira Gandhi
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

**Answer: C) Narendra Modi**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached a major milestone by becoming India's longest-continuously-serving Prime Minister in terms of uninterrupted central governance. Having taken office on May 26, 2014, he completed over 12 years of continuous service by mid-2026, crossing the record held by India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, whose consecutive tenure spanned from the first general elections on May 13, 1952, until his passing on May 27, 1964.

**Q6. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has proposed capping the number of airport bundles awarded to a single bidder during privatization rounds to prevent what economic condition?**

- A) Hyperinflation
- B) Oligopoly
- C) Stagflation
- D) Monopsony

**Answer: B) Oligopoly**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Ministry of Civil Aviation put forth a proposal to cap the number of airport bundles that can be awarded to any single bidder at "two to three bundles" (roughly five to six individual airports). This step is explicitly designed to prevent the rise of an **oligopoly** (a state of limited competition where a market is shared by a small number of producers or sellers) within India's rapidly expanding civil aviation infrastructure.

## Economics & Banking

**Q7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced special USD-Rupee forex swap facilities in June 2026. What is the primary objective behind this regulatory move?**

- A) To lower the interest rates on agricultural loans

- B) To attract foreign currency inflows and support external financing
- C) To phase out physical currency notes entirely
- D) To restrict the imports of electronic items

**Answer: B) To attract foreign currency inflows and support external financing**

**Detailed Explanation:**

To combat macroeconomic pressures on the Indian Rupee arising from global supply chain disruptions (often referred to as the "3 Fs" challenge: Fertilizers, Fuel, and Finance), the RBI rolled out two special USD-Rupee forex swap facilities. One facility targets fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank [FCNR(B)] deposits with 3–5 year maturities, and the other targets External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) with an average maturity of 3 years and above, allowing banks to mobilize overseas funds more efficiently.

**Q8. Which organization was recognized by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June 2026 as the formal Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for India's Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem?**

- A) NASSCOM
- B) Sahamati Foundation
- C) DigiLocker India
- D) NPCI Bharat BillPay

**Answer: B) Sahamati Foundation**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The RBI formally recognized the **Sahamati Foundation** as the Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for India's Account Aggregator network. This landmark step introduces an industry-led governance framework to regulate consent-based, secure financial data sharing across banks, NBFCs, and insurance providers,

improving financial inclusion and consumer security.

**Q9. In June 2026, tech giant Meta Platforms Inc. partnered with which Indian conglomerate to develop its first large-scale AI-enabled Data Centre in India?**

- A) Tata Consultancy Services
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Adani Group
- D) Infosys Technologies

**Answer: B) Reliance Industries Limited**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Meta Platforms Inc. teamed up with **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** to establish its first massive, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled Data Centre in India. The facility is set to be integrated into Reliance's mega-complex in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**, tapping into massive localized power and infrastructure systems to support hyper-scale AI processing.

**Q10. As per macroeconomic projections highlighted in recent financial institution briefs, India's GDP growth rate is expected to reach 6.7% in FY28, primarily driven by which factors?**

- A) Exponential growth in cryptocurrency trading
- B) Robust consumer spending and sustained investment
- C) Heavy reduction in service sector outputs
- D) Complete reliance on agricultural exports

**Answer: B) Robust consumer spending and sustained investment**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Economic assessments reveal that India's GDP growth remains resilient, with expectations to hit 6.7% by Financial Year 2027-28 (FY28). This momentum is fundamentally anchored by steady private consumption, urban demand, and strong public/private capital expenditure (investment). However, projections indicate it may naturally stabilize or ease slightly to 6.4% in FY29.

**Q11. Which Indian ports operator marked its official entry into South America by securing a USD 70 million port operations contract in June 2026?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- B) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)
- C) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority
- D) Chennai Port Trust

**Answer: B) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**APSEZ**, through its subsidiary Adani Harbour International Free Zone Company (FZCO) and in partnership with Argentina's Meridian Group, secured a maritime operations contract valued at approximately USD 70 million. This milestone signals the company's strategic operational expansion into South American shipping lines and port management.

**Q12. To mobilize foreign currency deposits through its new swap facility, the RBI has temporarily exempted these fresh FCNR(B) deposits from which of the following requirements?**

- A) Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax
- B) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)

- C) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- D) Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) rules

**Answer: B) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)**

**Detailed Explanation:**

To incentivize commercial banks to aggressively aggregate foreign currency deposits from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), the RBI granted a regulatory holiday by exempting these specific fresh FCNR(B) deposits from mandatory CRR and SLR maintenance. This drastically reduces the cost of funds for banks, allowing them to offer competitive yields.

### Government Schemes & MoUs

**Q13. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled a massive Rs. 1.25 lakh crore rural development initiative in June 2026 called:**

- A) PM-KISAN Samridhhi Yojana
- B) Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
- C) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan 2.0
- D) Deendayal Antyodaya Rashtriya Gramin Rozgar

**Answer: B) Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan (heading the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) launched the **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)**, abbreviated as **VB-G RAM G**. This mega-scheme carries a staggering financial outlay of **Rs. 1.25 lakh crore**, explicitly targeted at expanding rural employment guarantees, upgrading livelihoods, and

strengthening micro-enterprises across rural India.

**Q14. Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched which digital portal in June 2026 to operationalize the Rs. 33,660 crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana?**

- A) PRAGATI Portal
- B) BHAVYA Portal
- C) SAMARTH Portal
- D) Udyam Connect

**Answer: B) BHAVYA Portal**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The **BHAVYA Portal** was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal to kickstart the implementation of the *Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA)*.

- **Aim:** The scheme utilizes a Rs. 33,660 crore budget in a Centre-State partnership framework to conceptualize, design, and construct 100 world-class, integrated industrial parks across various states to attract global manufacturing manufacturing pipelines.

**Q15. Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) signed an MoU with which neighboring nation's university in June 2026 to develop multilingual language technologies?**

- A) Sri Lanka (University of Colombo)
- B) Bangladesh (Dhaka University)
- C) Nepal (Kathmandu University)
- D) Bhutan (Royal University of Bhutan)

**Answer: C) Nepal (Kathmandu University)**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Digital India BHASHINI Division under MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information

Technology) entered into an MoU with Kathmandu University's Centre for Digital Public Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence (DPI-AI). The partnership will focus on co-developing state-of-the-art multilingual language models and localized digital tools, enhancing cross-border tech synergy between India and Nepal.

**Q16. Which ride-hailing/mobility brand partnered with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) to advocate and spread awareness for the 'RahVeer Scheme'?**

- A) Ola
- B) Uber
- C) Rapido
- D) BluSmart

**Answer: C) Rapido**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited, operating under the popular brand name **Rapido**, partnered with MoRTH to promote the **RahVeer Scheme**. Through its digital application layout and on-ground captain network, Rapido will build civic awareness encouraging common citizens and commuters to provide immediate, golden-hour assistance to road accident victims without fear of legal complications.

## Appointments, Awards & Honors

**Q17. Upon parliamentary approval in June 2026, Han Seong-sook is set to become the second woman Prime Minister in the history of which nation?**

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) Thailand

D) Vietnam

**Answer: B) South Korea**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Following the stepping down of incumbent PM Kim Min-seok, **Han Seong-sook** was nominated to the prime ministerial office. Upon formal parliamentary approval, she will make history as South Korea's second female Prime Minister, following in the footsteps of Han Myeong-sook, who served from 2006 to 2007.

**Q18. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni extended formal congratulations to Narendra Modi in June 2026. What milestone did she specifically highlight?**

- A) The signing of the India-Europe Free Trade Pact
- B) Becoming India's longest-continuously-serving Prime Minister
- C) The successful hosting of the Global AI Security Summit
- D) India achieving 100% renewable grid capacity

**Answer: B) Becoming India's longest-continuously-serving Prime Minister**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Italian PM Giorgia Meloni reached out to congratulate PM Narendra Modi as he officially crossed the historical record to become the longest-continuously-serving central governance leader of India. This interaction underlines the strong bilateral ties, tactical economic arrangements, and diplomatic warmth currently shared between India and Italy.

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## Defense News & Science & Tech

**Q19. Union Minister Rajnath Singh approved a first-of-its-kind 250 MW Solar Power Project integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on defense land at which location?**

- A) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- B) Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Ambala, Haryana
- D) Secunderabad, Telangana

**Answer: B) Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh cleared the development of a **250 Megawatt (MW) Solar-BESS Project** on defense cantonment land located at Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh. This is the first time a mega-scale clean energy plant with advanced battery storage systems is being deployed on land managed by the Ministry of Defence, reducing conventional carbon footprints and ensuring grid insulation during tactical contingencies.

**Q20. In June 2026, Russian President Vladimir Putin offered to provide India with which advanced 5th-generation stealth fighter jet, including proposals for joint production?**

- A) MiG-35 Fulcrum
- B) Sukhoi Su-57
- C) Tupolev Tu-160
- D) Sukhoi Su-75 Checkmate

**Answer: B) Sukhoi Su-57**

**Detailed Explanation:**

On the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), Russian President Vladimir Putin offered India the

advanced **Sukhoi Su-57**, a 5th-generation stealth aircraft capable of super-maneuverability, supersonic cruise speeds, and precision multi-role strikes. Crucially, the offer includes a collaborative blueprint for joint production facilities inside India under technology transfer frameworks.

**Q21. Engineers recently achieved a historic final breakthrough blast in which strategic tunnel, a project utilizing the 'New Austrian Tunnelling Method' (NATM) across delicate Himalayan geology?**

- A) Atal Tunnel
- B) Sela Tunnel
- C) Zojila Tunnel
- D) Banihal Qazigund Tunnel

**Answer: C) Zojila Tunnel**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The final breakthrough blast was completed for the strategic **Zojila Tunnel**. Measuring 13.15 kilometers long, 9.5 meters wide, and 7.57 meters high, this bi-directional tube ensures all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh. Due to the highly unstable and young geological formations of the Himalayas, engineers relied heavily on the **New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM)** to prevent structural collapses during excavation.

**Q22. Which global AI safety and research firm released its advanced 'Claude Fable 5' model in June 2026, integrating complex reasoning moats with automated high-risk query filters?**

- A) OpenAI
- B) Anthropic
- C) Google DeepMind
- D) Mistral AI

**Answer: B) Anthropic**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**Anthropic** officially rolled out **Claude Fable 5**. The model balances high-tier programming, coding, and mathematical reasoning capabilities with robust security guardrails. To avoid malicious engineering or exploitation, any sensitive or high-risk queries involving chemical, biological, or cyber vulnerabilities are automatically flagged or rerouted to older, hard-constrained models.

## Sports, Culture, Books & Important Days

**Q23. Which racing driver became the youngest Monaco Grand Prix winner in history, securing a fifth consecutive GP triumph in the 2026 Formula 1 season?**

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Lando Norris
- C) Andrea Kimi Antonelli
- D) Oscar Piastri

**Answer: C) Andrea Kimi Antonelli**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Italian racing prodigy **Andrea Kimi Antonelli** etched his name in motorsport history by becoming the youngest-ever driver to win the iconic **Monaco Grand Prix**. This victory marked an incredible streak of five consecutive Grand Prix triumphs during the F1 2026 circuit (following absolute dominance across venues in China, Japan, Miami, and Canada).

**Q24. Lionel Messi's Argentina is scheduled to begin its historic FIFA World Cup 2026 defense in Group J against which nation?**

- A) Jordan
- B) Austria

- C) Algeria
- D) Morocco

**Answer: C) Algeria**

**Detailed Explanation:**

With countdowns intensifying for the multi-nation hosted FIFA World Cup 2026, the official fixtures list shows defending champions Argentina placed in Group J. Lionel Messi and his squad will initiate their tournament campaign against **Algeria**, with Group J completed by European competitors Austria and debutants Jordan.

**Q25. Union Minister Jitendra Singh and UP CM Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated a new Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in June 2026 at which city?**

- A) Varanasi
- B) Lucknow
- C) Prayagraj
- D) Noida

**Answer: B) Lucknow**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh alongside UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the state-of-the-art **Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**. The installation will deliver precise, hyper-local weather alerts, monsoon trackings, and early warning systems to help farmers optimize agricultural operations across central and northern India.

**Q26. India recently voiced strong concerns at the Bonn Climate Change Conference. What was India's primary demand directed at wealthy developed economies?**

- A) Immediate ban on electric vehicle subsidies

B) Complete closure of global carbon trading portals

C) Addressing shrinking gaps in international climate finance commitments

D) Mandating solar panels on all commercial vessels

**Answer: C) Addressing shrinking gaps in international climate finance commitments**

**Detailed Explanation:**

During the Bonn climate interactions, India took a firm stand on behalf of developing nations, urging wealthy global economies to halt their resistance and set up definitive, transparent negotiation tracks. India highlighted that shrinking international climate finances severely stall green transitions and adaptation frameworks across vulnerable global South terrains.

**Q27. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan issued Letters of Approval (LoA) to global universities including the University of Bristol and University of York for what purpose in June 2026?**

- A) To manage India's space telemetry stations
- B) Campus expansion and establishing branches within India
- C) Conducting audits on public sector banking databases
- D) Setting up joint defense production facilities in Sitapur

**Answer: B) Campus expansion and establishing branches within India**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan issued formal Letters of Approval (LoA) to globally acclaimed foreign higher education institutions, notably the **University of Bristol**

(UK), the University of York (UK), and the University of New South Wales (Australia). This allows these foreign universities to operationalize their campus footprint and expansion models inside India, aligning with the internationalization mandates of the National Education Policy (NEP).

**Q28. World Environment Day is celebrated globally on June 5. In the context of June 2026 events, which environmental challenge did India emphasize regarding its agricultural sector?**

- A) Overproduction of organic fertilizers
- B) The "3 Fs" challenge (Fertilizer subsidy strain, Fuel prices, and Finance under global supply crunches)
- C) Shifting entire crop systems away from rice
- D) Complete ban on groundwater extraction

**Answer: B) The "3 Fs" challenge (Fertilizer subsidy strain, Fuel prices, and Finance under global supply crunches)**

**Detailed Explanation:**

As observed during the high-level policy reviews in June 2026, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman drew attention to the "3 Fs" challenge impacting India's external sector: Fuel, Fertilizer, and Finance. The ongoing West Asia conflict and sudden export bans by major economies have forced India to reroute its imports (shifting significantly to Russia for urea and NPK complex fertilizers) while heavily subsidizing inputs to protect domestic farmers and food security during the Kharif season.

**Q29. June 9 marks the death anniversary of which legendary tribal freedom fighter who led the historic 'Ulgulan' (The Great Tumult) movement against British colonial exploitation?**

- A) Sidho Murmu

- B) Birsa Munda
- C) Kanhu Santhal
- D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

**Answer: B) Birsa Munda**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Bhagwan Birsa Munda passed away on June 9, 1900, in Ranchi Jail. For competitive exams like UPSC and SSC, his life and struggles are of paramount importance. He mobilized the tribal community against British land grabbing and agrarian exploitation through the **Ulgulan movement**. The Government of India celebrates his birth anniversary (November 15) as *Janajatiya Gaurav Divas*.

**Q30. June 2026 marks the birth anniversary month of Kabir Das, the socio-religious reformer. Which of the following features best describes his contribution to Art and Culture?**

- A) Introducing pure classical Carnatic music notes to North India
- B) Constructing grand Dravidian-style stone temples
- C) Composing Nirguna Bhakti poetry through simple 'Dohas' critiquing social orthodoxies
- D) Popularizing miniature paintings in the Mughal courts

**Answer: C) Composing Nirguna Bhakti poetry through simple 'Dohas' critiquing social orthodoxies**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Sant Kabir Das was a monumental figure in the **Bhakti Movement**. He advocated for **Nirguna Bhakti** (devotion to a formless supreme reality) and expressed his philosophies through sharp, simple, two-line poems called *Dohas*. His verses are integrated into the *Guru Granth Sahib* and his teachings actively bridged communal fault

lines, a theme highly relevant for Art & Culture modules in upcoming civil services examinations.

**For a quick visual comparison of key institutional launches and milestones covered in today's affairs, review the summary below:**

| Initiative / Event    | Lead Authority / Body        | Core Objective   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| LPMS 'VINIMAY'        | Amit Shah (MHA)              | Digitizing cargo & paperless passenger operations at land ports. |
| VB-G RAM G Scheme     | Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MoRD) | Rs. 1.25 Lakh Crore rural employment & livelihood guarantee.     |
| BHAVYA Portal         | Piyush Goyal (MoC&I)         | Rolling out 100 world-class collaborative industrial parks.      |
| FCNR(B) Swap Facility | Reserve Bank of India (RBI)  | Attracting stable foreign currency inflows to                    |

| Initiative / Event         | Lead Authority / Body      | Core Objective   |
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|                            |                            | protect the Rupee.   |
| Zojila Tunnel Breakthrough | Ministry of Road Transport | Complete 13.15 km all-weather connectivity tube to Ladakh. |

