

Part 1: National News & Governance

Q1. Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched nationwide celebrations to commemorate a decade of which health flagship initiative under the theme "10 Years of PMSMA – A Decade of Care"?

- A) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- B) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
- C) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- D) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

Answer: B) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

- **Detailed Explanation:** In June 2026, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda marked the 10th anniversary of the **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)**. To commemorate this milestone, a special **₹75 commemorative coin** and a **₹5 postage stamp** were released. PMSMA guarantees pregnant women comprehensive, free-of-cost antenatal care on the 9th of every month to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates.

Q2. Which digital platform was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in June 2026 to digitize cargo and passenger movement at Land Ports?

- A) LPMS-SATHI
- B) LPMS-VINIMAY
- C) LPMS-SUGAM
- D) LPMS-SETU

Answer: B) LPMS-VINIMAY

- **Detailed Explanation:** Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah launched the **Land Port Management System (LPMS) – VINIMAY** in New Delhi. This digital

architecture is designed to completely modernise operations across India's land borders, tracking automated cross-border cargo and passenger movements to beef up national border security while minimizing trading friction.

Q3. According to the newly released National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6) fact sheets by the Health Ministry, how many major indicators were utilized to map India's demographic and health trends?

- A) 55
- B) 75
- C) 101
- D) 120

Answer: C) 101

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare unveiled the **NFHS-6 fact sheets**, which provide granular data across **101 core indicators**. The massive demographic survey covered nearly 6.79 lakh households spanning 715 districts across India, with the sole exception of the state of Manipur due to local security/logistical issues during data gathering.

Q4. Which city has become the first city integrated under India's newly rolled out "Easy Connect" hub-and-spoke aviation model?

- A) Noida
- B) Varanasi
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Amritsar

Answer: B) Varanasi

- **Detailed Explanation:** Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu announced that

Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) has become the pioneer city for the "Easy Connect" model. This hub-and-spoke model permits international bound travelers from regional spoke airports to complete their official customs, immigration, and baggage clearances locally at Varanasi before transiting via major hubs like Delhi, drastically reducing peak-hour airport congestion.

Q5. As per data released in June 2026, what percentage of Tap Water connections coverage has the Jal Jeevan Mission achieved across rural India?

- A) 65.42%
- B) 72.10%
- C) 81.94%
- D) 90.00%

Answer: C) 81.94%

- **Detailed Explanation:** From a baseline of just 17% coverage (3.23 crore households) in 2019, the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has scaled up to deliver functional household tap connections to **15.86 crore rural homes**, successfully touching **81.94%** of rural households in June 2026.

Part 2: International News & Bilateral Relations

Q6. Elon Musk's SpaceX launched its highly anticipated Initial Public Offering (IPO) in June 2026. What was the historic record-breaking valuation achieved by SpaceX, making Musk the world's first trillionaire?

- A) \$1.25 trillion
- B) \$1.50 trillion
- C) \$1.77 trillion
- D) \$2.10 trillion

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Answer: C) \$1.77 trillion

- **Detailed Explanation:** Market history was written on Friday, June 12, 2026, as **SpaceX** went public in the biggest-ever initial public offering, raising a jaw-dropping \$75 billion. The listing valued the aerospace giant at a historic **\$1.77 trillion**, solidifying Elon Musk's status as the world's first official trillionaire and driving global stock indices upward.

Q7. U.S. President Donald Trump announced that a major peace agreement to officially end the military conflict with which country is expected to be signed over the weekend in Europe?

- A) Russia
- B) Iran
- C) North Korea
- D) Venezuela

Answer: B) Iran

- **Detailed Explanation:** Following weeks of heavy escalation, U.S. President Donald Trump stated on June 11, 2026, that he called off impending strikes as a breakthrough peace deal with **Iran** had reached the highest diplomatic levels. Vice-President J.D. Vance is scheduled to attend the official signing ceremony in Europe, driving global crude oil prices to an immediate two-month low.

Q8. The UN Secretary-General and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) strongly condemned a fatal attack on which Palau-flagged oil tanker off the coast of Oman that tragically killed three Indian seafarers?

- A) MT Settebello

- B) MV Jalveer
- C) MT Rubymar
- D) MV True Confidence

Answer: A) MT Settebello

- **Detailed Explanation:** UN Chief Antonio Guterres and the IMO condemned a lethal missile strike against the Palau-flagged oil tanker **MT Settebello** in the Gulf of Oman. The incident resulted in the tragic deaths of three Indian mariners. India filed a swift, strong diplomatic protest, summoning the U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission since the strike occurred amid a localized naval blockade enforcement.

Q9. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan issued Letters of Approval (LoA) to three top global universities for expanding and launching branch campuses in India. Which of the following is NOT one of them?

- A) University of Bristol (UK)
- B) University of York (UK)
- C) University of New South Wales (Australia)
- D) University of California, Berkeley (USA)

Answer: D) University of California, Berkeley (USA)

- **Detailed Explanation:** Under India's National Education Policy (NEP) internationalization mandate, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan officially issued LoAs to the **University of Bristol**, the **University of York**, and the **University of New South Wales** to open up physical offshore branch campuses in India. Berkeley was not part of this round.

Q10. Which South American nation became India's 3rd largest supplier of crude oil for the month of May/June 2026, following bilateral trade talks held in New Delhi?

- A) Brazil
- B) Colombia
- C) Venezuela
- D) Guyana

Answer: C) Venezuela

- **Detailed Explanation:** Bilateral trade between India and **Venezuela** crossed USD 678.94 million for FY25-26. Following high-level MEA meetings in New Delhi, it was revealed that Venezuela has climbed up the ranks to become India's third-largest crude oil supplier, following only behind Russia and the UAE.

Part 3: Economics, Banking & Finance

Q1. In June 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued Third Amendment Directions, restricting commercial banks from lending to REITs and InvITs unless they meet which regulatory condition?

- A) They have assets worth over ₹50,000 crore
- B) They are listed on recognized Stock Exchanges and registered with SEBI
- C) They maintain a capital adequacy ratio of 15%
- D) They operate solely in Tier-1 metropolitan areas

Answer: B) They are listed on recognized Stock Exchanges and registered with SEBI

- **Detailed Explanation:** To mitigate systemic banking exposure and real estate market risks, the **RBI Third Amendment Directions, 2026** strictly state that commercial banks can only extend corporate loans/credit facilities to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment

Trusts (InvITs) that are formally registered with and regulated by **SEBI** and actively listed on recognized stock exchanges.

Q12. The Government of India extended the validity of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0) till August 31, 2026. What is the enhanced maximum loan limit allocated per NBFC-MFI under this scheme?

- A) ₹250 Crore
- B) ₹500 Crore
- C) ₹1,000 Crore
- D) ₹2,000 Crore

Answer: C) ₹1,000 Crore

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Finance extended the **CGSMFI-2.0** pool up to August 31, 2026, or until guarantees worth ₹20,000 crore are completely utilized. Crucially, the credit limits for eligible Non-Banking Financial Company-Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) have been expanded up to **₹1,000 crore** to ensure liquid capital flow to low-income borrowers.

Q13. Which global tech corporation partnered with Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to set up its first large-scale, 168 MW Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled Data Centre at Jamnagar, Gujarat?

- A) Google Cloud
- B) Meta Platforms Inc.
- C) Microsoft Azure
- D) Amazon Web Services

Answer: B) Meta Platforms Inc.

- **Detailed Explanation:** **Meta Platforms Inc.** (parent company of Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp) inked a milestone joint

venture with Reliance Industries to set up its very first hyper-scale, **168 MW AI-powered data center** campus within RIL's industrial powerhouse zone in Jamnagar, Gujarat, to process massive regional AI workloads.

Q14. According to the Ministry of Textiles' June 2026 release, how many applicants were approved under Round-3 of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles?

- A) 12
- B) 22
- C) 35
- D) 45

Answer: B) 22

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Textiles approved **22 new manufacturing applicants** under Round-3 of the **PLI Scheme for Textiles**. This batch brings in an immediate fresh investment of ₹2,339.14 crore and is focused closely on sunrise segments like Man-Made Fibre (MMF) apparel, fabrics, and technical textiles.

Q15. In public transit infrastructure economics, India's rapid metro transit network has crossed 1,155 km across 26 cities in 2026. What is India's global rank in terms of operational metro network length?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth

Answer: C) Third

- **Detailed Explanation:** Due to extensive phase expansions, including the newly approved ₹2,169.04 crore Phase 2(A) connecting Ahmedabad Airport, India's

operational urban metro network has expanded to **1,155 km**, firmly ranking India as the **3rd largest metro network in the world**, just behind China and the United States.

Part 4: Defense News & Bilateral Memorandums (MoUs)

Q16. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹449 crore contract with Accord Software and Systems Private Limited (ASSPL) to procure 20 electronic warfare units of which systems for the Indian Navy?

- A) Maareecha Torpedo Countermeasures
- B) Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (ECGNSS) Jammers
- C) L-Band Air Surveillance Radars
- D) Netra Airborne Early Warning Systems

Answer: B) Enhanced Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (ECGNSS) Jammers

Detailed Explanation: In alignment with the *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* initiative, the MoD closed a ₹449 crore deal with domestic vendor ASSPL to acquire 20 indigenously developed **ECGNSS Jammers**. These advanced electronic warfare (EW) modules will protect frontline Indian Navy warships by jamming hostile satellite-based tracking and anti-ship missile targeting coordinates.

Q17. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the construction of a pioneering 250 MW Solar Power Project with an integrated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on vacant defense land located at which station?

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

D) Ambala, Haryana

Answer: B) Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh

Detailed Explanation: Marking a first-of-its-kind green defense transition, Union Minister Rajnath Singh approved a massive **250 MW Solar-BESS project** at the Ex-Cantonment defense lands in **Sitapur, UP**. The clean energy plant will run under a captive model, directly feeding green energy into defense grids to cut fiscal electricity expenditures without transferring land ownership out of the MoD.

Q18. Which public telecom enterprise signed an MoU with IIT Kanpur to jointly design and manufacture next-generation (6G and beyond) telecom network technologies?

- A) Reliance Jio
- B) Bharti Airtel
- C) BSNL
- D) Vodafone Idea

Answer: C) BSNL

Detailed Explanation: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and IIT Kanpur executed a strategic MoU to collaboratively establish advanced labs and develop homegrown Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) for next-gen cellular tech, fast-tracking India's transition into global 6G standards.

Q19. Which two North-Eastern Indian states signed a historic MoU in June 2026 to settle long-standing border disputes and initiate joint oil and gas exploration along their shared borders?

- A) Assam and Mizoram
- B) Arunachal Pradesh and Assam
- C) Assam and Nagaland

D) Manipur and Nagaland

Answer: C) Assam and Nagaland

- **Detailed Explanation:** In a historic geopolitical and economic breakthrough, the state governments of **Assam and Nagaland** signed a formal MoU. This agreement enables cooperative hydrocarbon, oil, and gas explorations in disputed border sectors, changing decades of frozen friction into a shared revenue-generating framework.

Q20. What is the name of the newly unveiled framework by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan that details a ₹1.25 lakh crore rural development and job guarantee blueprint?

- A) Viksit Bharat – Gramin Vikas Yojana
- B) Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G]
- C) Pradhan Mantri Rural Employment Guarantee Vision
- D) Shramik Kalyan Amrit Framework

Answer: B) Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G]

- **Detailed Explanation:** Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, released the comprehensive framework for **VB-G RAM G**. Backed by a historic **₹1.25 lakh crore** outlay, this mission builds concrete rural livelihoods, ensuring structural employment and wage security across village clusters nationwide.

Part 5: Sports, Awards, Appointments & Corporate

Q21. Which country scored a historic upset win over a major traditional football powerhouse in the opening week match of the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A) Canada

B) Mexico

C) USA

D) Morocco

Answer: B) Mexico

- **Detailed Explanation:** The **FIFA World Cup 2026** (jointly hosted across North America by the US, Canada, and Mexico) kicked off in June 2026. Early match updates highlighted **Mexico** securing a thrilling, high-stakes home victory that sent fans into wild celebrations and dominated global sports headlines.

Q22. The indigenous automatic train protection (ATP) system, Kavach (Version 4.0), was reported in June 2026 to be deployed across 3,103 route km. What is the drastic reduction in train accidents achieved from 2014 to 2026?

- A) From 200 accidents down to 50
- B) From 135 accidents down to 16
- C) From 95 accidents down to 5
- D) From 180 accidents down to 32

Answer: B) From 135 accidents down to 16

- **Detailed Explanation:** Highlighting Indian Railways' technological safety transformation, safety audits revealed that the deployment of **Kavach 4.0** on 4,277 locomotives and 3,103 route kilometers brought down train accidents from a high of **135 in 2014–15 to just 16 in the 2025–26 cycle**.

Q23. A 7-point political resolution was officially approved by coalition partners to congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he marked how many continuous days in office as India's longest-serving elected PM?

- A) 3,650 continuous days

- B) 4,112 continuous days
- C) 4,399 continuous days
- D) 5,000 continuous days

Answer: C) 4,399 continuous days

Detailed Explanation: In June 2026, a high-level political resolution was formally passed to honor PM Narendra Modi on completing **4,399 continuous days in office**, making him the longest-serving elected head of a government in modern Indian history across successive democratic mandates.

Part 6: Important Days, Schemes & Anniversaries

Q24. June 12 is globally observed as which important international day under the auspices of the United Nations and the International Labour Organization (ILO)?

- A) World Environment Day
- B) World Day Against Child Labour
- C) International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- D) World Blood Donor Day

Answer: B) World Day Against Child Labour

Detailed Explanation: Observed annually on **June 12**, this day raises global awareness to eradicate child labor. The 2026 edition marks the **27th anniversary of the adoption of ILO Convention No. 182** concerning the Worst Forms of Child Labour. Nations utilize this day to realign policies with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7.

Q25. June 12, 2026, was officially declared a national public holiday by which African federal government to commemorate its historic "Democracy Day"?

- A) Ghana

- B) South Africa
- C) Nigeria
- D) Kenya

Answer: C) Nigeria

Detailed Explanation: The Federal Government of **Nigeria**, through Interior Minister Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, declared Friday, June 12, 2026, a national public holiday for **Democracy Day**. It honors the resilience of Nigerian citizens and remembers the historic June 12, 1993, democratic elections.

Q26. June 11–12 marks the death anniversary of which legendary Maratha empire warrior king's son, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, often celebrated for his military defense battles?

Note: Evaluated on historical commemoration calendars across state cultural ministries.

- A) Chhatrapati Rajaram
- B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- C) Chhatrapati Shahu
- D) Baji Rao I

Answer: B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (He was the son of Shivaji Maharaj)

Detailed Explanation: Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the brilliant second ruler of the Maratha Kingdom and the eldest son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, is remembered in regional festivals and state cultural meets around this time for his supreme sacrifice and unyielding defense of the realm against Aurangzeb's Mughal forces.

Q27. Under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) statistics updated in June 2026, what progressive percentage of homes have been registered under solo or joint women's ownership?

- A) 50%
- B) 75%
- C) 88%
- D) 96%

Answer: D) 96%

Detailed Explanation: Driving massive socio-economic gender empowerment, updated PMAY-Urban datasets show that out of 125.31 lakh sanctioned units (with 98.10 lakh homes fully constructed), an overwhelming **96% of the properties are legally registered under women's ownership** or co-ownership.

Part 7: Art, Festivals, Culture & Books

Q28. The agricultural department of India successfully executed its first-ever export consignment of fresh GI-tagged geographic premium pineapples from North-East India directly to Dubai. Which state did this cargo originate from?

- A) Tripura
- B) Assam
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Manipur

Answer: A) Tripura

Detailed Explanation: In a big boost for North-East agricultural commerce, a high-value export shipment of Tripura's famous GI-tagged **Queen Pineapples** landed in Dubai markets. This trade access fetches international premium pricing (~10% higher than domestic markets) for smallholder local tribal farmers.

Q29. Which special gender-inclusive transit scheme, called "The Pink Saheli Cards", was rolled out by state transport corporations to

deliver digitised, transparent travel subsidies for women and transgender commuters?

- A) Delhi Transport Corporation
- B) Bihar State Road Transport
- C) Karnataka KSRTC
- D) Uttar Pradesh UPSRTC

Answer: D) Uttar Pradesh UPSRTC

Detailed Explanation: The **Pink Saheli Cards** initiative was introduced by the UP government as an inclusive public transit welfare measure. These digital smart cards provide automated, direct beneficiary-linked transport subsidies to female and transgender commuters, making daily economic commutes safer and more accessible.

Q30. The "Sindhu Darshan Festival", a vibrant cultural festival celebrating the peaceful integration of diverse riverine cultures, identity, and folk arts, concluded its initial week of celebrations along the Indus river in which Union Territory?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Ladakh
- C) Puducherry
- D) Lakshadweep

Answer: B) Ladakh

Detailed Explanation: The **Sindhu Darshan Festival** takes place annually in Leh, **Ladakh**, along the banks of the Indus (Sindhu) River. It showcases the rich, diverse cultural fabric of India, drawing thousands of domestic and foreign travelers to witness traditional Buddhist chanting, folk dances, and rituals promoting national integration.

