

## Part 1: International & National News

**Q1. India has recently launched 'Operation Amistad' to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to which of the following earthquake-hit countries?**

- A) Ecuador
- B) Colombia
- C) Venezuela
- D) Chile

**Correct Answer: C) Venezuela**

- **Explanation:** India has launched **Operation Amistad** as a gesture of solidarity with the earthquake-hit nation of Venezuela, where a major disaster has claimed hundreds of lives.
- Two Indian Air Force **C-17 Globemaster** aircraft departed carrying 30 tonnes of relief supplies, 6 tonnes of medicines, and **two BHISHM cube portable hospitals**. A 41-member medical and rescue task force accompanied the consignment to assist local authorities in search and rescue operations.

**Q2. Which country recently became the 27th member of India's International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in June 2026?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Myanmar

**Correct Answer: B) Bangladesh**

- **Explanation:** Bangladesh officially joined India's **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)** as its 27th member country. The alliance aims to protect seven major big cat species (Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma).

- This accession is strategically vital for enhancing joint conservation strategies, cross-border wildlife crime management, and protecting shared ecosystems like the Sundarbans.

**Q3. According to the 67th edition of the TOP500 Supercomputer Rankings released in June 2026, which machine has emerged as the world's most powerful supercomputer?**

- A) Frontier (USA)
- B) El Capitan (USA)
- C) LineShine (China)
- D) Fugaku (Japan)

**Correct Answer: C) LineShine (China)**

- **Explanation:** The 67th biannual TOP500 Supercomputer Rankings were released at the International Supercomputing High Performance conference in Hamburg, Germany.
- China's **LineShine machine**, stationed at the National Supercomputing Center in Shenzhen, dethroned the United States' **El Capitan** to become the world's most powerful supercomputer.

**Q4. The Ministry of Civil Aviation and DIAL jointly launched 'AIR SUVIDHA 2.0'. What is the primary function of this portal?**

- A) Direct booking of domestic flight subsidies
- B) Paperless passenger health self-declaration and automated screening
- C) Cargo customs clearance automation
- D) Drone registration and licensing

**Correct Answer: B) Paperless passenger health self-declaration and automated screening**

- **Explanation:** **AIR SUVIDHA 2.0** is an upgraded, fully contactless, and paperless

passenger health self-declaration web portal.

- It acts as a digital checkpoint that automates the screening of arriving international travelers to prevent cross-border transmission of infectious diseases. It streams real-time data to Airport Health Officers (APHOs) and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP).

**Q5. In June 2026, 35 nations including India signed a United States-led Statement on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to build trusted supply chains at which summit?**

- A) Global AI Safety Summit
- B) 2nd Pax Silica Summit
- C) 11th BRICS Digital Summit
- D) G20 Tech Alliance Meeting

**Correct Answer: B) 2nd Pax Silica Summit**

- **Explanation:** India joined 34 other nations at the **2nd Pax Silica Summit** held in Washington D.C., USA, to sign a joint statement on AI.
- The agreement focuses on establishing resilient, secure, and trusted hardware and software supply chains to back AI development. Side signatories included the EU, Argentina, Germany, Kazakhstan, and Chile.

## Part 2: Economics, Banking & Corporate

**Q6. Which regulatory master direction was released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June 2026 to deepen risk management tools and the corporate bond market?**

- A) RBI (External Commercial Borrowings) Directions, 2026
- B) RBI (Credit Derivatives) Directions, 2026

C) RBI (Green Bonds Framework) Guidelines, 2026

D) RBI (Digital Lending Restructuring) Rules, 2026

**Correct Answer: B) RBI (Credit Derivatives) Directions, 2026**

- **Explanation:** The RBI issued the “**Master Directions – RBI (Credit Derivatives) Directions, 2026**”.
- The primary objective is to deepen India's corporate bond market by expanding the variety of credit risk-mitigation tools. This allows market participants to hedge credit risks associated with corporate debt instruments more dynamically.

**Q7. Which AI-driven fintech platform recently secured NPCI approval to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for UPI services?**

- A) Paisabazaar
- B) jUMPP
- C) Skydo
- D) SliceMoney

**Correct Answer: B) jUMPP**

- **Explanation:** Fintech platform **jUMPP** secured regulatory approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a **Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)**.
- It has collaborated with **YES Bank Limited** as its payment service provider bank to offer seamless UPI and Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) services.

**Q8. Which Indian cross-border payments platform became the first in the country to secure an international payment license in Canada for overseas regulatory operations?**

- A) Razorpay

- B) Skydo  
C) Cashfree  
D) Instamojo

**Correct Answer: B) Skydo**

- **Explanation:** The cross-border B2B payments platform **Skydo** secured an international payment license from Canadian authorities.
- This makes Skydo the **first Indian cross-border payment company** to achieve independent regulatory approval overseas, facilitating seamless local collections and direct 2-day payment streams between India and Canada.

**Q9. India has recently initiated a massive anti-dumping investigation into hot-rolled steel imports from which three countries?**

- A) China, Japan, and Russia  
B) USA, South Korea, and Germany  
C) China, Vietnam, and Australia  
D) Brazil, South Africa, and Russia

**Correct Answer: A) China, Japan, and Russia**

- **Explanation:** Following applications filed by domestic giants JSW Steel and Jindal Steel, India's **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)** launched an anti-dumping probe covering hot-rolled steel imports from **China, Japan, and Russia** spanning 2022-2025. The investigation stems from allegations that these countries are offloading underpriced steel, severely harming domestic manufacturing.

**Q10. Which bank partnered with financial marketplace Paisabazaar to launch the 'Paisa+' Fixed Deposit (FD)-backed secured credit card?**

- A) SBM Bank India  
B) Federal Bank

- C) YES Bank  
D) HDFC Bank

**Correct Answer: A) SBM Bank India**

- **Explanation:** Paisabazaar and **SBM Bank (India) Limited** jointly rolled out the "**SBM Paisabazaar Paisa+ Credit Card**". This is a secured credit card backed by a Fixed Deposit (FD), primarily targeted at helping thin-file consumers or those with poor credit histories build up their credit scores securely.

### Part 3: Schemes, Fellowships & Committees

**Q1. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with GRAAM to engage fellows under which new fellowship?**

- A) Sankhya National Research Fellowship  
B) Embark India Development Fellowship (EIDF)  
C) Viksit Bharat Statistical Fellowship  
D) NITI Data Analytics Fellowship

**Correct Answer: B) Embark India Development Fellowship (EIDF)**

- **Explanation:** MoSPI signed a Statement of Intent with the **Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)**.
- Under this collaboration, two research fellows will be engaged under the **Embark India Development Fellowship (EIDF)** proposal to evaluate and improve data-driven grassroot development policy research in India.

**Q12. In June 2026, the Supreme Court of India pushed all states to mandate a uniform architecture for what vital healthcare system to optimize responses during the 'Golden Hour'?**

- A) Telemedicine and Rural Health Networks
- B) Organ Transplant Registry Architecture
- C) Trauma Care Systems for Road Crashes
- D) Universal Mental Health Helplines

**Correct Answer: C) Trauma Care Systems for Road Crashes**

- **Explanation:** Acting on a petition by the **Save LIFE Foundation**, the Supreme Court highlighted that no single state has fully integrated all five key life-saving architectures—including GPS-enabled ambulances, trauma registries, and Good Samaritan frameworks—to secure road accident victims during the **Golden Hour** (the critical first 60 minutes). The court ordered immediate integration of ambulance networks into the national 112 emergency helpline.

**Q13. The state-backed Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SFCL) was established in June 2026. What is its core function?**

- A) Financing coastal highway networks under Bharatmala
- B) Serving as India's first dedicated maritime Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- C) Providing export credit insurance to agricultural dock workers
- D) Funding marine ecological conservation zones

**Correct Answer: B) Serving as India's first dedicated maritime Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)**

- **Explanation:** To solve deep-rooted structural credit crunches in Indian domestic shipping, the government established the **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SFCL)**. It operates as the country's first dedicated maritime NBFC,

extending swift corporate credit pipelines to domestic shipbuilders and port developers.

## Part 4: Defense, Infrastructure & Science

**Q14. The U.S. Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified a proposed Foreign Military Sale (FMS) to India to provide sustainment services for which two critical defense platforms?**

- A) Rafale-M fighters and Scorpene submarines
- B) AH-64E Apache helicopters and M777A2 Howitzers
- C) S-400 Triumf and MiG-29K fighters
- D) Chinook Helicopters and SIG Sauer rifles

**Correct Answer: B) AH-64E Apache helicopters and M777A2 Howitzers**

- **Explanation:** The US DSCA notified Congress of a proposed FMS to India regarding logistics support, spare parts, and sustainment infrastructure for India's fleet of **AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and M777A2 lightweight howitzers**, ensuring high operational readiness for the Indian Army and Air Force along frontline borders.

**Q15. In June 2026, India became the global leader in which specific maritime sector with an commanding 35.4% share of the worldwide market?**

- A) Deep-sea Container transshipment
- B) Commercial LNG Ship Manufacturing
- C) Ship Recycling
- D) Autonomous Marine Drone Development

**Correct Answer: C) Ship Recycling**

- **Explanation:** The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways announced that India has captured the top position globally in **ship recycling**, accounting for a **35.4% share** of

the total global market. This milestone underscores India's rapidly scaling sustainable, green-certified recycling yards centered along Alang, Gujarat.

**Q16. HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering signed a historic \$4 billion greenfield investment pact with Cochin Shipyard Limited to set up a state-of-the-art green shipyard in which Indian city?**

- A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
- C) Jamnagar, Gujarat
- D) Kochi, Kerala

**Correct Answer: B) Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu**

- **Explanation:** Marking a massive shift in India's domestic shipbuilding capacity, the Hyundai subsidiary (HD Korea Shipbuilding) finalized an agreement to deploy a **\$4 billion mega greenfield investment** in **Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu**, to set up a state-of-the-art green shipyard in cooperation with Cochin Shipyard Limited.

**Q17. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled 63 development projects valued at over ₹5,028 crore during the 154th Foundation Day of which major port?**

- A) Kolkata Port Authority
- B) Chennai Port Authority
- C) Mumbai Port Authority (MPA)
- D) Deendayal Port Authority

**Correct Answer: C) Mumbai Port Authority (MPA)**

- **Explanation:** Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, unveiled a future developmental blueprint consisting of **63 infrastructure projects worth ₹5,028.17 crore** at the **154th foundation day of the Mumbai Port**

**Authority (MPA)** to modernize cruise tourism, dock capacity, and local eco-tourism links.

**Q18. A new species of tiger moth named 'Antaram idukki' was discovered by taxonomists in India. To which biological family does it belong?**

- A) Nymphalidae
- B) Erebidae
- C) Geometridae
- D) Papilionidae

**Correct Answer: B) Erebidae**

- **Explanation:** Discovered in the Western Ghats region of Idukki, the newly documented tiger moth species **Antaram idukki** has been classified under the subfamily Arctiinae of the biological family **Erebidae**. This discovery underscores the rich, undocumented biodiversity hotspots remaining in the southern Western Ghats.

## Part 5: International Summits & MoUs

**Q19. Where was the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting held under India's BRICS Chairship 2026?**

- A) New Delhi, Delhi
- B) Gurugram, Haryana
- C) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D) Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Correct Answer: B) Gurugram, Haryana**

- **Explanation:** The **11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting** was successfully hosted by India on June 25–26, 2026, in **Gurugram, Haryana**. The meeting was held under the core theme *"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"*

with a focus on the track theme “Energy for All”.

**Q20. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India signed an MoU to boost public sector auditing and knowledge sharing with the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of which nation?**

- A) United States
- B) Israel
- C) Japan
- D) France

**Correct Answer: B) Israel**

- **Explanation:** The CAG of India inked an institutional Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Israel. The pact is designed to build collaborative pipelines for real-time digital public data auditing, methodologies for high-tech public asset assessments, and bilateral capacity exchange.

**Q21. ASSOCHAM signed an MoU in New Delhi with the ACCI in June 2026 to boost bilateral investments. What does ACCI stand for?**

- A) Argentina Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- B) Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment
- C) Armenia Council for Commercial Integration
- D) Australia-Canada Commercial Initiative

**Correct Answer: B) Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment**

- **Explanation:** The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) hosted delegates in New Delhi to sign an milestone MoU with the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) to rejuvenate private

bilateral trade lines, dry fruit export streams, and micro-investment cooperation.

**Q22. Which Indian institution signed an MoU with India's sovereign AI cloud provider 'BharathCloud' to provide secure, domestic-hosted cloud infrastructure for its professionals?**

- A) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- B) Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
- C) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad
- D) IIT Madras

**Correct Answer: B) Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)**

- **Explanation:** Sovereign AI cloud developer BharathCloud signed an infrastructure MoU with the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in Pune. The partnership guarantees dedicated, highly encrypted, India-hosted cloud infrastructure for data sovereign storage used daily by practicing Company Secretaries.

## Part 6: Awards, Appointments & Indexes

**Q23. Which Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence was upgraded from Miniratna Category-I to the prestigious 'Navratna' status in June 2026?**

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited
- C) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited

**Correct Answer: B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited**

- **Explanation:** The Ministry of Finance officially upgraded **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited** to **Navratna status**. This critical shift grants the defense shipbuilding enterprise significantly higher fiscal and operational autonomy, allowing them to greenlight overseas joint ventures up to specific ceilings without prior cabinet approvals.

**Q24. India was ranked at which position globally in the latest AI-Economy Readiness Index released in June 2026?**

- A) 5th
- B) 13th
- C) 27th
- D) 42nd

**Correct Answer: B) 13th**

- **Explanation:** India secured the **13th position globally** in the latest comprehensive AI-Economy Readiness Index. Crucially, the country ranked **1st among all lower-middle-income countries**, highlighting India's immense speed in integrating digital public infrastructure (DPI) with emergent machine learning networks.

**Q25. Six youth-led environmental startups won the '8th Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026'. Which city hosted this flagship event?**

- A) Bengaluru
- B) New Delhi
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Pune

**Correct Answer: C) Hyderabad**

- **Explanation:** Co-created by UNDP India and AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), the **8th Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026** concluded at the technology incubator

**T-Hub in Hyderabad, Telangana.** Six sustainable, climate-tech youth startups emerged victorious out of 350 national entries.

## Part 7: Important Days, Culture & Anniversaries

**Q26. World Vitiligo Day is observed annually on June 25. What was the designated official theme for the year 2026?**

- A) "Inclusion for All Skin Types"
- B) "From Stigma to Strength"
- C) "Mental Health and Skin Care Awareness"
- D) "Unite for Vitiligo Research"

**Correct Answer: B) "From Stigma to Strength"**

- **Explanation:** Observed globally to honor patients and remove systemic social bias, **World Vitiligo Day 2026** carried the theme **"From Stigma to Strength"**. The designated global awareness color for the campaigns was **Purple**, symbolizing global solidarity and hope.

**Q27. June 26, 2026, marked the 189th Birth Anniversary of which legendary Indian literary icon, celebrated widely as the creator of India's national song Vande Mataram?**

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- C) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
- D) Michael Madhusudan Dutt

**Correct Answer: B) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay**

- **Explanation:** June 26 marked the **189th birth anniversary of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay** (born 1838). He was an extraordinary Bengali novelist and poet whose seminal work *Anandamath* birthed the song **Vande Mataram**, which became the

central anthem of the Indian independence struggle.

**Q28. 'Sufiyana Music', which was featured in national news recently, is an entirely indigenous and exclusive classical art form belonging to which region?**

- A) Ladakh
- B) Kashmir Valley
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Punjab

**Correct Answer: B) Kashmir Valley**

- **Explanation:** Sufiyana Music (or Sufiyana Mausiqi) is an elite, meditative classical music tradition exclusive to the **Kashmir Valley**. It features specialized stringed instruments like the *Santoor* and *Sitar*, using unique melodic frameworks known as *Maqams*. It faced modern preservation discussions in national arts forums this month.

**Q29. The Tungabhadra River, which saw inter-state water regulation updates between Pampa Sagar dam authorities this week, flows primarily through which sequence of states?**

- A) Maharashtra, Goa, and Karnataka
- B) Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh
- C) Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry
- D) Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh

**Correct Answer: B) Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh**

- **Explanation:** The **Tungabhadra River** is formed by the confluence of the Tunga and Bhadra rivers in Karnataka. It travels down the semi-arid Deccan plateau, tracing lines across the Karnataka-Telangana border before flowing into Andhra Pradesh, where it ultimately merges into the **Krishna River**.

The main regulatory reservoir is **Pampa Sagar** near Hosapete, Karnataka.

**Q30. Air India launched flight 1111 from Varanasi, marking India's first civil aviation 'Hub-and-Spoke' model route. Which airport in Varanasi hosted this launch?**

- A) Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport
- B) Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport
- C) Kushinagar International Airport
- D) Jewar International Airport

**Correct Answer: B) Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport**

- **Explanation:** Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu inaugurated India's pioneering domestic hub-and-spoke corridor by flagging off Air India Flight 1111 from **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport** in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.