

Section 1: International News

Q1. The United States and Iran recently agreed to halt tit-for-tat attacks and hold formal de-escalation talks on June 30, 2026, in which city?

- A) Vienna, Austria
- B) Doha, Qatar
- C) Muscat, Oman
- D) Geneva, Switzerland

Correct Answer: B) Doha, Qatar

Detailed Explanation: Following a series of reciprocal military strikes that threatened to disrupt global energy shipping through the critical Strait of Hormuz, the US and Iran agreed to a "stand down" framework. Doha, Qatar, is acting as the central diplomatic mediator for these high-stakes crisis resolution talks.

Q2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook an official state visit from June 27-29, 2026, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties and reinforce the MAHASAGAR vision with which nation?

- A) Maldives
- B) Mauritius
- C) Seychelles
- D) Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: C) Seychelles

Detailed Explanation: The Indian PM visited Seychelles to join their National Day celebrations and mark 50 years of bilateral relations. Under India's MAHASAGAR (*Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions*) initiative, both nations signed key MoUs on UPI implementation, space exploration, and maritime security.

Q3. Which European Union regulation has prompted the Indian government to announce a

90% compliance cost subsidy to keep domestic MSME exporters competitive?

- A) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- B) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- C) Digital Markets Act (DMA)
- D) Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)

Correct Answer: B) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

Detailed Explanation: The EU's CBAM imposes a carbon tariff on carbon-intensive goods entering the EU market. To insulate Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from severe financial shock and compliance hurdles, the Indian Center announced it will bear 90% of their compliance expenses.

Q4. In June 2026, which country was hit by a significant 6.1-magnitude earthquake in its Iwate Prefecture, prompting rapid damage monitoring but no tsunami warnings?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Japan
- C) Philippines
- D) Chile

Correct Answer: B) Japan

Detailed Explanation: Japan's Iwate Prefecture, located in the northeastern part of Honshu island, experienced a strong 6.1-magnitude shallow earthquake. Due to advanced seismic infrastructure and inland dynamics, no tsunami alerts were issued.

Section 2: National News & Polity

Q5. Which state scheduled the tabling of its own domestic Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in its Legislative Assembly during its late June 2026 budget session?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Assam
- C) West Bengal
- D) Gujarat

Correct Answer: C) West Bengal

Detailed Explanation: Following the legislative precedence set by Uttarakhand, the West Bengal state government moved to introduce its own Uniform Civil Code Bill on June 29, 2026, to introduce common personal laws across various communities within the state boundaries.

Q6. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the upcoming high-speed bullet train corridor connecting Delhi to Varanasi will reduce travel time to 1 hour and 40 minutes. Which two major cities will it pass through?

- A) Jewar and Lucknow
- B) Agra and Kanpur
- C) Aligarh and Prayagraj
- D) Noida and Ayodhya

Correct Answer: A) Jewar and Lucknow

Detailed Explanation: The Delhi-Varanasi bullet train route map details a high-speed corridor traveling via Jewar (the site of the massive Noida International Airport) and Lucknow, dramatically slashing overland transit times across Uttar Pradesh.

Q7. The Anantnag Police in Jammu & Kashmir launched which modern aerial-ground surveillance initiative to secure the Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 (SANJY-2026)?

- A) Project Eagle Eye
- B) Project Hawk Eye
- C) Operation Kavach
- D) Project Drishti

Correct Answer: B) Project Hawk Eye

Detailed Explanation: Project Hawk Eye combines 15 real-time monitoring drones, 28 ground-based elevated observation posts (*Machan Morchas*), sniper teams, and high-resolution CCTV units integrated with Facial Recognition Systems (FRS) along the critical Amarnath pilgrimage trail.

Q8. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched "Operation Chakra-VI" across India in late June 2026. What was its primary enforcement objective?

- A) Curbing standard human trafficking channels
- B) Dismantling a nationwide digital arrest fraud network
- C) Tracking illicit cryptocurrency funding into NGOs
- D) Interdicting cross-border drug syndicates

Correct Answer: B) Dismantling a nationwide digital arrest fraud network

Detailed Explanation: "Operation Chakra-VI" was specifically engineered by the CBI to target, track, and arrest members of organized cyber-crime syndicates executing "digital arrest" frauds—where scammers pose as law enforcement officers to extort money from citizens via video calls.

Section 3: Economics, Banking & Corporate Investments

Q9. Under the RBI's revised June 2026 Scale-Based Regulations, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) with an asset size of or exceeding what threshold will automatically be classified into the Upper Layer (NBFC-UL)?

- A) ₹25,000 crore
- B) ₹50,000 crore
- C) ₹75,000 crore

D) ₹1 lakh crore

Correct Answer: D) ₹1 lakh crore

Detailed Explanation: The RBI issued the *NBFC Scale-Based Regulation Second Amendment Directions, 2026*, stipulating that any NBFC with an asset size of ₹1 lakh crore (\$100,000 \text{Cr}\$) or more will automatically face the strictest regulatory oversight reserved for the "Upper Layer" framework.

Q10. Global tech giant Amazon announced a massive cumulative investment of USD 48 billion in India by 2030. How much of this specific June 2026 commitment is carved out exclusively for AI and Cloud infrastructure?

- A) USD 5 billion
- B) USD 10 billion
- C) USD 13 billion
- D) USD 20 billion

Correct Answer: C) USD 13 billion

Detailed Explanation: Building on its previous investment runs, Amazon allocated USD 13 billion of its USD 48 billion roadmap explicitly toward building AWS data centers in Mumbai and Hyderabad, driving cloud capability and local AI tooling down to government schools and small businesses.

Q11. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 42.2 million Small Expenditure Financing Facility (SEFF) in June 2026 to systematically develop which traditional industry in Northeast India?

- A) Handloom and Silk weaving
- B) Bamboo Industry
- C) Organic Tea Cultivation
- D) Handcrafted Pottery

Correct Answer: B) Bamboo Industry

Detailed Explanation: Northeast India holds a vast percentage of India's raw bamboo stock. The ADB's USD 42.2 million loan is directly targeted at adding institutional value chains, commercializing production processing, and expanding local green jobs within the North Eastern Region (NER).

Q12. Why did major public and private Indian financial institutions (including SBI and Bank of Baroda) temporarily pause their offshore US dollar bond emission plans in June 2026?

- A) The RBI banned foreign commercial borrowings
- B) International investors demanded higher yields, widening spreads over US Treasuries
- C) Global rating agencies downgraded India's sovereign outlook
- D) Extreme volatility in the domestic retail banking liquidity index

Correct Answer: B) International investors demanded higher yields, widening spreads over US Treasuries

Detailed Explanation: With an influx of global bond supplies, international buyers pushed for higher returns. Because this widened the premium spreads over US baseline Treasuries, major Indian banks paused their foreign bond actions to seek alternative loan structures or wait for calmer international capital market windows.

Section 4: Science, Technology & Environment

Q13. In late June 2026, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) inaugurated the world's first nuclear process heat-driven Hydrogen Production Facility at IGCAR, Kalpakkam. Which thermochemical cycle does it use?

- A) Sulfur-Iodine (S-I) Cycle

- B) Hybrid Sulfur Cycle
- C) Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) Cycle
- D) Iron Oxide Cycle

Correct Answer: C) Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) Cycle

Detailed Explanation: This pathbreaking green facility at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) utilizes the high-temperature nuclear process heat from India's Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) to drive a **Copper–Chlorine (Cu–Cl) cycle**, split water, and generate zero-emission, carbon-free hydrogen at a commercial research scale.

Q14. India successfully achieved its first satellite-based landing system approach on a civilian jet engine aircraft on June 27, 2026, at Udaipur Airport using which indigenous navigation system?

- A) NavIC
- B) GAGAN
- C) IRNSS-1A
- D) Bhuvan-Aero

Correct Answer: B) GAGAN

Detailed Explanation: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) completed the first commercial-grade jet aircraft landing using **GAGAN** (*GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation*). This specialized satellite-based augmentation system improves spatial position guidance during low-visibility runway approaches.

Q15. The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has rolled out the "Coastal Resilience Mission 2026". What is its core target?

- A) Installing commercial deep-sea energy wind turbines

- B) Protecting and restoring vulnerable coastal ecosystems like mangroves and coral reefs
- C) Funding automated deep-sea mineral exploration
- D) Creating artificial breakwaters for shipping lanes

Correct Answer: B) Protecting and restoring vulnerable coastal ecosystems like mangroves and coral reefs

Detailed Explanation: The Coastal Resilience Mission 2026 focuses on building eco-shielding layers along India's coastline to absorb severe cyclonic energy, reverse shoreline erosion, and safeguard the economic livelihoods of artisanal fishing populations.

Q16. Scientists recently published a detailed 3D magma reservoir map of the active Lake Laach (Laacher See) volcanic infrastructure. In which country is this volcanic region located?

- A) Italy
- B) Iceland
- C) Germany
- D) Indonesia

Correct Answer: C) Germany

Detailed Explanation: Lake Laach is a caldera lake situated within the Eifel volcanic region of western Germany. Using passive seismology networks and micro-earthquake tracking data, geophysicists successfully mapped out its sub-surface magmatic plumbing structure in high definition.

Section 5: Government Schemes & MoUs

Q17. What is the primary objective of the newly launched central welfare program named the "PM-RAHAT Scheme"?

- A) Providing flash flood safety shelters in coastal towns
- B) Financial aid and immediate emergency medical treatment for road accident victims
- C) Providing subsidized drip irrigation to drought-hit regions
- D) Subsidizing localized cold storage units for dairy farmers

Correct Answer: B) Financial aid and immediate emergency medical treatment for road accident victims

Detailed Explanation: The PM-RAHAT Scheme was structured to offer seamless financial underwriting and immediate medical response within the critical "Golden Hour" to reduce fatalities from highway traffic accidents across India.

Q18. The Punjab government recently notified the VB-G RAM G Scheme, 2026. What core statutory operational model does this rural livelihood framework follow?

- A) Direct basic income transfer for marginal landless farmers
- B) A convergence model featuring a "multiple plan – single funding" architecture
- C) Completely replacing traditional MGNREGA frameworks with central drone training jobs
- D) Subsidized solar pumping infrastructure for village panchayats

Correct Answer: B) A convergence model featuring a "multiple plan – single funding" architecture

Detailed Explanation: The *Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)* framework links different state and central schemes into a singular funding channel at the Gram Panchayat level, enabling

streamlined village infrastructure development without bureaucratic departmental silos.

Q19. Which state government updated its Farmers' Registry Portal on June 26, 2026, to allow small tea growers and plantation-class landholders to acquire unique Farmer IDs?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Kerala
- C) Assam
- D) Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: C) Assam

Detailed Explanation: By incorporating specialized plantation-class lands into its central digital registry database, the Assam government ensures that thousands of small tea growers can seamlessly access institutional credit lines, fertilizer subsidies, and crop insurance policies.

Q20. Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated a new cooperation-based public taxi service platform named "Bharat Taxi" in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan

Correct Answer: C) Gujarat

Detailed Explanation: Launched at the Mahatma Mandir cooperative convention, the "Bharat Taxi" initiative leverages a cooperative structural model designed to eliminate private aggregators, returning a higher revenue share directly to taxi drivers while offering regulated fares to citizens.

Section 6: Sports News

Q21. Indian sports star Sarvesh Kushare hit the national headlines in late June 2026 by

matching India's long-standing national record in which track and field event?

- A) Long Jump
- B) Javelin Throw
- C) High Jump
- D) Triple Jump

Correct Answer: C) High Jump

Detailed Explanation: Sarvesh Kushare put on a spectacular athletic display by clearing a height of exactly 2.31 meters, matching the elite high jump national record and securing direct athletic validation for elite international athletic meets.

Q22. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the host venues for upcoming marquee events. Which nations are co-hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?

- A) Australia and New Zealand
- B) India and Sri Lanka
- C) England and Wales
- D) USA and West Indies

Correct Answer: B) India and Sri Lanka

Detailed Explanation: The 2026 edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup is scheduled to be jointly organized across major venues in India and Sri Lanka, featuring expanded global team groups.

Section 7: Appointments, Awards & Recognitions

Q23. French meteorologist Dr. Florence Rabier was honored in June 2026 with the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) highest distinction, the IMO Prize. What was her pioneering contribution?

- A) Discovering new upper atmospheric ozone depletion pathways

- B) Advancements in Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) and data assimilation
- C) Establishing the Arctic Ocean climate monitoring network
- D) Mapping deep ocean thermohaline conveyor loops

Correct Answer: B) Advancements in Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) and data assimilation

Detailed Explanation: Dr. Florence Rabier received the prestigious International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize for her career-defining work in mathematical modeling and satellite data integration, which vastly increased the world's early warning accuracy for catastrophic extreme weather events.

Q24. In the 8th Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026, which Indian educational institution secured the global 1st rank specifically for SDG-5 (Gender Equality)?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) Delhi University

Correct Answer: B) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

Detailed Explanation: While the University of Manchester clinched the top position in the overall cumulative sustainability tables, India's MAHE stood out globally by securing the Rank 1 spot for its targeted systemic achievements in United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality).

Section 8: Books, Authors & Defense News

Q25. India extended the operational timeline for its USD 770 million manufacturing incentive package to attract industrial bids for producing which highly strategic material?

- A) Titanium Alloys for stealth fighters
- B) Rare Earth Magnets
- C) Lithium-Ion solid-state cells
- D) Carbon Composite fibers

Correct Answer: B) Rare Earth Magnets

Detailed Explanation: To build domestic military and electronic defense security, India pushed its incentive deadline forward to safely secure deep technological capacity in producing rare earth magnets, which are essential for advanced missile guidance systems, EV motors, and high-tech defense hardware.

Q26. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in a multilateral air combat exercise in Europe aimed at executing complex electronic warfare maneuvers alongside NATO air wings. What is the name of this exercise series?

- A) Exercise Desert Knight 2026
- B) Exercise Pitch Black 2026
- C) Exercise Blue Flag 2026
- D) Exercise Toronado 2026

Correct Answer: C) Exercise Blue Flag 2026

Detailed Explanation: Exercise Blue Flag remains a premier multilateral electronic warfare and high-end air tactical engagement drill, providing deep interoperability exposure to Indian multirole fighter pilots within highly dense, contested airspaces.

Section 9: Important Days, Festivals, Art & Culture

Q27. India observes National Statistics Day annually on June 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of which legendary foundational icon?

- A) Dr. S.R. Ranganathan
- B) Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis
- C) Srinivasa Ramanujan
- D) Dr. C.R. Rao

Correct Answer: B) Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis

Detailed Explanation: June 29 is celebrated as National Statistics Day to honor Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis's invaluable contributions to institutionalizing economic planning and statistics through the Mahalanobis Distance metric and founding the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI).

Q28. The nationwide awareness observation event titled "Nasha Mukta Bharat Saptah 2026" concluded on June 26, 2026. Which Union Ministry is the nodal enforcement agency for this program?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Correct Answer: C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Detailed Explanation: Conducted from June 17 to June 26, 2026, the *Nasha Mukta Bharat Saptah* (Drug-Free India Week) is led directly by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to mobilize community-level rehabilitation, institutional counseling, and student awareness programs against substance abuse.

Q29. The "Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project"—a major transboundary river management plan trending heavily in regional diplomatic culture in late June 2026—involves diplomatic negotiations between India and which neighbor?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bhutan
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Myanmar

Correct Answer: C) Bangladesh

Detailed Explanation: The Teesta project involves large-scale dredging, flood embankment construction, and water management inside Bangladesh. Because the Teesta originates in Sikkim and flows down through West Bengal, it forms a central pillar of hydropolitics, environmental conservation, and bilateral river diplomacy between New Delhi and Dhaka.

Q30. June 27 marked the death anniversary of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. He famously led the Indian Armed Forces to victory as the Chief of the Army Staff during which landmark historical conflict?

- A) 1962 Sino-Indian War
- B) 1965 Indo-Pak War
- C) 1971 Indo-Pak War
- D) 1999 Kargil War

Correct Answer: C) 1971 Indo-Pak War

Detailed Explanation: Popularly known as *Sam Bahadur*, Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw was the Chief of the Army Staff during the 1971 war, which led to the historic liberation of Bangladesh. He was the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the five-star rank of Field Marshal.

