

## 1. National News & Governance

**Q1. The PM SVANidhi scheme recently completed its sixth year of implementation in June 2026. This Central Sector scheme is executed by which of the following ministries?**

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) completed six years of operations in June 2026, having empowered over 75 lakh street vendors. Launched in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded and administered by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**. Its purpose is to provide collateral-free working capital loans in three tranches: ₹15,000, ₹25,000, and ₹50,000. It provides an interest subsidy incentive of 7% per annum for timely repayments, which is credited directly via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

**Q2. In June 2026, the central government constituted a "High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes" (HLCDC). Under which Union Ministry does this committee operate?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The government has established the **High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC)** under the aegis of the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. The panel is mandated to assess challenges arising out of fast-paced demographic shifts, internal migrations, and changing regional population dynamics, and to propose a framework for socio-economic planning and security configurations.

**Q3. Regarding the 6th round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) released in mid-2026, consider the following statements:**

1. Institutional deliveries in India have successfully crossed the 90% threshold.
2. Active health insurance coverage now extends to more than 60% of Indian households.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

**Correct Answer: C**

**Detailed Explanation:**

According to the definitive findings from the NFHS-6 data, India has recorded a substantial leap in health healthcare indicators:

- **Institutional deliveries** increased nationally to **90.6%**.
- **Health insurance coverage** hit **60.2%** across households.
- Furthermore, child immunizations reached 87.1% (aged 12-23 months), while women operating independent, active bank

accounts touched 89.0%. Both statements are entirely accurate.

**Q4. The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) launched four major digital maritime initiatives in early June 2026. What is the name of the dedicated 24x7 grievance redressal platform launched for seafarers under this project?**

- A) e-Sagarika
- B) e-Navik
- C) Sagar Suraksha Portal
- D) Samudra Griha Module

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

To enhance transparency, seafarer welfare, and immediate regulatory compliance, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) deployed four digital maritime tools. Among these, the **e-Navik Grievance Module** functions as a dedicated, round-the-clock (24x7) dispute and grievance resolution platform tailored specifically for Indian seafarers facing legal, financial, or operational hurdles globally or domestically.

**Q5. "Operation Sheruwali," which frequently appeared in national headlines in June 2026, is a counter-terrorism mission spearheaded by security forces in which State/UT?**

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Jammu & Kashmir
- D) Ladakh

**Correct Answer: C**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**Operation Sheruwali** is a prominent, intelligence-led tactical counter-terrorism

operation executed by the Indian Armed Forces in coordination with domestic intelligence and local police wings in the Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir**. It aims to neutralize persistent infiltration blocks, secure high-altitude passes, and track insurgent safe-houses prior to regional developmental initiatives.

## 2. International News

**Q6. Which country has overtaken India in June 2026 to emerge as the world's 5th largest equity market by total stock market valuation?**

- A) Taiwan
- B) Germany
- C) France
- D) South Korea

**Correct Answer: A**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Global stock market indices confirmed that **Taiwan has overtaken India** in total equity market capitalization, securing the position of the **5th largest stock market globally**. The massive shift in global venture capital is attributed to institutional investors aggressively migrating funds into AI-driven technologies and semiconductor-focused advanced manufacturing structures in Taiwan. The top four slots remain held by the U.S., mainland China, Japan, and Hong Kong.

**Q7. The UN independent human rights experts and UNRWA recently flagged escalating displacement and conflict near the "Yellow Line." This geographical military line is located within which conflict region?**

- A) The Korean Demilitarized Zone
- B) The Gaza Strip
- C) The Ukraine-Russia border zone

D) Sudan's Darfur border

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The "Yellow Line" refers to the designated zone of tactical control maintained by the military forces within the **Gaza Strip**. Recent escalation, shelling, and systemic blockages near this zone have caused widespread casualties and iterative internal displacement of civilian communities, pushing humanitarian outfits like UNRWA to raise alarms concerning international human rights compliance.

**Q8. In June 2026, a comprehensive report released by the World Food Programme (WFP) highlighted extreme food security pressures on vulnerable countries caused by Middle East volatility. Which three nations were utilized as primary, diverse case studies for this report?**

- A) Yemen, Sudan, and Syria
- B) Afghanistan, Somalia, and Sri Lanka
- C) Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Maldives
- D) Ethiopia, Kenya, and Pakistan

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The WFP's definitive June 2026 food security econometric modeling assessment concentrated heavily on **Afghanistan, Somalia, and Sri Lanka**. These specific case studies were chosen to study how fuel inflation, global fertilizer shocks, trade bottleneck dynamics, and macro-financial imbalances trickling down from Middle Eastern instabilities impact geographies with pre-existing climate and humanitarian vulnerabilities.

### 3. Economics, Banking & Finance

**Q9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is actively evaluating the implementation of a 'Kill Switch' mechanism for retail digital payment applications. What is the fundamental utility of this tool?**

- A) To instantly shut down the app if a phone is left idle for 5 minutes.
- B) To enable users to immediately freeze all transactions and banking operations upon suspecting fraud.
- C) To terminate high-value transfers above ₹5 Lakhs automatically.
- D) To permanently delete a user's credit profile in case of non-payment.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The proposed 'Kill Switch' facility under evaluation by the RBI and central ministries is an emergency security instrument. It integrates a dedicated, instantaneous "freeze" feature directly within mobile lending and payment software. If a banking customer senses they are being targeted by phishing, social engineering, or cyber-fraudsters, activating the kill switch instantly halts all outward financial flows from their bank accounts to mitigate financial damage.

**Q10. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) expanded Schedule VII and amended CSR rules to allow corporates to subscribe to ZCZP instruments. What does the acronym "ZCZP" stand for in financial architecture?**

- A) Zero Capital Zero Premium
- B) Zero Coupon Zero Principal
- C) Zone Controlled Zero Profit

D) Zero Credit Zone Plan

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**ZCZP** stands for **Zero Coupon Zero Principal**. These are specialized financial instruments designed specifically for Social Stock Exchanges (SSE). Since they carry zero coupon (no interest) and zero principal (no maturity repayment), subscribing to them is essentially a philanthropic donation. The MCA amended Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) guidelines to ensure that corporate entities funding recognized social enterprises via ZCZP instruments can count these outlays towards their mandatory CSR obligations.

**Q11. Which premier institution has partnered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) to launch industry-aligned financial education and fintech programs?**

- A) Amity University
- B) Galgotias University
- C) Delhi University
- D) Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS)

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

SEBI's academic arm, the **National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM)**, signed a formal institutional agreement with **Galgotias University**. The partnership focuses on curating industry-linked specialized programs, fintech experimental sandboxes, and startup training pipelines designed to bridge the gap between textbook financial theories and fast-moving algorithmic capital market practices.

**Q12. According to the data released in June 2026, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Balance Sheet expanded significantly in the financial year 2025-26. Which asset class within the domestic portfolio registered the highest percentage growth?**

- A) Foreign Currency Assets
- B) Gold Holdings
- C) Domestic Investments
- D) Loans to Commercial Banks

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The RBI's Balance Sheet expansion showcased that while domestic investments expanded by 44.9%, **Gold holdings spiked sharply by 63.8%** to reach ₹10.94 lakh crore. This trend echoes global central banks intensifying their gold reserve diversification strategies amidst systemic macroeconomic fragmentation and currency de-risking policies.

#### 4. Defense News

**Q13. India successfully finalized a milestone export deal for the supply of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles. Which country is the recipient of this historic June 2026 missile export defense tranche?**

- A) Philippines
- B) Vietnam
- C) Indonesia
- D) UAE

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

India significantly expanded its defense export footprint by executing a high-value export milestone for **BrahMos missiles to Vietnam**.



BrahMos is a joint venture created in 1998 between India's DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya (named after the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers). This deal underscores India's strategic transformation into a reliable exporter of high-precision defense equipment in the Indo-Pacific corridor.

**Q14. Admiral Krishna Swaminathan recently assumed formal charge heading which vital wing of the Indian Armed Forces?**

- A) Chief of Defence Staff
- B) Chief of the Naval Staff
- C) Chief of the Army Staff
- D) Vice Chief of Air Staff

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** assumed charge as the **Chief of the Naval Staff** of the Indian Navy. Prior to leading the maritime forces, he served as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Western Naval Command, widely regarded as the Navy's primary operational sword arm in the Arabian Sea.

**Q15. A definitive commemorative military compilation volume tracking modernization benchmarks was published under the structural guidance of which Indian defense dignitary?**

- A) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- B) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan
- C) Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- D) National Security Advisor Ajit Doval

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The highly comprehensive military retrospective and strategic roadmap volume was compiled and released under the direct steering and editorial oversight of **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan**, with organizational and publishing integration handled via the United Service Institution of India (USI).

## 5. Sports

**Q16. The Indian Women's Contingent put up a stellar performance at the Under-17 (U17) Asian Wrestling Championships 2026, securing a total of 10 medals. In which country was this championship hosted?**

- A) Kyrgyzstan
- B) Vietnam
- C) Mongolia
- D) Thailand

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The **U17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026** took place in **Vietnam**. The Indian girls' wrestling squad put on a stellar performance, securing **10 medals including 2 Golds**, cementing India's dominance in junior freestyle wrestling tiers across Asia.

**Q17. In June 2026, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued a public health warning to strengthen measles and rubella active surveillance specifically linked to preparations for which upcoming mega sporting event?**

- A) 2026 Los Angeles Olympic Games
- B) 2026 FIFA World Cup
- C) 2026 Commonwealth Games
- D) 2026 Pan American Games

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

PAHO triggered an international epidemiological surveillance framework ahead of the **2026 FIFA World Cup**, which is being co-hosted across massive transit cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Mass international gatherings elevate cross-border transmission vulnerabilities. PAHO requested localized active case-finding and rapid response mechanisms at transit hubs, noting that global measles cases surged fourfold in early 2026 over past metrics.

## 6. Appointments & Resignations

**Q18. Who continues to secure the absolute top position in the Forbes World's Top 10 Richest People rankings updated for June 2026?**

- A) Jeff Bezos
- B) Larry Page
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Bernard Arnault

**Correct Answer: C**

**Detailed Explanation:**

According to the Forbes Billionaires list updated on June 1, 2026, **Elon Musk** (CEO of Tesla, SpaceX, and xAI) retains the **world's richest person title** with an estimated net worth hovering at \$835 billion. He is followed closely by Alphabet co-founders **Larry Page** (\$309 billion) and **Sergey Brin** (\$285 billion) in the second and third positions, driven by an exponential appreciation in generative AI enterprise market capitalizations.

**Q19. In June 2026, the central government initiated institutional updates for the framework regulating Online Games. Which specialized evaluation body has been**

**institutionalized to formally categorise platforms into Online Money Games, Online Social Games, or Esports?**

- A) MeitY Gaming Grievance Cell
- B) Online Games Assessment Authority of India (OGAI)
- C) Central Board of Digital Gaming (CBDG)
- D) National Esports Regulatory Commission

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

To clean up regulatory grey areas, the **Online Games Assessment Authority of India (OGAI)** was granted structural oversight to categorize all web-based gaming channels. OGAI determines whether an interactive platform qualifies as an Online Money Game (involving cash stakes/fees), an Online Social Game (non-monetary recreational), or pure Esports (skill-based athletic/strategic competitions).

## 7. Awards & Honors

**Q20. Veteran agrarian innovator Valluvan, hailing from the Pollachi district of Tamil Nadu, was globally honored with which prestigious international award in mid-2026?**

- A) World Food Prize
- B) FAO 'Soil Farmer Hero'
- C) UN Earth Champion Award
- D) Borlaug Award for Field Research

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The United Nations **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** conferred the global '**Soil Farmer Hero**' title upon **Valluvan**, a progressive coconut farmer from Pollachi, Tamil Nadu. The award recognizes his pioneering work in



organic soil building, deploying multi-cropping micro-ecosystems, and popularizing water-frugal, climate-resilient farming techniques across southern India.

**Q21. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, recently presented the highly coveted 'President of India's Police Colour' to the police force of which state?**

- A) Sikkim
- B) Goa
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

**Correct Answer: A**

**Detailed Explanation:**

President Droupadi Murmu presented the 'President of India's Police Colour' to the Sikkim Police. The "Police Colour" is the highest ceremonial honor that can be awarded to any state or central police force in India, acknowledging consistent high-grade discipline, exceptional counter-insurgency tracking, law-and-order management, and community-centric policing over decades.

## 8. Government Schemes & MoUs

**Q22. The Ministry of Jal Shakti partnered with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) in June 2026 to introduce which national innovation project?**

- A) Jal Jeevan Technical Mission
- B) MAHA Water Mission
- C) National Hydrological Research Framework
- D) Amrit Sarovar Advanced Drive

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Ministry of Jal Shakti and the newly formed ANRF launched the "Missions for Advancement in High-Impact Areas (MAHA) Water Mission". This national technology innovation framework targets deep-tech R&D deployment to address groundwater replenishment, water recycling matrices, smart distribution sensory mechanisms, and industrial wastewater remediation.

**Q23. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' in Ramsiya village, Madhya Pradesh. What is the central focal objective of this campaign?**

- A) Free solar pump distributions to all farmers.
- B) Promotion of sustainable agriculture, improving soil health, and climate-resilient farming practices.
- C) Institutional farm loan waivers for small landholders.
- D) Construction of community check dams to tackle localized flash droughts.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Launched from Raisen district's Ramsiya village, the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' is a national grassroot extension drive curated by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development. Its primary goal is to address fertilizer over-use, improve soil organic carbon levels, and build farmer capacities for climate-adaptive agriculture.

**Q24. The Digital India BHASHINI Division signed a key Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). What is the direct operational aim of this MoU?**

- A) To translate foreign patents into Sanskrit.

B) To integrate multi-language digital commerce tools and Indian regional voice commands within startups and e-marketplace ecosystems.

C) To mandate regional languages across corporate board meetings.

D) To build a unified accounting portal for small scales industries.

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The **Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD)** partnered with **DPIIT** to integrate localized AI-driven translation models and regional voice tools into startup architectures, e-commerce applications, and retail portals. This enables non-English speaking rural entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises to access digital trade, file compliances, and interface with markets using local dialects.

**Q25. Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) established its new, highly advanced "Unilever Fragrance Hub (UFH)" within which Indian premier academic campus?**

A) IISc Bangalore

B) IIT Bombay

C) IIT Delhi

D) IIT Madras

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) inaugurated its advanced **Unilever Fragrance Hub (UFH)** at the **IIT Bombay (IIT-B)** campus in Mumbai. This is only the third such global specialized fragrance innovation facility set up by the company (the other two are in the UK and USA), establishing a strong research interface for

biotechnology and chemical engineering partnerships.

## 9. Important Days & Environmental News

**Q26. World Milk Day is celebrated every year on June 1st. Which global institution serves as the principal international body organizing this event since its inception?**

A) World Health Organization (WHO)

B) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

C) World Trade Organization (WTO)

D) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

**World Milk Day** is celebrated globally on **June 1st** every year. Established by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations in 2001, the day recognizes the importance of milk as a global food source and honors the contributions of dairy farming and the dairy sector to global nutrition and livelihoods.

**Q27. A critical global warning issued by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 2 June 2026 stated that there is an 80% likelihood of which climatic phenomenon developing during June–August 2026?**

A) La Niña

B) El Niño

C) Indian Ocean Dipole (Positive)

D) Polar Vortex Collapse

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The WMO issued an official global alert indicating an **80% likelihood of an El Niño event** developing during the June–August 2026 window, with chances rising past 90% through November. Characterized by abnormal ocean surface warming in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, El Niño risks amplifying global heat stress, causing erratic monsoon distribution across South Asia, and triggering severe droughts in Central America and the Horn of Africa.

## 10. Art, Culture, Festivals & Obituaries

**Q28. The 11th-century Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex, which was in the news due to a major High Court verdict, is historically located in which district of Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Dhar
- B) Ujjain
- C) Vidisha
- D) Khajuraho

**Correct Answer: A**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Madhya Pradesh High Court issued a key verdict regarding the **11th-century Bhojshala-Kamal Maula complex** located in the **Dhar district**. Historically constructed under the patronage of Raja Bhoja of the Paramara dynasty, the complex is archeologically significant. The ruling also touched upon historical claims regarding the recovery of the idol of Vagdevi (Saraswati), which is believed to be housed in the British Museum in London.

**Q29. Sanchi Stupa, an iconic UNESCO World Heritage site featured extensively in recent Mauryan art restoration circulars, was first rediscovered by British officer General Taylor in which year?**

- A) 1818
- B) 1857
- C) 1904
- D) 1921

**Correct Answer: A**

**Detailed Explanation:**

While built under Emperor Ashoka in the 3rd century BCE, the **Sanchi Stupa was rediscovered in modern times by British officer General Taylor in 1818**. Later, extensive scientific restoration and archival classification were spearheaded by Sir John Marshall, the Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

**Q30. Legendary cinema icon Marcia Lucas passed away at the age of 80 in June 2026. For editing which cult movie did she win the prestigious Academy Award (Oscar)?**

- A) Taxi Driver
- B) American Graffiti
- C) Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope
- D) The Godfather

**Correct Answer: C**

**Detailed Explanation:**

The Academy Award-winning editor **Marcia Lucas** passed away at the age of 80. She won the **Academy Award for Best Film Editing for *Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope* (1978)**. She was also critically acclaimed for her work on *American Graffiti* (Oscar-nominated) and *Taxi Driver* (BAFTA-nominated).