



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 3, 2026**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Venezuela's Acting President to Visit India**

- Venezuela's Acting President Delcy Rodríguez will visit India from 3–7 June 2026, as confirmed by MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.
- She will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi for high-level talks focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation in energy, trade, investment, technology, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, transportation, and renewable energy.
- Accompanied by key ministers, her visit reflects deepening India–Venezuela engagement, especially amid India's rising crude oil imports from Venezuela and broader efforts to diversify energy partnerships and expand South-South cooperation.

### **STATE**

#### **Farmer Debt Relief Scheme**

- The Maharashtra Cabinet, chaired by Devendra Fadnavis, approved the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Farmer Debt Relief Scheme to support farmers with loan waivers of up to ₹2 lakh.
- The scheme covers unpaid short-term crop loans taken between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2025.
- It also includes a One-Time Settlement (OTS) mechanism and incentives of up to ₹50,000 for timely loan repayment.

- Political office-bearers, government employees, income-tax payers, and certain cooperative employees are excluded.
- Benefits will be provided through Aadhaar authentication and registration on the AgriStack platform, with implementation continuing until March 31, 2027.

### **Karnataka's 18th Chief Minister**

- D. K. Shivakumar took oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Karnataka on 3 June 2026 at Lok Bhavan, Bengaluru. The oath was administered by Thawar Chand Gehlot.
- He succeeded Siddaramaiah under the Congress party's power-sharing arrangement. G. Parameshwara was sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister, returning to a post he previously held in 2018-19.
- Along with them, 13 ministers joined the new cabinet, including K. H. Muniyappa, K. J. George, M. B. Patil, Ramalinga Reddy, Satish Jarkiholi, Krishna Byre Gowda, Priyank Kharge, U. T. Khader, Eshwar Khandre, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Byrathi Suresh, and Sharan Prakash Patil.
- Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah was appointed to the Congress Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the Congress party.

## **AWARDS**

### **Best Performing Panchayats**

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will confer the National Panchayat Awards (NPA) 2025 to 42 outstanding Panchayats in New Delhi on 3 June 2026.
- The awards, under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), recognize excellence in local governance, sustainable development, infrastructure, social inclusion, and citizen participation.
- Awards are presented under DDUPSVP (34 Gram Panchayats across nine SDG-linked themes) and NDSPSVP (8 best-performing District, Block, and Gram Panchayats).
- Assessment is based on the Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0, promoting transparency, good governance, women's empowerment, environmental sustainability, and grassroots development.

# DEFENSE

## RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile

- On 2 June 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II Missile, an advanced indigenous air-to-surface precision-strike weapon.
- Launched under challenging operational conditions, the missile accurately hit its designated ground target, validating its guidance, navigation, flight-control, and target-acquisition systems.
- Developed by Research Centre Imarat with support from multiple DRDO laboratories and Indian defence industries, the missile strengthens India's long-range precision attack capability, enhances standoff strike options for fighter aircraft, reduces reliance on foreign weapons, and supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision for indigenous defence manufacturing.

# SCHEMES

## PMRC Scheme 2026

- The Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026, launched by the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, aims to attract accomplished Indian-origin researchers, scientists, technologists, and industry experts from across the world to collaborate with India's leading institutions.
- The scheme focuses on 13 priority sectors, including AI, semiconductors, cybersecurity, biotechnology, healthcare, climate change, space, defence, and advanced manufacturing.
- It offers three categories Young Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows, and Research Chairs and is open to Indian nationals abroad, OCI cardholders, and persons of Indian origin.
- Seven premier institutions, including Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru, will serve as lead institutions.
- The initiative seeks to strengthen India's research ecosystem, foster global collaboration, and advance the goals of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.

## Cabinet Approves ₹9,585 Crore Scheme to Reduce Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, approved a two-year ₹9,585 crore scheme to reduce air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region by replacing BS-IV and older trucks and buses with BS-VI or electric vehicles.
- Implemented through National Capital Region Planning Board, the scheme will benefit about 2.07 lakh vehicle owners.
- Incentives include interest subsidies, fuel vouchers, tax concessions, and vehicle discounts.
- The initiative targets major transport-related emissions and will be monitored through a digital portal and a high-level oversight committee.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Bicycle Day 2026

- World Bicycle Day is observed globally on 3 June to promote bicycles as a sustainable, affordable, and eco-friendly mode of transport.
- The 2026 theme, “Cycling for a Greener Future,” highlights cycling’s role in reducing carbon emissions, promoting healthy lifestyles, easing traffic congestion, and supporting sustainable urban development.
- Proclaimed by the United Nations in 2018, the day recognizes bicycles’ contributions to public health, environmental conservation, social inclusion, and accessible mobility.
- Celebrations include cycling rallies, awareness campaigns, road-safety workshops, fitness events, and community programs encouraging greener transportation and climate-friendly living.

