



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 12, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

France Names India a Top Strategic Priority Ahead of G7 Summit 2026

- France has identified India as a major strategic priority ahead of the 2026 G7 Summit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit France on 13–14 June 2026 for talks with President Emmanuel Macron before attending the summit.
- The India-France Strategic Partnership, established in 1998, spans defence, space, maritime security, innovation, climate action, and civil nuclear energy.
- Discussions are expected to cover the Rafale programme, Bharat Innovates platform, and enhanced nuclear cooperation.
- The move reflects India's increasing global influence and its growing role in Indo-Pacific and international affairs.

NATIONAL

Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra: India's First WhatsApp AI Advisory for Oilseed Cultivation

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra, India's first nationwide WhatsApp-based AI advisory platform for oilseed farmers.

- Developed by ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, it offers free multilingual 24×7 guidance on crop selection, sowing, irrigation, pest management, disease control, post-harvest practices, and seed availability.
- Covering crops like soybean, mustard, groundnut, sunflower, sesame, and niger, the initiative aims to enhance productivity, strengthen digital agriculture, reduce edible oil imports, and connect scientific research directly with farmers under India's Digital Agriculture Mission.

BIS Releases IS 20201:2026 Standard for Community Seed Banks in India

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) introduced IS 20201:2026, India's first comprehensive standard for Community Seed Bank Management. Developed under the Biodiversity Sectional Committee, it provides guidelines for seed collection, storage, quality assurance, viability testing, documentation, regeneration, and risk management.
- The framework aims to conserve indigenous crop varieties, strengthen food security, promote climate resilience, and preserve traditional agricultural knowledge.
- Supporting small and marginal farmers, the standard complements initiatives like the National Food Security and Nutrition Mission and aligns with biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture goals.

PM Modi Chairs 11th NITI Aayog Meeting, Focuses on Viksit Bharat 2047

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog on 11 June 2026 under the theme "Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047."
- The meeting saw participation from all 28 State Chief Ministers for the first time, along with representatives from five Union Territories. PM Modi emphasized cooperative federalism, skill development, education, employment, and investment-led growth.

- He highlighted sectors such as artificial intelligence, data centres, renewable energy, defence manufacturing, and digital governance, while also calling for expansion of ODOP and increasing Lakhpati Didis from 3 crore to 6 crore.

JNPA Emerges as India's Top Container Port in 2025, Ranks 22nd Globally

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) secured the top position among Indian container ports in the 2025 Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) published by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.
- JNPA improved its global ranking to 22nd, reflecting enhanced vessel turnaround time, cargo handling efficiency, and logistics performance.
- Pipavav Port ranked 28th, ahead of Mundra Port at 30th, while Visakhapatnam Port stood at 104th.
- The achievement highlights India's growing strength in maritime trade and logistics despite global challenges such as congestion, supply-chain disruptions, and rising freight costs.

STATE

Assam-Nagaland Sign MoU for Oil and Gas Exploration Along Border

- Assam and Nagaland signed a tripartite MoU on 11 June 2026 to jointly explore crude oil and natural gas along their shared border.
- Signed in the presence of Union Ministers Amit Shah and Hardeep Singh Puri, the agreement covers six disputed hydrocarbon-rich fields and over 1,000 sq km of border area.
- The pact introduces a 50:50 revenue-sharing mechanism and seeks to unlock energy resources that remained underutilized due to boundary disputes.
- The initiative is expected to boost domestic energy production, investment, employment, and economic growth in Northeast India.

Operation Milap: Gujarat Police Trace 1,470 Missing Persons in One Month

- Gujarat Police successfully traced 1,470 missing persons during Operation Milap, a month-long campaign launched on 7 May 2026.
- The initiative reviewed recent and long-pending cases using mobile tracking, digital intelligence, social media monitoring, field investigations, and interstate coordination. Among those traced were 852 women, 342 men, 234 minor girls, and 42 minor boys.
- Investigations revealed causes including family disputes, labour migration, educational setbacks, and personal relationships. Surat City Police recorded the highest recoveries.
- The operation strengthened family reunification efforts and enhanced public confidence in law enforcement across Gujarat.

Kerala Approves Priyadarshini Free Travel Scheme for Women and Transgender Persons

- The Kerala Cabinet approved the Priyadarshini Free Travel Scheme, offering free travel for women and transgender persons on ordinary KSRTC buses from 15 June 2026.
- The scheme aims to improve mobility, reduce transportation costs, and increase access to education, healthcare, and employment. It provides universal coverage regardless of age, income, or social category.
- Initially implemented on ordinary buses, the scheme will undergo a 100-day trial period to evaluate its impact. The government will compensate KSRTC for revenue losses, promoting gender equality, social inclusion, economic empowerment, and greater public transport usage.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

SOLAR-1 Satellite Activated: US Launches Advanced Space Weather Monitoring System

- The United States operationalized SOLAR-1, its first dedicated satellite for continuous space weather monitoring.
- Operated by NOAA, the satellite was launched aboard Falcon 9 in September 2025 and positioned at the Sun-Earth L1 point, approximately 1.6 million km from Earth.
- Formerly known as SWFO-L1, SOLAR-1 monitors solar flares, solar wind, and coronal mass ejections in real time.
- Equipped with advanced sensors and a coronagraph, it can transmit critical data within 30 minutes, helping protect satellites, communication systems, power grids, aviation, GPS services, and astronaut safety.

IIT Bhubaneswar Develops ArsenSafe Device for Rapid Water Testing

- Researchers at IIT Bhubaneswar developed ArsenSafe, a portable device capable of detecting arsenic contamination in drinking water without laboratory support.
- Developed with Nano Semic Pvt Ltd, the device uses reduced graphene oxide field-effect transistor (rGO-FET) technology combined with nanotechnology and machine learning.
- ArsenSafe provides highly sensitive, rapid, and affordable testing, especially useful in rural areas.
- It delivers results within 17.4 seconds and recovers in 11.76 seconds. Published in Environmental Science: Nano, the innovation offers a practical solution for addressing arsenic-related health risks and improving water quality monitoring.

Japan Successfully Launches H3 Rocket with Debut of Low-Cost Variant

- Japan successfully launched the H3-30 rocket, a low-cost variant of its next-generation H3 launch vehicle developed by JAXA and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
- Launched from Tanegashima Space Center, the rocket deployed its payload successfully into orbit.
- Designed to replace the H-IIA rocket, the H3-30 uses three LE-9 liquid-fuel engines and eliminates solid rocket boosters to reduce costs and complexity.

- Featuring 3D-printed components and commercial technologies, the rocket aims to cut launch expenses by nearly 50%, enhancing Japan's competitiveness in the global commercial satellite launch market.

DEFENCE

World Day Against Child Labour 2026

- Observed annually on 12 June, World Day Against Child Labour aims to raise awareness about child exploitation and promote global efforts to eliminate child labour.
- The 2026 theme, "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults," highlights the need for education and decent employment opportunities.
- Established by the International Labour Organization in 2002, the observance comes amid concerns that 138 million children worldwide remain engaged in child labour, including 54 million in hazardous work.
- The campaign emphasizes education, social protection, and stronger labour law enforcement.

