



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 13, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

Elon Musk Becomes World's First Trillionaire After SpaceX IPO

- Following SpaceX's June 2026 IPO, Elon Musk became the world's first trillionaire as shares surged after listing.
- The stock opened at \$150 and closed at \$161.11, pushing SpaceX's valuation beyond \$2 trillion and making it the largest IPO in history with \$75 billion raised.
- Founded in 2002, SpaceX revolutionized space technology through reusable rockets and Starlink satellite internet. Investor confidence reflects growth in space, AI, and advanced tech sectors.
- Musk's business empire, including Tesla, xAI, and X, strengthens his global influence across multiple industries, marking a historic milestone in private sector innovation.

Bharat Innovates 2026

- Bharat Innovates 2026 will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron in Nice as part of the India-France Innovation Year.
- The event will feature 120 startups, 15 institutions, and over 500 global investors, focusing on semiconductors, AI, space, healthcare, energy, and biotech.

- It aims to strengthen India-France cooperation in research, innovation, and investment since their 1998 strategic partnership.
- The platform will enhance global exposure for Indian startups, promote technology transfer, and attract foreign investment, reinforcing India's position as a leading global deep-tech innovation hub.

NATIONAL

India Becomes World's 3rd Largest Domestic Aviation Market

- India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market with 15.6 million seats, surpassing Brazil and Indonesia, according to OAG data.
- It now ranks behind only the US and China.
- Growth is driven by rising incomes, tourism, infrastructure expansion, and regional connectivity schemes.
- Domestic capacity grew at 6.9% annually between 2014-2024, while airports increased from 74 to 164 by 2025.
- Low-cost carriers dominate with 78.4% share, led by IndiGo's rise from 32% to 62%. The milestone boosts India's global aviation presence, enhances trade and tourism, and supports economic growth through improved connectivity.

AWARD

Sudarsan Pattnaik Becomes First Indian to Win Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

- Renowned sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik became the first Indian to win the Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026 at an international sand sculpture festival.
- His 3-metre sculpture on global warming highlighted environmental degradation and conservation.
- Competing with artists from 12 countries, he was awarded for artistic excellence and social messaging.
- Pattnaik, from Odisha, is globally known for promoting peace and environmental awareness through sand art.

- The award enhances India's cultural recognition and highlights climate change awareness through creative expression.

DEFENSE

Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDO Hyderabad

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDL Hyderabad, boosting India's missile development capabilities.
- He praised DRDO scientists and highlighted indigenous systems like Akash and BrahMos used in Operation Sindoor.
- The project supports Mission Sudarshan Chakra, aiming for a three-layer missile defence shield.
- The initiative strengthens Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence and focuses on AI, hypersonic weapons, and autonomous systems, enhancing national security and self-reliance in defence technology.

DRDO Successfully Tests Ballistic Missile Defence and NASM-MR Missile

- DRDO successfully conducted BMD interceptor and NASM-MR missile tests in June 2026.
- The BMD system demonstrated the ability to destroy incoming ballistic missile threats in both atmospheric layers, strengthening India's defence shield.
- The NASM-MR test validated precision naval strike capability, enhancing maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.
- These achievements improve India's strategic deterrence and place it among elite nations with advanced missile defence systems, supporting Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence technology.

SPORTS

Kane Williamson Retires from International Cricket After 16-Year Career

- New Zealand captain Kane Williamson announced his retirement from international cricket in June 2026 after a 16-year career.
- He scored 9,515 Test runs, 7,256 ODI runs, and 2,575 T20I runs, and is part of the “Fab Four” alongside Kohli, Smith, and Root.
- Williamson led New Zealand to the 2021 World Test Championship title and multiple ICC finals.
- Known for consistency and leadership, he leaves behind a legacy as one of cricket’s most respected modern batsmen.

