



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 17, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India and Japan Adopt Rules for Joint Crediting Mechanism Under Paris Agreement

- India and Japan have strengthened climate cooperation by adopting the Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. The JCM is a bilateral carbon market framework through which one country supports low-carbon and emission-reduction projects in another via investment, technology transfer, and capacity building, with the resulting carbon credits shared between both countries.
- Following the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2025, the implementation rules adopted on 8 June 2026 establish procedures for project approval, registration, monitoring, validation, verification, and credit issuance, ensuring transparency and environmental integrity.
- Key provisions include a Joint Committee with representatives from both governments, independent third-party verification, sustainable development safeguards, national registries for tracking carbon credits, and robust monitoring of emission reductions.
- The framework aligns with Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, which enables voluntary international cooperation through internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs), helping both nations achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) while preventing double counting of emissions reductions.

NATIONAL

Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project Explained: Key Details

- A major breakthrough has been achieved in the long-pending Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project, as six states – Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan – agreed to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) after a high-level meeting chaired by Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- The project aims to improve water availability and ecological health in the Yamuna River basin through regulated river flow, drinking water supply enhancement, and hydropower generation.
- Under the agreed funding model, the Central Government will provide 90% financial assistance for the water component, while the remaining 10% will be shared by the participating states.
- The project also includes a structured arrangement for equitable water distribution, with allocations supporting downstream states during dry seasons.
- Once signed, the MoU will be placed before the Union Cabinet for final approval. The initiative is expected to strengthen inter-state cooperation, improve water security for northern India, and support long-term river rejuvenation efforts, though its environmental impact will require careful implementation to maintain ecological balance.

STATE

Assam Secures GI Tags for Four Traditional Products, Strengthening Cultural Heritage and Rural Economy

- Assam has strengthened its cultural and artisanal heritage with the grant of Geographical Indication (GI) tags to four traditional products – Karbi Anglong Handloom Products, Assam Bihu Pepa, Assam Bamboo Crafts, and Deuri Handloom Products. These additions raise the number of NABARD-supported GI-certified products in Assam to 12.
- Karbi Anglong Handloom Products are known for their vibrant indigenous designs, while the Bihu Pepa, made from buffalo horn, is an iconic instrument associated with Assam's Bihu festival. Assam Bamboo Crafts highlight sustainable craftsmanship using locally available bamboo, and Deuri Handloom Products preserve the traditional weaving techniques and motifs of the Deuri community.

- A GI tag, granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, protects products whose qualities and reputation are linked to a specific region.
- Supported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, these recognitions help preserve traditional knowledge, enhance market access, and strengthen rural livelihoods while promoting Assam's rich cultural identity.

Tripura's Traditional Musical Instrument Sarinda Receives GI Tag Recognition

- Tripura has strengthened its cultural heritage with the grant of a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to the traditional musical instrument Tripura Sarinda. Announced by Manik Saha, the recognition acknowledges the instrument's unique association with Tripura's indigenous communities and its importance in preserving folk music, oral traditions, and cultural narratives.
- Handcrafted from a single block of wood with a hollow resonator, the Sarinda is played with a bow and is widely used during folk performances, community celebrations, and traditional ceremonies.
- The GI tag, granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, protects the instrument from unauthorized imitation and helps support local artisans while promoting Tripura's cultural identity.
- With the inclusion of the Sarinda, Tripura now has four GI-tagged products: Tripura Queen Pineapple, Risha/Pachra (Rignai), Matabari Peda, and Tripura Sarinda, reflecting the state's rich cultural diversity and traditional craftsmanship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Crocodile Day 2026

- World Crocodile Day is observed annually on 17 June to raise awareness about the conservation of crocodiles and other crocodilian species, including the Gharial, alligators, and caimans, as well as the protection of their habitats. The theme for World Crocodile Day 2026, "Legacy in Every Scale," highlights the remarkable evolutionary history of crocodilians, which have survived for over 200 million years, and emphasizes the responsibility of present generations to preserve their ecological legacy.
- Crocodiles, belonging to the order Crocodylia, are apex predators that play a vital role in maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems by regulating prey populations and

supporting biodiversity. Despite their resilience, they face threats such as habitat destruction, pollution, illegal hunting, human-wildlife conflict, and climate change.

- India is recognized as a global success story in crocodile conservation through initiatives such as the Crocodile Conservation Project (1975) and protected areas like Bhitarkanika National Park and National Chambal Sanctuary, which help conserve the country's three native crocodilian species – the Mugger Crocodile, Saltwater Crocodile, and Gharial.

