



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 19, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

Russia Considers BrahMos Missile for Its Own Arsenal

- Russia is considering inducting the BrahMos missile into its own military arsenal, highlighting the success of India–Russia defence cooperation.
- Developed jointly by DRDO and Russia’s NPO Mashinostroyeniya, BrahMos is among the world’s fastest operational supersonic cruise missiles.
- Discussions focus on procurement for Russian naval and ground forces while expanding production capacity.
- The missile’s proven precision, speed, and versatility have enhanced its global reputation. Both countries are also developing the lighter BrahMos-NG and exploring hypersonic variants.
- The move further strengthens strategic defence ties and opens new opportunities in the global defence market.

NATIONAL

Bharat Buildcon 2026 Inaugurated in New Delhi Under ‘One Nation, One Expo’

- Bharat Buildcon 2026 was inaugurated at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi, under the theme “One Nation, One Expo.”

- The mega construction and building materials exhibition has attracted participants from over 90 countries and more than 100 Indian cities.
- Showcasing innovations across 24 sectors, including cement, steel, ceramics, furniture, paints, electrical systems, and smart construction technologies, the event aims to encourage innovation, technology adoption, and trade growth.
- Leaders highlighted the importance of free trade agreements and global partnerships in strengthening India's manufacturing capabilities and enhancing export competitiveness.

STATE

Delhi Inaugurates First All-Women Police Station

- Delhi inaugurated its first all-women police station in the Subzi Mandi area of North Delhi on 19 June 2026.
- Staffed entirely by women personnel, including investigating officers and support staff, the station aims to create a more accessible and gender-sensitive policing environment.
- It will focus on crimes against women such as domestic violence, harassment, stalking, and assault.
- In addition to law enforcement, the station will conduct awareness programs, counseling sessions, and community outreach initiatives.
- The move is expected to strengthen women's safety, improve trust in policing, and encourage greater reporting of crimes.

DEFENSE

Indian Army to Participate in Multinational Exercise Khaan Quest 2026

- An Indian Army contingent will participate in Exercise Khaan Quest 2026, scheduled from 20 June to 3 July in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The multinational military exercise focuses on enhancing interoperability for peace support operations under the United Nations framework.
- India's 40-member contingent includes personnel primarily from the Jat Regiment along with members of other arms and services.
- Training activities will cover joint planning, patrolling, search operations, civilian evacuation, counter-IED drills, combat first aid, and casualty evacuation.

- Participation reflects India's commitment to global peacekeeping, military cooperation, and strengthening strategic ties with Mongolia and partner nations.

SPORTS

Neeraj Chopra Joins IOA to Launch Clean Sports Campaign Against Doping

- Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra has joined the Indian Olympic Association to launch the Clean Sports Campaign aimed at combating doping in Indian sports.
- Announced during the second Athletes Forum, the initiative follows an agreement between the IOA and the Neeraj Chopra Foundation.
- The campaign seeks to educate athletes about banned substances, ethical sporting practices, and the long-term consequences of doping.
- Through athlete-led storytelling, workshops, digital learning tools, and grassroots outreach, the program aims to promote fair competition and strengthen India's sporting reputation, particularly as the country pursues its 2036 Olympic hosting ambitions.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sickle Cell Day 2026: Theme, Causes, Symptoms and Government Initiatives

- World Sickle Cell Day is observed annually on 19 June to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), a hereditary blood disorder affecting millions worldwide.
- The 2026 theme, "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease," highlights the need for equal healthcare access and better treatment outcomes.
- SCD results from a genetic mutation that causes red blood cells to become sickle-shaped, leading to anemia, severe pain, infections, and organ complications.
- In India, the disease is prevalent in tribal communities. Through the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission, the government aims to eliminate SCD as a public health challenge by 2047.

