



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 24, 2026

NATIONAL

Padma Awards 2026 Honor India's Distinguished Achievers

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred 65 Padma Awards during the second phase of the Padma Awards 2026 ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The awards included 2 Padma Vibhushan, 7 Padma Bhushan, and 56 Padma Shri honors recognizing excellence across sports, cinema, music, literature, science, public affairs, and social service.
- Notable recipients included Rohit Sharma, R. Madhavan, Mammooty, Alka Yagnik, and Vijay Amritraj.
- Earlier, the government had announced 131 Padma Awards in total.
- The Padma Awards remain among India's highest civilian honors, celebrating individuals whose exceptional achievements have contributed significantly to national development and inspired excellence across various fields.

STATE

Lakadong Turmeric Gains Global Recognition At G7

- Lakadong Turmeric from Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills gained international attention after being showcased at the 52nd G7 Summit 2026.
- Awarded a Geographical Indication tag in 2024, the premium turmeric variety is known for its exceptionally high curcumin content of 7-12 percent, significantly higher than conventional varieties.
- Around 14,000 farmers across 43 villages cultivate Lakadong Turmeric using traditional organic farming methods.

- To support processing and value addition, the Northeast's largest organic spice processing facility was recently inaugurated in Bhoirymbong.
- The recognition enhances export opportunities, protects the product from counterfeiting, boosts farmer incomes, and supports India's turmeric export ambitions.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BRICS Space Agencies Meet In Bengaluru

- India is hosting the BRICS Heads of Space Agencies Meeting 2026 in Bengaluru, bringing together representatives from all eleven BRICS member nations.
- Organized by ISRO and the Department of Space, the meeting focuses on enhancing cooperation in satellite applications, Earth observation, space exploration, and emerging technologies.
- Major discussions include space sustainability, mitigation of space debris, responsible satellite deployment, and management of orbital congestion.
- Delegates are also reviewing expansion of the BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation to improve disaster management, climate monitoring, agriculture, urban planning, and environmental protection.
- The proposed BRICS Space Council remains a major agenda item.

China's LineShine Becomes World's Fastest Supercomputer

- China's LineShine supercomputer has secured first place in the 67th edition of the TOP500 rankings, becoming the world's most powerful supercomputer.
- Installed at the National Supercomputing Center in Shenzhen, the system achieved an impressive performance of 2.198 exaflops, surpassing the United States' El Capitan. LineShine features a CPU-only architecture, approximately 13.79 million processing cores, and a custom-designed 304-core processor.
- It consumes around 42.2 megawatts of power and performs more than two quintillion calculations per second.
- The achievement marks China's return to the top of the rankings for the first time since 2017.

DEFENSE

India To Receive First Indigenous C295 Aircraft

- India is set to receive its first domestically assembled Airbus C295 transport aircraft in September 2026, marking a significant milestone in defense manufacturing and self-reliance.
- Produced by Tata Advanced Systems Limited in partnership with Airbus, it is the first military aircraft manufactured in India by a private-sector company.
- Under a ₹21,935-crore contract, 56 aircraft are being procured, with 40 to be manufactured in India.
- The versatile aircraft can transport 71 troops or 9 tonnes of cargo and supports medical evacuation, disaster relief, and special missions.
- The program will replace the ageing Avro fleet and strengthen indigenous aerospace capabilities.

SPORTS

Cristiano Ronaldo Creates Historic World Cup Record

- Cristiano Ronaldo created football history at the 2026 FIFA World Cup by becoming the first player to score in six different World Cup tournaments.
- The milestone came during Portugal's 5-0 victory over Uzbekistan, where Ronaldo scored twice, including the opening goal in the sixth minute.
- At 41 years and 138 days old, he also became the second-oldest scorer in World Cup history.
- Ronaldo has now scored in the 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, and 2026 World Cups.
- His World Cup tally reached 10 goals, surpassing Portuguese legend Eusébio's previous national record of nine goals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day Celebrates Women In Diplomacy 2026

- The International Day of Women in Diplomacy is observed worldwide on June 24 to recognize and promote women's contributions to diplomacy, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and international cooperation.

- Established by the United Nations, the observance seeks to address the historic underrepresentation of women in diplomatic services and leadership positions.
- The day highlights the achievements of women serving as ambassadors, foreign ministers, peace negotiators, policy advisors, and leaders of international organizations.
- In 2026, its importance is amplified by global challenges such as climate change, migration, economic instability, and geopolitical conflicts, encouraging greater gender equality and inclusive decision-making worldwide.

