



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 27, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India Joins Global AI Opportunity Declaration

- India joined 34 other countries in endorsing the Joint Statement of AI Opportunity.
- The declaration was adopted at the Second Pax Silica Summit in Washington, D.C.
- Reaffirms India's commitment to global cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Promotes trusted AI supply chains and resilient semiconductor ecosystems.
- Supports innovation-friendly regulations, digital infrastructure, and entrepreneurship.
- Encourages responsible AI development and private-sector investment.
- The Pax Silica Initiative was launched by the United States in December 2025.
- India officially joined the initiative during the AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

India Launches Operation Amistad For Venezuela Relief

- India launched Operation Amistad to assist earthquake-hit Venezuela.
- It is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission.
- The mission follows the 24 June 2026 devastating earthquake.
- The Indian Air Force deployed two C-17 Globemaster aircraft.
- Around 30 tonnes of relief materials were dispatched.
- Supplies include 6 tonnes of medical equipment and BHISHM Cube hospitals.
- A 41-42 member rescue and medical team was also deployed.
- The team will conduct search, rescue, medical aid, and coordination with local authorities.

NATIONAL

Vision Document Targets Drug-Free India By 2029

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026–2029).
- Released during the 10th Apex-Level Meeting of NCORD in New Delhi.
- Aims to achieve a Drug-Free India by 2029.
- Focuses on demand reduction, supply control, rehabilitation, and awareness.
- Strengthens inter-agency coordination and technology-driven enforcement.
- Targets synthetic drugs and darknet-enabled drug trafficking.
- Synthetic drug seizures increased from 2.6 million kg to 11.8 million kg.
- Drug Disposal Fortnight was also inaugurated.

STATE

Punjab Notifies New Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

- Punjab notified the VB-G RAM G Scheme, 2026.
- Effective from 1 July 2026 in notified rural areas.
- Replaces the MGNREGA framework in the state.
- Guarantees 125 days of wage employment annually.
- Covers rural households willing to perform unskilled manual work.
- Follows a 60:40 Centre-State funding pattern.
- Aims to improve rural livelihoods and employment generation.
- Promotes convergence with welfare programmes.

AWARDS

Indian Schools Shine In Global Education Awards

- India secured the highest representation at the World's Best School Prizes 2026.
- Seven Indian schools were shortlisted among the Top 10 finalists.
- The awards are organized by UK-based T4 Education.
- Schools are evaluated on innovation, leadership, community impact, and resilience.
- Finalists include PCMC Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj English Medium School, Pune.
- Army Goodwill School, Wuzur (Anantnag) is also among the finalists.
- The awards were introduced after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Winners will be announced in November 2026.

DEFENSE

IAF Integrates BrahMos Missile With Su-30MKI Fleet

- The IAF integrated the air-launched BrahMos missile with 40 Su-30MKI fighter jets.
- It significantly enhances India's long-range strike capability.
- BrahMos can hit targets up to 450 km away.
- The missile travels at nearly Mach 2.8–3.0.
- It enables precision strikes beyond enemy air defence range.
- The Su-30MKI is manufactured by HAL under licence.
- BrahMos Aerospace and DRDO are developing the lighter BrahMos-NG.
- BrahMos-NG will feature advanced avionics and AI-enabled guidance.

India Conducts First GAGAN Satellite Landing Approach

- India successfully conducted its first GAGAN-based satellite landing approach.
- The trial was carried out at Udaipur Airport.
- An IndiGo Airbus A320 was used for the demonstration.
- The exercise was conducted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- GAGAN stands for GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation.
- It is jointly developed by ISRO and the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- GAGAN improves GPS accuracy to nearly three metres.
- It enables safe landings at airports without Instrument Landing Systems.

HELINA Missile Strengthens Indigenous Defence Capability

- HELINA is an indigenous third-generation anti-tank guided missile.
- It has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Designed for helicopter launch platforms.
- Equipped with fire-and-forget and lock-on-before-launch capability.
- Uses an Imaging Infrared (IIR) seeker.
- Effective strike range is 500 metres to 7 kilometres.
- HAL will conduct live-fire trials from the LCH Prachand.
- BDL received orders worth over ₹1,347 crore.

Nuclear Hydrogen Plant Marks Global First For India

- India commissioned the world's first nuclear process heat-based hydrogen plant.
- The facility is located at IGCAR, Kalpakkam.
- Developed by BARC using the Copper-Chlorine (Cu-Cl) Thermochemical Cycle.

- It uses heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR).
- Produces clean hydrogen with nearly zero carbon emissions.
- Operates at around 500°C using recyclable chemical reactions.
- Offers higher efficiency than conventional hydrogen production methods.
- Supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World MSME Day Highlights Global Small Businesses

- World MSME Day is observed every year on 27 June.
- It recognizes the contribution of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The 2026 theme is “Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development.”
- The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2017.
- It supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- MSMEs contribute significantly to employment, GDP, and innovation.
- They account for over 90% of businesses worldwide.
- Digital transformation, AI, and green innovation are key focus areas.
- Key Fact: MSMEs play a vital role in achieving multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

