

NATIONAL

- **Bihar Becomes First Indian State to Launch Mobile-Based e-Voting**

The Bihar State Election Commission will roll out India's first mobile-based e-voting system during urban body polls on June 28, 2025. Using two mobile apps developed by C-DAC and the SEC, the system enables remote voting for migrants, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and others.

- **India's 2027 Census to Include Caste Enumeration, Go Digital for First Time**

The Government of India announced that the 16th decennial census will be held in 2027, with caste data included for the first time since 2011.

- **India Hosts First Assembly of International Big Cat Alliance to Boost Global Conservation**

India hosted the first Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi on 16th June 2025, reaffirming its global conservation leadership. Chaired by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, the event saw participation from nine countries, including Bhutan, Cambodia, Eswatini, Guinea, India, Liberia, Suriname, Somalia, and Kazakhstan. IBCA aims to halt population decline, promote habitat protection, and foster international collaboration.

- **Maruti Suzuki Unveils India's Largest In-Plant Railway Siding at Manesar**

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. inaugurated the country's largest in-plant automobile railway siding at its Manesar facility, Haryana, in a major push for green logistics under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The project, inaugurated by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini, is expected to cut 1.75 lakh tonnes of CO₂ emissions and save 60 million litres of fuel each year, boosting Maruti's goal to shift 35% of vehicle dispatch to rail by FY2030-31.

- **India Launches 'Operation Sindhu' to Evacuate Citizens from Conflict-Hit Iran**

Amid escalating Iran-Israel tensions, India launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indian nationals from conflict zones in Iran. Coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs, the first batch of 110 Indian students was safely transported to Armenia and flown to New Delhi on June 18, 2025.

- **India Ranks 3rd Globally in Power Generation Growth: International Energy Agency**

India has recorded the third-highest growth in power generation capacity worldwide in the last five years, after China and the US, per the IEA report.

- **UPSC Launches 'Pratibha Setu' to Connect Top Unselected Candidates with Employers**

UPSC has launched 'Pratibha Setu', a digital platform designed to bridge top UPSC exam performers—who cleared all stages but didn't make the final merit list—with career opportunities in government and private sectors. Previously known as the Public Disclosure Scheme, the initiative enables willing candidates

to share their details with employers, unlocking a talent pool of high-calibre individuals who narrowly missed entry into India's elite civil services.

- **Yoga Sangam 2025: “Unity Through Breath” to Mark 11th International Day of Yoga Across 1 Lakh+ Locations**

Yoga Sangam 2025, launched by the Ministry of Ayush, will commemorate the 11th International Day of Yoga with synchronized events at over one lakh locations across India. The theme “Unity Through Breath” highlights the unifying power of collective breathing and movement, symbolizing emotional harmony and national unity.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Blaise Metreweli Becomes First Woman Appointed as MI6 Chief in UK History**

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, during the G7 summit in Canada, named Blaise Metreweli as the first female head of MI6 in its 116-year history.

- **Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 Begins, Focuses on Adaptation and Climate Finance**

The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 began on June 16 in Germany, bringing together over 5,000 delegates, experts, and civil society members under the UNFCCC. This year's agenda includes refining the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), mobilizing climate finance for developing nations, operationalizing loss and damage mechanisms, and promoting technology transfer, making it a crucial step in global climate governance.

- **G7 Summit 2025 Held in Canada, Focuses on Global Security, Energy, and Digital Transition**

The 51st G7 Summit took place from June 15–17, 2025, in Kananaskis, Banff, Canada. Leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the US, and the EU gathered to address key global issues under the theme of protecting communities, ensuring energy security, and accelerating digital transition. Outreach countries like India, Australia, and South Africa also participated. Key topics included global trade shifts, renewable energy, AI governance, and geopolitical tensions including the Russia–Ukraine war and Israel–Iran conflict.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Yoga Day 2025: Celebrating ‘One Earth, One Health’ on June 21**

International Yoga Day is observed on June 21. The 2025 theme is “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, emphasizing global well-being and sustainable living.

- **UN Declares 2026 as International Year of the Woman Farmer**

United Nations General Assembly has declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer to recognize and empower women's vital role in agriculture worldwide.

- **UN Declares December 4 as International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures**

UN General Assembly on June 17, 2025, adopted Resolution A/79/L.93, designating December 4 as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures, starting this year. The resolution aims to spotlight the humanitarian and developmental impact of unilateral sanctions that bypass international law and multilateral processes, reflecting growing global disapproval of such measures.

- **June 19: International Day to End Sexual Violence in Conflict Observed**

The world marked the 11th International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict on June 19, 2025, with the theme “Breaking the Cycle, Healing the Scars”, focusing on the intergenerational impacts of conflict-related sexual violence.

SPORTS

- **MCC Bans ‘Bunny Hop’ Boundary Catch; New Law Effective from June 17, 2025**

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has amended Law 19.5.2, banning the controversial “bunny hop” boundary catch. From June 17, 2025, under ICC rules, a fielder jumping from beyond the boundary can now only touch the ball once mid-air and must land inside the field for it to be legal. Multiple airborne contacts or landing outside will result in a boundary.

- **Armand Duplantis Sets 12th World Record with 6.28m Pole Vault in Stockholm**

Sweden’s Armand Duplantis broke his own world pole vault record by clearing 6.28 meters at the Diamond League meet in Stockholm. This marks his 12th world record and his first set on home soil, achieved in his first attempt, thrilling the local crowd at Olympiastadion.

- **Chennai to Host First-Ever Hockey India Masters Cup from June 18–27**

Chennai will host the inaugural Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 from June 18 to 27 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium. Organized by the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN), the tournament features veteran players — men 40+ and women 35+, including former Olympians and national stars.

- **Ankita Raina Wins 32nd Career Doubles Title at ITF Guimaraes with Alice Robbe**

Indian tennis star Ankita Raina, alongside France’s Alice Robbe, won the \$40,000 ITF Women’s Doubles title in Guimaraes, Portugal. The fourth-seeded duo defeated Japan’s Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki 1-6, 6-4, [10-8] in final.

- **Neeraj Chopra Clinches Comeback Win at 2025 Paris Diamond League**

Indian javelin star Neeraj Chopra claimed a remarkable victory at the 2025 Paris Diamond League with a throw of 88.16 metres.

AWARDS

- **Swedish Startup NitroCapt Wins 2025 Food Planet Prize for Green Fertiliser Innovation**

Swedish startup NitroCapt has won the \$2 million 2025 Food Planet Prize for developing a fossil-free green fertiliser using plasma and renewable energy. Founded by physicist Gustaf Forsberg, the innovation reduces greenhouse gas emissions and energy use by up to 90%, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional nitrogen fertilisers.

▪ **PM Modi Honoured with Cyprus' Highest Civilian Award on Historic Visit**

PM Narendra Modi received the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, Cyprus' highest civilian honour, from President Nikos Christodoulides. The award acknowledges his role in boosting India-Cyprus ties and global diplomacy. This is the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus.

APPOINTMENTS

▪ **Amitabh Kant Resigns as G20 Sherpa, Ends 45-Year Public Service Career**

Veteran bureaucrat Amitabh Kant resigned as India's G20 Sherpa on June 16, 2025, marking the end of a distinguished 45-year career in public service. Known for his pivotal role in India's G20 Presidency and reforms like Make in India and Startup India.

▪ **Commander Yashasvi Solankee Becomes First Woman ADC to President of India**

Commander Yashasvi Solankee, 27, became the first woman Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu.

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