**IMPORTANT** 9<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June WEEKLY

**AFFAIRS** 

#### NATIONAL

#### IAF's Manisha Padhi Becomes India's First Female ADC to a State Governor

<u>Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi made history as the first woman from any military</u> branch <u>appointed as</u> <u>Aide-De-Camp (ADC) to a state Governor</u>. She now serves Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, marking a major step in women's inclusion in defense and ceremonial roles.

 Tamil Nadu Declares Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi on World Environment Day

Tamil Nadu announced a <u>Greater Flamingo Sanctuary in Dhanushkodi, covering 524.7 hectares in the Gulf</u> of <u>Mannar Biosphere Reserve</u>, the sanctuary protects over 10,700 migratory birds along the Central Asian Flyway, boosting wetland and biodiversity conservation.

 President Promulgates Landmark Reforms for Ladakh on Job, Language, and Women's Representation

President Droupadi Murmu invoked Article 240 to enact three major reforms in Ladakh:

- <u>85% job reservation for locals.</u>
- o <u>Recognition of five official languages including Bhoti and Purgi</u>,
- o <u>33% reservation for women in Leh and Kargil Hill Councils.</u>

These reforms aim to boost local empowerment, cultural preservation, and gender inclusion.

 Maharashtra's Rohini Gram Panchayat Wins Gold at National e-Governance Awards 2025

Rohini Gram Panchayat in Dhule, Maharashtra, a 100% tribal village, won the Gold Award in the Grassroots Level Initiatives category at the 2025 National e-Governance Awards. Recognized for delivering 950+ digital services, it was selected from 1.45 lakh entries.

#### BHASHINI and CRIS Partner to Bring Multilingual AI to Indian Railways

The Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and CRIS signed an MoU in New Delhi to bring <u>multilingual AI</u> to Indian Railways. Platforms like NTES and RailMadad will soon offer real-time support in 22 Indian languages, making railway services more inclusive and accessible.

### Delhi to Host India's First E-Waste Eco Park at Holambi Kalan

The Delhi government will set up <u>India's first e-waste eco park in Holambi Kalan</u>, spanning 11.4 acres, the park will process 51,000 tonnes of e-waste annually under a PPP model, promote a circular economy, and is expected to generate ₹350 crore in revenue.

Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal Launched to Attract Investors

The Government of India launched the <u>Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal to guide investors in Ayurveda, Yoga,</u> <u>Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy</u>. Developed by the Ministry of Ayush with Invest India, it offers info on policies, projects, and incentives—aiming to boost FDI and startups in the Ayush sector.

#### UMEED Portal Launched for Transparent Waqf Property Management

Government of India launched the <u>UMEED Portal (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency</u> <u>and Development) to digitize and monitor Waqf properties</u>. Developed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, it aims to ensure transparency, accountability, and better protection of Waqf assets for the welfare of the Muslim community.

#### Puducherry Becomes 19th Legislature to Adopt National e-Vidhan Application for Paperless Governance

<u>Puducherry became the 19th legislature in India to adopt the National e-Vidhan Application</u> (NeVA), this move supports the 'One Nation, One Application' initiative under Digital India, promoting paperless, transparent, and real-time legislative governance. NeVA enables live-streamed sessions, centralized data, and environmental benefits through reduced paper usage.

 India's First Underwater Museum to Be Developed Around INS Guldar off Maharashtra Coast

India will build its <u>first underwater museum</u> and artificial coral reef around the decommissioned warship INS Guldar near Nivati Rocks, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. The project aims to boost marine biodiversity, eco-tourism, and underwater adventures like scuba diving.

#### Lok Samvardhan Parv Inaugurated to Celebrate Minority Art, Culture, and Enterprise

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the <u>Lok Samvardhan Parv</u> at Raj Ghat, New Delhi—a multi-day event promoting the talent and economic potential of India's minority communities. Showcasing crafts like Banarasi brocade, Phulkari, and Blue Pottery, the event also features folk performances and regional cuisines, bridging tradition with modern markets under the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

#### India Slips to 131st in Global Gender Gap Report 2025

India ranked 131 out of 148 countries in the 2025 Global Gender Gap Report by the World Economic Forum, dropping two spots from 2024.

# IMPORTANT DAYS

#### UN Declares 10 June as International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations

Starting in 2025, the United Nations will observe <u>10 June as the International Day for Dialogue among</u> <u>Civilizations</u>, the day aims to foster mutual respect, peace, and cultural understanding. The inaugural celebration featured a UNESCO-hosted youth symposium in Paris titled "Youth Dialogue on the Future along the Silk Roads," highlighting the role of youth in building inclusive and harmonious global societies amidst rising global tensions.

#### World Day Against Child Labour 2025: Call to Accelerate Global Efforts

June 12 marks the World Day Against Child Labour, observed to spread awareness against child exploitation. The 2025 theme, "Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up our efforts!", urges global action as 138 million children were still in child labour in 2024, despite notable progress.

#### **SPORTS**

#### Portugal Clinches Second UEFA Nations League Title in Dramatic Final

<u>Portugal won their second UEFA Nations League title</u> by defeating Spain 5-3 in a penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw at Munich's Allianz Arena. The win is historic as Portugal becomes the first team to claim the Nations League crown twice.

#### Alcaraz Wins Historic French Open Final After Epic Comeback

<u>Carlos Alcaraz defeated Jannik Sinner in a record-breaking five-hour, 29-minute French Open final</u>, making a stunning comeback from two sets down and saving three match points. With a 4-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-6(3), 7-6(10-2) win, Alcaraz claimed his second straight French Open title and fifth Grand Slam.

#### Anahat Singh Shines at 2025 PSA Awards with Dual Honours

India's 17-year-old squash sensation Anahat Singh was awarded the Women's Challenger Player of the Season and shared the Women's Young Player of the Season title with Egypt's Amina Orfi at the 2025 PSA Awards.

#### Antonsen, An Se-young Triumph at 2025 Indonesia Open; France Makes History

The <u>2025 Indonesia Open</u> concluded on June 8 in Jakarta with <u>Denmark's Anders Antonsen winning his</u> <u>first title</u>, and <u>South Korea's world no. 1 An Se-young claiming her second crown</u> with a stunning comeback. France secured its first-ever Super 1000 title in mixed doubles, highlighting Europe's growing presence in global badminton.

#### GM Aravindh Chithambaram Wins 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial in Armenia

Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram clinched victory at the 6th Stepan Avagyan Memorial chess tournament in Jermuk, Armenia, scoring 6.5 points in 9 rounds.

#### MS Dhoni Inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

Former India captain and legendary wicketkeeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame at a ceremony in London. He becomes the 11th Indian and 9th Indian male cricketer to receive this prestigious honour, recognizing his outstanding impact on international cricket.

#### Priyanka Goswami Wins 10km Race Walk at Austrian Championships Despite Setbacks

<u>Indian racewalker</u> Priyanka Goswami won the women's 10km event at the Austrian Race Walking Championships, <u>finishing in 47:54 minutes.</u>

#### **AWARDS**

 Filmmaker Alexander Payne to Receive Honorary Leopard at 2025 Locarno Film Festival

Renowned <u>American director Alexander Payne will be honoured with the Pardo d'Onore</u> (Honorary Leopard) at the 78th Locarno Film Festival (Aug 6–16, 2025).

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai Appointed Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)

<u>Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai has been named Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)</u>, overseeing Operations and Intelligence. He will also continue as DGMO, a post he has held since October 25, 2024.

#### Justice N.S. Sanjay Gowda Takes Charge at Gujarat High Court

Justice <u>N.S. Sanjay Gowda has been transferred from the Karnataka High Court to the Gujarat High Court</u>. His appointment supports the Supreme Court's push for diversity and improved judicial administration across Indian High Courts.



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