



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 4, 2026

NATIONAL

IndiaAI Data Lab

- Chandigarh University has become the first private university in India to establish an IndiaAI Data Lab in collaboration with Intel India.
- The lab, inaugurated at the University Institute of Computing (UIC), aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by providing hands-on training in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Machine Learning, and emerging technologies.
- The IndiaAI Data Lab will serve as a learning and innovation hub, offering students opportunities to work on real-world projects, research initiatives, hackathons, and industry-focused applications.
- It is designed to enhance employability by developing practical skills and industry readiness.

India's First Model Border Village

- India has launched its first Model Border Village project at Chumur, a remote settlement in eastern Ladakh near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- Situated at an altitude of 16,700 feet, Chumur has been selected under the Vibrant Village Programme to become a self-reliant, climate-resilient, and economically vibrant frontier village.
- The foundation stone was laid by Vinai Kumar Saxena on 3 June 2026.
- Located in the Changthang region, the village has about 91 residents and 24 households. The project focuses on climate-resilient housing, livelihood generation, tourism promotion, economic self-reliance, and community development.

- It is expected to serve as a model for sustainable development in India's high-altitude border areas and support the goals of the Vibrant Village Programme launched in 2023.

STATE

Maharashtra Cabinet Approves Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Farmer Debt Relief Scheme

- The Maharashtra Cabinet, chaired by Devendra Fadnavis, approved the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Farmer Debt Relief Scheme to support farmers with loan waivers of up to ₹2 lakh.
- The scheme covers unpaid short-term crop loans taken between April 1, 2019, and March 31, 2025.
- It also includes a One-Time Settlement (OTS) mechanism and incentives of up to ₹50,000 for timely loan repayment.
- Political office-bearers, government employees, income-tax payers, and certain cooperative employees are excluded.
- Benefits will be provided through Aadhaar authentication and registration on the AgriStack platform, with implementation continuing until March 31, 2027.

DK Shivakumar Takes Oath as Karnataka's 18th Chief Minister

- D. K. Shivakumar took oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Karnataka on 3 June 2026 at Lok Bhavan, Bengaluru. The oath was administered by Thawar Chand Gehlot.
- He succeeded Siddaramaiah under the Congress party's power-sharing arrangement. G. Parameshwara was sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister, returning to a post he previously held in 2018-19.
- Along with them, 13 ministers joined the new cabinet, including K. H. Muniyappa, K. J. George, M. B. Patil, Ramalinga Reddy, Satish Jarkiholi, Krishna Byre Gowda, Priyank Kharge, U. T. Khader, Eshwar Khandre, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Byrathi Suresh, and Sharan Prakash Patil.
- Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah was appointed to the Congress Working Committee, the highest decision-making body of the Congress party.

AWARDS

Asturias Sports Award

- Lionel Messi has been awarded the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports, becoming the first individual footballer to receive the prestigious Spanish honor.
- The award recognizes not only his extraordinary achievements on the field but also his humanitarian work, leadership, and exemplary conduct throughout his career.
- The jury praised Messi's historic sporting success, humility, professionalism, and commitment to education and healthcare initiatives.
- Widely regarded as one of football's greatest players, Messi's achievements include winning the 2022 FIFA World Cup, multiple Copa América titles, an Olympic gold medal, and a record eight Ballon d'Or trophies. The award highlights his lasting impact on sport and society worldwide.

DEFENSE

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty Takes Over as 20th Commander-in-Chief of Andaman & Nicobar Command

- Vineet McCarty assumed charge as the 20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command at Sri Vijaya Puram on 1 June 2026.
- Commissioned into the Indian Navy on 1 July 1989, he is a Gunnery and Missiles specialist with over 36 years of distinguished service.
- An alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College, he has commanded major warships including INS Ajay, INS Khanjar, and INS Shivalik.
- He previously served as Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet and Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy, bringing extensive operational, training, and tri-service leadership experience to his new role.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MAVEN Mission After More Than a Decade of Mars Exploration

- NASA has officially concluded the MAVEN mission after losing contact with the spacecraft in December 2025.
- Launched in 2013 and operating around Mars since 2014, MAVEN became the first mission dedicated to studying the planet's atmosphere and its interaction with the Sun.

- Investigations suggest the spacecraft entered safe mode, experienced an unexpected spin, and lost power.
- Over 11 years, MAVEN revealed how solar wind stripped away Mars' atmosphere, discovered unique auroras, and generated more than 800 scientific studies, leaving a major scientific legacy.

Hero Creates History With India's First Flex-Fuel Bikes

- Hero MotoCorp has created history by launching India's first production-ready flex-fuel motorcycles – the Hero Splendor Plus Flex Fuel and Hero HF Deluxe Flex Fuel.
- Launched by Nitin Gadkari, the motorcycles are priced at ₹82,710 and ₹72,792 (ex-showroom), respectively.
- The bikes can operate on ethanol-blended fuels ranging from E20 to E85, helping reduce crude oil imports, lower carbon emissions, and support domestic biofuel production.
- Both models are powered by a 97.2cc single-cylinder engine producing 8.6 hp and 8.3 Nm of torque. Sales will begin in July 2026 in Delhi and parts of Maharashtra before expanding nationwide, marking a major step toward cleaner and more sustainable mobility in India.

SPORTS

R Praggnanandhaa Defeats Magnus Carlsen Thrice in Classical Chess

- Indian chess Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has emerged as one of the world's top players after defeating world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen three times in classical chess.
- At Norway Chess 2026, Praggnanandhaa defeated Carlsen twice, becoming only the second player to achieve this feat in the same tournament.
- The Chennai-born prodigy, who became a Grandmaster at 12, has also won major titles including Tata Steel Chess Tournament and the Superbet Chess Classic Romania, cementing his status among the global chess elite.

