



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 6, 2026

NATIONAL

PM Modi Inaugurates New Airport Terminal in Daman, Boosting Regional Connectivity

- On 6 June 2026, Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building at NAMO Airport, marking a significant step in enhancing air connectivity and infrastructure in Daman.
- The modern terminal can accommodate around 180 passengers and features improved passenger amenities and operational facilities.
- The project is expected to boost tourism, business travel, and regional economic growth by improving connectivity with cities such as Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Delhi.
- During his visit, the Prime Minister also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth approximately ₹2,970 crore across infrastructure, healthcare, tourism, connectivity, and public welfare sectors.

India Launches E85 Fuel: 85% Ethanol Blend to Reduce Oil Imports and Emissions

- India is set to introduce E85 fuel, a petrol blend containing up to 85% ethanol and 15% petrol, as part of its efforts to strengthen energy security and promote sustainable transportation.
- Launched by Hardeep Singh Puri on World Environment Day 2026, E85 is designed for Flex-Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) and represents the next stage of India's ethanol blending programme after E20.
- Initially available at select fuel stations in major cities, E85 is expected to cost about ₹20 per litre less than E20 petrol.

- The initiative aims to reduce crude oil imports, lower carbon emissions, support domestic ethanol production, and create additional income opportunities for farmers through increased demand for crops such as sugarcane, maize, and rice.

APPOINTMENTS

UIDAI CEO Saurabh Vijay Takes Charge as CEO of IndiaAI Mission

- Saurabh Vijay has assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the IndiaAI Mission, while Sudeep Shrivastava, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has taken over as Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- A 1998-batch IAS officer of the Maharashtra cadre and an IIT Delhi graduate, Saurabh Vijay currently serves as CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India.
- Their appointments come at a crucial time as India expands its AI ecosystem through the IndiaAI Mission, launched in 2024 with an outlay of ₹10,372 crore to promote AI innovation, indigenous models, computing infrastructure, research, talent development, and responsible AI adoption, positioning India as a global AI leader.

SPORTS

Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess 2026 Title

- India's young chess star R Praggnanandhaa created history by becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess 2026 title.
- The 20-year-old grandmaster secured the championship with 18 points after defeating Vincent Keymer in the final round.
- Despite a slow start, Praggnanandhaa staged a remarkable comeback, winning four consecutive games and notably defeating former world champion Magnus Carlsen twice during the tournament.
- He finished ahead of Wesley So (17 points), marking a major milestone for Indian chess and adding another prestigious achievement to his rapidly growing career.

