



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 8, 2026

NATIONAL

NZP Saathi App

- The National Zoological Park has launched the NZP Saathi App and self-ticketing kiosks to enhance visitor convenience and improve the overall zoo experience.
- Inaugurated by Kirti Vardhan Singh, the app serves as a digital guide with features such as an interactive zoo map, smart navigation, real-time guidance, educational content, and customizable tours including Express, Family, Grand Zoo, and My Tour options.
- The zoo has also introduced UPI-enabled self-ticketing kiosks and free Wi-Fi to facilitate cashless ticket purchases, reduce queues, and streamline visitor entry.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Record India's Lowest Fertility Rate in NFHS-6

- According to the latest NFHS-6 data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands recorded India's lowest Total Fertility Rate (TFR) at 0.9, down from 1.3 in NFHS-5 and 1.4 in NFHS-4.
- The figure is well below the replacement level of 2.1, indicating potential long-term population decline.
- The survey also showed a shrinking child population and a rising share of elderly residents, signaling demographic ageing. Experts attribute the decline to smaller family preferences, better access to family planning, higher female education, improved economic conditions, and greater financial independence.

STATE

Kerala Launches HAWK

- The Kerala Forest Department has launched HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel), India's first judiciary-integrated wildlife offence management system, marking a major advancement in wildlife protection and digital governance.
- The platform digitally tracks wildlife crime cases from the filing of a Preliminary Offence Report to final court judgments by integrating forest department records with the District Court Management System through an API.
- Developed with support from the Wildlife Trust of India and NTT Data, HAWK enables real-time case monitoring, investigation tracking, witness management, and crime trend analysis.

West Bengal Joins Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, Becomes 36th State to Implement Scheme

- West Bengal is set to become the 36th State/Union Territory to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) through a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Health Authority (NHA) and the state government.
- Recognized as the world's largest publicly funded health assurance scheme, PM-JAY provides health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary hospitalization.
- The move is expected to benefit millions of residents by offering cashless treatment at empaneled hospitals nationwide, reducing out-of-pocket healthcare expenses, and enhancing access to quality medical care through portability of benefits across India.

AWARDS

National Awards for e-Governance 2026

- India's AI-powered consumer grievance redressal platform, e-Jagruti, developed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, won the Silver Award at the National

Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 under the category of Government Process Re-engineering through Digital Transformation.

- Launched on 1 January 2025, e-Jagriti integrates four legacy consumer dispute systems into a unified, paperless platform.
- It has registered over 4.15 lakh users, handled 2.29 lakh cases, and achieved a disposal rate of 90.75%.
- With features such as AI chatbots, multilingual support, real-time tracking, and online hearings, the platform has significantly improved consumer justice delivery, including access for NRIs.

DEFENSE

Indian Navy Invites Domestic Industry to Develop Indigenous 80-mm Aero Rockets for MiG-29K Fleet

- The Indian Navy has launched a major push for defence indigenisation by inviting domestic firms to design and manufacture 80-mm aero rockets for its MiG-29K and MiG-29KUB carrier-based fighter aircraft operated from INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant.
- Through an Expression of Intent issued by the Naval Armament Inspectorate in Goa, the Navy aims to replace foreign-sourced rockets with fully indigenous systems.
- The 80-mm aero rockets are dual-purpose air-launched weapons used against armoured vehicles, infrastructure, and troop targets.
- The initiative strengthens India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat programme while ensuring improved operational readiness and domestic production capability.

SPORTS

Men's U18 Asia Cup Champions

- India emerged champions of the Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026 after defeating host nation Japan 4-1 in the gold medal match at Kakamigahara.
- The young Indian side delivered a dominant performance, combining disciplined defense with effective attacking play to control the final and secure the continental title.
- Throughout the tournament, India displayed consistency, resilience, and attacking flair, establishing itself as the best team at the U18 level in Asia.

- With the victory, India claimed the gold medal, Japan finished with silver, and Pakistan secured the bronze medal.

French Open 2026 Winners

- The 2026 French Open concluded with several historic achievements in Paris. Alexander Zverev won his maiden Grand Slam title by defeating Flavio Cobolli in the men's singles final.
- In women's singles, 19-year-old Mirra Andreeva captured her first Grand Slam crown, defeating Maja Chwalińska.
- The men's doubles title was retained by Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos, while Katerina Siniakova and Taylor Townsend won the women's doubles crown.
- In mixed doubles, the Italian pair of Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori successfully defended their title, becoming the first duo since 2019 to retain the Roland-Garros mixed doubles championship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Oceans Day 2026: Date, Theme, Historical Background Explained

- World Oceans Day is observed annually on June 8 to raise awareness about the vital role oceans play in sustaining life on Earth. The 2026 theme, "Reimagine: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship with Our Ocean," emphasizes transforming humanity's relationship with the ocean through conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of marine resources.
- Oceans cover over 70% of Earth's surface, produce at least half of the world's oxygen, support biodiversity, regulate climate, and sustain millions of livelihoods.
- The observance also highlights growing threats such as overfishing, plastic pollution, coral reef destruction, ocean acidification, and biodiversity loss.
- First proposed at the 1992 Earth Summit and officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008, World Oceans Day supports Sustainable Development Goal 14, which focuses on conserving and sustainably using oceans and marine resources.

