



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 14, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India–France Strategic Partnership

- France identified India as a top strategic priority ahead of the 2026 G7 Summit.
- India and France established a strategic partnership in 1998, covering defence, space, maritime security, civil nuclear energy, technology, and counter-terrorism.
- France holds the presidency of the G7 in 2026.
- Discussions are expected to include cooperation on the Rafale programme and the Make in India initiative.
- The leaders will inaugurate Bharat Innovates, a startup and innovation platform under the India–France Year of Innovation 2026.
- India is participating in all G7 outreach tracks as an invited partner and a leading voice of the Global South.

NATIONAL

Dehradun sets record as first women's batch joins army

- President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday reviewed the passing-out parade of the 158th regular course and the 141st technical graduate course at the IMA here, marking a historic milestone with the commissioning of the first-ever batch of nine women officer cadets into the Indian Army.

- The ceremony was attended by Uttarakhand Governor Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh (retd), Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Army Training Command GOC-in-C Lieutenant General Devendra Sharma, Indian Military Academy (IMA) Commandant Lieutenant General Nagendra Singh, senior military officers and families of the cadets.
- A total of 515 officer cadets were commissioned into the Indian Army following the parade, including nine women officer cadets. The graduating group also comprised 34 officer cadets from 16 friendly foreign countries, who will join their respective armed forces.
- Officer Cadet Bodh Raj Thapa topped the SCO course, while Officer Cadet Karan Pandey stood first in the TES course. Expressing happiness at the inclusion of the nine women cadets, she termed it a “watershed moment” in the history of the IMA.

STATE

Migratory Flamingos – Tamil Nadu

- Large flocks of migratory flamingos have been spotted in the salt pans of Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, where they are using the area as a feeding and resting habitat during migration.
- Flamingos are tall, pink water birds that live in large groups and are known for their highly social behaviour in wetlands and coastal habitats.
- They are found in shallow saline lakes, salt pans, mudflats, mangroves, and coastal lagoons, and in India, they mainly migrate between Gujarat and southern wetlands.
- India is home to two species of flamingos: the Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) and the Lesser Flamingo (*Phoeniconaias minor*).
- Greater Flamingo is listed as Least Concern (IUCN) and is abundant, while Lesser Flamingo is Near Threatened (IUCN) due to increasing environmental pressures.

AWARD

PIO doctor wins Britain's top royal award

- Dame Parveen Kumar, a leading gastroenterologist and advocate for women in healthcare, has been awarded a Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire, one of Britain's most prestigious royal honours, "for services to Global Medical Education and Health" in King Charles III's annual Birthday Honours list.
- Kumar heads a list of nearly 35 Indian-origin medics, entrepreneurs and community champions recognised in the honours announced by the UK Cabinet Office on Friday night.
- Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) is the highest rank within the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.
- Released to mark the British monarch's official birthday, the 2026 honours list celebrates 1,182 recipients from across the UK for "going above and beyond in delivering positive change to benefit others".

