



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 15, 2026

NATIONAL

Ministry of Ayush Sets Guinness World Record with Largest YouTube Live Yoga Session Ahead of IDY 2026

- The Ministry of Ayush created a Guinness World Record for the largest YouTube Live Yoga session, attracting 435,831 verified live viewers ahead of International Day of Yoga 2026.
- The event surpassed the previous 2024 record of 246,252 viewers and showcased the Common Yoga Protocol through the Ministry's official channel under the "Yoga 365" campaign.
- Organized with support from the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, the programme promoted accessibility, inclusivity, and preventive healthcare. Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav highlighted Yoga's growing global appeal.
- The achievement supports preparations for IDY 2026, themed "Yoga for Healthy Ageing."

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme: 11 Years of Advancing Girl Child Empowerment in India

- Launched on 22 January 2015, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme has completed 11 years of promoting gender equality, improving child sex ratio, and empowering girls through education.
- Implemented by the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health, and Education, the initiative addresses gender discrimination and declining child sex ratio through awareness and behavioural change.
- Government data shows the Sex Ratio at Birth improved from 918 in 2014–15 to 929 in 2024–25, while girls' secondary school enrolment increased from 75.51% to 80.2%.
- The programme also supports maternal health, nutrition, and holistic development of girls.

STATE

Kerala Launches Priyadarshini Free Bus Travel Scheme

- Kerala launched the Priyadarshini Free Bus Travel Scheme on 15 June 2026, offering free travel for women and transgender persons on ordinary KSRTC bus services.
- Beneficiaries receive zero-value electronic tickets, allowing the government to reimburse KSRTC for revenue losses. The universal scheme requires no registration and covers around 3,125 ordinary buses, excluding premium services.
- Estimated to cost over ₹60 crore monthly, it aims to improve access to education, employment, healthcare, and public services.
- By reducing transportation expenses, the initiative promotes workforce participation, social inclusion, and gender equity while strengthening Kerala's welfare-oriented public transport system.

Kerala Vision 2031: A Roadmap to Become India's Most Women-Friendly State

- Kerala's Vision 2031 seeks to make the state India's most women-friendly through legal reforms, safety measures, mobility initiatives, and economic empowerment.

- The roadmap proposes a law inspired by the Disha Act for fast-track trials in crimes against women, expansion of women police stations, and appointment of more women Station House Officers.
- Plans include a Distress Alert App, pink buses, and expansion of the Priyadarshini free travel scheme. The “Avalkoppam” initiative will address domestic violence and dowry harassment.
- Kerala has allocated ₹5,586.99 crore under its 2026–27 gender budget, reinforcing its commitment to gender-responsive governance and inclusive development.

Odisha Celebrates Raja Festival as President Murmu Emphasizes Nature and Nation-Building

- President Droupadi Murmu greeted citizens on Raja Parba, highlighting its significance in celebrating nature, agriculture, monsoon rains, and environmental harmony.
- The traditional three-day Odisha festival marks the symbolic rest and rejuvenation of Mother Earth and includes Pahili Raja, Mithuna Sankranti, and Basi Raja, followed by Vasumati Snana.
- Celebrations feature swings, folk songs, community gatherings, and traditional delicacies such as Poda Pitha, Manda Pitha, and Arisa Pitha.
- The President emphasized the festival’s message of living in balance with nature and contributing to social harmony and nation-building while preserving Odisha’s rich agrarian and cultural heritage.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India Gets First Approved Radioligand Therapy for Advanced Prostate Cancer

- India has introduced Pluvicto, its first regulatory-approved radioligand therapy for advanced PSMA-positive metastatic prostate cancer.

- Developed by Novartis, the treatment combines a targeting molecule with the radioactive isotope Lutetium-177 to deliver radiation directly to cancer cells while minimizing damage to healthy tissues.
- Often described as a guided missile approach, the therapy offers a more precise alternative to conventional treatments.
- India records approximately 250,000 prostate cancer cases annually, many diagnosed at advanced stages.
- Supported by more than 250 nuclear medicine centres, Pluvicto is expected to improve survival outcomes, quality of life, and future precision oncology advancements.

DEFENSE

First Batch of Women NDA Cadets Commissioned into Indian Armed Forces

- India achieved a historic milestone in military inclusion as the first batch of 17 women cadets trained at the National Defence Academy was commissioned as officers in June 2026.
- Inducted in August 2022, the cadets completed the same rigorous training as male counterparts before joining their respective service academies.
- Nine women were commissioned into the Indian Army, five into the Indian Air Force, and three into the Indian Navy.
- The commissioning ceremonies were reviewed by President Droupadi Murmu and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The achievement reflects India's commitment to gender equality, meritocracy, and modernization of its armed forces.

SPORTS

Lewis Hamilton Ends Mercedes Dominance with Maiden Ferrari Victory at Barcelona Grand Prix

- Lewis Hamilton secured his first victory for Ferrari at the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix 2026, ending Mercedes' recent dominance.

- Starting alongside pole-sitter George Russell, Hamilton executed a successful three-stop strategy that proved decisive, especially after a late Virtual Safety Car period.
- Russell finished second, while Lando Norris claimed third, creating the first all-British Formula One podium since 1968.
- Championship leader Kimi Antonelli retired late due to a technical problem, costing Mercedes valuable points and intensifying the championship battle as the season enters a critical stage.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Wind Day 2026

- Global Wind Day 2026, observed on 15 June, highlights India's commitment to expanding renewable energy under the theme "Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration."
- A conference in Goa brings together government agencies, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to discuss capacity growth, offshore wind development, manufacturing, and grid integration. India's wind energy potential stands at 695.5 GW at 120 metres and 1,163.9 GW at 150 metres hub height.
- Installed capacity has increased from 21.04 GW in 2014 to 56.09 GW in 2026, making India the world's fourth-largest wind energy producer.
- The country aims to achieve 100 GW capacity through domestic manufacturing and international cooperation.

