



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 21, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India to Host 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting

- India will host the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram on June 25–26, 2026, under its BRICS Chairship. Guided by the theme “Energy for All,” the meeting will focus on energy security, sustainability, access and innovation.
- BRICS now comprises 11 countries, representing nearly half of the global population and around 40% of world GDP.
- Discussions will address renewable energy, energy-transition pathways, technological innovation, smart grids, energy storage and equitable access to energy.
- India will showcase initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance and Global Biofuels Alliance.
- The meeting provides a platform for developing nations to collaborate on addressing rising energy demand, climate challenges and sustainable development goals.

NATIONAL

PM Modi Commissions Three Naval Ships in Kolkata

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned INS Dunagiri, INS Agray and INS Sanshodhak at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.
- The ships, designed by the Indian Navy and built by GRSE, showcase India's advancements in indigenous naval engineering.
- INS Dunagiri is a stealth frigate, INS Agray specializes in anti-submarine warfare, and INS Sanshodhak is an advanced hydrographic survey vessel.
- The commissioning coincided with World Hydrography Day and International Day of Yoga.
- More than 75% of the components used in these vessels were sourced domestically, involving over 200 MSMEs.
- The induction reinforces India's maritime security, supports regional stability in the Indo-Pacific and advances the objectives of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence manufacturing.

STATE

Khurasani Imli Receives GI Tag

- Khurasani Imli from Mandu in Madhya Pradesh received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Despite its name, the fruit comes from the African Baobab tree (*Adansonia digitata*), not from tamarind.
- Known for its sweet-sour taste and nutritional value, the fruit has deep historical and cultural links with the Mandu region.
- Mandu hosts India's largest natural cluster of Baobab trees, and the area's unique environmental conditions contribute to the fruit's characteristics.
- The GI tag protects its authenticity and ensures that only producers from the designated region can market it under the recognized name.
- The recognition highlights the ecological, historical and cultural significance of this heritage product.

DEFENSE

IAF to Acquire Retired Jaguar Aircraft from UK

- The Indian Air Force will acquire nine retired SEPECAT Jaguar fighter aircraft from the United Kingdom to support its existing Jaguar fleet.

- The aircraft will not enter active service but will be cannibalized for spare parts, engines, avionics and critical components.
- India remains the only country still operating Jaguars in frontline service.
- The move addresses challenges arising from obsolete supply chains and spare-part shortages. With fighter squadron strength below the sanctioned level, Jaguars continue to play an important role in deep-strike and ground-attack missions.
- The acquired aircraft will help sustain fleet availability until newer platforms such as Tejas variants, Rafales and future fighter programs gradually replace them.

SPORTS

Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Player to Reach 200 T20Is

- Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur became the first cricketer – male or female – to play 200 T20 International matches during the Women's T20 World Cup 2026.
- Her international career began in 2009, and she has since become one of India's most successful captains and influential batters.
- Before the milestone match, she was honored by head coach Amol Muzumdar and vice-captain Smriti Mandhana. Harmanpreet leads the list of women with the most T20I appearances, ahead of Suzie Bates and Danni Wyatt-Hodge.
- The achievement highlights her longevity, consistency and contribution to women's cricket, reinforcing her status as one of the most significant figures in the history of the format.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Records Fastest List-A Fifty

- Indian teenager Vaibhav Sooryavanshi created history by scoring the fastest fifty in List-A cricket during the India A vs Sri Lanka A Tri-Series final.
- He reached his half-century in just 11 balls, surpassing the previous record of 12 balls held by Kaushalya Weeratne since 2005-06.
- The achievement came after a relatively quiet tournament and showcased his exceptional talent and ability to perform under pressure.
- His explosive innings played a crucial role in the final and established him as one of the most promising young cricketers in the world.
- The record-breaking knock drew widespread attention from the cricketing community.

