



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 26, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

Pax Silica AI Initiative - European Union

- The European Union (EU) agreed to join the Pax Silica initiative, a United States-led framework on artificial intelligence supply chains and export controls.
- Pax Silica, launched by the United States in December 2025, focuses on securing the AI ecosystem supply chain, including semiconductors, critical minerals, energy, and digital infrastructure.
- The initiative promotes coordinated export controls for sensitive AI-related technologies among allied countries.
- The EU's accession includes a commercial commitment to purchase USD 40 billion worth of US AI chips under the broader trade framework.
- Several countries, including the United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia, and others, are already part of the initiative.

UN Peacekeeper Accountability Resolution

- The United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2823 (2026) to strengthen accountability for crimes against UN peacekeepers.
- The resolution was adopted unanimously and co-authored by Denmark and Pakistan during their 2025–26 tenure in the Council.
- It aims to improve the identification, investigation, and prosecution of perpetrators attacking UN peacekeeping personnel.
- The resolution reaffirms the responsibility of host countries to ensure legal action against offenders under national and international law.
- It calls for the UN Secretary-General to appoint a senior focal point on accountability and submit an annual report on investigations and prosecutions.

- The measure builds on earlier resolutions, including Resolution 2589 (2021) and Resolution 2518 (2020) on peacekeeper safety and protection.

NATIONAL

Sickle Cell Elimination Mission

- The Prime Minister of India launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCEM) in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047.
- The mission targets screening of around 7 crore people under 40 years across India within 3 years (2023–2026).
- It prioritises tribal health and aims to prevent the genetic transmission of sickle cell disease through early screening and awareness.
- Sickle Cell Genetic Status Cards were distributed to beneficiaries to help with health and marriage-related awareness.
- Around 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY cards were also distributed during the launch event.
- The programme is implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) in 17 high-focus states of India.

Three Naval Warships

- The Indian Navy commissioned three indigenously built warships in Kolkata.
- The warships are INS Dunagiri, INS Agray and INS Sanshodhak.
- INS Dunagiri is a Project 17A stealth frigate built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- Project 17A frigates are guided-missile warships designed for surface, air and anti-submarine warfare.
- INS Agray is an Arnala-class anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft used in coastal operations.
- INS Sanshodhak is a Sandhayak-class hydrographic survey vessel used for seabed mapping and navigation support.

STATE

Vijayanagara Inscriptions in Andhra Pradesh

- Three rare 16th-century inscriptions were discovered by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Sadasivakona, Seshachalam forest, Tirupati.
- The inscriptions belong to the reign of Vijayanagara king Sadasiva Raya and are dated around 31 July 1554 CE.
- They are written in Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada, showing the multilingual nature of the Vijayanagara administration.
- The texts record the construction of a Shiva temple and mutt at Papavinasa and land grants for temple worship.
- They also mention the allocation of Gudimallam temple lands (Parasurameswara Temple) for religious services and food offerings.

