

Daily Current Affairs — 22 June 2026

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National News

NEET-UG 2026 Re-Examination Held Across India

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination on 22 June 2026, with around 22.8 lakh candidates registered. The re-test was ordered to safeguard examination integrity, with elaborate security at centres nationwide.

12th International Day of Yoga Observed

India and the world marked the 12th International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2026, with PM Narendra Modi leading the main national event. The day is observed every June 21 following a 2014 UN resolution proposed by India.

India Inducts First Indigenous Hovercraft into Coast Guard

India inducted its first home-built hovercraft into the Indian Coast Guard. The Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) designated H-561 is a milestone under 'Make in India', boosting coastal surveillance in shallow waters and creeks.

Supreme Court: Right to Safe Footpaths is a Fundamental Right

The Supreme Court held that the right to walk on safe, obstruction-free and demarcated footpaths forms part of the fundamental right to life under Article 21, directing authorities to ensure pedestrian safety.

Government Restricts Telegram Ahead of NEET Re-Test

The Union Government restricted access to Telegram under Section 69A of the IT Act, 2000, as a precaution ahead of the NEET-UG re-exam, citing risks of circulation of leaked material.

International News

US Federal Reserve Holds Interest Rates Steady

The US Federal Reserve, on 17 June 2026, kept the federal funds rate unchanged at 3.50%-3.75% by a 12-0 vote in the first meeting chaired by new Chairman Kevin Warsh. Its 'dot plot' removed the earlier rate-cut outlook and signalled a possible hike.

Tensions Persist Around the Strait of Hormuz

Geopolitical tensions continued around the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint carrying roughly one-fifth of world oil supply, keeping global crude prices elevated and prompting energy-security monitoring including by India.

Casualties Reported in Gaza Conflict

News agencies reported continued casualties in the Israel-Gaza conflict, including the death of an Al Jazeera cameraman in an Israeli strike, raising concern over journalist safety.

News Related to Indian Banking and Finance

RBI Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, at its 61st meeting (3-5 June 2026) under Governor Sanjay Malhotra, kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% and retained a 'neutral' stance, citing risks from the prolonged West Asia situation.

RBI Approves Record Rs 2.87 Lakh Crore Surplus Transfer

The RBI approved a record surplus (dividend) transfer of Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Union Government for FY26, strengthening the government's fiscal position and capital expenditure plans.

News Related to International Banking and Finance

Kevin Warsh Era Begins at the Federal Reserve

The US Fed held rates steady in the first policy meeting under new Chair Kevin Warsh, with projections shifting towards a possible rate hike - a change in global monetary policy direction influencing capital flows to emerging markets.

Neelkanth Mishra Named India's Next Executive Director at World Bank

Economist Neelkanth Mishra was appointed India's next Executive Director at the World Bank, representing India at a leading multilateral development institution.

International Sports Events

2026 FIFA World Cup Underway

The 2026 FIFA World Cup (11 June - 19 July) co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico is the largest edition ever, with 48 teams and 104 matches across 16 host cities.

ICC Women's T20 World Cup in England

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 (12 June - 5 July) is being played in England and Wales, with 12 teams across venues including Birmingham, London and Manchester.

NBA Finals and Wimbledon

The 2026 NBA Finals concluded in June, while Wimbledon 2026 runs 29 June - 12 July at the All England Club, London.

Major National and International Appointments

Key Appointments - June 2026

Saurabh Vijay took charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission; Neelkanth Mishra as India's next Executive Director at the World Bank; diplomat Vipul as India's next Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Ajay Rajan as MD & CEO of Protean eGov Technologies; and Prashant Sitaram Lokhande as Chairperson of the CBSE.

Resignation / Dismissal

Colombian President Faces Suspension Move

An investigatory commission in Colombia's Chamber of Representatives proposed suspending the powers of President Gustavo Petro, a significant constitutional and political development.

Major Inventions and Discoveries

Four Assam Products Receive GI Tags

Four traditional products from Assam received Geographical Indication (GI) tags, including Bihu Pepa (a traditional musical instrument) and indigenous bamboo and handloom crafts, boosting the rural economy and cultural heritage.

ISRO Space Technology & Research Programme 2026

ISRO launched a month-long national Space Technology & Research Programme 2026 (15 June - 11 July) at Chandigarh University with scientists from ISRO, IIST and the Semiconductor Laboratory. ISRO is also preparing for the Gaganyaan crewed mission.

Practice Questions - Current Affairs Quiz (SSC / Bank PO Format)

Q1. The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenously built hovercraft (ACV) in June 2026. Its designation is:

- A) H-651
- B) H-561
- C) ACV-101
- D) H-516

Answer: B) H-561

Q2. At its June 2026 meeting, the RBI Monetary Policy Committee kept the repo rate unchanged at:

- A) 6.00%
- B) 5.50%
- C) 5.25%
- D) 4.75%

Answer: C) 5.25%

Q3. The 2026 FIFA World Cup is being co-hosted by:

- A) USA, Canada and Mexico
- B) England and Wales
- C) Spain, Portugal and Morocco
- D) Qatar and UAE

Answer: A) USA, Canada and Mexico

Q4. Who took charge as CEO of the IndiaAI Mission in June 2026?

- A) Neelkanth Mishra
- B) Ajay Rajan
- C) Saurabh Vijay
- D) Vipul

Answer: C) Saurabh Vijay

Q5. The product 'Bihu Pepa', granted a GI tag in June 2026, belongs to which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) West Bengal
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Assam

Answer: D) Assam