

Daily Current Affairs — 24 June 2026

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National News

IN-SPACE to Transfer PSLV Technology to Private Industry

IN-SPACE announced plans to transfer Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) technology to private companies, boosting private participation and industry-led production of India's workhorse launch vehicle.

NMC to Discontinue PG Diploma Medical Courses

The National Medical Commission decided to discontinue PG diploma medical courses and shift specialist medical education towards MD and MS degree programmes.

New Aadhaar App Crosses 31 Million Downloads

UIDAI's new Aadhaar App crossed 31 million (3.1 crore) downloads within five months, offering face-authentication and paperless identity sharing.

India Crosses 5 Lakh Organ Donation Pledges

India recorded over five lakh organ donation pledges as of 22 June 2026 on the NOTTO platform.

Union Home Ministry Amends FCRA Rules

The Home Ministry amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 via a gazette notification on 22 June 2026.

International News

US Issues 60-Day Sanctions Waiver on Iranian Oil

The US issued a 60-day waiver allowing production, delivery and sale of Iranian oil. Iran committed to free transit through the Strait of Hormuz and to allow IAEA inspectors.

UK PM Keir Starmer to Quit as Labour Leader

Sir Keir Starmer announced he will quit as Labour leader but remain PM until a successor is chosen.

Ebola Outbreak in DR Congo Crosses 1,000 Cases

Confirmed Ebola cases in the DR Congo topped 1,000, with at least 254 deaths reported.

News Related to Indian Banking and Finance

RBI Allows Small NBFCs to Exit via Deregistration

RBI's final guidelines allow small NBFCs (assets below Rs 1,000 crore, no public funds or customer interface) to exit via deregistration by 31 December 2026.

RBI Notifies Digital Payments E-Mandate Framework, 2026

Recurring digital payments now require a 24-hour pre-debit notification, with the right to modify, pause or cancel mandates anytime.

India's Forex Reserves Near \$700 Billion

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra highlighted forex reserves of around \$700 billion, calling FDI outflows and FX moves cyclical and closely monitored.

News Related to International Banking and Finance

World Bank Cuts Global Growth Forecast to 2.5% for 2026

World Bank's June 2026 Global Economic Prospects projects global growth slowing from 2.9% (2025) to 2.5% (2026), the lowest since the pandemic.

IMF: Central Banks Can 'Wait and Watch'

IMF said central banks can wait and watch while inflation expectations stay anchored, but must stay ready to act on energy-price risks.

International Sports Events

FIFA World Cup 2026: Messi Becomes All-Time Top Scorer

At the 2026 FIFA World Cup (USA, Canada, Mexico), Lionel Messi became the all-time leading scorer with 18 goals. On 23 June, Croatia beat Panama 1-0 and England-Ghana drew 0-0.

Shreyas Iyer to Lead India T20Is; Shree Charani Tops Rankings

Shreyas Iyer named India's T20I captain (Tilak Varma deputy) for Ireland & England series. Shree Charani became No. 1 in ICC T20I bowling rankings.

Major National & International Appointments

Neelkanth Mishra - India's Executive Director, World Bank

Economist Neelkanth Mishra appointed India's ED at the World Bank for three years, representing India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

Vipul - India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

Veteran diplomat Vipul appointed India's next Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Lokhande Prashant Sitaram - CBSE Chairperson

Lokhande Prashant Sitaram appointed CBSE Chairperson; Varun Bhardwaj named Secretary.

Resignation or Dismissal

Union Minister George Kurian Steps Down

MoS for Minority Affairs George Kurian resigned; President Droupadi Murmu accepted it with immediate effect after his Rajya Sabha term expired.

IRCTC CMD Sanjay Kumar Jain Resigns

IRCTC CMD Sanjay Kumar Jain resigned effective 20 July 2026 on personal grounds, with Railway Ministry approval.

Major Inventions and Discoveries

ISRO Developing Tech to Keep Lunar Landers Alive 200 Days

ISRO with the Dept of Atomic Energy is building artificial heating systems to let lunar landers survive 100-200 days, up from Chandrayaan-3's 14 days.

CURAJ Scientists Develop Lead-in-Water Sensor

Central University of Rajasthan researchers developed a sensor to detect minute toxic lead ions in drinking water.

ISRO Advances Space Medicine for Gaganyaan

ISRO signed pacts with SCTIMST and the Dept of Biotechnology for space medicine and microgravity research ahead of Gaganyaan.

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

Q1. Which Indian body announced plans to transfer PSLV launch-vehicle technology to private companies in June 2026?

- A) DRDO
- B) IN-SPACe
- C) HAL
- D) NSIL

Answer: B) IN-SPACe

Q2. Per RBI's new framework, recurring digital payment mandates require a pre-debit notification of how many hours?

- A) 12 hours
- B) 24 hours
- C) 48 hours
- D) 72 hours

Answer: B) 24 hours

Q3. Per the World Bank's June 2026 report, global growth in 2026 is projected to slow to:

- A) 3.5%
- B) 2.9%
- C) 2.5%
- D) 1.8%

Answer: C) 2.5%

Q4. Who was appointed India's Executive Director at the World Bank for a three-year term in June 2026?

- A) Vipul
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Neelkanth Mishra
- D) Lokhande Prashant Sitaram

Answer: C) Neelkanth Mishra

Q5. At the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which player became the all-time leading goal-scorer with 18 goals?

- A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- B) Kylian Mbappe

C) Lionel Messi

D) Neymar Jr

Answer: C) Lionel Messi