

## IR/Diplomacy (2)

### • Bharat Innovates 2026 inaugurated in Nice by PM Modi & President Macron

**Body:** Ministry of Education

**Detail:** First-ever edition outside India; showcased 120 Indian deep-tech innovations (AI, semiconductors, space, biotech), deepening the India–France Year of Innovation 2026

**Lineage:** India–France Strategic Partnership since 1998; Rafale, Scorpène, Jaitapur; ATL Bridge plants first Atal Tinkering Lab abroad

**Exam hook:** India–France partnership year = 1998 / Bharat Innovates = Ministry of Education / Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog  
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### • India–Nepal launch cross-border remittance mechanism

**Body:** Reserve Bank of India / Nepal Rastra Bank

**Detail:** New India–Nepal cross-border remittance system to ease low-cost money transfers and strengthen financial connectivity

**Lineage:** Builds on UPI's international linkages; Nepal is a 'Neighbourhood First' partner sharing an open border

**Exam hook:** UPI run by NPCI / Nepal capital = Kathmandu, currency = Nepalese Rupee  
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## Defence (11)

### • Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth appointed next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)

**Body:** Govt of India / Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

**Detail:** Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth (Vice Chief of Army Staff, an NDA alumnus commissioned into the Armoured Corps) to be COAS w.e.f. 30 June 2026, succeeding Gen Upendra Dwivedi

**Lineage:** COAS = professional head of the Army (4-star General); supreme command of Armed Forces vests in the President under Art 53(2); CDS heads the Dept of Military Affairs

**Exam hook:** COAS rank = General / President is Supreme Commander / first CDS = Gen Bipin Rawat (2020)  
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### • DRDO demonstrates next-generation defence capabilities

**Body:** Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)

**Detail:** DRDO showcased a suite of next-gen, indigenous defence technologies as part of its self-reliance push

**Lineage:** DRDO founded 1958, R&D wing of MoD, ~50 labs; motto 'Balasya Mulam Vigyanam'; flagship of Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence

**Exam hook:** DRDO founding year = 1958 / IGMDP gave Prithvi, Agni, Akash, Trishul, Nag  
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### • Raksha Mantri inaugurates Advanced Weapon System Complex at DRDL, Hyderabad

**Body:** DRDO (Defence Research & Development Laboratory, Hyderabad)

**Detail:** New complex to boost design and development of advanced missiles and weapon systems

**Lineage:** DRDL is DRDO's premier missile lab; Hyderabad is India's missile-development hub (also RCI)

**Exam hook:** DRDL = missile lab at Hyderabad / nodal labs vary by system  
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### • INS Tarkash arrives at Port Victoria, Seychelles

**Body:** Indian Navy

**Detail:** Frigate INS Tarkash made a port call at Port Victoria, Seychelles, deepening maritime cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean

**Lineage:** Part of India's naval diplomacy under the MAHASAGAR vision (evolved from SAGAR, 2015); Seychelles is a key Indian Ocean partner

**Exam hook:** SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region / MAHASAGAR unveiled 2025 / Seychelles capital = Victoria  
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### • Indian Navy recovers unexploded missile warhead from merchant tanker off Kochi

**Body:** Indian Navy

**Detail:** Navy EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) team safely recovered an unexploded warhead from a merchant tanker off Kochi amid Gulf maritime tensions

**Lineage:** Reflects the Navy's 'benign' and constabulary roles; Gulf/Red Sea attacks on shipping raised threats to seafarers

**Exam hook:** Four roles of a navy = Military, Diplomatic, Constabulary, Benign / EOD = bomb-disposal  
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### • MoD signs Rs 449 crore contract for 20 GNSS Jammers for Indian Navy

**Body:** Ministry of Defence

**Detail:** Contract for 20 Enhanced-Capability Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Jammers to counter satellite-guided threats; an Atmanirbhar Bharat acquisition

**Lineage:** GNSS includes GPS (US), GLONASS (Russia), Galileo (EU), BeiDou (China) and India's NavIC; jammers disrupt enemy satellite navigation

**Exam hook:** India's regional nav system = NavIC (IRNSS) / electronic warfare basics  
PIB 2271094 · 2026-06-10

### • First large-scale solar power project on defence land approved (Sitapur, UP)

**Body:** Ministry of Defence

**Detail:** Raksha Mantri approved India's first large-scale solar power + battery storage project on defence land at Sitapur, UP — greening defence energy use

**Lineage:** Supports India's renewable-energy and net-zero-by-2070 goals while monetising idle defence land

**Exam hook:** Net-zero target year = 2070 / solar + BESS (battery energy storage)  
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### • Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-I): gallantry awards conferred

**Body:** President of India / Ministry of Defence

**Detail:** President conferred 07 Kirti Chakras (02 posthumous), 15 Vir Chakras (03 posthumous) and 29 Shaurya Chakras (01 posthumous)

**Lineage:** Wartime gallantry order: Param Vir Chakra > Maha Vir Chakra > Vir Chakra; Peacetime: Ashoka Chakra > Kirti Chakra > Shaurya Chakra

**Exam hook:** Highest wartime gallantry = Param Vir Chakra / highest peacetime = Ashoka Chakra  
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### • First batch of women cadets trained at NDA commissioned into the forces

**Body:** Ministry of Defence / National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla

**Detail:** The first batch of women cadets trained at the tri-service NDA passed out and were commissioned — a historic milestone following the 2021 Supreme Court order allowing women into the NDA

**Lineage:** NDA = tri-service academy at Khadakwasla (Pune); women first inducted from 2022

**Exam hook:** NDA location = Khadakwasla / tri-service academy / women admitted after 2021 SC verdict  
PIB 2272587 · 2026-06-13

### • Passing-out parades: IMA, Air Force Academy & INS Chilka

**Body:** Indian Army / Air Force / Navy training academies

**Detail:** President reviewed IMA's 158th Regular & 141st Technical Graduate Course POP (Dehradun); Raksha Mantri reviewed AFA

Combined Graduation Parade (Dundigal); sailors passed out at INS Chilka

**Lineage:** IMA Dehradun trains Army officers; AFA Dundigal (Hyderabad) trains IAF officers; INS Chilka (Odisha) is the Navy's sailor-training establishment

**Exam hook:** IMA = Dehradun / AFA = Dundigal / OTA = Chennai & Gaya / NDA = Khadakwasla  
PIB 2272392 · 2026-06-13

## • 24 Indian seafarers brought to safety after attack on MV near Oman

**Body:** Indian Coast Guard & Omani authorities

**Detail:** 24 Indian seafarers rescued through coordinated India–Oman effort after an attack on a merchant vessel near Oman; part of heightened Gulf maritime-security alerts

**Lineage:** Indian Coast Guard raised 1978, an armed force under MoD guarding the maritime zones

**Exam hook:** Indian Coast Guard founded 1978 / Strait of Hormuz = key oil choke point

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## Environment (3)

### • Project GIB: captive stock of Great Indian Bustard reaches 94 birds

**Body:** Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

**Detail:** Three new chicks took the captive Great Indian Bustard stock to 94; 26 chicks hatched this season (18 via artificial insemination)

**Lineage:** GIB (*Ardeotis nigriceps*) = Critically Endangered, State Bird of Rajasthan, stronghold = Desert National Park, Jaisalmer; biggest threat = power-line collisions

**Exam hook:** GIB = State Bird of Rajasthan / IUCN Critically Endangered / Desert National Park (Thar)

PIB 2272725 · 2026-06-14

### • National Biodiversity Authority reconstitutes Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee

**Body:** National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

**Detail:** NBA reconstituted its Agrobiodiversity Expert Committee with Padma Shri Dr P.L. Gautam as Chair, to conserve crop/agricultural genetic diversity

**Lineage:** NBA (Chennai) is a statutory body under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; implements access & benefit-sharing

**Exam hook:** NBA HQ = Chennai / Biological Diversity Act = 2002 / three-tier: NBA–SBB–BMC

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### • Global Wind Day 2026 conference to be hosted in Goa

**Body:** Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

**Detail:** India to host a Global Wind Day (15 June) 2026 conference in Goa to push wind-energy capacity

**Lineage:** Wind is a major renewable source; India is among the top wind-power nations; supports the 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030 target

**Exam hook:** Global Wind Day = 15 June / 500 GW non-fossil target by 2030 / Tamil Nadu & Gujarat lead in wind

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## Sci/Tech (6)

### • India's space economy projected to reach USD 45 billion; 400+ space startups

**Body:** Ministry of Science & Technology (Dr Jitendra Singh)

**Detail:** Space economy to grow from ~USD 8–9 bn to USD 40–45 bn in a decade, on 400+ startups and post-2020 reforms

**Lineage:** Regulator/promoter = IN-SPACe (Ahmedabad); commercial arm = NSIL; ISRO founded 1969; Chandrayaan-3 south-pole landing 23 Aug 2023 (National Space Day)

**Exam hook:** IN-SPACe regulates / NSIL sells / National Space Day = 23 August / Gaganyaan = human spaceflight

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### • Advanced Quantum & AI labs to be set up at MNIT Jaipur

**Body:** Ministry of Communications/Electronics & IT (Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw)

**Detail:** New Advanced Quantum and Artificial Intelligence laboratories announced at MNIT Jaipur to build research and skilled talent

**Lineage:** Aligns with the National Quantum Mission (2023) and the IndiaAI Mission; quantum uses qubits and superposition/entanglement

**Exam hook:** National Quantum Mission launched 2023 / qubit = basic unit of quantum computing

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### • Sound waves can cut energy use in next-generation computing

**Body:** Dept of Science & Technology (research finding)

**Detail:** Indian researchers showed acoustic (sound) waves can move/store data with far less energy than electronic methods — promising for low-power, next-gen computing

**Lineage:** Sound = a mechanical, longitudinal wave needing a medium; spintronics/acoustics explored for green computing

**Exam hook:** Sound is a longitudinal mechanical wave / cannot travel in vacuum

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### • Newly discovered supernova may refine the cosmic distance scale

**Body:** Dept of Science & Technology (ARIES/astronomy)

**Detail:** Study of a newly found supernova could improve the 'cosmic distance ladder' used to measure how far away galaxies are

**Lineage:** A supernova is the explosive death of a star; Type Ia supernovae are 'standard candles' for measuring cosmic distances and the universe's expansion

**Exam hook:** Supernova = exploding star / Type Ia = standard candle / Chandrasekhar limit ≈ 1.4 solar masses

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### • IndiaAI Mission launches 'Varya', an indigenous video-generating AI model

**Body:** IndiaAI Mission (MeitY)

**Detail:** 'Varya', an indigenous text/story-to-video generative-AI model, launched as an affordable, India-built alternative

**Lineage:** Part of the IndiaAI Mission (2024, ~Rs 10,000 cr) to build sovereign AI compute, datasets and models; generative AI creates new content from prompts

**Exam hook:** IndiaAI Mission approved 2024 / generative AI / large language & diffusion models

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### • New Regional Meteorological Centre launched at Lucknow

**Body:** Ministry of Earth Sciences / India Meteorological Department (IMD)

**Detail:** New Regional Meteorological Centre at Lucknow to sharpen forecasts for Uttar Pradesh; part of expanding the Doppler weather-radar network (17 to ~50, with 50 more planned)

**Lineage:** IMD founded 1875, headquartered New Delhi; 'Mission Mausam' modernises forecasting

**Exam hook:** IMD established 1875 / Doppler radar tracks rain & cyclones

PIB 2270289 · 2026-06-08

## Infra (2)

### • India's U-18 teams felicitated for Hockey Asia Cup performance

**Body:** Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

**Detail:** Union Sports Minister felicitated the men's and women's teams for their showing at the Under-18 Hockey Asia Cup

**Lineage:** Hockey is run by Hockey India; the Asia Cup is organised under the Asian Hockey Federation; India's national game heritage

**Exam hook:** Hockey governing body = Hockey India / Major Dhyan Chand's birthday (29 Aug) = National Sports Day

PIB 2270422 · 2026-06-08

### • Obituary: shooting legend Jaspal Rana passes away

**Body:** National condolences (PM, Home Minister)

**Detail:** Veteran sport-shooter and celebrated coach Jaspal Rana passed away; a multiple Asian Games and Commonwealth gold medallist and Arjuna/Padma awardee

**Lineage:** Pistol shooting; mentored India's next-gen shooters; shooting is among India's strongest Olympic-medal sports

**Exam hook:** Highest sporting honour = Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna / Arjuna Award for athletes

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