

08/06/2026 Daily Current News

1. *United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL):*

Context: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated Major Abhilasha Barak on being conferred the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. The Prime Minister noted that Major Barak is serving as an Engagement Team Commander and Gender Focal Point within the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

About United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL):

- ❖ Established: On 19 March 1978 by the United Nations Security Council through Resolutions 425 and 426.
- ❖ Purpose: Created to restore peace and security along the Israel–Lebanon border after the 1978 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.
- ❖ Type of Mission: It is a United Nations peacekeeping mission operating in Southern Lebanon.
- ❖ Core Mandate: Confirm withdrawal of Israeli forces from Southern Lebanon, Restore international peace and security and Assist the Lebanese government in re-establishing effective authority in the area.
- ❖ Major Expansion: Following the 2006 Lebanon War, UNSC Resolution 1701 (2006) significantly strengthened UNIFIL's mandate and responsibilities.
- ❖ Blue Line: UNIFIL monitors compliance along the Blue Line (UN-demarcated boundary between Israel and Lebanon) and works to prevent hostilities.
- ❖ Current Strength: As of 2025–26, UNIFIL comprises about 8,253 personnel from 48 countries, tasked with monitoring the ceasefire and facilitating humanitarian access.
- ❖ Recent Status: Through UNSC Resolution 2790 (2025), the mission's mandate was extended until 31 December 2026, with a planned drawdown and withdrawal during 2027.

2. *NZP Saathi App:*

Context: MoS Environment, Forest and Climate Change Launches "NZP Saathi App" and Inaugurates Self-ticketing Kiosks at National Zoological Park.

About NZP Saathi App:

- ❖ It is a smart digital zoo guide, and inaugurated Self-ticketing Kiosks at the National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi.
- ❖ It aimed at enhancing visitor experience through smart navigation and easing online ticket booking.
- ❖ The "NZP Saathi App", available on both Android and iOS platforms, features an interactive digital map and smart navigation system that enables visitors to locate animal enclosures, washrooms, buggy points, exits and other facilities. The app also offers thematic tours, including Express Tour, Family Tour, Grand Zoo Tour and personalised "My Tour" options.
- ❖ The Self-ticketing Kiosks will facilitate online ticket booking through UPI-based digital payments with free Wi-Fi connectivity for on-the-spot ticket booking.

3. *Land Port Management System (LPMS):*

Context: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah to launch Land Port Management System (LPMS) on Tuesday, 9th June 2026 in New Delhi.

About Land Port Management System (LPMS):

- ❖ LPMS is a digital platform that integrates operations of all land ports into a unified system.
- ❖ It enables secure, real-time exchange of logistics and regulatory information among stakeholders.
- ❖ LPMS brings land ports on par with the digital systems used at airports and seaports.
- ❖ It functions as a neutral and open platform for coordination between government agencies and private operators.
- ❖ The system aims to reduce delays and improve operational efficiency at border crossings.
- ❖ LPMS provides end-to-end digital workflows for cargo and passenger processing.
- ❖ Key services include slot booking, online payments, tracking, and single-window clearances.
- ❖ It is integrated with major national platforms such as ICEGATE, ULIP, and the motor vehicle ecosystem.
- ❖ LPMS promotes interoperable, efficient, and transparent border management.

About Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI):

- ❖ The Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), a statutory body under the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, is responsible for developing and managing land ports to facilitate trade, connectivity, and regional cooperation.
- ❖ Currently, LPAI operates 15 land ports across India's international borders.

4. *KAU Thejaswini:*

Context: Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) released a new green chilli variety named KAU Thejaswini on 7 June 2026.

About KAU Thejaswini:

- ❖ KAU Thejaswini is a bush-type green chilli variety developed at the Kerala Agricultural University, College of Agriculture, Vellayani.
- ❖ It is specifically suited to Kerala's agro-climatic conditions and can be cultivated year-round in homesteads, kitchen gardens, and terrace gardens.
- ❖ The variety has a high yield potential of 32.5 tonnes per hectare, producing about 84 fruits and 667 g per plant.
- ❖ Fruits are 11.29 cm long, smooth, glossy, dark green, and turn red upon ripening.
- ❖ It has medium pungency with a capsaicin content of 0.45%.
- ❖ The variety is rich in Vitamin C (121 mg/100 g) and contains 15.1% oleoresin.
- ❖ KAU Thejaswini is tolerant to bacterial wilt and viral diseases, making it suitable for sustainable cultivation.

5. *Pyroprocessing:*

Context: Article of Pyroprocessing was explained in the Hindu science edition.

About Pyroprocessing:

- ❖ Pyroprocessing is a way to change a solid material physically or chemically using high temperature. It is a dry process and very energy-intensive.
- ❖ The three sectors that use it most are cement-making, metallurgy, and nuclear power.
- ❖ Pyroprocessing refers to high-temperature industrial processes used in sectors such as cement manufacturing, metallurgy, and nuclear fuel reprocessing.
- ❖ In cement production, limestone, clay, and iron are heated in a rotary kiln; limestone releases CO₂ at about 900°C, and at around 1,450°C the mixture forms clinker, which is later ground into cement.
- ❖ In metallurgy, pyroprocessing is used to extract metals from ores through processes such as roasting (heating sulphide ores in air to form metal oxides) and smelting (melting ores to separate metals from slag).
- ❖ Calcining is another pyroprocessing technique in which limestone is heated to produce lime.
- ❖ In the nuclear industry, pyroprocessing is used to reprocess spent nuclear fuel using high-temperature molten salts.
- ❖ Spent fuel is placed in a molten lithium-potassium chloride salt bath (around 500°C or higher), and an electric current separates elements based on their electrochemical properties, allowing recovery of useful materials.

6. *French Open:*

Context: Alexander Zverev finally secured his maiden Grand Slam title with a dramatic five-set victory over Italy's Flavio Cobolli in the French Open final.

About French Open (Roland Garros):

- ❖ Roland-Garros (French Open) is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, alongside the Australian Open, Wimbledon Championships, and US Open.
- ❖ It is held annually at Stade Roland Garros in Paris and is the only Grand Slam played on clay courts.
- ❖ The tournament is named after Roland Garros, the first person to fly across the Mediterranean Sea in 1913.
- ❖ It began in 1891 as a French national championship and was opened to international players in 1925.
- ❖ The event moved to its current venue in 1928 and became the first Grand Slam of the Open Era in 1968, allowing professionals and amateurs to compete together.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal holds the tournament records with 14 titles, 105 match wins, and a 98.2% winning percentage at Roland-Garros.

Winners of 2026:

Event	Winner (Country) → Runner-up (Country)
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany) → Flavio Cobolli (Italy)
Women's Singles	Mirra Andreeva (Russia) → Maja Chwalinska (Poland)
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos (Spain/Argentina) → Harri Heliövaara / Henry Patten (Finland/United Kingdom)
Women's Doubles	Katerina Siniakova / Taylor Townsend (Czech Republic/USA) → Anna Danilina / Aleksandra Krunic (Kazakhstan/Serbia)
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani / Andrea Vavassori (Italy) → Kristina Mladenovic / Manuel Guinard (France)

About Grand Slam:

- ❖ Grand Slam tournaments (Majors) are the four most prestigious annual events in professional tennis.
- ❖ The four Grand Slams are the Australian Open (January), French Open (May–June), Wimbledon Championships (June–July), and US Open (August–September).
- ❖ Each Grand Slam tournament is typically played over two weeks.
- ❖ The Australian Open and US Open are played on hard courts, the French Open on clay courts, and Wimbledon on grass courts.
- ❖ Wimbledon (1877) is the oldest Grand Slam, followed by the US Open (1881), French Open (1891), and Australian Open (1905).
- ❖ Correction: Novak Djokovic with 24 Grand Slam singles titles has highest.

7. *Char Dham Yatra:*

Context: 161 More than 31 lakh pilgrims have visited Uttarakhand since the Char Dham Yatra began in April, while 161 fatalities have been reported among the devotees during the ongoing pilgrimage season, officials said on Sunday. According to the latest report, Kedarnath Dham recorded the highest footfall with 11,05,676 pilgrims.

About Char Dham Yatra:



- ❖ Char Dham in Uttarakhand is a collective term used for religious circuit covering Holy hindu pilgrimage centres of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.
- ❖ All four temple shrines are located in Garhwal Himalayas range of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ This is considered as most sacred religious places to be visited by Hindus, to get rid of their sins and pave path to ultimate goal of human life – the Moksha.
- ❖ Yamunotri :- This temple is dedicated to River Yamuna. It is situated in Garhwal Region of Uttarakhand State.
- ❖ Gangotri :- The temple is devoted to Goddess Ganges.
- ❖ Kedarnath :- The temple is devoted to God Shiva. There is 12 main Jyotirlinga of shiva & Kedarnath is one of the main jyotirling.
- ❖ Badrinath:- The temple is dedicated to God Vishnu.

Quick Bites:

- ☐ In a significant development for agricultural exports from Jharkhand, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, flagged off the first commercial consignment of fresh mangoes from the State to the United Kingdom. The flag-off ceremony was held in Kolkata on 4 June 2026.
- ☐ A National Workshop on Seafood Exports was convened by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, with support from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, on 5th & 6th June 2026 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ☐ Kerala Forest Department launched HAWK, or Hostile Activity Watch Kernel, on 6 June 2026 as India's first digital system that integrates the judiciary for wildlife offence management.
- ☐ National record-holder Animesh Kujur finished second in men's 200m at the New Taipei City Athletics Open as he breached the Commonwealth Games qualification mark on Sunday. The 23-year-old Indian clocked 20.47s, well inside the mark of 20.61s set by the Athletics Federation of India.