

## 26/06/2026 Daily Current News

### 1. *SHATAYU (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility):*

Context: The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched SHATAYU (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility) Dashboard on 22.05.2026.

#### About SHATAYU:

- ❖ The dashboard provides a platform to all trained Geriatric caregivers to register themselves on the dashboard for providing their services to the needy senior citizens.
- ❖ The SHATAYU dashboard is managed by National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment which is also mandated with the training of geriatric caregivers.
- ❖ It is stated that under the training of geriatric caregivers, the number of enrollment of the candidates depends on the location of the training centre.
- ❖ Candidates are mobilized from areas nearby to the training centre. Therefore, a large number of trainees may belong to a particular district/city/town.

### 2. *BrahMos missiles:*

Context: As of 25 June 2026, about 40 Indian Air Force Su-30MKI fighters have been integrated with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles.

#### About BrahMos missiles:

- ❖ The BrahMos missile, an Indo-Russian joint venture, has a range of 290 km and is the fastest cruise missile in the world with a top speed of Mach 2.8.
- ❖ BrahMos is named for the rivers Brahmaputra and Moskva.
- ❖ It is a two-stage (solid propellant engine in the first stage and liquid ramjet in second) missile.
- ❖ It is a multiplatform missile i.e., it can be launched from land, air, and sea and multi capability missile with pinpoint accuracy that works in both day and night irrespective of the weather conditions.
- ❖ It operates on the "Fire and Forgets" principle i.e it does not require further guidance after launch.

### 3. *International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):*

Context: Bangladesh joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) on 24 June 2026 as its 27th member nation.

#### About International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):

- ❖ The IBCA, an inter-governmental international organisation headquartered in India, has been established for the conservation of seven big cats - Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.
- ❖ IBCA launched in 2023 is a first-of-its-kind platform bringing together countries home to the seven big cats, reflecting India's belief that conservation challenges must be addressed collectively through cooperation, knowledge sharing and mutual support.

- ❖ **Launch:** International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023 during the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger.
- ❖ **Approval:** It was formally approved by the Union Cabinet in February 2024.
- ❖ **Implementation:** IBCA is established through the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- ❖ **Global Platform:** It serves as a platform for sharing conservation expertise, funding initiatives, and creating a technical knowledge repository.
- ❖ **Objective:** To promote conservation of seven big cat species—Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.
- ❖ **Membership:** Open to all UN member states, including both range and non-range countries.
- ❖ **Ratifying Countries:** India, Nicaragua, Eswatini, Somalia, and Liberia have ratified the IBCA Framework Agreement.
- ❖ **Need:** Addresses threats such as habitat loss, poaching, climate change, and human-wildlife conflict.
- ❖ **Funding Support:** India has committed ₹150 crore (2023–2028) and is exploring additional international funding sources.
- ❖ **Goal:** Strengthen global cooperation to halt and reverse the decline of big cat populations.

#### 4. ***e-Zero FIR:***

Context: On 24 June 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 52nd PRAGATI meeting and directed states to implement the integrated digital e-Zero FIR system for cyber fraud cases. The system is linked to the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs and is designed for high-value cyber financial fraud complaints.

#### **About e-Zero FIR:**

- ❖ e-Zero FIR is a digital mechanism that converts verified cyber financial fraud complaints into Zero FIRs.
- ❖ Zero FIR can be registered at any police station irrespective of territorial jurisdiction.
- ❖ The FIR is later transferred to the police station having the appropriate jurisdiction for investigation.
- ❖ It is designed to ensure quick registration and prompt investigation of cyber financial fraud cases.
- ❖ Applicable to cyber financial fraud complaints involving amounts above ₹10 lakh.
- ❖ Complaints must be filed through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or the 1930 Cyber Helpline.
- ❖ The initiative aims to improve the speed of law enforcement response and increase the chances of recovering defrauded funds.
- ❖ It is part of India's efforts to strengthen the cybercrime response framework and digital policing ecosystem.
- ❖ The mechanism supports coordination among police agencies across different jurisdictions in tackling cyber fraud.
- ❖ It complements the work of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

#### 5. ***Tungabhadra River:***

Context: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana on Thursday signalled a “historic” consensus on protecting the interests of farmers in the Tungabhadra basin and pursuing long-term solutions to irrigation and water-sharing issues.

#### **About Tungabhadra river:**

- ❖ Location: Tungabhadra is a major peninsular river flowing through Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Tributary: It is the largest tributary of the Krishna River.
- ❖ Religious Significance: Considered sacred by Hindus and referred to as Pampa in the Ramayana.
- ❖ Origin: Formed at Koodli (Shivamogga district, Karnataka) by the confluence of the Tunga and Bhadra rivers.
- ❖ Source Rivers: Both the Tunga and Bhadra originate on the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats.
- ❖ Length & Confluence: Flows for about 531 km before joining the Krishna River at Sangamaleshwaram (Andhra Pradesh).
- ❖ Course: Flows 382 km in Karnataka, forms the Karnataka–Andhra Pradesh boundary for 58 km, and continues 91 km in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Catchment Area: Drains a basin of about 69,552 sq. km up to its confluence with the Krishna.
- ❖ Raichur Doab: The land between the Krishna and Tungabhadra rivers is known as the Raichur Doab.
- ❖ Tributaries: Major tributaries include the Varada and Hagari (Vedavathi) rivers.
- ❖ Dams: Important projects include the Tungabhadra Dam, Bhadra Dam, Tunga Anicut, and Hemavathi Dam.
- ❖ Historical Importance: Hampi, the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire, is situated on its banks.
- ❖ Drainage: The Krishna River, after receiving the Tungabhadra, ultimately drains into the Bay of Bengal.

#### **6. ‘Netra’ Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system:**

Context: The indigenous Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system, which played a pivotal role as a force multiplier for the Indian Air Force in the 2019 Balakot strikes and Operation Sindoor last year, was accorded final operational clearance (FOC).

#### **About Netra:**

- ❖ Developed indigenously by the Bengaluru-based Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), the Netra AEW&C is integrated on the Brazilian Embraer EMB-145I aircraft platform.
- ❖ The system encompasses a sophisticated suite of mission equipment, including an Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF), mission computer, secure communication networks, electronic support measures (ESM) and communication support measures.
- ❖ India is the fifth country in the world to develop this capability, as Netra can detect, track, identify and monitor airborne and maritime targets enhancing the network-centric operations capabilities of the IAF.
- ❖ The Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) for the Netra was accorded in 2015 and it was inducted into the IAF in 2017.

- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the development of six more AEW&C Mk-1A systems by the CABS.

## Quick Bites:

- ☐ Mamallapuram recently became the first UNESCO World Heritage site in South Asia to achieve the prestigious Green Destinations Silver global certification, setting a benchmark for responsible destination management.
- ☐ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, has facilitated the export of a 40 metric tonne (MT) consignment of biscuits from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, to Oman.
- ☐ In a significant boost to India's fresh produce export sector, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, in collaboration with the ICAR–Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH), Lucknow, has successfully facilitated the first commercial sea shipment of premium Banganapalle mangoes from India to Singapore.
- ☐ The Ministry of Culture commemorated Samvidhan Hatya Diwas through a special programme organised by the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry, at its campus in New Delhi. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat graced the event as the chief guest. The event marked the completion of fifty years of the Emergency imposed in 1975 and sought to reinforce public awareness about the importance of democracy, constitutional values and citizens' rights.
- ☐ The 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting was successfully convened on 25 June 2026 in Gurugram, Haryana, under India's BRICS Chairship 2026 under the overarching theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- ☐ The Central Bureau of Investigation launched Operation Chakra-VI on 25 June 2026 against digital arrest fraud networks in India.
- ☐ A pair of powerful earthquakes that rocked Venezuela have killed at least 188 people and left more than 1,500 hurt, officials said on Thursday as residents searched for loved ones trapped under rubble after many buildings were flattened within minutes. An international outpouring of aid quickly followed the tremors on Wednesday evening, which the United States Geological Survey (USGS) measured as magnitude 7.2 and 7.5, centred west of the capital Caracas. Tremors from the earthquakes were also felt in neighbouring Colombia and Brazil.
- ☐ The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 42.2 million small-expenditure financing facility to develop the bamboo industry in India's northeastern States. It will support community-based projects that enhance the usage of bamboo resources across Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura.