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1. *Project BRAHMANK:*

Context: Project BRAHMANK of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 16th Raising Day on Jun 29, 2026 at Ranaghat, Arunachal Pradesh, marking fifteen years of dedicated service towards the development of strategic infrastructure and connectivity in the region.

About Project BRAHMANK:

- ❖ The Project is responsible for development and maintenance of strategic road infrastructure across the Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang and Shi-Yomi districts of Arunachal Pradesh, as well as parts of Dhemaji district in Assam.
- ❖ The Project is entrusted with the maintenance and development of 811 km of roads and approximately 86 bridges, ranging from culverts to major steel and arch bridges.
- ❖ Some of its major engineering achievements include the 100-metre steel arch bridge over Siyom Nallah and the 165 metre PSC bridge over Simang Nallah on the Along–Yingkiong Road.
- ❖ Raised on 29 June 2011 at Ranaghat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, the Project became fully functional on 03 December 2011.
- ❖ Despite difficult conditions characterized by rugged terrain, frequent rainfall, poor connectivity and limited infrastructure, the Project has been instrumental in providing strategic and operational connectivity to the Armed Forces while bringing remote villages into the national mainstream.

2. *National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):*

Context: Cabinet approves additional investment commitment of Rs. 30,000 crore in National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) to accelerate infrastructure investment and catalyse institutional capital into India

About National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):

- ❖ National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is India's Sovereign Anchored Fund, professionally run and managed by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL).
- ❖ GOI is 49% shareholder in NIIF and it currently manages capital commitments of approximately Rs. 40,000 crore across its funds and investment strategies.
- ❖ Established: NIIF was set up in 2015 as a government-backed investment platform to finance infrastructure and related sectors in India.
- ❖ India's Sovereign Wealth Fund: It is regarded as India's first sovereign wealth fund (SWF), designed to attract long-term domestic and global investments.
- ❖ Ownership: The Government of India holds a 49% stake, while the remaining ownership is with domestic and international institutional investors.
- ❖ Mandate: NIIF invests equity capital in infrastructure and allied sectors to support India's economic growth.
- ❖ Investment Areas: It invests across infrastructure, private equity, and other diversified sectors, aiming to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns.

- ❖ Project Coverage: NIIF finances greenfield (new), brownfield (existing), and stalled infrastructure projects.
- ❖ Professional Management: Although anchored by the Government of India, NIIF is independent in its investment decisions and managed by professional investment experts.
- ❖ SEBI Registration: NIIF's funds are registered as Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India and raise capital from domestic and international institutional investors.
- ❖ Scale: NIIF manages over \$4.9 billion in assets under management (AUM), making it India's largest infrastructure-focused investment fund.

3. *SUMAN Roadmap 2030:*

Context: Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, today launched the SUMAN Roadmap 2030.

About SUMAN Roadmap 2030:

- ❖ It is a comprehensive and forward-looking strategic framework aimed at transforming maternal and newborn healthcare across the country and accelerating India's progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- ❖ The Roadmap was unveiled during the 16th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW).
- ❖ It is an evidence-driven strategy that combines national priorities with local realities to deliver equitable, high-quality maternal and newborn healthcare across the country.
- ❖ Anchored in the RMNCHA+N framework, the Roadmap adopts a comprehensive life-cycle approach, integrating interventions from pre-pregnancy through pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period, while ensuring convergence with child health, adolescent health, family planning and nutrition programmes.
- ❖ The Roadmap envisions reducing the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to below 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030, further lowering the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), achieving universal saturation of maternal and newborn health services across all States and Union Territories, and ultimately realising the goal of zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths.

4. *National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026:*

Context: On the occasion of the 20th Statistics Day, on 29th June 2026, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the following publications on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Sustainable Development Goals – National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026

About National Indicator Framework Progress Report, 2026:

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has developed the National Indicator Framework (NIF) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in consultation with concerned Ministries and Departments, NITI Aayog, UN Agencies, and other stakeholders to facilitate the monitoring of SDGs at the national level.

- ❖ The NIF provides a comprehensive mechanism for tracking progress on the SDGs and serves as an important evidence base for policy formulation and programme implementation.
- ❖ The National Indicator Framework (NIF), 2026 consists of 277 national SDG indicators, covering all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ The proportion of population covered by social protection systems/floors increased from 22.0% in 2016 to 65.3% in 2026.
- ❖ Maternal Mortality Ratio declined from 122 per 100,000 live births during 2015-17 to 87 during 2022-24.
- ❖ The Sex Ratio at Birth (in Per 1,000 male live births) improved from 896 females per 1,000 males in 2015–17 to 918 in 2022–24, reflecting a positive trend towards a more balanced gender ratio at birth.
- ❖ Installed renewable energy generating capacity in the country increased from 64.04 watts per capita in 2014-15 to 193.36 watts per capita in 2025–26, reflecting a threefold expansion in renewable energy capacity over the period.
- ❖ The unemployment rate declined from 6.1% in 2017-18 to 3.1% in 2025.
- ❖ The ratio of female to male workers employed as Professionals and Technical Workers increased from 48.7% in 2023–24 to 51.3% in 2025.
- ❖ The area of Ramsar sites as a percentage of total wetland area increased from 4.15% in 2016 to 8.66% in 2026, indicating a substantial expansion in the extent of wetlands receiving international recognition and protection under the Ramsar Convention.

5. The Kisan Sarathi Platform:

Context: Kisan Sarathi, launched in July 2021, is India's largest integrated digital agro-advisory platform.

About The Kisan Sarathi Platform:

- ❖ It provides timely, authentic, and multilingual advisories to farmers.
- ❖ Farmers also get access to schemes, weather updates, and expert consultations.
- ❖ It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ❖ The Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute and the Digital India Corporation implement the platform.
- ❖ The platform uses the Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS). IIDS enables two-way communication between farmers and experts. It supports lab-to-land transfer of agricultural knowledge.
- ❖ The integration of these national platforms brings critical agricultural services onto a single digital interface.
- ❖ Purpose: Kisan Sarathi is a digital platform that connects farmers directly with agricultural experts for timely advice and support.
- ❖ Real-time Advisories: It provides region-specific advisories on weather, crop management, pest control, and market prices.
- ❖ Government Schemes: Farmers can discover and access information on Central and State/UT government schemes relevant to their needs.
- ❖ Scheme Status Tracking: The platform allows farmers to check the status of schemes such as PM-KISAN.

- ❖ **Wide Scheme Coverage:** As of 25 June 2026, the portal hosts 610 government schemes, including 102 Central Government schemes.
- ❖ **Comprehensive Advisory Services:** Advisories cover major cereals, pulses, oilseeds, horticulture, plantation crops, fodder crops, as well as livestock, poultry, fisheries, and allied sectors.
- ❖ **Expert Consultation:** Farmers can raise queries with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) experts and receive guidance in their local languages.
- ❖ **Capacity Building:** The platform offers training programmes and video consultations to improve farmers' knowledge and skills.
- ❖ **Market Information:** Farmers can access mandi prices, district-wise market rates, and market trends for major agricultural commodities to make informed selling decisions.

6. *Corporate Mitra Scheme:*

Context: The Ministry of Corporate Affairs launched the Corporate Mitra Scheme 2026 for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

About Corporate Mitra Scheme:

- ❖ The scheme was announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 and is designed to create trained paraprofessionals for MSME support in compliance, accounting, taxation, financial guidance, and governance.
- ❖ The Corporate Mitra Scheme is linked with institutions such as IIT Madras, IIT Pravartak, SWAYAM Plus, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI).
- ❖ A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 25 June 2026 to operationalise the scheme.
- ❖ The programme has a duration of 12 months. It includes about 150 hours of online academic learning through the SWAYAM Plus portal and six months of on-the-job training with professional firms.
- ❖ Applicants must be Indian nationals below 30 years of age and must be graduates or final-year graduation students.

7. *PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT):*

Context: Govt. launches a platform to track maternal, child health.

About PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT):

- ❖ PM-FCT is a digital platform for real-time monitoring of maternal and child health, nutrition, and family welfare.
- ❖ It was introduced as a pilot project in Gujarat.
- ❖ The platform integrates health, nutrition, and welfare services under a family-centric approach.
- ❖ It tracks pregnant women, newborns, infants, children, and adolescents up to 18 years of age.
- ❖ It provides Digital Health Passports for families to maintain health records.
- ❖ It includes interactive dashboards to facilitate the delivery of government welfare schemes.
- ❖ The platform sends alerts for vaccinations and other essential health services.
- ❖ It enables end-to-end monitoring of antenatal and postnatal care.
- ❖ It tracks immunisation, nutrition, and child growth monitoring.

- ❖ It also monitors school enrolment, attendance, and adolescent health services.

Quick Bites:

- ☐ The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, will organise the second edition of the National Seafood Skill Olympiad from July 1 to 3, 2026, as part of Seafood Expo Bharat (SEB) 2026. The Olympiad will bring together skilled seafood processing professionals from across the country to showcase their expertise in preparing value-added seafood products.
- ☐ The fifth edition of the Capstone Seminar, marking the successful culmination of the Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Programme (WASP), was held on June 29th. The Capstone Seminar serves as the culmination of a rigorous, six-month intellectual journey jointly conducted by the Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS), New Delhi, and the College of Air Warfare (CAW), Hyderabad.
- ☐ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Drug Registry as a unified and standardized digital platform for drug-related information. Conceptualized under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), it serves as a single source of truth for medicines in India, enabling consistent identification, storage, exchange and usage of drug data across healthcare systems.
- ☐ In the presence of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, the governments of Rajasthan and Haryana today signed an important agreement in New Delhi for the construction and implementation of the Yamuna Water Project. The project seeks to facilitate the conveyance of Rajasthan's allocated share of Yamuna waters through an underground pipeline system from the Western Yamuna Canal, enabling the State to effectively utilise the water allocated to it under the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding on the sharing of utilisable surface waters of the Upper Yamuna Basin.
- ☐ Team India delivered a strong performance at the Global Skills Challenge (GSC) Australia 2026, winning 5 medals— 3 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze — marking another significant milestone in India's journey towards the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai later this year.
- ☐ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) commemorated the 20th Statistics Day on 29th June 2026 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The Statistics Day is celebrated annually in honour of the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis who was the architect of India's modern statistical system and a pioneer in economic planning. The theme for this year's Statistics Day was, "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data"
- ☐ Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today felicitated the Indian contingent that created history by securing the country's first-ever medal (Bronze) at the AVC Men's Volleyball Cup 2026. The AVC Men's Volleyball Cup (previously known as the AVC Men's Challenge Cup and AVC Men's Volleyball Nations Cup), is an annual international volleyball competition in Asia and Oceania contested by the senior men's national teams of the members of Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), one of the sport's continent governing body.

The 2026 edition marked the first occasion that India hosted the tournament (Ahmedabad, Gujarat), adding another important chapter to the country's sporting calendar.

- ☐ The Union Health Ministry is set to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic Digital Health System on 29 June 2026 in New Delhi. Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda will unveil the platform, which is a cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) for small outpatient clinics, primary health centres, health and wellness centres, and sub-centres across India.
- ☐ *Brachybacterium netajii* is a newly identified bacterial species isolated from the Hooghly River in West Bengal, India.
- ☐ The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is targeted to become operational in Seychelles by the end of 2026. India and Seychelles signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for UPI implementation during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Seychelles, which concluded on 29 June 2026.
- ☐ India's first offshore airport has been approved for preparation of a Detailed Project Report in Maharashtra. The proposed site is near Kore beach in Palghar district, and the project is planned as the third international airport for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
- ☐ India scripted history at the World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne, with Army-men Lakshay and Ujwal Kumar Singh clinching the country's maiden-ever gold medal. The duo won the Lightweight men's double sculls final, crossing the finish line in 6:26.09 ahead of Hong Kong (6:27.14) and the Netherlands (6:27.36) on Saturday.
- ☐ The Indian Army is raising dedicated 'Baaz Battalions' to significantly enhance its Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) capability, a move aimed at strengthening battlefield surveillance, intelligence gathering and rapid response through a specialised drone force, defence sources said.

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