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India Post to Enable UPI Payments at All Post Offices by August 2025 Under IT 2.0 Upgrade

The Department of Posts has declared that by August 2025, all Indian post offices will accept digital payments via UPI at their counters, marking a significant advancement in financial inclusion and digital empowerment. This falls under IT 2.0, a complete overhaul of the IT infrastructure that includes dynamic QR code-based payment systems and faster, safer, and easier postal transactions.

With more than 1.5 lakh post offices serving primarily rural and semi-urban areas, India boasts one of the largest postal networks in the world. Due to their inability to interface with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which enables real-time, interbank digital transactions, post offices have been excluded from digital payment networks.

The Posts Department has been a pillar of financial inclusion in terms of products such as the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), but the absence of a facility to accept digital payments at counters limited convenience for half a billion consumers. The new IT 2.0 upgrade completes this gap by enabling real-time generation of dynamic QR codes for every transaction, allowing customers to make payments online through any UPI-enabled app.

Major IT 2.0 Upgrade Features

Dynamic QR Codes: Unlike the former static QR codes that had been dropped due to technical malfunctions and customer complaints, dynamic QR codes are generated in real-time for each transaction, making it safer and reliable.

Pilot Success: The pilot was launched successfully in Karnataka's Mysore and Bagalkot districts, where head and branch post offices employed QR-based payments for mail booking and other postal services.

Nationwide Rollout: Once the pilot is successful, the rollout will be

done at all post offices in India by August 2025.

Customer Support: Postal officials will train personnel to assist customers in the usage of digital payment methods, thus ensuring smooth adoption.

Services Covered

The electronic payment facility will be extended to a large range of postal services, which are:

- Purchase of postage stamps and parcel bookings
- Deposits and withdrawals in savings schemes and India Post Payments Bank accounts
- Other postal financial and non-financial services

Challenges Overcome

Earlier attempts to implement static QR codes at post office counterpoints were plagued by repeated technical glitches and consumer grievances, leading to their suspension. The dynamic QR code system mitigates these issues by creating a unique, transaction-specific code, reducing errors and improving user experience.

Broader Impact

This move is a significant step towards bridging the digital divide in India. Through enabling UPI payments at over 150,000 post offices, the Department of Posts is empowering crores of Indians, especially in the farthest corners of the nation, to participate in the digital economy. It is a manifestation of the Digital India mission of 2015, the aim of which was to make government services digitally accessible and assist with boosting digital literacy.

India's First Wildlife Corridor on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway: Special Features and Other Details

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has established the nation's first wildlife corridor on a national route, marking a significant step towards sustainable development. The state-of-the-art 12-kilometer section of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway has India's longest underpass designed specifically for animal traffic and five wildlife overpasses. The Expressway passes through the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve's buffer zone

This section represents a major turning point in Indian infrastructure since it is the first expressway to be built with both human traffic and wildlife preservation as top priorities.

How was this Corridor Made?

Pradeep Attri, Regional Officer, NHAI, stated that this section of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway was among the most difficult. "We had to make sure that the wildlife's habitat would not be disturbed during construction or the operations that followed. The finished product is an amazing fusion of ecological awareness and engineering perfection."

"Animal activity was closely monitored during construction," Attri said. To make sure animals didn't enter the work area, we placed workers every 200 meters. Consequently, during the project, there were no wildlife incidents. Several bear and tiger crossings through the passageways have actually been seen on post-construction camera footage," he continued.

Special Features of the Wildlife-Friendly Expressway:

The corridor, which runs through the environmentally rich area between the Ranthambore and Chambal Valley—home to tigers, bears, leopards, and other endangered species—was created in collaboration with the

Wildlife Institute of India and the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

- Wildlife Overpasses: Two overpasses, each 500 meters long has been built, without disturbing the natural shape of the land.
- Animal Underpass: A 1.2-kilometre-long underpass is also made in order to help big animals cross safely.
- Eco-Friendly Road Design: Around 5 kilometres of the expressway is either elevated or built below ground so as not to disturb the natural terrain.
- Safety Measures: A 4-meter-high wall and 2-meter sound barriers are also installed to stop animals from entering the road and to reduce noise pollution.
- Longest Wildlife Corridor in India: A 2.5-kilometre stretch is fully aligned with the natural habitat, making it the longest wildlife overpass in the country.
- Green Initiatives:
 - Plantation of 35,000 trees along the road.
 - Drip irrigation system to save water (uses 50% less water).
 - Rainwater harvesting units every 500 meters.
 - Use of modular construction techniques to reduce waste.

This innovative project now serves as a national standard for environmentally conscious infrastructure, indicating a change in the way that major development projects in India can coexist with conservation objectives.

Current Affairs One Liners 30 June 2025: World Asteroid Day 2025

One Liner Current Affairs 30 June 2025: Get the latest one-liner current affairs in a crisp new style. These key updates are crucial for exams and will strengthen your preparation. Today's highlights cover the new RAW chief, World Asteroid Day 2025, and other important topics.

1. Who has been appointed as the new chief of India's intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)? – Parag Jain
2. When is World Asteroid Day observed? – 30 June
3. Where is the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone II Annual Conference 2025 being held? – Dharamshala
4. Which ministry has recently launched the 'Adi Karmyogi' programme? – Ministry of Tribal Affairs
5. Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth how many crore rupees in Godhra, Gujarat? – 125 crore

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[RBI showed its 'Gold Vault' for the first time, how many tons of gold is safe there?](#)

Salkhan Fossil Park in Sonbhadra Joins UNESCO Tentative List

Some good news came for Uttar Pradesh. Recently, Sonbhadra Fossil Park, also called Salkhan Fossil Park, was included in UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites. It's a remarkable accomplishment for Uttar Pradesh and a step toward the state's geological and paleontological appeal being recognized internationally.

The park, which spans 25 hectares in the Kaimur Range, is located in Salkhan village in Sonbhadra district, close to Robertsganj. Fossils as old as 1.4 billion years can be found there!

Interesting Facts About Salkhan Park

Check some of the interesting key facts about this prehistoric park below:

1. Prehistoric Stromatolites and Living Mesoproterozoic Relics Can Be Found Here

Stromatolites, layered sedimentary formations made by ancient cyanobacteria or blue-green algae, can be found in the park, providing insight into the planet's earliest life forms. These microbes have undergone photosynthetic processes. The Mesoproterozoic period (1.6–1.0 billion years ago) is when these stromatolites were formed. These are among the world's most uncommon geological formations. Salkhan is far older than places like Yellowstone in the USA and Shark Bay in Australia.

2. An understanding of early life

Because it has challenged the assumptions of geologists and scientists, Salkhan is a very significant location for a variety of reasons. For many years, geologists believed that life began about 570 million years ago.

Stromatolites found at Salkhan, however, are older than that. These fossils are important monuments that provide fresh insights into the early

oceanic ecosystems and ecology on Earth.

3. When was Park Opened?

The site was formally opened as a fossil park in 2002, although geological research in the area dates back to the 1930s. In December 2002, 42 experts from around the world, including famous geologist H. J. Hoffman, participated in a significant workshop led by Canada. The fossils were described as "beautiful and clear" by him.

4. Eco-tourism center

The site has received active funding from the Uttar Pradesh government. INR 1.5 crores has been approved by the government for guest amenities. It has interpretive centers, security, and nature walks. By supporting scientific evidence through an MOU with the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences in Lucknow, the UNESCO Tentative List will be submitted by June 2025. Local authorities are working on a dossier for the final UNESCO candidacy, which should be ready by 2026.

5. Salkhan Park Location

The fossil park is easily accessible by SH-5A and is located in Sonbhadra district, approximately 12 km from Robertsganj.

Current Affairs One Liners 27 June 2025: World Police and Fire Games 2029

One Liner Current Affairs 27 June 2025: Presenting one-liner current affairs in a fresh format. These updates are highly important from an exam perspective and will be very useful for your preparation. Today's highlights include topics related to Salkhan Fossil Park, World Police and Fire Games 2029, and more.

1. Which fossil park was recently added to UNESCO's Tentative World Heritage Sites list? – Salkhan Fossils Park
2. Who became the first Indian astronaut to reach the ISS? – Shubhanshu Shukla
3. Who has recently joined Canada's Fairfax Financial as a Senior Advisor? – Amitabh Kant
4. India recently signed a submarine cooperation agreement with which country? – South Africa
5. Which country will host the World Police and Fire Games 2029? – India
6. India's first Butterfly Sanctuary was recently established in which state? – Kerala
7. Neeraj Chopra recently won gold at the Ostrava Golden Spike athletics meet held in which country? – Czech Republic
8. Where was the NATO Summit 2025 recently held? – Netherlands
9. Where was the 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant held on 26 June 2025? – Dehradun
10. Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla is visiting the ISS under which mission? – Axiom-4 Mission

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One Liner Current Affairs In Hindi 27 June 2025:

1. UNESCO Tentative World Heritage Sites -
2. -
3. Fairfax Financial -
4. -
5. 2029 - -
6. -
7. Ostrava Golden Spike -
8. NATO 2025 -
9. 21 26 2025 -
10. - Axiom-4

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Axiom 4: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla Becomes First Indian on ISS

Making history, astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla becomes the first Indian to ever set foot on the International Space Station (ISS).

In a live broadcast, the four-person crew of the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission crossed over to the ISS after docking with the orbiting laboratory.

Group Captain Shukla Becomes the Second Indian in Space

Group Captain Shukla piloted Ax-4, taking off under the leadership of former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson. He is the second Indian to travel to space, 41 years after Rakesh Sharma's historic flight in 1984.

Ax-4 Mission: A Global Collaboration

Ax-4 is a commercial space mission operated by Axiom Space, a private company based in Houston. The launch took place from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. This mission is a joint effort involving NASA, ISRO, ESA, and SpaceX.

Successful Docking with the ISS

The spacecraft successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Thursday. The Ax-4 crew joined the ISS crew, bringing the total number of crew members on the station to 11.

Historic Return to Space for India, Hungary, and Poland

This mission is not only significantly important for India but also for the European countries, Hungary and Poland, both returning to space after nearly 40 years alongside India.

Scientific Goals of the Mission

During their two-week stay, the crew will carry out 60 scientific experiments, including 7 developed by ISRO. The mission is focused on gathering data that will support future space missions.

Boost for India's Space Ambitions

ISRO paid 5 billion rupees (about \$59 million) for Group Captain Shukla's training and seat on Ax-4. This mission will help ISRO prepare for its first human spaceflight in 2027, as well as future plans to build a space station by 2035 and send an astronaut to the Moon by 2040.

From Cash to Clicks: IMF Recommends UPI-Style Model for the World

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has been praised by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a game-changer in India's digital payments ecosystem, a significant validation of the country's fintech revolution.

The International Monetary Fund recently released a paper praising the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system in India and advising anyone considering a shift from cash to digital payments to follow India's other mobile data, banking, and digital identity-related actions.

IMF Study Highlights UPI's Success

According to a June 25 IMF paper titled "Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability," written by Alexander Copestake, Divya Kirti, and Maria Soledad Martinez Peria, earlier studies have credited the "Demonetization shock" and demographic factors with UPI's success in India.

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Key Factors Responsible for UPI Success

However, the authors believe that UPI's interoperability—which permits any business to use the platform—has also contributed significantly to its broad uptake.

According to the article, "UPI has revolutionized the digital payments landscape in India." "The platform's evidence indicates that interoperability can enhance users' digital payment experiences and increase adoption in general."

The authors went on to say that interoperability gives consumers more freedom to select the apps they want, enabling them to fully utilize the variety and quality of apps readily available rather than being limited to

just one.

How Other Countries Can Benefit from UPI?

According to the study, nations that wish to transition their populations from cash to digital payments must do more than just establish the fundamental framework for an interoperable system like the UPI.

"For countries looking to move from cash to digital payments, providing infrastructure for interoperable systems or otherwise supporting interoperability through regulation could be a promising avenue," the study stated.

"Policymakers should first make sure that complementary enabling investments are in place, as with the expansion of bank accounts and digital identity in India and the reduction of mobile data costs—for such policies to be effective," the statement continued.

Current Affairs One Liners 25 June 2025: Axiom-4 Mission

One Liner Current Affairs 25 June 2025: These one-liner updates are presented in a fresh format, highly relevant for competitive exams and useful for your preparation. Today's highlights include the Axiom-4 Mission and the Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit.

1. Which mission took Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to space? – Axiom-4 Mission
2. Where is the South Asia Regional Centre of the International Potato Center (CIP) being established? – Agra (Uttar Pradesh)
3. In which country is IFFCO setting up its first overseas nano fertilizer plant? – Brazil
4. From where was the Axiom-4 mission recently launched? – Kennedy Space Center (Florida)
5. Who recently released the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025? – Institute for Economics and Peace
6. Which edition of the 'Future Front' series has been released by NITI Aayog, focusing on the need for high-quality data in governance? – Third
7. Where was the 7th Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit held? – Pune

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Another Indian State with 100% Literacy Rate; It is not Kerala, Check Name Here

Tripura has finally achieved a literacy rate of 95.6%, making it the third most literate state in the nation, after Mizoram and Goa. This announcement came directly from the Chief Minister of Tripura, Manik Saha.

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha made the announcement at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan in Agartala, citing recent data from ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society)-Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram. The event was attended by Priti Mina, the secretary of the Ministry of Education, Raval Hamendra Kumar, the secretary of the Tripura Education Department, SCERT L Darlong, NC Sharma, the director of Secondary Education, and other individuals.

Literacy Program Now Covers More Than Just Signatures

According to Saha, the literacy program earlier focused only on teaching people how to sign their names. However, it has now expanded to include foundational literacy and numeracy skills such as reading, writing, and basic math. In addition, it covers critical life skills, vocational training, continuing education, and the ongoing process of skill development.

State's Literacy Rate Has Risen Steadily

Saha explained the steady rise in the state's literacy rate over the years. It was just 20.24% in 1961, then increased to 60.44% in 1991, and further rose to 73.19% in 2001. By 2011, the literacy rate had gone up to 87.22%. As per the Labour Force Survey conducted in 2023–2024, the literacy rate reached 93.7%, and in 2024–2025, it further increased to 95.6%.

Literacy is Essential for a Developed India

Saha emphasized the importance of literacy for national progress.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, he said that the country cannot achieve that goal unless the issue of illiteracy is fully addressed. He stressed the need for literacy in every household and mentioned that he would urge the Education Department to reach out to the remaining people in the state who are yet to become literate.

Encouraging Results in Literacy Tests

Saha also shared details about the Foundation Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tests. On March 17 last year, 3,581 out of 4,597 examinees passed the test. Later, on December 29, 14,179 people took the test, and 13,909 of them passed. This year, on March 23, 5,896 people appeared for the test, and 5,819 passed successfully.

The state's literacy initiative is being supported by 943 Samajik Chetana Kendras, or social awareness centres, across the region. These centres are run with the help of a total of 2,228 dedicated volunteers who are working to promote literacy.

Tripura's Progress in Other Sectors

Saha also pointed out that Tripura is witnessing overall development. He noted that the state ranks second in the Northeast in terms of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), just after Assam, and holds the second position in per capita income, following Sikkim.

Current Affairs One Liners 24 June 2025: AI Udeid Air Base

One Liners Current Affairs 24 June 2025: One-liner current affairs are presented in a fresh format to help aspirants prepare effectively for upcoming exams. Today's highlights include topics like the Chios Island, AI Udeid Air Base, Navya Initiative, and more.

1. Who inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees recently? – **Om Birla**
2. Which Indian state has recently declared complete literacy? – **Tripura**
3. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting in which country? – **Qingdao (China)**
4. Which new initiative has been launched jointly by the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)? – **Navya**
5. Where was the Asian Para-Badminton Championship held recently? – **Thailand**
6. What is the largest US military base in the Middle East? – **AI Udeid Air Base (Qatar)**
7. Chios Island, recently in news, is associated with which country? – **Greece**

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India Post Payments Bank Wins Top Award for Digital Payments in 2024–25

The Union Finance Ministry's Digital Payments Award 2024–2025 went to India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for its efforts to promote financial inclusion and provide access to cash-lite transactions nationwide.

IPPB MD & CEO R Viswesvaran and CGM G Rai Bansal received the trophy in Delhi from Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and MoS (Finance) Pankaj Chaudhary. According to a government statement, IPPB received a "special mention" last year and finished first among all payments banks on the Department of Financial Services' (DFS) performance index for FY 24–25.

India Post Payments Bank gets Digital Payments Award

The Ministry of Finance recently acknowledged India Post Payments Bank with the top prize for digital payments for FY 2024–2025. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary presented the awards during a ceremony at New Delhi. In the DFS Performance Index, IPPB ranked first out of all Indian Payments Banks and was given special mention for its efforts in FY 2023–2024.

What is India Post Payments Bank?

Established in 2018 as a fully government-owned subsidiary of the Department of Posts, IPPB uses smartphone biometric kits to provide presence-, cash-, and paperless banking to about 2 lakh postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks. Its network serves 11 crore consumers in 5.6 lakh villages and cities and encompasses around 1.65 lakh post offices, of which 1.4 lakh are in rural areas.

Aim of India Post Payments Bank

The government introduced the concept of Post Payment Bank, keeping in mind several things. Check the key objectives of this initiative below:

- To encourage financial inclusion in places that are underbanked and

unbanked.

- To offer safe, easily accessible digital financial services by utilizing technology and the postal system.
- To support the Indian government's objective of creating a digitally inclusive, cash-light economy.

The Digital Payments Award received by the IPPB furthers the bank's mission to close the urban-rural banking gap in India and advance the Center's goal of a less cash-dependent, technologically advanced economy.

Current Affairs One Liners 23 June 2025: INS 'Tamal'

One Liners Current Affairs 23 June 2025: One-liner current affairs are presented in a fresh format to help aspirants prepare effectively for upcoming exams. Today's highlights include topics like the Digital Payments Awards 2024–25, INS Tamal, and more.

1. Where will the commissioning ceremony of INS Tamal be held – Yantar Shipyard, Russia
2. Who has recently been awarded the Digital Payments Award 2024–25 – India Post Payments Bank
3. Which state government has launched Majhi Vasundhara Campaign 6.0 – Maharashtra
4. Which country hosted the U23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 – Vietnam
5. When is World Olympic Day celebrated – 23 June
6. How much is Bharti Space Ltd planning to invest in French satellite firm Eutelsat – 313 crore
7. Which league did Neeraj Chopra recently win with a stellar throw of 88.16 meters – Paris Diamond League

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Current Affairs One Liners 20 June 2025: International Yoga Day 2025 Theme

One Liner Current Affairs 20 June 2025: Here are the important one-liner updates, covering International Yoga Day 2025 and the International Big Cat Alliance must-know points for exam aspirants, presented in a crisp and clear format:

From which state did PM Modi flag off India's first locomotive export to Guinea – **Bihar**

India recently agreed to restore High Commissioners with which country – **Canada**

When is International Yoga Day celebrated every year – **21 June**

What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2025 – '**Yoga for One Earth, One Health**'

When is World Refugee Day observed every year – **20 June**

DPIIT partnered with which platform to empower 1 million entrepreneurs across India – **YourStory**

How many young writers were recently honored with the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar – **23**

Which country recently hosted the first meeting of the International Big Cat Alliance – **India**

Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary, recently in news, is located in which state – **Kerala**

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Which State has India's Largest In-Plant Railway Terminal? Check Here

Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, along with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, officially opened the largest car-in-plant railway siding in India at Maruti Suzuki India Limited's (MSIL) Manesar facility.

Boost to Haryana's Infrastructure

This massive complex, which was created as part of the Gati Shakti National Master Plan, represents a major turning point in the development of Haryana's logistical and industrial infrastructure. It is a crucial part of the 126-kilometer Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC), which runs from Sonapat to Palwal. It is Maruti Suzuki's second in-plant railway terminal, after a similar facility in Gujarat.

Game-Changer for Maruti's Vehicle Transport

The terminal is intended to deliver automobiles made at Maruti's Manesar and Gurugram facilities to 17 hubs and 380 cities throughout India, with an annual dispatch capacity of 4.5 lakh vehicles. Additionally, it will connect Haryana directly to the global supply chain by acting as a conduit for exports to ports like Pipavav and Mundra.

Haryana CM Calls It a "Golden Chapter"

"The facility will not only transport vehicles across India but also allow exports, placing Haryana as a center for logistics aligned with global connections," said Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who praised the facility as a "golden chapter in Haryana's growth story."

"We are pleased that India's largest automobile in-plant railway siding is inaugurated today at Maruti Suzuki's Manesar facility," said Hisashi Takeuchi, MD and CEO of MSIL, describing the new terminal as a significant step forward in the company's sustainability mission. "Our

dedication to India's Net Zero emissions goal by 2070 is demonstrated by this endeavor. It is anticipated to save 60 million liters of fuel a year and help prevent 1.75 lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions. By FY 2030–31, we want to raise the percentage of vehicle deliveries via rail to 35%."

Project Carried Out Through a Joint Venture

Haryana Orbital Rail Corporation Limited (HORCL) carried out the project as a joint venture between the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) at 5%, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) at 19%, and Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HRIDC) at 55.4%.

Maruti Suzuki's Investment in the Project

Maruti Suzuki has invested a total of Rs 452 crore in the project, including Rs 325 crore in HORC and an extra Rs 127 crore for the development of its internal yard.

Current Affairs One Liners 18 June 2025: 51st G7 Summit

Top Current Affairs Today: Get the latest updates with Jagran Josh! Highlights include Top Current Affairs Today: Get the latest updates with Jagran Josh! Highlights include G7 Summit, Kali Tiger Reserve, and INS Arnala and other key developments quick and concise!

1. Where was the 51st G7 Summit (2025) held – Kananaskis, Canada
2. Which country recently conferred its highest civilian honour on PM Modi – Cyprus
3. Kali Tiger Reserve, recently in news, is located in which state – Karnataka
4. What type of vessel is INS Arnala – Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
5. When is World Crocodile Day observed annually – June 17
6. Where has Maruti Suzuki recently opened India's largest in-plant railway terminal – Manesar, Haryana

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TTD Proposes Renigunta Airport to be Renamed After Sri Venkateswara

The board of trustees of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) made the decision on Tuesday to suggest renaming the Renigunta airport as "Sri Venkateswara International Airport" and to submit a request to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation for the same.

Why is Renigunta Airport Suggested to be Renamed?

TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu and Executive Officer J. Shyamala Rao spoke to the media, stating that the idea sought to give the facility a "distinctive spiritual and iconic character" that was appropriate given its close proximity to Lord Venkateswara's shrine.

The construction of a Lord Venkateswara temple in Bengaluru was another significant decision made during the meeting. The decision was made in response to a proposal by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Sivakumar and Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who had agreed in principle to set aside 47 acres of land for the project.

100 Electric Buses for Tirumala Tirupati Pilgrims

The TTD is prepared to receive 100 electric buses from the Ministry of Heavy Industries, with assistance from H.D. Kumaraswamy, as part of its dedication to environmentally responsible transportation. These buses would be used to transport pilgrims between Tirupati and Tirumala, contingent on demand and practicality.

Food Testing Facility within the Campus

In order to test essential commodities like ghee, water, food, and other ingredients used in the preparation of prasadam inside the hill temple and guarantee their quality, the board also decided to lease roughly 30 acres of land for the establishment of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) laboratory in Tirupati.

On the advice of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, a three-member

committee led by Endowments Minister Anam Ramnarayan Reddy will make a recommendation on the hiring after considering the concerns of about 200 contract lecturers who have worked for the TTD for tens of years but have not yet been regularized.

Other Initiatives to be taken up by the TTD Board

In order to cultivate moral and spiritual values in young people, the board decided to implement the "Mana Varasatvam" program, which teaches students about Hindu customs and Telugu cultural heritage, and the "Sadgamaya" program, which teaches Sanatana Dharma values and personality development.

In addition, the TTD intends to reach a larger audience by extending its public outreach through spiritual programs like Sanmargam, Vana-Nidhi, Giri Janardhanam, Bhagavad Gita Anushtana Bodhana, Bhaje Srinivasam, Harikatha Vaibhavam, and Akshara Govindam.

Additionally, the board decided to celebrate World Yoga Day on June 21 at the parade grounds behind the TTD administrative buildings in Tirupati.

Bangalore to Get More Working Hours: 12 Hrs/Day Proposed

The State government has suggested amending the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishment Act, 1961, to expand the daily working hours from the current nine hours to ten. This move of the state government, in addition to permitting greater overtime hours, has angered the state's trade unions.

12 Hrs/Day Working Hours in Bengaluru

The Labour Department sent out the proposed modification to the stakeholders to get their feedback. It permits the extension of work hours to 10 hours per day and 48 hours per week. The proposal would increase the current 10 hours per day work cap to 12 hours per day, including overtime.

States with High Working Hours

In its proposed amendment, the Karnataka government referenced the Union government's directives to all States to consider adequately modifying the working hour limitations through legislation or regulations. The Center has also noted that similar amendments have been introduced in BJP-ruled states, including Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Overtime Hours Also Increased

One of the proposed changes is to raise the current 50 hours of overtime per employee to 144 hours over three consecutive months.

Which Act is Being Amended?

The Act regulates many stores and businesses, such as hotels, pubs, bars, restaurants, offices, and the IT and ITES sectors that provide commercial services. Additionally, the suggested amendment would exempt shops and commercial establishments with fewer than ten employees from the Act's requirements, meaning they would not be

required to file yearly returns.

The Labour Department called a meeting of interested parties here on Wednesday to finalize the proposed amendment to the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Rules, 1963, and the 1961 Act.

Current Affairs One Liners 17 June 2025: India's New Ambassador To North Korea

One Liner Current Affairs 17 June 2025: Here is a fresh take on one-liner current affairs — concise, exam-oriented, and perfect for quick revision. These highlights cover key updates like India's new ambassador to North Korea, Meta's new MD in India, G20 Sherpa resignation, and more.

- With which country's bank has NPCI signed an MoU to launch UPI services – **Cyprus**
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Head of Meta India – **Arun Srinivas**
- Which senior bureaucrat has recently resigned from the position of India's G20 Sherpa – **Amitabh Kant**
- Who has recently been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to North Korea – **Aliawati Longkumer**
- In which city will the first edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 be held – **Chennai**
- TCS has recently partnered with which organization to streamline financial operations – **CEB**
- Maruti Suzuki has tied up with which bank to boost retail car financing – **Equitas Bank**

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China Fires Laser to Moon and Back in Daylight for the First Time

China has successfully launched a precision laser from Earth, traveling 80,778 miles (130,000 kilometers) to the Moon and returning in broad daylight, marking a significant milestone for space exploration. The Deep Space Exploration Laboratory (DSEL) achieved this incredible feat, which is the first successful Earth-to-Moon laser-ranging shot in sunlight in history.

It is anticipated that this development will support China's aspirations for deep-space and lunar exploration. Xinhua News Agency highlighted the accomplishment, which is an important step in assisting China with its future lunar navigation and communications systems, including the planned crewed Moon landing by 2030.

Milestone Unlocked in Space Technology

With the accuracy of centimeters, laser-ranging technology has long been the gold standard for locating satellite orbits. Due to interference from solar glare, the approach had only been used at night up until now. However, the Tiandu-1 satellite, which was around one-third of the way to the Moon, was successfully targeted by laser pulses fired by the DSEL during the two-day experiment on April 26–27, 2025. This represents a major advancement in space technology since it creates new opportunities for ongoing data collection and orbital measurements by enabling such accurate operations to be performed during the day.

Launched in March 2024, the Tiandu-1 satellite is a component of a fleet of spacecraft designed to provide a comprehensive navigation and communication network between Earth and the Moon.

How will this New Technology benefit Space Exploration?

China's lunar aspirations will greatly benefit from this achievement. It specifically improves the Queqiao constellation's operational capabilities, which are used for lunar missions as a navigation and relay network. The constellation will enable autonomous navigation, accurate timing, and constant communication for rovers, lunar landers, and eventually astronauts. For mission planning and execution, the satellite laser ranging system will be essential, enhancing everything from rover fleet coordination to landing guidance. Additionally, it will make it easier to explore lunar craters that are constantly shadowed. These craters are rich in water ice, which is a

valuable resource for long-term lunar study.

Who is Yashasvi Solanki: India's First ADC Officer to President Murmu

Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki, 27, has been appointed as the first female Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu. This appointment has marked a significant milestone for gender representation in the armed services. She was initially appointed in the month of April 2025, and after a demanding selection procedure and a month-long orientation, she formally took on the position on May 9, 2025. The role, which has historically been filled by male officers, represents a change in the military and the presidency toward empowerment and diversity.

First Female ADC to the President of India

With her appointment on May 9, 2025, Yashasvi Solanki became the first female ADC to the President of India. Her nomination to the post of ADC is proof of President Droupadi Murmu's dedication to empowering women in the military of the nation. This action represents a big step toward equal representation of women in military and ceremonial roles at the highest echelons of government.

Who is Yashasvi Solanki?

Born in Haryana, Yashasvi Solanki enlisted in the Indian Navy in 2012. She worked in the Logistics Branch under the Short Service Commission.

Ms. Solanki participated actively in volleyball and badminton during her school years.

She joins the ranks of trailblazing women such as Air Marshal Padmavathy Bandopadhyay, the first female Air Marshal and aviation medicine specialist; Lt. Gen. Punita Arora, the first female Lieutenant General in the Indian Army and Vice Admiral in the Navy; and Squadron Leader Manisha Padi, who was appointed as ADC to the Governor of Uttarakhand in 2023.

She will now serve as an Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President for a period of about 2.5 to 3 years.

Speaking about her selection, she said, "I never imagined I would be chosen as the ADC to the President. Now, I have to stay updated every second, because the President can ask anything at any time."

What is ADC Officer?

Aide-de-Camps (ADCs) are special officers chosen from the Army, Navy, and Air Force to serve the President of India. Usually, 3 officers are selected from the Army, 1 from the Navy, and 1 from the Air Force.

For the first time, women officers from the Indian Navy were considered for this prestigious role.

Selection Criteria for ADC Officers

The selection process is very strict. Officers must meet certain standards, such as being physically fit and having a minimum height of 173 cm. They are also judged on their intelligence, communication skills, adaptability, and confidence.

As part of the selection, the candidates go through a 15-day evaluation at the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House). After this, they have a personal interview with the President.

Among the women officers who made it to the final round, Solanki was one of the three shortlisted, and all were from the Navy.

Current Affairs One Liners 13 June 2025: Exercise Nomadic Elephant

One Liner Current Affairs 13 June 2025: Under this section of One Liner Current Affairs, key updates related to Exercise Nomadic Elephant, India's first integrated e-waste eco park, and other exam-relevant topics are covered. Make sure to read all updates in this fresh and concise format.

- **Where was the India-Mongolia joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' concluded?** – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- **Who inaugurated the first conference on the Ministry's best practices at AIIMS Nagpur?** – Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda
- **When is World Blood Donor Day observed every year?** – 14 June
- **Who was recently honored with the Honorary Leopard Award at the 78th edition of the Locarno Film Festival?** – Alexander Payne
- **Where will the 8th edition of the Indo-French joint military exercise 'Shakti-2025' be held from 18 June to 1 July?** – La Cavalerie, France
- **Where is India's first integrated e-waste eco-park being developed?** – Delhi
- **Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala became the first person of Indian origin to be elected as the president of which prestigious organization?** – American Medical Association (AMA)
- **When was the World Day Against Child Labour recently observed?** – 12 June

[What Is Black Box In Aeroplane](#)

Good News for Mumbaikars: Local Train to Get More Luxurious with this New Initiative; Details Here

A significant step has been taken by the Railways to guarantee local train passengers travel in safety. The public will soon be able to ride new, non-AC local trains with automated doors by January 2026.

This decision comes after four people died in a horrific tragedy on the Central line. A team from the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) debated the matter with the Railway Minister and Board representatives.

According to officials, the goal of the conference was to come up with a workable plan for integrating automated doors into Mumbai's non-AC trains. Additionally, the new trains will solve ventilation issues brought on by closed doors in coaches without air conditioning.

It is anticipated that the first train with the new design will be completed by November 2025 and begin operations in January 2026 following testing.

Key Features of New Local Trains:

- Ventilated Doors:

The newly proposed trains will have special doors with small air vents. These vents will be for ventilation and will help fresh air flow into the coach, making the journey more comfortable for passengers, especially in non-AC coaches.

- Roof Ventilation Units:

The new trains will have new systems on the roof that will pull in fresh air from outside. This will improve the air quality inside the train and help keep the train cooler and less stuffy for the passengers.

- Vestibule Connections:

All coaches in the train will be connected from the inside. This will make it easier for passengers to move between the coaches. This will also help reduce crowding in one place by spreading people out more evenly.

Maharashtra Village Tops in e-Governance Awards, Tripura Takes Second Place

Rohini Gram Panchayat in Shirpur taluka, Dhule district, Maharashtra, has earned the Gold Award in the National e-Governance Awards 2025, marking a significant milestone for rural digital transformation. Rohini, a village that comprises the tribal community, has become a national model for rural governance powered by technology.

Which Indian Village Got Gold Medal?

The Gram Panchayat will be given the award at the 28th National e-Government Conference in Visakhapatnam on June 9, 2025, after being chosen from more than 1.45 lakh entries submitted throughout India in the Grassroots Level Initiatives category.

Under the National e-Government Awards 2025's "Grassroots Level Initiatives" category, Rohini Gram Panchayat has been given the Gold Award. The award is to be presented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). The community is renowned for introducing more than 956 digital services and is a prime example of digital inclusion, particularly for Scheduled Areas.

Digital Initiatives Adopted by Indian Village

This project is based in a fully tribal area in the **Dhule district of Maharashtra**.

It has created a **completely online system** to provide important government services easily.

- **Birth and death certificates** can now be received through **WhatsApp or email**.
- People can **pay fees online** and use a **simple and user-friendly website**.
- All services are given within **7 working days**, as per the **Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act**.

This system helps people in remote areas get their work done quickly without needing to visit government offices.

National e-Governance Award List

Check the list of awards given to different Gram Panchayats for their commendable effort in e-

Governance:

Award Category	Recipient	Location
Gold Award	Rohini	Maharashtra
Silver Award	West Majlishpur Gram Panchayat	Tripura
Jury Award	Palsana	Gujarat
Jury Award	Suakati	Odisha

What is National e-Governance Award?

The **National e-Governance Awards** are given every year to honor and promote the best digital governance projects in the country. These awards recognize efforts that use technology in smart and effective ways to improve government services for the public.

This year, **Rohini's project received special attention**, standing out from over **1.45 lakh applications** that were submitted from different parts of India. The work of this village was praised for its innovative approach and real impact on people's lives.

National e-Governance Award Cash Prize

The village will be honored with the **Gold Award**, which includes a **trophy**, an official **certificate of recognition**, and a **cash prize of 10 lakh** as a reward for its excellent contribution to the field of e-governance.

Current Affairs One Liners 09 June 2025: Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Train

One Liner Current Affairs 09 June 2025: Under this section of One Liner Current Affairs, key updates related to Ax-4 Mission, 2025 French Open, Srinagar-Katra Vande Bharat Train, and other exam-relevant topics are covered. Make sure to read all updates in this fresh and concise format.

1. Which Indian has been included as the pilot in the Ax-4 mission? – Shubhanshu Shukla
2. The Vande Bharat service between Srinagar and Katra falls under which railway zone? – Northern Railway
3. Who inaugurated the Vande Bharat service between Srinagar and Katra? – Prime Minister Narendra Modi
4. Who won the 2025 French Open Women's Singles title? – Coco Gauff
5. Who won the 2025 French Open Men's Singles title? – Carlos Alcaraz
6. Who has been appointed as the part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission? – T. Rabi Sankar
7. Which gram panchayat recently won the Gold Medal at the National e-Governance Awards 2025? – Rohini Gram Panchayat

[Today's Current Affairs Quiz – June 09, 2025](#)

Who is T Rabi Sankar: Why did 16th Finance Commission Need a Part-time Member?

In a major administrative move, T Rabi Sankar, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) deputy governor, was named a part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission by the President of India. He takes over for Ajay Narayan Jha, who resigned from his post for personal reasons. Sankar will remain in office until the commission's report is turned in or until October 31, 2025, whichever comes first.

The appointment of T Rabi Sankar to the 16th Finance Commission coincides with an important stage in the Commission's preparation of its fiscal recommendations for the years 2026–2031. It is anticipated that his knowledge of central banking and financial markets would have a big impact on the structure of the financial connection between the Center and the State.

Who is T. Rabi Sankar?

T Rabi Sankar was reappointed by the national government in April as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor for a second term, which took effect on May 3. He was initially appointed in May 2021 for a three-year term, then in May 2024, he was granted a one-year extension.

Rabi Sankar is now in charge of 13 RBI sections. He was assigned extra responsibility for the fintech department and financial market laws in January of this year. In addition, he is in charge of foreign exchange, overseas investment, activities, and currency management. He has contributed significantly to the creation of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

Shankar has held a number of high-level roles since joining the RBI in 1990, including Executive Director in charge of risk management, IT, and payments.

He was a consultant for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 2005 to 2011, specializing in debt management and government bond markets. Additionally, he chaired the Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS) committee.

T Rabi Sankar is a Jawaharlal Nehru University alumnus with an M.Phil. in Economics.

16th Finance Commission

The 16th Finance Commission was established on December 31, 2023. The commission is being headed by Arvind Panagariya, a former NITI Aayog vice-chairman. It is anticipated that the commission will submit its recommendations by October 31, 2025, and they will be effective for five years starting on April 1, 2026.

What is Finance Commission?

A constitutional entity, the Finance Commission makes recommendations about the financial relationship between the center and the state. During the five-year period from 2021–2022 to 2025–2026, the former 15th Finance Commission, led by NK Singh, suggested that states get 41% of the Center's divisible revenue pool. This recommendation is identical to that of the 14th Finance Commission, led by YV Reddy.

Travel Vaishno Devi to Srinagar in Luxury: Vande Bharat Train Finally Starts its Operation; Check Details

The Northern Railways finally started running Vande Bharat trains between Katra and Srinagar on a commercial basis on Saturday.

When the first Vande Bharat train, carrying 530 people, blew the whistle at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi railway station on Saturday morning, it signaled the start of a journey to Kashmir that would pass through three main geological thrust zones: Reasi, Murrie, and Panjal, as well as numerous engineering wonders.

Vande Bharat Katra- Srinagar: Key Highlights

Key Point	Details
Route Start Date	June 6
Launched By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Route	Katra to Srinagar
Distance Covered	189 km
Distance Breakdown	111 km (Katra to Banihal), 78 km (Banihal to Srinagar)
Departure Time	8:10 AM from Katra
Total Trips Per Day	4 trips (2 train sets, up and down)
Number of Coaches	8 coaches pulled by electric engine
Special Features	Passes through 27 tunnels and 49 bridges, including Chenab and Anj Khad bridges
Geological Zones Covered	Reasi, Murrie, Panjal
Ticket Price – Chair Car (CC)	715
Ticket Price – Executive Class (EC)	1,320

Vande Bharat Katra to Srinagar Timing

On a historic journey, eight coaches of Vande Bharat were pulled by an electrically powered engine at precisely 8:10 am from Katra to Srinagar railway station, a distance of 189 kilometers.

According to officials, the trains arrived at their destinations by dusk, marking a successful first day of commercial operations.

The majority of the seats were reserved within hours of the train's debut, indicating the high level of public interest, they added.

Vande Bharat Katra to Srinagar Started on...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Vande Bharat Express train from Katra on June 6 to link Kashmir with the rest of the nation.

Two Vande Bharat train sets traveled between [Katra and Srinagar](#) four times during the day, according to Northern Railway.

Vande Bharat Katra to Srinagar Ticket Price

Tickets for the train's two travel classes, Chair Car (CC) and Executive Class (EC), cost Rs 715 and Rs 1,320, respectively.

Travel Class	Ticket Price (INR)
Chair Car (CC)	715
Executive Class (EC)	1,320

Vande Bharat Katra to Srinagar Special Features

Cost: The 272-km Udampur–Srinagar–Baramulla train Link (USBRL), which was constructed at a cost of Rs 43,780 crore, includes the Katra–Srinagar train route as a significant component.

Heating System to Combat Cold Region: The train has been built to withstand the difficult terrain of the area with heated windshields, sophisticated heating systems, and insulated restrooms.

Smooth Travel: According to officials, seismic dampers have been installed to absorb vibrations and provide a safer and smoother travel experience in this high-risk area. In the winter, a snow

removal locomotive engine will advance to clean the tracks.

Caste Census Returns After 76 Years: India to Conduct Two-Phase Population Census in 2027

In a major step to revive the decadal census process, which was put on hold in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India announced the Population Census 2027. The population census will be conducted in two phases and include caste enumeration, after a gap of 16 years since the last official population count.

As per the official announcement, the government will consider the reference date for the majority of regions to be 00:00 hours on March 1, 2027, while the reference date for the Union Territory of Ladakh and snow-bound areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand is to be October 1, 2026.

India to have Population Census After 16 Years

The Ministry of Home Affairs recently said that caste enumeration will be part of the two-phase Population Census 2027, underlining the government's intention to update and modernize demographic data that is essential for planning, social welfare programs, and governance. In accordance with Section 3 of the Census Act of 1948, the census notification will be published in the Official Gazette on June 16, 2025.

What is Population Census?

India's Population census is regulated by the 1948 Census Act and the 1990 Census Rules. As per the rules, the central government has to do a population census in the country every 10 years in order to make policy changes accordingly. However, despite all preparations being finished, the COVID-19 epidemic caused the 2021 Census to be delayed.

Over 1.2 billion individuals were counted in the most recent complete population census, which was carried out in 2011.

Key Features of Population Census

The Census 2027 will be carried out in two phases across India. The first phase will focus on

house listing operations, where details about households will be collected. The second phase will involve population enumeration, where information about individuals will be recorded.

For most parts of the country, the reference date for the census will be March 1, 2027. However, in Ladakh and the snow-covered areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, the reference date will be a bit earlier, October 1, 2026, due to extreme weather conditions.

Caste Census to Start Again

The population count will be accompanied by an official caste enumeration for the first time in decades. A caste census is one in which data based on caste is gathered. Details about the distribution of caste groups, their socioeconomic circumstances, level of education, and other relevant variables are provided by the data.

The purpose of the caste census is to incorporate caste-related questions into the regular census process.

Last Caste Census Held in 1951

Caste enumeration was a common practice in censuses conducted between 1881 and 1931 when Britain was in power. However, the government stopped the practice in 1951 after India gained its independence and conducted its first census.

Following India's independence, the government divided its population into four major groups according to social and educational standards: Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Castes (SC), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and others.

Chenab Rail Bridge: World's Highest Railway Arch Bridge Open for Trains; Reach Srinagar in Just 3 Hours

The Chenab rail bridge in Jammu and Kashmir is scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, June 6. Additionally, he will also launch two specially built Vande Bharat trains between Katra and Srinagar.

The newly built Chenab rail bridge, which is a component of the 272-kilometer Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, is hailed as the highest railway arch bridge in the world. This bridge might prove to be a game-changer for a country like India. Here's how.

Chenab Bridge: World's Highest Railway Arch Bridge

Constructed between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district of J&K, the Chenab bridge is 359 meters above the riverbed level and costs roughly Rs 1,400 crore. It is around five times as tall as Qutub Minar and 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The architectural wonder was constructed at Reasi across a ravine of the Chenab Bridge. The world's highest arch bridge is a segment of the USBRL, an all-weather railway line that would connect the Kashmir Valley and Jammu.

Hardships Faced During Its Construction

The Chenab bridge's construction was approved in 2003. However, the region's rugged topography, safety issues, and court proceedings presented a number of difficulties for the bridge's construction.

The main challenge for the engineers while building this bridge was to build it without obstructing the Chenab River's flow.

During the early phases of the infrastructure project's construction, engineers were forced to labor on foot or by mule. Because of the location's inaccessibility and the limited roads, logistics presented still another significant issue. Giridhar Rajagopalan, deputy managing director of Afcons Infrastructure, told a media house that a large number of the bridge's components were

constructed and manufactured on location.

Can Tolerate Upto 40 Kg TNT Explosion

The bridge was designed and constructed in a joint venture consisting of VSL India, Ultra Construction & Engineering Company, located in South Korea, and Afcons Infrastructure.

The Chenab bridge has a 120-year lifespan and can withstand earthquakes, high-velocity winds (up to 260 kmph), harsh temperatures, and hydrological effects from rising water levels.

In addition to supporting trains traveling at speeds of up to 100 km/h, the bridge is blast-proof, according to Afcons, which states that it can tolerate high-intensity "explosion of up to 40 kg of TNT." In case of a pillar damaged due to unforeseen circumstances, trains could still operate, albeit at slower speeds.

How will Chenab Bridge Prove to be a Game-changer?

For India, the Chenab railway bridge will constitute a significant strategic advantage. With the construction of this bridge, the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the nation will have all-weather rail connectivity thanks to the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project.

Previously, the 300-kilometer Srinagar-Jammu national highway served as the sole land route connecting the Valley to the rest of India. However, it frequently has to close during the winter months when snow blocks the roadways. Additionally, landslides would also render the national highway between Jammu and Srinagar inoperable.

The Chenab rail bridge, which is part of this project, will offer a dependable and safe means of traversing the Chenab River, which is vulnerable to landslides and flash floods during monsoon season.

Faster, Safer, and Cheaper: Chenab Rail Bridge Set to Boost Tourism

The opening of the Chenab rail bridge is also significant since it follows the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 people, the majority of whom were tourists.

Since then, the J&K administration has worked to boost tourism, which suffered as a result of the April 22 tragedy. A direct rail would be less expensive and take less time to get from Jammu to Srinagar, which would probably boost tourism.

Road travel between Srinagar and Jammu, which typically takes five to six hours, would now just take three to three-and-a-half hours.

Current Affairs One Liners – 04 June 2025: IPL 2025

One Liner Current Affairs – 04 June 2025: Under this section of One Liner Current Affairs, key updates related to IPL 2025, International Institute of Administrative Sciences, and other exam-relevant topics are covered. Make sure to read all updates in this fresh and concise format.

- Which international organization's presidency has India recently secured – International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)
- Which team won the IPL 2025 title – Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)
- Who has been elected as the President of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly – Annalena Baerbock
- Who won the Player of the Tournament award in IPL 2025 – Suryakumar Yadav
- Which team was the runner-up in IPL 2025 – Punjab Kings
- ADB announced a plan of how many years for urban infrastructure development in India – 5-year plan
- Raigad Fort is located in which Indian state – Maharashtra
- Who was recently awarded the USISPF Global Leadership Award 2025 – Kumar Mangalam Birla

Current Affairs One Liners – 03 June 2025: Norway Chess 2025

One Liner Current Affairs 03 June 2025: The one-liner current affairs include questions related to Norway Chess 2025, World Bicycle Day 2025, Heinrich Klaasen, which are crucial from an exam perspective. Read these updates in a new style.

- Recently, how many new cadets have been announced under the expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)? – **Three lakh**
- Which Australian batter recently retired from ODIs to focus on the 2026 T20 World Cup? – **Glenn Maxwell**
- Which Indian defeated Magnus Carlsen to win the Norway Chess 2025 title? – **D Gukesh**
- Which South African wicketkeeper-batter recently announced retirement from international cricket? – **Heinrich Klaasen**
- When is World Bicycle Day celebrated every year? – **03 June**
- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) will open its first regional campus in which northeastern state? – **Meghalaya**
- Who recently assumed charge as Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command? – **Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana**
- IEPFA and SEBI launched an “Investor Camp” in which Indian city to empower investors and address unclaimed dividends? – **Pune**