

Highlights of 14 June 2026 Current Affairs

- Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary in Telangana has launched safari tours for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts.
- The Government of India has officially delicensed radio spectrum bands used for automotive radar and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication technologies. The initiative will be implemented by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Ministry of Communications to support collision-avoidance technologies in vehicles across India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron launched “Bharat Innovates 2026” at the Palais des Expositions in Nice, France. The event was organised by the Ministry of Education under the Government of India to showcase India’s rapidly growing deep-tech and innovation ecosystem to global investors. It forms part of the India–France Year of Innovation 2026.
- Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik, who hails from Odisha, became the first Indian to win the prestigious Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted three consecutive missile tests, including advanced Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor missiles and the maiden flight test of the Naval Anti-Ship Missile–Medium Range (NASM-MR).
- India’s indigenous video generation model, a next-generation distilled video generation system, was launched by Varya with support under the IndiaAI Mission.
- India emerged as the world’s number one country in digital wallet app downloads in 2025, recording over 440 million downloads during the year. PhonePe became the most downloaded digital wallet application worldwide, according to Sensor Tower’s App Performance Insights report.
- Former Union Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi has been appointed as the new High Commissioner to Bangladesh.
- David Hockney, the British artist, died at the age of 89. He is credited with advancing modern artistic expression through painting, photography, collage, and digital art.
- The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) will organize the 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), which will feature 346 films from 46 countries.
- India has now become the world’s third-largest domestic aviation market, with 15.6 million seats in April 2024, surpassing Brazil and Indonesia, and trailing only the United States of America and China.
- The Government of India has appointed Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian as members of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth will replace the current Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi, on 30 June.
- Gitika Talikdar from Arunachal Pradesh has received accreditation for multiple FIFA World Cup editions. She is the only female photographer from India to earn this recognition for the FIFA World Cup.
- The Government of Odisha has approved the restoration of the original names of 64 places across 26 districts, replacing the colonial-era English spellings.
- The FIFA World Cup 2026 has started in the USA, Mexico, and Canada, with these nations sharing the hosting of the tournament. This edition of the FIFA World Cup is the

biggest and most financially rewarding in football history, with an estimated budget of \$871 million.