

Highlights of 18 June 2026 Current Affairs

- Two Indian airports — Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) Terminal 1 and Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) Guwahati Terminal 2 — have been selected for the *Prix Versailles World's Most Beautiful Airports 2026* list.
- Divyanshi Singh has become the first woman officer from the National Defence Academy (NDA) to be commissioned into the Indian Air Force's ground duty branch.
- Four new Namoo Cities are planned to decongest the Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) at a cost of ₹5,000 crore over five years, aimed at promoting balanced growth across the NCR. The population of the NCR may exceed 15 crore, with Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh finalising the blueprint to reshape and develop these new cities in the four states.
- The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali conferred the Dr. Manmohan Singh Award for Academic Excellence on four scholars. The award, instituted to honour the late Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh Ji, was presented for the first time to Kaustubh Purohit (Biological Sciences), Nandana K.K. (Chemical Sciences), Pahul Arora (Mathematical Sciences), and Amitesh Gupta (Physical Sciences). They were felicitated with a cash reward of ₹50,000 each by Montek Singh Ahluwalia, trustee of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Trust.
- In a major milestone, MrBeast — whose real name is Jimmy Donaldson from America — has become the first individual to reach over 500 million subscribers on his YouTube channel. To mark the achievement, YouTube CEO Neal Mohan presented him with the 500 Million Play Button.
- Marius Borg Høiby, from Norway and the son of Crown Princess Mette-Marit, has been sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted of two rape cases in the Oslo court.
- ISRO has confirmed that it is collaborating with the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) to develop advanced artificial heating systems for future lunar landers, enabling them to survive on the Moon for up to 100–200 Earth days — a major leap from Chandrayaan-3's 14-day limit.
- The Indian Navy has inducted INS Agray, the fifth vessel of the Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).
- Indian Railways has approved the expansion of the Kavach 4.0 project, an indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system designed to prevent collisions.
- India has once again extended the Ravi-Beas and Krishna Water Tribunals, which were established to resolve disputes among states peacefully and legally.
- Smriti Mandhana, the only Indian featured in TIME's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026 list, is the current vice-captain of the Indian women's cricket team and was also part of the Women's Cricket World Cup-winning squad.
- The Usutu virus, detected for the first time in Scotland in blackbirds, can spread quickly through mosquito bites and primarily infects birds.
- The Union Government of India has initiated the process for establishing the National Sports Board through a search-cum-selection committee under the National Sports Governance Act (NSG Act), 2025.