

## Highlights of 20 June 2026 Current Affairs

- The Kishau Multi-Purpose Dam Project has entered its final stage as one of North India's most significant river rejuvenation initiatives, with six North Indian states — Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan — involved. A high-level meeting was held in New Delhi to finalize a resource-sharing agreement, reaching consensus on rejuvenation of the Yamuna basin, improvement of drinking water supply, hydropower generation, and inter-state water distribution management.
- India has joined global powers and partners in supporting efforts to combat the Ebola outbreak in Africa, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, at the G7 meet in Évian-les-Bains, France.
- Guntur Lam Farm in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, has released two new chilli varieties — LCA-625 and LCA-643 — which are very high in pungency and suitable for drying, developed by the Regional Horticultural Research Station (RHRS).
- India and Canada have launched security pact talks at the G7 Summit in Évian, France, on the General Security of Information Agreement (GSOIA), while also accelerating efforts to conclude the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- The Ministry of Ayush has launched a new portal for Yoga to promote preventive healthcare across India.
- The Government of India has launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services at Galleries Lafayette Nice Massena in Nice, France. The official launch was carried out by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, in collaboration with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and the French payment service provider Lyra Collect.
- India and Japan have adopted the Paris Agreement on the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM), which provides the structural framework for implementing climate-mitigation projects and supports the climate goals of both countries.
- The Government of Maharashtra has approved a ₹300-crore Cyclotron Project in Nagpur for cancer care treatment. The project will provide diagnostic and treatment infrastructure across Central India by ensuring local production of critical radioisotopes, which are essential for nuclear medicine and PET-CT scans.
- Corrected Version: Lionel Messi has become the first player to appear in six FIFA World Cups, currently being held in Mexico, the USA, and Canada.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash has concluded its port call at Port Victoria in Seychelles and has departed, as part of the operational development of the South-West Indian Ocean Region.
- The United States of America and Iran have signed an interim pact under the landmark 14-point Interim Agreement, known as the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at halting conflict and reopening the Strait of Hormuz for commercial activities.
- Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay has become the new Chairperson of the National Statistical Commission after the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) selected his name. He brings vast experience and has also served as the Director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta.