

Highlights of 21 June 2026 Current Affairs

- India has assumed the **Vice-Presidency of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** under the Mexican Presidency of **Elisa de Anda Madrazo** in Paris. **Vivek Aggarwal** has taken charge as the Vice-President, succeeding the United Kingdom's **Giles Thomson**. The FATF is the global body combating **terror financing**, with its headquarters located in **France**.
- The **Government of India** has approved an **interest rate of 8.25 percent** for the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**. The **Finance Ministry** sanctioned this rate, which was set by the **Central Board of Trustees (CBT)**, the decision-making body of the EPFO.
- Patiala resident **Noor Singh** has secured **All India Rank (AIR) 1** in the **Chartered Accountant (CA) Final Examination 2026**.
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has become the **first Arab country** to impose a **ban on social media use for all children under the age of 15**. The regulation prohibits children from **creating accounts, posting content, commenting, sharing, or joining public groups** on social media platforms.
- **Arvinder Singh Bahal**, the first Sikh to visit space as a tourist and the second person in the world to travel to all **193 United Nations member countries**, is currently in **Amritsar** to seek blessings from the **Guru**.
- For the first time, a **woman will be hired as a Defence Welfare Officer in Punjab at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel**. The **Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC)** has shortlisted **four candidates** for this post after conducting the written examination.
- A **jatha of 290 Sikh pilgrims** will travel to **Pakistan** to mark the **death anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh**. The pilgrimage begins on **June 21**, and the devotees will participate in the anniversary events on **June 29**.
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is set to **acquire nine retired Jaguar fighter aircraft from the United Kingdom** to source **spare parts and reusable sub-assemblies** for its existing fleet.
- The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has signed a contract with **Bharat Forge Limited** for the supply of **12 sets of 1.25 MW Marine Gas Turbine Generators** for the **Indian Navy**, valued at **₹425 crore**.
- The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has discovered **eight skeletons at Rakhigarhi in Haryana**, which is the **largest Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) site in India**.
- The **63-metre-tall Lotus Memorial Tower** has been constructed at the **Shaheed Smarak in Ambala Cantonment**. It showcases the story of the **First War of Independence of 1857** across a **22-acre area** along the **Ambala–Delhi National Highway**, as a tribute to the **unsung heroes who sacrificed their lives in the 1857 struggle for independence**.
- The **Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan**, is on a **tour of Ladakh**, where he visited the **Ladakh War Memorial, Sindhu Ghat, the Pashmina Goat Farm at Upshi**, and the **first rock check dam on the Sindhu River**.
- **21 June** is celebrated as **World Yoga Day** across the globe. The first International Yoga Day was observed on **21 June 2015**.