

## Highlights of 24 June 2026 Current Affairs

- Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, the leader of the Labour Party, has resigned from office due to underperformance, and former Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham is likely to be sworn in as the next Prime Minister of Britain.
- Nirmal Sehgal has been elected as the Mayor of Ponteland, becoming the first Punjabi Mayor of the Ponteland Town Council in England. She was born and brought up in Phillaur, Punjab.
- The Government of Punjab has passed an ordinance to limit the annual fee hike in private schools to only 5%.
- The Kheer Bhawani Mela is celebrated in central Kashmir with great enthusiasm, as a large number of Kashmiri Pandits from across India and abroad visit the Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tulmulla.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has departed on a two-day visit to Mongolia and South Korea, as the Government of India seeks strategic and economic engagement with key Indo-Pacific partners.
- Kunal Shah, the founder of Cred, has now become the CEO of WhatsApp and has raised ₹8,550 crore in a funding round led by Meta, the parent company of Facebook.
- The World Bank has approved a \$1.5 billion loan to India to support the country's structural reforms aimed at boosting private sector-led job creation and accelerating economic growth.
- Teenager Pritam Kendre won the men's 10m air rifle gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Championship in Suhl, Germany.
- A large gold reserve has been found at Jonnagiri in Andhra Pradesh, estimated at 50 tonnes in Kurnool district. The project is being developed by Geomysore Services India Private Limited.
- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) presented the inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025 in New Delhi, honouring Olympic gold and silver medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra as the Best Male Athlete of the Year, while Parul Chaudhary, the national record holder, received the Female Athlete of the Year award.
- Jaipur has featured among the world's best cities for art and culture in 2026, ranking 18<sup>th</sup> globally, while London secured the first position in the list prepared by *Time Out*.
- Harmanpreet Kaur has achieved another milestone by becoming the first player in the history of cricket, across both men's and women's formats, to play 200 T20 International matches.
- India is going to host the 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting in Gurugram, Haryana, on June 25–26, 2026.
- Khurasani Imli from Madhya Pradesh has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- India has remained the Asian Development Bank's largest market for private sector operations, with the institution aiming for \$1 billion in financing in 2026.