

Highlights of 26 June 2026 Current Affairs

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has taken a major step to expand its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) technology and transfer it to eligible private companies to strengthen domestic space manufacturing, encourage startup participation, and enhance India's position in global commercial space exploration. This initiative will be implemented by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe).
- President Droupadi Murmu commemorated the Padma Awards 2026, honouring 65 distinguished personalities from diverse fields including Sports, Cinema, Music, Literature, Public Affairs, and Social Services. The awards comprised 2 Padma Vibhushan, 7 Padma Bhushan, and 56 Padma Shri recognitions.
- Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal became the first player to score in six FIFA World Cup editions. He made his debut in the tournament in 2006.
- François Englert, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist from Belgium who contributed to the discovery of the Higgs Boson, passed away at the age of 93.
- IRCTC Chairman and Managing Director Sanjay Kumar Jain has resigned from his position on personal grounds.
- The European Union has decided to join the Pax Silica AI Supply Chain Initiative, a strategic international framework launched by the United States of America in December 2025 to strengthen cooperation among allied nations in the artificial intelligence ecosystem.
- Bhu-Aadhaar, proposed by the government to digitize land records, is officially known as the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN). It is an effort to modernize land governance and digitize property records.
- India has taken another step towards technology-driven governance with the launch of four advanced digital policing applications: 1) Abhigyan, 2) Criminal Procedure Identification (CrPI), 3) e-Prosecution 2.0, and 4) e-Forensics 2.0. These applications are integrated with the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS).
- India's first Made-in-India C295 transport aircraft is scheduled to be delivered to the Indian Air Force (IAF) by September 2026. This aircraft is being assembled by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in partnership with Airbus.
- LineShine, a Chinese supercomputer, has secured the number one position in the TOP500 list with an extraordinary performance of 2.198 exaflops (1 exaflop = 10^{18} calculations per second).
- Lakadong Turmeric has now become a talking point worldwide as it was showcased among India's premium products at the 52nd G7 Summit held in France. This turmeric variety is cultivated in Meghalaya's Jaintia Hills and is known for its very high curcumin content.
- United Nations Chief António Guterres has launched the Global Methane Action Plan in response to the rising climate crisis. While carbon dioxide remains the largest contributor to long-term global warming, methane is attracting increasing attention because of its powerful short-term impact.