

## Highlights of 28 June 2026 Current Affairs

- The Hurun India 500 Report stated that the top 10 companies in India accounted for about 27% of the total valuation, amounting to ₹86 trillion.
- Bangladesh has become the 27<sup>th</sup> member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), an intergovernmental organization established to conserve and protect big cat species across the world. The alliance was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023 and is headquartered in New Delhi. The species covered under the IBCA are Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.
- The BHIM payment app has achieved another milestone, with transaction volumes tripling in less than a year, according to NPCI BHIM Services Limited.
- India has released one of the world's first Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026 standards for blood and blood components, providing comprehensive quality benchmarks aimed at improving blood transfusion safety and strengthening blood banking practices.
- S&P Global has forecast India's GDP growth rate at 6.6% for the financial year 2027.
- Under India's presidency, BRICS nations have launched the "BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart Grid and Energy Storage," a digital platform aimed at strengthening collaboration in the energy sector. The initiative was unveiled during the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting held in Gurugram.
- Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Dinesh Trivedi, has been granted Cabinet Minister status, which applies only to ceremonial functions and the table of precedence.
- Mahesh Dixit has now become the next Chief of the Intelligence Bureau, replacing Tapan Kumar Deka.
- Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University has developed a new technology to convert small-sized eggs into protein-rich eggs. Processing these small eggs into spreads or powder can significantly enhance their value.
- Maradona's "Hand of God" ball is going up for auction. Diego Maradona, from Argentina, made history during the 1986 World Cup quarter-final against England with his famous "Hand of God" goal. The ball from that match is now set to be auctioned in London with an estimated value of \$22.5 million.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for You Utility (SHATAYU), a digital platform designed to strengthen elderly care services. It enables trained geriatric caregivers to register themselves and offer their services to senior citizens in need.
- Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan has released the book *Sanskritir Ratna Bhandar: Bhaowaiyar Itibritto* (English title: *Bhawaiya: A Cultural Treasure and Its Historical Journey*) at the Uparashtrapati Bhavan. The book focuses on the traditional folk music genre of North Bengal, Assam, and adjoining regions, and has been authored by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Roy and Ms. Sangita Roy.
- The second Pax Silica Summit was held in Washington, D.C., on 25–26 June 2026, with representatives from 35 nations present to strengthen cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI). The Pax Silica Initiative is a United States-led international collaboration, launched in December 2025, to promote a secure, resilient, and innovation-driven artificial intelligence ecosystem.

- The Hemis Festival, one of Ladakh's most vibrant and significant Buddhist festivals, was held at the famous Hemis Monastery in Leh. It commemorates the birth of Guru Padmasambhava, also known as Guru Rinpoche or the Second Buddha. The festival was celebrated on 24 June and concluded on 25 June.