

Highlights of 06 July 2026 Current Affairs

- India will join the United Nations' inaugural Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance in Geneva, Switzerland, on 6–7 July, with the participation of Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- Teejan Bai, the renowned folk artiste from Chhattisgarh, has passed away at the age of 70. A Padma Vibhushan awardee, she transformed *Pandavani* from a regional folk tradition into a globally recognised performance art. *Pandavani* is traditionally performed in two styles — the seated *Vedamati* style and the more theatrical standing *Kapalik* style. Teejan Bai specialised in the *Kapalik* style, marked by expressive acting and powerful narration in retelling stories from the *Mahabharata*.
- India will chair the meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy, organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva, Switzerland, from 6–8 July. The session will be attended by Nidhi Khare, Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs, who has been invited by UNCTAD. This marks the 9th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy.
- Charles Leclerc of Monaco has secured Ferrari's 250th Formula 1 victory by winning the British Grand Prix.
- Indian teen cricketer Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has become the youngest player to represent India, making his debut at the age of 15 years and 99 days at Old Trafford in Manchester against England.
- French President Emmanuel Macron will become the first Western leader to visit Syria, following the ouster of former President Bashar al-Assad in 2024.
- On 6 July 2026, India is celebrating the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, one of the country's most distinguished political leaders, educationists, and nationalists. He founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and served as the first Cabinet Minister for Industry and Supply in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
- Brazilian football star Neymar Jr. has announced his retirement from international football following Brazil's defeat against Norway in the Round of 16 at the ongoing FIFA World Cup. He was Brazil's highest goal scorer and fittingly scored his first international goal at the same venue — MetLife Stadium — where he played the final match of his career.
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has sent the first-ever export consignment of premium Areko cherries and Scentrose plums from Jammu and Kashmir to the United Arab Emirates.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat, strengthening India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem by enhancing chip packaging and testing capabilities.
- 6 July every year is observed as World Zoonoses Day to spread awareness about zoonotic diseases, which are infectious diseases transmitted between animals and humans. On this day in 1885, Louis Pasteur successfully administered the world's first rabies vaccine.

- India's passport ranks 125th in the Global Passport Index 2026, offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to only 26 destinations worldwide. Sweden holds the top spot, followed by Switzerland, Finland, Germany, and Denmark.
- Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft, operated by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), has successfully performed a flyby of asteroid Torifune (2001 CC21), passing approximately 800 metres from the asteroid's centre at a relative speed of 5 kilometres per second.
- Under India's presidency of BRICS, the BRICS Anti-Drugs Meeting 2026 was hosted in Guwahati on 6–7 July 2026. The meeting was organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a six-day visit to Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand to strengthen partnerships across the Indo-Pacific region.
- Under India's presidency of BRICS, the BRICS Women's Working Group Meeting is scheduled for 8–9 July 2026 in Kochi. The meeting will be organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, focusing on promoting women-led development, expanding opportunities for women across sectors, and building consensus on shared priorities.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) won the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 in the category of "Innovation through the Use of AI and Other New-Age Technologies to Deliver Citizen-Centric Services."
- The Delhi Government has launched Mission Kayakalp, a large-scale school infrastructure development initiative aimed at improving the physical and structural conditions of schools.
- Madhya Pradesh tops India in Geographical Indications (GI) with a total of 26 products, followed by West Bengal with 24 GI products and Jharkhand with 11 products.