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Greetings from ReadingRoomz! Another week has passed, and with it, countless developments in national affairs, state governance, economy, science, and policy — all of which matter for your APPSC journey. This Weekly Current Affairs digest is structured for quick revision, connecting dynamic current events with static GK you already know.

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1. International Current Affairs

India-Oman CEPA Enters into Force on 1 June 2026

The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed in Muscat on **18 December 2025**, came into force on **1 June 2026**. Oman is India's **second-largest trading partner in the Gulf region**; bilateral trade stood at **USD 11.18 billion in FY 2025-26**.

Benefit Area	Key Provision
Trade in Goods	99.38% of India's exports receive duty-free access; key sectors: gems & jewellery, pharmaceuticals, marine products, textiles, engineering goods
Business Visitors	Stay up to 90 days
Independent Professionals	Stay up to 180 days
Intra-Corporate Transferees (ICTs)	Stay up to 4 years
Sensitive Sectors Protected	Dairy, cereals, fruits, vegetables, edible oils, spices — excluded from tariff concessions

Mette Frederiksen - Denmark's PM for Third Consecutive Term

PM Modi congratulated Mette Frederiksen on her **third consecutive term** as Denmark's PM. She has served since **2019**, leads the **Social Democrats** (since 2015), and is Denmark's **youngest-ever Prime Minister**.

India-UK Launch Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)

India and the UK jointly launched the **Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)**, first announced during UK PM Keir Starmer's India visit in **October 2025**. A data-driven platform to monitor global critical mineral supply chains, support clean energy transitions, and enhance bilateral investment opportunities.

Joint Operators: Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation (TEXMiN) and IIT (ISM) Dhanbad from India; University of Cambridge from the UK.

Khalilur Rahman Elected President of the 81st UN General Assembly

Bangladesh's Foreign Minister **Khalilur Rahman** elected President of the **81st UNGA Session**, assuming office in September 2026. The UNGA includes all **193 member states** with one vote each; its President is elected annually.

2. National Current Affairs

Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Nationwide Campaign on Sustainable Agriculture (1-30 June 2026)

The Ministry of Agriculture launched “**Khet Bachao Abhiyan**” — a month-long nationwide campaign promoting sustainable agriculture through balanced fertiliser use, soil health improvement, weather-based advisories, and crop diversification.

- Key focus: balanced fertiliser use, soil-test-based nutrient management, green manure and bio-fertilisers, climate-resilient farming.
- Farmer linkages: PM-KISAN, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pulses & Oilseeds Mission, Cotton Mission, Oil Palm Mission.

Mission “Senehjori” - Transforming Assam's Muga Silk Sector

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia (MDoNER) launched the mission on 2 June 2026 with an investment of **₹396-411 crore over three years** (MDoNER share: ₹136-151 crore) to transform Assam's Muga silk into a globally competitive luxury textile ecosystem.

About Muga Silk	Fact
Type	World's only naturally golden silk
Origin	Produced exclusively in Assam
GI Status	India's first GI-tagged silk
Global Share	~90% of global Muga production
Livelihoods	~2.6 lakh rearer and weaver families

Navachar Mantra - Grassroots Entrepreneurship Initiative (MSDE)

Implemented by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development to support innovators from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, aspirational districts, and underserved regions. Focus sectors: **Agritech, Health Tech, EdTech & Skilling, Climate & Sustainability, Rural Commerce, MSME Enablement.**

D.K. Shivakumar Sworn in as 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka

Sworn in on **4 June 2026**. Oath administered by Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot** at Lok Bhavan, Bengaluru.

West Bengal Legislative Assembly - 33rd Legislature to Join NeVA

West Bengal signed a Tripartite MoU on 4 June 2026 for the **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)**, becoming the **33rd Legislature to join**. Of these, 21 have already transitioned to fully digital functioning.

About NeVA: Mission Mode Project of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs | Theme: "One Nation - One Application" | Digitises Questions, Bills, Notices, Committees, and House proceedings | Permanent digital repository of legislative records. Note: 29th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG 2026) - 1-2 July 2026, Jaipur.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

South Coast Railway - India's 18th Railway Zone, HQ at Visakhapatnam

The **South Coast Railway (SCoR)** became operational from **1 June 2026** as India's **18th Railway Zone**, headquartered at **Visakhapatnam**. Initially operating from "The Deck" building while a permanent 40-acre campus at Mudasarlova is under construction.

Key Detail	Information
Four Divisions	Visakhapatnam (renamed from Waltair), Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal
Traffic Coverage	Over 90% of AP's passenger and freight railway traffic
Vizag Station Upgrade	World-class redevelopment; platforms increase from 8 to 14
Other Benefits	Faster project clearances, satellite stations (Amrit Bharat Scheme), better suburban connectivity

AP - First State to Operationalise PM-SETU Industry Partnership

The National Steering Committee approved the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for the **Visakhapatnam ITI Cluster**, submitted by **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India)** with **NAMTECH**. AP is now the **first State to operationalise an industry partnership under PM-SETU** and onboard an Anchor Industry Partner (AIP).

About PM-SETU: ₹60,000 crore scheme to transform 1,000 Government ITIs through an industry-led Hub-and-Spoke model, modernising vocational education and employability.

Visakhapatnam Selected Under Competitive Cities Economic Region (CER) Scheme

Visakhapatnam is the only AP city among seven nationwide CER clusters. The Visakhapatnam Economic Region (VER) spans **21,880 sq. km. across nine districts** (Srikakulam to Dr B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema), seeking a **₹5,000-crore grant over five years**.

All 7 CER Clusters: Coimbatore-Erode-Tirupur | Bhubaneswar-Puri-Cuttack | Visakhapatnam | Varanasi | Surat | Deoghar | Tumakuru/Ramanagara

APCNF Wins Food Planet Prize 2026 - \$1.5 Million

The **Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)** programme by **Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS)** won the **Food Planet Prize 2026 (\$1.5 million)** in Båstad, Sweden, awarded by the **Curt Bergfors Foundation**. Launched in 2016, APCNF is one of the world's largest community-led transitions to agroecology and natural farming.

AP Aviation Policy 2026-31

The AP Cabinet approved the Aviation Policy 2026-31 to strengthen regional air connectivity, promote aerospace manufacturing, and develop cargo logistics.

Target	Detail
Airport Access	Within 150-km radius for all citizens
New Infrastructure	9 new airports + 10 waterdromes
Passenger Capacity	6.2 million → 30.38 million by 2035
Air Cargo	6,240 MT → 4.27 lakh MT
Investment	Over \$1 billion for MRO facilities and aerospace manufacturing
Workforce	5,000 aviation and aerospace personnel trained annually

“Amaravati Eye” - Giant Observation Wheel on Krishna River Banks Approved

AP Cabinet approved competitive bids for the “Amaravati Eye” on the Krishna River in Amaravati — similar to the London Eye. To be developed on **6 acres of APCRDA land** under the **DBFOT model** with a **30-year concession period**.

AP Wins “Best Tourism Promotion State” Award at GTM 2026

Honoured at the **Global Travel Market (GTM) 2026** in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

4. Economy

India Records BoP Deficit of \$30.8 Billion in 2025-26

India's **Balance of Payments (BoP) deficit hit \$30.8 billion in 2025-26** — more than six times the previous year — financed by drawing down foreign exchange reserves.

Indicator	Figure
Current Account Deficit (CAD)	\$30.2 billion
Merchandise Trade Deficit	\$251.6 billion
Services & Invisibles Surplus	\$221.4 billion
Capital Account Surplus	\$72 million (vs. \$16.6 billion in 2024-25)
FPI Movement	Net outflow of \$4.3 billion — reversed from positive trend

Government Response: Import duty on gold and silver raised from 6% to 15%; restrictions imposed on several silver import categories to curb dollar outflows. India imports ~90% of its crude oil and almost all of its gold demand.

WPI Base Year Revised from 2011-12 to 2022-23; New Indices Introduced

The Government approved revision of the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year** from 2011-12 to **2022-23**. The revised series will be released by the Office of Economic Adviser (OEA), DPIIT, on **15 June 2026**.

Change	Detail
Commodities	697 → 957 (expanded coverage)
Electricity Basket	Now includes Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Nuclear Electricity
Reclassification	Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas moved to Fuel and Power category
Weighting Method	Gross Value of Output (GVO) replaces Net Traded Value
New Indices	Output PPI (OPPI), Trial Input PPI (IPPI), Service Producer Price Index

About WPI: Compiled monthly by OEA, DPIIT. Measures price changes at wholesale level. PPI tracks price changes from the producer perspective, aligning India with IMF best practices.

India's Growing Middle Class - Key Data (PIB, June 2026)

Indicator	Data
Middle class share	~31% of population
OECD Projection	India may overtake China in middle-class population by 2030-2035
Zero income tax threshold	₹12 lakh annually (₹12.75L for salaried) under new tax regime
GST taxpayer base	66.5 lakh (2017) → 1.64 crore (April 2026)
Operational airports	74 (2014) → 165 (2026)
Jan Dhan accounts	14.72 crore (2015) → 58.26 crore (May 2026)
Ayushman Bharat health cards	43.52 crore issued
PM Mudra Yojana	57 crore+ loans worth ₹40.07 lakh crore disbursed

5. Science & Technology

Coal Gasification - India's Energy Security Strategy

Coal gasification converts coal into **synthetic gas (syngas)**, which can produce urea, methanol, ammonia, hydrogen, synthetic natural gas (SNG), and ammonium nitrate. India has approximately **401 billion tonnes of coal** and **47 billion tonnes of lignite**. The Union Government approved a **₹37,500-crore incentive package** and a target to gasify **100 million tonnes of coal by 2030**.

BSIP Reconstructs 4,000 Years of Climate History of Majuli Island

Scientists from the **Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP)** reconstructed nearly **4,000 years of climate, vegetation, and flood history** of Majuli Island using pollen analysis (Palynology) and grain-size analysis on a 150 cm sediment core from the Sakali Wetland — the **first comprehensive palaeoecological reconstruction of Majuli**.

About Majuli Island: Located in Assam | World's largest inhabited river island | Between the Brahmaputra (south/east) and Subansiri River (west) | Major centre of Neo-Vaishnavite culture (Srimanta Sankardeva) | On UNESCO Tentative World Heritage List.

MAHA Water Mission - ₹200 Crore for Water Sector Research and Innovation

The Government launched the **ANRF-Ministry of Jal Shakti MAHA Water Mission** with an outlay of **₹200 crore over five years**. Research consortia can receive up to **₹20 crore**. MAHA = **Missions for Advancement in High-Impact Areas**; other MAHA missions cover EVs, Drones, Medical Technologies, and 6G.

Five Priority Themes: Water Resource Assessment & Sustainable Management | Drinking Water | Water Quality and Ecological Health | Water Use Efficiency and Circular Economy | Climate Resilience and Adaptation.

Flex Fuel and Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs)

Flex Fuel is a petrol-ethanol blend. **Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs)** can run on E20 (20% ethanol), E85 (85%), or E100 (100%). Ethanol is produced from sugarcane, maize, and agricultural biomass. Benefits: reduces crude oil imports, lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and supports farmers. India targets **20% ethanol blending (E20)** under the National Biofuel Policy.

Phenomena of Light - Three Key Concepts

Concept	What It Is & Significance
Gravitational Lensing	Light bends around massive bodies (galaxies, black holes) — helps detect dark matter and observe distant galaxies
Solar Sail Technology	Uses momentum of sunlight to propel spacecraft without conventional fuel — promising for deep-space missions
Evanescent Waves	EM waves that decay near a surface during total internal reflection — used in optical fibre communication and advanced sensors

Double Burden of Malnutrition in India

A study by CMC Vellore and ARUMDA at TIFR highlighted the coexistence of **undernutrition** (stunting, wasting, micronutrient deficiencies) and **overnutrition** (overweight, obesity, diet-related NCDs) within the same country, community, household, or even individual. This is the **double burden of malnutrition**.

6. Environment

India Achieves Its 100th Ramsar Site - Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), UP

The **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)** in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh was designated as India's **100th Ramsar Site** (Wetland of International Importance).

Detail	Fact
Location	Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh
Popular Name	Surha Tal
Type & Area	Freshwater wetland, ~34.32 sq. km.
Formation	Natural oxbow lake by a meander of the Ganga River
Bird Sanctuary	Declared in 1991

7. Schemes & Portals

Jan Samarth Portal - 4 Years; ₹2.76 Lakh Crore in Digital Loan Approvals

Launched on **6 June 2022**, the **Jan Samarth Portal** is a single-window digital platform for **16 credit-linked Central Government schemes**, available in 8 languages including Telugu.

Key Data (as of 1 June 2026)	Figure
Applications Processed	~54.10 lakh applications worth ₹3,00,951 crore
Digital Approvals	49.55 lakh beneficiaries ₹2,76,493 crore sanctioned
Languages	8 - English, Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Tamil, Marathi, Bengali, Kannada
Lending Partners	269 (banks, NBFCs, cooperative banks)
Integrated With	UIDAI, UDYAM, AgriStack, GST, CBDT, NSDL, CIBIL, CGTMSE

Samadhan Didi - AI Voice Chatbot for Public Grievance Redressal

Launched by Ministry of Personnel (DARPG), integrated with **CPGRAMS**. Developed with **Bhashini**, it lets citizens lodge grievances simply by **speaking in their native language**. The AI automatically identifies the appropriate ministry, department, and category — no administrative knowledge required.

8. Defence

India Signs BrahMos Missile Deal with Vietnam

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh announced at the **Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore** that **Vietnam has signed a deal for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**. The Philippines was the first foreign buyer. A significant milestone in India's Indo-Pacific defence export strategy.

DRDO & IAF Successfully Flight-Test RudraM-II Air-to-Surface Missile

Tested on **2 June 2026** from an airborne platform under extreme release conditions; hit a predefined target with pinpoint accuracy at the **Integrated Test Range**. Developed by **Research Centre Imarat (DRDO)**; RudraM series are indigenous missiles for high-precision engagement of enemy assets.

India Receives Fourth Squadron of S-400 Triumf Air Defence System

Delivered in **May 2026** under the **\$5.43 billion India-Russia deal signed in 2018**. Three squadrons were already operational; the fourth was delayed by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The **fifth and final squadron** is expected in **2027**. AI-enabled decision-support will be integrated for threat identification and engagement.

About S-400 Triumf: Russian-made long-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system. Capable of engaging aircraft, drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles.

Nausena Shaurya Vatika - Open-Air Naval Museum Inaugurated in Lucknow

Inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and CM Yogi Adityanath on 30 May 2026. Built at **₹19 crore over two acres**; displays artefacts from **INS Gomati**, decommissioned on 29 May 2022 after 34 years of service.

9. Awards & Honours

29th National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 - 17 Projects Recognised

The Government announced winners of the **29th NAeG 2026: 17 projects** selected — **10 Gold, 6 Silver, and 1 Jury Award** — recognising excellence in digital transformation, AI, cybersecurity, and data-driven governance. Awarded by **DARPG** at the 29th NCeG Conference in Jaipur on 1-2 July 2026.

10. Sports

IPL 2026 - RCB Wins Championship for Second Consecutive Year

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) defeated Gujarat Titans (GT) by five wickets in the IPL 2026 final at **Narendra Modi Stadium** to win their second consecutive title.

Award	Winner
MVP / Orange Cap / Emerging Player / Super Striker / Most Sixes	Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
Purple Cap (Most Wickets)	Kagiso Rabada
Most Fours	Sai Sudharsan
Most Dot Balls	Mohammed Siraj
Catch of the Season	Manish Pandey
Fair Play Award	Punjab Kings

22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships 2026 - India Finishes 2nd with 19 Medals

Held from **28-31 May 2026** at Kai Tak Youth Sports Ground, Hong Kong. India finished **2nd overall** with **19 medals (10 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze)**. Star performer: **Pooja Singh** won gold in women's high jump by clearing **1.93 metres**.

First World Yogasana Sport Championship - Ahmedabad

Organised by Yogasana Bharat, World Yogasana, and the Indian Olympic Association. **500+ athletes from 70+ countries** over 5 days. Events: Traditional, Artistic Single, Artistic Pair, Artistic Group, and Rhythmic Pair Yogasana.

11. Miscellaneous

Topic	Details
Goa Statehood Day - 30 May	Goa became India's 25th state on 30 May 1987 (Goa, Daman and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1987). Liberated from Portuguese rule through Operation Vijay (December 1961); was a Union Territory before statehood.
Telangana Statehood Day - 2 June	Telangana celebrated its 12th Statehood Day in 2026. Became India's 29th state on 2 June 2014, carved from erstwhile Andhra Pradesh under the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.
World Bicycle Day - 3 June	2026 Theme: "Cycling for a Greener Future"
Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai	Appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court by the President of India. Patna HC established 3 February 1916. Appointment governed by Article 217 of the Constitution.
Suman Kalyanpur (1937-2026)	Veteran playback singer passed away 31 May 2026, age 89. Awards: Mirchi Music Lifetime Achievement (2022), Padma Bhushan (2023), Maharashtra Bhushan Ma Ta Sanman Puraskar (2024).
BRO Project UDAYAK - 37th Raising Day	1 June 2026. Develops strategic roads along India-China and India-Myanmar border regions in eastern Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
French Open Mixed Doubles 2026	Italy's Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori defended their title, defeating Evan King and Gabriela Dabrowski (USA-Canada) in the final.



Topic	Details
Book: “When Audit Matters: CAG Interventions”	Released by the Vice President at Uparashtrapati Bhavan; edited by former CAG Vinod Rai; highlights the impact of CAG audits on governance and accountability.

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