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Greetings from ReadingRoomz! Another week has passed with countless developments in national affairs, state governance, economy, science, and defence — 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

Shigellosis Outbreak Reported in Kerala

A fresh outbreak of **Shigellosis**, caused by the **Shigella bacterium**, was reported in Kerala. As of June 2026, the State recorded over **130 confirmed cases** with several deaths, including children.

Key Facts: Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium | Spreads through contaminated food, water, and poor hand hygiene | Discovered by Japanese bacteriologist Kiyoshi Shiga in 1897 (named after him) | Children under five are most vulnerable.

PM Modi's Visit to France - Innovation Roadmap 2030, AI Working Group, ISRO-CNES

During PM Modi's visit to France, India and France announced agreements covering innovation, AI, trade, education, defence, railways, and space cooperation.

Area	Outcome
Innovation	Adoption of India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030
AI Governance	Creation of Joint India-France AI Working Group
Skilling	National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics at NSTI, Kanpur
Space Cooperation	Letter of Intent between ISRO and CNES for Microgravity research and Human space exploration

PM Modi's Visit to Slovakia - Elevated to Comprehensive Partnership

During PM Modi's visit to Slovakia, India and Slovakia signed several agreements and elevated bilateral relations to a **Comprehensive Partnership**.

Key Agreements: MoU on Digital Technologies | MoU on Quantum Communication and Critical Infrastructure Protection | First-ever ICCR Chair in Artificial Intelligence at Technical University of Košice | IIT Delhi-Slovak Technical University student exchange agreement. About Slovakia: Capital - Bratislava | Currency - Euro (€).

2. National Current Affairs

ASI and Denmark Collaborate to Locate Historic Danish Ship Oresund

The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** and the **National Museum of Denmark** signed an MoU for underwater archaeological investigation of the Danish ship **Oresund**, which sank near **Karaikal in 1619 CE**. Oresund was the first known Danish ship to reach India, wrecked shortly after arrival on India's southeastern coast.

Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project - Breakthrough After Six States Agree

A breakthrough was achieved in the long-pending **Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project** after six states — **Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan** — agreed to sign an MoU at a meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Detail	Fact
Location	Yamuna River, on the border of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh
Cost-Sharing Ratio	90:10 between Union Government and the six participating states
Special Agreement	Himachal Pradesh allocates its water share to Delhi and Rajasthan; in return, they share Himachal's power-component cost
Purpose	Water storage, drinking water supply, hydropower generation, river flow regulation

PM Modi's Visit to Odisha - ₹47,600 Crore Projects; BCGCL Coal Gasification Plant

PM Modi visited **Pahadpur village, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha** on **20 June 2026**, inaugurating and laying foundation stones for development projects worth over **₹47,600 crore**.

BCGCL Project: Foundation laid for the ₹25,016 crore Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL) Project at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda district — a joint venture between Coal India Limited (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate facility, producing 2,000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate per day using indigenous coal gasification technology.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

1,400-Year-Old Inscriptions Found in Nallamala Tiger Reserve

The **ASI** discovered and documented **25 inscriptions spanning nearly 1,400 years** during an epigraphical survey in the **Nallamala Tiger Reserve** and **Yerragondapalem region** of Andhra Pradesh. The founder of the **Potapi Chola dynasty** was **Srikantha Chola**, who held the titles "Ottiyuran" and "Mayilayarkon." Their capital, **Potapi**, was located near Nandalur in Rajampet Taluk, present-day Annamayya district.

Andhra Pradesh Plans OECMs to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation

The **AP State Biodiversity Board (APSBB)** announced plans to promote **Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)** to conserve biodiversity outside protected areas. Identified cities: **Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Kurnool, and Rajahmundry.**

About OECMs: Conservation areas not formally designated as Protected Areas, yet provide effective long-term biodiversity conservation. Recognised under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and contribute to the global "30x30 Target" — conserving at least 30% of the world's land and oceans by 2030.

AP Chief Minister Visits Singapore - Quantum Valley Initiative in Amaravati

AP CM **N. Chandrababu Naidu** held high-level meetings in Singapore, meeting **Lawrence Wong**, to strengthen cooperation in technology, higher education, urban development, infrastructure, and trade.

Key Asks: Support in developing a semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem in AP | Promoting research in AI and Quantum Technologies. Major Announcement: Collaboration with the National University of Singapore to establish the Quantum Valley Initiative in Amaravati.

Andhra Pradesh and Google to Form AI & Cloud Task Force

The Andhra Pradesh government is set to establish a special **AI and Cloud Task Force** in collaboration with **Google**.

Exporters Urge AP to Restrict High-Risk Pesticides in Chilli Cultivation

The **Chillies Exporters Association of India** urged the AP government to ban or restrict high-risk pesticides in export-oriented chilli cultivation, after Indian chilli consignments to countries like China faced rejections and delays over excessive pesticide residues. The issue particularly affects **AP, Telangana, and Karnataka**. The association requested a ban on **Acephate and Methamidophos** in export chilli crops.

SIPB Approves ₹30,515 Crore Investments in Andhra Pradesh

The **State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB)** approved investment proposals worth **₹30,515 crore** from **50 companies**, expected to generate approximately **29,677 jobs**.

Company	Sector	Investment	Location
NTPC Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy	₹6,000 crore	Anantapur
Premier Energies	Solar Manufacturing	₹3,936 crore	Tirupati
CtrlS Datacenters	Data Centre	₹2,788 crore	Anakapalli
Proterial India	Advanced Materials	₹2,250 crore	Andhra Pradesh

A Centre of Excellence for Rare Earth Mineral Research will also be established at Andhra University.

Jonnagiri Gold Project to Enter Commercial Production Soon

AP Excise, Mines & Geology Minister Kollu Ravindra announced that the **Jonnagiri Gold Project** in **Anantapur district** is expected to enter commercial production soon, with estimated reserves of **~13 tonnes of gold**. Other potential gold-bearing regions: **Chigurugunta, Ramagiri, and Visakhapatnam**.

Beach Sand Minerals: AP has the second-largest beach sand mineral deposits in India after Tamil Nadu. Key minerals: ilmenite, rutile, zircon, garnet, and titanium-bearing minerals.

4. Polity & Governance

Supreme Court Seeks Responses on Misuse of Aadhaar

The Supreme Court sought responses from the Centre and States on a petition alleging misuse of Aadhaar as proof of citizenship, domicile, and residence. A Bench of **Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice V. Mohana** issued the notices.

Key Legal Basis: Section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 — Aadhaar is only proof of identity, not citizenship, domicile, or residence | UIDAI clarification (August 2023) reaffirms Aadhaar cannot be treated as proof of citizenship, residence, or date of birth. Electoral Concerns: Petition challenges use of Aadhaar in Form-6 (new voter registration); argues this may affect electoral roll integrity; seeks a high-powered monitoring committee for voter verification reforms.

National Statistical Commission (NSC) - New Chairperson and Members Appointed

The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** approved appointments to the **National Statistical Commission (NSC)**: **Dr Saibal Chattopadhyay** (Chairperson), Prof. Shubhabrata Das, Shri Satyendra Bahadur Singh, and Dr Madhavan Mukund (Members).

About NSC	Fact
Constituted	12 July 2006, on Rangarajan Commission recommendations
Nature	Non-constitutional, non-statutory body; under MoSPI
Composition	1 Part-time Chairperson (3-yr term/age 70) + 4 Part-time Members (3-yr term/age 65) + CEO NITI Aayog (ex officio) + MoSPI Secretary as Commission Secretary
Functions	Statistical policy formulation, standards/methodology prescription, statistical audits, Centre-State coordination

5. Economy

CAG Releases "State Finances 2024-25" Report - Growing Fiscal Stress

The **CAG** released the "**State Finances 2024-25**" report, highlighting growing fiscal stress among Indian states despite strong revenue mobilisation.

Indicator	Finding
Fiscal Deficit	All 28 States recorded a fiscal deficit; 15 exceeded the FRBM 3% of GSDP benchmark
Combined Liabilities	₹90.51 lakh crore by 31 March 2025; 27.89% of combined GSDP; 13 States exceeded Finance Commission's debt threshold
Revenue Position	13 States in revenue surplus; 15 in revenue deficit; SGST ~50% of total state revenue receipts
Expenditure	Aggregate expenditure up 131% over the decade, reaching ₹51.20 lakh crore in 2024-25
Fiscal Rigidity	Salaries, pensions, interest payments consumed over 43% of revenue expenditure; subsidies + committed liabilities = 53.31%

Andhra Pradesh in Focus: Revenue Deficit 3.75% of GSDP | Fiscal Deficit 5.05% of GSDP | Public Debt ₹5,68,623 crore — both deficit indicators exceeded FRBM targets, with high revenue expenditure limiting capital investment.

India's Defence Production Reaches Record ₹1.78 Lakh Crore in FY 2025-26

India's annual defence production reached an all-time high of **₹1.78 lakh crore** in FY 2025-26 — a **15.6% increase** over FY 2024-25 (₹1.54 lakh crore). Production has grown **110% since FY 2020-21** (₹84,643 crore) and nearly **4x since FY 2013-14** (₹43,746 crore), reflecting the success of defence indigenisation and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

6. Science & Technology

Drone Revolution in Modern Warfare

Recent conflicts in Ukraine, Lebanon, and West Asia show drones have become central to modern warfare. The **Russia-Ukraine war** has evolved into the world's **first industrial-scale drone-intensive conflict**, with low-cost UAS used for surveillance, precision strikes, logistics, and electronic warfare.

Drone Types in Use: FPV (First-Person View) drones | Loitering munitions | Bomber drones | Fibre-optic drones resistant to jamming. Key Point: Low-cost drones costing a few hundred dollars can destroy equipment worth millions, altering battlefield economics. Hezbollah and Iran have used the Shahed and Mohajer series. Militaries are now investing heavily in counter-drone and AI-enabled interception systems.

India Faces 35% Monsoon Rainfall Deficit

According to IMD, India's southwest monsoon slowed significantly, causing a **35% rainfall deficit nationwide** as of mid-June 2026. Central India recorded the steepest shortfall.

Region	Rainfall Departure
Northwest India	+5%
Central India	-61%
East & Northeast India	-43%
Southern Peninsula	-14%

The monsoon stalled before reaching Mumbai. The Union Government placed 150–200 districts under priority monitoring.

GRAPES-3 Telescope - Monitoring Earth's Upper Atmosphere via Muons

Researchers from India and Japan developed a new method to monitor changes in Earth's upper atmosphere in real time using data from the **GRAPES-3 (Gamma Ray Astronomy PeV Energies Phase-3) Telescope**, located at the **Ooty Cosmic Ray Laboratory**.

How It Works: Unlike conventional telescopes, GRAPES-3 does not observe light — it functions as a muon detector. Muons are generated when high-energy cosmic rays strike Earth's atmosphere; thick concrete layers filter out low-energy particles, detecting only high-energy muons. About Muons: Elementary subatomic particles similar to but much heavier than electrons; produced when cosmic rays interact with atmospheric atoms; used in particle physics, geological studies, and atmospheric research due to their deep penetration ability.

7. Defence

Project Kusha - India's Long-Range Air Defence Missile System

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the **Advanced Weapon System Complex** at DRDL, part of DRDO's **Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Missile Complex, Hyderabad**. **Project Kusha** was highlighted as one of India's most important indigenous air defence programmes.

Key Facts: Indigenous long-range air defence missile system by DRDO | Also known as the Extended Range Air Defence System (ERADS) | Complements existing systems like the Akash Missile System and S-400 Triumf | Forms part of Mission Sudarshan Chakra — India's proposed multi-layered missile defence architecture to protect military assets, critical infrastructure, and population centres from ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, drones, and fighter aircraft.

8. Schemes

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) - ₹2,400 Crore Disbursed

PM Modi disbursed incentives worth **~₹2,400 crore** under **PM-VBRY**, the Government's flagship **Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme**, at an event in New Delhi on **19 June 2026**. The disbursement has supported the creation of **15 lakh employment opportunities**.

Benefit Category	Detail
First-Time Employees	Incentive up to ₹15,000
Employers	Up to ₹3,000/month per additional employee; manufacturing — 4 years, other sectors — 2 years
Launch Date	1 August 2025
Total Outlay	₹99,446 crore
Target	3.5+ crore jobs over two years; 1.92 crore first-time workforce entrants expected

9. Awards & Honours

Smriti Mandhana Named in TIME's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026

Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** has been named in **TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in Sports 2026** list — the **only Indian** to feature in this ranking, headed by **LeBron James**.

Pasumarthi Pavani Receives Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025

Pasumarthi Pavani, faculty in the Department of Music at **Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU)**, has been selected for the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2025** in the **Nrutya Sangeetam (Dance Music)** category — conferred by the **Sangeet Natak Akademi**, India's apex body for performing arts.

10. Ranks & Reports

UNICEF: Over 1.1 Billion Children Face Multiple Climate Hazards

A new **UNICEF** report warns that more than **1.1 billion children worldwide** are exposed to at least three overlapping climate hazards. UNICEF analysed exposure of ~2.4 billion children globally to major climate risks.

Exposure Level	Number of Children
At least 1 hazard	2.3 billion
At least 2 hazards	2 billion
3 or more hazards	1.1 billion
4 or more hazards	364 million

Most common combination: Drought, Extreme Heat (above 35°C), and Heat Waves. Most affected (3+ hazards): Nigeria (74 million children) | Pakistan (34 million) | India (32 million).

11. Committees & Conferences

BRICS Agriculture Ministers Adopt 'Indore Declaration'

The BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in **Indore** concluded with the unanimous adoption of the '**Indore Declaration**', a farmer-centric roadmap for global cooperation in agriculture, food security, and climate-resilient farming — adopted during **India's BRICS Presidency 2026**.

BRICS Scale: ~50% of world population | ~42% of global agricultural land | ~42% of global foodgrain production. Four Priorities: Food security and nutritious diets | Agricultural trade and cooperation | Climate-resilient and regenerative agriculture | Innovation, technology, and partnerships. Four New Initiatives: BRICS Network of Centres of Excellence on Agro-Ecology (India's IIFSR, Modipuram, as a Centre) | BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture (coordinated by IIT Delhi) | Global Forum on Farmers' Rights in Seed Systems | BRICS AgriN (Agro Inputs, Genetic Resources and Information Network).

12. Person in News

Dinesh Trivedi - India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh

Former Union Minister **Dinesh Trivedi** is set to assume charge as India's new **High Commissioner to Bangladesh**.

Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Appointed as Next Chief of Army Staff

The Government appointed **Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth** as the next **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)**. He assumes office on **30 June 2026**, succeeding **General Upendra Dwivedi**, who retires the same day.

13. Important Days

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought - 17 June

Observed on **17 June** to raise awareness about land degradation, desertification, and drought, and promote sustainable land management. **Rangelands** — grasslands, savannas, shrublands, grazing lands — support livestock production, biodiversity conservation, carbon storage, and the livelihoods of millions worldwide.

World Sickle Cell Day - 19 June; Theme: "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Care"

Observed globally on **19 June** to raise awareness about **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)**, promote early diagnosis, and eliminate stigma. Officially recognised by the **UN in 2008**.

About SCD: Genetic blood disorder caused by a mutation in the haemoglobin gene; red blood cells become sickle-shaped instead of round; can block blood flow, causing severe pain, anaemia, organ damage, and infection risk.

14. Sports

Mayank Chakraborty Becomes India's 94th Grandmaster

Chess player **Mayank Chakraborty** has become **India's 94th Grandmaster**, adding to the country's rapidly growing pool of chess talent.

15. Miscellaneous

Book Released: "Agatthiyar - The Unifier"

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** released the book "**Agatthiyar - The Unifier**" at Uparashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on **15 June 2026**. Authored by **O. Shama Bhat and Dr M. N. Sudha**, translated into Tamil by Professor Kalyani. The book highlights the life and civilizational role of Sage **Agastya**, described as a symbol of India's cultural unity connecting North and South India.

About Sage Agastya: Referenced in the Rig Veda, Ramayana, and Mahabharata; regarded as a pioneer in spreading Vedic knowledge to southern India. Associated Texts: Agastya Samhita (rituals, philosophy, scientific concepts) | Agastya Parva (North-South cultural interactions) | Agattiyam (one of the earliest Tamil grammar books).

Mithuna Sankranti Festival

Mithuna Sankranti is a vibrant three-day festival in **Odisha** that honours womanhood and Mother Earth's fertility. Deeply rooted in agricultural tradition, it celebrates the arrival of the monsoon season.