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Dear Aspirants,

Greetings from ReadingRoomz! Another week has passed with countless developments in national affairs, state governance, economy, science, and governance — 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-Nepal Sign MoU on AI-Powered Language Technology

The **Digital India BHASHINI Division** and **Kathmandu University** signed an MoU to jointly develop a multilingual, AI-powered digital infrastructure for language translation and digital inclusion in Nepal. Nepal became the **first country to sign a dedicated, standalone Language-AI MoU with BHASHINI**.

About BHASHINI	Details
Ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Languages Supported	36 Indian text languages, 23 Indian voice languages, 35 international languages
Scale	Powers 800+ government websites; processes 15 million+ inferences daily
MoU Objective	Develop Voice-First Language Translation Platform; support STT, TTS, Machine Translation, NLP

Colombia Approves Ban on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Colombia's Senate approved a law to ban FGM. If signed by President Gustavo Petro, Colombia will become the **first country in Latin America to legislate specifically against FGM**. The **International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM** is observed every year on **February 6**.

About Latin America: Countries of the Americas where Romance languages (Spanish, Portuguese, French) are spoken. Largest country: Brazil | Largest city: São Paulo | Most spoken language: Spanish. Colombia: Capital - Bogotá | Currency - Colombian Peso.

Nikol Pashinyan - Prime Minister of Armenia

Nikol Pashinyan has been PM of Armenia since **2018**, following the **Velvet Revolution**. He leads the **Civil Contract party** and secured ~49.82% in the latest general election. Armenia: landlocked country in the South Caucasus | Capital: **Yerevan** | Currency: **Armenian Dram**.

2. National Current Affairs

Maharashtra Approves ₹2,267 Crore for 2027 Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela

The Maharashtra Government approved **₹2,267 crore** for acquiring **191.21 acres** of land to develop **Sadhu Gram**, a temporary township for saints and pilgrims, for the **2027 Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela**. Funds are earmarked exclusively for Kumbh-related projects.

First Export of GI-Tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai

APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, facilitated the **first export of GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai** on **7 June 2026** — a significant step in expanding global market access for northeast India's agricultural products.

SAPLING Dialogue 2026 Inaugurated in Ahmedabad

Union Minister Chirag Paswan inaugurated the **SAPLING (South Asian Policy Leadership for Improved Nutrition and Growth) Dialogue 2026** in Ahmedabad on **9 June 2026**, organised by MoFPI and the World Bank Group.

Detail	Fact
Theme	"Unlocking Value: Advancing Food Processing for Employment Generation and Sustainable Growth in South Asia"
Key Report	"Assessment of Level of Food Processing in India": processing level rose from ~10% (2016) to ~17% (2023)
Participants	~200 from South Asian countries — policymakers, industry, researchers, startups, development partners

VINIMAY - Land Port Management System (LPMS) Launched

Home Minister Amit Shah launched **VINIMAY**, the **Land Port Management System**, in New Delhi on **9 June 2026**. Developed by the **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)**, it is an integrated, digital, real-time management platform for India's land ports.

Feature	Detail
Gate Operations	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)-based
Paperwork Reduction	~90% reduction in paperwork
Single Window	Single Electronic Window for all stakeholder services
Land Ports	15 operational; 11 more expected within 2-3 years
Trade Growth	Trade through land ports: ₹5,000 crore (2014) → ₹83,000 crore — a 16-fold increase

Zojila Tunnel Achieves Major Breakthrough

The **main tunnel breakthrough** was achieved at the eastern portal of the **Zojila Tunnel** at Minamarg, Kargil district on **9 June 2026**. The tunnel is being built on **NH-1 between Baltal and Minamarg** at an approximate cost of **₹6,800 crore**. Length: ~14 km. The Zoji La pass connects the Kashmir Valley with Ladakh; the tunnel ensures all-weather connectivity overcoming winter closures.

'Varya' - India's First Indigenous AI Video Generation Model

The **IndiaAI Mission** supported development of **'Varya'**, India's first indigenous distilled video generation AI model, developed by **Avataar**. Generates videos from text prompts and images, built for Indian cultural contexts — regional cultures, festivals, traditional clothing, local environments.

Key Features: Uses Distilled Video Generation Technology | Reduces generation steps from 50 to just 4 | Generates videos at ~₹0.48 per second | Claims to be up to 10× more cost-efficient than leading global models.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

NAC-Andhra Pradesh Wins Two ISDA Infracon National Awards 2026

The **National Academy of Construction, Andhra Pradesh (NAC-A.P.)** received two honours at the **ISDA Infracon National Awards (IINA) 2026** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Award	Winner & Recognition
Gold Award - Best Individual Contribution (Excellence in Government Service)	G. Ganesh Kumar, Director General of NAC-A.P., for leadership in construction-sector skill development
Platinum Award - Best Skill Development Initiative (Construction Sector)	NAC-A.P. under the Specialised Sector category

Samridhhi Kendra Inaugurated in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

Union Minister of State Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar inaugurated the **Samridhhi Kendra** at **Narakoduru village, Guntur district** on **7 June 2026**, under the **Samridhhi Gram Project** — a pilot initiative of the Department of Telecommunications under the **BharatNet Udyami Scheme**.

11 Services Under One Roof: Health ATM (~60 diagnostic tests) | Jan Aushadhi Kendra | FTTH broadband & Quad Play | PM-WANI Wi-Fi | Skill Development Centre | Soil testing and drone spraying for farmers | Passport applications, Aadhaar updates, utility bill payments. Three Pilot Locations: Narakoduru (AP) | Ari & Umri (Madhya Pradesh) | Chaurawala (Uttar Pradesh)

Shishu Maapan Application - AI for Newborn Health Measurement

The AP government introduced '**Shishu Maapan**', an AI-based application developed by **Wadhvani AI**, to measure key health parameters of newborns — weight, length, head circumference, and shoulder width — **without physical contact**. Supports the **Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC)** programme under NHM, used by ASHA workers on scheduled visits (3rd, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and 42nd day after birth).

Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Yogandhra-2026' Campaign

The Government of AP launched **Yogandhra-2026** on **8 June 2026** at **Lepakshi Temple**, under Health Minister N. Satya Kumar Yadav. The campaign aimed to involve **1 crore people** in yoga activities across all **28 districts**, running from 8-20 June 2026. **25,000 people registered on the Yogandhra portal on day one**.

CCEA Approves Central Government Office Complex in Amaravati

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**, chaired by PM Modi, approved the construction of the **Central Government General Pool Office Accommodation (CGGPOA)** in Amaravati. The facility will accommodate approximately **8,000 Central Government employees**. Estimated cost: **₹1,299.08 crore**, funded entirely by the Government of India.

AP Police to Receive MEA's Institutional Performance Award

The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** selected **Andhra Pradesh Police** for the '**Institutional Performance Award for State Police**' for 2025-26, recognising outstanding performance in **passport verification services**.

4. Polity & Governance

Supreme Court Strength Increased from 34 to 38 Judges via Presidential Ordinance

The Union Government increased the sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court from **34 to 38 judges** through a **Presidential Ordinance under Article 123**. Five new judges were sworn in — two filled existing vacancies; three were appointed to newly created posts. The appointees include four former Chief Justices of High Courts and one distinguished advocate.

Constitutional Reference	Significance
Article 123	Presidential Ordinance power; Ordinance must be approved by Parliament within 6 weeks of reassembly
Article 124(1)	Empowers Parliament to determine the number of Supreme Court judges
D.C. Wadhwa vs State of Bihar	SC termed repeated re-promulgation of Ordinances a "fraud on the Constitution"
Krishna Kumar Singh vs State of Bihar	7-judge bench ruled Ordinances cannot become a parallel source of law-making

5. Economy

Report on Datasets for State Finance Commissions Released

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released the **Report of the Committee on Datasets for State Finance Commissions (SFCs)** on **8 June 2026**, released by Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran in New Delhi.

Key Facts: State Finance Commissions are constituted under Article 243-I of the Constitution.
Recommendations: Panchayat-level fiscal databases | Standardised accounting frameworks | Dedicated SFC Cells | SFC Manual | Comprehensive data handbooks. CEA highlighted: Need for performance audit of 73rd Constitutional Amendment to assess actual devolution to PRIs.

6. Science & Technology

14-Protein Signature for Early Lung Cancer Detection

A multinational research team led by the **Francis Crick Institute** identified a set of **14 blood plasma proteins** — the "14-protein signature" — that can **predict the risk of developing lung cancer several years before diagnosis**. A major breakthrough for early cancer detection through a simple blood test.

India Has Potential for 102 GW of Floating Solar Capacity - NISE Report

The **National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)** released the first comprehensive assessment, estimating **102.18 GW of feasible floating solar capacity** from India's reservoirs. The report titled **"Solar PV Potential of India (Floating Solar)"** identifies floating solar as a solution to land constraints of conventional solar projects.

State	Floating Solar Potential
Maharashtra	16.28 GW
Madhya Pradesh	14.89 GW
Karnataka	13.69 GW
Odisha	12.81 GW
Telangana	10.72 GW

India's Largest Floating Solar Project: Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park on the Narmada River — current capacity 278 MW, with 600 MW more under expansion.

7. Schemes

BHAVYA Portal Launched - 100 Industrial Parks Across India

Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched the **BHAVYA (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana) Portal** in New Delhi to operationalise one of India's largest industrial infrastructure programmes. The scheme targets **100 world-class industrial parks** through a **challenge-based competitive model** over six years.

Key Detail	Fact
Total Outlay	₹33,660 crore (Cabinet-approved)
Target	100 industrial parks; Phase 1: 20 parks (applications: 1 June - 31 July 2026)
Project Management Agency	National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
Infrastructure Provided	Plug-and-play: power, water, road, rail, digital clearances, worker housing, startup/GCC/R&D; facilities

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) - 10 Years Completed

The Ministry of Health celebrated “**10 Years of PMSMA - A Decade of Care**” on **9 June 2026**. PMSMA was launched on **9 June 2016** and provides **free antenatal check-ups on the 9th of every month** at government health facilities to pregnant women in their 2nd and 3rd trimesters.

Detail	Fact
Services	Health check-ups, Hb & blood tests, HIV & syphilis screening, one free ultrasound (2nd trimester), IFA & Calcium, Tetanus/Td vaccination
E-PMSMA (2022)	Tracks High-Risk Pregnant (HRP) women up to 45 days post-delivery
Core Philosophy	"IPledgeFor9" — quality healthcare for every pregnant woman on the 9th of every month
10th Anniversary	₹75 commemorative coin and ₹5 postal stamp released
Strategy	Part of RMNCAH+N core strategy under NHM; objective: reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and NMR

VB-G RAM G - New Scheme Replacing MGNREGS; ₹95,962 Crore Allocated

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced an **interim allocation of ₹95,962 crore** for the **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G)**, which will replace **MGNREGS**. Most States contribute an additional 40%, taking the total outlay to approximately **₹1.25 lakh crore**. Rules expected to be notified by **1 July 2026**.

Top State Allocations: Uttar Pradesh ₹9,721.48 cr | West Bengal ₹8,508 cr | Andhra Pradesh ₹7,707.21 cr | Tamil Nadu ₹7,585.49 cr | Rajasthan ₹7,581.87 cr | Bihar ₹6,715.83 cr. Allocation formula based on 16th Finance Commission's horizontal devolution formula.

8. Committees & Conferences

64th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) - Bonn Climate Conference

India called for urgent action on climate finance during **SB64** under the UNFCCC, held in **Bonn, Germany from 8-18 June 2026**. India aligned with **G77 and China, LMDC, and BASIC** bloc positions and raised concerns over the **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)** as a unilateral trade measure harming developing nations.

India's Key Positions: Urged developed nations to meet Paris Agreement climate finance obligations | Advocated for balanced, country-driven Global Goal on Adaptation | Opposed CBAM as harmful to developing countries. What SB64 Does: Mid-year UNFCCC climate negotiation session | Prepares draft decisions for annual COP | Discussions feed into COP31, scheduled in Antalya, November 2026.

11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog - New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi chaired the **11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog** at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre. Theme: **"Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047"**. This was the **first time all 28 State Chief Ministers participated** in a NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting.

Key Announcements: PM emphasised Cooperative Federalism as foundation for Viksit Bharat@2047 | Target to increase Lakhpati Didis from 3 crore to 6 crore | District monitoring through Aspirational Districts Programme | Identifying 100 agriculture-focused districts for accelerated transformation.

9. Person in News

Legendary Filmmaker Bharathiraja Passes Away

Renowned Tamil filmmaker, actor, and screenwriter **Bharathiraja** passed away on **10 June 2026** at the age of **84** in Chennai. He is widely credited with bringing rural themes and village life to mainstream Tamil cinema through realistic storytelling and strong social characterisation. Honours: **Padma Shri** and **Padma Bhushan**.

Shooter Jaspal Rana Passes Away

Indian shooting legend and coach **Jaspal Rana** passed away on **12 June 2026** at the age of **49**. One of India's greatest shooters, he made immense contributions as both an athlete and high-performance coach.

Career: 15 Commonwealth Games medals (9 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze) | 3 gold medals at the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games. Awards: Arjuna Award (1994) | Padma Shri (1997) | Dronacharya Award (2020).

10. Important Days

Global Wind Day - 15 June; Theme: "Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration"

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) organised the **Global Wind Day 2026 Conference** on **15 June 2026** in Goa.

India's Wind Energy Status	Data
Global Ranking	4th largest wind power market in the world
Capacity Addition (2025-26)	6.1 GW
Target by 2030	100 GW wind energy capacity
Target by 2035	155 GW wind energy capacity
Broader Goal	500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030; Net Zero by 2070

11. Sports

Key Sports Results - June 2026 Week 2

Event	Result
Men's U18 Asia Cup Hockey 2026	India won the title, defeating Japan 4-1 in the final at Kakamigahara, Japan
Women's U18 Asia Cup Hockey 2026	India won Bronze Medal by defeating South Korea 3-0 in the third-place playoff
Norway Chess 2026	R. Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian ever to win the Norway Chess title in Oslo, Norway
SAFF Women's Championship 2026	India Women defeated Bangladesh 3-1 in the final at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Goa — India's first SAFF Women's title in 7 years

12. Miscellaneous

ICAR Launches 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' - India's First WhatsApp-Based AI Advisory for Farmers

The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**, through the **ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR)**, launched '**Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra**' — India's first nationwide **WhatsApp-based AI advisory service for oilseed farmers**. Covers major crops: **Groundnut, Mustard, Soybean, Sesame, Sunflower, and Niger**.