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Greetings from ReadingRoomz! Another week has passed with significant 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

Greece Becomes the 10th Country to Launch UPI

India's **UPI** was launched in **Greece** — the **10th country** to adopt the system — through a partnership between **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** and **Eurobank**, witnessed by Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** in Athens.

UPI Global Reach: UAE, Singapore, France, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Qatar, and Greece (10th).
UPI powers ~49% of global real-time transactions and 85% of India's digital payments.

François Tomb Opens to the Public After 160 Years - Etruscan Civilisation

The **François Tomb** — one of the finest surviving monuments of the ancient **Etruscan civilisation** — was put on permanent display at the **National Etruscan Museum of Villa Giulia in Rome, Italy**. Discovered in **1857**, its frescoes (dating to **340-320 BC**) depict scenes from Greek mythology and Etruscan history and are being shown together for the first time in 160 years.

16th India-Japan Annual Summit - 16 Major Outcomes

India and Japan unveiled **16 major outcomes** strengthening cooperation across strategic sectors.

Area	Outcome
Economic Security	Joint Declaration on Economic Security — semiconductors, critical minerals, AI, clean energy, pharmaceuticals
Artificial Intelligence	Joint Statement on AI elevated cooperation to a strategic AI R&D; partnership
Diplomatic Milestone	2027 declared India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons — 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations
Clean Energy	Cooperative Biogas for Growth (CBG) Initiative — 1,000 biogas and organic fertilizer plants across India
Other Sectors	Battery technology, mineral exploration, pharmaceuticals, next-gen mobility, life sciences, internet governance, financial services

2. National Current Affairs

First Commercial Export of GI-Tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes to UAE

APEDA facilitated the **first commercial export of GI-tagged Rewa Sundarja Mangoes** from **Madhya Pradesh to the UAE**, promoting India's GI-tagged agricultural products in international markets and enhancing farmers' income.

SUMAN Roadmap 2030 - Reducing MMR Below 70 Per 1 Lakh Live Births

The Union Ministry of Health released the **SUMAN (Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan) Roadmap 2030** during the **16th Conference of the CCHFW**. Target: Reduce MMR to below **70 per 1,00,000 live births by 2030** (SDG goal) | Covers **130 districts in 13 high-focus States** | Life-cycle approach: pre-pregnancy, antenatal, intrapartum, and postnatal care.

Delhi Approves New Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy 2026

Effective **1 July 2026 - 31 March 2030**. Delhi government noted that **46% of air pollution is from two- and three-wheelers** and **33% from commercial goods carriers**. Budget: **₹7,000 crore** allocated; overall investment **₹15,000 crore**.

Timeline	Mandate
From 1 January 2027	Only electric three-wheelers and N1 category commercial trucks registered
From 1 April 2028	Only electric two-wheelers allowed for new registrations
School Buses	At least 10% of school bus fleet to convert to EV within two years

Ministry of Tourism Signs MoU with Google India

The **Ministry of Tourism** signed an MoU with **Google India Pvt. Ltd.** to leverage AI, digital technologies, and data-driven insights for stronger online promotion of India's tourism destinations globally.

Arunachal Pradesh Community Initiative to Conserve Endangered Transcaspian Marinka Fish

The **Sangno clan of the Nyishi tribe** launched a conservation initiative for the endangered **Transcaspian marinka (*Schizothorax pelzami*)** — a Himalayan ray-finned fish of the carp family. Fingerlings released into the **Richaso stream, East Kameng district**. A **five-year fishing ban** proposed, with eco-angling and stream-trail tourism planned long-term.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

CM Releases ₹300 Crore R&R; Package for Veligonda Project-Displaced Families

AP released **₹300 crore** under the R&R; package to **2,351 displaced families**. The project will provide **irrigation to 4.47 lakh acres** and **drinking water to 23 lakh people**.

About Veligonda Project	Fact
Location	Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh
Type	Tunnel-based irrigation; draws floodwaters from Krishna River via Srisailem Reservoir
Beneficiary Districts	Prakasam, Nellore, YSR Kadapa, SPSR Nellore
Objectives	Irrigation for drought-prone areas Drinking water supply Mitigation of fluoride problem
History	Conceived by N.T. Rama Rao in 1985; foundation stone laid in 1996
Estimated Cost	₹10,580 crore

Andhra Pradesh Launches Godavari Rejuvenation Drive - ₹1,510 Crore DPR under NRCP

The AP government intensified Godavari River restoration ahead of the **2027 Godavari Pushkarams** after APPCB declared Rajamahendravaram river water **unsafe for drinking and holy bathing** due to APL industrial effluents and untreated sewage.

Action Taken: APPCB constituted a special task force | DPR of ₹1,510.92 crore submitted under NRCP — includes 982 km UGD network and six STPs | Additional ₹100 crore grant for pollution control. ~8 crore devotees expected at 2027 Godavari Pushkarams.

Rayalaseema Steel Plant Construction Launched in Kadapa - JSW Group, ₹16,350 Crore

CM Chandrababu Naidu launched construction of the **Rayalaseema Steel Plant (RSP)** at **Sunnapurallapalle, Jammalamadugu mandal, Kadapa** on **3 July 2026**.

Detail	Fact
Developer	JSW Group (greenfield integrated steel plant)
Total Investment	₹16,350 crore
Capacity	2 MTPA (Phase I: 1 MTPA, ₹4,500 crore, ~1,000 jobs)
Technology	Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) — more energy-efficient than conventional blast furnace
Commercial Production	Targeted from April 2029

Andhra Pradesh to Host 31st CII Partnership Summit - Visakhapatnam, November 2026

The **31st CII Partnership Summit** will be held in **Visakhapatnam** on **12-13 November 2026**. Theme: **“Navigating Change: Leadership, Technology, Trust and Trade in a Transforming World.”**

Places in the News - TU-142M Aircraft Museum, Kakinada

An Aircraft Museum showcasing the decommissioned Indian Navy **TU-142M maritime reconnaissance aircraft** was inaugurated at **Kakinada Beach** (February 2024) by **KUDA** at a cost of **₹5.89 crore**. The **second aircraft museum in AP** (first is in Visakhapatnam); the TU-142M served the Indian Navy for nearly three decades.

Garimella Satyanarayana Institute of Advanced Study in Education, Rajamahendravaram

The historic **Government Institute of Advanced Study in Education (GIASE)** at Rajamahendravaram, named after freedom fighter **Sri Garimella Satyanarayana (1893-1952)**, is one of the **oldest teacher-training institutions in Andhra Pradesh**. The building was constructed in **1900**; teacher education journey began in **1883**.

4. Polity & Governance

Proof of Indian Citizenship - What Is and Isn't Conclusive

India does not prescribe a single universal document to prove citizenship. Citizenship is determined under the **Citizenship Act, 1955**.

Document	What It Proves
Indian Passport	Travel document Strong evidence of nationality not conclusive proof of citizenship in legal disputes
Aadhaar Card	Proof of identity and address only NOT proof of citizenship
Voter ID (EPIC)	Creates only a presumption of citizenship Does not conclusively establish citizenship
Citizenship Certificate	CONCLUSIVE PROOF — issued to persons acquiring citizenship through registration or naturalisation

Ways to Acquire Indian Citizenship: Birth | Descent | Registration | Naturalisation | Incorporation of Territory.

Appointment of Additional Judges to the High Court - Article 224(1)

The President of India appointed three Judicial Officers as **Additional Judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court** under **Article 224(1)** of the Constitution.

Key Provisions: Additional Judges appointed by the President in consultation with the CJI, Governor of the State, and Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. Purpose: To deal with temporary increase in workload or arrears of cases. Term: Maximum two years or till age 62, whichever is earlier.

5. Economy

RBI Introduces Pilot Framework for Compensation in Digital Scam Cases

RBI's pilot compensation framework (effective **1 January 2027** for one year) covers losses from digital arrest scams, coerced transactions, and fraudulently stolen credentials.

Key Detail	Fact
Reporting Window	Must report to National Cyber Crime Helpline (1930) within 5 calendar days
Maximum Claim	Losses up to ₹50,000
Compensation	85% of the loss, subject to a maximum of ₹25,000

Union Cabinet Approves Additional ₹30,000 Crore Investment in NIIF

Union Cabinet approved an additional **₹30,000 crore** for the **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)**, taking Government of India's total NIIF commitment to **₹60,000 crore**.
NIIF: Established 2015 | Sovereign-anchored | Govt holds **49%** | Objective: Long-term capital for infrastructure and strategic sectors.

MECON Limited Granted Miniratna Category-I Status

The Ministry of Steel granted **Miniratna Category-I status** to **MECON Limited** (Schedule 'A' CPSE) after meeting DPE criteria including consistent profits for three years and net worth of **₹535.42 crore** (31 March 2026). MECON Limited was established in **1959 at Ranchi, Jharkhand**.

6. Science & Technology

World's First Nuclear Heat-Based Hydrogen Production Facility - IGCAR, Kalpakkam

The **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** inaugurated the **world's first hydrogen production facility** using the **Copper-Chlorine (Cu-Cl) Thermochemical Cycle** powered by nuclear heat from the **Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR)** at **IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**.

Technology indigenously developed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai. Significance: Demonstrates carbon-free hydrogen production using advanced nuclear reactors | Reduces dependence on fossil fuels | Expands nuclear energy beyond electricity generation into clean hydrogen, supporting India's three-stage nuclear power programme.

India Achieves First Satellite-Based Landing Using GAGAN

DGCA successfully conducted India's **first satellite-based landing approach on a commercial aircraft using GAGAN** in June 2026.

GAGAN = GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation | India's indigenous Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) | Developed jointly by ISRO and AAI | Fully operational since 2015 | First SBAS certified for the equatorial region. Note: NavIC is an independent regional navigation system; GAGAN enhances GPS signals for precision navigation — they are different systems.

India's First Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach - Undavalli Heliport, AP

India approved the country's **first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure** for helicopter operations at **Undavalli Heliport, Andhra Pradesh**. Developed by **AAI** per ICAO standards. Uses satellite-based navigation for precise helicopter approaches where conventional landing infrastructure is unavailable.

Vikram-1 - India's First Privately Developed Orbital Rocket, Mission Aagaman

Vikram-1 by **Skyroot Aerospace (Hyderabad)** is India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket. Maiden test flight: **Mission Aagaman** ("Arrival").

Detail	Fact
Developer	Skyroot Aerospace, Hyderabad
Mission Name	Mission Aagaman ("Arrival") — Skyroot's second mission after Vikram-S (November 2022)
Launch Window	12 July – 4 August 2026
Launch Site	Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota
Objective	Evaluate propulsion, stage separation, guidance, navigation, and control systems

I-2SEA Submarine Cable - Machilipatnam (AP) as a Key Landing Station

A consortium of **Microsoft, Singtel, Tata Communications, and Lightstorm** unveiled the **India-International Subsea Cable Express (I-2SEA)** — a **3,600-km high-capacity submarine cable** connecting India, Malaysia, and Singapore. Operational by **Q4 2029**.

Two Indian Landing Stations: Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh) — providing the shortest subsea access to Hyderabad | South Chennai (Tamil Nadu). Purpose: AI workloads, cloud computing, hyperscale data centres, and enterprise connectivity in the India-Southeast Asia corridor. System Supplier: NEC Corporation | Marine Installation: ASEAN Cables (ACPL).

World's Oldest Accurately Dated Banyan Tree Identified in Munger, Bihar

Scientists identified a **banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*)** in **Munger, Bihar** as the **oldest accurately dated banyan tree in the world**, estimated at approximately **700 years old** using **radiocarbon dating through Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS)**.

7. Environment

Borjuli Wild Rice Site in Assam Declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site

Borjuli in **Sonitpur district, Assam**, was declared a **Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS)** to conserve the wild rice species ***Oryza rufipogon***.

Funded by National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) under Ministry of Agriculture | Implemented by ICAR-NBPGR and Assam State Biodiversity Board | Under implementation since 2022. Why It Matters: Wild rice species are critical genetic resources for developing climate-resilient, high-yielding, and nutritionally superior rice varieties.

8. Defence

PM Modi Hands Over 'PS LESPWAR' Fast Patrol Vessel to Seychelles

During his Seychelles visit, PM Modi handed over the **Made in India Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'PS LESPWAR'** to the **Seychelles Coast Guard**, reaffirming India's commitment to maritime security cooperation under its **SAGAR** (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision in the Indian Ocean Region.

India's Growing Self-Reliance in Defence - Key June 2026 Milestones

Milestone	Detail
C-295 Transport Aircraft	First Made-in-India C-295 completed maiden flight; 40 of 56 aircraft to be manufactured by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. in partnership with Airbus at Vadodara, Gujarat (₹21,935 crore programme)
LRLACM	DRDO successfully flight-tested the indigenous Long-Range Land-Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)
Naval Inductions	INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray inducted into the Indian Navy

SIPRI Yearbook 2026 - 12 India Nuclear Warheads Now Operationally Deployed

SIPRI Yearbook 2026 reported that **12 of India's estimated 190 nuclear warheads are operationally deployed for the first time**, reflecting the strengthening of India's second-strike capability through the operationalisation of its nuclear triad — particularly **Arihant-class SSBNs**. India's **No First Use (NFU) doctrine remains unchanged**.

About SIPRI: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute | Established: 1966 | Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden | Independent institute known for research on global conflicts, military expenditure, arms transfers, and nuclear weapons.

DAC Approves ₹52,000 Crore Defence Procurement Proposals

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by Rajnath Singh, accorded **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for proposals worth approximately **₹52,000 crore**.

Service	Key Systems Approved
Indian Army	AKASH TARANG Anti-UAV EW System MPATGM MRSAM V-SHORADS Active Protection System for tanks Jet-Based Kamikaze Drone System
Indian Navy	Multi Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) Naval Shipborne Unmanned Aerial System (NSUAS) Land-Based Testing Facility for Electric Propulsion Systems
Indian Air Force	Fixed-Wing High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (FW-HAPS) for ISR, telecommunications, and remote sensing

9. Schemes

eSARAS - Online Marketplace for Women SHG Products Expanded

eSARAS (SARAS Aajeevika) — the official online marketplace under **DAY-NRLM**, developed by the Ministry of Rural Development — has been expanded into a full digital commerce ecosystem with integration of **ONDC and UMANG**. Promotes products made by **Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** including handicrafts, handlooms, apparel, food products, and home décor.

SHE-LEAPS - Digital Platform to Strengthen Lakhpati Didi Mission

SHE-LEAPS (Self-Help Entrepreneur-Livelihoods and Enterprise Application for Prosperity and Sustainability) was launched on **29 June 2026** during the **Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Sammelan**. Developed by **Digital India Corporation** under the **LokOS platform**. Strengthens the **Lakhpati Didi Mission** (target increased from 3 crore to **6 crore women**). To be implemented across **34 States and UTs**.

VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 Replaces MGNREGA from 1 July 2026

The **Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025** came into force on **1 July 2026**, replacing **MGNREGA, 2005**.

Detail	Fact
Days Guaranteed	125 days of wage employment (was 100 days under MGNREGA)
Minimum Daily Wage	₹300 across the country
National Average Wage	₹298.8 → ₹327.4 per day (increase of over 10%)
Interim Allocation	₹95,692.31 crore
National Launch	Mukkavaripalle Village, Obulavaripalle Mandal, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh on 2 July 2026

10. Awards & Honours

PM Modi Conferred Seychelles 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' Award

PM Modi was conferred the '**Guardian of the Blue Horizon**' Presidential Distinction by **President Dr Patrick Herminie of Seychelles**, recognising his leadership in the Blue Economy, climate action, environmental conservation, and sustainable development for **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**.

Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026 - India Wins 3 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

Held **23-29 June 2026** as a preparatory event for the **48th WorldSkills Competition to be held in Shanghai, China**.

Medal	Winner & Skill
Gold	Pavan Bhadravati Suresha (Karnataka) – Additive Manufacturing
Gold	Mausam Kumar Giri (Bihar) – Cloud Computing
Gold	Vishnupriya Sunil (Delhi) – Health and Social Care
Silver	Harsh Ramesh Pawar (Maharashtra) – 3D Digital Game Art
Bronze	Muskan (Haryana) – Painting and Decorating

11. Ranks & Reports

SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report 2026

MoSPI released the **SDG-NIF Progress Report 2026** on **29 June 2026 (20th Statistics Day)**. The NIF 2026 comprises **277 national indicators covering all 17 SDGs**, prepared with NITI Aayog, Central Ministries, and UN Agencies.

Indicator	Progress
Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)	122 (2015-17) → 87 (2022-24)
Social Protection Coverage	22% (2016) → 65.3% (2026)
Unemployment Rate	6.1% (2017-18) → 3.1% (2025)
Internet Subscriptions	302.36 million (2015) → 969.10 million (2025)
Renewable Energy Capacity (per capita)	64.04 W (2014-15) → 193.36 W (2025-26)
Ramsar Site Area Coverage	4.15% (2016) → 8.66% (2026) of total wetland area

12. Important Days

International MSME Day - 27 June; Theme: "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development"

Observed on **27 June** to recognise the significant contribution of **Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)** to economic growth, employment generation, innovation, and sustainable development.

13. Sports

India Wins Historic First Gold at World Rowing Cup III 2026 - Lucerne, Switzerland

The Indian duo **Lakshay and Ujiwal Kumar Singh**, both serving in the **Indian Army**, won India's **first-ever gold medal** at the **World Rowing Cup III 2026** in **Lucerne, Switzerland**, in the **Lightweight Men's Double Sculls** event, finishing ahead of Hong Kong (Silver) and the Netherlands (Bronze).

14. Miscellaneous

Project BRAHMANK Celebrates 16th Raising Day - Arunachal Pradesh

Project BRAHMANK of the BRO celebrated its **16th Raising Day on 29 June 2026** at Ranaghat, Arunachal Pradesh. Established in **2011**, it develops and maintains strategic roads across **Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang, and Shi-Yomi districts** of Arunachal Pradesh, along with parts of Dhemaji district, Assam.

General Dhiraj Seth Assumes Charge as 31st Chief of the Army Staff

General Dhiraj Seth assumed charge as the **31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)**, succeeding **General Upendra Dwivedi**, who retired after over four decades of service.