

Current affairs for 18th June,2026

1.Tetanus, which was recently reported to be resurging in the US, is caused by which agent?

[A] Bacteria

[B] Virus

[C] Fungus

[D] Protozoa

Correct Answer: A [Bacteria]

Notes:

Tetanus, once considered nearly eradicated, is resurging in the United States. Tetanus is a serious bacterial infection that affects the nervous system and is also known as lockjaw. The bacteria usually enter the body through open wounds or cuts. Tetanus bacteria are commonly found in soil, manure, and the human intestine. The disease is not transmitted from person to person. There is no cure for tetanus; treatment mainly focuses on managing symptoms and complications. Recovery from tetanus does not provide natural immunity, so a person can be infected again. Tetanus is completely preventable through vaccination.

2.Kavach is an Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system developed by which organization?

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

[B] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

[C] Research Designs and Standards Organisation

(RDSO)

[D] Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Correct Answer: C [Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO)]

Notes:

Indian Railways has approved a ₹ 201 crore project for installation of Kavach in the Ambala Division of Northern Railway. The project will cover 811 route kilometres of Broad Gauge railway sections across Haryana, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh. Kavach is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. It was developed by Research Designs and Standards Organisation, the R&D wing of Indian Railways. Kavach helps prevent Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD) and reduces the risk of train collisions. The system can automatically apply brakes during unsafe situations and regulate train speed under critical conditions.

3. What is the IUCN status of the Greater Hog Badger, that was recently seen in news?

[A] Endangered

[B] Critically Endangered

[C] Vulnerable

[D] Least Concern

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Correct Answer: C [Vulnerable]

Notes:

Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has released the first scientific assessment report on the Greater Hog Badger. The Greater Hog Badger (*Arctonyx collaris*) is a nocturnal, small burrowing omnivorous

mammal. It is locally known as “mati gahori” in Assam. The greater hog badger and northern hog badger are found in India. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, its conservation status is Vulnerable.

44. Which city recently became India's No. 1 rooftop solar city, overtaking Surat?

- [A] Kanpur
- [B] Lucknow
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Jaipur

Correct Answer: B [Lucknow]

Notes:

Lucknow has emerged as India's No. 1 rooftop solar city, surpassing Surat in solar panel installations. Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, Lucknow crossed 88,000 rooftop solar installations by April 2026 and later exceeded 1,02,603 cumulative installations. In May 2026 alone, Lucknow added 9,667 new solar systems. On 31 May 2026, the city installed 333 solar units in a single day, the highest in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh added 64,742 rooftop solar installations in May 2026, accounting for over 20% of India's monthly total. Around 3.5 lakh homes in Uttar Pradesh now have rooftop solar systems.

5. The Mukhyamantri Shikshak Cashless Chikitsa Yojana was launched by which state government?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Bihar

[C] Gujarat

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: D [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

The Mukhyamantri Shikshak Cashless Chikitsa Yojana was launched by the Uttar Pradesh Government. The scheme provides cashless medical treatment to eligible teachers and their dependent family members. The scheme is managed by State Agency for Comprehensive Health and Integrated Services (SACHIS). The government has launched an online registration portal to collect beneficiary data and issue digital medical cards.

6. International Day of Family Remittances is observed every year on which day?

[A] June 14

[B] June 15

[C] June 16

[D] June 17

Correct Answer: C [June 16]

Notes:

International Day of Family Remittances is observed every year on 16 June. The day is recognized by the United Nations to honour the contributions of migrant workers who support their families through remittances. More than 200 million migrant workers worldwide send money to their families. Globally, migrant workers send over 830 billion in remittances. The average remittance transfer is around 200–\$300. These funds help families meet basic needs such as food, housing, healthcare,

and education. Around one-third of global remittances reach rural areas.

7. Exercise Pitch Black is hosted by which country?

[A] United States

[B] Australia

[C] Japan

[D] United Kingdom

Correct Answer: B [Australia]

Notes:

India will participate in Exercise Pitch Black 2026 from 20 July to 7 August 2026 along with 18 other nations. Exercise Pitch Black is a biennial multinational air exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It is considered the flagship international flying exercise of the RAAF. The name "Pitch Black" comes from the emphasis on night-time flying operations over large unpopulated areas.

8. The High-Energy Medical Cyclotron Project (HEMCP), recently approved for strengthening cancer treatment, was launched by which state government?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: A [Maharashtra]

Notes:

The Maharashtra Cabinet recently approved the establishment of a High-Energy Medical Cyclotron

Project (HEMCP) in Nagpur with an estimated cost of ₹ 300 crore. The project aims to transform Nagpur into a Radiopharmaceutical Innovation Hub for cancer treatment and nuclear medicine services. The project will be funded jointly by the Medical Education Department and Industry Department on a 50:50 basis. The project will be implemented through the 'Mahacare' company using a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the Companies Act, 2013.

9. Which state government launched the TD and DPT Triple Vaccination Campaign in June 2026?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: D [Gujarat]

Notes:

Gujarat recently launched the TD (Tetanus and adult Diphtheria) and DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus) Triple Vaccination Campaign-2026 targeting nearly 19 lakh schoolchildren. The campaign was launched by Gujarat Health Minister Praful Pansheriya in Gandhinagar. The vaccination drive aims to ensure that no eligible child remains unvaccinated against diseases such as tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Under the campaign, around 48,529 TD vaccination sessions will be organised across schools in Gujarat. The campaign is being supported by teams working under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).

50. Sarinda, Queen Pineapple and Risha/Pachra (Rignai), recently seen in news, are GI-tagged products from which state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Nagaland
- [D] Tripura

Correct Answer: D [Tripura]

Notes:

The traditional Tripura Sarinda, an indigenous stringed musical instrument from Tripura, has recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. With this recognition, Tripura now has four GI-tagged products. Other GI-tagged products from Tripura include Queen Pineapple, Risha/Pachra (Rignai) traditional attire, and Matabari Peda. Matabari Peda is a dairy-based sweet traditionally offered at the Tripura Sundari Temple, one of the 51 Shakti Peethas.