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Key developments for **Monday, June 1, 2026** — the day the **India-Oman CEPA** came into force, India's **18th Railway Zone (SCoR)** was notified, and **Operation Sheruwali** entered a critical phase in Rajouri. Shorter notes below on Admiral Swaminathan, ABDM, Divyastra Mk-1, and more.

INDIA-OMAN CEPA ENTERS INTO FORCE

The **India-Oman CEPA** became effective **June 1, 2026** — India's second Gulf CEPA (after UAE, May 2022).

Key Points

- **98.08% of Oman's tariff lines** → **0% duty**; up from **15.33% MFN** access. Sectors: engineering, pharma, textiles, marine, agri, gems. (Full article in edition.)

SOUTH COAST RAILWAY ZONE (SCOR) — INDIA'S 18TH ZONE

The **SCoR** was notified, effective **June 1, 2026**, with **HQ at Visakhapatnam**.

Key Points

- India now has **18 railway zones**. Covers coastal AP, Telangana coast, parts of Odisha. (Full article in edition.)

OPERATION SHERUWALI, RAJOURI

Counter-terror operation in **Dorimal forest, Rajouri (J&K)** entered critical phase.

Key Points

- **Army + J&K Police SOG + CRPF**; drones, helicopters, sniffer dogs; 5 terrorists encircled. (Full article in edition.)

PM SVANIDHI — 6 YEARS

PM SVANidhi completed **six years** (launched June 2020).

Key Points

- ₹17,800 cr disbursed; 75.5 lakh vendors; 841 cr digital transactions. (Full article in edition.)

ARAVALLI DEGRADATION — CLIMATE SHIELD WEAKENING

WII study: **31 hillocks lost, 12 gaps** in the Aravallis from illegal mining.

Key Points

- Aravallis ~692 km (Gujarat to Delhi); oldest mountains; dust-storm intensification. (Full article in edition.)

ADMIRAL KRISHNA SWAMINATHAN — 27TH NAVY CHIEF

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as **27th Chief of Naval Staff** on May 31, 2026, succeeding Admiral Dinesh Tripathi.

Background

- Appointed **May 9, 2026**; previously commanded **Western Naval Command**.
- Tenure: until **December 31, 2028**.
- CNS is the **principal naval adviser** to the **Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister)**; head of the **Indian Navy**.
- The **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** (currently Gen. Anil Chauhan) coordinates among the three service chiefs.

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27th CNS; appointed since May 9, 2026; took charge May 31, 2026.

Succeeds Admiral Dinesh Tripathi.

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AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION (ABDM) — 90 CRORE ABHA ACCOUNTS

ABDM surpassed 90 crore ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) accounts.

Background

- **ABDM** — National digital health infrastructure; launched September 27, 2021 (operationalised).
- **ABHA** = a **14-digit unique health ID** for every Indian citizen; enables digital health records portability.
- ABDM's six foundational blocks: Health ID (ABHA), Health Facility Registry, Healthcare Professionals Registry, Unified Health Interface (UHI), PHIS, and Drug Registry.
- Under **National Health Authority (NHA)**, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

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ABDM = digital health infrastructure; launched Sept 27, 2021.

90 crore+ ABHA accounts (14-digit unique health ID).

Under NHA, MoHFW.

DIVYASTRA MK-1 — INDIAN ARMY'S INDIGENOUS LOITERING MUNITION

The Indian Army conducted an operational demonstration of the Divyasthra Mk-1 loitering munition in Jodhpur.

Background

- **Loitering munition** (also “kamikaze drone”) — a drone that **loiters** in the target area and then **self-destructs on the target** (combining UAV + munition). Also called a “suicide drone.”
- **Divyasthra Mk-1** — an **indigenous tactical** loitering munition, developed domestically; aligns with **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in defence.
- **Key attributes:** man-portable, deployable by small units, effective against light armour and infantry.
- Post-Nagorno-Karabakh (2020) and Ukraine (2022+), loitering munitions have proven decisive in modern warfare.

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Divyastra Mk-1 = indigenous loitering munition; demo at Jodhpur; tactical range.

Loitering munition = loiters + self-destructs on target (“kamikaze drone”).

VICE ADMIRAL VINEET MCCARTY — 20TH C-IN-C ANDAMAN & NICOBAR COMMAND

Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty *assumed charge as the 20th Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC).*

Background

- **ANC** — India’s only **tri-service command** (Army + Navy + Air Force + Coast Guard); HQ **Port Blair**.
- Strategically located at the junction of the **Bay of Bengal** and the **Andaman Sea** / Malacca Strait — India’s “unsinkable aircraft carrier” in the eastern IOR.

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ANC = India’s only tri-service command; HQ Port Blair.

20th C-in-C: Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty.

BANKS SANCTION ₹35,194 CRORE UNDER ECLGS 5.0

*Banks have sanctioned ₹35,194 crore under **ECLGS 5.0** (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme).*

Background

- **ECLGS** — launched May 2020 under the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** package to provide collateral-free, Government-guaranteed credit to MSME and businesses hit by COVID-19.
- Administered by **NCGTC (National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company)**, under **Ministry of Finance**.
- ECLGS 5.0 is the latest tranche, covering specific sectors facing economic stress.

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ECLGS — collateral-free Government-guaranteed credit; launched May 2020.

NCGTC administers; Ministry of Finance.

INDIA-US TRADE DEAL ENTERS FINAL STAGE

*India and the US progressed toward finalising the **first phase of their Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)**.*

Background

- India-US trade negotiations resumed under the **India-US Trade Policy Forum**; an interim deal (Phase 1 BTA) focuses on tariff reductions on select goods in exchange for India's market-access concessions.
- The backdrop: elevated US tariffs (Trump administration's reciprocal-tariff regime) and India's own FTA strategy.

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Forum: India-US Trade Policy Forum. Phase 1 BTA targets limited tariff cuts.

BLUE MICROMOON — JUNE 1, 2026

*A rare **Blue Micromoon** was visible on **June 1, 2026**.*

Background

- **Blue Moon** — the **second full moon in a calendar month** (not literally blue in colour).
- **Micromoon** — a full moon when the Moon is near its **farthest point (apogee)** in its elliptical orbit; appears ~14% smaller and ~30% dimmer than a Supermoon (at perigee).
- Combination of both = **Blue Micromoon**; rare. Next occurrence: ~2053.

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Blue Moon = second full moon in a month. Micromoon = full moon at apogee (farthest). Next Blue Micromoon ~2053.

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PAPER	KEY THEMES
GS2	PM SVANidhi; ABDM; India-Oman CEPA; India-US BTA; railway zones (Union List)
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Blue Micromoon — June 1, 2026; blue moon (2nd full moon in month) + micromoon (at apogee).

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