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TOP STORIES — JUNE 4, 2026

- **Rafale LoR issued:** India formally sent a Letter of Request to France on June 1 for 114 Rafale fighter jets (~₹3.25 lakh crore) — 94 to be made in India. Largest defence procurement in Indian history.
- **Karnataka new CM:** D.K. Shivakumar sworn in as Karnataka's 24th Chief Minister on June 3; G. Parameshwara is Deputy CM. Successor to Siddaramaiah who resigned May 28.
- **UNGA President:** Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman elected President of the 81st UNGA session (99 vs. 91 votes over Cyprus); term from September 8, 2026.
- **New IIP series:** India launched revised Index of Industrial Production with base year 2022-23 (replacing 2011-12); April 2026 industrial output +4.9%.
- **RBI MPC:** Ongoing June 3–5 meeting; market consensus expects **repo rate** unchanged at 5.50%; decision on June 5.
- **Great Nicobar:** Congress's Jairam Ramesh raises ecological concerns on ₹72,000-crore project; government has translocated 15,000+ coral colonies.
- **JWST + 3I/ATLAS:** James Webb Space Telescope confirms methane on interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS — first mid-infrared chemical fingerprint of an interstellar object.
- **Monsoon:** Southwest Monsoon officially arrived in Kerala on June 4; IMD forecasts below-normal season (90–95% of LPA).
- **World Yogasana Championship:** 1st World Yogasana Sports Championship inaugurated in Ahmedabad (June 4–8); 400+ athletes from 60+ countries; PM Modi addresses virtually.
- **PMRC Scheme 2026:** Applications open for Prime Minister Research Chair scheme to attract Indian-origin scientists from abroad to work in India's premier institutions.
- **International observance:** June 4 — International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN, since 1982).

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ITEM	KEY FACT
Rafale LoR	114 jets; 94 India-made; ₹3.25 lakh crore; LoR sent June 1, 2026
Karnataka CM	D.K. Shivakumar (24th); Deputy CM: G. Parameshwara; Governor: Thaawarchand Gehlot
UNGA	Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh); 81st session; 99 votes; term from Sep 8, 2026
IIP	New base 2022-23; April growth 4.9%; 1,042 products, 463 item groups
RBI Repo	5.50% (expected unchanged); decision June 5; Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
Great Nicobar	₹72,000 crore; 15,000+ corals translocated; Shompen community; Leatherback turtle
3I/ATLAS	3rd interstellar object (after Oumuamua + Borisov); methane detected by JWST
Monsoon	Arrived Kerala June 4; IMD: 90–95% of LPA; El Niño developing
Yogasana	1st championship; Ahmedabad; June 4–8; 60+ nations; 400+ athletes
PMRC	Ministry of Education; 13 priority areas; max grant ₹5 crore; applications from June 1

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