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ZOJILA TUNNEL ACHIEVES BREAKTHROUGH

The 13.15 km Zojila Tunnel achieved its final breakthrough on June 9, 2026, set to give Ladakh all-weather road connectivity.

Key Data

- Connects **Baltal (Sonamarg)** to **Meenamarg/Drass** on **NH-1**; executor **MEIL**
- World's longest high-altitude bi-directional road tunnel; cuts 3+ hours to about 15 minutes

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Strategic LAC connectivity and Himalayan tunnelling. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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ZOJILA TUNNEL:

13.15 km; bypasses the snowbound Zojila Pass

Year-round access to Ladakh; NH-1, Srinagar-Kargil-Leh

FITCH CUTS INDIA'S FY27 GROWTH FORECAST TO 6.4%

Fitch cut India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6.4% on June 9, 2026, citing the US-Iran war and higher energy prices.

Key Data

- Cut from 6.7%; Brent assumption raised to **\$87/barrel** (from \$70); inflation seen near 5.3%
- **Big Three** agencies: Fitch, S&P, Moody's; India imports over **85%** of crude

UPSC Angle

India's vulnerability to imported energy shocks. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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FITCH FORECAST:

India FY27 GDP: 6.4% (from 6.7%)

RBI held repo at 5.25% (June 5)

INDIA EASES TAXES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS IN G-SECS

India exempted Foreign Portfolio Investors from tax on interest and capital gains from government securities and expanded the Fully Accessible Route.

Key Data

- **FAR** (introduced by the RBI in 2020) expanded to 15, 30 and 40-year G-Secs and Sovereign Green Bonds
- Aim: deepen the bond market; support global bond-index inclusion

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Deepening the bond market versus capital-flow volatility. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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G-SECS AND FPIS:

G-Secs issued by the RBI for the Government of India

FAR allows uncapped FPI investment in specified G-Secs

TAMIL NADU LAUNCHES 'SINGAPPENN' WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

Tamil Nadu launched the all-women Singappenn ("Lioness") Special Task Force for the safety of women and children on June 9, 2026.

Key Data

- Headed by a senior **IPS officer (IG rank)**; **36 sanctioned posts**; preventive surveillance focus

- **Police** is a State subject; national support via the **Nirbhaya Fund**

UPSC Angle

Specialised women's policing versus **mainstreaming**. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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SINGAPPENN:

Tamil Nadu all-women task force for women and child safety

Article 15(3) allows special provisions for women and children

YOGA FOR HEALTHY AGEING: YOGA DAY 2026 THEME

The Ministry of Ayush announced "Yoga for Healthy Ageing" as the theme of the 12th International Day of Yoga (June 21, 2026), with Kolkata hosting the main event.

Key Data

- IDY: June 21; first observed **2015**; declared by a **UN resolution (2014)** with a record **177 co-sponsors**
- Focus on preventive healthcare for an ageing population

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Yoga as preventive health and soft power. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA:

June 21 (Summer Solstice); UN resolution 2014

2026 theme: Yoga for Healthy Ageing; host Kolkata

51 GALLANTRY AWARDS AT THE DEFENCE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

President Droupadi Murmu conferred 51 gallantry awards, including 7 Kirti Chakras, 15 Vir Chakras and 29 Shaurya Chakras, at the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2026.

Key Data

- **Wartime hierarchy:** Param Vir Chakra > Maha Vir Chakra > Vir Chakra
- **Peacetime hierarchy:** Ashoka Chakra > Kirti Chakra > Shaurya Chakra

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Gallantry-award hierarchy (high-yield prelims). *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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GALLANTRY AWARDS:

Highest wartime: Param Vir Chakra; highest peacetime: Ashoka Chakra

Instituted 1952 (effective 1950)

LAND PORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM LAUNCHED

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Land Port Management System (LPMS) on June 9, 2026, a unified digital platform for India's 15 land ports.

Key Data

- Operated by the **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)** (statutory, under the LPAI Act 2010); integrates with ICEGATE and ULIP
- EXIM trade via land ports rose to about **Rs 82,800 crore in 2024-25**

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LPMS:

LPAI under the LPAI Act, 2010; 15 land ports

Digital, single-window border-trade processing

WORLD YOGASANA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

India topped the inaugural World Yogasana Championships, which concluded on June 8, 2026 at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad.

Key Data

- India won **114 medals (102 gold)**; 522 athletes from 79 countries participated
- Yogasana was recognised as a competitive sport in India in 2020

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YOGASANA:

Inaugural World Championships; host EKA Arena, Ahmedabad

India 102 golds; recognised as a sport in 2020

ASSAM EXPORTS GI-TAGGED TEZPUR LITCHI

Assam exported GI-tagged Tezpur litchi to Dubai and Singapore for the first time, around the Tezpur Litchi Festival 2026.

Key Data

- Geographical Indication under the **Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999**
- Assam's other GIs include Muga silk, Joha rice and Kaji Nemu

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GI TAG:

GI Act, 1999; protects origin-linked products

Tezpur litchi from Sonitpur, Assam

CANADA MOVES TO BAN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UNDER-16S

Canada is set to introduce an online harms bill restricting social media access for children under 16, mirroring Australia's ban.

Key Data

- Australia was the first to ban under-16 social media (effective December 2025)
- Relevant to India's **DPDP Act, 2023** (parental consent for minors) and IT Rules

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CHILD ONLINE SAFETY:

Australia: first under-16 social media ban (Dec 2025)

India: DPDP Act 2023 requires parental consent for minors

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INFRASTRUCTURE / SECURITY:

Zojila Tunnel breakthrough (June 9); 13.15 km; Baltal to Meenamarg/Drass; NH-1; MEIL; world's longest high-altitude bi-directional road tunnel; year-round Ladakh access

LPMS launched by Amit Shah; LPAI under the LPAI Act 2010; 15 land ports; integrates ICEGATE and ULIP

ECONOMY:

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FPI tax exemption on G-Sec interest and capital gains; Fully Accessible Route (RBI, 2020) expanded to 15/30/40-year G-Secs and Sovereign Green Bonds

Tezpur litchi (GI Act 1999) exported to Dubai and Singapore

SOCIAL / GOVERNANCE:

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International Day of Yoga 2026: theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing"; June 21; UN resolution 2014 (177 co-sponsors); host Kolkata

Canada to ban under-16 social media; Australia first (Dec 2025); India DPDP Act 2023

PERSONS / AWARDS / SPORTS:

51 gallantry awards at the Defence Investiture Ceremony (7 Kirti, 15 Vir, 29 Shaurya Chakras); wartime PVC > MVC > VrC; peacetime Ashoka > Kirti > Shaurya

India topped the inaugural World Yogasana Championships (114 medals, 102 gold; Ahmedabad)

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