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A round-up of the most exam-relevant developments of June 14, 2026, for rapid revision. Each major item is covered in depth in its own article in today's edition.

HEALTH AND SOCIETY

World Blood Donor Day 2026

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day, observed since 2004 on the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, who discovered the ABO blood group system and won the Nobel Prize in 1930. The WHO's 2026 theme is "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives." In India, blood is regulated as a drug under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the apex body is the National Blood Transfusion Council.

Kerala's Priyadarshini Free Bus-Travel Scheme

Kerala launched the Priyadarshini scheme offering free travel on most Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) services to all women and transgender persons, effective June 15, 2026. The state will bear the cost, estimated at around Rs 2 crore a day, placing Kerala among the states that have introduced free bus travel for women.

ECONOMY

Retail Inflation Rises to 3.93 Percent in May

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) reported that Consumer Price Index (CPI) retail inflation rose to 3.93 percent in May 2026, from 3.48 percent in April, driven by firmer food prices, with food inflation at 4.78 percent. Inflation remains comfortably within the RBI's 4 percent plus or minus 2 percent tolerance band.

MoSPI Overhauls Statistical Base Years

India has updated the base years of its key economic indicators: GDP and the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) to 2022-23, and the CPI to 2024, replacing the older 2011-12 and 2012 bases. The IIP item basket was expanded to 463 item groups to capture new products such as semiconductors-era components and human vaccines.

Gujarat Industrial Policy 2026

Gujarat unveiled its Industrial Policy 2026, introducing an “ultra mega industrial unit” category requiring a minimum investment of Rs 10,000 crore and over 3,000 jobs, and expanding its thrust sectors from 9 to 16 to include semiconductor supply chains, drones and robotics, and nuclear power equipment.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Puri Jagannath Temple Secures Trademark for the Nilachakra

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration secured trademark registration for the Nilachakra, the eight-spoked metal disc atop the temple spire, along with “Ananda Bazar” and “Patitapabana”, under the Trade Marks Act, 1999. The move protects sacred identifiers from unauthorised commercial use.

GEOGRAPHY

Monsoon Advances and the Himalayan Weather Network Grows

The southwest monsoon advanced into more parts of West Bengal and Bihar, while the India Meteorological Department’s seventh Regional Meteorological Centre, at Jammu, strengthens cloudburst and flash-flood early warning across Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh.

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