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A roundup of the key current affairs for June 26, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

## PASSPORT IS A TRAVEL DOCUMENT, NOT PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

*The government reiterated the settled legal position that a passport is a travel document and not, by itself, conclusive proof of Indian citizenship. The clarification came around Passport Seva Divas, observed on June 24.*

### Background

A passport is issued under the **Passports Act, 1967**, which regulates the issue of passports and travel documents. Citizenship, by contrast, is governed by the **Citizenship Act, 1955** and Articles **5 to 11** of the Constitution.

### Key Points

- A passport facilitates international travel and identifies the holder abroad; it can in certain cases be issued to non-citizens as well.
- Proof of citizenship is established through documents such as a birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship or naturalisation, and details of parentage.
- Courts have held that a passport alone does not conclusively establish citizenship.

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Passport law: Passports Act, 1967.

Citizenship law: Citizenship Act, 1955; constitutional provisions in Articles 5 to 11.

Passport Seva Divas: Observed on June 24.

## CBI OPERATION CHAKRA-VI TARGETS DIGITAL-ARREST SCAMS

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out Operation Chakra-VI, a nationwide crackdown on cyber-fraud networks running “digital arrest (<https://ujjiyari.com/terms/digital-arrest/>)” scams.

### Background

“Digital arrest” is a scam in which fraudsters impersonate law-enforcement or judicial officials over video calls, falsely claim the victim is under investigation, and coerce money under threat of arrest. **Operation Chakra** is the CBI’s recurring series of operations against cyber-enabled financial crime; this is the sixth in the series.

### Key Points

- Searches were conducted across multiple States, targeting mule accounts and shell companies used to launder proceeds.
- Fraudsters in some cases used fake look-alike websites of official institutions to appear credible.
- The **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)**, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is the nodal body for combating cybercrime.

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Operation Chakra: CBI’s anti-cybercrime operation series; this is Chakra-VI.

Digital arrest: Fake law-enforcement video-call coercion (<https://ujjiyari.com/vocab/coercion/>) scam.

I4C: Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

## INDEX OF SERVICES PRODUCTION TO BE LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) announced that it will release trial indices of a new Index of Services Production (ISP), India’s first high-frequency tracker for the services sector.

### Background

While the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** tracks the industrial sector monthly, India has lacked an equivalent high-frequency measure for services, even though services contribute more than half of the country’s gross value added.

### Key Points

- The new index will have a **base year of 2024-25**; trial indices are due to be released on **July 14, 2026**, and monthly thereafter.

- It will improve the timeliness and quality of services-sector data for policymaking.

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ISP base year: 2024-25; compiled by MoSPI.

Industrial counterpart: Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Services share: More than 50% of India's gross value added.

## INDIA-SOUTH KOREA SHIPBUILDING COOPERATION

*India is deepening cooperation with South Korea, a global shipbuilding leader, to advance its own ambition of becoming a major shipbuilding nation.*

### Key Points

- The push aligns with the **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** and broader plans to expand domestic shipbuilding and ship-repair capacity.
- Cooperation covers technology transfer, financing, and green-shipbuilding investment.
- Shipbuilding has strong forward and backward linkages and supports the “Make in India” and Atmanirbhar Bharat goals.

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Vision document: Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Sagarmala: Flagship port-led development programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

## TUNGABHADRA INTER-STATE COOPERATION

*Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana discussed cooperation on the Tungabhadra river, including measures to address heavy silt accumulation in the Tungabhadra reservoir.*

### Key Points

- The **Tungabhadra** is formed by the **confluence** (<https://ujjiyari.com/vocab/confluence/>) of the Tunga and Bhadra rivers and is a major tributary of the **Krishna**.
- The Tungabhadra dam is near Hospet in Karnataka; silting has reduced its live storage over the decades.

- The issue illustrates cooperative federalism (<https://ujivari.com/terms/cooperative-federalism/>) and inter-State river-water management.

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Tungabhadra: Tributary of the Krishna; formed by the Tunga and Bhadra.

Inter-State rivers: Managed under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, and river boards.

## HSBC FLASH INDIA PMI FOR JUNE 2026

*The HSBC Flash India Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for June 2026 indicated continued expansion in both manufacturing and services, though at a slightly slower pace than the previous month.*

### Key Points

- A **PMI reading above 50** signals expansion; below 50 signals contraction.
- The composite, manufacturing, and services indices all remained comfortably above 50.
- The PMI is a closely watched leading indicator of economic momentum.

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PMI: Purchasing Managers' Index; above 50 = expansion, below 50 = contraction.

Compiled by: S&P Global for HSBC.

## SOUTHWEST MONSOON ADVANCE

*The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported the steady advance of the southwest monsoon across central and northern India.*

### Key Points

- The monsoon normally arrives over Kerala around **June 1** and covers the entire country by early-to-mid July.
- The southwest monsoon delivers the bulk of India's annual rainfall and is critical for kharif agriculture and reservoir storage.

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IMD: India Meteorological Department, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Normal Kerala onset: Around June 1.

**UPSC RELEVANCE**

These items together span GS Paper 2 (polity and citizenship, governance, international relations) and GS Paper 3 (economy and statistics, internal security, geography of rivers, and agriculture). They are best revised as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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Passports Act, 1967 vs Citizenship Act, 1955: passport is a travel document, not conclusive proof of citizenship.

Operation Chakra-VI: CBI crackdown on digital-arrest cyber fraud; nodal body I4C under MHA.

Index of Services Production: MoSPI; base year 2024-25; counterpart to the IIP.

Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047: framework for India's shipbuilding ambition; India-Korea cooperation.

Tungabhadra: tributary of the Krishna; silting of the Tungabhadra reservoir.

PMI: above 50 indicates expansion; June 2026 reading showed continued growth.

Southwest monsoon: normal Kerala onset around June 1; main source of India's rainfall.

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