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A roundup of the key current affairs for June 27, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

EAM JAISHANKAR VISITS SOUTH KOREA

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited South Korea on June 24 to 25, 2026, holding a strategic dialogue and delivering a keynote at the Jeju Forum.

Key Points

- The visit operationalised the **Joint Strategic Vision** agreed during the Republic of Korea President's visit to India earlier in 2026.
- India and South Korea share a **Special Strategic Partnership**, elevated in 2015.
- The engagement fits India's **Act East Policy** (<https://ujjyari.com/terms/act-east-policy/>) and Indo-Pacific outreach.

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India-ROK partnership: Special Strategic Partnership, elevated 2015.

Jeju Forum: a Track 1.5 dialogue platform in South Korea.

Act East Policy: India's strategic engagement with East and Southeast Asia.

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

Mahesh Dixit was appointed the new Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), succeeding Tapan Kumar Deka.

Key Points

- The **Intelligence Bureau (IB)** is India's internal (domestic) intelligence agency, functioning under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- The **Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)** is the external intelligence agency, under the **Cabinet Secretariat**.
- Such appointments are processed through the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

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IB: internal intelligence, under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

R&AW: external intelligence, under the Cabinet Secretariat.

New IB Director: Mahesh Dixit, succeeding Tapan Kumar Deka.

INDIA-US INTERIM TRADE DEAL TALKS

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and the US Trade Representative reviewed progress on an interim *Bilateral* (<https://ujiyari.com/vocab/bilateral/>) Trade Agreement (BTA), ahead of a tariff deadline.

Key Points

- The talks aim at a first-phase **Bilateral Trade Agreement** between India and the United States.
- A temporary US tariff arrangement is set to expire on **July 24, 2026**, lending urgency.
- India is safeguarding sensitive sectors, particularly **agriculture and dairy**, and its digital-policy space.

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BTA: Bilateral Trade Agreement under negotiation between India and the US.

Tariff deadline: July 24, 2026.

India's red lines: agriculture, dairy, and digital sovereignty (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/digital-sovereignty/>).

FCRA RULES TIGHTENED FOR NGOS

The Ministry of Home Affairs amended the *Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules*, with new disclosure requirements for NGOs, effective June 22, 2026.

Key Points

- NGOs must specify the purpose and the States or Union Territories of intended activity, and disclose websites and social-media handles.
- The parent law is the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010**, administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The Supreme Court upheld key 2020 FCRA amendments in **Noel Harper v. Union of India (2022)**.

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FCRA: Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010; under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

FCRA account: must be opened at the State Bank of India, New Delhi main branch (2020 amendment).

Noel Harper v. Union of India (2022): SC upheld the 2020 FCRA amendments.

MANIPUR: RECONCILIATION EFFORTS CONTINUE

A Kuki-Zo body issued an apology over the killing of Naga civilians, while a Naga students' organisation said justice must precede reconciliation.

Key Points

- Manipur has been under **President's Rule (Article 356)** since February 2025.
- The ethnic conflict in the State, primarily between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities, has been ongoing since May 2023, with the Naga dimension adding further complexity.
- Restoring peace requires accountability alongside dialogue.

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President's Rule: imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution.

Manipur: under President's Rule since February 2025.

SOUTHWEST MONSOON ADVANCE

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported the continued advance of the southwest monsoon across western and northern India.

Key Points

- The monsoon reached Mumbai around June 23, and advanced into Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.
- The onset over Kerala this year was on **June 4** (the normal date is around June 1).
- The IMD's extended-range outlook indicated no heatwave conditions in early July and heavy rain over the northeast.

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

Kerala onset 2026: June 4 (normal around June 1).

Extended Range Forecast: covers the 10 to 30 day window.

UPSC RELEVANCE

These items span GS Paper 2 (international relations, polity, governance, internal security) and GS Paper 3 (external trade, internal security, geography of the monsoon). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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India-ROK: Special Strategic Partnership (2015); Jaishankar visit June 24 to 25.

IB vs R&AW: IB internal (MHA); R&AW external (Cabinet Secretariat); new IB chief Mahesh Dixit.

India-US BTA: interim trade deal talks; tariff deadline July 24, 2026.

FCRA, 2010: new NGO disclosure rules; Noel Harper v. Union of India (2022).

Manipur: President's Rule under Article 356 since February 2025.

Southwest monsoon: Kerala onset June 4 (normal June 1); reached Mumbai around June 23.

Sources: Ministry of External Affairs (<https://www.mea.gov.in>), Press Information Bureau (<https://pib.gov.in>), The Hindu (<https://www.thehindu.com>)

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