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A roundup of the key current affairs for June 28, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

INDIA TOPS THE ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

India topped the medal table at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship 2026, held at Suhl, Germany.

Key Points

- India finished first with a haul of medals across pistol and rifle events, underlining its strength in shooting.
- The **ISSF** is the world governing body for Olympic shooting sports.
- The performance builds a strong junior pipeline ahead of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

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ISSF: International Shooting Sport Federation, the global governing body for shooting.

Venue: Suhl, Germany.

Significance: junior talent pipeline for the LA 2028 Olympics.

TRIPURA GLOBAL PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL 2026

The first Tripura Global Pineapple Festival was held to promote the State's Geographical Indication (<https://ujyari.com/terms/geographical-indication/>) (GI) tagged "Queen" pineapple, around World Pineapple Day (June 27).

Key Points

- The “**Queen**” variety of pineapple is Tripura’s state fruit and carries a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- The festival promotes North-East agricultural exports and the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- GI tags protect products with a specific geographical origin and reputation.

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Queen pineapple: Tripura’s state fruit; carries a GI tag.

GI: Geographical Indication, governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

ODOP: One District One Product initiative.

FIRST NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Union Ministry of Rural Development convened the first-ever National Rural Development Conference under the theme “Viksit Gram, Viksit Bharat”.

Key Points

- The conference brought the Centre and States together to review flagship rural schemes.
- Schemes reviewed included **PMAY-G** (rural housing), **PMGSY** (rural roads), **DAY-NRLM** (livelihood mission) and the **NSAP** (social assistance).
- It reflects the cooperative-federalism (<https://ujijari.com/terms/federalism/>) approach to rural development.

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PMAY-G: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Gramin (rural housing).

PMGSY: Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (rural roads).

DAY-NRLM: Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

NSAP: National Social Assistance Programme.

ASPIRE: 109 LIVELIHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATORS APPROVED

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The Ministry of MSME approved over 100 Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) across the country under the ASPIRE scheme.

Key Points

- **ASPIRE** stands for A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship, launched in **2015**.
- The incubators were spread across 27 States and Union Territories, with a focus on SC, ST and OBC entrepreneurs.
- They support rural enterprises in sectors such as food processing, honey, bamboo and coir.

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ASPIRE: A Scheme for Promotion of Innovation, Rural Industries and Entrepreneurship (2015).

LBI: Livelihood Business Incubator.

Nodal ministry: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

DPIIT NOTIFIES QUALITY CONTROL TRANSITION ORDER

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) notified a Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order to ease compliance for industry.

Key Points

- The order allows industry to procure from manufacturers licensed under a wider set of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) conformity-assessment schemes.
- Quality Control Orders (QCOs) derive their force from the **BIS Act, 2016**.
- The measure aims to strengthen domestic value chains under Make in India while easing transition friction.

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DPIIT: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (Ministry of Commerce and Industry).

BIS: Bureau of Indian Standards, the national standards body; under the BIS Act, 2016.

QCO: Quality Control Order making BIS standards mandatory for notified products.

CORPORATE MITRA SCHEME FOR MSME COMPLIANCE

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The Ministry of Corporate Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding with IIT Madras to operationalise the Corporate Mitra scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2026-27.

Key Points

- The scheme trains para-professionals to help **MSMEs** meet their corporate-compliance requirements.
- Training combines an online module with on-the-job training, with certification through professional institutes such as the ICAI, ICSI and ICAI.
- It aims to ease the compliance burden that disproportionately affects small enterprises.

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Corporate Mitra: scheme of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (Budget 2026-27) for MSME compliance support.

Partner institute: IIT Madras.

Certifying bodies: ICAI (chartered accountants), ICSI (company secretaries), ICAI (cost accountants).

UPSC RELEVANCE

These items span GS Paper 2 (international groupings, Centre-State relations, governance) and GS Paper 3 (economy, MSME and rural entrepreneurship, standards, agriculture and GI). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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Rural schemes: PMAY-G, PMGSY, DAY-NRLM, NSAP.

ASPIRE: rural-entrepreneurship scheme (2015); over 100 new Livelihood Business Incubators.

BIS: national standards body under the BIS Act, 2016; DPIIT QCO transition order.

Corporate Mitra: Ministry of Corporate Affairs scheme (Budget 2026-27) for MSME compliance; MoU with IIT Madras.

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