

The Week from 22 June 2026 to 28 June 2026

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched India's advanced Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Daulatpura Toll Plaza on the Delhi-Jaipur NH-48. Using ANPR cameras and FASTag, it enables barrier-free toll collection, reducing congestion, travel time, fuel consumption, and emissions, with expansion planned for additional toll plazas.

Venezuela was struck by two powerful earthquakes measuring 7.1 and 7.5 magnitude near the coastal town of Morón, triggering strong tremors across Caracas. The disaster claimed 32 lives, injured over 700 people, and caused widespread damage to essential infrastructure, prompting the government to declare a state of emergency and accept international offers of assistance.

Fossils dating back nearly 15 million years to the Miocene Epoch have been discovered along the Budhabalanga River near Baripada in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district. Uncovered during a North Orissa University student field expedition, the findings—including shark teeth, vertebrae, fish bones, mollusc shells, and microfossils—suggest the region was once submerged under a shallow sea.

During the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Lionel Messi became the tournament's all-time leading goal-scorer with 18 goals, surpassing Miroslav Klose's previous record of 16. Achieved across six World Cups (2006–2026), this historic milestone underscores Messi's remarkable longevity, while Kylian Mbappé has also equalled Klose's tally of 16 goals.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced the GARUDA (Green Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement) framework to streamline the launch of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). The system enables eligible funds to launch immediately upon document acknowledgement rather than waiting for prior approval, thereby reducing timelines, simplifying compliance, and boosting investor confidence and private capital inflows.

The United Arab Emirates has become the first Arab country to prohibit children under the age of 15 from creating or using personal social media accounts. The regulations require platforms to use AI-powered age verification instead of relying on self-declared ages, while users aged 15–16 will be given restricted access featuring parental controls and enhanced safety measures to protect their online well-being.

India clinched the 2026 FIH Women's Nations Cup title by defeating hosts New Zealand 2–0 in the final on 21 June 2026, earning promotion to the prestigious FIH Women's Pro League. Lalremsiami was named Player of the Match, while Deepika finished as the joint-highest scorer of the tournament with six goals alongside Ashley Sessa, securing India's second Nations Cup crown following their 2022 triumph.

India has set a new record with seven institutions making the shortlist for the World's Best School Prizes 2026—the highest from any nation since the awards began in 2022. Schools across Pune, Jammu & Kashmir, Lucknow, Noida, and Bengaluru were recognised for global excellence in innovation, environmental action, community collaboration, and supporting healthy lives.



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