

The week from 1 June 2026 to 7 June 2026

India has signed a ₹60 billion (\$629 million) deal to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to Vietnam, including training and logistical support. Confirmed at the Shangri-La Dialogue on 30 May 2026, the agreement boosts India's defence exports in Southeast Asia. Indonesia is also nearing a deal, while the Philippines became the first BrahMos buyer in 2022.

Indian shooter Esha Singh scripted history at the ISSF World Cup in Munich by winning gold in the women's 25m pistol event and setting a new world record with 43 points, surpassing Kim Ye-ji's previous mark of 42. The 21-year-old outclassed top international rivals, showcasing remarkable consistency and composure on the global stage.

Malaysia has implemented a new online safety regulation from 1 June 2026, prohibiting children under the age of 16 from owning social media accounts on major platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. Under the Online Safety Act 2025, platforms must verify users' ages through official documents, with violators facing fines of up to 10 million Malaysian ringgits.

Scientists have identified a new lizard species, *Mesalina bishnoi*, in Rajasthan, marking the first confirmed presence of the genus *Mesalina* in India. Discovered near Gajner in Bikaner district, the species was named in honour of the Bishnoi community for its commitment to wildlife conservation. Its classification was confirmed through morphological and genetic analyses.

On 2 June 2026, Pope Leo XIV appointed Maria Montserrat Alvarado as Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See. The Mexican-American media executive, currently President and COO of EWTN News, will assume office on 1 November 2026 and become the first laywoman to head a Vatican dicastery.

Lionel Messi became the first individual footballer to receive the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports. The honour recognises his outstanding achievements, including the 2022 FIFA World Cup triumph and multiple Ballon d'Or titles, as well as his humanitarian work in education and healthcare. Messi received the news while training with Argentina ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

In the 2026 French Open, Alexander Zverev (Germany) and Mirra Andreeva (Russia) claimed their first career Grand Slam Singles titles on the clay courts of Roland-Garros, Paris. Zverev defeated Flavio Cobolli (Italy) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; while Andreeva defeated qualifier Maja Chwiałńska (Poland) 6-3, 6-2.

Mesha has partnered with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to launch Project Shikhar, an initiative designed to help high-performing e-commerce sellers and MSMEs access capital markets. The programme will support businesses with restructuring, compliance, governance, and listing procedures on the BSE SME Platform, enabling promising digital-first enterprises to overcome funding challenges and transition into publicly listed companies.



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