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1. Narendra Modi Surpasses Nehru's Record as Longest-Serving Elected Prime Minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 4,399 days in office on June 10, surpassing the record of Jawaharlal Nehru as the longest-serving democratically elected Prime Minister to hold the post continuously.

- To mark the achievement, Modi received congratulations from Union ministers, BJP-ruled state chief Ministers, alliance partners, other political leaders, and several world leaders.
- Nehru, independent India's first Prime Minister, served from August 15, 1947, until his death on May 27, 1964.
- Although Nehru remained Prime Minister for over 16 years, the period after India's first general election in 1952 amounted to 4,398 consecutive days.
- Modi completed 4,399 days in office on June 10, thereby surpassing Nehru's record for continuous tenure after being elected by the people.
- Indira Gandhi served as Prime Minister for more than 15 years in total, but her tenure was not continuous.

2. Veteran Filmmaker Bharathiraja Passes Away at 84

Renowned Tamil film director Bharathiraja passed away in Chennai on June 10 due to health complications at the age of 84.

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, political leaders, and film personalities paid their respects.
- The Government of India honored Bharathiraja with the Padma Shri in 2004 for his contributions to cinema.
- In 2009, during the final phase of the Sri Lankan civil war, Bharathiraja announced that he would return the Padma Shri in protest and in support of justice for Sri Lankan Tamils.
- The central government accepted the return of the award.

3. FIFA World Cup 2026 Begins in Mexico

The 23rd edition of the FIFA World Cup 2026 begins in Mexico on June 11 and will continue across Canada and the United States.

Key Highlights

- The opening match features Mexico against South Africa.
- South Korea will face the Czech Republic in the next match.
- The tournament runs from June 11 to July 19.
- Matches will be held in 16 cities across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- This is the largest World Cup in history.

Historic Features

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- For the first time, 48 teams are participating.
- For the first time, the tournament is being jointly hosted by three countries.
- A new Round of 32 stage has been added.

Participating Teams

- Defending champions: Argentina
- Most successful nation: Brazil
- Other major contenders include Germany and Italy.
- First-time qualifiers:
 - Cape Verde
 - Curaçao
 - Jordan
 - Uzbekistan

4. FIFA World Cup 2022 (Qatar) – Summary

Tournament Results

- Host: Qatar
- Champions: Argentina (3rd title)
- Runners-up: France
- Third Place: Croatia
- Top Scorer: Kylian Mbappé (8 goals)
- Best Player: Lionel Messi

FIFA World Cup Champions (All-Time)

Country	Titles
Brazil	5 (1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002)
Germany	4 (1954, 1974, 1990, 2014)
Italy	4 (1934, 1938, 1982, 2006)
Argentina	3 (1978, 1986, 2022)
France	2 (1998, 2018)

Uruguay 2 (1930, 1950)

England 1 (1966)

Spain 1 (2010)

5. Defence Ministry Signs ₹449-Crore Contract for Naval Satellite-Jamming Systems

India's Ministry of Defence has signed a ₹449-crore contract with Bengaluru-based company A S S P L to procure 20 jammer systems for the Indian Navy.

Key Points

- The Narendra Modi Government continues efforts to modernize India's armed forces.
- The jammer systems are designed to disrupt surveillance satellites that monitor naval vessels.
- The procurement falls under the Government's initiative to promote indigenous design, development, and manufacturing.
- About 75% of the components used in these systems are manufactured domestically.
- The equipment will help Indian naval ships operate with greater protection from foreign reconnaissance satellites.

6. Centre Extends Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions

The Government of India has approved the extension of the Credit Guarantee Scheme 2.0 for Microfinance Institutions (MFIs).

Key Decisions

- The scheme has been extended until August 31 of the current year or until guarantees worth ₹20,000 crore are issued, whichever occurs first.
- The Government has increased the lending limit for large non-banking financial company (NBFC) microfinance institutions from ₹300 crore to ₹1,000 crore when lending to other MFIs.
- The increase remains subject to an overall cap of 20% of the total market value of all assets managed by a financial institution.

Expected Benefits

- Improved utilization of the scheme.
- Greater availability of credit for microfinance institutions.
- Enhanced access to financial services for underserved borrowers.

7. India Rejects Allegations of Overproduction in Textile and Steel Sectors

India's Ministry of Commerce has rejected allegations that the country is producing more textiles and steel than market demand requires. Statement by Commerce Ministry

Additional Secretary Amitabh Kumar stated in New Delhi that:

- India is not overproducing textiles relative to market demand.
- India is the world's second-largest steel producer.
- Despite high production levels, per-capita consumption of steel and textile products in India remains among the lowest globally.

Background

- In March, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) initiated an investigation into India, 14 other countries, and the European Union.
- The investigation seeks to determine whether Government subsidies and excess production capacity are distorting global markets and harming American industries.
- India rejected the allegations and stated that the USTR had not provided evidence showing that Indian exports exceed levels acceptable to the U.S. market or that they create unfair trade surpluses.
- India also argued that the investigation unfairly targets the production practices of the countries involved.

These remarks gain significance in the context of the ongoing U.S. trade investigation into global manufacturing and export practices.