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1. Iran–United States Peace Agreement Finalized

A peace agreement to end the war between Iran and the United States has been finalized. Both countries are scheduled to sign the agreement on Friday (June 19).

(i) As a result, the 107-day military conflict conducted by the joint U.S.–Israel forces against Iran is expected to come to a complete end. The reopening of the Strait of Hormuz is also expected to ease disruptions in global crude oil supplies.

2. Expansion of Tamil Nadu’s Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme

Chief Minister Joseph Vijay announced that the Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme, currently provided to primary school students, will be extended to students studying in Classes 6 to 8. The first phase of the expansion will begin on September 17.

(i) The Breakfast Scheme was originally launched on September 15, 2022, by then Chief Minister M.K. Stalin for students studying in Classes 1 to 5. It was later expanded to Government-aided schools as well.

3. Tamil Nadu Government Honors Kirti Chakra Awardee

Chief Minister Joseph Vijay presented a cheque of ₹48 lakh on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government to honor Lance Naik A. Meenatchi Sundaram, a recipient of the Kirti Chakra award.

(i) Lance Naik A. Meenatchi Sundaram, from Theni district of Tamil Nadu and serving in the Indian Army’s Artillery Regiment, was seriously injured in the face and shoulder during an anti-terrorist operation in Kulgam, Jammu & Kashmir, on December 19, 2024. Despite his injuries, he continued fighting and helped eliminate the terrorists.

(ii) In recognition of his extraordinary bravery, he was recently awarded the Kirti Chakra, India’s second-highest peacetime gallantry award, by President Droupadi Murmu. Subsequently, Chief Minister Joseph Vijay invited his family to the Secretariat in Chennai, congratulated them, and presented the ₹48 lakh cheque.

4. G7 Summit Begins in France

The G7 Summit commenced in Évian-les-Bains, France. Leaders of the world’s leading economies are participating and are expected to discuss major international issues.

5. Ebola Cases Rise in Congo

The number of Ebola infections in the Republic of the Congo has risen to 782, with 181 deaths reported so far.

6. Draft Iran–U.S. Ceasefire Agreement Finalized

The long-anticipated draft ceasefire agreement between Iran and the United States has been finalized. Acting as mediator, Pakistan will oversee the formal signing of the agreement in Switzerland on Friday.

(i) Based on negotiations held in Islamabad in early April, Iran's state-affiliated Mehr News Agency published details of the 14-point draft agreement:

1. Immediate and permanent cessation of military operations on all fronts, including Lebanon.
2. U.S. commitment not to interfere in Iran's internal affairs and to respect its sovereignty.
3. Complete removal of the U.S. naval blockade against Iranian ports within 30 days.
4. Withdrawal of U.S. forces from areas surrounding Iran.
5. Reopening of the Strait of Hormuz within 30 days under Iranian arrangements.
6. Suspension of sanctions on Iran's oil, petrochemical products, and related exports.
7. Permission for Iran to fully utilize revenues earned from energy exports.
8. Commitment by the U.S. and its allies to provide at least \$300 billion in reconstruction projects for Iran.
9. Sixty days of negotiations to reach a final agreement on nuclear issues and broader sanctions relief.
10. Renewed Iranian commitment under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty not to produce nuclear weapons.
11. U.S. assurance that no new sanctions will be imposed and no additional military buildup will occur during negotiations.
12. Release of \$24 billion in frozen Iranian assets, with half provided before negotiations begin.
13. Creation of a monitoring mechanism to oversee implementation of the agreement.
14. Final approval of the agreement through a United Nations Security Council resolution.

The authenticity of these provisions will be confirmed only after the agreement is officially signed and announced.

7. Iniyan Registers Fifth Consecutive Victory

Tamil Nadu chess player P. Iniyan recorded his fifth consecutive victory at the Global Chess Festival in Mumbai.

8. Successful Test of Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a test of the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from Abdul Kalam Island.

(i) Data obtained from various monitoring systems confirmed that all mission objectives were achieved. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO team. The Aeronautical Development Establishment in Bengaluru serves as the integration laboratory for the indigenously developed missile.

9. Indian Army Selects MEPRO X6 telescopic Sight

Israeli company Meprolight announced that the Indian Army has selected its MEPRO X6 telescopic sight for use with NEGEV machine guns.

(i) The sight is designed for assault rifles, light machine guns, and other weapon systems, offering accuracy, durability, and high-quality optical performance.

(ii) According to the company, a technology-transfer agreement has been signed with RRP Defence to manufacture the MEPRO X6 locally. RRP Defence will supply the sights to Bharat Electronics Limited, which will serve as the Indian Army's prime contractor.

10. New Chief of Naval Staff

Following the retirement of Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi after 41 years of naval service, Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed office as India's 27th Chief of Naval Staff on May 31.

11. India–Slovakia Sign 11 Key Agreements

In the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India and Slovakia signed 11 major agreements.

(i) Prime Minister Modi is on a week-long official visit to France and Slovakia. He first visited Nice, France, where he held talks with French President Emmanuel Macron.

(ii) Modi then traveled to Slovakia, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the country since its independence in 1993. President Droupadi Murmu had previously visited Slovakia in April 2025. Slovak President Peter Pellegrini had visited India in February for an AI summit.

(iii) In Bratislava, Prime Minister Modi met Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico. Eleven agreements were signed covering migration, digital technology, defense, higher education, and other sectors.

(iv) Both leaders agreed to cooperate on accelerating the implementation of the India–European Union Free Trade Agreement, expanding energy-sector cooperation, and finalizing a social security agreement to protect workers from both countries.

(v) Prime Minister Modi was awarded Slovakia's highest civilian honor, the Order of the White Double Cross (First Class), by President Peter Pellegrini in Bratislava. It is the 33rd international award conferred upon him.

(vi) This trip marks Prime Minister Modi's 100th official foreign visit since taking office in 2014. His first official overseas visit as Prime Minister was to Bhutan in 2014.

12. June 16, 2026 marks the 100th birth anniversary of Krishnammal Jagannathan.