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Daily Current Affairs Quiz 09 June 2026

Q1. India recently joined which global cybersecurity initiative led by Anthropic PBC, gaining access to the advanced AI model "Claude Mythos"?

- (a) Project Sentinel
- (b) Project Glasswing
- (c) Project CyberShield
- (d) Project Firewall

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (b) Project Glasswing

Explanation:

In June 2026, India joined Project Glasswing, a global cybersecurity initiative led by Anthropic PBC. Through this initiative, India gained access to Claude Mythos AI, an advanced AI model focused on cybersecurity.

The project aims to strengthen cyber resilience and protect critical digital infrastructure.

Claude Mythos can analyse large software codebases and identify security vulnerabilities.

It can generate remediation patches and detect flaws that may be missed by conventional security tools.

Information Booster:

Claude Mythos is an AI-powered security auditor designed to uncover software vulnerabilities at scale. Participating countries include India, the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy, and several other nations and organizations such as NATO and ENISA.

Additional Knowledge:

Project Sentinel (Option a)

No such initiative is associated with Anthropic's cybersecurity partnership announced in 2026.

It is not linked to Claude Mythos AI.

Project CyberShield (Option c)

This is not the name of the Anthropic-led global cybersecurity initiative.

It is unrelated to India's participation in the program.

Project Firewall (Option d)

Firewall is a common cybersecurity term but not the initiative joined by India.

It has no connection with Claude Mythos AI.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO), launched in June 2026:

1. The GSCO is a joint India-UK initiative aimed at strengthening cooperation in critical minerals for sectors such as clean energy, electric mobility, advanced manufacturing, and emerging technologies.
2. The Observatory is jointly led by the Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation (TEXMiN) at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and the University of Cambridge.
3. TEXMiN functions as a Technology Translation Research Park (TTRP) under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
4. One of the primary objectives of the GSCO is to promote exclusive dependence on a single source of critical minerals to ensure supply security.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 – Correct. The India-UK GSCO was launched to strengthen bilateral cooperation in critical minerals supporting clean energy transition, electric mobility, advanced manufacturing, and emerging technologies.
- Statement 2 – Correct. The Observatory is a joint platform led by TEXMiN at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and the University of Cambridge.
- Statement 3 – Correct. TEXMiN is a Technology Translation Research Park (TTRP) functioning under the Department of Science and Technology.
- Statement 4 – Incorrect. The objective is to build resilient, secure, and diversified mineral value chains, not dependence on a single source of critical minerals.

Information Booster:

- Critical minerals are essential for renewable energy technologies, batteries, semiconductors, aerospace systems, and strategic industries.
- The GSCO aims to enhance supply-chain intelligence and support evidence-based policymaking.
- The initiative reflects growing India-UK cooperation in strategic mineral security and sustainable industrial development.
- IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has emerged as an important centre for mining, mineral exploration, and resource technology research in India.

Q3. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched which digital onboarding platform in June 2026 to simplify subscriber registration under the National Pension System (NPS)?

- (a) e-NPS Connect
- (b) StAR NPS
- (c) NPS Digital Gateway
- (d) Pension Mitra Portal

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (b) StAR NPS

Explanation:

In June 2026, PFRDA launched the StAR NPS platform to streamline and simplify the onboarding process for NPS subscribers.

The platform was developed by BSE Technologies Private Limited (BTPL).

It provides technology-enabled assisted onboarding through Points of Presence (PoPs) and their pension agent networks.

The initiative aims to improve accessibility, efficiency, and digital adoption in the pension sector.

Resident Indian individuals aged 18 years and above up to 85 years are eligible under the new framework.

Information Booster:

PFRDA also introduced a Regulatory Sandbox Framework effective from 2 June 2026.

The framework enables controlled testing of innovative pension-sector solutions before their wider adoption.

Additional Knowledge:

e-NPS Connect (Option a)

This is not the platform launched by PFRDA in June 2026.

It is not associated with the StAR NPS onboarding initiative.

NPS Digital Gateway (Option c)

No such platform was launched by PFRDA for NPS onboarding in June 2026.

It is a distractor option.

Pension Mitra Portal (Option d)

This is not the name of the newly launched digital onboarding platform.

The official platform launched by PFRDA is StAR NPS.

Q4. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), which recently announced an ANRF-backed portal to strengthen research and innovation, was established under which Act?

(a) National Innovation Act, 2022

(b) Science and Technology Development Act, 2021

(c) ANRF Act, 2023

(d) Research Promotion Act, 2024

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (c) ANRF Act, 2023

Explanation:

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) was established under the ANRF Act, 2023.

ANRF serves as India's apex research funding body for promoting research and innovation.

It supports collaboration among academia, research institutions, industry, and startups.

In June 2026, an ANRF-backed digital portal was announced to strengthen the research and innovation ecosystem.

The portal aims to provide training in patent filing, scientific writing, publishing, and intellectual property protection.

Information Booster:

ANRF is presided over by the Prime Minister of India.

It is administered by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Additional Knowledge:

National Innovation Act, 2022 (Option a)

No such Act established the ANRF.

It is not related to the creation of India's apex research funding body.

Science and Technology Development Act, 2021 (Option b)

ANRF was not constituted under this Act.

The foundation was established specifically through the ANRF Act, 2023.

Research Promotion Act, 2024 (Option d)

This is not the legislation under which ANRF was created.

ANRF had already been established before 2024 under a separate Act.

Q5. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the World Bank by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) in June 2026?

- (a) Tarun Kapoor
- (b) Parameswaran Iyer
- (c) Neelkanth Mishra
- (d) Rajiv Kumar

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (c) Neelkanth Mishra

Explanation:

In June 2026, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Neelkanth Mishra as Executive Director of the World Bank.

He was appointed for a tenure of three years.

He will succeed Parameswaran Iyer, whose tenure was extended until the new appointee assumes office. Neelkanth Mishra is currently the Chief Economist at Axis Bank and Head of Global Research & Whole-Time Director at Axis Capital.

Before joining the Axis Group in 2023, he spent nearly two decades at Credit Suisse, serving as Co-Head of Asia Pacific Strategy and India Strategist.

Information Booster:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) is chaired by the Prime Minister of India.

The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides financial and technical assistance for development projects across member countries.

Additional Knowledge:

Tarun Kapoor (Option a)

Tarun Kapoor received a one-year extension as Advisor to the Prime Minister in the PMO.

He was not appointed as Executive Director of the World Bank.

Parameswaran Iyer (Option b)

He is the outgoing Executive Director of the World Bank.

His tenure was extended beyond June 19, 2026, until his successor assumes office.

He is a retired 1981-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

Rajiv Kumar (Option d)

Rajiv Kumar is a noted economist and former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog.

He was not appointed as Executive Director of the World Bank in June 2026.

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the National Highway projects approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in June 2026:

1. All four approved National Highway projects are proposed to be implemented exclusively under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).
2. The Odisha project involves the development of a new coastal highway connecting Rameshwar and Paradeep and is the costliest among the four projects approved.
3. The Telangana project includes the widening of sections of NH-63 and NH-563 to four-lane standards and is proposed to be implemented through a combination of HAM and BOT (Toll) modes.
4. The Bihar project includes the construction of a greenfield bypass for Purnea city and is proposed to be developed under the BOT (Toll) model.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2 and 4 only

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is (a) 2, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

- Statement 1 – Incorrect. The projects are not all being implemented exclusively under HAM. While the Odisha and Madhya Pradesh projects are under HAM, the Telangana project uses a combination of HAM and BOT (Toll), whereas the Bihar project is under BOT (Toll).
- Statement 2 – Correct. The Odisha coastal highway project (Rameshwar–Paradeep) has an estimated cost of Rs 8,300.79 crore, making it the most expensive among the four approved projects.
- Statement 3 – Correct. The Telangana project covers sections of NH-63 and NH-563 and will be implemented through a combination of HAM and BOT (Toll) modes.
- Statement 4 – Correct. The Bihar project involves the upgradation of the Khagaria–Purnea section and includes a 6.729-km greenfield bypass for Purnea city under the BOT (Toll) model.

Information Booster:

- The four projects together involve an investment of over Rs 24,249 crore and cover more than 700 km.
- The projects span Odisha, Telangana, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.
- They are aligned with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan to improve logistics efficiency and multimodal connectivity.
- Greenfield bypasses have been proposed in both Khargone district (Madhya Pradesh) and Purnea city (Bihar) to reduce congestion and improve travel efficiency.

Q7. What was the slogan of the International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) 2026?

- (a) Safety at Every Crossing
- (b) Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow
- (c) Stop, Look and Listen
- (d) Rail Safety for All

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (b) Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow

Explanation:

The slogan for International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) 2026 was "Alert Today, Safe Tomorrow".

The observance aims to raise awareness about the dangers associated with level crossings.

It promotes safe behaviour where roads intersect with railway tracks.

The campaign seeks to reduce accidents and fatalities at railway crossings worldwide.

ILCAD is observed annually on 5 June across the globe.

Information Booster:

ILCAD is an international railway safety awareness initiative.

The day encourages cooperation among railway authorities, governments, and road users to improve safety at level crossings.

Q8. Subhash C. Kashyap, who passed away in June 2026, is best known for serving as the Secretary-General of which Lok Sabhas?

- (a) 5th, 6th and 7th Lok Sabhas
- (b) 6th, 7th and 8th Lok Sabhas
- (c) 7th, 8th and 9th Lok Sabhas
- (d) 8th, 9th and 10th Lok Sabhas

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (c) 7th, 8th and 9th Lok Sabhas

Explanation:

Subhash C. Kashyap served as the Secretary-General of the 7th, 8th, and 9th Lok Sabhas from 1983 to 1990.

He joined the Parliament Secretariat in 1953 and had an association with Parliament spanning over three and a half decades.

He was one of India's foremost constitutional experts and parliamentary scholars.

He authored more than 100 books on the Constitution, parliamentary procedures, and political institutions.

He passed away in June 2026 at the age of 97 in New Delhi.

Information Booster:

In 2015, the Government of India conferred the Padma Bhushan on Subhash C. Kashyap in the field of Public Affairs.

He served as the Drafting Committee Chairman of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (NCRWC) from 2000 to 2002.

Q9. Which vehicle was launched as India's first passenger Flex-Fuel Vehicle (FFV) capable of running on ethanol-petrol blends from E20 to E100 in June 2026?

- (a) Tata Tiago Flex
- (b) Hyundai Grand i10 Flex
- (c) Maruti Suzuki Wagon R
- (d) Mahindra XUV 3XO Flex

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (c) Maruti Suzuki Wagon R

Explanation:

In June 2026, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched India's first passenger Flex-Fuel Vehicle (FFV), the Maruti Suzuki Wagon R.

The vehicle can operate on ethanol-petrol blends ranging from E20 to E100.

It is equipped with an advanced Engine Control Unit (ECU) that automatically adjusts to varying ethanol concentrations.

The vehicle features modified fuel-system components, optimized injection mapping, and a cold-start system.

The launch supports India's efforts to promote ethanol-based mobility and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Information Booster:

E85 has been designated as the mono-fuel standard for Flex-Fuel Vehicles under Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications.

NITI Aayog classifies ethanol-based FFVs as Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) due to their near-zero particulate matter emissions.

Q10. Following the sale of a 3.25% stake in Lenskart Solutions through an open market transaction in June 2026, SoftBank's shareholding in the company declined to:

- (a) 13.13%
- (b) 11.50%
- (c) 9.88%
- (d) 7.25%

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (c) 9.88%

Explanation:

In June 2026, SoftBank Group, through SoftBank Vision Fund II, sold a 3.25% stake in Lenskart Solutions via an open market transaction.

A total of 5.65 crore shares were sold on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

The shares were sold at an average price of Rs 508.55 per share.

The transaction was valued at approximately Rs 2,873.30 crore.

Following the sale, SoftBank's stake in Lenskart declined from 13.13% to 9.88%.

Information Booster:

Lenskart is one of India's leading eyewear and vision-care companies.

The transaction generated nearly 7 times returns for SoftBank, making it one of its most successful investments in India.



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