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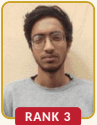
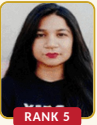
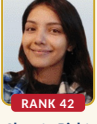
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Month at a Glance

Key Uttarakhand developments of June 2026 in chronological order.

Date	Development
1 Jun	Valley of Flowers National Park opens for the 2026 season
4 Jun	Search Committee constituted for appointment of the Lokayukta; CM transfers ₹176.59 crore pension to 9.74 lakh beneficiaries
8 Jun	Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls: door-to-door enumeration begins (till 7 July)
10 Jun	Uttarakhand Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy 2026 released
10-11 Jun	Scientific Conclave on Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026 held at Haridwar
11 Jun	CM attends 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog; NMCG sanctions ₹115.61 crore for sanitation at Haridwar Kumbh 2027
12 Jun	Shooting legend and Dronacharya awardee Jaspal Rana dies at 49
13 Jun	President reviews IMA Passing Out Parade — 515 cadets commissioned, including the first 9 women
18 Jun	Cabinet approves 12 proposals incl. declaration of Uttarakhand as fully literate; first consignment of Uttarakhand litchi exported to Italy
19 Jun	MHA designates Lipulekh La (Pithoragarh) as a temporary immigration post for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra
20 Jun	Uttarakhand Police receives MEA award for passport verification; 23rd PM-KISAN instalment reaches 8 lakh+ farmers of the state
20 Jun-24 Aug	Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 via Lipulekh and Nathu La
24 Jun	Centre sanctions ₹2,355 crore for 2026-27 under SASCI, incl. 'Pride of Hills' assistance
26 Jun	National programme of Nasha Mukh Bharat Saptah held at Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar
30 Jun	South-west monsoon reaches Uttarakhand

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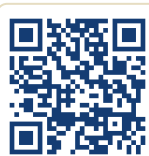
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01

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

State Cabinet Decisions



1.1 Cabinet Meeting of 18 June 2026 — 12 Proposals Approved

WHY IN NEWS The state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami approved the declaration of Uttarakhand as a fully literate state, insurance support for pack animals on the yatra routes and equal pay for more UPNL personnel.

Decision	Key details
Fully literate state	Proposal to declare Uttarakhand a fully literate state approved; literacy above 98% under the ULLAS programme (see Section 2).
Insurance of horses and mules	About 15,000 registered horses and mules on the Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Hemkund Sahib routes to be insured for the 2026 yatra; the state pays 20% of the premium , owners the rest.
International Himalayan Car Rally	Tourism Department allowed to host an international car rally through the Himalayan region to promote adventure tourism.
Centre for Aromatic Plants, Selaqui	Modern laboratory to detect adulteration in essential oils and perfumes; 5 new posts.
Embryo transfer technology	Pilot project in animal husbandry to breed high-yielding cattle and raise milk output.
State agitators	Relief in document verification for state-movement agitators appointed under their 10% horizontal reservation in government jobs.

KNOW THE TERMS

- **UPNL** — Uttarakhand Purv Sainik Kalyan Nigam Ltd, the state agency that supplies outsourced manpower to government departments.
- **Embryo transfer technology (ETT)** — embryos from high-yielding donor cows are implanted in ordinary surrogate cows so that one elite cow produces many calves in a year.
- **CAP Selaqui** — the Centre for Aromatic Plants (Dehradun) promotes cultivation and processing of aromatic crops through aroma clusters across the state.

02

POLITY & SOCIAL SECTOR

Governance, Polity & Social Sector



2.1 Uttarakhand Becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State

WHY IN NEWS Following the cabinet decision of 18 June 2026, Uttarakhand became the sixth state of India to achieve full literacy under ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, with a literacy rate of 98% or more.

Programme	ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme)
Benchmark for 'full literacy'	At least 95% literacy among adults aged 15 years and above
Uttarakhand's literacy	98% or above
Earlier fully literate states	Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim; Ladakh is the first fully literate Union Territory

ABOUT ULLAS

- Centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Education for **2022-27**, aligned with NEP 2020; it covers adults (15+) who missed schooling.
- Five components: foundational literacy and numeracy, critical life skills, basic education, vocational skills and continuing education; learning is volunteer-based ('Kartavya Bodh').
- Census 2011 literacy rate of Uttarakhand was **78.8%** (male 87.4%, female 70%).

2.2 Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls began in Uttarakhand, with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) doing house-to-house enumeration from 8 June to 7 July 2026. The Chief Electoral Officer handed the enumeration form to the Chief Minister at the Secretariat.

Stage	Date
House-to-house enumeration by BLOs	8 June – 7 July 2026
Publication of draft roll	14 July 2026
Claims and objections	14 July – 13 August 2026
Publication of final roll	15 September 2026

- Enumeration forms are digitised through the **BLO App**; BLOs make up to three visits to each household.
- More than **8.5 lakh electors** of the existing roll could not be 'mapped' with earlier rolls for want of documents and were asked to submit them before the draft roll.
- Chief Electoral Officer, Uttarakhand: **Dr. B.V.R.C. Purushottam**.

WHAT IS SIR?

- A fresh, house-to-house preparation of the electoral roll, done by the Election Commission under **Article 324** and **Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950**.
- Unlike the annual summary revision, every elector must fill an enumeration form; it began with Bihar in 2025 and has been extended to other states in phases.

2.3 Search Committee Formed to Appoint the Lokayukta

WHY IN NEWS Following a meeting of the Selection Committee on 4 June 2026, the state constituted a Search Committee to prepare a panel for the posts of Chairperson and Members of the Uttarakhand Lokayukta.

Chair	Justice (Retd.) Alok Kumar Verma, former judge of the Uttarakhand High Court
Members	Former Chief Secretaries Indu Kumar Pandey, Subhash Kumar and Radha Raturi; Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice-Chancellor, Doon University
Law	Uttarakhand Lokayukta Act, 2014 — Sections 4(3) and 4(4)
Role	Prepare a panel of eligible candidates for the five-member Selection Committee

BACKGROUND

- The **Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013** requires every state to set up a Lokayukta within a year; Uttarakhand passed its Lokayukta Act in 2014 but the post has remained vacant for years.
- An earlier **Lokayukta Act of 2011**, passed under CM B.C. Khanduri, had brought the CM within its ambit.

2.4 Nasha Mukh Bharat Saptah — National Programme at Haridwar

WHY IN NEWS The concluding national programme of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Saptah (17–26 June 2026) was held on 26 June — the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking — at Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar.

- Led by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar**, who administered the Pledge against Drug Abuse and the 'Ageing with Dignity' pledge.
- Over **1.31 crore citizens** took part in the week's activities across the country.
- The Department of Social Justice signed an MoU with the **All World Gayatri Pariwar** for drug-demand reduction and welfare of senior citizens.

NASHA MUKH BHARAT ABHIYAAN

- Launched on **15 August 2020** by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, now covering all districts of the country.

03

ECONOMY

Economy, Agriculture & Science



3.1 ₹2,355 Crore Central Assistance for Capital Investment

WHY IN NEWS On 24 June 2026 the state announced that the Centre had sanctioned ₹2,355.54 crore for 2026–27 under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), mostly under the ‘Pride of Hills’ component for hill states.

Component	Amount (₹ crore)
‘Pride of Hills’ special development assistance for hill states	2,283.60
SASCI — state share of centrally sponsored schemes	71.94
Total	2,355.54

- The money is a **50-year interest-free loan** for capital works — roads, tourism, health, education and rural connectivity.
- Under ‘Pride of Hills’ the Centre has earmarked about **₹25,000 crore for nine Himalayan states**.

3.2 First Export of Uttarakhand Litchi to Europe

WHY IN NEWS On 18 June 2026 APEDA facilitated the first export of fresh litchi from Uttarakhand to Italy — the state’s first entry into the European market for this fruit.

Quantity and destination	1 metric tonne to Italy
Agency	APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority), Ministry of Commerce
Growing areas	Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar
Varieties	Rose Scented, Calcuttia and Bedana
Benefit to farmers	About 25% higher price than the domestic market

3.3 Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Minister released the Uttarakhand Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy 2026 on 10 June 2026. It was prepared by the Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST).

- State-level coordination committees linking government, academia, research bodies, industry, PSUs and start-ups.
- Digital archive of publicly funded research; participation in **‘One Nation, One Subscription’** for scientific journals.
- Priority areas: artificial intelligence, blockchain, robotics, drones, AR/VR, biotechnology, nanotechnology and space technology; blending traditional knowledge with modern science.
- Science cities, planetariums, AI labs and Atal Tinkering Labs; an **STI Observatory** as a single digital window for schemes, grants and IP support.

04

CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

Pilgrimage, Tourism & Environment



4.1 Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 via Lipulekh

WHY IN NEWS The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 runs from 20 June to 24 August. On 19 June the Ministry of Home Affairs designated Lipulekh La (Pithoragarh) and Nathu La (Sikkim) as temporary immigration posts for the yatra.

Organiser	Ministry of External Affairs, with the Government of China
Pilgrims	Selected by a computerised, random, gender-balanced draw; 20 batches of 50 — 10 via Lipulekh, 10 via Nathu La
First batch	Flagged off in New Delhi on 13 June 2026
Notification	Under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025
Route	Both routes are now motorable with little trekking

LIPULEKH PASS

- At about 5,300 m at the head of the **Vyas valley** of Pithoragarh, near the India–Nepal–China tri-junction; the road runs via Dharchula, Gunji and Nabhidhang.
- It is also a route for India–China border trade; Nepal claims the Kalapani–Lipulekh area.

4.2 Haridwar Kumbh 2027 — ₹115.61 Crore for Sanitation

WHY IN NEWS The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) sanctioned ₹115.61 crore for integrated sanitation, solid and liquid waste management and public health at the Haridwar Kumbh Mela 2027 (reported on 11 June 2026).

Item	Quantity
Toilets	13,915
Urinals	8,065
Bathing facilities	2,000
Waste bins	4,840
Collection vehicles	491
Ghat-cleaning machines	15
Trash booms on the Ganga	2

The plan also covers transfer stations, gas-based crematoria, faecal sludge treatment plants and a cloud-based monitoring dashboard.

4.3 Monsoon Arrives; Valley of Flowers Opens

WHY IN NEWS The south-west monsoon reached Uttarakhand on 30 June 2026, and the Valley of Flowers opened for visitors on 1 June.

- 30 June** — the monsoon covered most of the state; the IMD issued heavy-rain alerts for the hill districts in the first days of July.
- 1 June** — the **Valley of Flowers National Park** (Chamoli) opened for the season; it stays open till 31 October.

REMEMBER

- **16-17 June 2013** — the Kedarnath disaster, caused by extreme rain and the collapse of the moraine-dammed **Chorabari lake** above Kedarnath.
- The Valley of Flowers (declared a national park in 1982) and Nanda Devi National Park together form a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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05

PERSONALITIES & SPORTS

Defence, Sports & Persons in News



5.1 IMA Passing Out Parade — First Women Cadets Commissioned

WHY IN NEWS President Droupadi Murmu reviewed the Passing Out Parade of the 158th Regular Course and 141st Technical Graduate Course at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, on 13 June 2026.

Commissioned	515 officer cadets — 481 Indian and 34 foreign cadets from 16 friendly countries
Historic first	9 women cadets — the first women to be trained and commissioned through the IMA (joined in July 2025)
Reviewing officer	President Droupadi Murmu, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces

INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY

- Established in **1932** at Dehradun; its first batch was called 'The Pioneers'. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw was one of them.

5.2 Shooting Legend Jaspal Rana Passes Away

WHY IN NEWS Jaspal Rana, one of India's most successful shooters and the coach of Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, died in New Delhi on 12 June 2026, aged 49.

Born	28 June 1976, Tehri Garhwal
Asian Games	Gold in 25 m centre-fire pistol at Hiroshima 1994; three golds and a silver at Doha 2006
Commonwealth Games	15 medals (9 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze), 1994–2006 — six of them at Manchester 2002
Awards	Arjuna (1994), Padma Shri (1997), Dronacharya (2020), Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman (2025)
As coach	Coached Manu Bhaker , double bronze medallist at the Paris Olympics 2024

5.3 Awards and Achievements

WHY IN NEWS Recognition received by the state and its people in June 2026.

Date	Recipient	Details
20 Jun	Uttarakhand Police	Institutional Performance Award for State Police for fast and transparent passport verification in 2025–26, presented by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar
Early Jun	Digambar Singh Rawat (Chamoli)	Won the vacant MFN (Matrix Fight Night) lightweight world title in mixed martial arts at Greater Noida

06

RAPID REVISION

Quick Revision: One-Liners



#	Fact
1	Uttarakhand became India's sixth fully literate state in June 2026, under ULLAS.
2	Under ULLAS, a state is 'fully literate' when adult (15+) literacy reaches at least 95% .
3	The first five fully literate states are Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim; Ladakh is the first such UT.
4	The state cabinet met on 18 June 2026 and approved 12 proposals.
5	The state will pay 20% of the insurance premium for about 15,000 horses and mules on the yatra routes.
6	An International Himalayan Car Rally has been approved to promote adventure tourism.
7	State-movement agitators have 10% horizontal reservation in state government jobs.
8	SIR enumeration in Uttarakhand ran from 8 June to 7 July 2026 ; the final roll is due on 15 September 2026.
9	Chief Electoral Officer of Uttarakhand: Dr. B.V.R.C. Purushottam .
10	A Search Committee for the Lokayukta, chaired by Justice (Retd.) Alok Kumar Verma, was formed after the 4 June 2026 meeting.
11	Uttarakhand's Lokayukta law in force is the Uttarakhand Lokayukta Act, 2014 .
12	The national programme of Nasha Mukta Bharat Saptah was held at Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar , on 26 June 2026.
13	The Centre sanctioned ₹2,355.54 crore to Uttarakhand for 2026–27 under SASCI, mainly the 'Pride of Hills' component.
14	SASCI assistance is a 50-year interest-free loan for capital expenditure.
15	The first consignment of Uttarakhand litchi (1 tonne) was exported to Italy on 18 June 2026, through APEDA.
16	Main litchi varieties of Uttarakhand: Rose Scented, Calcuttia and Bedana.
17	The Uttarakhand STI Policy 2026 was released on 10 June 2026 ; it was prepared by UCOST.
18	The 23rd instalment of PM-KISAN (20 June 2026) gave about ₹159 crore to over 8 lakh farmers of the state.
19	The CM attended the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog on 11 June 2026 (theme: Viksit Bharat @2047 — inclusive human development).
20	The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 runs from 20 June to 24 August via Lipulekh and Nathu La.
21	Lipulekh La (Pithoragarh) was designated a temporary immigration post on 19 June 2026.
22	NMCG sanctioned ₹115.61 crore for sanitation at the Haridwar Kumbh Mela 2027.
23	The south-west monsoon reached Uttarakhand on 30 June 2026 .
24	The Valley of Flowers National Park opened for visitors on 1 June 2026.
25	On 13 June 2026 the IMA commissioned 515 cadets , including 34 from 16 friendly countries.
26	The first 9 women cadets passed out of the Indian Military Academy on 13 June 2026.
27	The Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, was established in 1932 .
28	Shooter Jaspal Rana (born Tehri Garhwal) died on 12 June 2026; he won 15 Commonwealth Games medals.
29	Jaspal Rana coached Manu Bhaker , double bronze medallist at Paris 2024.
30	Uttarakhand Police won the MEA's Institutional Performance Award for passport verification on 20 June 2026.

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