



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 2, 2026

NATIONAL

Khet Bachao Abhiyan

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Khet Bachao Abhiyan on 1 June 2026 from Ramasiya Village. The month-long nationwide campaign aims to promote soil conservation, balanced fertilizer use, natural farming, water management, and scientific agricultural practices.
- It emphasizes the use of Soil Health Cards, reduction of excessive chemical fertilizers, and adoption of sustainable farming methods.
- The initiative includes farmer training, crop demonstrations, awareness against fake fertilizers and pesticides, and support for women's empowerment through SHGs and rural youth employment, fostering climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture.

Supreme Court Orders Clean-up of Agasthyamalai Landscape

- On 30 May 2026, the Supreme Court of India directed the removal of encroachments and demolition of illegal structures in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve, a highly ecologically sensitive part of the Western Ghats spanning Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- Acting on findings of the Central Empowered Committee, the Court flagged large-scale illegal occupation, including resorts, commercial buildings, and unauthorized public structures inside forest areas.
- It ordered time-bound eviction plans, strict accountability of officials, and restoration of degraded land, with completion targeted within six months.

- The decision also covers protected zones like the Srivilliputhur–Megamalai Tiger Reserve and underscores strong judicial focus on biodiversity conservation and enforcement of forest laws.

AWARDS

Global Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Award (2026)

- Soma Mandal, a science teacher at GD Goenka Public School, became the global winner of the Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards 2026, making her the first Indian to achieve the overall global title.
- With over 10 years of teaching experience and a Master's in Environmental Science, she was recognized for developing a climate-focused, inquiry-based science curriculum that promotes environmental awareness, problem-solving, and sustainable thinking among students.
- Organized by Cambridge University Press & Assessment, the award honors exceptional educators worldwide.
- Mandal secured about 40% of the global public vote and received a professional development course, £500 worth of books, and recognition in future Cambridge textbooks.

Tamil Nadu Farmer Honoured as UN FAO Soil Farmer Hero

- Valluvan, a 58-year-old farmer from Pollachi, transformed his loss-making coconut farm into a profitable multi-crop agroforestry enterprise, earning recognition as a FAO Soil Farmer Hero.
- Inspired by the Cauvery Calling program, he diversified from three crops to over 14 crops, including coconut, nutmeg, pepper, turmeric, elephant yam, curry leaves, and bananas.
- His annual income rose from ₹30,000 per acre to ₹2.5–3 lakh per acre, while soil organic carbon improved from 0.5% to 1.56%.
- His success demonstrates how agroforestry, crop diversification, and sustainable farming practices can enhance farmer incomes, improve soil health, and support environmental conservation.

Meet the Indian Students Who Won the Earth Prize 2026 with Plas-Stick Innovation

- Indian teenagers Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta won the The Earth Prize, becoming the first Indian team to secure the global award.
- They developed Plas-Stick, an innovative biodegradable material made from tamarind seed powder that helps remove microplastics from contaminated water.
- The solution works by binding tiny plastic particles into larger clumps that can be easily separated, offering a low-cost, eco-friendly, and scalable water purification method.
- Inspired by water-quality challenges in rural communities, their innovation addresses the growing global threat of microplastic pollution and highlights the role of young innovators in advancing environmental sustainability.

DEFENSE

BRO's Project UDAYAK

- Project UDAYAK of the Border Roads Organisation celebrated its 37th Raising Day on 1 June 2026 at Doomdooma.
- Established in 1989, the project is responsible for developing and maintaining 1,457 km of strategic roads in eastern Arunachal Pradesh and parts of Assam, enhancing connectivity near the LAC and the Indo-Myanmar border.
- Recent achievements include 12 strategic bridges, a major road project, and a helipad.
- The project also organized cleanliness drives, road safety campaigns, walkathons, and medical camps, highlighting its contribution to both national security and regional development.

Chief of Central Air Command

- Air Marshal Tarun Chaudhry assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Central Air Command on 2 June 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan.
- Commissioned into the Indian Air Force in 1989, he brings over three decades of operational, strategic, and diplomatic experience.
- He previously served as Defence Attaché in Sweden and held key roles in defence acquisitions, capability development, and modernization projects.

- Formerly the Senior Air Staff Officer at Southern Air Command, he is an alumnus of NDA, DSSC, CAW, and NDC, and will now lead the strategically important Central Air Command headquartered in Prayagraj.

Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command

- Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty assumed charge as the 20th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command on 1 June 2026 at Sri Vijaya Puram.
- India's only integrated tri-service command, ANC is strategically located near the Strait of Malacca and plays a key role in maritime security and Indo-Pacific stability.
- Commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1989, Vice Admiral McCarty is a specialist in Gunnery and Missile Warfare with over 36 years of experience.
- He previously served in senior tri-service roles, as Defence Advisor to Singapore and the Philippines, and will oversee joint Army, Navy, and Air Force operations in the region.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Telangana Formation Day

- Telangana Formation Day is observed every year on 2 June to commemorate the creation of Telangana as India's 29th state in 2014 after its separation from Andhra Pradesh. In 2026, the state celebrates its 12th Foundation Day, marking the success of a decades-long movement for regional identity, equitable development, and self-governance.
- The movement gained momentum under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, who founded the Telangana Rashtra Samithi in 2001.
- Following the passage of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Telangana officially came into existence on 2 June 2014.
- The day honors the sacrifices of statehood activists and celebrates Telangana's cultural heritage through flag hoisting ceremonies, tributes to martyrs, cultural programs, public events, and state awards across the state.

