



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 5, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India and UK Launch Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory

- India and the United Kingdom have jointly launched the India-UK Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO) in New Delhi to strengthen cooperation in critical minerals essential for clean energy, electric vehicles, semiconductors, and advanced technologies.
- The initiative was launched by G. Kishan Reddy and Yvette Cooper.
- The GSCO will serve as a data-driven platform to monitor global mineral supply chains, identify market risks, track resource availability, and assess geopolitical vulnerabilities.
- It has been developed through collaboration between TEXMiN, Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad, and University of Cambridge.

NATIONAL

India Reaches Landmark of 100 Ramsar Sites with Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary

- India achieved a major environmental milestone as the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) in Uttar Pradesh was designated the 100th Ramsar Convention site in India on World Environment Day 2026.
- This recognition highlights India's growing commitment to wetland conservation and biodiversity protection.
- The sanctuary, located in Ballia district, supports migratory birds and aquatic ecosystems.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the achievement, praising conservation efforts and community participation in preserving ecologically important habitats across the country

STATE

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Inaugurates 18 'Namo Oxygen Parks' on World Environment Day

- Rekha Gupta inaugurated 18 Namo Oxygen Parks at Maidangarhi, Delhi, on World Environment Day 2026 to enhance urban greenery and environmental sustainability.
- The initiative aims to improve air quality, increase green cover, and encourage community participation in conservation.
- During the event, attended by Bhupender Yadav, Delhi announced a target of planting 15 lakh trees and saplings.
- The Chief Minister also proposed local caretaking committees and highlighted the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign while outlining a vision to develop 100 Oxygen Parks across the city.

AWARDS

MY Bharat Sets Guinness World Record Through VBYLD Quiz

- India's youth engagement platform Mera Yuva Bharat, under the Department of Youth Affairs, earned a Guinness World Records title for the highest number of users completing an online quiz in one week.
- The record was achieved through the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue Quiz, with 390,812 verified participants completing the quiz between 25-31 October 2025.
- The initiative, aimed at promoting the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, attracted over 50.42 lakh youth from all states and union territories.
- The award was presented in New Delhi in the presence of Mansukh Mandaviya and Raksha Nikhil Khadse

APPOINTMENTS

Neelkanth Mishra Appointed India's Next Executive Director at the World Bank

- The Government of India has appointed Neelkanth Mishra as India's next Executive Director at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.
- Approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, he will serve a three-year term and represent the South Asian constituency comprising India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka.
- He succeeds Parameswaran Iyer. Currently Chief Economist at Axis Bank and a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Mishra is a noted economist with extensive experience in economic policy, financial markets, and research, including nearly two decades at Credit Suisse.

DEFENSE

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed as Next Indian Air Force Vice Chief

- On 5 June 2026, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force and will assume office on 1 July 2026.
- Currently serving as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC), he was commissioned into the IAF in 1986 and has over 3,300 flying hours on more than 20 aircraft types.
- A qualified flying instructor and experimental test pilot, he has contributed significantly to fighter aircraft modernization, indigenous defence projects, flight testing, and joint military reforms.

SPORTS

First World Yogasana Championship 2026

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever World Yogasana Championship 2026 in Ahmedabad on 4 June 2026.
- The championship brings together athletes from various countries and marks a significant step toward establishing Yogasana as a competitive global sport.
- Held ahead of International Day of Yoga 2026, the event showcases yoga's sporting potential.
- Modi expressed confidence that Yogasana could eventually feature in major international competitions and highlighted the 2026 Yoga Day theme, "Yoga for Healthy Ageing."

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Environment Day 2026

- World Environment Day 2026 is being observed on 5 June 2026 under the leadership of the United Nations Environment Programme. The theme, "Inspired by Nature: For Climate.
- For Our Future.", accompanied by the global call #NowForClimate, emphasizes urgent climate action, ecosystem restoration, pollution reduction, and sustainable living.
- Hosted by Azerbaijan in Baku, the event brings together governments, businesses, experts, and citizens to address environmental challenges.
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 following the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, World Environment Day serves as a global platform for promoting environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and nature-based solutions such as forest restoration, wetland conservation, and sustainable agriculture.

