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General Awareness

The week from 02 June 2025 to 08 June 2025

Prime Minister of India launched the Aravalli Green Wall initiative on World Environment Day 2025 to rejuvenate the ancient Aravalli range. It is a centrally coordinated reforestation and landscape restoration campaign to create a 700km long and 5km wide green belt buffer around the Aravali Mountain range covering states of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi.

India has added two new Ramsar Sites—Menar (Udaipur) and Khichan (Phalodi) on 5th June, 2025. With this, India's total number of Ramsar wetlands rose to 91, the highest in Asia and third globally. India became a Ramsar signatory on February 1, 1982 and the first Ramsar sites were Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan).

Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Chenab Railway Bridge marking the completion of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project. Executed by Konkan Railway Corporation, it is now officially the tallest railway bridge in the world, symbolizing engineering excellence and strategic connectivity. Situated between Bakkal and Kauri villages in Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir it connects Katra to Sangaldan, enabling rail access to Srinagar. India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2026–28 term with overwhelming global support. Established in 1945 under the UN Charter, it is a central UN platform for policy dialogue, coordination, and consensus on economic, social, and humanitarian issues. It comprises of 54 countries, elected by the UN General Assembly for a 3-year term

The Government of India has announced that the 16th Census will conclude by March 2027, marking the first digital and caste-based census in Independent India. It is conducted every 10 years under the supervision of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The last Census was conducted in 2011 and the consequent census was delayed due to COVID-19.

On 5 June 2025, World Environment Day was celebrated globally with Jeju, South Korea hosting the official event. Initiated in 1973 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Environment Day is the United Nations' principal platform for global environmental outreach. The theme for 2025 was 'Beat Plastic Pollution' highlighting the urgency of tackling plastic waste, which affects oceans, biodiversity, and human health.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has granted a license to Elon Musk's Starlink to begin satellite internet services in India. It is a satellitebased broadband internet system developed by SpaceX and aims to provide high-speed, low-latency internet globally, especially in rural and remote regions. Starlink becomes the third company after Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio Satellite Communications to receive this approval.



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