

# Daily Current Affairs

## 05 June 2024

### World Environment Day

- Led by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** and held annually on **5 June since 1973**, World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world.
- In 2024, it is **hosted by Saudi Arabia**. 2024 will mark the **30th anniversary** of the **UN Convention to Combat Desertification**.



- The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will be held in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, from 2 to 13 December 2024.
- **World Environment Day 2024** focuses on land restoration, halting desertification and building drought resilience under the slogan **“Our land. Our future. We are #GenerationRestoration.”**
- We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land.

## 21st Shangri- La Dialogue

- The **21st edition of the Asia Pacific premier defence meet**, the Shangri-La Dialogue or the **Asian Security Summit**, concluded in Singapore.
- The Dialogue saw participation from over a hundred delegates worldwide, discussing pressing security challenges and exploring fresh approaches.
- The Shangri-La Dialogue is organised by the **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)** in collaboration with the Singapore government.



- "British strategist **Sir John Chipman**, head of IISS, initiated the Shangri-La Dialogue in the 1990s, with support from former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.
- The first dialogue **took place in 2002**. The event was not held in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This year, the **United States Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin** inaugurated the main session, with China's defence minister Admiral Dong Jun opening the following day's session.



- The event featured defence ministers from Indonesia, Maldives, France, South Korea, among others. Additionally, prominent leaders such as Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the Philippines' President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.,

and Timor-Leste's President Dr. José Ramos-Horta attended. India was notably absent, though Prime Minister Narendra Modi had addressed the Dialogue in 2018.

## Helen Mary Roberts

- **Dr. Helen Mary Roberts, a Christian lady**, became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of one-star officer in Pakistan's 77-year military history.
- Her ascension coincides with increased attention being paid to **atrocities against minorities in the nation** with a majority of Muslims, particularly against Christians.



- A Muslim mob in Punjab's Sargodha district attacked a Christian factory owner, vandalized his home, and set fire to many properties on the pretext of blasphemy, prompting incensed Christian citizens to take to the streets earlier.
- Robert's ascent to an elite rank in the Army has been viewed by the Christian community as a ray of hope amidst these tensions. **Dr. Helen Mar Roberts** is a senior pathologist in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, Brig. She has been serving in the Army for 26 years.
- The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media and public relations wing of the Pakistan Armed Forces, was quoted as saying that the brigadier was "another living example of merit and national representation" in the Army.
- The ISPR statement further said Dr. Roberts considers it an honour to serve her country and nation while emphasising that decisions within the Pakistan Army are made without regard to religious, linguistic, or gender discrimination.
- **Before Brigadier Robert's promotion**, Major-General Nigar Johar broke gender barriers in the male-dominated Pakistani Army by becoming the first female

officer to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant general in 2020. The officer was also appointed as the first female surgeon general of the Army.

## Zupee Collaborates With Gurugram Cyber Police

- **Zupee, India's largest skill-based Ludo platform**, has partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police for the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled '**Cyber Warriors**'.
- The month-long internship aims to train selected candidates in cyber security under the guidance of experts, fostering responsible digital citizenship and tackling real-world cyber threats.



- Zupee joins forces with **Gurugram Cyber Police** to lead the Cyber Warriors Program, emphasizing the importance of cyber safety in an increasingly digital world. 15,000 applications were received, with 1,100 interns selected, including working professionals and college students, to undergo immersive cyber security training.
- Commissioner of Police, Gurugram, Vikas Kumar Arora, alongside other dignitaries, inaugurated the event, underlining the commitment to enhancing cyber crime detection and prevention.



## Gender Sensitisation Committee

- **Supreme Court of India** has reconstituted its Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee, in accordance with the **Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment regulations** of 2013.
- The reconstitution, initiated by the Chief Justice of India, appoints **Justice Hima Kohli** as the Chairperson, alongside Justice BV Nagarathna as a Member and Dr. Sukhda Pritam as the Member Secretary.



- The **committee includes** representatives from various legal bodies such as the Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association, and Supreme Court Bar Clerks' Association.
- Additionally, members nominated by the Chief Justice of India include legal practitioners and academic professionals like Shruti Pandey, Jaideep Gupta, Dr. Leni Chaudhuri, and Dr. Menaka Guruswamy.



- **Justice Hima Kohli**, who has previously served as the head of the committee, continues in her role as the Chairperson, ensuring continuity in the leadership of the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.



## ISRO Extends Support To Boost India's Space Startup

- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has recently started to help the country's business space industry grow. This became clear after the successful launch of **Agnibaan SOrTeD into suborbital space** by the Indian start-up M/s Agnikul Cosmos.



- ISRO gave a lot of technical help and shared its knowledge, showing that it wants to help the country build a strong space economy. The **Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR (SDSC SHAR)** of ISRO was very important to the Agnibaan mission.
- They helped choose a good location for the suborbital flight and set up the launchpad and control centre and gave their help. The **launch pad, control**

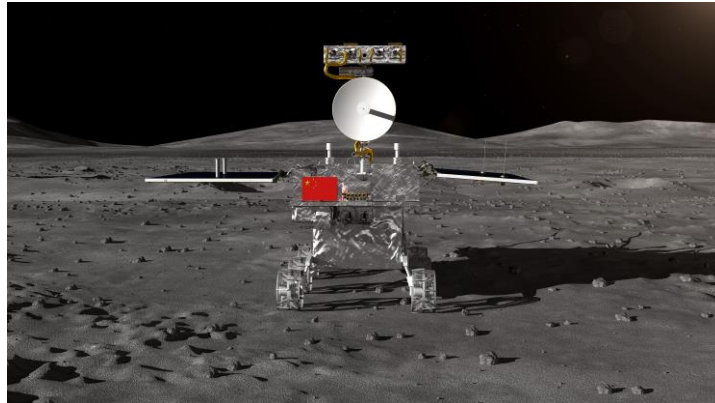
**centre**, and ISRO's main control centre were all connected to a strong network at this spot for data and communication.



- **SDSC SHAR also made safety plans** and made sure that all operations were done quickly and carefully. This included coordinating launch clearances and sending out Notices to Airmen (NOTAM).
- They also helped with logistics and sent important information for planning flights and setting launch standards.
- The **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)** helped by sharing its expertise in several areas. As part of this, they helped test the semi-cryogenic engine for 15 seconds at high temperatures and did sound tests on the launch vehicle's frame between its tanks.
- **VSSC not only offered a complete Flight Termination System**, but they also ensured that the mission design was thoroughly checked and approved, and they helped with assembly and on-site integration during different stages of the launch campaign.

## Chinese Spacecraft Lands On Moon's Far Side

- China's national space agency announced that its **Chang'e-6 probe** has lifted off **from the far side of the moon**, starting its journey back towards Earth.
- The probe's successful departure from the moon means China is closer to becoming the **first country to return samples** from the far side of the moon, which permanently faces away from Earth.
- The probe, which departed the moon at 7:38 am local time (2338 GMT) successfully completed its sample collection from June 2-3.



- China National Space Administration (CNSA) said in a statement that Chang'e-6 “**withstood the test of high temperature** on the far side of the moon” Compared with its predecessor Chang'e-5, which retrieved samples from the near side of the moon, Chang'e-6 faced an additional technical challenge of operating without direct communications with ground stations on Earth.

## World Headed For 2.7° C Warming

- United Nations Climate head **Simon Stiell** has warned that the world is headed for 2.7 degrees Celsius warming, and the road to keeping it to 1.5 degrees Celsius is extremely steep.
- He was speaking at the **Bonn Climate Change Conference in Germany** on Monday. Mr. Stiell said that without UN-convened international cooperation, people would be headed for **global heating**, which most of humanity likely could not survive.



- The Bonn meeting from June 3 to 13 is known as halfway to the annual climate summit, also known as the **29th Conference of Parties, or COP29**.
- It is expected to set the agenda for climate negotiations this year and will open discussions on a new finance goal to replace the existing goal of 100 billion



dollars per year. The new finance goal is meant to channel greater funds toward urgently needed climate action in developing countries.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The First World Environment Day Was Held In Which Year**

- A. 1971
- B. 1973
- C. 1976
- D. 1978

**ANSWER: B**

**2. When Was The First Major Conference On Environmental Issues Under The United Nations Was Held**

- A. 1970
- B. 1971
- C. 1972
- D. 1973

**ANSWER: C**

**3. World Environment Day Was Celebrated For The First Time Under Which Slogan**

- A. Only One Future for Our Children
- B. Only One Earth
- C. A Tree for Peace
- D. Gift to the Earth

**ANSWER: B**

**4. AT Provisional Estimate Of NSO What Was Growth Rate Of Indian Economy In 2023-24**

- A. 7.6%
- B. 8.2%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 5.1%

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Armed Forces Medical Services Signed An Mou With Which IIT To Collaborate On Research And Training**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Hyderabad

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Which Organizations Jointly Launched ' Bimren Initiative' For PhD Students**

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences and Indian Ocean Rim Association
- B. Ministry of External Affairs and Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter Governmental Organization
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology and BIMSTEC Secretariat
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and SAARC

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Which Institute Established DRDO Industry Academia Centre Of Excellence**

- A. IIT Hyderabad
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Kanpur

**ANSWER: D**

**8. ISRO Collaborated With Which Company For Sustainable Space Exploration Through Additive Manufacturing**

- A. Wipro 3D
- B. Skyroot aerospace
- C. Google 3D
- D. IBM

**ANSWER: A**

**9. India Got Highest FDI From Which Country In 2023-24**

- A. Mauritius
- B. Singapore
- C. Vietnam
- D. China

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which Research Institute Has Developed A Way Of Generating Non Infectious Nipah Virus Like Particles In Laboratory**

- A. Central Drug Research Institute
- B. Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology
- C. Institute of Advanced Virology
- D. Raman Research Institute

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Dinesh Karthik Announced His Retirement, Belongs To Which Sports**

- A. Cricket
- B. Football
- C. Basketball
- D. Hockey

**ANSWER: A**

**12. What Is The Primary Use Of A Linear Accelerator Device**

- A. To diagnose TB
- B. For external beam radiation treatments for patients with cancer
- C. To measure heat waves
- D. None of the Above

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Organization Released 'Global Food Policy Report 2024'**

- A. World Bank
- B. Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- C. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- D. International Labour Organization (ILO)

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Dar es Salaam Port Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Tanzania
- B. Madagascar
- C. Somalia
- D. Libya

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary Is Located In Which State**

- A. Nagaland
- B. Manipur
- C. Assam
- D. Mizoram

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Gabon Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Region**

- A. Africa
- B. Europe
- C. Australia
- D. Asia

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Which State Hosted 'Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Goa
- D. Rajasthan

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Which Ministry Launched Implementation Manual Of Tobacco Free Educational Institutions**

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Where Was Emergency Medical Response System Inaugurated**

- A. Bhopal
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Matua Community Is Mainly Associated With Which State**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

