

# Daily Current Affairs

## 14 June 2025

### National Conference On Agri Stack

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare today organised the **National Conference on 'Agri Stack: Turning Data into Delivery'** in New Delhi. The conference served as a strategic platform for senior officials from the Centre and States' key **stakeholders to deliberate on the progress**, challenges, and future roadmap for the implementation of Agri Stack under the **Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM)**.



- In the conference, Secretary in the **Agriculture Ministry, Devesh Chaturvedi**, **reiterated the government's commitment** to leveraging technology for transparent, farmer-centric governance.

- He highlighted the urgent need for **States to dynamically link their Farmer Registries with updated Records** of Rights and actively utilise the digital datasets for scheme delivery and personalised agricultural services.

## ‘Yoga Connect’ Global Summit

- **Ministry of Ayush will host Yoga Connect, a hybrid global summit** on Yoga for One Earth, One Health, in New Delhi. The summit is being organised as a key lead-up event to the **11th International Day of Yoga (IDY)**.
- The event will **bring together over 1,000 participants**, along with virtual attendees from leading international yoga institutions and wellness communities around the world.



- **Experts from more than four countries**, including Bahrain, the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Korea, will join the summit. The **Yoga Prabhava’ Report-** Impact study of International Day of Yoga over the decade will be released during the summit.
- Three significant knowledge products, including **Decadal Impact of Yoga** (E-book) and a report on Scientometric Analysis of Yoga Research, will be unveiled.
- The summit will feature **various thematic sessions covering** topics such as Yoga for the Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases, Studies on the Common Yoga Protocol and Impact Assessment of IDY, **Yoga-Tech: Innovators Presentation**, and the Vision of Yoga for All.

## Goan Feni Secures GI Tag

- **Ozzo Feni, produced by Cazcar Distillery in Nanora village, has become the first-ever feni to receive a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, officially recognizing it as a unique product of Goa, thereby protecting it from imitation and boosting its market value.**



- Feni is a centuries-old Goan spirit made from **cashew apples or coconut sap, introduced by Portuguese missionaries** in the 1600s. Traditional distillation methods used by bhatikars have now evolved into modern copper pot techniques.
- The **GI tag places Goan feni in the league of global spirits** like Scotch whisky and Champagne, with strict adherence to sourcing from Goa and production in certified equipment like stainless steel, copper, or glass, enhancing its domestic and international identity.

## Global Gender Gap Index 2025

- **India ranked 131st out of 148 countries** in the **Global Gender Gap Index 2025**, slipping from its previous rank of 127 in 2024, according to the World Economic Forum (WEF) report.
- The ranking reflects a decline in gender parity across key areas like **economic participation, educational attainment**, health and survival, and political empowerment.

- ## What is AviList?

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- The checklist replaces previous lists, including the **International Ornithological Committee and Clements lists**. It aims to provide clarity and consistency in avian taxonomy, crucial for conservation efforts.
- AviList compiles a **comprehensive list of 11,131 bird species, 19,879 subspecies, 2,376 genera, 252 families, and 46 orders**. This extensive classification reflects a global consensus on avian taxonomy. The checklist is published by BirdLife International and is available for free download.



- The **Working Group on Avian Checklists** includes experts from **BirdLife International, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, American Ornithologists Society, International Ornithologists' Union, and Avibase**.
- This diverse team worked together to **harmonise differing taxonomic perspectives**. Their collaboration **aims to eliminate confusion in species identification** and facilitate conservation efforts. AviList is very important for conservationists and ornithologists. It establishes a common language for discussing bird species.
- **Stuart Butchart, chief scientist at BirdLife International**, emphasises that a unified taxonomy enhances data sharing. This clarity helps in prioritising conservation actions effectively. The checklist employs an integrative species concept.
- This approach considers various evidence types, including morphology, genetics, and behaviour. **The working group engages in detailed discussions**, often using sound recordings and museum specimens to validate species classifications. Decisions are made through a voting process among group members. AviList is freely accessible online.

## Operation Rising Lion

- In a major escalation of **regional conflict**, Israel has launched the **second wave** of strikes under its ongoing Operation Rising Lion, with Iranian state media confirming a blast at the **Natanz uranium enrichment site**. This follows Israel's declaration to target key military and nuclear infrastructure in Iran, citing existential threats to its national security.



- The intensification of **Operation Rising Lion** has grabbed global attention due to the direct targeting of Iran's critical nuclear facilities, notably the **Natanz site**, which has long been central to Iran's uranium enrichment program.



- The operation also marks a critical moment in Middle Eastern geopolitics, especially with the US distancing itself from Israeli actions, indicating a unilateral Israeli military initiative.

- **PM Benjamin Netanyahu declared:** “This operation will continue for as many days as it takes to remove this threat to Israel’s survival.”
- US Secretary of State Marco Rubio clarified that: **“The US is not involved and is prioritizing protection of its forces in the region.”**
- The Natanz facility has been a focal point of international nuclear discussions for years and was **previously hit by cyberattacks and sabotage.**
- The first phase of Operation Rising Lion concluded days before, with strikes on Tehran and other strategic military points.
- Israel claims Iran’s growing nuclear ambitions pose an immediate threat to its existence.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Goan Spirit Recently Received GI Tag For The First Time In India**

- A. Toddy
- B. Desi Daru
- C. Ozzo Feni
- D. Cashew Brandy

**ANSWER: C**

**2. What Is The Name Of The Newly Launched Dedicated Postal Service By The Department Of Posts**

- A. Vidya Vahan
- B. Book Express
- C. Gyan Post
- D. Pustak Seva

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Which International Organization Is Responsible For Publishing The Global Gender Gap Index**

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. UN Women
- D. NITI Aayog

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Under Which Year's Indian Patents Act Can Compulsory Licensing Be Invoked For Life-saving Drugs**

- A. 1965
- B. 1980
- C. 1970
- D. 1995

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**6. In Which Indian State Was The Bikram Lock Canal Bank Solar Power Project Inaugurated**

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**7. In Which City Is India's First e-waste Recycling Park Being Developed**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Which AI Initiative Has Partnered With Indian Railways To Provide Multilingual Support Across Railway Services**

- A. BHASHINI
- B. DIGITA
- C. VISTAR
- D. SAMVAD

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Who Has Been Appointed As Part-time Member Of 16th Finance Commission Following The Resignation Of Ajay Narayan Jha**

- A. Arvind Panagariya
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. T Rabi Sankar
- D. Raghuram Rajan

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Who Has Made History By Becoming India's First Female Aide-de-camp (ADC) To A State Governor**

- A. Manisha Padhi
- B. Avani Chaturvedi
- C. Mohana Singh
- D. Bhawana Kanth

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Which Country Dominated The Taiwan Athletics Open 2024 By Winning 12 Gold Medals And Topping The Medal Tally**

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Which Indian State Organized The 'Bodhi Yatra' To Promote Its Buddhist Heritage With Delegates From ASEAN Countries**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Bihar
- D. Gujarat

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which Migratory Bird Species Has Tamil Nadu Specifically Protected By Declaring Dhanushkodi As A Sanctuary In 2025**

- A. Pelican
- B. Flamingo
- C. Spoonbill
- D. Stork

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Who Has Been Appointed As The New Chairman Of The Fertiliser Association Of India**

- A. Falcon
- B. Grape
- C. Pay See
- D. Orange

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Which Countries Are The Hosts Of Asia Cup 2023 Tournament**

- A. N. Suresh Krishnan
- B. Rajesh Chaturvedi
- C. Sanjiv Kanwar
- D. Sailesh C. Mehta

**ANSWER: D**

**16. In Which City Is The World Expo 2025 Being Held, Where The India Pavilion Has Been Ranked Among The Top Five**

- A. Osaka
- B. Tokyo
- C. Kyoto
- D. Hiroshima

**ANSWER: A**

**17. In Which Year Was India's First Comprehensive Bankruptcy Law Enacted**

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2020
- D. 2014

**ANSWER: A**

**18. In Which State Is The Neolithic Habitation Site Of Daojali Hading Located**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**19. In Which Region Is The Chenab Bridge, The World's Highest Arch-railway Bridge, Located**

- A. Ladakh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Jammu & Kashmir
- D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Who Among The Following Was The Governor General Who Followed A Spirited "Forward" Policy Towards Afghanistan**

- A. Lord Dufferin
- B. Lord Mayo
- C. Lord Elgin
- D. Lord Lytton

**ANSWER: D**