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Telangana Formation Day 2026

- On June 2nd, 2026 celebrates the Telangana Formation Day every year since the formation of the state. In 2026, this day commemorating the 12th anniversary of the creation of Telangana as a separate state from united Andhra Pradesh.
- Telangana Statehood Day is observed every year in 2nd June. In the year 2014 Telangana was created from State of Andhra Pradesh and became the 29th State of India.
- The roots of the Telangana's statehood movement can be traced back to the historical evolution of the region. Before the independence of India, Telangana was part of the princely Hyderabad State which was ruled by the Nizams.
- After the India's independence, Hyderabad State was integrated into the Indian Union in the year 1948 through Operation Polo.
- In the year 1956, the Telangana region was merged with the Andhra region to form the state of Andhra Pradesh under the States Reorganization process based on to the linguistic considerations.



India Signs BrahMos Missile Deal with Vietnam

- India's Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh indicated that BrahMos missile deal with Vietnam has already been signed and negotiations with Indonesia has entered the final stage.
- This showcases the India's growing role as the defense manufacturing and export hub and also highlights the increasing interest among Southeast Asian nations to acquiring advanced Indian military technology.
- The BrahMos missile system has emerged as India's one of the most successful defense exports in recent years.
- Speaking at the Shangri-La Dialogue in the Singapore, Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh stated that Vietnam has already signed the deal to procure the BrahMos missile system but the official public announcement is yet to be made.
- Indonesia is also moving closer to acquiring the India's BrahMos missile system. Earlier in the year 2026, Indonesia has announced that it had entered into the agreement with India regarding the procurement of the missile system.
- The BrahMos missile is one of the most advanced supersonic cruise missile systems in the world. It is developed jointly by India and Russia and it is known for its speed, precision and versatility.



Centre Signs MoU with ISRO for Water Research

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Indian Space Research Organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 June 2026 in New Delhi. The agreement covers the use of satellite technology and space-based applications for water resource management in India.
- The MoU was signed during a national workshop on research and development in the water sector at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre. The Department of Water Resources and ISRO will collaborate in 24 research areas under the agreement.
- The collaboration includes reservoir monitoring, water-spread assessment, river-flow analysis, satellite-based water quality assessment, and studies on macroplastic distribution in water bodies. These topics fall within remote sensing, hydrology, and environmental monitoring.
- The workshop also launched the MAHA on Water programme, which stands for Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas for Water.
- The programme is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. An open call for startups and MSMEs was announced under the Bharat Water Innovation Network platform. The platform is linked to innovation in the water sector.
- ISRO was established in 1969 and functions under the Department of Space, Government of India.
- Remote sensing satellites are used in India for mapping water bodies, monitoring floods, and assessing drought conditions.
- The Dr. Ambedkar International Centre is located in New Delhi.
- Water resource management in India involves river basins, reservoirs, groundwater, and water quality monitoring.



Mesalina Bishnoi Recorded in India for First Time

- Mesalina bishnoi is a newly described lizard species from Rajasthan and the first confirmed record of the genus Mesalina in India. The formal description was published on 1 June 2026 after specimen collection from an open semi-desert habitat near Gajner in the Bikaner district.
- Mesalina bishnoi belongs to the genus Mesalina and was placed within the Mesalina watsonana species complex. Scientists used morphological examination and genetic analyses to confirm it as a previously unknown species.
- A field survey in August 2025 led to the collection of the specimen near Gajner in western Rajasthan. The habitat was an open semi-desert zone, which is part of the arid landscape of the Thar region.
- The lizard is a small-bodied species with a snout-vent length of about 39.2 mm. It has a greyish to olive-brown body colour with distinct stripes and markings. The species name bishnoi honours the Bishnoi community, which is known in India for wildlife conservation traditions.
- The Zoological Survey of India is a scientific organisation under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- The genus Mesalina belongs to the family Lacertidae, which includes many Old World lizards.
- Rajasthan contains major arid and semi-arid habitats, including parts of the Thar Desert.
- Malcolm A. Smith was a British zoologist known for herpetological work in the Indian subcontinent.



India Names Women's Hockey Squad for Nations Cup

- India announced a 20-member women's hockey squad on 2 June 2026 for the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup New Zealand 2025-26. The tournament is scheduled from 15 to 21 June in Auckland, New Zealand, and India is placed in Pool A with Japan, the United States, and Uruguay.
- The squad includes two goalkeepers, Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam. Salima Tete continues as captain of the Indian team for the tournament. Lalthantluangi and Shilpi Dabas received their first senior call-ups after the team's tour of Australia.
- The midfield unit includes Salima Tete, Neha, Sunelita Toppo, Sakshi Rana, and Deepika Soreng. The forward line includes Navneet Kaur, Deepika, Rutuja Dadaso Pisal, Annu, Ishika, Lalremsiami, and Sonam.
- India completed a four-match friendly series in Perth during its preparatory tour of Australia. The team held Australia to a 2-2 draw in one of the matches. The FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup is an international women's field hockey tournament organised by the International Hockey Federation.
- Field hockey is governed globally by the International Hockey Federation, which is known by the French acronym FIH.
- The FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup is a women's international field hockey competition.
- Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand and a major venue for international sports events.
- Salima Tete has been a regular name in India's senior women's hockey midfield and captaincy roles.



Indian Teenagers Win Earth Prize 2026 for Plas-Stick

- Indian teenagers Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta were named the first-ever Global Winners of The Earth Prize 2026 on 1 June 2026. The 16-year-old innovators won for Plas-Stick, a biodegradable water filtration invention made from tamarind seed waste.
- Plas-Stick is a powder that attracts microplastic particles in water and makes them clump together. The clumped particles can then be removed with a handheld magnet. The method is electricity-free and low-cost.
- Tamarind seed waste is an agricultural by-product used in Plas-Stick. The material is relevant in water treatment research because plant-based waste can be processed into adsorbent or binding substances. The project was designed for rural and low-resource communities in India.
- The team worked with professionals from the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati during project development. As Asia regional winners, the team received a grant of US\$12,500 from The Earth Prize 2026. The project has engaged more than 8,000 students and teachers through awareness and demonstration programmes.
- Microplastics are plastic particles smaller than 5 millimetres in size.
- The Earth Prize is an international environmental competition for young innovators.
- Tamarind is a leguminous tree whose seeds are used in food processing and industrial applications.
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati is an institute of national importance established in 1994.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Telangana celebrated its 12th Formation Day on which date in 2026?

- A. 1 June
- B. 2 June
- C. 5 June
- D. 15 June

Answer: B. 2 June

2. Telangana became the 29th state of India in which year?

- A. 2012
- B. 2013
- C. 2014
- D. 2015

Answer: C. 2014

3. Before Independence, the Telangana region was a part of which princely state?

- A. Mysore State
- B. Travancore State

- C. Hyderabad State
- D. Baroda State

Answer: C. Hyderabad State

4. India has reportedly signed a deal to export the BrahMos missile system to which country?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Malaysia
- D. Philippines

Answer: B. Vietnam

5. BrahMos is a jointly developed missile system between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. United States

Answer: C. Russia

6. The Ministry of Jal Shakti signed an MoU with which organization for water resource management using satellite technology?

- A. DRDO
- B. CSIR
- C. BARC
- D. ISRO

Answer: D. ISRO

7. The newly discovered species *Mesalina bishnoi* belongs to which group of animals?

- A. Bird
- B. Mammal
- C. Lizard
- D. Amphibian

Answer: C. Lizard

8. The species *Mesalina bishnoi* was discovered in which Indian state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Punjab

Answer: B. Rajasthan

9. Who has been named captain of the Indian women's hockey team for the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026?

- A. Savita
- B. Navneet Kaur
- C. Deepika
- D. Salima Tete

Answer: D. Salima Tete

10. Indian teenagers Vivaan Chhawchharia, Ariana Agarwal, and Avyana Mehta won The Earth Prize 2026 for developing which innovation?

- A. Solar Stick
- B. Green Filter
- C. Plas-Stick
- D. Water Shield

Answer: C. Plas-Stick