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World Day Against Child Labour 2026

- The World Day Against Child Labour is observed worldwide every year on 12th of June and raise awareness about child exploitation and promote efforts to eliminate child labor worldwide.
- The 2026 observance comes at the crucial time after the Sixth Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour held in the Marrakech, Morocco.
- The for the 2026 is **“Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults”**
- This day was first launched by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on 12th of June 2002.
- The objective was to draw global attention to the widespread problem of child labor and mobilize efforts for its elimination.
- The international community failed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7 which aimed to end child labor in all forms by 2025.
- To improve the conditions, stakeholders adopted the Marrakech Global Framework for Action Against Child Labor in February 2026.



Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched the 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra' which is the India's first nationwide WhatsApp-based AI advisory service for oilseed farmers.
- It is developed by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad and this platform provides the free, multilingual and research-based guidance to the farmers.
- The AI-powered chatbot uses the advanced language processing and the scientific knowledge base developed by the multiple ICAR institutions.
- Farmers can ask questions related to the,
 - Variety selection., Sowing practices.
 - Crop management.
 - Pest and disease control.
 - Irrigation scheduling.
 - Post-harvest management., Seed availability.
- The Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra bridges the gap between the agricultural research laboratories and farmers fields.
- Key benefits includes the,
 - Instant access to the scientific advisory.

- Multilingual support.
- Cost-free service.
- Wider outreach via WhatsApp.



PM Modi Chairs 11th NITI Aayog Meeting

- Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog on 11th of June, 2026 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in the National Capital.
- This meeting was themed around “Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047” and brought together the Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors and Administrators from 28 States and 5 Union Territories.
- Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Modi had emphasized that the vision of Viksit Bharat should not remain limited to the national level but become the collective mission for every State, district, block and village.
- One of the key themes of the 11th meeting was the India’s demographic advantage. Prime Minister Modi has also noted that the nearly 70 crore Indians are below the age of 25 and making youth the country’s greatest asset.
- Referring to the India’s recently concluded Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), the Prime Minister has also urged the States to help youth and MSMEs and take advantage of the expanding global market opportunities.
- Prime Minister Modi has highlighted the artificial intelligence (AI) as a major opportunity rather than a challenge. He called upon the States to prepare

citizens for the future economy by investing in to AI-related skills and digital literacy.

- The Prime Minister has urged the States to strengthen the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative and build the export-oriented strategies around local products.
- He has also reiterated the government's commitment to the women-led development.
- India had provided \$35 million to UNRWA until 2023-24 for core programmes and services.



World Bank Projects India GDP Growth at 6.6%

- India's GDP growth has been projected at 6.6% for fiscal year 2026-27 by the World Bank in its Global Economic Prospects report released on 11 June 2026. The projection follows an estimated 7.7% growth in fiscal year 2025-26, and India is expected to remain the fastest-growing major economy during the period.
- India's growth forecast for fiscal year 2027-28 has been placed at 7.2%, and the forecast for fiscal year 2028-29 has been placed at 7.0%. The World Bank has linked the FY27 moderation to higher energy prices and rising input costs, which affect private demand growth.
- Economic activity in India remained robust in early 2026, with domestic demand supported by rural consumption and recovering urban demand. Private

consumption is a major component of India's Gross Domestic Product and is closely linked to household spending on goods and services.

- The World Bank lowered global growth to 2.5% for 2026, which it described as the weakest expansion since the COVID-19 pandemic. The forecast was associated with the Middle East conflict and rising energy prices, both of which affect trade, inflation, and industrial output.
- Reductions in fuel taxes and lower Goods and Services Tax rates are among the measures expected to cushion inflationary pressures and support consumer demand. Fuel taxes in India include central excise duty and state-level value added tax in many cases.



UPI-NPI Corridor Launched for India-Nepal Remittances

- The Unified Payments Interface is India's real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The National Payments Interface is Nepal's domestic digital payment system for bank transfers and wallet-based transactions.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, partnered with Nepal Clearing House Ltd (NCHL) to implement the payment link. The corridor uses mobile banking applications, UPI apps, and digital wallets for cross-border transfers.
- The corridor enables instant transfers between citizens of both countries through familiar digital payment channels. Users in India can send money to Nepal using recipients' mobile numbers or Virtual Payment Addresses (VPAs), while Indian users in Nepal can send money to India using UPI IDs.

- Nepal became the second country after Singapore to achieve payment-system-level peer-to-peer connectivity with UPI. UPI's international footprint now covers nine countries, namely Bhutan, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, France, Mauritius, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Nepal.
- The service is live through select banks in Nepal. Everest Bank, Global IME Bank, Machhapuchchhre Bank, Nabil Bank, and Nepal SBI Bank are enabled for sending, while Himalayan Bank, NMB Bank, and Siddhartha Bank are enabled for receiving.



NLC India Signs MoU for Critical Mineral Studies

- NLC India Limited signed a MoU with CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute on 10 June 2026 at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu. The agreement covers critical and strategic mineral beneficiation, extraction technologies, and studies on overburden materials and tailings from NLC India's Neyveli Mines.
- A Memorandum of Understanding is a formal agreement between two organisations for cooperation in a defined field. In this case, the MoU links a public sector enterprise and a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research laboratory for mineral resource studies.
- Critical minerals are minerals that are important for industrial and strategic use and have supply risks. Rare Earth Elements are a group of 17 chemically similar elements that include the lanthanides, along with scandium and yttrium.
- NLC India Limited is a public sector enterprise under the Government of India.
- CSIR-CECRI stands for CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute and is located at Karaikudi in Tamil Nadu.

- Rare Earth Elements are used in electronics, magnets, batteries, and defence-related technologies.
- Secondary resources in mining include overburden, tailings, and other waste streams from mineral operations.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Day Against Child Labour is observed every year on which date?

- A) 5 June
- B) 8 June
- C) 12 June
- D) 15 June

Answer: C) 12 June

2. What is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour 2026?

- A) End Child Labour Now
- B) Children First, Future First
- C) Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults
- D) Protect Every Child

Answer: C) Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults

3. Which organization launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002?

- A) UNICEF
- B) UNESCO

- C) World Bank
- D) ILO

Answer: D) ILO

4. Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra, India's first WhatsApp-based AI advisory service for oilseed farmers, was developed by which institution?

- A) IARI, New Delhi
- B) ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
- C) NABARD
- D) FCI

Answer: B) ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad

5. Which of the following services is provided through Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra?

- A) Weather forecasting only
- B) Crop insurance claims
- C) Pest and disease management advisory
- D) Land registration services

Answer: C) Pest and disease management advisory

6. What was the theme of the 11th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held in June 2026?

- A) Digital India for All
- B) Atmanirbhar Bharat through Innovation
- C) Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047
- D) Green Growth for New India

Answer: C) Inclusive Human Development for Viksit Bharat@2047

7. According to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects Report, India's GDP growth for FY 2026-27 is projected at:

- A) 5.8%
- B) 6.0%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 7.5%

Answer: C) 6.6%

8. Nepal became the _____ country after Singapore to achieve payment-system-level peer-to-peer connectivity with UPI.

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth

Answer: B) Second

9. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) partnered with which organization of Nepal to launch the UPI-NPI corridor?

- A) Nepal Rastra Bank
- B) Nepal Bank Limited
- C) Nepal Clearing House Limited (NCHL)
- D) Himalayan Bank

Answer: C) Nepal Clearing House Limited (NCHL)

10. NLC India Limited signed an MoU with which CSIR laboratory for critical mineral and rare earth element studies?

- A) CSIR-NAL
- B) CSIR-NEERI
- C) CSIR-CMERI
- D) CSIR-CECRI

Answer: D) CSIR-CECRI