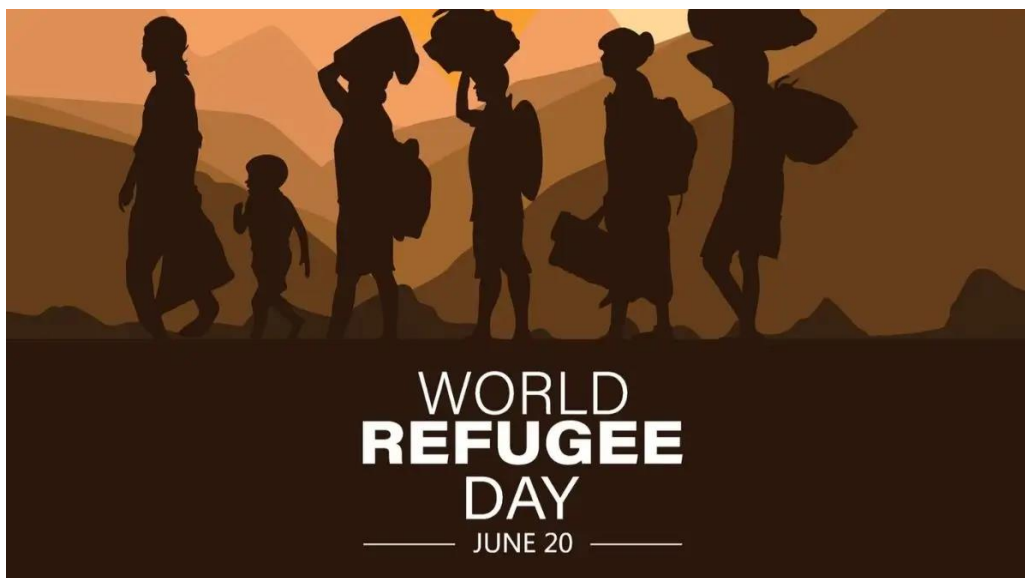


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World Refugee Day 2026

- On 20th June every year world comes together to observe the World Refugee Day. This international observance is dedicated to the millions of people who have been forced to flee from their homes because of conflict, violence, persecution or human rights violations.
- This day serves as the reminder of the resilience, strength and courage shown by the refugees as they rebuild their lives under difficult circumstances.
- The global campaign for the World Refugee Day 2026 is centered around the message called **“Until Everyone is Safe”**
- World Refugee Day plays a critical role in drawing attention to the challenges faced by the displaced populations worldwide.
- Many people are unaware of the hardships refugees face while fleeing from the conflict zones and rebuilding their lives.
- This day helps to educate the public about these realities.



UAE Sets 15 as Minimum Age for Social Media Use

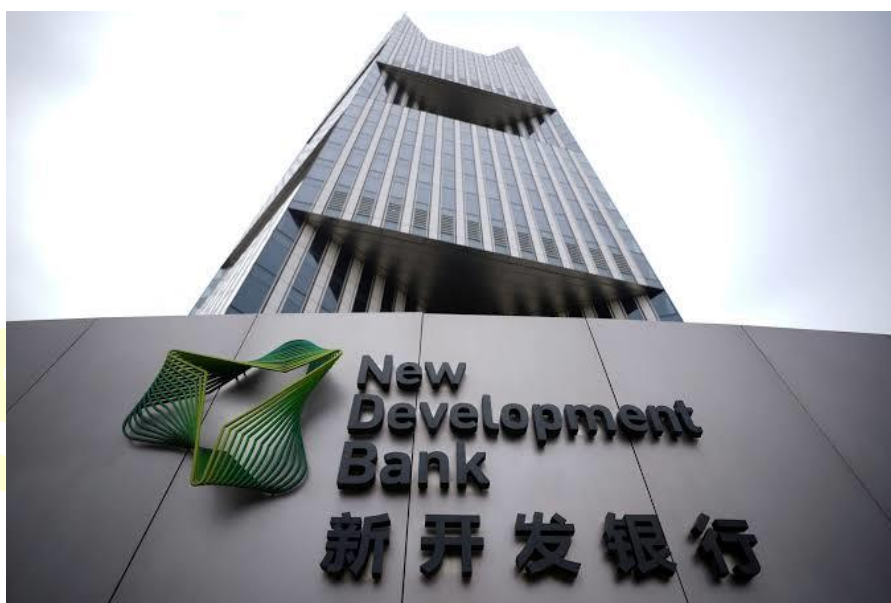
- UAE has announced the landmark move to strengthen the online child safety by setting minimum 15 years of age for social media use. As per the new regulations, those children who are under 15 will no longer be allowed to create or operate the personal social media accounts
- The UAE government has approved the new framework that prohibits children under the age of 15 from creating, using or managing the personal social media accounts.
- Teenagers who are aged between 15 and 16 will still be allowed to access social media platforms. However, companies must provide additional safeguards specifically designed for younger users.
- These protections include the,
 - Age-appropriate content recommendations
 - Restrictions on communication with unknown individuals
 - Screen-time management features
 - Enhanced privacy settings
 - Parental supervision tools



Uzbekistan Becomes First Central Asian Member of NDB

- Uzbekistan has officially become the first Central Asian country to join the New Development Bank (NDB) and it marked the significant milestone in the expansion of the BRICS backed multilateral financial institution.
- The Republic of Uzbekistan formally became the shareholder of the NDB on 5th of June, 2026 after completing all the necessary accession procedures and ratifying the bank's Articles of the Agreement.
- The announcement was made by the Andrey Bokarev, Director General of the NDB Eurasian Regional Centre who has confirmed that the Uzbekistan completed all the required formalities and officially entered the bank's shareholder structure on 5th June, 2026.
- With its accession, Uzbekistan becomes the 10th member of the New Development Bank and it is the first country from the Central Asia to join the institution.
- The New Development Bank is the multilateral development financial institution which was established in the year 2015 by the BRICS countries,
- Brazil (B)
- Russia (R)
- India (I)
- China (C)
- South Africa (S)
- Since the establishment of the NDB it has approved total 139 projects worth nearly US\$43 billion across various sectors that includes the transport, renewable energy, water management, urban development and social infrastructure.
- The New Development Bank (NDB) which is known as the BRICS Development Bank is the multilateral development bank established by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS).
- NDB aims to mobilize the resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS countries and other emerging economies and developing countries.

- The idea of setting up NDB was first conceived in the year 2012 during the BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India.
- The agreement for establishing the NDB was signed during the BRICS Summit held in the Fortaleza on July 15, 2014, and the Bank started operations on July 21, 2015.
- The bank is headquartered in the Shanghai, China, with regional offices in South Africa and Brazil.
- Membership of NDB is open to any member of the United Nations.



India's First Commercial-Scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project

- PM Narendra Modi set to lay the foundation stone of the India's first commercial scale coal to ammonium nitrate project in state of Odisha on 20th of June, 2026.
- This project set to implemented with the financial outlay of ₹25,016 crore and it is located at Lakhanpur in Jharsuguda district and it will developed by the Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL).
- The Lakhanpur coal gasification project marks the first commercial-scale facility in the India that will convert the coal into ammonium nitrate using indigenous technology.
- The project will be developed by the Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL), and it is a joint venture between the,

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- Coal India Limited
- The facility will have the capacity to produce the 2,000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate per day and it creates the domestic source of the important industrial chemical currently dependent on the imports and conventional feedstocks.
- Coal gasification is the advanced industrial process that converts coal into the synthesis gas which is commonly known as the syngas.
- Syngas primarily contains the,
 - Hydrogen
 - Carbon monoxide
 - Other gaseous compounds



Vivek Aggarwal Elected FATF Vice President

- Vivek Aggarwal, a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was elected Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force on 19 June 2026 in Paris.
- He is the first Indian official to hold the Vice Presidency of the global body that sets standards on money laundering and terrorist financing.
- The Financial Action Task Force, or FATF, is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the G7. It frames global standards for anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing, and counter-proliferation financing.
- The FATF Vice President serves for a one-year term. Vivek Aggarwal will hold the office from July 2026 to June 2027 and will succeed Giles Thomson of the United Kingdom.

- The FATF was created in 1989 and is based in Paris.
- The FATF issues the “grey list” and “black list” for jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies in anti-money laundering systems.
- The Financial Intelligence Unit-India functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
- The Indian Administrative Service is one of the All India Services under Article 312 of the Constitution of India.



India Targets Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination by 2047

- India has set a national target to eliminate sickle cell Anaemia by 2047 under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission. The mission was launched on 1 July 2023 from Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh and covers screening, diagnosis, counselling, and care for affected populations.
- Sickle cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder caused by abnormal hemoglobin, known as hemoglobin S. The disease can cause red blood cells to become rigid and sickle-shaped, which affects oxygen transport in the body. Sickle cell disease is inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, and carriers may not show symptoms.
- The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The mission uses a three-pillar framework of Health Promotion, Prevention, and Holistic Management.

- Health Promotion includes awareness and genetic counselling, Prevention includes universal screening, and Holistic Management includes continuum of care and patient support.
- As of 17 September 2024, the mission had screened over 42 million individuals across India. The screening exercise identified 163,765 people with sickle cell disease and 1,144,274 carriers. By June 2026, over seven crore people between the ages of zero and 40 years had been screened under the mission.
- Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder linked to abnormal hemoglobin S.
- The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was launched on 1 July 2023.
- Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh was the launch site of the mission.
- The mission target is elimination of sickle cell anemia by 2047.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Refugee Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 5 June
- B) 20 June
- C) 26 June
- D) 10 December

Answer: B) 20 June

2. What is the theme of World Refugee Day 2026?

- A) Leave No One Behind
- B) Together for Humanity

- C) Until Everyone is Safe
- D) Refugees Matter

Answer: C) Until Everyone is Safe

3. The UAE has fixed the minimum age for creating and operating personal social media accounts at:

- A) 13 years
- B) 14 years
- C) 15 years
- D) 16 years

Answer: C) 15 years

4. Which country became the first Central Asian member of the New Development Bank (NDB) in 2026?

- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Kyrgyzstan
- C) Turkmenistan
- D) Uzbekistan

Answer: D) Uzbekistan

5. The headquarters of the New Development Bank (NDB) is located in:

- A) Beijing, China
- B) Shanghai, China
- C) New Delhi, India
- D) Johannesburg, South Africa

Answer: B) Shanghai, China

6. India's first commercial-scale coal-to-ammonium nitrate project is being developed at:

- A) Talcher, Odisha
- B) Korba, Chhattisgarh
- C) Lakhampur, Odisha
- D) Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C) Lakhanpur, Odisha

7. Bharat Coal Gasification and Chemicals Limited (BCGCL) is a joint venture between Coal India Limited and:

- A) ONGC
- B) NTPC
- C) SAIL
- D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Answer: D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

8. Who was elected Vice President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in June 2026?

- A) T. V. Somanathan
- B) Vivek Aggarwal
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) Rajiv Kumar

Answer: B) Vivek Aggarwal

9. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was established in:

- A) 1985
- B) 1987
- C) 1989
- D) 1991

Answer: C) 1989

10. India aims to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by which year under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission?

- A) 2030
- B) 2035
- C) 2040
- D) 2047

Answer: D) 2047