

Daily Current Affairs

25 June 2026

World Vitiligo Day 2026

- On 25th June 2026 World Vitiligo Day observed worldwide, and this day serves as the important global platform to raise the awareness about vitiligo, challenge misconceptions and to promote the acceptance of individuals who are living with the condition.
- The global theme for the World Vitiligo Day 2026 is “From Stigma to Strength.”
- This theme focuses on the transforming society’s perception of vitiligo by encouraging the acceptance, understanding and support for those affected by the condition.
- Vitiligo is the long-term skin condition characterized by the loss of the melanin, the pigment responsible for the skin color. As the melanin-producing cells become damaged or stop functioning, patches of the skin gradually lose their natural color and it appear white or lighter than the surrounding skin.



WORLD
VITILIGO
DAY

Green Oscars 2026

- India has once again earned global recognition in environmental conservation as two remarkable Indian women were honoured with the 2026 Whitley Awards, popularly known as the 'Green Oscars'.
- The prestigious ceremony took place at the Royal Geographical Society in London, where the awards were presented by Princess Anne of the United Kingdom on behalf of the **Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)**.
- The Indian winners this year are Parveen Shaikh and Dr. Barkha Subba, who were recognised for their impactful conservation work and were each awarded £50,000 to support their ongoing environmental initiatives.
- The Green Oscars is the popular name for the Whitley Awards, administered by the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN), a UK-based conservation charity.
- The awards were established to recognise and support grassroots conservation leaders across the Global South who combine:
 - Scientific knowledge
 - Community participation
 - Sustainable conservation practices
- Parveen Shaikh is a conservation scientist associated with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).
- She was recognised for her efforts in conserving the Indian Skimmer, one of India's rare river birds found along the Chambal River ecosystem.
- India currently supports nearly 90% of the world's breeding population of Indian Skimmers, making conservation efforts critical.
- Dr. Barkha Subba works with the Federation of Societies for Environmental Protection (FOSEP) in Darjeeling.
- Her work focuses on protecting the ancient Himalayan Salamander, a unique amphibian species facing habitat loss and ecological threats.



CBI Launches Operation Chakra-VI Against Digital Arrest Fraud

- The Central Bureau of Investigation launched Operation Chakra-VI on 25 June 2026 against digital arrest fraud networks in India. The operation covered more than 80 locations across 16 states and involved 60 special teams.
- Digital arrest fraud is a cybercrime in which offenders pose as police, court, or government officials and threaten victims with arrest through calls, messages, or video communication. The fraud often uses forged documents, fake notices, and spoofed websites to create pressure on victims.
- The investigation linked the case to shell companies and mule bank accounts. Shell companies are entities with no active business operations, while mule bank accounts are accounts used to receive and transfer illicit funds on behalf of others.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation is India's premier investigating agency for serious crimes and corruption cases.
- Cybercrime cases in India are investigated under provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, where applicable.
- Mule accounts are commonly used in money laundering, online scams, and layered fund transfers.



Passport Not Proof of Citizenship, Government Reiterates

- An Indian passport is a travel document issued under the Passports Act, 1967, and it is not conclusive proof of Indian citizenship. The Ministry of External Affairs clarified this position on 24 June 2026, during the 14th Passport Seva Divas, and the Centre stated that the legal position has existed for decades.
- A passport is an official document for international travel and identity verification. Section 20 of the Passports Act, 1967, permits the issue of passports or travel documents to non-citizens if the authority considers it to be in the public interest.
- Citizenship in India is governed by the Citizenship Act, 1955. Indian courts have treated citizenship as a question of legal status that depends on evidence such as birth certificates, citizenship certificates, parental records, and school certificates.
- The Bombay High Court in 2013 held that possession of a passport does not establish citizenship. The Supreme Court stated during a hearing on the Bihar Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls on 12 August 2025 that Aadhaar is proof of identity and not proof of Indian citizenship.



India's 2036 Olympic Bid Process to Conclude in 2029

- The International Olympic Committee approved a revised host selection process for the 2036 Olympic Games at its 146th Session in Lausanne on 24 June 2026. The host city for the 2036 Olympic Games will be elected in mid-2029, and India is in the Continuous Dialogue phase after submitting a Letter of Intent in 2024.
- The International Olympic Committee uses a multi-stage process for selecting Olympic hosts. The revised framework for 2036 includes Continuous Dialogue, Strategic Dialogue, and Targeted Dialogue phases. The Strategic Dialogue phase is scheduled to begin in March 2027, and the Targeted Dialogue phase is expected in late 2028.
- India formally entered the 2036 Olympic bid process in 2024 through a Letter of Intent. Ahmedabad is the proposed host city for India's bid, and India is one of the countries linked to the 2036 race.
- The new Strategic Dialogue phase has been introduced to improve transparency and cost control in the host selection process. During this phase, candidate nations must respond to the Future Host Questionnaire and submit core financial guarantees.



Bangladesh Joins International Big Cat Alliance

- Bangladesh joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) on 24 June 2026 as its 27th member nation. The IBCA is a treaty-based inter-governmental international organisation and legal entity headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- The IBCA was launched in April 2023 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the commemoration of 50 years of Project Tiger. It became a full-fledged treaty-based international organisation and legal entity on 23 January 2025. The alliance works for the conservation of seven big cat species: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma.
- Bangladesh's cabinet approved the decision to join the IBCA on 22 May 2026 after a proposal from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- India, a founding member of the alliance, invited Bangladesh to become a full member after discussions between Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo on 8 and 9 April 2026.
- The Bengal tiger inhabits the Sundarbans ecosystem shared by India and Bangladesh. Sundarbans is a mangrove forest region in the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna delta and is a habitat for several threatened species.
- The IBCA functions as a treaty-based inter-governmental organisation under international law. Its membership includes countries that cooperate on conservation, knowledge-sharing and technical expertise for big cat protection.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

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

- A) 21 June
- B) 23 June
- C) 25 June
- D) 27 June

Answer: C) 25 June

Explanation: World Vitiligo Day is observed annually on 25 June to raise awareness about vitiligo and promote social acceptance of affected individuals.

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

- A) Embrace Diversity
- B) From Stigma to Strength
- C) Skin Health for All
- D) Equality Through Awareness

Answer: B) From Stigma to Strength

Explanation: The 2026 theme focuses on transforming societal attitudes towards vitiligo and empowering those living with the condition.

3. The Whitley Awards are popularly known as:

- A) Blue Planet Awards
- B) Green Globe Awards
- C) Green Oscars
- D) Earth Guardian Awards

Answer: C) Green Oscars

Explanation: The Whitley Awards, administered by the Whitley Fund for Nature, are globally recognized as the "Green Oscars."

4. Which Indian conservationist was honoured for protecting the Indian Skimmer?

- A) Dr. Barkha Subba
- B) Sunita Narain
- C) Parveen Shaikh
- D) Vandana Shiva

Answer: C) Parveen Shaikh

Explanation: Parveen Shaikh was recognized for her efforts to conserve the Indian Skimmer, a rare river bird found in the Chambal ecosystem.

5. Operation Chakra-VI was launched by which organization?

- A) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- B) Intelligence Bureau (IB)
- C) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- D) Enforcement Directorate (ED)

Answer: C) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

Explanation: The CBI launched Operation Chakra-VI to crack down on digital arrest fraud networks operating across India.

6. Digital arrest fraud typically involves criminals posing as:

- A) Bank employees only
- B) Insurance agents
- C) Police, court, or government officials
- D) Journalists

Answer: C) Police, court, or government officials

Explanation: Fraudsters impersonate authorities and threaten victims with legal action or arrest to extort money.

7. Citizenship in India is governed by which Act?

- A) Passports Act, 1967
- B) Representation of People Act, 1951
- C) Citizenship Act, 1955
- D) Foreigners Act, 1946

Answer: C) Citizenship Act, 1955

Explanation: The Citizenship Act, 1955 provides the legal framework for acquisition and determination of Indian citizenship.

8. Which city has been proposed as India's host city for the 2036 Olympic bid?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Ahmedabad

Answer: D) Ahmedabad

Explanation: Ahmedabad is the proposed host city for India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.

9. Bangladesh became the _____ member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

- A) 25th
- B) 26th
- C) 27th
- D) 28th

Answer: C) 27th

Explanation: Bangladesh joined the International Big Cat Alliance on 24 June 2026 as its 27th member nation.

10. Which of the following species is NOT covered under the International Big Cat Alliance?

- A) Jaguar
- B) Puma
- C) Snow Leopard
- D) Rhinoceros

Answer: D) Rhinoceros

Explanation: The IBCA focuses on the conservation of seven big cat species: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma. Rhinoceros is not included.

