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## WORLD OCEANS DAY 2026 AND INDIA'S BLUE ECONOMY

*World Oceans Day is observed today, June 8, 2026, under the theme “Reimagine: Beyond the World We Know, a New Relationship with Our Ocean,” as the High Seas Treaty enters into force and India advances its Deep Ocean Mission.*

### Key Data

- World Oceans Day: proposed at the **1992 Rio Summit**; UN-designated **2008**
- **High Seas Treaty (BBNJ)**: in force **January 2026**
- **Deep Ocean Mission (MoES)**; submersible **Matsya-6000** (3 crew, 6,000 m), built by NIOT

### UPSC Angle

Blue economy versus marine conservation; SDG 14. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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#### OCEANS:

World Oceans Day: June 8; UN-designated 2008

Deep Ocean Mission: Matsya-6000; Central Indian Ocean Basin nodules

## BONN CLIMATE CONFERENCE (SB64) OPENS

*The Bonn Climate Conference (SB64) opened on June 8, 2026, the mid-year UN climate talks, with a push to triple grant-based adaptation finance to \$120 billion a year by 2035.*

### Key Data

- SB64: June 8 to 18, 2026; Bonn (UNFCCC headquarters)

- Subsidiary Bodies: **SBI** and **SBSTA**
- Demand: \$120 bn/yr by 2035 (from the \$40 bn COP26 goal); between COP30 (Brazil) and COP31 (Turkiye)

### UPSC Angle

Adaptation finance and CBDR-RC. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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##### CLIMATE TALKS:

SB64 = UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SBI + SBSTA)

Adaptation finance ask: \$120 bn/yr by 2035

## LAND PORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO DIGITISE BORDER TRADE

*India is launching the Land Port Management System (LPMS), a unified digital platform integrating operations across its 15 land ports.*

### Key Data

- Operated by the **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)** under the Department of Border Management, MHA
- Integrates with **ICEGATE** and **ULIP**; **Petrapole** is India's largest land port

### UPSC Angle

Trade facilitation plus border security. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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##### LAND PORTS:

LPAI: statutory body under MHA; 15 land ports

Petrapole (India-Bangladesh) is the largest

## BHAKRA DAM TILT RENEWS DAM-SAFETY FOCUS

The Bhakra Dam wall is deflecting beyond its permissible limit, prompting an IIT-Roorkee safety study and renewing attention on India's ageing dams.

### Key Data

- Bhakra: on the **Sutlej**, Himachal Pradesh; reservoir **Gobind Sagar**; managed by **BBMB**
- **Dam Safety Act, 2021** created the **National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)**; India has over 6,000 large dams

### UPSC Angle

Ageing-dam risk and disaster management. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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#### DAM SAFETY:

Dam Safety Act 2021 → NDSA + State Dam Safety Organisations

DRIP is World Bank-aided

## INDIA-INDONESIA 8TH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

EAM S. Jaishankar co-chaired the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting with Indonesian FM Sugiono in New Delhi on June 7, 2026.

### Key Data

- Reviewed the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** (defence, maritime, trade, critical minerals)
- Both are in the **G20**, **IORA** and the **East Asia Summit**

### UPSC Angle

Indonesia is central to Act East and the Indo-Pacific. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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#### INDIA-INDONESIA:

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership; largest ASEAN economy

New capital: Nusantara

## INDIA REVIVES KIRTHAI-II HYDRO PROJECT ON THE CHENAB

*India is advancing the 930 MW Kirthai-II hydroelectric project on the Chenab, as it accelerates stalled projects with the Indus Waters Treaty held in abeyance.*

### Key Data

- Kirthai-II: 930 MW, run-of-river; developer **CVPPL** (NHPC 51%, JKSPDC 49%)
- **Indus Waters Treaty (1960)**: western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab); in abeyance since 2025
- **GoI stand**: J&K, including illegally occupied areas, is an integral part of India; Pakistan must vacate

### UPSC Angle

Water as strategic leverage. *Full deep-dive in today's edition.*

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#### INDUS WATERS TREATY:

1960; Nehru and Ayub Khan; World Bank-brokered

Western rivers: Indus, Jhelum, Chenab; in abeyance since 2025

## MAJ. ABHILASHA BARAK WINS UN MILITARY GENDER ADVOCATE AWARD

*Major Abhilasha Barak, India's first woman combat aviator, won the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for her peacekeeping work with UNIFIL in Lebanon.*

### Key Data

- The award (instituted 2016) recognises advancing **UN Security Council Resolution 1325** (Women, Peace and Security, 2000)
- She is the third Indian peacekeeper to win it; **UNIFIL** is the UN force in Lebanon (since 1978)

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#### WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY:

UNSC Resolution 1325 (2000); award since 2016

India is among the largest UN peacekeeping contributors

## E-JAGRITI WINS AT THE NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE AWARDS 2026

*e-Jagriti, the AI-powered consumer-dispute platform of the Department of Consumer Affairs, won a Silver at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026.*

### Key Data

- Enables virtual hearings across the consumer-commission structure under the **Consumer Protection Act, 2019**
- Awards administered by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)**

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#### CONSUMER JUSTICE:

Consumer Protection Act 2019: District, State, National (NCDRC) commissions

e-governance awards by DARPG

## E85 HIGH-ETHANOL FLEX-FUEL LAUNCHED

*India launched E85 fuel (up to 85% ethanol with 15% petrol) for flex-fuel vehicles around World Environment Day, with a plan to expand outlets through 2027.*

### Key Data

- Builds on the **Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme**; India met its E20 (20% blending) target ahead of schedule
- Framework: **National Policy on Biofuels, 2018** (amended 2022)

**★ FACTS CORNER, KNOWLEDGEPEDIA****BIOFUELS:**

E85 = up to 85% ethanol; for flex-fuel vehicles

National Biofuel Policy 2018; E20 achieved early

**INDIA WIN THE SAFF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

*India beat Bangladesh 3-1 in the final at Margao, Goa to win a record sixth SAFF Women's Championship title.*

**Key Data**

- India's first SAFF women's title since 2019; won all four matches
- **SAFF** is the South Asian Football Federation (founded 1997)

**★ FACTS CORNER, KNOWLEDGEPEDIA****SAFF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP:**

India beat Bangladesh 3-1; 6th title

SAFF founded 1997

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#### ENVIRONMENT / OCEANS:

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Bhakra Dam tilt; Dam Safety Act 2021 → NDSA; over 6,000 large dams; DRIP (World Bank)

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

India-Indonesia 8th JCM (Jaishankar + Sugiono); Comprehensive Strategic Partnership; largest ASEAN economy; G20, IORA, East Asia Summit

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