UPSC Daily Current Affairs| One Liners 09-06-2026

One Liners 09-06-2026

Geography

Yamuna River

Recently, a review meeting on the issue of Yamuna revitalization has been held in New Delhi.

• **Yamuna** – The second-largest tributary of the Ganges and the longest tributary in India.

Geographic Course & Basin

• **Origin** – Rises at an elevation of about 4,500 meters from the Bandarpunch peaks in the Lower Himalayas.

• **Tributaries** – Major tributaries in the plains include the Hindon, Chambal, Sind, Betwa, and Ken.

• **Basin** – It drains an area of 366,223 square kilometers and creates the highly fertile alluvial Yamuna-Ganges Doab region.

Polity & Governance

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

Recently, the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) organised STPI Tech Summit 2026: India's Next Leap at New Delhi on its 35th Foundation Day

• **Under** – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

• **Mandated to** – Promote software exports, nurture startups, and implement STP/EHTP (Electronic Hardware Technology Park) schemes.

• **Encourages** – nurturing pan India start-up ecosystem through its initiatives like Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) & Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS).

Udyam Registration Portal

• **Launched by** – the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME),

• **Purpose** – to simplify the registration process for small businesses.

Features

• **100% Digital & Free –** A paperless, self-declaration-based portal with zero registration fees.

• **Official MSME Identity –** Mandatory to obtain the permanent 16-digit Udyam Registration Number (URN); replaced the old Udyog Aadhaar.

• **Auto-Data Sync** – Integrated with Income Tax (PAN) and GSTIN systems to automatically verify investment and turnover details.

International Relations and Issues

Mindanao (Philippines)

Recently, a 7.8 – magnitude quake strikes the southern Philippines.

• The Philippines is an archipelagic nation in Southeast Asia composed of 7,641 islands.

• **Situated on** the Pacific Ring of Fire between the South China Sea and the Philippine Sea, its rugged, volcanic terrain spans roughly 300,000 square kilometers.

• It is divided into three primary island groups: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.



• Boundaries – **West / South China Sea**(west).

- **Philippine Sea** (east).

Sea of Azov

The Sea of Azov has become a focal point of geopolitical tension following targeted Ukrainian drone strikes on cargo vessels in Taganrog Bay.



• The Sea of Azov is a unique, semi-enclosed body of water that forms a northern extension of the Black Sea.

• It Connects to the Black Sea via the narrow and strategically vital *Kerch Strait* and bordered by Ukraine and Russia.

Economy

Kirthai-II Hydroelectric Project

The government has revived the long-stalled Kirthai Stage II Hydroelectric Project construction recently.

• **Capacity –** 930 MW (includes a 840 MW underground powerhouse and a 90 MW dam toe powerhouse).

• **River –** Chenab River

• **Location –** Kishtwar district, Jammu & Kashmir

• **Type –** Run-of-river project

• **Developer –** Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL)

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited)

Recently, the Vishakhapatnam steel plant accident claimed over 8 lives and leaves several others injured.

• It is a premier "**Navratna**" Public Sector Enterprise situated on the coast of the Bay of Bengal, in Andhra Pradesh state.
• **Under** – *Ministry of Steel*.
• **Significance** – India's first shore-based integrated steel plant.
• It plays a vital role in national infrastructure, supplying high-quality "long products" for bridges, metros, and nuclear complexes.
• **Shore-Based Advantage –** Its location drastically reduces logistical costs for importing raw materials (like coking coal) and exporting finished products.

Environment

Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary

Rupnagar's newly renamed Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Wildlife Sanctuary is set for eco-tourism overhaul as Punjab's first dedicated wildlife viewing destination.
• **Location –** Rupnagar District, Punjab (near Anandpur Sahib and Nangal).
• **Area –** Spans roughly 289 acres.
• The Punjab government recently renamed it to honor the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur.
• **Wildlife –** Leopards, sambar, barking deer, wild boars, jackals, and pangolins.
• **Reptiles & Birds –** Pythons, cobras, and diverse migratory birds.
• **Tourism & Safari Development** – It is projected to be the first destination in the state where visitors can safely experience leopards and other Shivalik wildlife up-close.

Science

Electric Traction System (ETS)

• The ETS uses electrical energy to propel vehicles like trains, trams, and trolleybuses.
• **Draws power** – from overhead lines or a third rail to feed high-torque electric motors,
• **Offers** – superior acceleration, higher energy efficiency, and *zero direct emissions compared to fossil fuel alternatives*.

Miscellaneous

Gallantry awards

During the Defence Investiture Ceremony, President conferred gallantry awards to personnel from the Armed Forces, State/UT police for their exceptional courage.

• Gallantry awards in India are prestigious honors presented by the Government of India *to recognize acts of bravery, courage, and self-sacrifice*.
• They are divided into two primary categories:
1. **Wartime gallantry awards** (for bravery in the face of the enemy)
   - **Param Vir Chakra (PVC) –** India's highest military decoration, awarded for the most conspicuous bravery and pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy.
   - **Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) –** The second-highest
   - **Vir Chakra –** The third highest

2.**Peacetime Gallantry Awards –** given for acts of courage and sacrifice away from the battlefield.
•
   - **Ashoka Chakra –** India's highest peacetime gallantry award, (equivalent to the Param Vir Chakra)
   - **Kirti Chakra –** The second-highest.
   - **Shaurya Chakra –** the third highest



SHANKAR
IAS PARLIAMENT
Information is Empowering