

Current Affairs on 8 th June 2025

Quantum Computing: Journey from bits to qubits

Source: IE

Context: Quantum computing has drawn global attention after Google, IBM, and China's Jiuzhang showcased systems crossing 100 qubits.

Zimbabwe Elephant Culling

Context: Zimbabwe has approved the culling of 50 elephants in Save Valley Conservancy due to ecological overcapacity and human-wildlife conflict.

12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum

Source: NIE

Context: India has officially taken over the chairmanship of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, to be hosted in 2026.

- This follows the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brazil, where member parliaments condemned the Pahalgam terror attack.

Starlink

Source: TH

Context: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has granted a license to Elon Musk's Starlink to begin satellite internet services in India.

- Starlink becomes the third company after Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio Satellite Communications to receive this approval.

INS Arnala

Source: IT

Context: The Indian Navy will commission INS Arnala, the first of the 16 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC) at Visakhapatnam.

Fusarium graminearum

Source: LM

Context: Two Chinese researchers have been charged in the US for smuggling *Fusarium graminearum*, a toxic crop-destroying fungus, raising fears of agro-terrorism.

Mithi River

Source: HT

Context: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted raids at 15 locations, including the residence of actor Dino Morea, in connection with a ₹65 crore scam in the Mithi River desilting project.