

Current Affairs on 13 June 25

Fair Dealing in India

Syllabus: Governance & IP rights

Source: IE

Context: A copyright and defamation dispute between ANI and YouTuber Mohak Mangal has raised critical questions on India's ambiguous fair use laws in the digital era.

What is Fair Use (Fair Dealing)?

Fair dealing, defined under Section 52(1) of the Copyright Act, 1957, permits limited use of copyrighted material without permission. It applies when the purpose is educational, critical, journalistic, or research-based, ensuring balance between creators' rights and public interest.

Gyan Post Service

Source: News on Air

Context: India Post launched the 'Gyan Post' service to deliver educational books and socio-cultural literature at affordable rates across India.

The initiative supports the vision of 'Har Ghar Gyan, Har Sapne Ko Udaan'.

AviList

Source: DTE

Context: The world's first unified global checklist of bird species, called AviList, was officially launched, standardizing bird taxonomy across international conservation, research, and biodiversity platforms.

What is AviList?

AviList is a comprehensive global bird species checklist, developed to harmonize scientific naming and classification of birds worldwide. It is designed to replace earlier inconsistent systems and streamline avian taxonomy for global conservation and research.

Developed By: AviList was created by the Working Group on Avian Checklists, under the International Ornithologists' Union. It involved four years of detailed analysis and consensus-building among experts.

Organizations Involved: BirdLife International, International Ornithologists' Union and others.

Global Gender Gap Report 2025

Source: LM

Context: India slipped to 131st position out of 148 countries in the Global Gender Gap Report 2025, released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), highlighting persistent challenges in gender equality.

What It Is: An annual report that benchmarks gender parity across countries, helping track progress toward closing gender gaps.

Published By: World Economic Forum (WEF)

Assessment Criteria: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment.

Top 10 Countries: Iceland, Finland, Norway, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Sweden, Republic of Moldova, Namibia, Germany, Ireland

India and its Neighbours: Bangladesh (24), Bhutan (119), Nepal (125), Sri Lanka (130), India (131), Maldives (138), Pakistan (148)

Report said full parity remains 123 years away at current rates.

Totapuri Mangoes

Source: DH

Context: Andhra Pradesh banned the entry of Totapuri mangoes from Karnataka into Chittoor district, sparking a cross-border trade dispute over mango pricing and market access.

About Totapuri Mangoes:

- A prominent juicy mango cultivar known for its elongated shape and parrot beak-like tip.
- Commonly used in juice and pulp extraction, especially by food and beverage industries.
- Indigenous to South India and also known as Ginimoothi, Sandersha, Banglora.

Ideal Growth Conditions:

- Thrives in tropical climates with warm temperatures and dry summers.
- Requires moderate rainfall and well-drained loamy soil.

Can a State Impose Inter-State Trade Ban?

- No, as per Article 301 of the Indian Constitution, trade and commerce shall be free throughout the territory of India.

- Any restriction must meet reasonable justification under Article 304(b) and be passed by state legislature with Presidential assent.