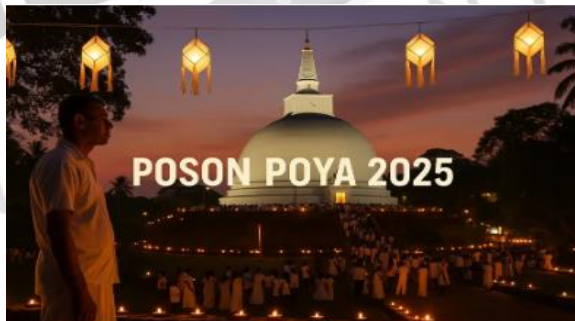


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 11, 2025

INTERNATIONAL

- **Sri Lanka Celebrates Poson Poya: Honoring 2000 Years of Buddhism**
- ✓ Sri Lanka is celebrating the revered Poson Poya festival, marking over 2,000 years since the arrival of Buddhism with Arahat Mahinda's first sermon to King Devanampiyatissa.



- ✓ Devotees have gathered at Mihintale and Anuradhapura, where the festivities are marked with lanterns, almsgiving, and cultural programs.
- ✓ President Anura Kumara Dissanayake emphasized national unity and moral revival.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

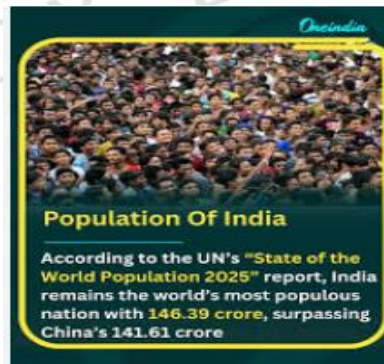
- **New SARS-CoV-2 Variant XFG**
- ✓ The emergence of the XFG variant of SARS-CoV-2 has raised concerns in India.



- ✓ The total number of active COVID-19 cases in India stands at 6,815, with three deaths recorded in the last 24 hours.
- ✓ The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium has confirmed the presence of this new variant.
- ✓ The XFG variant is a recombinant strain.
- ✓ This variant carries four mutations in the spike protein.
- ✓ The variant is a descendant of the Omicron sub-variant.

REPORT

- **State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis”**
- ✓ India’s population is estimated to have reached 146.39 crore by April, says a new UN demographic report, which adds that the country’s total fertility rate (TFR) has declined to 1.9, falling below the replacement level of 2.1.



- ✓ The population is expected to grow to 170 crore before starting to dip in about 40 years, the report titled “State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis” says.
- ✓ It calls India the “world’s most populous nation”, while pegging China’s current population at 141.61 crore.
- ✓ The last Census was conducted in 2011.

