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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. India's Literacy Rate Surges from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023–24.



In his address on International Literacy Day 2025, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan highlighted a significant improvement in India's literacy landscape: the national literacy rate climbed from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023–24, marking notable progress in foundational education.

- The government's flagship literacy mission has enrolled over 3 crore learners and 42 lakh volunteers, emphasizing its scale and outreach.
- The programme now offers learning materials across 26 Indian languages, increasing accessibility and cultural inclusivity.

Key Points:-

- A leap of 6.9 percentage points in just 13 years—from 74% (2011) to 80.9% (2023–24)—demonstrates strong foundational learning gains.
- Out of learners enrolled, approximately 1.83 crore undertook foundational literacy and numeracy assessments, achieving an impressive 90% success rate.
- Several states and UTs—Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, and Himachal

Pradesh—have attained full functional literacy, marking milestone achievements in regional education.

2. Indian Army launches 'Operation Rahat' for flood relief & restoration efforts in North India.



Under Operation Rahat, the Indian Army's Western Command has stepped up its Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations across the severely flood-affected regions of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir, demonstrating rapid mobilization and inter-agency coordination amid the crisis.

- Over the past two weeks, the Army executed 82 HADR missions, deploying 59 columns including 17 Engineer Task Forces, facilitating the evacuation of over 6,000 civilians, including approximately 300 paramilitary force personnel.
- The Army provided medical assistance to over 13,000 individuals, including critical emergency evacuations, while deploying both ground and aerial channels to deliver essential supplies—medicines, potable water, and 48 tonnes of rations—to inaccessible areas.
- Army and Air Force assets—comprising 3 Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs), 6 MI-17s, 6

Cheetahs and 1 Chinook helicopter—logged over 250 hours of sorties. Concurrently, the Army coordinated with the civil administration, NDRF, and SDRF, establishing Flood Control and Water Level Monitoring Cells at key dam sites to aid in early warning and infrastructure rebuilding.

Key Points:-

- (i) Over 13,000 citizens received medical care, and more than 48 tonnes of relief supplies were distributed, showcasing the scale and intensity of relief operations.
- (ii) A fleet of 16 helicopters across multiple variants executed 250+ hours of flight time, enabling wide reach and rapid response in rugged terrain.
- (iii) The establishment of round-the-clock Flood Control and Water Level Monitoring Cells at headquarters and major dams—such as Bhakra Nangal and Ranjit Sagar—coupled with the deployment of engineering teams, underpinned timely infrastructure restoration and disaster containment.

3. NBWL approves 1,044.68 sq.km expansion of Sundarbans Tiger Reserve (3,629.57 sq.km), India's 2nd largest after Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem.



In August 2025, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) chaired by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, approved West Bengal's proposal to expand the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve (STR).

- The integration of Matla, Raidighi, and Ramganga ranges from South 24 Parganas added 1,044.68 sq. km of critical mangrove habitat into STR. This ensures ecological connectivity for tiger movement and protection of estuarine biodiversity.
- The expansion positioned STR at 3,629.57 sq. km, ranking second in size among India's Tiger Reserves after Andhra Pradesh's Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (3,727.82 sq. km).
- The decision strengthens resource allocation by enabling dedicated central funding, NTCA-backed monitoring technologies, and advanced anti-poaching frameworks.

Key Points:-

- (i) Newly added 1,044.68 sq. km spans mangrove forests of South 24 Parganas, a key buffer against cyclones and sea-level rise in the Bay of Bengal.
- (ii) Latest census recorded 101 tigers in the landscape, with 80 inside STR and 21 in adjoining forest divisions outside reserve limits.
- (iii) Sundarbans gained UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 1987 and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve tag in 1989, reinforcing its global conservation value.

4. Bhutan PM Dasho Tshering Tobgay Concludes Four-Day Official Visit to India with Key Bilateral and Cultural Engagements.



Bhutan's Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay, accompanied by First Lady Aum Tashi Doma, Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot of Bhutan), and senior officials, paid a four-day official visit to India from September 3–6, 2025. This marked his second visit to India in 2025, following his earlier trip in February, highlighting the deepening strategic and cultural partnership between the two nations.

- During the Bihar leg of his visit, PM Tobgay inaugurated the Royal Bhutan Temple at Rajgir, Nalanda, where Union Minister Kiren Rijiju (MoMA – Ministry of Minority Affairs) and Bhutanese representatives were present, symbolizing Buddhist cultural diplomacy.

- He also visited Nalanda University, proposing stronger cooperation through academic exchanges, scholarships, and cultural collaboration, and extended an invitation for the University to join Bhutan's Global Peace Prayer Festival.

Key Points:-

(i) On September 4, 2025, he offered prayers at the Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya, a UNESCO World Heritage Site,

while on September 5 he visited the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya (UP), becoming the first foreign leader to visit the temple after its consecration.

(ii) On September 6, 2025, Adani Power Limited (APL), India's largest private power producer, signed an agreement with Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC), Bhutan, to establish a 570-Megawatt Wangchhu Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan, strengthening India-Bhutan energy cooperation.

(iii) The Royal Bhutan Temple inauguration at Nalanda aligns with the India-Bhutan Buddhist circuit collaboration, enhancing religious tourism and promoting cultural diplomacy in Rajgir, Bodh Gaya, and Nalanda as Buddhist heritage hubs.

5. India & Israel Sign Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to Boost Investments.



In September 2025, the Government of India (GoI) and the Government of Israel signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) in New Delhi, aimed at enhancing bilateral trade, investment, and cooperation in key economic sectors.

- The BIT was signed between Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance (MoF), Government of India, and Bezalel Smotrich, Finance Minister (FM) of Israel, during his official visit to India from September 8–10, 2025.
- With this agreement, Israel becomes the first Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member country to sign an investment treaty under India's new model BIT framework.
- The treaty is designed to promote cross-border investments in priority areas such as innovation, infrastructure development, financial regulation, and digital services, strengthening economic ties between both nations.

Key Points:-

- (i) The newly signed BIT replaces the earlier India–Israel Investment Protection Agreement of 1996, which was terminated in 2017 following India's comprehensive review and policy overhaul of bilateral investment treaties.
- (ii) Bilateral investments between India and Israel have been steadily increasing; Indian investments in Israel are currently valued at USD 443 million, while bilateral trade stood at USD 3.9 billion in 2024.
- (iii) Presently, mutual investments between the two countries are worth about USD 800 million, according to official data, highlighting the growing depth of India–Israel economic relations.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India Unveils UPI–UPU Integration at 28th Universal Postal Congress.



On 8 September 2025, Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched the UPI–UPU Integration Project at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai, UAE, marking a historic step to transform cross-border digital remittances.

- The UPI–UPU Integration Project is a collaborative initiative between the Department of Posts, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), bringing together India's fintech innovation and the global postal network.
- Integrates India's UPI with the UPU Interconnection Platform, combining postal reach with UPI's speed for instant, secure, low-cost remittances worldwide.
- India pledged USD 10 million to support innovation, digital payments, e-commerce, and training; also announced its candidature for UPU's Council of Administration & Postal Operations Council.

Key Points:-

- (i) Through Aadhaar, Jan Dhan, and IPPB, India has enabled 560M+ bank accounts (majority for women). In 2024, India Post handled 900M+ letters and parcels, showcasing nationwide reach.

(ii) UPI processed 185B transactions worth USD 2.83T in 2024–25, accounting for ~50% of global digital payments; already accepted in the Gulf region and at the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

(iii) Supports UN SDG target of reducing global remittance costs below 3% by 2030. UPU DG Masahiko Metoki praised India's leadership and active role in global postal and financial networks.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. SIDBI & CRIF High Mark release 'Small Business Spotlight' Report 2025: Maharashtra leads with ₹6 lakh crore, UP posts 20.7% YoY growth.



The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and CRIF High Mark recently released the "Small Business Spotlight" report in September 2025, presenting detailed insights into India's small business lending landscape.

- The top five states—Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka—accounted for nearly half of the national small business portfolio. Districts like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru dominated the portfolio, while

Jaipur and Ahmedabad showed the highest year-on-year growth.

- Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest growth in outstanding portfolio, indicating stronger credit expansion in northern India. The report also highlighted that small business credit is still primarily driven by sole proprietors, though enterprises are showing higher growth momentum.

- Sole proprietors with entity presence registered the fastest borrower expansion, suggesting growing formalization in small business financing. Enterprises, on the other hand, led in portfolio growth, reflecting increased institutional borrowing.

Key Points:-

(i) Maharashtra ₹6.0 lakh crore, Tamil Nadu ₹4.21 lakh crore, Gujarat ₹3.69 lakh crore, Uttar Pradesh ₹3.61 lakh crore, Karnataka ₹3.18 lakh crore — together 46% of India's total portfolio (June 2025).

(ii) Mumbai (4.4%), Delhi (3.8%), Bengaluru (3.0%) led in portfolio size; Jaipur (19.1% YoY) and Ahmedabad (19.0% YoY) registered the fastest growth.

(iii) Sole proprietors – 75% of outstanding credit & 85% of active loans; Enterprises – highest portfolio growth at 24.7% YoY; Sole proprietors with entity presence – fastest borrower growth at 9.3% YoY.

2. RBI Approves ₹100 Commemorative Coin for Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika's Centenary.



In August 2025, the RBI approved the issue of a special ₹100 commemorative coin to mark the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the coin during the official centenary celebrations.

- The approval was notified through the Gazette of India, giving the coin official legal tender status.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma thanked PM Modi for this recognition and highlighted Hazarika's role in promoting Assamese culture worldwide.
- The centenary programmes will take place across Guwahati, Roing, Kolkata, New Delhi, and Mumbai, showcasing his songs, writings, and artworks.

Key Points:-

- (i) The coin will be formally unveiled by PM Modi on 13 September 2025 during the main centenary programme.
- (ii) A new biography of Bhupen Hazarika will be launched, documenting his journey as a singer, poet, filmmaker, and social reformer.
- (iii) A dedicated Bhupen Hazarika Museum will be established as part of the centenary legacy projects to preserve his archives and

cultural contributions.

MOUs and Agreement

1. Kongsberg Maritime & Mandovi Drydocks sign pact to build India's first electric tug at Deendayal Port under GTTP.



On September 7, 2025, Kongsberg Maritime signed an agreement with Mandovi Drydocks, in partnership with Ripley Group, to deliver a fully integrated equipment package for India's first electric tug at Deendayal Port, Kandla, Gujarat. The project marks a landmark under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP).

- The contract was awarded to Mandovi Drydocks and Ripley Group under GTTP, making it a significant step in India's port decarbonisation efforts.
- Kongsberg Maritime's package includes PM-driven azimuth thrusters, Energy Storage System (ESS), automation and control solutions such as K-Chief PMS, and digital tools like Vessel Insight for performance monitoring.
- The tug has been designed by NavNautik India with a bollard pull of 60 tonnes and will be delivered and commissioned in 2026 with

operational support from Kongsberg's Global Customer Support team.

Key Points:-

- (i) The electric tug will be deployed at Deendayal Port (Kandla, Gujarat) as part of the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) aimed at lowering carbon emissions in port operations.
- (ii) Kongsberg Maritime ensures full system integration, including thrusters, ESS, automation, electrical, and digital solutions for lifecycle efficiency.
- (iii) This tug represents one of the first milestones of GTTP, positioning India as a front-runner in adopting electric and hybrid propulsion systems for sustainable maritime logistics.

2. RRP Electronics Signs Four Strategic MoUs at Semicon India 2025.



At the Semicon India 2025 conference in New Delhi, RRP Electronics Ltd signed four pivotal Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to enhance India's semiconductor ecosystem.

- The MoU with TIFR focuses on collaborating for the HGICAL project (an upgrade of the CMS

experiment at CERN, Geneva), showcasing RRP's advanced OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly & Test) capabilities.

- A partnership with Polaron Infotech aims to fortify the semiconductor supply chain with cybersecurity, safeguarding intellectual property and ensuring operational continuity.
- Collaboration with Rajarambapu Institute of Technology (RIT), Sangli will nurture talent through industry-aligned curricula, hands-on training, and internships or employment opportunities at RRP Electronics.

Key Points:-

- (i) The MoU with MONK9 Tech Pvt Ltd enables RRP Electronics to extend its advanced semiconductor packaging technology and infrastructure support to MONK9's upcoming projects.
- (ii) Collectively, the four MoUs are expected to generate ₹15 crore in cumulative revenues, alongside driving skill development, innovation, and professional education in the semiconductor domain.
- (iii) These collaborations align with India's broader semiconductor ambition—"Designed in India, Made in India, Trusted by the World"—and position RRP as a strategic enabler of the domestic semiconductor value chain.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Anutin Charnvirakul Elected as 32nd Prime Minister of Thailand.



In September 2025, Anutin Charnvirakul, leader of Thailand's Bhumjaithai Party, was elected as the 32nd Prime Minister of Thailand, securing 311 votes in the 493-seat parliament and succeeding Paetongtarn Shinawatra of the Pheu Thai Party.

- Anutin Charnvirakul assumed office following royal endorsement by King Maha Vajiralongkorn (King Rama X) at a ceremony in Bangkok, officially becoming Thailand's Prime Minister.
- He secured 311 votes, surpassing the 247-vote majority required in the 492-member House of Representatives. His main rival, Chaikasem Nitisiri of the Pheu Thai Party, received 152 votes, while 27 members abstained.

Key Points:-

(i) Anutin began his political journey in 2000 as an advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, first elected to the House of Representatives in 2005, and has held key positions including Health Minister (July 2019–Sept 2023) and Deputy PM (July 2019–June 2025).

(ii) He became leader of the Bhumjaithai Party in 2014, succeeding his father, Chavarat Charnvirakul, and has been instrumental in shaping the party's policies, particularly in rural development and

cannabis law reforms.

(iii) Anutin is a practical politician from Thailand's rural northeast. He manages his family's construction business, Sino-Thai Engineering and Construction (STECO), before entering politics, and is recognized for his hands-on approach to regional development.

2. Milind Soman Appointed as Ambassador for BJYM's 'Namo Yuva Run' Campaign Promoting Fitness and Drug-Free India.



On September 7, 2025, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) launched the 'Namo Yuva Run' campaign in New Delhi, appointing Indian fitness icon Milind Soman as its brand ambassador. The initiative aims to promote fitness and social awareness among India's youth.

- The 'Namo Yuva Run' campaign was officially inaugurated in New Delhi, Delhi, with the presence of key dignitaries including Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), and Tejaswi Surya, Member of Parliament (MP). Milind Soman was appointed as the campaign ambassador to inspire and engage youth participation.

- Scheduled for September 21, 2025, the campaign will be conducted across 75 cities in India. It targets participation from one million youths, encouraging large-scale community involvement and spreading the message of fitness and social awareness across the country.

Key Points:-

- (i) The campaign theme, 'Nasha Mukht Bharat' (Drug-Free India), emphasizes the importance of preventing substance abuse among the youth. The initiative supports national efforts to build awareness about the dangers of addiction while promoting physical and mental well-being.
- (ii) The campaign is part of the celebrations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday on September 17, 2025.
- (iii) Milind Soman, a renowned Indian fitness icon, serves as the face of the campaign. His appointment aims to inspire youth participation, leveraging his public influence to encourage healthy lifestyles, drug-free living, and active engagement in socially responsible activities nationwide.

3. Mohamed Irfaan Ali Re-Elected as President of Guyana for Second Term.



In September 2025, Mohamed Irfaan Ali, current President of Guyana and member of the People's Progressive Party (PPP), was re-elected as the President of Guyana for a second 5-year term after winning the general election held on September 1, 2025.

- The People's Progressive Party (PPP) won 36 out of 65 National Assembly seats, giving Mohamed Irfaan Ali a renewed mandate to govern the country. His re-election ensures continuity in the nation's policies and governance framework.

- The We Invest in Nationhood (WIN) party, led by Azruddin Mohamed, recently became the second-largest party with 16 seats, surpassing the traditional opposition, A Partnership for National Unity (APNU), which secured 12 seats. This reflects a changing political landscape in Guyana.

- Mohamed Irfaan Ali is now serving his second term as President, each spanning 5 years. He has been in office since August 2020, making him the 10th President of Guyana. His recent re-election continues his leadership for the period 2025–2030.

Key Points:-

- (i) Ali's political career began in 2006 as a Member of Parliament (MP). He has previously served as the Minister of Housing and Water (2009–2015) and as Minister of Tourism Industry and Commerce. He has also chaired the Public Accounts Committee and co-chaired the Economic Services Committee in the National Assembly.
- (ii) In addition to his political roles, Mohamed Irfaan Ali has worked as Project Manager for the Caribbean Bank's Development Project Implementation Unit in the Ministry of Finance and as Senior Planner in the State

Planning Secretariat.

(iii) Mohamed Irfaan Ali is the first Muslim President of Guyana and the second Muslim head of state in the Americas, following Noor Hassanali of Trinidad and Tobago. In 2023, he was honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, India's highest award for individuals of Indian origin, recognising his contributions to governance and public service.

SPORTS

1. Star Rating Award Ceremony 2023-24 Held in Mumbai by Ministry of Coal.



In September 2025, the Ministry of Coal (MoC) organised the Star Rating Award Ceremony for 2023-24 in Mumbai, Maharashtra, to recognise coal and lignite mines for their excellence in safety, sustainability, and productivity. The event was graced by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Union MoS Satish Chandra Dubey, and Secretary Vikram Dev.

- The Star Rating system, introduced by MoC, is designed to promote competitiveness and accountability in the coal sector.

- The evaluation for 2023-24 included 383 coal and lignite mines, covering both public and private operators.

- The initiative serves as a benchmark to encourage mines to adopt best practices in environmental and operational management.

Key Points:-

(i) A total of 42 mines earned 5-star status, with 4 achieving 1st rank, 3 securing 2nd rank, 6 attaining 3rd rank, and 29 receiving the Achievers Prize.

(ii) NLC India Limited (Neyveli Lignite Corporation), a Navratna CPSE, stood out as every one of its operating mines was recognised, underscoring its dominance in sustainable mining and operational efficiency.

(iii) The event featured the launch of a revamped Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) website, an interactive data dashboard, and two new frameworks — L.I.V.E.S (Learning, Innovation, Vision, Environment, Sustainability) and ARTHA (Atmanirbhar Reclamation and Transformation for Holistic Assets) to advance the sector's future readiness.

2. Spain's Carlos Alcaraz and Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka Win US Open 2025 Titles.



The 145th edition of the United States (US) Open Tennis Championships 2025, the fourth and final Grand Slam of the year, concluded at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City, USA. Spain's Carlos Alcaraz and Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka emerged as the men's and women's singles champions, respectively, in a tournament that showcased top-ranked global talent.

- The US Open 2025 was held from August 24, 2025, to September 7, 2025, on outdoor hard courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York City, United States of America (USA). Matches were played across 17 courts, including the Arthur Ashe Stadium, Louis Armstrong Stadium, and Grandstand, making it one of the largest tennis events globally.
- Spain's Carlos Alcaraz (World No.2) defeated Italy's Jannik Sinner (World No.1), the defending champion, in the men's singles final at Arthur Ashe Stadium.
- Belarusian tennis player Aryna Sabalenka (World No.1) won the women's singles title by defeating the USA's Amanda Anisimova (World No.8).

Key Points:-

- (i) The total prize money for the US Open 2025 was USD 90 million, reflecting a 20%

increase over 2024. Both the men's and women's singles champions received USD 5 million each, highlighting the tournament's commitment to gender parity and financial incentives for top performers.

(ii) In men's doubles, Spain's Marcel Granollers and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos defeated the UK pair Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski to claim the title. In women's doubles, Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski and New Zealand's Erin Routliffe triumphed over the Czech Republic's Kateřina Siniaková and USA's Taylor Townsend.

(iii) The Italian pair Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori won the mixed doubles title by defeating Poland's Iga Świątek and Norway's Casper Ruud, showcasing strong international competition and versatility across singles and doubles events at the US Open 2025.

3. Max Verstappen Wins 2025 Italian Grand Prix at Monza and Breaks Michael Schumacher's Record.



In September 2025, Belgian-Dutch driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the Formula 1 (F1) Italian Grand Prix (GP) 2025 at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy. With this victory, Verstappen claimed his 66th

career win and broke a long-standing world record in Formula 1 history.

- The 2025 Italian Grand Prix was held at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in Monza, Italy, featuring a circuit length of 5.793 kilometers (km) across 53 laps. It was the 95th edition of the Italian GP, officially known as the “F1 Pirelli Gran Premio D’Italia 2025.”

- Max Verstappen secured his third win at Monza, following victories in 2021 and 2022, and recorded his 66th career F1 win. He previously also won the Japanese GP (April 2025) and Emilia Romagna GP (May 2025), solidifying his dominance in the 2025 F1 season.

- Verstappen set a new Formula 1 world record by completing the race in 1 hour (hr), 13 minutes (min), and 24.2 seconds (s), breaking former German F1 legend Michael Schumacher’s 2003 record of 1 hr, 14 min, and 19.838 s.

Key Points:-

(i) Verstappen’s victory marked his 34th consecutive points finish in F1 Grand Prix history, ranking as the 3rd longest streak behind Lewis Hamilton (48) and Verstappen’s own ongoing records. It was also his fourth consecutive Monza victory, unmatched since 2019.

(ii) McLaren’s championship leader Lando Norris finished 2nd, bringing his championship tally to 311 points, while Australian driver Oscar Piastri of McLaren secured 3rd place, his lowest finish since Canada GP 2019, with 15 points.

(iii) The top 3 winners of the 2025 Italian GP were Max Verstappen (Red Bull, Netherlands, 25 points), Lando Norris (McLaren, UK, 18 points), and Oscar Piastri (McLaren, Australia, 15 points). This strengthened Red Bull’s position against

McLaren in the constructor’s standings.

4. India to host 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships from Oct 11.



India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships in Bhubaneswar from October 11 to 15. The announcement was made by the Table Tennis Federation of India yesterday and will feature men’s and women’s team competitions.

- It will also serve as a qualifier for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships, with the top 13 teams from each category earning spots.

- This is the first time Odisha is hosting an Asian-level table tennis event, although the state previously hosted the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.

Key Points:-

(i) Bhubaneswar, having hosted several major sporting events in recent years, is also recognised as India’s sports capital. The championship will follow international standards, with ITTF-approved flooring and equipment.

(ii) Top Asian teams like China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore, along with

emerging teams from South Asia and the Middle East, are expected to participate.

AWARDS

1. Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh Felicitates Indian Team for Winning 7 Medals at IESO-2025 in China.



On September 7, 2025, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), felicitated the Indian student team for their outstanding performance at the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025) held in Jining, China.

- The Indian team won a total of seven medals at IESO-2025, including 1 Gold, 4 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals.
- Additionally, the team secured a 3rd prize in the International Geoscience Youth Movement (I-GYM) Reporter Category, highlighting both academic and scientific communication excellence.
- Rayansh Gupta from Ludhiana (Punjab) achieved 1 Gold, 1 Silver, and the I-GYM 3rd prize. Charuvrat Bains from Kapurthala (Punjab) won 2 Silver and 1 Bronze. Apam Nidhi Pandey from Jaipur (Rajasthan) earned 1 Silver, while

Priyanshi Ghanghas from Delhi secured 1 Bronze, representing a strong pan-India performance.

Key Points:-

(i) The International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) is an annual global competition for secondary school students (Classes 9–12). IESO-2025 was held from August 8–16, 2025, in Jining, China, providing students with a platform to demonstrate expertise in earth sciences through theoretical and practical assessments.

(ii) India has been participating in IESO since 2007 and previously hosted the 10th edition in 2013 at Mysore, Karnataka. The Olympiad itself was established in 2003 by the International Geoscience Education Organization (IGEO) to promote geoscience education and awareness among youth globally.

(iii) Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the need to nurture young scientific talent and international collaboration, noting that the awards showcase India's rising global presence in geosciences.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. UN Observed International Day of Police Cooperation on 7 September 2025.

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On 7 September 2025, the United Nations (UN) marked the 3rd International Day of Police Cooperation, highlighting the crucial role of law enforcement agencies in global peace and security. The 2025 observance emphasized the impact of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) on modern policing.

- The International Day of Police Cooperation is observed annually on 7 September. The 2025 theme was “Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in policing”, reflecting the growing integration of digital technologies in law enforcement.

- The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) through Resolution A/RES/77/241, adopted on 16 December 2022. It recognized the importance of international cooperation in addressing evolving security threats, including cybercrime.

- The date 7 September was chosen to commemorate the founding of INTERPOL’s predecessor, the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC), established on 7 September 1923. The inaugural observance was held in 2023, coinciding with INTERPOL’s centenary.

Key Points:-

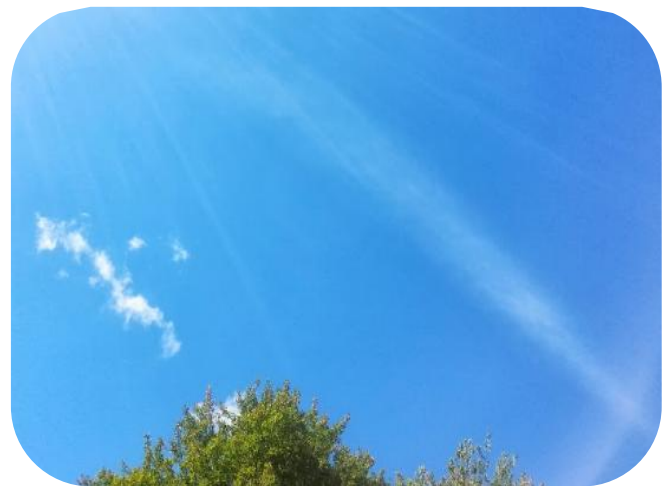
(i) The 2025 observance aligns with the

UNGA’s adoption of the first global treaty against cybercrime – the UN Convention against Cybercrime. This treaty strengthens international cooperation between law enforcement bodies to combat cyber-related threats.

(ii) The observance is coordinated by the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Policing (IATF-P), which brings together various UN entities to promote effective policing practices and collaboration across borders.

(iii) The United Nations Police (UNPOL), established in 1960 after its first deployment in the Congo (ONUC), plays a central role in this initiative. With officers drawn from 129 countries since 1990, UNPOL supports intelligence-led, community-oriented policing to tackle organized and transnational crimes worldwide.

2. UN Observed International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on 7 September 2025.



The United Nations (UN) observed the 6th International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on 7 September 2025 to raise awareness about the urgent need to reduce air pollution, the leading global environmental health risk. The 2025 theme was “Racing for Air. Every Breath Matters.”

- The UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution 74/212 on 19 December 2019, designating 7 September each year as the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.
- The first observance of this international day took place on 7 September 2020, highlighting the global call for clean and healthy air.
- The 2025 global event was jointly organized by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) on 5 September 2025 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC-BKK) in Bangkok, Thailand.

Key Points:-

- (i) The Bangkok event was conducted in a hybrid format, bringing together governments, civil society, and experts to discuss innovative policies and practices to combat air pollution.
- (ii) Climate Week India 2025, aligned with the observance, is scheduled from 7–14 September across 22 cities to promote nationwide community-led climate action.

Static GK

Indian Army	Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Upendra Dwivedi	Headquarters: New Delhi
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	Headquarters: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh,	Headquarter : Mumbai
RBI	Governor : Sanjay Malhotra	Headquarter : Mumbai
Bhutan	Capital: Thimphu	Currencies: Bhutanese Ngultrum, Indian Rupee
Ministry of Coal	Minister : Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Headquarters: New Delhi
Thailand	Capital: Bangkok	Currency: Thai Baht
Guyana	Capital: Georgetown	Prime minister: Mark Phillips
United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	President: Annalena Baerbock	Headquarters: New York, United States

UAE	Capital: Abu Dhabi	Currency: United Arab Emirates Dirham
Israel	Capital: Jerusalem	President: Isaac Herzog