



# **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS**

 **20 SEPTEMBER 2025**

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### 1. PM Modi Launches SNSP Abhiyaan, 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah & Inaugurates PM MITRA Park in Dhar, MP.



On 17th September 2025, PM Narendra Modi visited Dhar, Madhya Pradesh to launch key national campaigns for women and children and inaugurate the Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park.

- PM Modi launched the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar (SNSP) Abhiyaan from 17th September to 2nd October 2025. Over 15 lakh beneficiaries received cash support under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) for maternal health.
- Launched on 17th September and observed until 16th October 2025, this National Nutrition Month focuses on improving nutrition for women and children and combating malnutrition nationwide.

#### Key Points:-

(i) The AI-powered Suman Sakhi Chatbot provides maternal and child health guidance in rural areas. PM Modi also distributed 1 crore Sickie Cell Screening and Counselling Cards across MP.

(ii) Northern Railway Central Hospital, Ministry of Railways (MoR), joined SNSP Abhiyaan to enhance healthcare and nutrition services for women, adolescent girls, and children across India.

(iii) In Dhar, PM MITRA Park spans 2,150+ acres with CETP and solar power facilities. Textile companies committed Rs. 23,410 crore investment, creating ~3 lakh jobs and boosting exports.

### 2. Mauritius PM Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam Undertakes 8-Day Official Visit to India and India Announces USD 680 Million Special Economic Package.



From 9th to 16th September 2025, Prime Minister (PM) of Mauritius, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, visited India at the invitation of PM Narendra Modi. This marked his first overseas bilateral visit to India in his current term, aimed at strengthening the India-Mauritius Enhanced Strategic Partnership across economic, cultural, and strategic sectors.

- During his visit, PM Ramgoolam met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting reinforced diplomatic relations and discussed avenues for enhanced



cooperation between India and Mauritius in key areas such as trade, maritime security, and sustainable development.

- PM Ramgoolam held high-level bilateral talks with PM Narendra Modi in Varanasi, focusing on strategic partnership, economic cooperation, and cultural ties. The discussions culminated in India announcing a Special Economic Package worth USD 680 million for Mauritius.

- On 10th September 2025, he arrived in Mumbai, Maharashtra, to attend the India-Mauritius Business Conclave organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). PM Ramgoolam announced the establishment of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for Indian companies in Mauritius to boost bilateral trade and investment.

#### Key Points:-

(i) On 10th September 2025, PM Ramgoolam, along with his wife Veena Ramgoolam and delegation of ministers and business leaders, visited Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. He offered prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple and participated in cultural events, highlighting shared historical and spiritual links.

(ii) On 12th September 2025, he visited Ayodhya, UP, and offered prayers at the Shree Ramjanambhumi Temple with his wife. This visit underscored the spiritual and cultural connections between India and Mauritius and strengthened people-to-people ties.

(iii) On 15th September 2025, PM Ramgoolam visited Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, as part of his official tour. The visit emphasized the long-standing cultural and religious links between the two countries, reflecting mutual respect and the importance

of spiritual diplomacy in India-Mauritius relations.

### 3. Dr. Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Centre of Excellence for AI, Skill Development & Innovation at Graphic Era University, Uttarakhand.



In September 2025, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge, IC) Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T) and Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Artificial Intelligence (AI), Skill Development, and Innovation at Graphic Era University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

- The campus is India's first Generative AI Ready Campus, powered by Amazon Web Services (AWS), designed to advance AI research, innovation, and industry collaboration.

- Developed at a cost of over Rs. 10 crore and spanning 1.5 lakh square feet, the centre is Uttarakhand's first dedicated facility for AI research, skill development, and innovation.

- The CoE includes an Apple iOS (iPhone Operating System) Development Centre, established in collaboration with Apple and

**Infosys, enabling students and researchers to develop applications for iOS platforms and engage with global industry standards.**

**Key Points:-**

(i) Equipped with a NVIDIA DGX 8200 system featuring 8 GPUs and 1.74 TB GPU memory, the centre supports advanced AI research, high-performance computing, and complex data modeling, facilitating innovation in sectors like healthcare, agriculture, smart cities, environment, and advanced industries.

(ii) The CoE benefits researchers, startups, and students by providing access to advanced AI infrastructure and industry collaborations. Focus areas include AI-driven solutions for healthcare, agriculture, environment, smart cities, and advanced industrial applications, fostering innovation and skill development at a national level.

**4. Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu Launches 'Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025' at Hindon Airport.**



On 17th September 2025, Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA), launched the 'Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025' initiative from Hindon Airport in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The Airport

Authority of India (AAI) observed the day across all its airports nationwide, focusing on passenger-centric services and community engagement.

- Airports conducted awareness drives, service improvement campaigns, and free health check-ups, particularly for women travelers, aligning with the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar (SNSP) Abhiyan to promote health and empowerment.

- The initiative emphasized key passenger services, including safety, cleanliness, accessibility, health and well-being, digital and smart services, and awareness and education, ensuring an enhanced travel experience.

**Key Points:-**

(i) The celebration extended beyond airports, including blood donation camps, eye check-ups for taxi drivers, and tree plantation drives under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign, linking aviation services with social responsibility.

(ii) AAI observed Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025 across all airports in India, ensuring coordinated efforts in service improvement, passenger education, and community welfare, reflecting a holistic approach to civil aviation service quality.

**5. Tamil Nadu Launches ID Cards & Rs 3,500 Crore Loan Scheme for SHG Women.**



In September 2025, Tamil Nadu (TN) Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin launched the distribution of Identification (ID) cards and sanctioned loans worth ₹3,500 crore for Self-Help Group (SHG) women at Karuppur Engineering College, Salem. With this, Tamil Nadu became the first Indian state to issue ID cards to SHG women.

- **Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to introduce official ID cards for SHG women, ensuring recognition, easy access to welfare schemes, and priority support in government initiatives.**
- **Loans worth ₹3,500 crore were disbursed to SHG women during the event, strengthening financial inclusion and empowering women entrepreneurs across the state.**

#### Key Points:-

- (i) ID card holders can avail free transportation of their products up to 100 km in government buses and receive discounts at state-run outlets like Aavin (milk products), Cooptex (handloom textiles), and Mudhalvar Marundhagam (low-cost pharmacies).
- (ii) Tamil Nadu pioneered the SHG movement in 1989 under former CM Kalaingar Karunanidhi, when the first

women's SHG was introduced in Dharmapuri. This legacy continues with Udhayanidhi Stalin's initiative to enhance women's economic empowerment.

## BANKING & FINANCE

**1. AU Small Finance Bank and KIWI Launch 'AU KOSMO Credit Card' on Rupay Network with UPI Integration.**



In September 2025, AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest small finance bank, in partnership with KIWI, a leading credit company on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, launched the 'AU KOSMO Credit Card' in India.

- **The card is built on the Rupay Network and integrates UPI payments for both online and offline transactions, aligning with the growing preference for UPI-based banking.**
- **The AU KOSMO Credit Card is tailored for first-time credit card users and young professionals, offering a seamless digital onboarding process, inclusive banking benefits, and a zero-cost annual structure to encourage wider adoption.**

#### Key Points:-

- (i) The card allows transactions through any UPI-enabled merchant QR code without



requiring a physical card, making it convenient and fully digital. It also provides customers with rewards on every UPI and online purchase, reinforcing its tech-enabled and user-friendly approach.

(ii) Additionally, the AU KOSMO Credit Card supports savings on fuel purchases with a 1% fuel surcharge waiver on transactions between Rs. 400 to Rs. 5000 across all fuel stations in India, making it a practical choice for everyday needs.

## 2. IRDAI Unveils 'Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF) Website' to Strengthen Digital Public Infrastructure for Insurance.



In September 2025, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) launched the 'Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF) website' at its headquarters in Hyderabad, Telangana. The launch, led by IRDAI Chairman Ajay Seth, marks a significant milestone in India's digital public infrastructure (DPI) for the insurance sector.

- The 'Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF) website' was unveiled by Ajay Seth, Chairman of IRDAI, at the IRDAI headquarters in Hyderabad, Telangana. The initiative has been designed to

integrate India's insurance ecosystem on a single digital platform.

- The platform is backed by the Life Insurance Council and the General Insurance Council. Together, they are enabling Bima Sugam to function as a one-stop portal for policyholders, covering life, health, motor, and other types of insurance products.

### Key Points:-

(i) Bima Sugam provides a unified system for comparing, purchasing, and managing insurance policies. Apart from serving as a marketplace, it acts as a centralized database to resolve insurance-related queries, thereby increasing transparency and helping customers make informed decisions.

(ii) During its initial phase, the platform will serve as an information and guidance hub for consumers. Full-fledged transactions are scheduled to commence in December 2025, once insurers and ecosystem partners complete the required digital integrations.

(iii) The platform is expected to enhance insurance penetration, ensure fairness across the value chain, and empower policyholders. Its launch aligns with India's national goal of achieving "Insurance for All by 2047" under the Viksit Bharat 2047 mission.

## 3. RBI Establishes Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) and Advisory Group on Regulation (AGR) for Periodic Regulatory Review.



In September 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the creation of a new Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) within its Department of Regulation (DoR), effective from October 1, 2025. The initiative is designed to make the regulatory framework more effective, responsive, and aligned with the evolving financial sector.

- The Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) has been set up to systematically oversee the internal review of all RBI regulations. This ensures that existing rules remain relevant and updated with changing market dynamics.
- Each RBI regulation will be revisited once every five to seven years, ensuring a structured and phased approach to regulatory assessment, thereby maintaining regulatory efficiency and stability.
- The RRC aims to review regulations in a timely manner, reduce redundancies, and align regulatory measures with financial innovation, safeguarding both market stability and consumer protection.

#### Key Points:-

- (i) Alongside the RRC, the RBI established an Advisory Group on Regulation (AGR) to strengthen stakeholder engagement. The AGR acts as a bridge between regulators

and industry players, ensuring industry perspectives are incorporated into the regulatory process.

- (ii) The AGR will function for three years initially, renewable for another two years, subject to review. The group also retains the flexibility to co-opt additional experts when required.

- (iii) The AGR is chaired by Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh (MD, State Bank of India) and includes eminent financial leaders such as T.T. Srinivasaraghavan (Sundaram Finance Ltd), Gautam Thakur (Saraswat Co-operative Bank), Shyam Srinivasan (Federal Bank), Ravi Duvvuru (Jana Small Finance Bank), and N.S. Kannan (ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd).

## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

### 1. S&P Global Projects India's GDP Growth at 6.5% for FY26 and Retains Fastest-Growing Major Economy Status.



In September 2025, Standard and Poor's (S&P) Global India Research released its latest outlook projecting India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at 6.5% for FY2025-26 (FY26).

- The report underlines India's resilience and its continued position as the world's fastest-growing major economy despite prevailing global economic challenges.

#### Key Points:-

- India's strong domestic consumption, rising private investments, and favorable monsoon prospects are expected to drive growth momentum. The report emphasizes supportive macroeconomic conditions, easing inflation, and policy measures that will sustain economic activity.
- Global headwinds such as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and tariff policies of the United States may weigh on India's export performance, but lower crude oil prices and likely RBI interest rate cuts are expected to cushion the impact.
- The expansion of private credit, supported by India's robust insolvency and bankruptcy framework, will continue to bridge financing gaps left by traditional lenders, providing further impetus to the economy.

### MOUs and Agreement

#### 1. Malabar Group Signs MoU with WHO India to Launch CSR Initiative 'Nurturing Beginnings' in Urban Communities.



In September 2025, Malabar Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Health Organization (WHO) India to implement a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative titled 'Nurturing Beginnings' at the company's headquarters in Calicut, Kerala. The initiative aims to improve maternal and child health and nutrition in disadvantaged urban areas.

- The MoU was signed by Dr. Roderico H. Ofri, WHO Representative to India, and M.P. Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group, in the presence of Dr. B. Muhammad Asheel, National Professional Officer, WHO, and senior directors of Malabar Group, ensuring strong institutional collaboration.

- 'Nurturing Beginnings' focuses on improving the nutrition, health, and overall well-being of mothers and children in disadvantaged urban communities.

#### Key Points:-

- The project builds on Malabar Group's flagship program, 'Hunger Free World', and emphasizes the first 1,000 days from conception to a child's early growth years—a globally recognized window for ensuring proper development and reducing malnutrition risks.



(ii) The project is spearheaded by the Malabar Charitable Trust, which will oversee operations, ensure accountability, and coordinate with local healthcare providers and urban community organizations for effective execution.

(iii) The CSR initiative will be initially implemented in urban communities in Delhi, with plans for gradual expansion to other states. The program is expected to positively impact maternal and child health metrics and serve as a scalable model for similar urban health interventions across India.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### 1. Dr. Sima Sami Bahous Reappointed as UN Women Executive Director for Second Term.



In September 2025, UN Secretary-General António Guterres announced the reappointment of Dr. Sima Sami Bahous of Jordan as the United Nations (UN) Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director (ED) of UN Women for a second term, effective September 11, 2025. Her new term coincides with the launch of UN Women's Strategic Plan 2026-2029 to accelerate global gender equality.

- Dr. Sima Bahous has been reappointed as UN Women's Executive Director for a second term, following her first appointment on September 30, 2021, making her the third leader of the organization.

- Her reappointment aligns with the rollout of UN Women's Strategic Plan 2026-2029, which prioritizes strengthening women's empowerment and advancing gender equality worldwide.

#### Key Points:-

(i) During her initial tenure, she mainstreamed gender equality into global policies, ensuring women's issues remained central to peace, security, and sustainable development discussions.

(ii) Dr. Bahous earlier served as Jordan's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York and held senior positions including Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at UNDP (2012–2016).

(iii) She worked as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of Social Development at the League of Arab States (2008–2012), President of Jordan's Higher Media Council (2005–2008), and Adviser to King Abdullah II (2003–2005).

## SPORTS

### 1. Central Zone Wins 62nd Duleep Trophy 2025-26, Defeating South Zone in Bengaluru.



In September 2025, Central Zone, led by Rajat Patidar, clinched the 62nd edition of the Duleep Trophy (2025-26) by defeating South Zone by 6 wickets in the final held at the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru, Karnataka. This marked a historic comeback for Central Zone after an 11-year title drought.

- **Central Zone secured their 7th Duleep Trophy title, with the last victory achieved in the 2014-15 season under Piyush Chawla's captaincy. The 2025 triumph ended an 11-year wait for the zonal team.**
- **Saransh Jain of Central Zone delivered consistent all-round performances and was named the Player of the Series in the 2025-26 edition, showcasing match-winning contributions throughout the tournament.**

#### Key Points:-

- The 2025-26 edition featured six zonal teams—Central, East, North, North East, South, and West—marking a full return to the traditional zonal competition format.
- The Duleep Trophy, established in 1961-62 by the BCCI and named after former Indian cricketer Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji, is a prestigious domestic first-class cricket competition. While the 2024-25 edition

featured India A, B, C, and D, the zonal structure was reinstated in 2025.

## 2. Marium Fatima Becomes Bihar's First Woman FIDE Master.



In a groundbreaking achievement for Bihar, Marium Fatima from Muzaffarpur has become the state's first-ever Woman FIDE Master (WFM) in chess. At just 19 years old, she surpassed the 2000 Elo rating mark at the Commonwealth Chess Championship, earning her this prestigious title.

- **Marium's accomplishment is a first in the 40-year sporting history of Muzaffarpur, marking a significant achievement for the district.**
- **With a FIDE rating of 2083, Marium stands among India's promising young chess talents.**

#### Key Points:-

- Her accolades include winning the 12th National Women's Amateur Elo Rating Chess Competition, the Bihar State Women's FIDE Rating Chess Competition 2025, and the Bihar State Women's Chess Championship in 2022.
- Marium's journey began in class 3 at St. Xavier's Kindergarten in Muzaffarpur. Her father, Imtayaz Ahmad, a former chess

enthusiast, supported her passion by facilitating her training sessions in Patna, showcasing a strong family commitment to her chess career.

## AWARDS

### 1. BEE Introduces New 'Content Creators & Influencers' Category in National Energy Conservation Awards 2025.



In September 2025, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India (GoI), introduced a new category under the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025, targeting digital creators and influencers to spread awareness about energy conservation.

- The awards will be presented by President of India, Droupadi Murmu, on December 14, 2025, in New Delhi, Delhi.
- For the first time, digital creators and influencers are being recognized under NECA 2025 to amplify awareness on energy efficiency through their social media reach and creative content.
- The initiative seeks to harness the influence of digital platforms in promoting energy-saving

habits and sustainable living practices aligned with Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

### Key Points:-

- Participation is open to creators with a minimum of 10,000 followers or subscribers on any major social media platform, ensuring broad outreach.
- Participants must create original videos up to 90 seconds, in Hindi or any Indian language (with an English/Hindi transcript). Themes include energy-efficient practices such as setting ACs at 24°, using 5-star appliances, and sustainable celebrations.
- Entries must be submitted via the official NECA portal and shared on social media using the hashtag #NECA2025, blending official recognition with public digital engagement.

## SUMMITS & CONFERENCE / COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

### 1. Amit Shah Inaugurates 2nd National ANTF Conference; Releases NCB Annual Report 2024 & Launches Online Drug Disposal Campaign.



In September 2025, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Cooperation, inaugurated the 2nd



National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in New Delhi, Delhi. The conference focused on strengthening drug law enforcement, reviewing nationwide anti-narcotics strategies, and enhancing coordination between states and Union Territories (UTs).

- The conference was held under the theme “United Resolve, Shared Responsibility”. It served as a platform to review the effectiveness of anti-narcotics initiatives across India, including drug supply control, demand reduction, harm reduction, and national security implications.

- Union Minister Amit Shah released the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Annual Report 2024, which included seizure statistics, prosecution figures, and trends in drug trafficking. He also launched the Online Drug Disposal Campaign to enable safe disposal of unused and expired drugs nationwide.

- The conference saw participation from Heads of ANTF from 36 states and UTs, along with stakeholders from multiple government departments. Key dignitaries included Govind Mohan, Secretary, MHA; Tapan Deka, Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB); and Anurag Garg, DG, NCB, ensuring comprehensive policy-level discussions.

#### Key Points:-

(i) Delegates conducted a detailed review of anti-narcotics measures, assessing intelligence sharing, law enforcement operations, and inter-agency coordination. The conference also discussed future roadmaps for combating drug trafficking, organized crime linkages, and emerging synthetic drug threats.

(ii) Discussions emphasized strengthening

drug law enforcement frameworks, enhancing capacity-building of ANTF personnel, and improving inter-state and central coordination.

(iii) Measures for reducing drug demand, preventing drug-related harm, and addressing the implications of narcotics on national security were highlighted as key priorities.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Patient Safety Day 2025 Observed Globally on 17th September.



The World Health Organization (WHO) observed World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) 2025 on September 17 to raise awareness about patient safety and encourage global actions for safer healthcare practices. The 2025 theme was “Safe care for every newborn and every child” with the slogan “Patient safety from the start!”.

- The 2025 theme highlights the vulnerability of children (0–9 years) to unsafe care and emphasizes the need for safe, tailored healthcare matching their growth and unique needs. The official slogan was “Patient safety from the start!”.

- WPSD was established in 2019 by the 72nd World Health Assembly (WHA) through Resolution WHA 72.6 “Global action on patient safety”. The first observance took place on 17 September 2019.
- A Decade of Patient Safety (2021–2030): In 2020, WHO launched a global initiative to strengthen patient safety efforts worldwide. It was officially adopted at the WHA on 28 May 2021 as a 10-year strategic roadmap for safer healthcare systems.

#### Key Points:-

(i) Research indicates up to 97% of adverse events in neonatal care are preventable. Studies show adverse events occur in 91.6% of pediatric intensive care cases and up to 53.8% in general care settings. Medication-related issues are the leading cause of preventable harm, linked to nearly 50% of all avoidable medical errors.

(ii) In April 2024, WHO launched the Patient Safety Rights Charter at the 6th Global Ministerial Summit in Chile, offering tools to build patient-centered systems, safeguard patients' rights, and minimize medical errors.

(iii) On World Patient Safety Day 2025, India marked the occasion with conferences and awareness drives. The NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers) organized the National Patient Safety Conference (NPSC 2025) in New Delhi under the Quality Council of India (QCI), advancing patient-centered safety culture.

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<b>Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)</b>	Director General (DG) : Anurag Garg	Headquarters: New Delhi
<b>RBI</b>	Governor : Sanjay Malhotra	Headquarter : Mumbai
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Chief minister: M K Stalin	Governor: R. N. Ravi