

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Ministry of Ayush Inaugurates India's First Integrative Oncology Research and Care Centre at AIIA Goa on 10th National Ayurveda Day.



On the occasion of the 10th National Ayurveda Day, the Ministry of Ayush inaugurated India's first Integrative Oncology Research and Care Centre (IORCC) at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Dhargal, Goa, integrating Ayurveda, Yoga, Panchakarma, and modern oncology for holistic cancer rehabilitation.

- The virtual inauguration was led by Shri Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Governor of Goa, with the presence of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa; Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union MoS (IC), Ministry of Ayush; Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Union MoS, Ministry of Power; and Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush.
- The IORCC is India's first multidisciplinary centre integrating Ayurveda, Yoga, Panchakarma, Diet Therapy, Physiotherapy, and modern oncology under one roof, offering patient-centric rehabilitation for cancer care.
- The Centre is established in collaboration with ACTREC (Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer) of Tata

Memorial Centre to improve recovery, reduce chemotherapy/radiation side effects, and enhance quality of life.

Key Points:-

- The Centre will be chaired by Prof. Dr. Sujata Kadam, Dean, AIIA Goa, with Dr. Sanjay Khedekar as convener, and support from oncologists such as Dr. Shekhar Salkar and faculty from AIIA Goa.
- Prof. P.K. Prajapati, Director, AIIA Delhi, stated that IORCC will focus on developing evidence-based integrative protocols, advancing AYUSH-based rehabilitation research, and capacity-building through academic training and innovation.
- The initiative aligns with India's National Health Policy by combining traditional knowledge systems with modern medicine, creating a replicable model of integrative oncology care to strengthen India's healthcare ecosystem.

2. MoSPI Releases 8th Edition of "Environment Accounting on Forest-2025" at CoCSSO in Chandigarh.



In September 2025, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

released the 8th edition of its environmental-accounts report titled “Environment Accounting on Forest-2025”, the first dedicated report on forest accounting, during the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) held in Chandigarh.

- The report highlights that India’s forest cover increased by 17,444.61 sq. km between 2010-11 and 2021-22, reaching 7.15 lakh sq. km, equivalent to 21.76% of the country’s geographical area.
- As per the Physical Asset Account, forest growth was highest in Kerala with an addition of 4,137 sq. km, followed by Karnataka with 3,122 sq. km and Tamil Nadu with 2,606 sq. km during the period 2010-11 to 2021-22.

Key Points:-

- The Extent Account of the report records a net increase of 3,356 sq. km in India’s forest extent between 2013 and 2023, mainly attributed to reclassification of land and boundary adjustments.
- Recorded Forest Area (RFA) also showed growth in several states: Uttarakhand’s RFA increased by 6.3%, Odisha’s by 1.97%, and Jharkhand’s by 1.9%, with the overall RFA of India improving marginally from 23.48% to 23.59%.
- This comprehensive report is MoSPI’s first initiative solely focused on forest accounting, making it a key reference for environmental statistics and policy planning in India.

3. India’s Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve Added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere

Reserves and Two New Ramsar Sites Added in Bihar



In September 2025, the 37th Session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) International Coordinating Council for the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme was held in Paris, France. During this session, India’s Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve (CDBR) in Himachal Pradesh was included in the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR), highlighting India’s growing global commitment to biodiversity and ecosystem conservation.

- India now has 13 biosphere reserves recognized under the UNESCO WNBR, with the Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve covering 7,770 sq.km across Himachal Pradesh’s Lahaul-Spiti district, representing a unique cold desert ecosystem.
- Alongside this, India added two new Ramsar sites from Bihar: Gokul Jalashay (448 hectares) in Buxar district and Udaipur Jheel (319 hectares) in West Champaran district, strengthening the country’s wetland conservation efforts.

Key Points:-

- With these additions, India now has 93

Ramsar sites spanning 13,60,719 hectares, making it the country with the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia and the third highest globally, after the United Kingdom (176 sites) and Mexico (144 sites).

(ii) This recognition of both terrestrial and wetland ecosystems underscores India's role in global biodiversity conservation, promoting sustainable development, habitat preservation, and ecological research across diverse environmental landscapes.

(iii) The Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve and new Ramsar sites boost scientific research, eco-tourism, and local community participation in conservation, supporting UNESCO's MAB Programme goals.

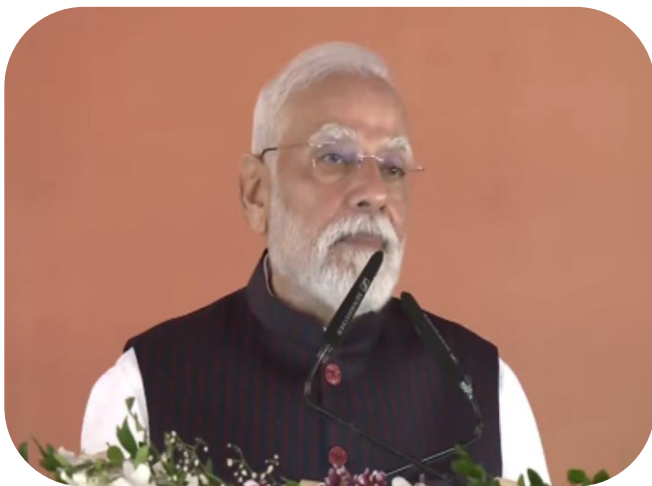
• The projects were launched in the presence of Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil.

• The Amrit Bharat Express is a major connectivity initiative linking Odisha with Gujarat and other states, including Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra.

• A landmark announcement was the launch of over 97,500 new BSNL 4G towers, including 92,600 using fully indigenous technology, at a cost of ₹37,000 crore. This achievement positions India among the few nations capable of building its own telecom networks and will bring high-speed connectivity to 30,000 villages.

Key Points:-

4. PM Narendra Modi Launches ₹60,000 Crore Development Projects from Jharsuguda.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth over ₹60,000 crore from Jharsuguda, Odisha. These projects cover telecom, railways, healthcare, higher education, rural housing, and industrial development. On this occasion, the PM also flagged off the Amrit Bharat Express between Berhampur in Odisha and Udhna in Surat, Gujarat.

(i) The Prime Minister announced major healthcare upgrades, including transforming MKCG Medical College in Berhampur and VIMSAR in Burla-Sambalpur into world-class super-speciality hospitals.

(ii) PM Modi said two semiconductor units have recently been approved in Odisha, with plans for a semiconductor park, making the state a tech hub. He added that the double-engine government is driving Odisha's rapid development.

(iii) The Prime Minister emphasized tax reforms, noting that since the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017, the burden on citizens has reduced significantly. He assured that India will soon emerge as a global hub of telecom technology, driven by BSNL's indigenous innovations and digital inclusion initiatives.

5. 3rd Edition of 'Unmesha: International Literature Festival' Held in Patna, Bihar.



The 3rd edition of the “Unmesha: International Literature Festival” was organized by the Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and the Government of Bihar. The event took place at the Samrat Ashok Convention Centre, Patna, from September 25 to 28, 2025.

- The festival was inaugurated on September 25, 2025, by the Governor of Bihar, Arif Mohammed Khan, marking the beginning of one of India’s largest literary gatherings.
- The event brought together over 550 writers, poets, scholars, translators, publishers, and eminent personalities from 16 countries, representing regions such as Africa, East Asia, Europe, and South Asia, and covering more than 100 languages.

Key Points:-

- (i) Across its four days, the festival hosted 90 diverse sessions, including panel discussions, author readings, workshops, and cultural performances, offering a rich platform for literary exchange and dialogue.
- (ii) The “Unmesha” festival strengthened India’s position as a hub for global literary

collaboration, encouraging cross-cultural dialogue and promoting literature’s role in uniting diverse traditions and voices.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Shailesh Chandra Appointed MD & CEO of Tata Motors.



Tata Motors has recently appointed Shailesh Chandra as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective October 1, 2025, to lead passenger vehicles and electric mobility divisions amid strategic restructuring.

- Shailesh Chandra’s appointment is part of Tata Motors’ leadership reshuffle following the demerger of its commercial vehicle business into Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Ltd (TMLCV) from October 1, 2025.
- Girish Wagh will head TMLCV as MD & CEO, while Dhiman Gupta becomes Tata Motors’ CFO, succeeding P.B. Balaji, who will move to Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) as CEO on November 17, 2025.
- Chandra is expected to drive Tata Motors’ focus on electric vehicles (EVs), strengthening the EV portfolio, including the Nexon EV, and enhancing digital customer experience.

Key Points:-

(i) The leadership changes occur amid challenges like the recent cyberattack on JLR, affecting UK operations and supplier networks, making stabilization and operational efficiency a priority.

(ii) Analysts view the appointment positively, highlighting Tata Motors' commitment to innovation, sustainable transport, and growth in the EV market.

2. Shirish Chandra Murmu Appointed as RBI Deputy Governor.



The Government of India has appointed Shirish Chandra Murmu as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a three-year term, effective October 9, 2025. Murmu, currently serving as an Executive Director at the RBI, will succeed M Rajeshwar Rao, whose tenure concludes on October 8.

- Murmu's appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister. As Deputy Governor, he will oversee one of the four key departments at the RBI: monetary policy, financial markets regulation, banking supervision, or financial inclusion. The specific portfolio allocation is yet to be announced.

- Prior to this role, Murmu held significant positions within the RBI, including overseeing the Department of Supervision. His extensive experience in regulatory and supervisory functions positions him well to contribute to the central bank's objectives.

Key Points:-

(i) Murmu's appointment marks a significant leadership transition within the RBI, following the retirement of M Rajeshwar Rao, who has completed five years in office. Rao's tenure included two extensions after his initial three-year term, concluding on October 8.

(ii) The RBI's four deputy governors play crucial roles in shaping India's monetary and financial policies. Murmu's leadership is expected to influence the central bank's strategies in the coming years.

3. Mithun Manas Elected as 37th President of BCCI at 94th AGM in Mumbai.



On September 28, 2025, Mithun Manas, former Delhi cricket captain, was elected as the 37th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) during its 94th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Mumbai,

Maharashtra. He succeeded Roger Binny, former India all-rounder.

- Mithun Manas played 157 First-Class, 130 List A, and 91 T20 matches in domestic cricket between 1997-98 and 2016-17. He led Delhi to a Ranji Trophy title in the 2007-08 season, establishing himself as a prominent figure in Indian domestic cricket.

- Post-retirement, Manas contributed as an assistant coach for multiple Indian Premier League (IPL) teams including Punjab Kings, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, and Gujarat Titans. He also served as Director of Cricket for the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association.

Key Points:-

(i) Mithun Manas became the third successive former cricketer to assume the BCCI presidency, following Sourav Ganguly and Roger Binny, continuing the trend of ex-players leading Indian cricket administration.

(ii) The AGM confirmed the continuation and election of office bearers. Rajeev Shukla remains Vice-President, Devajit Saikia retained the post of Secretary, Prabhatej Singh Bhatia was named Joint Secretary, and A. Raghuram Bhat became Treasurer. Jaydev Shah was elected to the BCCI Apex Council.

(iii) The meeting finalized several committee appointments. Jayesh George was elected Chairman of the Women's Premier League (WPL) Committee, Amita Sharma was appointed Chief Selector of the Women's Selection Committee, while Pragyan Ojha and RP Singh joined the Men's Selection Committee. S. Sharath was named Chairman of the Junior Men's Selection Committee.

SPORTS

1. India Clinches Record Ninth Asia Cup Title, Defeating Pakistan in 2025.



India clinched the Asia Cup 2025 for a record-extending ninth time by defeating Pakistan in the finals held at Dubai International Stadium, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The tournament was originally scheduled to be hosted by India but was later shifted to UAE, taking place from September 9 to 28, 2025.

- The 17th edition of the Asia Cup was held across two UAE stadiums: 11 matches were played at Dubai International Cricket Stadium and 8 matches at Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi.

- The tournament featured eight teams, including five full members of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan – along with three teams (UAE, Oman, Hong Kong) that finished in the top three of the 2024 ACC Men's Premier Cup.

Key Points:-

(i) With this victory, India now has nine Asia Cup titles, comprising seven ODI and two T20I championships, making it the most successful team in the tournament's history.

Sri Lanka follows with six titles, while Pakistan has won two.

(ii) The winning Indian team earned a prize pool of USD 300,000 (approximately ₹2.6 crore), marking a 50% increase from the prize pool of the 2023 edition.

(iii) The 2025 victory reinforces India's dominance in Asian cricket and highlights its consistent performance across formats, maintaining its position as the leading team in the Asia Cup's 17-edition history.

2. India Wins 2025 SAFF Under-17 Men's Football Championship, Defeating Bangladesh.



India won the 10th edition of the SAFF Under-17 Men's Football Championship 2025, held from September 20 to 27 at the Racecourse International Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Indian U-17 team defeated Bangladesh in the final via a penalty shootout, claiming their seventh SAFF U-17 title.

● The 2025 SAFF U-17 Championship featured seven teams – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka – competing in a round-robin format followed by the final to determine the winner.

● The final ended in a 2-2 draw, with India winning 4-1 in the penalty shootout against Bangladesh. Goals for India were scored by Dallamuon Gangte and Azlaan Shah KH, while Md Manik and Ihsan Habib Riduan scored for Bangladesh.

Key Points:-

(i) India's team, coached by Bibiano Fernandes, secured his fifth SAFF title as head coach. The team's strong performance in penalties ensured victory in the final.

(ii) India received the Fair Play Award for the tournament. This victory marked India's seventh SAFF U-17 championship title, highlighting their dominance in regional youth football.

(iii) Key individual awards included: Md Abdullah (Pakistan) – Highest Goal Scorer with 6 goals; Nazmul Huda Faysal (Bangladesh) – Most Valuable Player; Md Alif Rahman Intiagi (Bangladesh) – Best Goalkeeper; Ihsan Habib Riduan (Bangladesh) – Player of the Final.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. UN International Day of Deaf 2025 Observed on September 28.



The United Nations (UN) observed the International Day of Deaf on September 28, 2025, to support the global deaf community. The day aims to raise awareness of the challenges deaf individuals face daily while advocating for their rights and the need for inclusive and safe spaces in society.

- The International Day of Deaf falls on the last Sunday of September each year and coincides with the International Day of Sign Languages. In 2025, it is observed during the International Week of Deaf People from September 22 to 28, emphasizing global solidarity and recognition of deaf culture.

- The day traces its roots to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), founded in 1951, which works to promote equality, accessibility, and better living conditions for deaf communities worldwide.

- The first official celebration of World Deaf Day was held in 1958 by WFD. Since then, it has been observed annually to create awareness, highlight the achievements of deaf individuals, and advocate for inclusive policies in education, employment, and communication.

Key Points:-

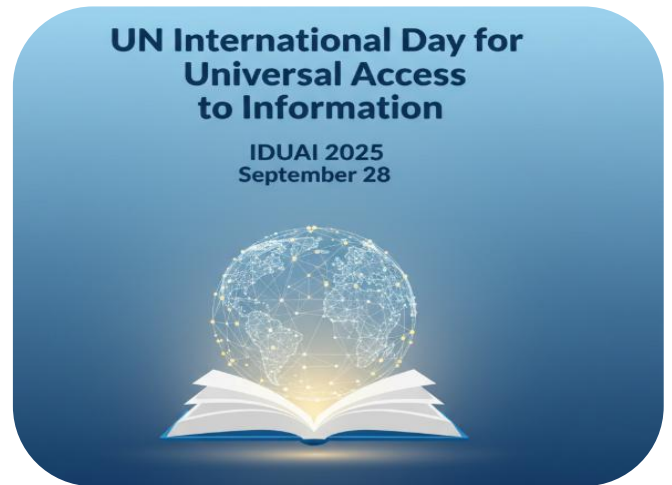
(i) The day is significant for raising awareness about deaf culture, promoting understanding of the challenges faced by deaf people, and advocating for their rights.

(iii) It underscores the importance of access to sign language, education, healthcare, and other social resources necessary for full participation in society.

(iii) A global symbol representing the deaf community is the Deaf Flag, designed by artist Arnaud Balard. The flag features a blue field symbolizing the community, yellow for life, and dark blue for the planet. It was

introduced by WFD to provide a unifying emblem for deaf people worldwide.

2. UN International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) 2025 Observed on September 28.



The United Nations (UN) observed the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) on 28th September 2025. The day aims to raise awareness about strengthening and implementing information laws worldwide, promoting transparency, democracy, and equal access to information for all.

- The 6th observance of IDUAI in 2025 carries the theme “Ensuring Access to Environmental Information in the Digital Age,” highlighting the importance of making environmental data accessible and promoting informed decision-making through digital tools.

- In 2015, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) General Conference adopted Resolution 38 C/57, officially proclaiming 28 September each year as IDUAI. Since 2016, UNESCO has commemorated the day by hosting global conferences and national-level events worldwide.

Key Points:-

(i) On 15 October 2019, during its 74th session, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/74/5, formally recognizing 28 September as IDUAL for its relevance to development, democracy, and equality. The first official UN observance of the day took place on 28 September 2020.

(ii) On 29–30 September 2025, Manila, Philippines hosted the IDUAL, organized by UNESCO in partnership with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. The event included discussions on information accessibility, legal frameworks, and technological innovations for information dissemination.

(iii) On 28 September 2025, the UNESCO Information For All Programme (IFAP) Working Group on Information Accessibility (WGIA) hosted its sixth one-day online AI4IA (Artificial Intelligence for Information Accessibility) Conference.

3. UN International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) 2025 Observed on September 29.

**UN INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF AWARENESS OF
FOOD LOSS AND WASTE
(IDAFLW)
2025
OBSERVED ON
SEPTEMBER 29**

The United Nations (UN) recently observed the 6th International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) on 29 September 2025. The day highlights the urgency of reducing food loss and waste globally, ensuring food security, sustainability, and climate resilience.

- **The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/74/209 on 19 December 2019, proclaiming 29 September as IDAFLW. The first observance took place on 29 September 2020, recognizing the critical role of sustainable food production.**

- **The day is jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In 2025, both agencies reinforced the call for reducing food losses and waste at every level of the supply chain.**

- **The 2025 observance emphasizes expansion of stakeholder efforts—from farmers, industries, and consumers to policymakers—encouraging collective action in reducing food loss and waste through innovative, inclusive, and resilient solutions.**

Key Points:-

(i) IDAFLW directly supports Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 12.3, which aims to halve global food waste per capita at retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses in production and supply chains by 2030.

(ii) Indian households generate about 78.2 million tonnes of food waste annually, averaging 55 kg per person per year. This waste significantly contributes to global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with food loss and waste accounting for 8–10% of total GHGs.

(iii) The 2025 official observance was jointly organized by FAO and UNEP on 29 September, featuring events focused on innovative solutions, securing financing for sustainable food systems, and strengthening global cooperation against food loss and waste.

ENVIRONMENT

1. New Finless Snake Eel Species 'Apterichtus Kanniyakumari' Discovered off Tamil Nadu Coast.



In September 2025, researchers from the Centre for Peninsular Aquatic Genetic Resources (PAGR), Kochi, a regional centre of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR), discovered a new species of finless snake eel off the Colachel coast in Kanniyakumari district, Tamil Nadu. This discovery brings the total number of eel species reported from the Indian coast to 16.

- The newly discovered eel species has been named *Apterichtus Kanniyakumari* to honour the cultural, linguistic, historical, and geographical significance of the Kanniyakumari district.

- *Apterichtus Kanniyakumari* belongs to the *Apterichtus* group of finless snake eels, adding a new species to this genus found along the Indian coastline.

- The discovery has been documented and published in the latest issue of the internationally renowned peer-reviewed journal *Zootaxa*, making it globally accessible to the scientific community.

Key Points:-

(i) The species exhibits unique features distinguishing it from previously known eel species, including head length of 9.6–9.7% of Total Length (TL), tail length of 1.8–1.9% TL, and body depth at gill openings ranging from 42.1–54.8% of TL.

(ii) Other notable features include three preopercular and nine supratemporal pores, conical uniserial teeth on jaws and vomers, and a distinctive golden-yellow body colouration, setting it apart from other eel species along the Indian coast.

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RBI	Governor : Sanjay Malhotra	Headquarter : Mumbai
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO)	Director General: Audrey Azoulay	Headquarters: Paris, France
Odisha	Chief Minister (CM) : Mohan Charan Majhi	Governor : Hari Babu Kambhampati
Board of Control for Cricket In India (BCCI)	Chief Executive Officer : Hemang Amin	Headquarter : Mumbai
World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)	President : Joseph Murray	Headquarters : Helsinki, Finland
United Nations Environment Programme	Executive Director: Inger	Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya

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