

# Daily Current Affairs

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### World Food India 2024 Concludes

- The **Four day long mega event** World Food India 2024 concluded. The event started on 19th September at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Around 90 countries, 26 states and Union Territories, 18 Central Ministries and allied government bodies are took part in the event.
- The event **highlighted India's emerging role as a global powerhouse** in food processing. The event was a major convergence of innovation, technology, sustainability in the food processing sector.



- This **third edition of World Food India** hosted over 40 knowledge sessions, including thematic discussions, state and country-specific conferences.
- **Japan was the partner country and Vietnam and Iran** were the focus countries for the event. The first day saw a CEO Round table conference chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Food Processing minister Chirag Paswan.
- The conference tried to **bridge the gap between the Industry and government** and try to solve most of their problems. The 2nd edition of the **Global Food Regulators Summit** hosted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India was also held in conjunction with World Food India.



## FSSAI, Ministry Of Agriculture & Livestock Of Brazil

- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA)** of **Brazil** in the area of food safety.
- MoU was signed by **Agriculture and Livestock Minister Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávoro** and CEO of FSSAI, **G. Kamala Vardhana Rao**, on the sidelines of the **Global Food Regulators Summit** in New Delhi.
- MoU aimed at **improving food safety** through joint projects and technical collaboration.



- CEO of FSSAI added that the MoU demonstrates India's dedication to food safety and signifies a major advancement in its ongoing efforts to enhance international collaboration in food safety. FSSAI also conducted a bilateral meeting with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulators Summit.
- Meeting focused on the implementation **protocol of the agreement** signed between India and BFDA in March this year during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- This Agreement underscores a mutual commitment to enhance food safety by aligning regulatory frameworks, simplifying the Food Import Procedure, and fostering technical collaboration.

## Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- **Indian Parliament** will host the **two-day 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)** India Region Conference in New Delhi.
- Conference will be chaired by **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla**, who is also the Chairperson of the CPA India Region.
- Forty-six Presiding Officers, four Chairmen, 25 Speakers, three Deputy Chairmen, and 14 Deputy Speakers of Legislatures from States and Union Territories, along with their Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, and accompanying officers, will be attending the conference.



- The conference will be preceded by an Executive Committee meeting of the CPA India Region.



- **Theme of the conference** is 'The Role of Legislative Bodies in the Attainment of Sustainable and Inclusive Development.'
- **The CPA India Region was created in 2004** from the erstwhile CPA Asia Region as one of the nine regions of the CPA.
- Currently, it has 31 Member Branches, including the Parliament of India and 30 State and Union Territories Legislatures. This is the second occasion the CPA India Region Conference is being held in New Delhi.

## Integrated Development Of Wildlife Habitats

- **Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change** has achieved the 100-day target on integrated development of wildlife habitats.
- Union Cabinet had approved the continuation of the Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme with an outlay of over two thousand six hundred crore rupees.



- The scheme includes the critical **Project Tiger subcomponent** along with Project Elephant and Development of Wildlife Habitat. The Ministry said the scheme has a livelihood generation of more than 50 lakh mandays through direct engagement.
- **A total of 55 tiger reserves, 33 elephant reserves, and 718 protected areas** and their zones will benefit from the scheme.
- It said that the continuation of the **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats reiterates the commitment of the government towards tiger and wildlife conservation, ensuring that economy and ecology grow together.

## ISRO Signs Agreements With Private Firms

- India’s space sector has taken a major step forward as **ISRO, IN-SPACe, and NSIL** recently signed **75 Technology Transfer Agreements (TTAs)** with non-governmental entities (NGEs).
- This is part of **India’s ongoing space reforms** to encourage more private sector participation in space activities.



- The purpose of these TTAs is to allow private companies to access ISRO’s space technologies. These technologies, developed for space missions, can be applied to a wide range of areas like agriculture, energy, infrastructure, defense, telecommunications, and cybersecurity.



- **The goal is to use space technology** to solve real-world problems and drive commercial innovation.
- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation):** India's national space agency, responsible for space research, exploration, and satellite missions.
- **IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center):** A government agency created to promote and help the private sector participate in space activities.
- **NSIL (NewSpace India Limited):** This is ISRO's commercial arm, which helps transfer space technologies to private companies and promotes India's space economy.
- The **signing of these 75 TTAs marks a strategic** shift in India's space policy. After recent reforms, more collaborations between the government and private companies show a growing trust in the private sector to contribute to space technology innovation.
- These agreements will help **create new commercial opportunities** while also benefiting society by applying space technology to everyday needs.

## Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

- India has signed the **first-of-its-kind agreements** focused on a Clean Economy, Fair Economy, and the overarching **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)** in Delaware, USA.
- These agreements were exchanged under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) for prosperity yesterday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a three-day visit to the US for the Quad Summit.



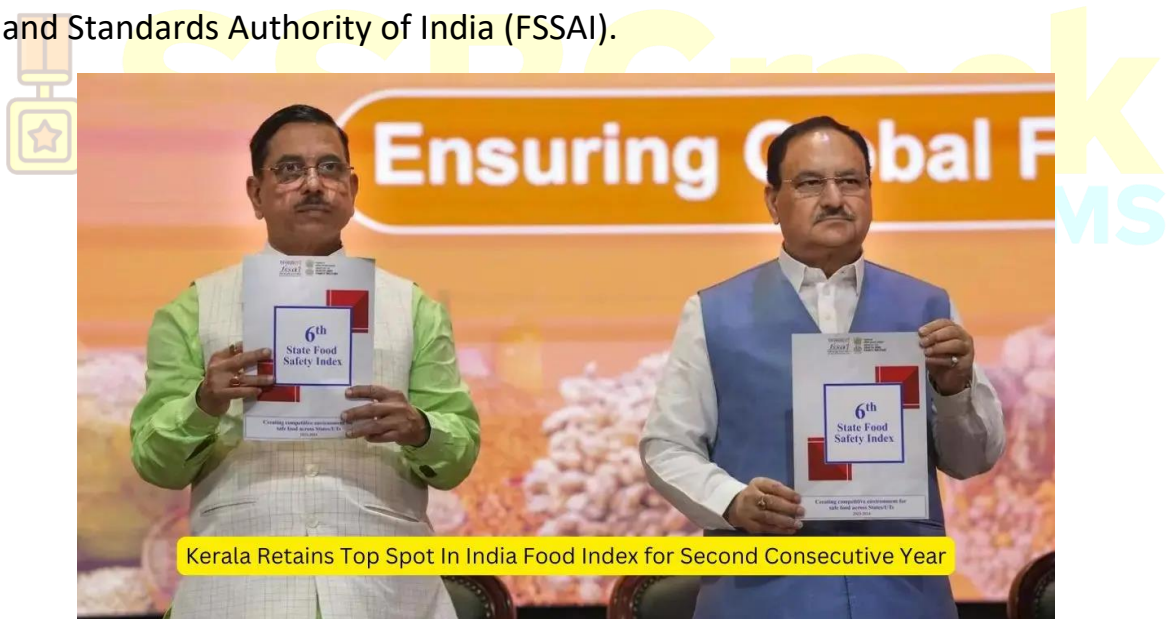
- The **Agreement on Clean Economy** intends to promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations. It will

facilitate investments and project financing, including concessional financing, as well as joint collaborative projects, with a particular emphasis on supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

- **The Fair Economy Agreement** seeks to create a more transparent and predictable trade and investment environment across the Indo-Pacific. Meanwhile, **the overarching IPEF Agreement** aims to establish a high-level political oversight framework at the ministerial level for the various individual IPEF agreements, providing general guidance and goals while aligning with leaders' vision and mandate for the IPEF.

## India Food Index

- **Kerala has once again secured** first position in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024, marking the second consecutive year that the southern state has claimed the spot.
- The report was released in the inaugural session of FSSAI Global Food Regulators Summit 2024. The **Index is an annual assessment released** by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).



- It was started from 2018-19 with the aim of creating a competitive and positive change in the food safety ecosystem in the country.
- The index will help in **providing safe and nutritious food** to our citizens.
- This index is based on the **performance of the State/ UT on five significant** parameters.
- Human Resources and Institutional Data,
- Compliance,



- Food Testing – Infrastructure and Surveillance,
- Training & Capacity Building
- Consumer Empowerment.

## Gold Medals In Chess Olympiad

- India has struck **historic double gold medals** in the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary. Both men and women teams emerged on top.
- In the open section, India's maiden title win was secured following Arjun Erigaisi's victory over Jan Subelj of Slovenia in the final round of the competition. At the same time, second-placed China dropped crucial points against the USA in their fixture, and India officially clinched the title.



- **The Indian team for the open category** included Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, Pentala Harikrishna, and Srinath Narayanan. In the open section, India's best performances prior to this year have been the bronze medals in 2022 and 2014.
- In addition, in the **women's section final, the Indian women's team** defeated Azerbaijan 3.5-0.5 to clinch the gold.
- The **team comprised Harika Dronavalli**, Vaishali Rameshbabu, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal, Tania Sachdev, and Abhijit Kunte (captain).



## Gama International Fighting Championship

- **Indian wrestler Sangram Singh** became the **first Indian male wrestler** to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia.
- **Commonwealth heavyweight wrestling champion Sangram** won in a 90-second match against the Pakistani opponent, Ali Raza Nasir. Moreover, Sangram also registered the **fastest win ever by an Indian fighter** in the 93 kg division in the championship.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Ministry Organized The “International WASH Conference 2024”**

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

**ANSWER: C**

**2. What Is The Theme Of Swachhata Hi Seva – 2024 Campaign**

- A. Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata
- B. Swachhata Hi Seva – Ek Sankalp
- C. Swachh Bharat- Harit Bharat
- D. None of the Above

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Jafar Hassan Has Become New Prime Minister Of Which Country**

- A. Qatar
- B. Jordan
- C. Iraq
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Total Financial Outlay Approved By Union Cabinet For “Venus Orbiter Mission**

- A. Rs.1236 Cr
- B. Rs.536 Cr
- C. Rs.1539 Cr
- D. Rs.1400 Cr

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Which Ministry Hosted Event “World Food India 2024”**

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Pench Tiger Reserve, Is Located In Which State**

- A. Odisha
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Musi River, Is A Tributary Of Which River**

- A. Godavari River
- B. Krishna River
- C. Kaveri River
- D. Narmada River

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Which Ministry Approved A Centralized Pension Payment System For The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995**

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Defence

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which Ministry Announced Implementation Of GNSS-Based Electronic Toll Collection System In India**

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Ministry of Urban Development
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Day Is Observed As "International Literacy Day " Every Year**

- A. 6 September
- B. 7 September
- C. 8 September
- D. 9 September

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Was Launched In Which Year**

- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2018
- D. 2020

**ANSWER: B**

**13. What Is Theme Of 'World Suicide Prevention Day' For 2024-2026**

- A. Changing The Narratives On Suicide
- B. Creating Hope Through Action
- C. Working Together To Prevent Suicide
- D. One World Connected

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Where Was Third Edition Of The INDUS-X Summit Held**

- A. Russia
- B. United States
- C. Australia
- D. United Kingdom

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Which Day Is Observed As "International Day Of Democracy" Annually**

- A. 15 September
- B. 16 September
- C. 17 September
- D. 18 September

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Karma Festival, Is Primarily Associated With Which Ritual**

- A. The worship of the sun
- B. Harvest and tribute to the Karam tree
- C. Celebration of a tribal warrior
- D. Worship of river goddesses

**ANSWER: B**

**17. What Is The Total Allocation For Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram  
Abhiyan Scheme**

- A. Rs.79,156 crore
- B. Rs.89,186 crore
- C. Rs.67,106 crore
- D. Rs.99,146 crore

**ANSWER: A**



**18. 'One Nation, One Election', Is Related To Which Committee**

- A. Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Pratibha Patil
- C. Man Mohan Singh
- D. Radhakrishnan

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Who Has Been Appointed As The New Director General Of The Narcotics Control Bureau**

- A. Prakash Tomar
- B. Nishant Sharma
- C. Anurag Garg
- D. Vikram Chaudhary

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Siddha Medicine, Originated From Which Part Of India**

- A. South region
- B. North region
- C. Northeastern region
- D. Central region

**ANSWER: A**