

# Daily Current Affairs

## 27 September 2024

### World Tourism Day

- **World Tourism Day** is being celebrated **across the globe**. The Day is celebrated on **27th of September** every year highlighting tourism's role in connecting people and boosting economies.
- The theme for this year is '**Tourism and Peace**.' The day also aims to foster a more **sustainable and equitable tourism** industry for future generations.



- The Ministry of Tourism will celebrate World Tourism Day 2024 in New Delhi today. It will highlight the crucial role of tourism in fostering development and global harmony.
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will address the event. On the occasion, the ministry will announce the winners of the best tourism village awards. Secretary-General of **UN World Tourism Organisation**, Zurab Pololikashvili said, tourism builds trust and respect, and it drives inclusive growth and safeguards against conflict.

## India Third Largest Producer And Consumer Of Ethanol

- **Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi** has said that India has become the World's third largest Producer and Consumer of Ethanol.
- While inaugurating the two-day **India Sugar and Bio-Energy conference** in New Delhi, the Minister emphasized that the government is committed to a robust, **sustainable sugar industry** that is not only an economic pillar but also a driving force in India's renewable energy landscape.



- Speaking on Sugar Production in the country, the minister said that in the last decade **sugarcane cultivation** increased by about 18 percent while the **sugarcane production has increased by 40 percent**.
- **Minimum Support Price**, the dues of farmers has become a thing of the past and stressed on the vital role of the farmers in the country's renewable energy landscape from being the Anna Dattas to becoming Urja Dattas.
- Mr. Joshi added that the government has launched national green hydrogen mission last year with an **outlay of 19 thousand 744 crore rupees** to make India a global hub for production, usage and export of Green Hydrogen.

## Minimum Wage Rates

- Central government has announced an **increase in minimum wage rates** by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance. The new wage rates will take effect from 1st October.
- **The minimum wage rates are categorized based on** skill levels-unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled, as well as by geographical areas A, B, and C. After the revision, minimum wage rates for workers in area 'A' in construction, sweeping, cleaning, and loading & unloading for unskilled work will be 783

rupees a day. For semi-skilled workers, the minimum wage will be 868 rupees a day, and for skilled, clerical, and watch & ward (without arms), the minimum wage will be 954 rupees a day. For highly skilled workers and watch & ward (with arms), the revised wage will be 1,035 rupees a day.

## Rise in the Minimum Rate of Wages for the employees in Agriculture Sector

Category Of Worker	Rate of wages including Variable Dearness Allowance (V.D.A) area-wise per day (in Rupees)		
	Area 'A'	Area 'B'	Area 'C'
Unskilled	500	457	452
Semi-Skilled/Unskilled Supervisory	546	502	462
Skilled/Clerical	593	546	501
Highly Skilled	656	611	546

## PARAM Rudra Supercomputers

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to **the nation three PARAM Rudra Supercomputers in Pune** this evening via video conferencing.
- Mr. Modi also inaugurated a **High-Performance Computing (HPC)** system tailored for **weather and climate research**.
- Prime Minister said, that with Param Rudra Supercomputers and HPC system, India takes significant **steps towards self-reliance** in computing and driving innovation in science and tech. In the era of the **digital revolution, computing capacity** is becoming an alternative for national capability.
- Prime Minister said that today is a day of great achievement for India in the world of science and technology.



- It also **reflects how 21st-century India** is advancing by prioritizing science, technology, and research. Mr. Modi added that there is **no sector that is not directly dependent** on technology and computing capabilities and India's share should not be in bits and bytes but in terabytes and petabytes in this.
- Mr. Modi said that this achievement proves the country is moving in the right direction at the right pace. This sector is the biggest foundation of India's **success in Industry 4.0**. Mr Modi said that semiconductors have become an essential element of development.
- Centre has launched an important initiative, the **India Semiconductor Mission** and the country is already witnessing its positive results.



- Prime Minister also said that India is developing its own semiconductor ecosystem, which will be a **crucial part of the global supply chain**. In this revolution, India's share should not be in bits and bytes but in terabytes and



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- Prime Minister said that the country's dream is to **become self-reliant in the field of technology** through scientific research.
- Mr. Modi said that India is committed to empowering the world and humankind with the help of technology, and initiatives like Digital India, Start-Up India, and ambitious projects like Gaganyaan have been launched for this purpose.
- The three PARAM Rudra supercomputers, **worth around 130 crore rupees**, have been developed indigenously under the **National Supercomputing Mission**. These supercomputers have been deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata to facilitate pioneering scientific research.

**NSM**

**NATIONAL  
SUPERCOMPUTING  
MISSION**



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## **CDSCO : 50 Drugs As 'Not Of Standard Quality'**

- **Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO)** has declared more than 50 drugs as 'not of standard quality' in its recent monthly report. This raises safety concerns regarding their usage.
- **These drugs include paracetamol**, Vitamin B Complex, and calcium and Vitamin D3 tablets. These products were not of standard quality and were manufactured by several companies. (CDSCO):
- It is the **National Regulatory Authority (NRA)** of India for the medical devices industry under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules.
- It works under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) is the head of the CDSCO.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.



- Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, CDSCO is responsible for,
- Approval of New Drugs;
- Conduct of Clinical Trials;
- Laying down the standards for Drugs;
- Control over the quality of imported Drugs in the country;
- Coordination of the activities of State Drug Control Organizations;

## India Signs Agreement To Protect Marine Biodiversity

- India signed an **international agreement to protect marine biodiversity** on the high seas at the **United Nations General Assembly**.
- The pact, formally known as the **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement**, is signed by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
- This Agreement is aimed at **ensuring that marine life** is conserved and used in a sustainable manner on the high seas, which is beyond nations' territorial waters, and the **exclusive economic zone** could extend up to 370 km from the shores, which constitutes about two-thirds of all the oceans.



- The **agreement was about 20 years** in the making before it was adopted internationally last year, and it bans destructive fishing and pollution.
- Under the agreement, countries cannot **claim sovereign rights** over marine resources on the high seas, and it ensures equitable sharing of benefits from those resources. The Cabinet approved India's participation in the agreement in July.

## Global Innovation Index 2024

- India Climbed **One Place To 39th Rank Out Of 133 Economies** In GII, Report By The Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organization.
- **Consistent Improvement In Ranking Is Owing To Knowledge Capital**, Vibrant Start-up Ecosystem, Amazing Work Done By Public And Private Research Organisations.



- **GII Is A Reliable Tool** To Assess Innovation-led Social And Economic Changes In Their Respective Countries.
- **Switzerland, Sweden, The United States**, Singapore & United Kingdom Are World's Most Innovative Economies, **While China, Turkiye, India, Viet Nam & Philippines** Are The Fastest 10-year Climbers.

## “Tsangyang Gyatso Peak”

- **National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS)**, has successfully scaled an unnamed and unclimbed **6383 MSL or 20,942 ft high peak** in **Gorichen range** of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on Tawang-West Kameng region.
- The peak, at a **height of 6,383 meters** above sea level in the Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas in Tawang-West Kameng region, was considered one of the **most technically challenging** and unexplored summits in the region.
- After overcoming immense challenges including sheer ice walls, treacherous crevasses, and a **2-kilometer-long glacier**, the team has immortalized the momentous feat.
- **“Tsangyang Gyatso Peak”** in honor of His Holiness the 6th Dalai Lama, Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso. By naming this peak after him, **NIMAS aims to pay tribute to his timeless wisdom** and his profound contributions to the Monpa community and beyond.
- The expedition to conquer **“Tsangyang Gyatso Peak”** was one of the toughest ever undertaken by the NIMAS team.



- The route was fraught with dangerous crevasses, steep ice walls, and unpredictable weather conditions.
- However, through sheer determination and teamwork, the team was able to navigate these challenges and reach the summit, making history in the process.



- **About NIMAS**
- **NIMAS, which has been at the forefront of adventure and mountaineering** in India, has informed the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) about the ascent and the decision to name the peak.
- The necessary formalities for naming the peak are being completed to ensure that **“Tsangyang Gyatso Peak”** is recognized on the official map.

## ‘Paridhi 24×25’

- Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, alongside Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, launched the **India-specific fashion trend book “Paridhi 24×25,”** a bilingual web portal of VisioNxt, and an AI Taxonomy e-book.
- This significant event attracted over 150 industry leaders from the fashion, textiles, and retail sectors, as well as prominent craftsmen and weavers from various craft clusters.



- **VisioNxt has already produced over 60 micro trend reports,** more than 10 close-to-season trend reports, 3 research papers, and the inaugural AI Taxonomy book on Indian wear categories.
- VisioNxt aims to position India on a global scale in fashion trend prediction, enhancing the **visibility of Indian fashion vocabulary and identity** while decreasing reliance on international trend agencies.
- By entering the **forecasting space, India seeks to provide unique insights** into local fashion consumers, integrating its strengths in information technology and textiles through a blend of artificial and human intelligence.

- **Inauguration of NIFT Begusarai Extension Centre** : The inauguration of the much-anticipated National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Begusarai Extension Centre was part of the launch event.
- The center will host a three-day workshop focused on imparting basic tailoring and garment construction skills.

## CAG Of India Assumes Chairmanship Of ASOSAI

- **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, officially took over the **chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)** for the term 2024-2027.
- This significant transition was highlighted during the **16th Assembly of ASOSAI**, which has expanded its membership to include **48 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs)** across Asia.
- **CAG Murmu announced** that the institution is in the process of developing its own Artificial Intelligence (AI) protocol to expedite the writing of audit reports.



- He emphasized that the current **data collection involves field auditors**, who will subsequently clean and classify the data according to specific requirements. The aim is to minimize algorithm biases during data analysis, ensuring more accurate and efficient auditing processes.
- During the upcoming winter session, approximately **35 audit reports are expected to be tabled in both Parliament and state assemblies**, with around 200 reports presented annually by the CAG's office.

- The **16th ASOSAI Assembly approved** various strategic and financial reports, including a mid-term review of ASOSAI's Strategic Plan for 2022-2027 and the outcomes of the Bangkok Declaration from 2021.
- **Discussions also focused on enhancing collaborations** among member SAIs, particularly through capacity-building initiatives and the development of IT audit frameworks.
- **Bilateral dialogues between SAI India and SAI Malaysia**, as well as cooperation with the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (IDI), were also conducted.

## Kamal Chawla

- In snooker, Indian veteran **Kamal Chawla** has clinched his maiden IBSF World 6-Red title with a commanding 6-2 victory over Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final **at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- This triumph marks a significant turnaround for Chawla, who was the runner-up in the 2017 edition of the tournament.



- **India also won three more bronze medals** through Malkeet Singh, Vidya Pillai, and Keerthana Pandian.
- **In the women's category**, India's Vidya was unable to defend her title, finishing with a bronze medal after a hard-fought semifinal loss to Hong Kong's Ng On Yee, with the scoreline at 2-4.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. World Ozone Day Celebrated On**

- A. September 13
- B. September 14
- C. September 15
- D. September 16

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Where Was World Food India 2024 Inaugurated**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: A**

**3. In Which State Was Rainwater Harvesting Project That Led To Discovery Of Megalithic Urn Burials Conducted**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Who Has Been Appointed As The Head Coach Of The Indian Women's Football Team**

- A. Chaoba Devi
- B. Anupam Mishra
- C. Sunil Chhetri
- D. Santosh Kashyap

**ANSWER: D**



**5. In Which Metropolitan Region Does Niti Aayog Propose To Develop ' EduCities' To Enhance Higher Education**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Bangalore
- D. Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Which State Won Most Awards At 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Who Won The Bronze Medal In The Men's 55kg Category At The IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024**

- A. Dhanush Loganathan
- B. Shankar Lapung
- C. Bedabrat Bharali
- D. Arjunan Ruthreshwar

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Where Did India's Third Home Built 700 MWe Nuclear Reactor Achieve Criticality**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Tamil Nadu

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Who Is Set To Become The First Indian Astronaut To Travel To The International Space Station In 2025**

- A. Prasanth Nair
- B. Ajit Krishnan
- C. Angad Pratap
- D. Shubhanshu Shukla

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Who Announced The Discovery Of Indus Valley Civilisation In 1924**

- A. Daya Ram Sahni
- B. Rakhal Das Banerji
- C. John Marshall
- D. Ernest Mackay

**ANSWER: C**

**11. What Is Designation Of Asteroid Predicted To Become A Temporary Mini Moon Of Earth In Late September 2024**

- A. 2024 PS4
- B. 2024 PT5
- C. 2024 PA1
- D. 2024 PR2

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Which Country, Alongside India, Is Part Of Bharat Gaurav Luxury Tourist Train Route Launched To Promote Cultural & Spiritual Tourism**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Myanmar
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: D**

**13. In Which City Was Invest India's New Office Inaugurated By Union Minister Piyush Goyal**

- A. Singapore
- B. Japan
- C. Malaysia
- D. France

**ANSWER: A**

**14. What Is The Date Of The International Day Of Sign Languages**

- A. September 20
- B. September 22
- C. September 23
- D. September 25

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Who Won The Gold Medal In Taekwondo At The 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League**

- A. Ananya Mehta
- B. Nazira Banoo
- C. Priya Sharma
- D. Riya Gupta

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Which Country Has Launched Its First Cancer Genomics Repository**

- A. China
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Japan
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**17. In Which Country Was The New COVID-19 Variant, XEC, First Discovered**

- A. China
- B. United States
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: C**

**18. How Many Antiquities Will India Reclaim From The United States Following The Prime Minister's Visit**

- A. 105
- B. 297
- C. 640
- D. 320

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Which sultan of Delhi was contemporary of Chengiz Khan**

- A. Iltutmish
- B. Alauddin Khilji
- C. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq
- D. Ibrahim Lodi August 20

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Who Among The Following Poets Used To Write The Urdu Ghazals With The Pen Name "Asad"**

- A. Mir Taqi Mir
- B. Dushyant
- C. Mirza Ghalib
- D. Amir Khusrow

**ANSWER: C**