

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 17 September 2025

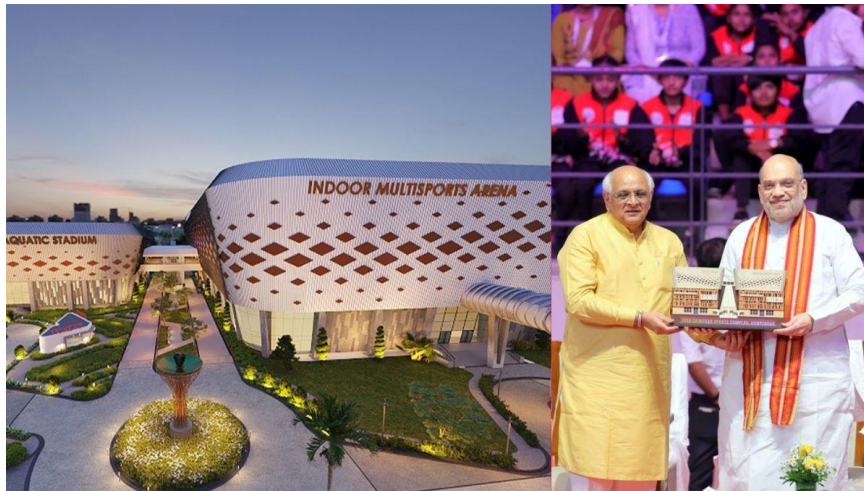
### India To Establishes Satellite Tracking Station

- India and Mauritius have signed a landmark agreement to establish a satellite tracking and communication station near the US-UK military base Diego Garcia in the Chagos archipelago. This move enhances India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) amid rising Chinese maritime activities.
- The pact, signed during Mauritius PM Navinchandra Ramgoolam's visit to India, enables India to track and receive data from its satellites and launch vehicles using this facility.
- **Location:** Chagos Islands are strategically located between East Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia
- **Military Importance:** Diego Garcia hosts a major US-UK naval and air base, used in operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Gulf
- **India's Gain:** Satellite monitoring capabilities + geopolitical leverage in the Indo-Pacific
- India reaffirmed support for Mauritius' sovereignty over Chagos Islands, while respecting the UK's continued military control over Diego Garcia. This "dual recognition" strengthens both strategic access and diplomatic alignment.
- PM Modi described the move as a "historic milestone," reaffirming India's commitment to decolonization and regional cooperation.
- **Maritime and Space Cooperation Deepens**
  - Joint hydrographic surveys and navigational charting
  - India to refit Mauritius Coast Guard vessels and train officers
  - Expanded maritime security roles in Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
  - India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri emphasized India as Mauritius' preferred partner for capacity-building and regional development.



## India's Largest Sports Complex in Ahmedabad

- On 16 September 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest and most technologically advanced sports complex at Naranpura in Ahmedabad.
- The inauguration marks a milestone in India's journey toward becoming a global sporting powerhouse, aligning with the government's vision of making India a top sports nation by 2047.
- Constructed at a cost of ₹825 crore, the Naranpura complex features,
  - An international standard aquatic complex
  - State-of-the-art facilities for both indoor and outdoor sports
  - Dedicated training infrastructure and residential amenities for athletes
- **India's Sporting Ambitions: Vision 2047**
  - Rising Sports Budget: From ₹1,643 Cr to ₹5,300 Cr
  - Amit Shah highlighted the sharp rise in India's sports budget over the last decade,
    - 2014: ₹1,643 crore
    - 2025: ₹5,300 crore



## Dr. Sima Bahous Begins Second Term at UN Women

- On 11 September 2025, Dr. Sima Sami Bahous was reappointed by UN Secretary-General António Guterres for a second term as Executive Director of UN Women. Her reappointment comes at a crucial time as the organization prepares to implement its newly approved Strategic Plan for 2026–2029.
- Expressing gratitude, Dr. Bahous pledged her commitment to advancing women’s rights and gender equality worldwide, stating she would give her “utmost efforts” to fulfill UN Women’s critical mission.
- **Strategic Plan 2026–2029: A Vision for Equality**
- The UN Women Strategic Plan 2026–2029 outlines a bold vision where gender equality is central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr. Bahous reaffirmed this by saying,
- “Equality must not wait... when women and girls are not brought down by violence or conflict and instead play their fullest part in our human family.”
- **UN Women**
- Established in 2010 as the **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality** and the **Empowerment of Women**.
- Merged four UN bodies:
- UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women)
- DAW (Division for the Advancement of Women)

- INSTRAW (International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women)
- OSAGI (Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues)
- **International Women's Day (8 March)** – Promoted by the UN since 1977.
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November).



## World Patient Safety Day 2025

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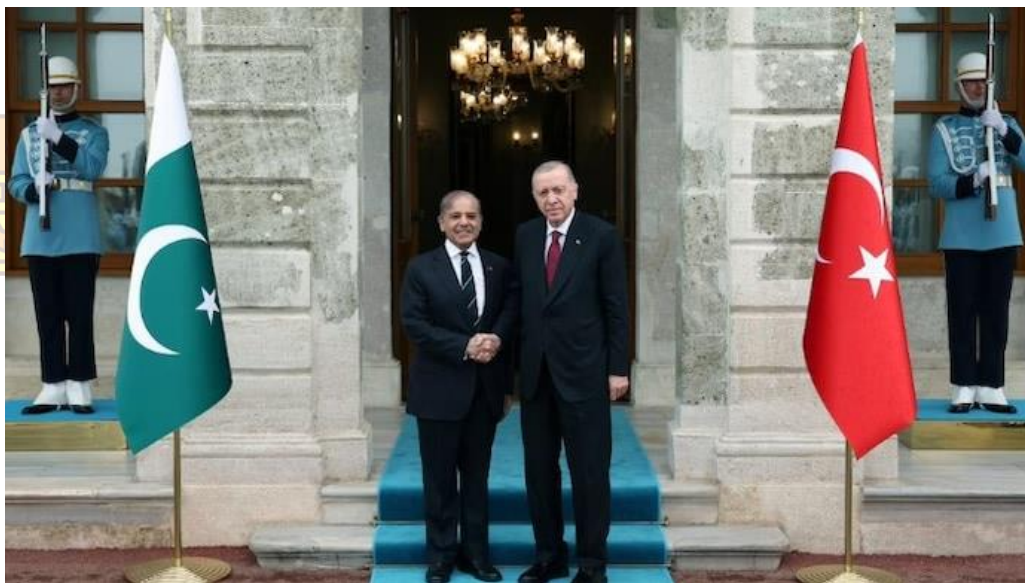
- Every year, September 17 is observed as World Patient Safety Day (WPSD), a global initiative by the World Health Organization (WHO). The day emphasizes the urgent need to reduce medical errors, ensure transparency in healthcare, and strengthen trust between patients and providers.
- In 2025, the **theme** — “**Safe Care for Every Newborn and Every Child**” — highlights the importance of protecting the most vulnerable: infants and young children, who often face avoidable risks during childbirth, diagnosis, and treatment.
- **Established:** 2019 by WHO after the World Health Assembly adopted the resolution on Global Action on Patient Safety.
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness, encourage systemic change, and promote patient-centered care.

- On 15 September 2025, Samuel Umtiti, the 2018 FIFA World Cup-winning French defender, officially announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 31.
- Once regarded as one of the finest centre-backs in Europe, Umtiti's career was tragically derailed by chronic knee injuries that restricted his playing time and eventually forced an early exit from the sport.
- While Umtiti enjoyed initial success at Barcelona, winning,
  - 2 La Liga titles
  - 3 Copa del Rey trophies



## Pakistan Pushes for Islamic Nato

- When leaders from over 40 Arab and Islamic nations convened an emergency summit in Doha on Monday, the agenda was to deliver a united response to Israel, following its strike on Hamas leaders in the Qatari capital last week.
- Although the discussions produced little beyond condemnations and vague pledges, the idea of a Nato-style military alliance for member states got a loud cheer. The meeting was attended by both Pakistan and Turkey.
- With Pakistan, the only nuclear-armed Muslim country, and Turkey, a Nato member that backed Islamabad against India with arms and personnel during the four-day mini-war, in the fold, the likelihood of an Arab-Islamic Nato could bring some unease in New Delhi.
- Self-proclaimed ummah champion Pakistan spotlighted itself in an assertive role at the Doha summit, aggressively advocating for an "Arab-Islamic task force".



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who has become the first woman Attorney General of Nepal?**

- A. Ramesh Badal
- B. Sushila Karki
- C. Sabita Bhandari
- D. Ramchandra Paudel

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which country appointed “Diella,” the world’s first AI cabinet minister?**

- A. Greece
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Albania

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Who became India’s first-ever Speed Skating World Champion?**

- A. Anandkumar Velkumar
- B. Krish Sharma
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. Chandra Kumar

**ANSWER: A**

**4. On which date is the World Patient Safety Day 2025 observed each year?**

- A. August 12
- B. October 5
- C. September 17
- D. December 1

**ANSWER: C**

**5. In which city was the 16th Combined Commanders’ Conference (CCC) reviewed by PM Narendra Modi?**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Which country, along with the UK, launched the 'Atlantic Partnership for Advanced Nuclear Energy'?**

- A. United States
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Canada

**ANSWER: A**

**7. In which city did Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurate India's largest sports complex?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**8. In which state did PM Modi inaugurate the world's first bamboo-based 2G bioethanol plant?**

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Assam
- D. Jharkhand

**ANSWER: C**

**9. What was the theme of the World Patient Safety Day 2025?**

- A. Farmers First – India First
- B. Food Security for All
- C. Sustainable Agriculture for Growth
- D. Safe Care for Every Newborn and Every Child

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Who won the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss title in 2025 for the second consecutive time?**

- A. Koneru Humpy
- B. R Vaishali
- C. Zhongyi Tan
- D. Hou Yifan

**ANSWER: B**