

# Daily Current Affairs

## 25 September 2025

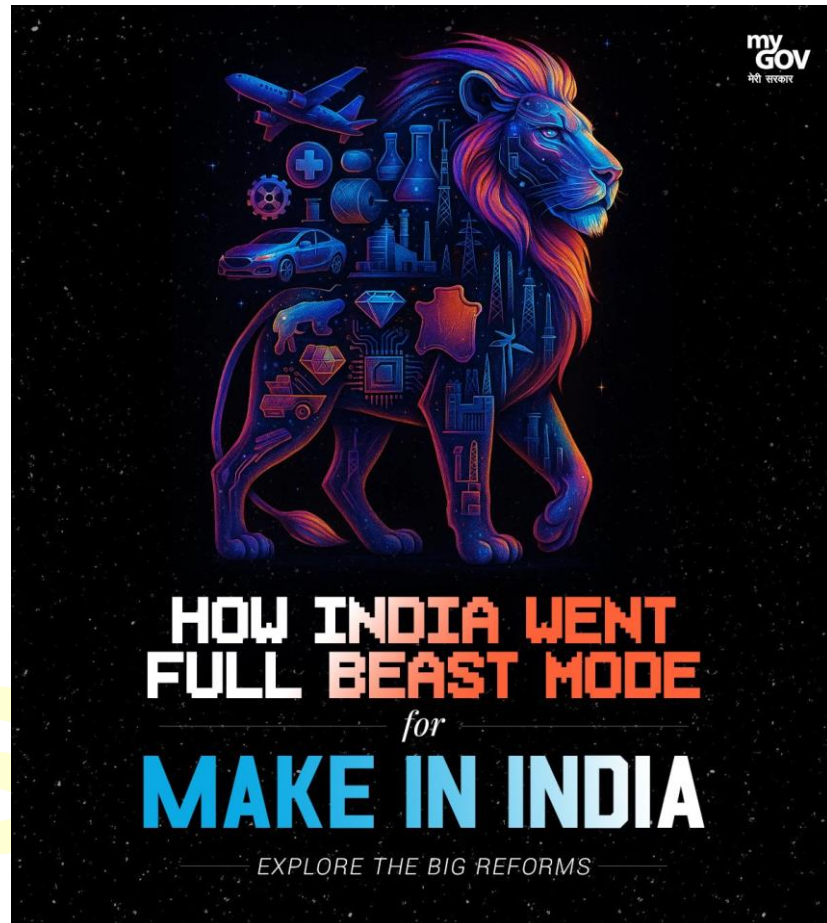
### Prime Minister Marks 11 Years of Make in India initiative

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi marked the 11th anniversary of the Make in India initiative, celebrating its transformative impact on India's economic landscape and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

#### Key Points on *Make in India*

1. **Launch Date & Initiative**
  - Launched on **25 September 2014** by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.
  - Objective: To transform India into a **global manufacturing hub**.
2. **Main Aim**
  - Boost **manufacturing sector's contribution** to GDP.
  - Create **job opportunities** for the youth.
  - Increase **FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)** inflows.
3. **Slogan**
  - *Zero Defect, Zero Effect* → Ensuring products are of high quality with no adverse effect on the environment.
4. **Sectors Covered**
  - Initially launched for **25 priority sectors** like defence, aerospace, automobiles, chemicals, textiles, IT, ports, railways, renewable energy, etc.
5. **Policy Support**
  - Simplification of procedures and ease of doing business.
  - Relaxation in **FDI policies** (100% FDI in many sectors).
6. **Investment Boost**
  - India emerged as one of the **top investment destinations** globally.
  - Several global companies started manufacturing in India.
7. **Job Creation**
  - Aimed at generating **millions of jobs** by expanding manufacturing and industrial growth.
8. **Infrastructure Development**
  - Focus on building **industrial corridors, smart cities, ports, airports**, and logistics.
  - *Digital India* and *Skill India* complement Make in India.
9. **Achievements**
  - Significant rise in **FDI inflows** since 2014.
  - Growth in sectors like **mobile manufacturing, defence production, renewable energy**.
10. **Vision**
  - To make India a **self-reliant economy**.

- Promote **Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India)** through manufacturing and innovation.



## Cabinet Approves 78-Day Bonus for Railway Employees

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, on 24 September 2025, approved the payment of a Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for 10,91,146 non-gazetted railway employees.
- The total financial implication of this move is ₹1,865.68 crore, aimed at rewarding railway staff for their contribution to an exceptionally successful performance year.
- The Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) is a performance-based bonus paid annually to railway employees based on the operational success of Indian Railways. It differs from ad hoc bonuses as it is directly linked to measurable achievements such as freight loading, punctuality, and passenger handling.
- Total Employees Covered: 10,91,146

- Total Expenditure: ₹1,865.68 crore
- Maximum Bonus per Employee: ₹17,951
- Bonus Duration: Equivalent to 78 days' wages
- **Categories Covered,**
- Loco Pilots
- Train Managers (Guards)
- Station Masters
- Track Maintainers
- Technicians and Helpers
- Supervisors, Pointsmen, Ministerial Staff, etc.



## India, Australia Sign Organic Products Mutual Recognition Arrangement

- India and Australia signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for organic products under the broader India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA).
- The agreement was formalized at Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi, in the presence of top trade and agricultural officials from both countries.

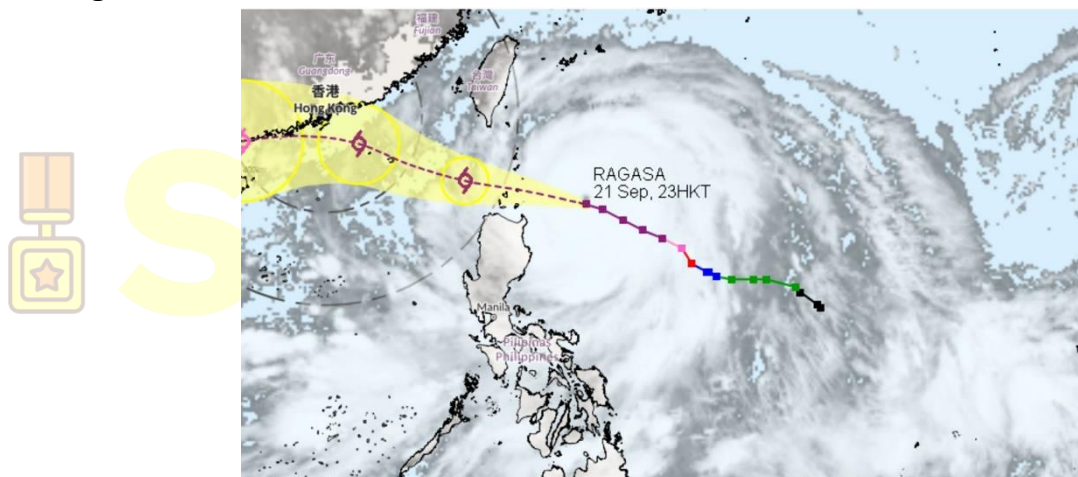
- This MRA is a significant step toward strengthening organic trade, simplifying certification processes, and enhancing market access for certified organic producers in both nations.
- The arrangement allows mutual acceptance of organic certification standards, eliminating the need for redundant inspections. It covers,
- Unprocessed plant products (excluding greenhouse crops and aquatic plants)
- Processed plant-based foods, including those with third-country certified ingredients processed in India or Australia
- Wine
- India aims to become the Organic Food Basket of the World, with APEDA driving initiatives to,
- Expand certified organic farming
- Promote global exports
- Foster transparency and traceability



## Super Typhoon Ragasa Devastates South-East Asia

- Super Typhoon Ragasa, the most powerful storm of 2025, has unleashed widespread devastation across Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and southern China.

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- As climate-related disasters intensify, Ragasa stands as a stark reminder of the growing frequency and impact of extreme weather events in South-East Asia.
- Ragasa is classified as the world's strongest storm of the year (2025)
- It has maintained Category 5 hurricane-equivalent strength while moving across the South China Sea
- Meteorologists warn of ongoing risks from storm surges, flash floods, and wind damage



## PM Narendra Modi Chairs 49<sup>th</sup> PRAGATI Meeting

- On 24 September 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 49th meeting of PRAGATI—an ICT-enabled multi-modal platform designed for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- The initiative connects the Centre and States, aiming to fast-track key development projects, resolve bottlenecks efficiently, and ensure on-time delivery of public assets.
- PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) is a digital platform developed by the Prime Minister's Office.
- It facilitates real-time monitoring and coordination between the central government and state administrations to streamline complex infrastructure and public service projects.



- World Pharmacists Day 2025 was celebrated on September 25, marking the global contribution of pharmacists to public health and medical safety.
- This annual observance honors the vital role played by pharmacists in healthcare delivery, from ensuring medication accuracy to advancing patient care and promoting health awareness.
- The theme for World Pharmacists Day 2025 is,
  - **“Think Health, Think Pharmacist”**
- Established by: International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)
- First Observed: 2009
- FIP Founded: 25 September 1912, which is why the date was chosen
- Headquarters: The Netherlands
- Membership: 144 national organizations, millions of pharmacists globally
- **Themes**
  - 2025: Think Health, Think Pharmacist
  - 2024: Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs
  - 2023: Pharmacy: Strengthening Health Systems
  - 2022: Pharmacy United in Action for a Healthier World
  - 2021: Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health
  - 2020: Transforming Global Health
  - 2019: Safe and Effective Medicines for All



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. World Pharmacists Day 2025 was observed on which date?**

- A. September 21
- B. September 23
- C. September 25
- D. September 27

**ANSWER: C**

**2. What was the theme of World Pharmacists Day 2025?**

- A. "Pharmacists for a Better Tomorrow"
- B. "Think Health, Think Pharmacist"
- C. "Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health"
- D. "Innovation in Pharmacy for Health"

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Who chaired the 49th meeting of PRAGATI in 2025?**

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

**ANSWER: B**

**4. What does PRAGATI stand for?**

- A. Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation
- B. Progressive Growth and Timely Innovation
- C. Program for Rural Advancement and Growth in Technology
- D. Proactive Reforms and Governance for Technology Integration

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Which regions were most affected by Super Typhoon Ragasa in 2025?**

- A. Japan and Korea
- B. Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and southern China
- C. Indonesia and Malaysia
- D. Sri Lanka and Maldives

**ANSWER: B**

**6. India signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement for organic products with which country in 2025?**

- A. Japan
- B. United States
- C. Australia
- D. France

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Under which agreement was the India–Australia MRA signed?**

- A. SAFTA
- B. RCEP
- C. ECTA (Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement)
- D. CEPA

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Productivity Linked Bonus for railway employees equivalent to how many days' wages in 2025?**

- A. 60 days
- B. 72 days
- C. 78 days
- D. 90 days

**ANSWER: C**

**9. The Make in India initiative was launched in which year?**

- A. 2012
- B. 2014
- C. 2016
- D. 2018

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which country announced the launch of the new 'K Visa' to attract young STEM professionals?**

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

**ANSWER: B**