

# Daily Current Affairs

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### World Rhino Day 2026

- World Rhino Day 2026 is observed on **22 September 2026** to raise global awareness about the conservation of the world's five surviving rhinoceros species.
- The observance highlights major threats to rhinos, including **poaching, illegal rhino-horn trade and habitat loss**, while also recognizing conservation efforts undertaken around the world.
- The official theme of **World Rhino Day 2026** is **"Keep the Five Alive"**. The theme focuses on securing viable rhino populations and protecting their habitats over the long term.
- World Rhino Day was first announced by **WWF-South Africa in 2010**. In 2011, conservation advocates **Lisa Jane Campbell and Rhishja Cota** helped develop it into an international observance covering both African and Asian rhino species.
- There are only **five surviving rhino species** in the world. Two are found naturally in Africa and three in Asia:

| Rhino Species            | Main Region   |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| White Rhino              | Africa        |
| Black Rhino              | Africa        |
| Greater One-Horned Rhino | India & Nepal |
| Javan Rhino              | Indonesia     |
| Sumatran Rhino           | Indonesia     |

- The **Greater One-Horned Rhino** is found primarily in India and Nepal. Its population had declined to around **200 animals at the beginning of the 20th century**, but conservation and protection measures have helped the population recover to **more than 4,000** today.
- In India, **Assam** is particularly important for rhino conservation. The species is strongly associated with protected areas such as **Kaziranga National Park**, while conservation efforts also extend to other protected landscapes.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day 2026

- India will observe the 11th Ayurveda Day on September 23, 2026, celebrating the country's more than 5,000-year-old system of traditional medicine and its increasing integration with modern healthcare. The theme for Ayurveda Day 2026 is **"Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow"** (स्वस्थ भविष्य के लिए आयुर्वेद).
- The government now marks September 23 annually as Ayurveda Day, aligning the observance with the autumnal equinox, symbolising the principle of balance associated with Ayurveda.
- Ayurveda literally derives from "Ayu" meaning life and "Veda" meaning science. Its origins can be traced to the Rigveda, while classical Ayurvedic knowledge is also described in texts such as the Charaka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita.
- The government is expanding Ayurveda and other Ayush services through the National Ayush Mission (NAM) and National Health Mission (NHM).
- Between 2014-15 and 2025-26, the Centre released more than ₹6,406.99 crore to States and Union Territories under NAM.
- Ayurveda has also gained greater international standardisation through its inclusion in the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases, 11th Revision (ICD-11) module.
- This enables clinicians to record Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani (ASU) diagnoses using standardised codes. It can also facilitate research, policymaking and processing of insurance claims for Ayush treatments.

- The Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) aims to develop research aptitude among undergraduate Ayurveda students by supporting short-term research projects.
- Between 2022-23 and 2024-25, 289 Ayurveda colleges benefited from the programme.



## **Angh: Nagaland Film Wins Platform Prize at TIFF**

- Theja Rio, a filmmaker from Nagaland, India, has won the Platform Prize at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2026 with his film titled Angh. This is an important milestone for Naga and Indian cinema.
- The Konyak language film is one of the 12 films that have been selected for the competitive Platform Programme at TIFF. The Platform Prize comes with a guaranteed entry into Oscar contention for the 2026 Academy Awards' best international feature film category under a newly introduced route.
- Angh is set in the Nagaland region of northeastern India in the early 1960s. It is filmed in the language called Konyak. The story revolves around a former village chief and his young son who live in one of the few remaining communities adhering to an ancient tradition of life.
- While Angh is one of the Indian films in connection with the 2027 Oscars, another Marathi film, Gondhal, directed by Santosh Davakhar, was picked as India's official entry through the conventional country selection process.



## Mark Wood Retires from International Cricket

- England fast bowler Mark Wood announced his retirement from international cricket on September 22, 2026, bringing an end to an 11-year international career. The 36-year-old pacer decided to step away from international cricket following recurring knee injury problems.
- Wood represented England across all three formats and was a member of the teams that won the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup and the 2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.
- Wood's final international appearance came in November 2025, during the first Test of the 2025-26 Ashes series against Australia.
- England lost the match by eight wickets, and it ultimately became Wood's last appearance for the national team.
- The Ashes is the historic Test cricket series contested between England and Australia.

| Format | Matches | Wickets | Key detail                       |
|--------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Test   | 38      | 119     | Bowling average of 30.79         |
| ODI    | 70      | 80      | 2019 World Cup-winning squad     |
| T20I   | 38      | 54      | 2022 T20 World Cup-winning squad |

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| Total | 146 | 253 | 11-year international career |
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## President Amends Inter-State Council Order, 1990

- President Droupadi Murmu has made an amendment in the Inter-State Council Order of 1990, providing special conditions for the participation of the Governor/Lieutenant Governor in the Inter-State Council Meetings.
- The Inter-State Council (Amendment) Order 2026 has been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 9th September 2026 under Article 263 of the Constitution and is applicable from the date of issue.
- The Inter-State Council is an organization provided for under Article 263 of the Constitution by means of the Inter-State Council Order of 1990.
- The initial order was issued in the Gazette of India on May 28, 1990. The order was thereafter amended in July 1990 and December 1996.

| State/UT | Instance for Inviting Governor/Lieutenant Governor                     |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| State    | If there is any Proclamation issued under Article 356 by the President |

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| <b>Delhi</b>             | <b>If there is any order issued under Article 239AB by the President</b>                            |
| <b>Puducherry</b>        | <b>If there is any order issued under Section 51 of the Government of Union Territory Act, 1963</b> |
| <b>Jammu and Kashmir</b> | <b>If there is any order issued under Section 73 of the J&amp;K Reorganisation Act, 2019</b>        |



## **Government Dissolves Digital Communications Commission**

- GOI has dissolved the Digital Communications Commission the apex inter-departmental decision-making body under the Department of Telecommunications. The move brings an end to an institution that had functioned for nearly 37 years, first as the Telecom Commission and later as the DCC.
- The Union Cabinet approved the winding up of the Commission on September 16, 2026, while the dissolution took effect following the publication of a government resolution dated September 19, 2026.
- The institution was originally established in April 1989 as the Telecom Commission. For decades, it served as an important institutional mechanism for policy formulation and administrative decision-making in India's telecommunications sector.

- One of the factors behind the decision was an overlap between the Commission's membership and departmental advisers within the DoT.
- The government viewed this arrangement as involving duplication in the decision-making structure. Vacancies in important DCC posts also formed part of the administrative context surrounding the decision.
- The Commission had vacant member posts at the time of its dissolution, while its finance member was scheduled to retire in February 2027.
- In addition, the Finance Ministry already exercised budget approval authority for relevant matters, further reducing the need for a separate layer of decision-making.
- The DCC functioned as an apex body for dealing with policy and administrative issues related to India's telecommunications and digital communications sectors. Its structure included senior DoT officials and departmental advisers and also provided for financial oversight.



## **7<sup>th</sup> National Formulary of India 2026**

- The 7th edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026 was launched on September 21, 2026, at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The publication was unveiled by Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers, during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week Campaign.
- The National Formulary of India (NFI) is a reference publication containing standard and authoritative information on medicines used in India.

- It is designed to assist doctors, pharmacists, healthcare professionals, teachers and students in the appropriate use of medicines and supports rational prescribing and safe medication practices.
- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) publishes the National Formulary of India and has issued regular updates to the series since 2008.
- IPC works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and plays an important role in establishing standards for medicines and supporting pharmacovigilance activities in India.
- The theme for the 2026 campaign is:
- **“Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare”**



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What is the official theme of World Rhino Day 2026?**

- A. Save the Rhino
- B. Keep the Five Alive
- C. Rhinos for Tomorrow
- D. Protect the Wild

**Answer: B. Keep the Five Alive**

**2. Which of the following rhino species is primarily found in India and Nepal?**

- A. Black Rhino
- B. White Rhino
- C. Greater One-Horned Rhino
- D. Javan Rhino

**Answer: C. Greater One-Horned Rhino**

**3. What is the theme of the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026?**

- A. Ayurveda for Global Health
- B. Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow
- C. Ayurveda for Healthy India
- D. Traditional Medicine for Modern Healthcare

**Answer: B. Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow**

**4. Who won the Platform Prize at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2026 for the film *Angh*?**

- A. Santosh Davakhar
- B. Theja Rio
- C. Anurag Kashyap
- D. Rima Das

**Answer: B. Theja Rio**

**5. In which language is the film *Angh* filmed?**

- A. Assamese
- B. Khasi
- C. Konyak
- D. Manipuri

**Answer: C. Konyak**

**6. Mark Wood retired from international cricket after representing England for how many years?**

- A. 8 years
- B. 9 years
- C. 11 years
- D. 13 years

**Answer: C. 11 years**

**7. Under which Article of the Constitution was the Inter-State Council (Amendment) Order 2026 issued?**

- A. Article 280
- B. Article 263
- C. Article 356
- D. Article 370

**Answer: B. Article 263**

**8. The Digital Communications Commission was originally established in 1989 as which body?**

- A. Telecom Regulatory Commission
- B. Telecom Commission
- C. Digital India Commission
- D. National Communications Commission

**Answer: B. Telecom Commission**

**9. Which organization publishes the National Formulary of India (NFI)?**

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Indian Council of Medical Research
- C. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission
- D. National Medical Commission

**Answer: C. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission**

**10. What is the theme of the 2026 National Pharmacovigilance Week Campaign mentioned in the article?**

- A. Safe Medicines for All
- B. Medicines and Public Health
- C. Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare
- D. Pharmacovigilance for a Healthy Nation

**Answer: C. Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare**