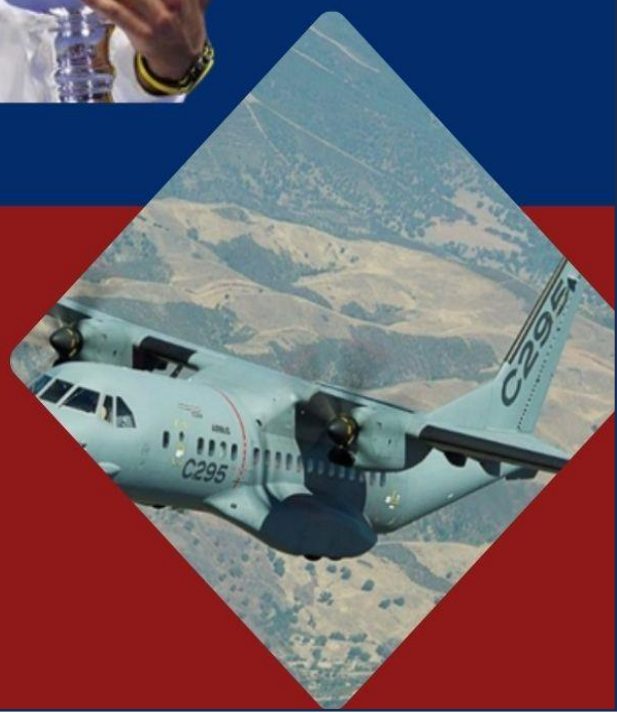


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## Art and Culture Current Affairs



### [Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards to 84 performing artists](#)

The Ministry of Culture awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards to 84 performing artists in New Delhi. The special achievement award was given to artists above the age of 75 from all over India who had not been bestowed any national honor yet.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi mentioned that their selection showcased the rich and diverse culture of India.

The honor carried purse money of one lakh rupees along with Tamrapatra and Angavastra. Talking to Akashwani News, Akademi Chairperson Sandhya Purecha said the awards were conferred by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar at Vigyan Bhawan.

List of Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards 2023 winners

- [Amrit Award Citation 2023 .pdf](#)
- [State wise list of Amrit Awardees \(3\).pdf](#)

## Economy Current Affairs



### [Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2023-24 Series II opens until 15 September](#)

Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) are open for subscription until September 15th, marking the second series of the scheme for the fiscal year 2023-24.

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the price of the gold bonds at 5,923 rupees per gram.
2. Online applicants will receive a discount of 50 rupees per gram less than the nominal value when paying digitally, making the issue price for online investors 5,873 rupees per gram.
3. The minimum investment allowed in a gold bond is one gram, while the maximum subscription limit is set at 4 kg for individuals and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities per fiscal year.
4. SGB offers a safer alternative to physical gold and an additional income source, making it an attractive investment option.
5. The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme was initiated by the government in November 2015, under the Gold Monetisation Scheme.



## Government Schemes Current Affairs

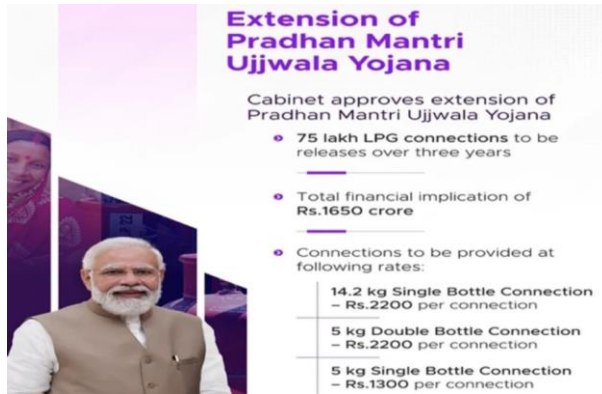


4. It covers 18 traditional crafts, including carpentry, blacksmithing, pottery, weaving, and more.
5. The scheme targets both rural and urban artisans across India.
6. It aims to integrate artisans into domestic and global value chains.
7. PM Vishwakarma will incentivize digital transactions and provide marketing support to artisans and craftspeople.

### PM Vishwakarma Scheme for Empowering Traditional Artisans and Craftspeople

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the “PM Vishwakarma” scheme on September 17, 2023, in New Delhi. The scheme aims to support and promote traditional crafts and artisans. It will be fully funded by the Union Government with an allocation of Rs 13,000 crore.

1. Artisans, referred to as Vishwakarmas, will be registered for free through Common Services Centres using a biometric-based portal.
2. Vishwakarmas will receive recognition through a certificate and ID card, skill training, a toolkit incentive of ₹15,000, and collateral-free credit support at concessional interest rates.
3. The scheme focuses on preserving the Guru-Shishya parampara (teacher-student tradition) and improving the quality and reach of artisanal products and services.

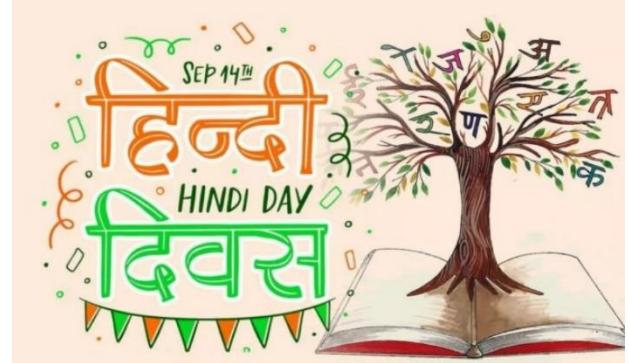


### Cabinet Approves extension of PM Ujjwala Yojana for three years

The Government has approved expansion of PM Ujjwala Yojana, a scheme to provide support for LPG connections to women on 13th September 2023 during a cabinet meeting.

1. The scheme aims to release a total of 75 lakh LPG connections over a period of three years, from the Financial Year 2023-24 to 2025-26.
2. The scheme's total financial implication is one thousand 650 crore rupees.
3. Under the scheme, 75 lakh free LPG connections will be provided to women from poor and needy families to enable them to benefit from the Ujjwala scheme.
4. As per the existing modalities of Ujjawala 2.0, the first refill and stove will also be provided free of cost to Ujjwala beneficiaries.
5. To date, 9.60 crore LPG cylinders have been distributed under the Ujjwala scheme, indicating its widespread impact and reach.

## Important Days Current Affairs



### Hindi Diwas : September 14

Hindi Diwas is celebrated annually on September 14 to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as India's official language by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

1. The first Hindi Diwas was observed in 1953.
2. Hindi is one of India's 22 scheduled languages and is predominantly spoken in several states, including Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Punjab.
3. The celebration of Hindi Diwas promotes national integration by uniting India's linguistic communities and highlights the country's linguistic diversity.
4. Government offices, schools, and educational institutions organize various events on Hindi Diwas, including competitions, quizzes, cultural programs, seminars, workshops, and reading sessions.

# International Current Affairs



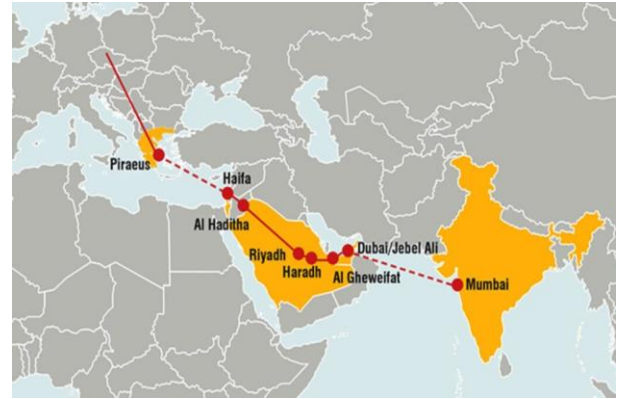
## PM Modi and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia discussed India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, on 11 September in New Delhi. The leaders discussed various aspects of bilateral ties and ways to enhance the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership.

1. The economic corridor is expected to boost economic growth and digital connectivity across Asia, West Asia, and Europe.
2. Both leaders co-chaired the first Meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) and signed the minutes of the meeting.
3. The visit of the Crown Prince is part of a three-day state visit to India, during which he attended the 18th G20 Summit.
4. India and Saudi Arabia have strong economic and socio-cultural ties, with India being the second-largest

trade partner for Saudi Arabia and Saudi Arabia the fourth-largest trading partner for India.

5. Bilateral trade between the two countries during the Financial Year 2022-23 was valued at over \$52 billion, and Saudi direct investments in India exceeded \$3 billion.
6. Energy cooperation is a significant aspect of their relationship, with Saudi Arabia playing a crucial role in ensuring India's energy security. It remained India's third-largest source for crude and petroleum products during the Financial Year 2022-23.



## Key Highlights from the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi

**The following points provide an overview of the key events and highlights from the 18th G20 Summit held on 9th and 10th September 2023 in New Delhi.**

1. The 18th G20 Summit concluded in New Delhi on September 10, 2023, with India passing the Presidency to Brazil.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the ceremonial gavel to President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva of Brazil during the closing ceremony.
3. President Lula Da Silva appreciated India's leadership and welcomed the African Union as a full member of the G20.
4. During the third session, Prime Minister Modi addressed various global issues, including UN Security Council reforms, the mandate of Multilateral Development Banks, and the regulation of cryptocurrencies.
5. India took several significant initiatives during the Summit, including including the African Union in the G20, launching the Global Biofuel Alliance, and promoting economic integration through initiatives like the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.
6. The [G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration](#) was adopted unanimously.

## India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC): A Key Initiative for Regional Connectivity and Economic Growth

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) was launched on September 9, 2023, at the G20 Summit in New Delhi.

1. It is a collaborative initiative involving India, the European Union, and six other countries.
2. The primary goal of IMEC is to improve connectivity and economic integration among Asia, the Arabian Gulf, and Europe.
3. This will be achieved through the establishment of a railway network that connects various ports in the region.
4. The project involves multiple countries, including the United States, India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, France, Germany, Italy, and the European Union.
5. IMEC is expected to have a positive impact by boosting economic development, facilitating trade and investment, and encouraging regional cooperation among the participating nations.



## National Current Affairs



### Rahul Navin, IRS, has been appointed as the in-charge director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)

Rahul Navin, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, has been appointed as the in-charge director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on September 15. He will serve in this capacity until the appointment of the regular director. Currently, Rahul Navin holds the position of ED's special director. **Sanjay Kumar Mishra** was the outgoing director of the ED, who was appointed as the ED director in 2028.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is responsible for investigating money laundering and violations of foreign exchange laws. It operates under the framework of several Acts, including the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA).



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### Defence Acquisition Council approves nine capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 45,000 crore

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has given its approval (Acceptance of Necessity, AoN) for nine capital acquisition proposals totaling approximately 45,000 crore rupees. The meeting was chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on September 15, 2023.

1. All these acquisitions will be sourced from Indian vendors, which will significantly contribute to the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India) in the defense industry.
2. The DAC approved the procurement of various items, including Light Armoured Multipurpose Vehicles, Integrated Surveillance and Targeting Systems, High Mobility Vehicle Gun Towing Vehicles for artillery deployment, Next Generation Survey Vessels for the Indian Navy, Dhruvastra Short Range Air-to-Surface Missiles for ALH Mk-IV Helicopters, and 12 Su-30 MKI Aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
3. Raksha Mantri emphasized the need to increase the focus on indigenization and suggested aiming for a minimum of 60 to 65 percent indigenous content in

Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured projects, instead of the current threshold of 50 percent.

## Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** is the highest decision-making body in the Indian Ministry of Defence for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and the Indian Coast Guard. The council is headed by the Minister of Defence.



## Uniformity in Measurement: India can issue internationally accepted OIML Certificates

India has achieved the capability to issue Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organisation of Legal Metrology) Certificates, becoming the 13th country globally to do so.

1. Domestic manufacturers can now have their weighing and measuring instruments tested within India and market them internationally.
2. The Internationally Accepted OIML Certificate is recognized worldwide, reducing redundancy and saving resources for manufacturers.
3. This system ensures uniformity and trust in measurements on a global scale and eliminates the need for repeated certifications.
4. Indian manufacturers and their agents can obtain OIML Certificates for their measuring instruments from the Indian OIML Issuing Authority, which is the Legal Metrology Division under the Department of Consumer Affairs.



## Supreme Court of India joining the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) platform

The Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, announced that the Supreme Court of India will join the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) platform to track case pendency.

1. Inclusion in the NJDG is expected to bring transparency and accountability to the judiciary by making details of pending civil and criminal cases easily accessible.
2. The NJDG is a database covering orders, judgments, and case details from thousands of District and Subordinate Courts and High Courts across India.
3. The Supreme Court will now upload its cases in real-time to the NJDG, which was previously collecting data only up to the high court level.



## Indian Air Force received first C-295 MW transport aircraft from Airbus in Seville, Spain

On 13th September 2023, India received its first C-295 MW transport aircraft in a formal handing over ceremony in Seville, Spain.

1. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhari, attended the ceremony representing the Indian Air Force.
2. Airbus formally handed over the C-295 MW aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF).
3. India has finalized the acquisition of 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft to replace the existing Indian Air Force AVRO fleet.
4. The contractual agreement specifies that Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in fly-away condition from Seville, while the remaining 40 will be manufactured and assembled in India by Tata Advanced Systems through an industrial partnership.
5. All the C-295 aircraft will be configured for transport and equipped with an indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite.
6. The C-295 aircraft serves various purposes, including tactical transport of up to 71 troops or 50 paratroopers and logistical operations to remote locations that may not be accessible to larger aircraft.



Government approved the e-Courts Mission Mode Project Phase-3

The Government approved the e-Courts Mission Mode Project Phase -3 on 13th September 2023 during a cabinet meeting.

1. The project is a Central Sector Scheme with a financial outlay of 7,210 crore rupees, spanning four years.
2. The e-Courts Project has been under implementation since 2007 as part of the National eGovernance Plan.
3. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur explained that the e-Courts Mission Mode Project aims to improve access to justice through technology.
4. It will enable citizens, including those without access to technology, to access judicial services through eSewa Kendras.
5. The primary goal of the project is to establish online and paperless courts to make the judicial system more convenient, economical, and transparent for citizens.
6. There will be the establishment of 4,400 eSewa Kendras at all Court complexes to facilitate this initiative.

Nomination for the Padma  
Awards for the year 2024 is  
open until the 15th  
September

The online nomination process for the Padma Awards for the year 2024 is open until the 15th of this month. The nomination process began on 1 May 2023.

1. The Union Home Ministry has stated that nominations or recommendations for the Padma Awards will be accepted online through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.
2. The announcement of the Padma Awards for the year 2024 will take place on Republic Day next year.
3. The Padma Awards, which include Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri, are among the highest civilian honors in India.
4. These awards were instituted in 1954 to recognize distinguished and exceptional achievements and service in various fields.
5. Eligibility for these awards is open to all individuals without distinction based on race, occupation, position, or gender.





### First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi on 12 September 2023

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights in New Delhi on 12 September 2023. The event hosted eminent scientists, farmers, and resource persons from 59 countries worldwide.

1. The symposium focused on discussing critical issues related to Farmers' Rights, which are outlined in Article 9 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
2. India holds the distinction of being the first country globally to have incorporated Farmers' Rights within the framework of Plant Variety Registration, accomplished through the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act of 2001.
3. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar also participated in the event.

## Science and Technology Current Affairs



### Life Clues on K2-18 b? Hydrogen-Rich Atmosphere and Possible Oceans

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope discovered carbon dioxide and methane on the exoplanet K2-18 b. K2-18 b is a potential Hycean exoplanet with a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and a water ocean-covered surface. K2-18 b is within the "habitable zone" of its star, where conditions are conducive to the existence of life.

1. K2-18 b orbits the cool dwarf star K2-18 a and is located 120 light years from Earth.
2. K2-18 b is 8.6 times the mass of Earth and falls in size between Earth and Neptune.
3. The presence of methane and carbon dioxide, along with the absence of ammonia, suggests the possibility of a water ocean beneath a hydrogen-rich atmosphere on K2-18 b.
4. The telescope also detected a possible molecule called dimethyl sulfide (DMS), which on Earth is produced by life, particularly phytoplankton in marine environments.
5. NASA plans to conduct follow-up research using the telescope's MIRI spectrograph to further validate their findings and gain more insights into K2-18 b's environmental conditions.



## Aditya L1, successfully completed its third earth-bound manoeuvre

India's first solar mission, Aditya L1, successfully completed its third earth-bound manoeuvre on 10 September 2023. The manoeuvre was performed from ISTRAC, Bengaluru, with tracking from ISRO's ground stations at Mauritius, Bengaluru, SDSC-SHAR, and Port Blair.

1. The next manoeuvre is scheduled for September 15, 2023, around 02:00 Hrs. IST.
2. On September 5, Aditya L1 achieved an orbit of 282 km x 40225 km during its second earth-bound manoeuvre.
3. Aditya L1 was launched on September 2 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
4. The mission carries seven different payloads to study the Sun in detail, including observations of sunlight and measurements of plasma and magnetic fields.
5. Aditya-L1's primary goal is to uncover unknown facts about the Sun.
6. The satellite will spend 16 days on Earth-bound orbits, undergoing five manoeuvres to gain the required speed to reach its destination.

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## Sports Current Affairs



## Subroto Cup International Football Tournament from 19th September 2023

The 62nd edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament is scheduled to take place starting from 19th September 2023.

1. A total of 109 teams representing 27 States and Union Territories will participate in the tournament.
2. The tournament includes Under-17 Junior Boys and Girls competitions to be held in Delhi and Gurugram, along with an Under-14 Sub Junior Boys Competition set in Bengaluru.
3. The primary goal of the tournament is to promote football at the grassroots level, as mentioned by Air Marshal R K Anand and Vice Chairman Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society during a press conference in New Delhi.
4. Teams from Bangladesh and Nepal will also take part in the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament.
5. The tournament is named after Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, who

initiated the idea to promote sports at the grassroots level.

6. The Subroto Cup is a prestigious annual inter-school football tournament that began in 1960.
7. It features champion school teams from all Indian states as well as teams from foreign countries, making it a unique and competitive event.



### India defeat Sri Lanka by 41 runs to qualify for Asia Cup final

On Tuesday, 12 September 2023, India defeated Sri Lanka by 41 runs in the Cricket Asia Cup, 2023 match at R.Premadasa Stadium, Colombo and book a place in the final.

1. India played against Sri Lanka in the Super Four – Match 4 of the Asia Cup, 2023 on September 12, 2023.
2. India won the toss and chose to bat first.
3. In their batting inning (Inning-1), India scored a total of 213 runs while losing 10 wickets in 49.1 overs.
4. In the second inning (Inning-2), Sri Lanka managed to score 172 runs but lost all their wickets in 41.3 overs.
5. India defeated Sri Lanka by a margin of 41 runs.
6. D. Wellalage of Sri Lanka was awarded the Player of the Match for scoring 42 runs in 46 balls and taking 5 wickets while conceding 40 runs in 10.0 overs.



## India defeated Pakistan by 228 runs in the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup Cricket ODI

India defeated Pakistan by 228 runs in the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup Cricket ODI. The match took place at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on September 11, following several rain delays since Sunday.

1. India displayed dominance both with the bat and the ball, setting a victory target of 357 runs and restricting Pakistan to 128 all out in 32 overs.
2. Virat Kohli and KL Rahul scored centuries, with Kohli contributing 122 runs off 94 balls and Rahul scoring 111 runs off 106 balls.
3. Kohli achieved the milestone of becoming the fastest player to reach 13,000 ODI runs, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record, accomplishing this feat in just 267 innings.
4. This century marked Kohli's 47th in One-Day Internationals.
5. Openers Rohit Sharma (56 runs) and Shubman Gill (58 runs) provided India with a strong start in the match.
6. Kuldeep Yadav took 5 wickets for India.



## Coco Gauff won Women's Singles title at the US Open tennis tournament 2023

Coco Gauff won her maiden Women's Singles title at the US Open tennis tournament. She defeated Aryna Sabalenka in the title match on 10 September 2023 in New York.

1. Gauff's victory came after a hard-fought match, with a final score of 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
2. Within a span of 40 days, Gauff won three significant titles and won 18 out of her 19 previous matches.
3. Her previous titles were at the Washington Open and Cincinnati Open in August.
4. Coco Gauff, age 19 years is the first American teenager to win the US Open singles title in the 21st century.
5. She is only the third American overall to achieve this feat in the history of the tournament.





## Novak Djokovic win his fourth US Open and his 24th Grand Slam singles title

Novak Djokovic defeated Daniil Medvedev in straight sets on September 10, 2023, winning his fourth US Open and his 24th Grand Slam singles title at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. He defeated Medvedev 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in the final.

- Djokovic became the oldest men's champion in New York in the Open era at the age of 36.
- This win also matched Margaret Court's all-time record for the most Grand Slam victories.
- Djokovic is the first man to win three Grand Slam events in the same season four times.




## States Current Affairs

### ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **NIPAH VIRUS**

Nipah Virus (NiV) infection is a zoonotic disease that can affect both animals and humans

- NiV was discovered in Malaysia in 1998
- Fruit bats are the primary hosts of NiV

#### HOW NiV GETS TRANSMITTED

-  **PRIMARY HOST: FRUIT BATS**  
Consumption of fruits contaminated by infected bats (and birds)
-  Transmission can also take place through direct contact with **infected pigs**.
-  Direct physical contact with **infected people** can also transmit the infection.



## Confirmed cases of Nipah Virus (NiV) found in Kerala

1. In Kerala, three individuals have tested positive for the Nipah virus, confirmed by the National Institute of Virology, Pune on 12 September 2023.
2. Among the confirmed cases, a 40-year-old man has died, and two others are undergoing treatment in Kozhikode. One of the patients is a critically ill 9-year-old boy who is on life support.
3. It is suspected that a person who died last month due to comorbid conditions may have also been positive for the Nipah virus, as they were close relatives of those currently under treatment.
4. Three central teams, including a mobile team from the National Institute of Virology (NIV), are scheduled to arrive in Kerala to assess the situation.
5. The State Animal Husbandry and Forest Departments will conduct a survey of bat habitats as part of the response.

## Nipah virus (NiV)

Nipah virus is a zoonotic disease with initial symptoms including fever, headache, and respiratory issues. It can spread through infected animals, contaminated food, or person-to-person contact. First identified in Malaysia in 1999, it has caused outbreaks in Bangladesh and India.

There's no specific treatment or vaccine, and supportive care is the main approach. The World Health Organization considers it a priority for research and development due to its potential for outbreaks.

**Weekly Current Affairs MCQ: 10 September to 16 September 2023****Q.: What is the primary objective of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme?**

- a) Promoting modern industries
- b) Preserving traditional crafts and supporting artisans
- c) Enhancing agricultural productivity
- d) Boosting the tourism sector

Ans : b) Preserving traditional crafts and supporting artisans

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**Q.: What is the primary role of the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) in the Indian Ministry of Defence?**

- a) Making decisions on foreign policy
- b) Approving annual defense budgets
- c) Deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the armed forces
- d) Conducting military exercises

Ans : c) Deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the armed forces

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**Q.: What is the significance of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards?**

- a) Recognizing young talent in the performing arts
- b) Celebrating international artists
- c) Honoring artists above the age of 75
- d) Showcasing the diverse culture of India

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**Q.: What are the statutory functions of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) primarily responsible for?**

- a) Tax collection
- b) Investigating corruption cases
- c) Investigating money laundering and foreign exchange violations
- d) Conducting cybercrime investigations

c) Investigating money laundering and foreign exchange violations

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**Q.: Hindi is one of how many scheduled languages in India?**

- A. 11
- B. 18
- C. 22
- D. 30

Ans : C. 22

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**Q.: Why is the presence of methane and carbon dioxide significant on K2-18 b?**

- A. It suggests the planet has a toxic atmosphere.
- B. It indicates the planet is too hot for life.
- C. It supports the hypothesis of a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and water ocean.
- D. It suggests the planet is entirely covered in ice.

Answer:C. It supports the hypothesis of a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and water ocean.

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**Q.: What is the main purpose of the Supreme Court of India joining the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)?**

- A. To improve its internal data management
- B. To enhance transparency and accountability in the judiciary
- C. To automate court proceedings
- D. To streamline administrative tasks

Ans : B. To enhance transparency and accountability in the judiciary

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**Q.: What is the significance of India issuing Internationally Accepted OIML Certificates?**

- A. It allows international manufacturers to sell their products in India.
- B. It enables Indian manufacturers to market their measuring instruments globally.
- C. It reduces the need for measuring instruments in India.
- D. It standardizes domestic measurement units.

Ans : B. It enables Indian manufacturers to market their measuring instruments globally.

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**Q.: What is the primary goal of the e-Courts Mission Mode Project?**

- a) Reducing court cases
- b) Improving access to justice using technology
- c) Increasing the number of physical courts
- d) Enhancing security in court complexes

Ans :b) Improving access to justice using technology

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**Q.: Recently, the Indian Air Force received a C-295 aircraft from Airbus. What type of aircraft is it?**

- a) Fighter jet
- b) Transport
- c) Space traveler
- d) Trainer

Ans : b) Transport

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**Q.: What is the purpose of the PM Ujjwala Yojana?**

- a) Supporting LPG suppliers
- b) Providing free LPG connections to women
- c) Reducing LPG prices
- d) Enhancing LPG cylinder safety

Ans : b) Providing free LPG connections to women

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**Q.: Which age groups participate in the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament?**

- A. U-14 years and U-17 years
- B. U-16 years and U-19 years
- C. U-18 years and U-21 years
- D. U-20 years and U-23 years

Ans : A. U-14 years and U-17 years

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**Q.: Which government scheme introduced the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme in November 2015?**

- a) Gold Reserve Scheme
- b) Gold Monetisation Scheme
- c) Gold Investment Initiative
- d) Gold Security Program

Ans : b) Gold Monetisation Scheme

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**Q.: Which of the following animal species is a natural reservoir for Nipah virus (NiV)?**

- A. Pigs
- B. Bats
- C. Dogs
- D. Cows

**Answer: B. Bats**

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**Q.: What are the three categories of Padma Awards?**

- a) Gold, Silver, and Bronze
- b) Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri
- c) National, State, and Local
- d) Civilian, Military, and Police

b) Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri

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**Q.: Which teams are participating in the ongoing Asia Cup tournament?**

- a) India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and UAE
- b) India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Oman
- c) India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nepal
- d) India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Maldives

Answer: **b)** India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Oman

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**Q.: Who won the Women's Singles title at the US Open tennis tournament?**

- a) Aryna Sabalenka
- b) Coco Gauff
- c) Serena Williams
- d) Naomi Osaka

Ans : b) Coco Gauff

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**Q.: What was the main focus of the discussion between Prime Minister Modi and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia?**

- a) Cultural exchanges
- b) Economic corridor with Europe
- c) Sports partnerships
- d) Environmental cooperation

Ans : b) Economic corridor with Europe

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**Q.: Which country was the first in the world to incorporate Farmers' Rights within the context of Plant Variety Registration?**

- a) United States
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Brazil

Ans : c) India

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**Q.: Who became the fastest to reach 13,000 ODI runs ?**

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) KL Rahul
- c) Sachin Tendulkar
- d) Virat Kohli

Ans : d) Virat Kohli

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**Q.: How does India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) plan to achieve its connectivity goals?**

- A) By launching a space exploration program
- B) By building an extensive highway network
- C) By establishing a railway network linked through ports
- D) By developing underwater tunnels

**Answer: C) By establishing a railway network linked through ports**

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**Q.: Who won the 2023 US Open 2023 men's single title?**

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Daniil Medvedev
- c) Rafael Nadal
- d) Roger Federer

**Answer: a) Novak Djokovic**

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**Q.: Who assumed the G20 Presidency from India at the 18th G20 Summit held in New Delhi?"**

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva
- c) Xi Jinping
- d) Vladimir Putin

**Ans : b) Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva**

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**Q.: India's first solar mission, Aditya L1 was launched on 2nd September from ?**

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Port Blair
- c) Sriharikota
- d) Mauritius

**Ans : c) Sriharikota**

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