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Weekly Current Affairs – 14th - 20th Oct' 2025

National affairs

1. According to the recently released All India Synchronous Elephant Estimate, the number of wild elephants in India is 22,446. The Wildlife Institute of India, Project Elephant and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change have conducted the first ever elephant census using advanced DNA-based methods.
2. On October 17, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Shri Jitin Prasad inaugurated the Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit-2025 in Dehradun.
3. India inaugurated its first Commercial Electric Truck Battery Swapping-cum-Charging Station in Haryana.
4. The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs has set up a Centre of Excellence for the promotion of indigenous and classical languages.
5. Recently, the Union Government extended the tenure of the 16th Finance Commission by one month.
6. The first meeting of the Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) between India and Ethiopia was held in New Delhi on October 15, 2025.
7. Asia's largest rail exhibition, "International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) 2025" was held in New Delhi from October 15-17.
8. India resumed postal services to the United States from October 15, 2025.
9. The Indian Army launched its indigenous anti-drone grid named "SAKSHAM". SAKSHAM, which stands for Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard Kill Asset Management, is an unmanned aerial system (UAS), an advanced, state-of-the-art command and control network that will enhance the Indian Army's airspace control capabilities. Built by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), this defense system is designed to detect, track, and destroy enemy drones in real time, SAKSHAM is in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative in battlefield management.
10. The 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was held in Bridgetown, Barbados. Its theme - "The Commonwealth: A Global Partner," was chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
11. Deendayal Port Authority (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (Tamil Nadu) and Paradip Port Authority (Odisha) have been recognised as Green Hydrogen Hubs by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
12. The 3rd International Purple Festival 2025 was held in Goa from 9-12 October. The event included art, workshops, empowerment stories and activities like wheelchair cricket with persons with disabilities.
13. India Water & Rivers Forum 2025 was held in New Delhi.
14. The fourth 'AUSTRALIND 2025' joint military exercise is being conducted between India and Australia in Visakhapatnam.
15. GalaxEye will launch the World's First Multi-Sensor Earth Observation Satellite in 2026. It has been named Drishti. It is India's most advanced resolution (1.5 meter) imaging sensor-powered satellite till date. The satellite will be used for border and maritime surveillance, disaster management and response, infrastructure and utility monitoring, agricultural analysis and yield forecasting, insurance and financial risk assessment, advanced urban planning and environmental studies.
16. Arunachal Pradesh scientists have discovered a new begonia species called 'Chowna Buku Chulu (Aryarakta)'. The new species has been named 'Chowna Buku Chulu (Aryarakta)' in honour of Deputy Chief Minister Chouna Mein, meaning "great red".
17. Gurugram launches India's QR-based Kiosk for paying traffic fines.
18. 5 seas in Maharashtra recently received International Blue Flag Certification.

19. National e-Governance Department (NeGD) signs MoU with Bharat Taxi to provide technical support.
20. India's first Semiconductor Innovation Museum is opening in Hyderabad. The technology chip will act as a hub for semiconductor manufacturing, design, innovation and export.
21. Google's parent company Alphabet has announced a decision to invest \$ 15 billion to set up an AI Data Centre/AI Hub in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Google, Adani Group and Airtel will jointly build it. The centre will be part of Google's global network of artificial intelligence centres spread across 12 countries. This will be Google's largest investment outside the US.
22. Iron Age burial site discovered in Tamil Nadu.
23. India elected to the UN Human Rights Council for the seventh time for 2026-28.

International affairs

1. The 16th Annual Meeting of WHO-International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines is being held in Jakarta.
2. UK Universities to open campuses in India soon. The University of Southampton campus is already operational in Gurugram, while the University of Surrey in Gift City, Gujarat and the University of Bristol in Mumbai are scheduled to open soon. These campuses will offer the same curriculum and degrees as in the UK, aiming to provide world-class education in India.
3. India signs Key Defence Agreements with Australia.
4. China inaugurates world's first solar thermal power plant in the Gobi Desert of Gansu Province.
5. The Pacific island nation of Palau conducts the World's First Live Underwater Interview. In an effort to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the ocean, Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr. conducted the interview with Estonian Olympic swimmer and activist Merle Livand.
6. India launches National Red List Roadmap at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi.
7. Armenia has become a new member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
8. Maldives is the first country approved by WHO to eliminate three diseases transmitted from mother to child: HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced free e-Visa for Mongolian citizens.

Appointment

1. Indian actress Deepika Padukone has been appointed as India's first Mental Health Ambassador.
2. Rajiv Juneja, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Mankind Pharma, has been appointed as the President of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
3. Sonali Sen Gupta has been appointed as the new Executive Director of RBI.
4. Sebastien Lecornu has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of France.
5. Renowned wildlife conservationist Vivek Menon has been elected as the new President of the international organization IUCN.
6. Saugata Basuray has been appointed as the interim CEO of Castrol India.
7. Rishi Sunak has been appointed as a senior advisor to Microsoft and Anthropic.
8. Dan Katz has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The other three Deputy Managing Directors at present are Kenji Okamura, Bo Li, Antoinette Sayeh.
9. Mahavir Lunawat reappointed as Chairman of Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBA).
10. Tarun Garg appointed as Hyundai Motor's first Indian MD and CEO.
11. Anant Goenka appointed as FICCI President for 2025-26.

Award

1. Sherry Singh became the first Indian to win Mrs Universe 2025. The 48th edition of the competition was held in Manila, Philippines.
2. Dr. Sonali Ghosh, Director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, became the first Indian to receive the Kenton R. Miller Award, established by the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). (WCPA is one of the six technical commissions of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It is a global network established in 1948 that works for the conservation of nature and the sustainable use of natural resources.)
3. Israel has conferred its highest civilian honour on US President Donald Trump for his role in the Gaza ceasefire efforts.
4. Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) has been awarded the HR Excellence Award at The Fortune Leadership Awards 2025.
5. University of Oxford has been ranked first in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026.

Day/Theme

1. World Standards Day is observed on 14 October.
2. World Students' Day is observed on 15 October; the 2025 theme is "Empowering Students for Innovation and Leadership".
3. World Food Day is observed on 16 October; the 2025 theme is "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future".
4. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on 17 October; the 2025 theme is "Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment by Ensuring Respect and Effective Support for Families".
5. World Statistics Day is observed on 20 October.

Sports

1. The fifth edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) will begin in Rajasthan from November 24.
2. Lionel Messi is the most-assisted player in men's international football.
3. Jasprit Bumrah is the first Indian pacer to play 50 matches in all formats of international cricket.
4. Morocco has become the first African country to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The World Cup football tournament is being hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada.
5. Mohun Bagan won the 125th IFA Shield by defeating East Bengal 5-4 on penalties. The final match was held at the Yuva Bharati Stadium in Kolkata. With this, Mohun Bagan has won the IFA Shield 21 times and East Bengal has won it 29 times.
6. IWF World Weightlifting Championships 2025 was held in Ford, Norway.

Project/ Services

1. Recently, Assam launched the Shraddhajanji scheme for the transport of Assamese who died outside the state.
2. PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The scheme will target 100 underperforming agricultural districts with an annual outlay of Rs 24,000 crore for 6 years. It aims to increase productivity, increase crop diversity, improve irrigation and conservation systems and ensure access to credit. There will be a special emphasis on agriculture and allied activities. The scheme is a combination of 36 schemes across 11 ministries, which will directly benefit 1.7 crore farmers.

3. District Collectors will prepare district-level plans with the help of Agricultural Universities and NITI Aayog. A digital dashboard, Krishak App and district ranking system will provide transparency, digital access and quick accountability.

Trade & Finance

1. The Reserve Bank of India has allowed customers in Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal to lend in Indian rupees.
2. HDFC Bank will recently launch 'My Business QR'. Apart from making payments, it will also allow customers to grow their business, view products, chat via WhatsApp and save contact details of merchants directly on their phones.
3. According to a Reserve Bank survey published in September 2025, Telangana tops the list of UPI Usage Intensity in India. According to the survey, southern states are leading in UPI usage. The Phonepe app recorded the highest 58% volume and 53% value of total transactions.
4. The United States announced \$20 billion in aid to stabilize Argentina.
5. Jio Payments Bank to implement Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Tolling on NH-48.
6. Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam recently achieved Mini Ratna status.

Miscellaneous

1. Actress Deepika Padukone has become the first Indian to lend her voice to Meta AI. As a result, AI users from six countries (India, America, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand) will be able to hear the actress's voice when they chat.
2. India ranks 102nd out of 123 countries in the 2025 Global Hunger Index (GHI).
3. India is the second largest mobile phone manufacturer in the world.
4. Adani Group recently received approval to build the Kedarnath Ropeway project at a cost of Rs 4,000 crore.
5. According to the recently released data from the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the female labor force participation rate in India was 42% in 2023-24.
6. India has been ranked as the second most represented country in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026.
7. Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar launched a sportswear and athleisure brand called 'TEN x YOU'.
8. India is ranked 85th in the recently released Henley Passport Index 2025. Singapore is at the top of the list. India's position has slipped from 80th to 85th, with visa-free access to 57 countries. Earlier this year, India had reached the 77th position.
9. Bharat Thammineni from Andhra Pradesh is the first Indian to climb 9 of the world's 14 highest peaks.