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**Weekly Current Affairs – 16<sup>th</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept' 2025**

## National affairs

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 16th Armed Forces Conference in Kolkata.
2. Central Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest sports complex in Ahmedabad. It is named Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, spread over 1 lakh 19 thousand square meters and built at a cost of Rs 825 crore.
3. Manipur will host the 14th Hathei Chilli Festival to promote local crops that have received the GI tag. Hathei Chilli itself received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2021.
4. Narendra Modi inaugurated the PM Mitra (Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park on 2,158 acres of land in Bhainsola village of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.
5. India re-elected to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Council.
6. Tamil Nadu became the first state in India to issue ID cards to members of women self-help groups.
7. India to host AI Impact Summit 2026.
8. Maharashtra's Ahmednagar railway station has been renamed "Ahlyanagar".
9. The first Indian Defence Manufacturing Plant was inaugurated in Morocco.
10. The 10th All India Conference of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) was inaugurated in New Delhi by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai.
11. The 28th National Conference on e-Governance was organized in Visakhapatnam.
12. The Indian Army launched Operation Rahat to provide assistance to the victims of flood-hit Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
13. India recently became a member of the HealthAI Global Network.
14. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the second edition of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) conference in New Delhi.
15. Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple was inaugurated in Bihar.
16. Asia's first dedicated women's cancer center Apollo Athena was inaugurated in New Delhi.
17. Kerala organized a two-day National AYUSH Mission workshop on "IT Solutions in AYUSH Sector" on September 18-19.
18. The world's first World Teak Conference was organized in Kochi.
19. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), India's overall unemployment rate is 5.1%.
20. India signed an agreement with FAO to build a Blue Port of international standard.

## International affairs

1. Albania has become the first country in the world to appoint a cabinet minister named "Diela" run by an artificial intelligence (AI).
2. South Africa will host the G20 Summit in 2025. This will be the first time that the summit will be held on the African continent. The summit will be held on November 22-23, 2025.
3. South Korea has launched a joint naval and air force exercise called Freedom Edge with the United States and Japan.
4. Brazil is the first country to invest in the Global Forest Fund.
5. Greece has organized its first naval exercise with India in the Mediterranean.
6. Recently, the High Seas Treaty received 60 ratifications. The treaty will come into force on January 17, 2026. 143 countries, including India, have signed the treaty. Four countries have recently implemented the treaty -

Sri Lanka, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone and Morocco. (\*\*The full name of the High Seas Treaty is Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction {BBNJ} treaty).

7. Israel launched a spy satellite named Ofek 19.
8. Russia developed the world's first mRNA cancer vaccine Enteromics.

### **Appointment**

1. M. Sundar took oath as the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.  
(\*\*Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath in Manipur's capital Imphal.)
2. Chandrashekhar S, a 2014-batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre, has been appointed as the Private Secretary to the Vice President.
3. Retired IAS officer and current advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Khare, has been appointed as the Secretary to Vice President CP Radhakrishnan on a three-year contract. A 1985-batch Jharkhand cadre officer, Amit Khare had earlier served as the Union Higher Education Secretary and played a key role in the national education policy.
4. Dr. Seema Bahous has been appointed as the Executive Director of UN Women for the second time. She has been in this position since 2021.
5. Gorangalal Das, a 1999-batch Assam cadre IFS officer, has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to South Korea.
6. Carlos Felipe Jaramillo has been appointed as the current Vice President of the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region. He was appointed on September 15, 2025. He will oversee partnerships with 23 countries.
7. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner Shri Vivekananda Gupta has been selected as the only Indian participant in the prestigious World Bank - Milken Institute Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM) Program 2025-26.
8. Shudhanshu Bhatt has been appointed as the Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).
9. Pawan Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner.
10. Mithun Manhas is the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). He is the first person from Jammu and Kashmir to become the President.
11. Amita Chaudhary will be the first Indian-origin woman to chair the UNEP FI PSI Board.

### **Award**

1. Bihar's Muzaffarpur wins INSPIRE Awards-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) 2025 for Student Innovation.
2. Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani has been honoured with the Holley Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Forge, the world's second largest forgings manufacturer.
3. Dr. V. Mohan has won the Diabetes Global Impact Prize 2025 held in Vienna, Austria.
4. Andhra Pradesh has won the 'Best State Award' for silk production.
5. Homebound, directed by Neeraj Ghaywan, has been selected as India's official entry for the Oscars 2026.
6. UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has received the 'Living Bridge' award for his role in finalising the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

## 7. 71st Dadasaheb Phalke Award (for 2023)

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award - Mohan Lal (This award was given to him for his outstanding contribution to the world of Malayalam and Indian cinema).
- Best Feature Film - 12th Fail (directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra)
- Best Hindi Film - Kanthal (directed by Sanya Malhotra)
- Best Actor - Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikram Massey (12th Fail)
- Best Actress - Rani Mukerji (Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway)
- Best Bengali Film - Deep Freeze.

## Day/Theme

1. World Ozone Day is observed on 16 September. The 2025 theme is "From science to global action", marking 40 years since the world united to protect the ozone layer.  
(\*\*\*This day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the dangers of ozone layer depletion. The United Nations declared 16 September as World Ozone Day to commemorate the signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987.)
2. World Peace Day is observed on 21 September.

## Sports

1. Apollo Tyres is the sponsor of the Indian cricket team. The logo will be on India's men's and women's, senior and junior jerseys for the next two and a half years. The new deal will be effective from the Women's ODI World Cup starting on 30 September 2025.
2. Indian bowler Mohammad Siraj won the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award for August 2025 and Ireland's Orla Prendergast won the Women's Player of the Month Award.
3. Anand Kumar won India's first gold medal in the men's 42 km marathon at the Speed Skating World Champions held in China. The 22-year-old from Tamil Nadu is India's rising star in skating.
4. Central Zone won the 2025 Duleep Trophy. In this match held at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, Central Zone led by Rajat Patidar won the Duleep Trophy after 11 years by defeating South Zone by 6 wickets. Yash Rathore was the Man of the Match in the final (scored 194 runs).
5. Recently, Mariam Fatima became a FIDE Master. She became the first woman from Bihar to achieve this title.
6. Uttarakhand hosted the Asian Cadet Cup 2025.
7. Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian to take 100 wickets in international T20 cricket.
8. Actor Ram Charan was appointed as the brand ambassador of the first Archery Premier League.
9. World Athletics Championships 2025 was held in Tokyo, Japan.

10. **69th Ballon d'Or Awards -**

- Men's category - Ousmane Dembele (French forward)
- Women's category - Aitana Bonmati (3-time consecutive Ballon d'Or winner, Barcelona).

## Project/ Services

1. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the 'Anbu Karangal' scheme for orphaned children.

## **Trade & Finance**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a new microsite - <https://indiancurrency.rbi.org.in> - to educate the public about Indian currency notes, their design and security features. The site features 360° views of the notes, multimedia resources (video, audio, animation) and interactive games for public awareness, information on exchanging old or damaged currency notes. The platform will be effective in promoting currency literacy and combating counterfeit notes.
2. Person-to-Merchant (P2M) UPI transaction limit increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. The change, implemented by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), allows for larger high-value digital payments without any hassle, whereas the daily limit for person-to-person (P2P) transactions is ₹1 lakh.
3. India Post to sell 1.65 lakh BSNL SIMs through post offices. Bharat Sanchar Migam Limited (BSNL) and the Central Postal Department have signed an MoU to enhance rural telecommunication services. Other services that will be available through post offices include BSNL SIM card sales, mobile recharge services, and subscriber onboarding for BSNL services. This initiative is designed to bridge the digital divide (especially in remote and underserved areas).

## **Book & Author**

1. "Rocket Dreams: Musk, Bezos and the Inside Story of the New, Trillion-Dollar Space Race" is a book by journalist Christian Davenport. The current space race - the arrogance, ambition and rivalry of billionaires - is the essence of this book. Published by Crown Currency, this book describes the corporate battle between Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin companies.
2. "Demography, Representation, Delimitation The North-South Divide in India" is a book by Ravi K. Mishra.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. Myntra launches premium apparel brand 'Souragya' with former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly.
2. India ranks 38th in Global Innovation Index 2025; Switzerland tops the list. The report was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in collaboration with Cornell University and INSEAD.
3. Kolkata has been named India's busiest city in 2025. (It takes an average of 34 minutes and 33 seconds to travel 10 km in Kolkata and the average speed is 17.4 km/h).
4. India is ranked eighth in the list of largest e-commerce markets in 2025. China is at the top. (\*\*The global e-commerce market is estimated to be worth about US\$ 6.8 trillion in 2025).

## **Obituary**

1. Assamese lyricist, music and film director-producer, actor, screenwriter and philanthropist Zubin Garg passed away at the age of 52 in a scuba diving accident in Singapore recently. (He was known for his Bollywood, Bengali and Assamese songs, including the song "Ya Ali", released in 2006).
2. India's only African elephant 'Shankar' died recently. The elephant was gifted to India by the Zimbabwean government in the 1990s. The 30-year-old elephant died at the National Zoological Park in Delhi.