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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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- 1) **Morocco** has initiated project known as the “water highway” to address its pressing water crisis. The project redirects surplus water from the Sebou River to supply drinking water to Rabat and Casablanca.
- 2) Buddhists want the repeal of the **Bodh Gaya Temple Act, 1949** (BGTA), under which the temple is currently governed. This Act established a management committee for the temple, but its structure has been a point of contention.
Note: Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya, Bihar.
- 3) The Lok Sabha recently passed a bill to establish **Tribhuvan Sahkari University** (for cooperation) in the state of **Gujarat**.
- 4) **Bihar (Rajgir)** will host the **Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025** in August.
- 5) **The Indian Parliament** recently passed significant legislative measures aimed at reforming the management of Waqf properties and strengthening their oversight. **The Waqf Amendment Bill 2025**, introduced in the Lok Sabha, aims to amend the existing **Waqf Act of 1995** and this amendment bill renamed as **Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) Bill**. The Waqf laws evolved in 1913, 1923, 1954 & 1995.
To remind: The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 & Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2024
- 6) Renowned actor and filmmaker **Kamal Haasan** has been appointed as the **Chairperson of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) Media and Entertainment Committee South**.
- 7) The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** appointed **Poonam Gupta** as its **Deputy Governor**, replacing Michael Patra.

To remind: **RBI Governor - Sanjay Malhotra**

- 8) Tibetan spiritual leader **The Dalai Lama** was honored with the **Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Sustainability** at a special ceremony held at his residence in **Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh**.
- 9) The **Andhra Pradesh government** has announced that renowned historian and archaeologist **MyNaa Swamy** will be honored with the prestigious **Ugadi Award** for his outstanding contributions to historical research and social service.
- 10) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) marks its **90th anniversary in 2025** (April 1st), commemorating nine decades of financial governance, economic stability, and monetary policy regulation in India.
- 11) The **Kumbakonam betel leaf** and **Thovalai flower garland from Tamil Nadu** received Geographical Indication (**GI**) tags. Tamil Nadu now has **62 GI products**.
- 12) **Assam launched the 'Lakhpati Baideo' programme**. This initiative aims to empower women entrepreneurs through financial support and training.
Note : Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma