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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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19.09.2025

IMPORTANT DAYS

Independence day 2025



1. The GoI organised the 79th Independence day celebrations at the Red Fort in New Delhi.
2. PM Modi addressed the nation and delivered his 12th consecutive Independence day speech which lasted for 103 minutes.
3. The **theme** of the day for this year is “**Naya Bharat**” which signifies the GoI’s vision achieving ‘**Viksit Bharat**’ by 2047.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

MoPR launched AI powered tool ‘SabhaSaar’

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) launched ‘**SabhaSaar**’, an **AI powered summarisation tool** designed to automatically generate structured **Minutes of Meeting (MoM)** from Audio/Video recordings of Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings in New Delhi.

NHA & C-DAC signed MoU to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic

The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed an MoU **to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic** which is a lightweight cloud-based Hospital Management Information System for Outpatient in New Delhi.

FAITH unveiled 'Tourism Vision 2047'

1. The Federation Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) has unveiled its 'Tourism Vision 2047' to boost India's tourism economy to \$3 trillion by 2047.
2. It was unveiled at its FAITH Conclave 2025 under the theme 'Indian Tourism-Invincible Spirit' in New Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SLINEX 2025

1. The 12th edition of the annual Indian Navy - Sri Lanka Navy bilateral maritime exercise 'SriLanka-India Exercise (SLINEX 2025)' was conducted in Colombo from August 14th to 18th.
2. The exercise was being conducted in two phases - the Harbour phase at Colombo and the Sea Phase off the coast of Colombo.

SCIENCE & TECH

Indian Navy received the 3rd SVL ship

1. The Indian Navy received INS Ikshak (Yard 3027) built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders 7 Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata, West Bengal.
2. The first ship of the class was INS Sandhayak which was commissioned in Feb 2024 followed by INS Nirdeshak in Dec 2024.

BANKING & FINANCE

SBI launches collateral free loan for Agniveers

1. SBI has launched a special personal loan scheme for Agniveers on the

occassion of the 79th Independence day.

2. It is applicable for Agniveers - young men and women in the armed forces under Government's short-term.
3. The scheme offers loans upto Rs.4 lakh without collateral and processing fees.
4. The bank is offering a flat interest rate of 10.5% to all defence personnel until September 30, 2025.

About Agnipath

1. The Agnipath recruitment Programme is a central government scheme launched in 2022.
2. It is a scheme for youth to serve in the armed forces for four years and the youth selected under this scheme will be known as Agniveers.

SBI Report for UPI usage

1. SBI's Economic Research Department released its latest report on UPI transactions.
2. Maharashtra has topped among all Indian states in UPI usage accounting for 9.8% volume in July 2025.
3. It is followed by Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

OBITUARY

Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan passed away

1. The Governor of Nagaland and former BJP leader La. Ganesan passed away at the age of 80 in Chennai.
2. He served as the 21st governor of Nagaland until his demise.
3. He was the former Governor of Manipur and West Bengal.



Former Australia Captain Bob passed away



1. Former Australian Captain and Coach Bob Simpson passed away at the age of 89 in Sydney, Australia.
2. He was inducted into the Australian Hall of Fame in

2005 and ICC hall of fame in 2013.

SPORTS

Mascot, Anthem and Logo of 1st Khelo India Water Sports Festival

1. Satish Sharma unveiled the official Mascot, Logo, Anthem, Jingle and Jerseys for the inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF 2025) at an event in Srinagar, Jammu&Kashmir.
2. The event was scheduled to be held at Dal lake in Sringar from August 21st to 23rd.

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