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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

BANKING

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IMPORTANT DAYS

National Engineer's Day 2025



- 1. National Engineer's Day is celebrated every year on September 15 in India to honor the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, remembered as India's first engineer for his great contributions to engineering and education.**
- 2. The first National Engineers' Day was celebrated on September 15, 1968.**
- 3. In 1955, the GoI honoured him with the Bharat Ratna for his contributions in the field of engineering and his service to the nation.**
- 4. He was also awarded the title of Knight Commander of the British Indian Empire (KCIE), which gave him the honorific "Sir" before his name.**

International Day of Democracy 2025

- 1. The United Nations (UN's) International Day of Democracy(IDD) is observed globally on 15 September** to encourage governments to strengthen and uphold democracy.
- This year it marks the 18th edition of the IDD.
- The **theme** of the day is **“From Voice to Action”**
- This year's theme emphasizes that democracy's strength lies in people's ability to influence decisions through their voices, choices, and active participation.
- The day was first observed on 15 September 2008.**

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurates Veer Savakar Sports Complex

- 1. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex worth Rs.825 cr at Naranpura in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**
- The project was jointly developed by the GoI and the Govt.of Gujarat.

PLFS monthly bulletin

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) released the inaugural Monthly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for August 2025.
- As per the data, the Unemployment Rate at the national level for individuals aged 15 years and above declined for the 2nd consecutive month from 5.6% in June 2025 to 5.2% in July 2025 to 5.1% in August 2025.

Startup India signs MoU with CarDekho group

- 1. Startup India signed a MoU with CarDekho group to strengthen India's startup ecosysytem** across mobility, fintech, insurtech and emerging technology sectors.
- The partnership will host innovation challenges under the Bharat Startup Grand

Challenge to boost entrepreneurship in electric mobility, auto-tech, finance and sustainability.

TN CM M.K Stalin Launched ‘Anbu Karangal’ Scheme for Orphaned Children

- 1. Tamil Nadu CM M.K.Stalin launched the ‘Anbu Karangal’ (Hands of Love) scheme in Chennai, TN, providing a monthly financial aid of Rs 2,000 to orphaned children and those with a single parent lacking guardian support, until they complete schooling or turn 18.**
- 2. The scheme is implemented under the ‘Thayumanavar’ programme, which identifies families living in extreme poverty and extends livelihood and welfare support.**

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India’s 7 more sites included in tentative list of UNESCO’s World Heritage sites 2025

- 1. The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO announced the Inclusion of 7 Indian sites under the ‘Natural Category’ in the tentative list of UNESCO’s World heritage Convention.**
- 2. With this, the total number of Indian sites on the list increases to 69, including 49 under Cultural category, 3 under Mixed Category and 17 under Natural Category.**

Name of the Property	Region/State
Deccan Traps at Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar	Maharashtra
Geological Heritage of St. Mary's Island Cluster	Udupi, Karnataka
Meghalayan Age Caves	East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya
Naga Hill Ophiolite	Kiphire, Nagaland
Natural Heritage of Erra Matti Dibbalu	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
Natural Heritage of Tirumala Hills	Tirupati, AP
Natural Heritage of Varkala	Kerala

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Justice M. Sundar Appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court



1. The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J), Government of India (GoI) announced the appointment of Justice M. Sundar, Judge of the Madras High Court as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur HC

2. He succeeds Justice Kempaiah Somashekar

BANKING & FINANCE

RBI rolls out comprehensive framework for PAs & PGs to boost digital payment ecosystem

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued 'Reserve Bank of India (Regulation of Payment Aggregators) Directions, 2025', providing detailed regulatory guidelines for Payment Aggregators (PAs) and recommended baseline technology standards for Payment Gateways (PGs).

2. As per the guidelines, non-bank PAs must obtain RBI authorization under the

Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

3. The entities interested in carrying PA business must be incorporated in India and maintain a minimum net-worth of Rs.15 crore (cr) at the time of application, which should be increased to Rs.25 cr by the end of the third Financial Year(FY).
4. Any acquisition or change in management must be reported to the RBI within 15 days.

ACQUISITIONS

Apollo Hospitals to acquire IFC's 30.5% in Helath and Lifestyle Arm for Rs.1,254cr

Healthcare Chain Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd (AHEL) announced plans to acquire a 30.5% stake in its subsidiary Apollo Health and Lifestyle Ltd (AHLL) from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IFC EAF Apollo Investment Company (IFC EAF) for Rs.1,254 crore.

SPORTS

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025: Anish Giri & Vaishali Rameshbabu Win Titles

1. The FIDE Grand Swiss 2025, part of the qualification cycle for the 2026 World Chess Championship, was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan between September 3 to 15, 2025.
2. Dutch Grandmaster Anish Giri (World No. 12) won the Open section, while Indian GM Vaishali Rameshbabu (World No. 3 among women) clinched the Women's title for the second consecutive year.

Rank	Name	Country	Prize
1	Anish Giri	Netherlands	USD 90,000
2	Matthias Blübaum	Germany	USD 75,000
3	Alireza Firouzja	France	USD 62,000

Rank	Name	Country	Prize
1	Vaishali Rameshbabu	India	USD 40,000
2	Kateryna Lagno	Russia	USD 31,000
3	Bibisara Assaubayeva	Kazakhstan	USD 25,000

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The collage includes a whiteboard with a handwritten schedule for the 'BANKING 2026' batch. The schedule lists: 'paper reading + Discussion - 11 am', 'Speed Maths - 15 min', 'Topic Tests with Review - 15 min', 'Aptitude - 15 min', 'Reasoning - 15 min', 'English - 15 min', 'Yesterday's Current Affairs - 15 min', 'Today's CA discussion - 15 min', 'WEEKLY Monday - Descriptive writing - 15 min', and 'Tuesday - Test'. Below the whiteboard is a photo of three students (two men and one woman) looking at a book together. To the right of the photo is a student writing on a notepad.