

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Exercise Pacific Reach

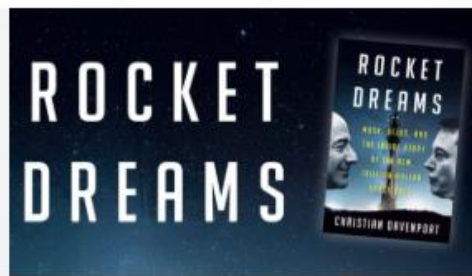
- ✓ INS Nistar, India's latest indigenously designed Diving Support Vessel (DSV), made its maiden port call at Changi Naval Base, Singapore to participate in the multinational Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 starting September 15.



- ✓ The ship, over 80% indigenized, will serve as the mothership for the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV), showcasing India's Aatmanirbharta in naval technology.
- ✓ The exercise involves 40+ nations.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Rocket Dreams: Billionaires, Power, and the New Space Race



- ✓ *Rocket Dreams* by Christian Davenport exposes how today's space race is driven by billionaire rivalries between Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin, focusing on ego, lawsuits, and political battles rather than pure scientific exploration, raising concerns about space becoming an elite, trillion-dollar industry benefiting only the wealthy.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Albania Appoints World's First AI Cabinet Minister**
- ✓ Albania has become the first country in the world to appoint an AI-powered cabinet minister, unveiling "Diella", a virtual official responsible for overseeing public procurement.



- ✓ Launched by Prime Minister Edi Rama on September 11, 2025, Diella operates through Albania's digital services portal, processing tenders and handling over 36,000 documents and 1,000+ services using voice commands.
- ✓ While the move has been praised for its innovation in fighting corruption, critics warn of risks tied to AI governance flaws that could spark potential crises.

## SPORTS

- **Vaishali wins FIDE Grand Swiss**
- ✓ She has done it again. R. Vaishali is the champion once again at the FIDE Grand Swiss.
- ✓ In one of the most prestigious events in the chess calendar, the 24-year-old from Chennai showed her class.



- ✓ This time around, in the Uzbek city of Samarkand, she retained her title, and thus booked a ticket for next year's Candidates tournament, the qualifying event for the World championship.
- ✓ She has ensured that at least three of those eight female Candidates would be Indian. That is quite a feat. (Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh are the others).

