

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

COURT VERDICT

- **Madras High Court Upholds TN Government's New Minibus Scheme**
- ✓ The Madras High Court has upheld the validity of a New Comprehensive Mini Bus Scheme framed on August 24, 2025, for granting permits to private minibus operators in order to cover 25,708 km across the State and ensure last-mile connectivity by reaching remote hamlets that “had not heard the sound of a bus engine or the smell of diesel even after 78 years of Independence.”



- ✓ Justice N. Mala dismissed a batch of cases challenging the G.O. She said: “The scheme is framed to ensure that villagers from remote areas would reach the nearest town or city by availing the minibus services.

DEFENCE

- **Agni-Prime Missile from Rail-Based Launcher**
- ✓ India successfully test-fired the Agni-Prime intermediate-range ballistic missile from a rail-based mobile launcher, showcasing the nation's cutting-edge missile deployment capabilities.



- ✓ With a range of 2,000 km and advanced features like independent launch systems and secure communications, this first-of-its-kind test met all mission objectives, enhancing India's strategic mobility and readiness.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India Nominates IIT-Madras as UN AI Centre of Excellence**
- ✓ India has nominated IIT-Madras as a UN Centre of Excellence (COE) for Artificial Intelligence (AI) capacity building and skilling under the UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) initiative.



- ✓ India aims to skill 10 million people annually through its India AI Mission and will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026 to foster global collaboration.
- **Apterichtus kanniyakumari**
- ✓ Apterichtus kanniyakumari is a newly discovered species of finless snake eel found off the Colachel coast.



- ✓ Named after Kanniyakumari, it belongs to the genus Apterichtus and is distinguished by its golden-yellow body, pale white ventral head with yellow lines, and three unique black blotches.

SPORTS

➤ 11th Asian Aquatics Championship 2025

- ✓ Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in Ahmedabad will host the 11th Asian Aquatics Championship from 28th September to 11th October 2025, marking the first time the event is being held in India.



- ✓ Organized by Asia Aquatics and the Swimming Federation of India, with support from the Sports Authority of Gujarat, the championship will feature over 900 athletes from 29 countries competing in swimming, diving, artistic swimming, and water polo.

REPORT

➤ Children in India 2025 Report

- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the fourth edition of “Children in India 2025”, presenting comprehensive data on the status of children in India.



- ✓ Key highlights include a significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) from 44 in 2011 to 25 in 2023, a drop in dropout rates from 13.8% in 2022-23 to 8.2% in 2024-25, and a reduction in the percentage of women marrying before 18 years from 26.8% (2015-16) to 23.3% (2019-21).
- ✓ Adoption numbers increased from 3,927 in 2017-18 to 4,515 in 2024-25.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Contraception Day – September 26**

- ✓ World Contraception Day 2025 is observed on September 26, continuing a global effort since 2007 to raise awareness about contraception and its critical role in reproductive health and family planning.



- ✓ The 2025 theme, *"A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose,"* emphasizes the right to bodily autonomy, gender equality, and access to diverse contraceptive methods.

➤ **World Environmental Health Day – September 26**

- ✓ World Environmental Health Day, observed annually on September 26, was initiated by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) in 2011 to emphasize the critical link between environmental conditions and human health.



- ✓ The 2025 theme, *"Clean Air, Healthy People,"* underscores the role of air quality in preventing respiratory diseases and fighting climate change.

