

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 18, 2025

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ **Kapas Kranti Cotton Mission**

- ✓ The Centre has launched the ₹600 crore Kapas Kranti Mission to boost long-staple cotton cultivation using High-Density Plantation (HDP) techniques, digital tools like the Kapas Kisan App, and farmer training.



- ✓ The mission aims to improve cotton productivity and income security, especially in Telangana where over 24 lakh farmers grow cotton.
- ✓ The initiative includes farmer exposure visits, seed distribution, and tech-enabled procurement aligned with CCI and MSP policies, driving innovation and self-reliance in cotton farming India.

#### ➤ **'We Rise' Initiative Launched BY NITI AAYOG**

- ✓ NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and DP World have launched the 'We Rise' initiative, a public-private partnership aimed at making women-led MSMEs export-ready.



- ✓ Under WEP's Award to Reward (ATR) framework, the program will mentor 100 women entrepreneurs to enhance global trade participation through capacity-building, mentorship, and access to international markets, including showcasing products at Bharat Mart (Dubai).
- ✓ The initiative supports inclusive growth, aligning with the Government's women-led development vision and Viksit Bharat @2047 goals.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **11th India International Science Festival**
- ✓ The 11th India International Science Festival (IISF 2025) will be held in Chandigarh from 6–9 December, with the theme "Vigyan se Samruddhi: For Atma Nirbhar Bharat".



- ✓ The festival will highlight five key focus areas, including Science and Technology in the North-West Himalayan Region, Science for Society, and Education for Self-Reliant India.
- ✓ IISF 2025 aims to celebrate science by uniting students, startups, entrepreneurs, and researchers.

## SPORTS

- **Cape Verde Creates History with FIFA World Cup Qualification**
- ✓ Cape Verde made history as the second-smallest country ever to qualify for the FIFA World Cup, following Iceland's 2018 feat.



- ✓ Cape Verde, an archipelago of 10 islands located about 620 km off West Africa, has a service-driven economy focused on trade, tourism, and remittances.
- ✓ It reflects a unique blend of Portuguese and African culture, with Mindelo on São Vicente hosting its largest deepwater port.

