




## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 22, 2019

### TAMIL NADU

- The Election Commission – announces that the byelections to Nanguneri and Vikravandi assembly seats in Tamil Nadu and Kamaraj Nagar assembly segment in Puducherry will be held on October 21
- ✓ The filing of nominations will start on September 23 and the results will be declared on October 24.

#### AT A GLANCE

THE CONSTITUENCIES GOING INTO BYPOLLS	
	<p><b>Constituency   Vikravandi</b> (Villupuram district)</p> <p><b>Reason for vacancy   Death of sitting MLA</b></p> <p><b>2016 result   K Radhamani</b> (DMK) won by 6,912 votes</p>
<p><b>Constituency   Nanguneri</b> (Tirunelveli district)</p> <p><b>Reason for vacancy   Resignation of sitting MLA</b></p> <p><b>2016 result   H Vasanthkumar</b> (Congress) won by 17,315 votes</p>	



- ✓ The bypolls were announced as Nanguneri MLA H Vasanthkumar resigned after getting elected as MP from Kanyakumari LS constituency and Vikravandi MLA K Rathamani of the DMK died in June
- ✓ Tamil Nadu had just completed bypolls to 22 assembly segments with the Lok Sabha polls.
- ✓ While the ruling AIADMK party could retain only 9 seats, the opposition DMK managed to win 13 seats

- **Justice Vineet Kothari – is appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court by a notification from the Centre on September 20, following the resignation of Justice V K Tahilramani**



- ✓ Former High Court CJ, Justice Tahilramani was transferred to Meghalaya high court as its Chief Justice on August 26.
  - ✓ Later, she had requested SC for reconsideration of the transfer on September 3
  - ✓ The request was rejected by the Supreme Court collegium on September 6 and the judge submitted her resignation to the President on the same day.
  - ✓ As per Article 217(1)(a) of the Constitution, resignations of judges take effect the moment they submit it with no provision for either its acceptance or rejection by the President.
  - ✓ The Madras high court had been functioning without a Chief Justice since September 6
- **World Bank – to provide an assistance of \$245 million (about ₹1,744crore) - to relocate around 28,000 people living in slums on the banks of the Adyar river and the Buckingham Canal in the city.**
  - ✓ As part of the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development project, the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) will use the funding from the World Bank to relocate, resettle and rehabilitate the identified slum dwellers
  - ✓ The project also intends to provide housing facilities for additional households for those living along river banks and at-risk families
- **Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu – records the maximum drop in the road fatalities in 2016 to 2018**
  - ✓ While Chandigarh recorded a 35% decline in road deaths from 2016 to 2018, Tamil Nadu saw a 29% dip in number of deaths
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu reported maximum decline of 5,002 deaths between 2016 and 2018.
  - ✓ It has to be recalled that Tamil Nadu was at the top of the casualties in road accidents till recently
  - ✓ The implementation of spot fines following frequent checks by the traffic personnel has resulted in the drastic reduction in road accidents in the State

## REPORT CARD

Total road deaths across states				
State	2016	2017	2018	Change (%) 2016 & 2018
<b>BEST STATES</b>				
Chandigarh	151	107	98	-35.1
Tamil Nadu	17,218	16,157	12,216	-29.1
Goa	336	328	262	-22
West Bengal	6,544	5,769	5,711	-12.7
Andhra	8,541	8,060	7,556	-11.5
Telangana	7,219	6,596	6,603	-8.5
<b>WORST STATES</b>				
Delhi	1,591	1,584	1,690	6.2
UP	19,320	20,124	22,256	15.2
Assam	2,572	2,783	2,966	15.3
Jharkhand	3,027	3,256	3,542	17.0
Chhattisgarh	3,908	4,136	4,592	17.5
Odisha	4,463	4,790	5,315	19.1
Bihar	4,901	5,554	6,729	37.3
<b>All states</b>	<b>1,50,785</b>	<b>1,47,913</b>	<b>1,51,417</b>	

- ✓ Before this, fatalities had increased from 15,642 in 2015 to 17,218 in 2016.

## STATES

- Delhi Police - has launched 'Tatpar app' to provide safety and a convenient 24x7 online mode services to its citizens.



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Hon'ble @LGDelhi launched Tatpar Mobile App that gives access to 50+ citizen centric services of @DelhiPolice at one touch within a single App. Tatpar incorporates Geoinformatics Technology for the first time to provide directions to nearest Police Station, Traffic pit...  
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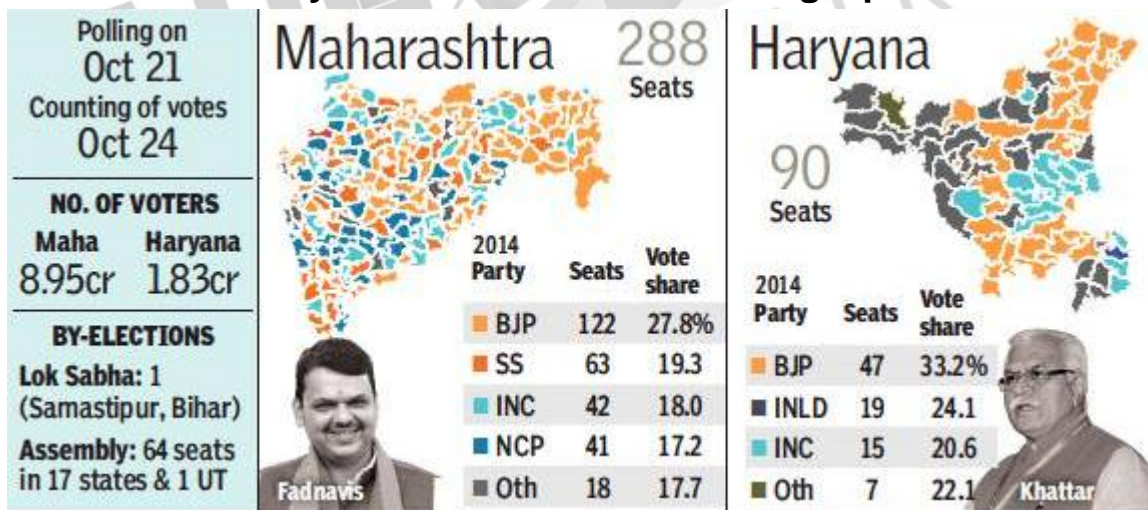
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- ✓ The app is a one-stop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.
  - ✓ The newly-integrated, one-touch mobile app provides all the websites and mobile applications of the Delhi Police and over 50 services
  - ✓ The app will also help people find their nearest police stations and prepaid taxi booths
  - ✓ The Tatpar app has an emergency contact SOS button, which is provided on the home screen, for urgent assistance
  - ✓ The app can be downloaded on android-based mobile phones from Play Store.
- **Telangana – announces 2020 as the ‘Artificial Intelligence’ Year**
  - ✓ It plans to start several programmes related to Artificial Intelligence in various educational institutions across the State.
  - ✓ Soon, IIT Kharagpur is going to launch its regional centre in Telangana to boost Artificial Intelligence in the state.
  - ✓ Telangana is the first state which has signed up with Niti Aayog for various AI-based projects in the state.

## NATIONAL

- **The Election Commission – announces that Lok Sabha polls will be held in Maharashtra and Haryana on October 21 in a Single phase**



- ✓ The counting for the latest round of state polls is scheduled for October 24
- ✓ The Election commission had also announced simultaneous byelections to the Lok Sabha seat of Samastipur in Bihar, which fell vacant upon the death of Lok Janshakti Party MP Ram Chandra Paswan in July, as well 64 other assembly seats across 17 states and one Union territory
- ✓ During the previous state assembly elections in 2014, the BJP had come to power in Haryana by winning 47 out of the total 90 seats.
- ✓ In Maharashtra also the BJP had gained the position of the single largest party by winning 122 seats out of the total 288.

- ✓ The Shiv Sena, ally of BJP, had won 63 seats.
  - ✓ The incumbent, Devendra Fadnavis is the BJP's first CM in Maharashtra
  - ✓ Maharashtra has 288 assembly seats
  - ✓ Manohar Lal Khattar is the BJP's current CM in Haryana
  - ✓ Haryana has 90 assembly seats
- **The Centre - has sanctioned an additional amount of ₹4,315.15 crore for implementation of the 10% quota for the economically weak among the general category across 158 centrally funded higher education institutions (HEIs).**
- ✓ The money has been released to the institutions for the two-phased EWS quote implementation which includes scholarships, salaries of teachers and other basic infrastructure creation
  - ✓ The government has earlier sanctioned ₹2,680.18 crore for the infrastructure purpose, followed by ₹917.14 crore for scholarships.
- **Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot - inaugurated a Management Information System (MIS) on September 18, 2019 in New Delhi**
- ✓ It has been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the benefit of Accessible India Campaign (AIC) stakeholders
  - ✓ The MIS brings all nodal ministries, states and the Union Territories on a common platform to monitor the progress made against various targets of the Accessible India Campaign.
  - ✓ The portal will be fully accessible for persons with disabilities



- ✓ Accessible India Campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 3, 2015, on the occasion of the International Day of People with Disabilities.
- ✓ The nation-wide 'Accessible India Campaign', which is also known as Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, was launched for achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- ✓ The programme aims to create an accessible physical environment for persons with disabilities in the country

# INTERNATIONAL

- **Taiwan and Kiribati - ended their diplomatic relations following Taiwan's tensions with China**
- ✓ China claims Taiwan to be its territory, saying that it has no right to having formal ties with any country.
- ✓ As per the announcement, Taipei has terminated its diplomatic ties with Kiribati and it will be immediately closing down its embassy there.
- ✓ Earlier, The Solomon Islands announced on September 16, 2019 that it would be breaking its long-standing ties with Taiwan
- ✓ Surprisingly, the United States does not recognize Taiwan, but recognize China.
- ✓ Taiwan currently has official diplomatic relations with only 15 countries worldwide.
- ✓ Since Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen's election in 2016, the nations has lost 7 of its allies including Burkina Faso, Dominican Republic, Sao Tome and Principe, Panama, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands and most recently Kiribati.

# PERSONALITIES

- **Mayak Vaid - has become first ever Asian to complete Enduroman triathlon in a World record time**



- ✓ He broke the previous world record by a big margin of 2 hours 6 minutes
- ✓ Belgium's Julian Denair was holding the record after winning the race in 52 hours 30 minutes earlier
- ✓ Enduroman triathlon starts in London and ends in Paris, making it one of the toughest endurance competitions around the world.
- ✓ The long journey involves hours of running, swimming and cycling and can be exhausting if preparations or strategy is not right
- ✓ Mayank Vaid became only the 44th person in the world to complete the challenging triathlon.

# DEFENCE

- The second INS 'Khanderi' Scorpene submarine - was recently handed over to the Indian Navy by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)



- ✓ It will be commissioned by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on September 28, 2019.
- ✓ The 1775 tonne Khanderi is a Kalvari class diesel-electric attack submarine, that can target surface ships and submarines with its deadly armament of torpedoes
- ✓ Indian Navy had commissioned first Khanderi submarine on December 6, 1968, and served till its decommissioning on October 18, 1989.

## INS KHANDERI

Facts about India's 2nd Scorpene-class submarine

PROJECT BEGAN IN  
**2005**

LAUNCH DATE  
January 2017, has been  
under sea trial since

SUBMARINE TYPE  
Diesel-electric  
attack submarine

### MANUFACTURING DETAILS

Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) in collaboration with French industrial group Naval Group (then known as DCNS)

Contract worth  
**₹ 18,978 crore**

INS Khanderi is armed with SM.39 Exocet anti-ship missiles and mines instead of torpedoes  
**- Reports**

### To be commissioned into Indian Navy

📅 September 28

📍 Mumbai

👤 by Defence Minister  
**RAJNATH SINGH**

### WHY 'INS KHANDERI'?

This stealth submarine is named after its predecessor INS Khanderi (S22) that was decommissioned in 1989.

**Khanderi was the name of Chhatrapati Shivaji's island fort**



- ✓ Submarine Khanderi has been designed by a French organization Naval Group.
  - ✓ It has been named after a deadly sawfish Khanderi that is found in the Indian Ocean.
  - ✓ Khanderi will be India's 17th submarine once commissioned.
  - ✓ Earlier, Defence Ministry of India approved Project-75 in 1997 that allows Indian Navy to acquire 24 submarines.
  - ✓ INS Karanj (under trials), INS Vela, INS Vagir and INS Vagsheer are other India's upcoming submarines being manufactured by MDL
- **Indian Air Force (IAF) – inaugurated a resurfaced Advance Landing Ground (ALG) at Vijaynagar, Arunachal Pradesh recently**



- ✓ It will enable operations by military transport aircraft at the remote base near the China and Myanmar borders
- ✓ The Indian Air Force has made 8 advanced landing grounds in the country till date with a cost of 720 crores.
- ✓ Apart from the present one in Vijaynagar, others are at Ziro, Aalo, Pasighat, Tawang, Mechuka, Walong and Tuting.
- ✓ India shares 1643 km of border with Myanmar and 3488 km of border with China.
- ✓ Earlier, the government of Arunachal Pradesh and Ministry of Defence signed an MoU in 2009 to construct an ALG in the region
- ✓ The ALG will also be strategic assistance during any other hostile climatic conditions in the region as there is no road connectivity available.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **The Supreme Court Collegium - recommended the alleviation of Justice A Kureshi — the senior-most judge of Gujarat high court — as chief justice of Tripura high court**



- ✓ Justice Kureshi was earlier recommended by the Collegium for the post of chief justice of Madhya Pradesh high court

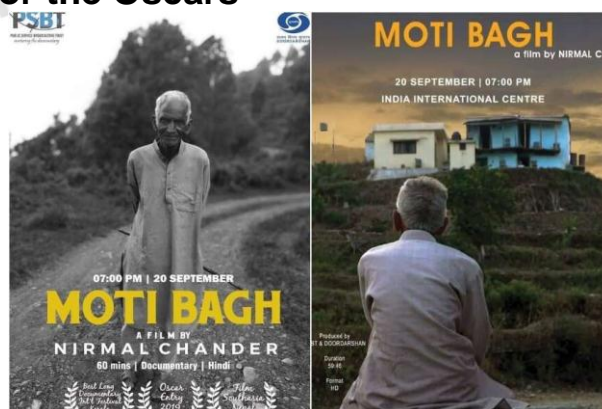


# AWARDS

- Zoya Akhtar's **Gully Boy**, featuring Ranveer Singh as an aspiring rapper - has been selected as India's official entry in the International Feature Film category at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Oscars this year



- ✓ The film is produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar.
  - ✓ Initially, 28 films were in contest.
  - ✓ One Gujarati movie, Chhaal Jeevi Laiye!, was disqualified and hence, the number came down to 27
  - ✓ Director Aparna Sen, who chaired the jury, made the announcement in Kolkata in presence of other members, who were chosen by the Film Federation of India (FFI)
- **Moti Bagh**, a documentary based on an Uttarakhand farmer's life - has been nominated for the Oscars



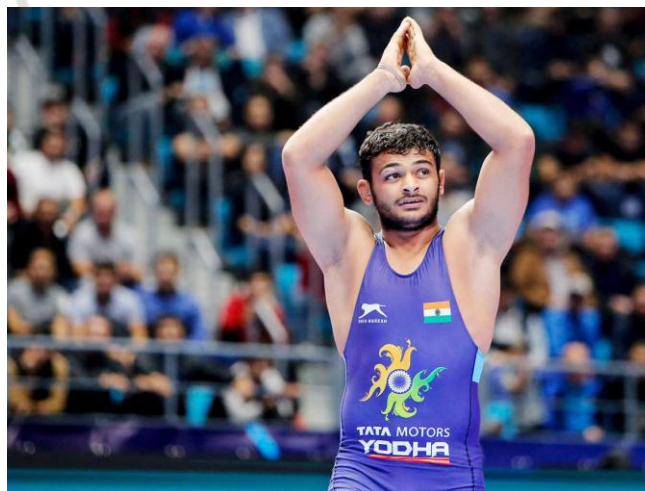
- ✓ The documentary film is directed by Nirmal Chander
- ✓ It is based on the life of a 83-year old farmer called Vidyadutt, who belongs to a remote village in Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal region.
- ✓ It shows how the farmer struggles to keep his farm alive and till the uninhabited hilly lands, apart from dealing with the issues of migration from villages

## SPORTS

- **Amit Panghal – settles for Silver medal after losing the final of the 52kg weight division at the men’s World championships in Ekaterinburg, Russia**



- ✓ Panghal lost to reigning Olympic champion, Uzbekistan’s Shakhobidin Zoirov, in keenly-contested three rounds of three minutes each.
  - ✓ With the win, Panghal became the first boxer from the country to win a silver at the event, apart from securing a quota place for himself at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
  - ✓ This is the first time that two Indian boxers finished on the podium at a single edition of the Worlds, bronze winner Manish Kaushik being the other medallist.
- **Deepak Punia - entered the final of the World wrestling championship in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**

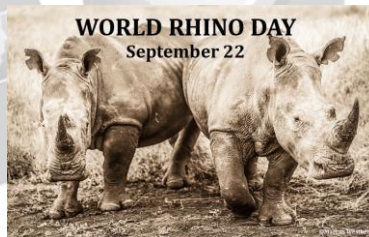


- ✓ The 20-year old Punia becomes the youngest wrestler to reach World’s finals
- ✓ He is now in sight of reaching a rare hat-trick of gold medals – he won a gold medal in the Cadet World Championships and then took gold in the Junior World championships in Estonia

- ✓ He faces the legendary Iranian wrestler Hassan Yazdani in the finals on September 22
- ✓ If Punia manages to beat the Iranian, he will become only the second Indian wrestler after double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar to win a gold at the Worlds.
- ✓ Sushil achieved the feat in 2010 in Moscow in the 66kg division.
- ✓ Deepak, who hails from Jhajjar in Haryana, booked a quota place for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and assured himself of at least a silver, which no other Indian managed to secure in the current edition.
- ✓ Deepak also ensured that India will return from the Worlds with its best-ever haul as the country is now assured of four medals.
- ✓ India had won three medals in 2013.
- ✓ In the ongoing edition, Vinesh Phogat (53kg), Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and Bajrang Punia (65kg) have won a bronze each, besides securing a quota place for Tokyo
- ✓ Rahul Aware, who lost his semifinal bout to Georgia's Beko Lomtadze earlier, is in contention for a bronze as he will be competing in the repechage round on September 22.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

### ➤ **World Rhino Day – September 22**



- ✓ World Rhino Day was started by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - South Africa in 2010
- ✓ The day intends to create an awareness to protect all five species of rhinos — black, white, greater one-horned, Sumatran and Javan — from extinction.
- ✓ In India, the day was observed with awareness programmes at Kaziranga National Park (Assam), Manas National Park (Assam) and Laokhowa Burachapori (Assam)
- ✓ From treating cancer to managing hangovers, the horns of endangered wild rhinoceros are widely used as a medical cure in all parts of Asia
- ✓ For these uses, rhino horn trade ranks as one of the most organised forms of environmental crime.
- ✓ Organised by WWF India and the Assam forest department, various workshops were planned as part of the Indian Rhino Vision (IRV) 2020 programme.
- ✓ One of the strategies of the IRV2020 is to protect the existing rhino population by introducing modern technological methods like RhoDIS to help curb poaching and scientific management of rhino population in Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal

- ✓ RhoDIS, standing for Rhinoceros DNA Index System, is a DNA technology that connects illegally trafficked rhinoceros products to individual poached rhinoceros victims
- ✓ In 2016, RhODIS India was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in partnership with Wildlife Institute of India, forest departments of Assam, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh and WWF India
- ✓ According to the organization, Save the Rhino, there are around 29000 rhinoceros left in the world
- ✓ Out of these, there are just 5055 black rhinos, 20405 white rhinos, 3333 greater one-horned rhinos, less than 100 Sumatran rhinos and a maximum of 61 Javan rhinos.
- ✓ Home to the greater one-horned rhinoceros, as per 2018 census in Assam, the Kaziranga National Park has 2,413, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has 102, Orang National Park has 101 and Manas National Park has 34 of these majestic pachyderms

➤ **International coastal clean-up day – September 21**



- ✓ The day is observed during the third Saturday in September, as part of UN Environmental Programme.
- ✓ It is one of the world's largest annual preservation and protection events and volunteer efforts for our ocean, waves and beaches
- ✓ Coastal Cleanup Day was established by the Ocean Conservancy, an organization that work to help protect the ocean from the challenges it faces every year.
- ✓ Coastal Cleanup Day encourages us to go to our beaches and help to limit this 'pollution' problem by cleaning up the garbage that has washed up on shore, and that left by visitors every day.
- ✓ Every year thousands of tons of garbage gets collected in the oceans, with 60% of that being composed of plastic material.

