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### **INTERNATIONAL**

- **On September 18, the European Union executive branch - recommended suspending 7.5 billion euros in funding for Hungary over corruption and possible mismanagement of money**
- ✓ This is the first such case in the 27-nation bloc under a new sanction meant to better protect the rule of law
- ✓ The EU introduced the new financial sanction two years ago in response to the undermining of democracy in Poland and Hungary
- ✓ The European Commission has recommended the suspension of about a third of 'cohesion funds' granted to Hungary from the bloc's shared budget for 2021-27 worth 1.1 trillion euros.
- ✓ The European Commission proposes the bloc's laws and ensures that they are followed by the member countries
- ✓ The cohesion funds help countries to bring their economies and infrastructure up to EU standards.
- ✓ The Commission has already blocked some 6 billion euros in funds envisaged for Hungary in a separate Covid economic recovery stimulus over the same corruption concerns.
- ✓ EU countries pay around 1% of their gross national income into the EU budget.
- ✓ Hungary is slated to get €50 billion from the 2021-27 budget.
- ✓ The commission has accused Hungarian PM Viktor Orban of dismantling democratic institutions, taking control of the media and infringing on minority rights.
- ✓ Orban, who has been in office since 2010, denies the accusations.

### **INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS**

- **India's President Droupadi Murmu - visited Westminster Hall in London and offered tributes to the late queen on behalf of the Indian government and the people of India.**

## UK'S BIGGEST POLICE OP EVER



**The motorcade of US President Joe Biden arrives at the palace of Westminster on Sunday**

**Events surrounding the funeral today cap 10 days of national mourning in UK & will be watched by hundreds of thousands packed onto the streets of London and millions around the world**

<p><b>2,000</b>   Dignitaries and guests in Westminster Abbey for the state funeral, ranging from world leaders including US President Biden to members of the British public who helped battle the pandemic</p> <p><b>800</b>   Guests at a committal service later in the day at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle</p> <p><b>5,949</b>   Military personnel deployed throughout the</p>	<p>meticulously choreographed operation that began with the queen's death on Sept 8</p> <p><b>More than 10,000</b>   Police officers. Metropolitan police deputy assistant commissioner Stuart Cundy said the 'hugely complex' policing operation is the biggest in the London force's history, surpassing the London 2012 Olympics which saw up to 10,000 police officers on duty per day</p>	<p><b>36 km</b> of barriers erected in central London alone to control crowds</p> <p><b>1 million</b>   The number of people London transport authorities expect to visit the capital today. Around 250 extra rail services will run to move people in and out of the city</p> <p><b>125</b>   Movie theaters that will open their doors to broadcast Monday's funeral live</p>
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- ✓ US President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden were among thousands of mourners to pay their respects at Westminster Hall, where the queen is lying in state.



- ✓ Biden is one of 500 world leaders and royals invited to the funeral, along with hundreds of British charity workers.

- ✓ New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern, Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum were also in London to offer their condolences.
- ✓ The funeral is scheduled to take place on September 19 and it will be broadcast to a television audience worldwide and screened to crowds in parks and public spaces across the country.
- ✓ The queen's coffin will be moved on a gun carriage pulled by 142 royal navy sailors to Westminster Abbey for the funeral.

## SPORTS

- **On September 18, Czech Republic's teenage sensation Linda Fruhvirtova – won her maiden WTA Chennai Open beating third seeded Magda Linette in the final at the SDAT Tennis Complex**



- ✓ Fruhvirtova, ranked 130, took two-and-a-half hours to claim the come-from-behind win over 30-year old Polish World No.67, Linette, a two-time singles winner on tour
  - ✓ After her exploits in Chennai, Fruhvirtova is projected to make her Top 100 debut in updated singles rankings to be released on September 19
  - ✓ At 17 years and 141 days old, Fruhvirtova is the youngest titlist of the season on the WTA Tour so far.
  - ✓ She is the youngest singles champion on tour since Coco Gauff won in Parma last year at 17 years, 70 days old.
- **Ace Indian wrestler and Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia – won the bronze medal in the men's 65kg category at the World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade**
  - ✓ Bajrang, who won a bronze in last year's Tokyo Olympics, won on points over Sebastian C Rivera of Puerto Rico in one of the bronze medal bouts.
  - ✓ Bajrang, who lost to John Michael Diakomihalis of USA in the quarterfinals, qualified for the bronze medal contest through repechage round

- ✓ In the repechage round, Bajrang defeated Vazgen Tevanyan of Armenia by points.



- ✓ This is Bajrang Punia's fourth medal in the World Wrestling Championship after winning bronze in the year 2013, silver in 2018 and bronze again in 2019.
  - ✓ He is also the only Indian wrestler to have won four medals at the World Wrestling Championships
  - ✓ Recently, Bajrang won the gold medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games by defeating Lachlan McNeil of Canada in the final
  - ✓ Earlier, Bajrang Punia won silver medal in 2014 and gold medal in 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games
  - ✓ India had fielded a 30-member team for the ongoing World Championships but produced a below-par performance, securing just two medals.
  - ✓ Besides Bajrang, Vinesh Phogat won her second World Championship bronze medal in the women's 53kg category.
  - ✓ Vinesh had defeated Emma Malmgren of Sweden to claim the bronze medal
  - ✓ India also returned with two medals at the last edition of the world championships, which were held after the Tokyo Olympics.
  - ✓ Anshu Malik won silver in women's 57kg while Sarita Mor won bronze in 59kg.
- **Bengaluru FC - lifted the Durand Cup beating Indian Super League team, Mumbai City FC in the final at the Salt Lake Stadium on September 18.**



- ✓ This is the maiden triumph for the Bengaluru FC in lifting the Durand Cup
- ✓ Siva Sakthi and Brazilian Alan Costa scored for the winners while Apuia got the lone goal for MCFC

## RANKINGS

- **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in West Bengal's Darjeeling – has been rated the best zoo in the country**
- ✓ The Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai, popularly referred to as the Vandalur Zoo, has been adjudged the second-best zoo in the country



- ✓ The Central Zoo Authority evaluated all the zoos based on different parameters such as management and effectiveness and marks were given on the evaluation process.
- ✓ Darjeeling zoo was given the highest percentage of 83, while Vandalur zoo scored the next best of 82 percentage
- ✓ The Darjeeling zoo was established on August 14, 1958.
- ✓ The zoological park is internationally recognised for its breeding and conservation programmes of endangered animal species of the eastern Himalayas, including the Snow Leopard and the Red Panda.
- ✓ A zoo directors' conference was held in Bhubaneswar on September 10 and the Central Zoo Authority released the ranking list in the Odisha capital
- ✓ As per the list, the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysuru is ranked third and Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden the fourth position
- ✓ There are 147 zoos across the country, which are categorized as large (17), medium (23), small (33), mini-zoos (60) and rescue centres (14).
- ✓ The zoos were evaluated by a committee of 15 independent experts based on six elements – context, planning, input, process, output and outcomes.
- ✓ Vandalur zoo topped the category of large zoos, while Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park topped the category of medium zoos

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

## ➤ International Equal Pay Day - September 18



- ✓ The Day is observed every year to raise awareness about wage gap discrimination between men and women
- ✓ International Equal Pay Day was first observed back in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity.
- ✓ It was a coalition of women's and civil rights organisations that worked toward eliminating gender and race-based wage discrimination
- ✓ In 2020, the move was recognised by the United Nations and they observed the first International Equal Pay on September 18, 2020.
- ✓ According to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2022, India is ranked 135 out of 146 nations in the gender gap
- ✓ In India, men earn 82% of the work pay while women get only 18% of it, as per the World Inequality Report 2022.

