

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

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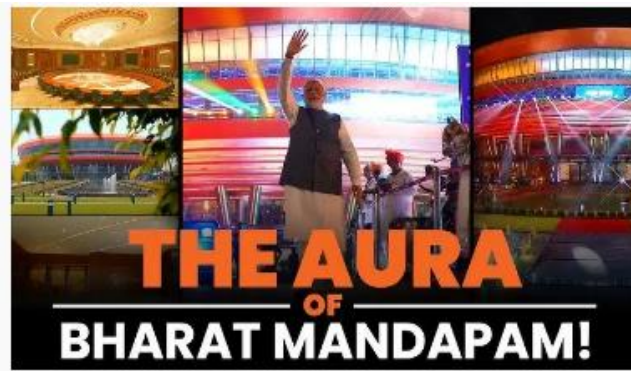
- **Pension And OBC Status For The Transgender Community**
- ✓ The Jharkhand government has taken a progressive step by including the transgender community in its universal pension scheme.



- ✓ The council of ministers has approved the proposal of Mukhyamantri Rajya Samajik Suraksha Pension Yojana for transgender people under the social assistance scheme. The eligible beneficiary will receive Rs 1,000 per month as financial aid.
- ✓ Transgender individuals who do not fall under any caste reservation category will also receive the benefits of the backward class-2 category. This move ensures that those who have historically faced discrimination and marginalization receive the necessary support.

NATIONAL

- **Bharat Mandapam**
- ✓ Situated within New Delhi's Pragati Maidan, Bharat Mandapam stands as a symbol of India's hosting of the G20 Summit.



- ✓ This remarkable venue will serve as the backdrop for pivotal discussions among world leaders.
- ✓ Covering an expansive area of 123 acres, Bharat Mandapam is developed as India's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) destination.
- ✓ Its world-class facilities and vast campus position it among the top exhibition and convention complexes globally.
- **Country's First Underground Power Transformer**
- ✓ Energy Minister KJ George inaugurated the country's inaugural underground transformer center, a significant step towards modernizing the city's power distribution infrastructure.



- ✓ With a budget of Rs 1.98 crore, this pioneering project boasts a 500 KVA capacity transformer. Historically, underground power transformer stations have primarily been found in Western countries, where governments prioritize public convenience and safety.
- ✓ At a depth of 10 feet below the road's surface, this innovative center sets new standards in power distribution.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **African Union Becomes Permanent Member Of G20**

- ✓ During the opening session of the two-day G20 Summit, the African Union (AU) received an official invitation to join the Group of 20 largest economies (G20) as a permanent member.



- ✓ Following Prime Minister Modi's announcement, Union of Comoros President and AU Chairperson Azali Assoumani assumed his seat as a full member of the G20.
- ✓ This marked a moment of pride and triumph for the African Union, as it secured its place among the world's most influential economies.
- ✓ The African Union, comprising 55 member states from across the African continent, wields substantial influence in regional and global affairs.
- ✓ Its permanent membership in the G20 reflects the increasing recognition of Africa's economic and geopolitical importance.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ **India, Bangladesh Sign 3 MoUs**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina signed three MoUs on 8 September 2023.



- ✓ The MoU on Digital Payment was signed between NPCI and Bangladesh Bank.
- ✓ Another MoU focused on the renewal of the Cultural Exchange Program between India and Bangladesh.

- ✓ The third MoU was signed between ICAR and BARC for agricultural research cooperation.

DEFENCE

➤ NAVAL EXERCISE 'VARUNA' – 2023

- ✓ The Indian and French Navies, steeped in rich maritime traditions and strategic cooperation, recently concluded the Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna naval exercise, Varuna-23.

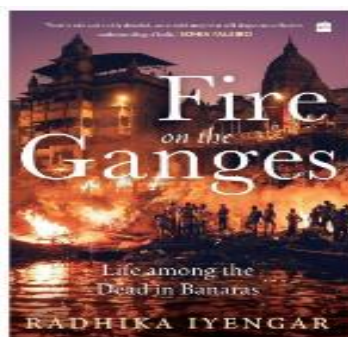


- ✓ Held in the Arabian Sea, this exercise exemplifies the commitment of both nations to enhance their war-fighting capabilities, improve interoperability, and promote peace, security, and stability in the region.
- ✓ This robust collaboration showcased joint operations, underway replenishment, and various tactical maneuvers designed to sharpen the skills of both navies.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ Fire on the Ganges Life among the Dead in Banaras

- ✓ **Radhika Iyengar** is the author of the book '**Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras,**' released by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife.



- ✓ Fire on the Ganges is the first attempt to chronicle the everyday realities of the Doms in Banaras.
- ✓ Through their tales of struggle and survival, betrayal and love, it tells the at-times-heartbreaking, at-times-exhilarating story of a community struggling to find a place beyond that accorded to it by ancient tradition.

SPORTS

➤ 'Street 20' Cricket World Cup for Underprivileged Children



- ✓ Chennai welcomes "Street 20," a heartwarming cricket tournament for underprivileged children, running from September 22nd to October 1st.
- ✓ Street 20 unites street children from 15 countries, including the UK, Brazil, Hungary, and more, preceding the ICC World Cup Cricket in India.
- ✓ Team India, defending champions from the inaugural Street Child Cricket World Cup, will be the star attraction.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day To Protect Education From Attack – September 09**
- ✓ The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by the United Nations General Assembly on September 9 every year.



- ✓ It was established in response to the growing number of attacks on schools and educational institutions around the world.
- ✓ These attacks can take many forms, including shelling, bombing, and occupation. They can also include the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict.

