

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

STATE

➤ Hyderabad Liberation Day

- ✓ Officially known as Kalyana-Karnataka Liberation Day (Vimochana Diwas), Hyderabad-Karnataka Liberation Day is an important annual observance celebrated across various districts of Karnataka, India. This event, held on the 17th of September each year, commemorates the integration of Hyderabad into India in 1948.
- ✓ The historical significance of this day dates back to September 17, 1948, when the formerly Nizam-ruled Hyderabad state became a part of the Indian union, marking a pivotal moment in India's post-independence history.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ UNCITRAL South Asia Conference

- ✓ India recently played host to the inaugural United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia conference, held from September 14 to 16.



- ✓ This significant event was jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, UNCITRAL, and the organization's national coordination committee for India.

- ✓ This three-day conference marked a continuation of a significant event held in New Delhi in 2016, which celebrated 50 years of UNCITRAL's existence.
- ✓ The primary goal of the conference was to foster closer ties between India and UNCITRAL while encouraging active interaction among UNCITRAL, the judiciary, the bureaucracy, academia, and the legal fraternity.

RANKING

- **Santiniketan On UNESCO World Heritage List**
- ✓ Santiniketan, the cultural and educational hub founded by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, has earned a coveted spot on UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- ✓ The decision to include Santiniketan in the prestigious list was made during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, held in Saudi Arabia, reaffirming its importance on the global stage.



- ✓ With this latest addition, India now ranks sixth on the World Heritage List, further highlighting the nation's commitment to safeguarding its cultural and natural treasures.
- ✓ The inclusion of Santiniketan reinforces India's status as a custodian of world heritage. Santiniketan now stands as India's 41st World Heritage site, solidifying its place in the nation's rich cultural heritage.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Bamboo Day – September 18**
- ✓ World Bamboo Day, observed annually on September 18, is a global initiative that sheds light on the incredible significance of bamboo.
- ✓ World Bamboo Day serves as a platform to raise awareness about the myriad benefits of bamboo and its role in addressing pressing global challenges.



- ✓ Bamboo, a rapidly growing type of grass, is renowned for its exceptional qualities, including strength, flexibility, and eco-friendliness.
- ✓ This day celebrates the incredible versatility and sustainability of bamboo as a valuable resource.

➤ **International Equal Pay Day – September 18**

- ✓ International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on 18 September, is a significant global observance that highlights the ongoing struggle for equal pay for work of equal value.



- ✓ This day underscores the commitment of the United Nations to uphold human rights and combat all forms of discrimination, particularly discrimination against women and girls.
- ✓ The gender pay gap is a stark representation of inequality. It quantifies the difference between the average earnings of men and women, typically expressed as a percentage of men's earnings.

