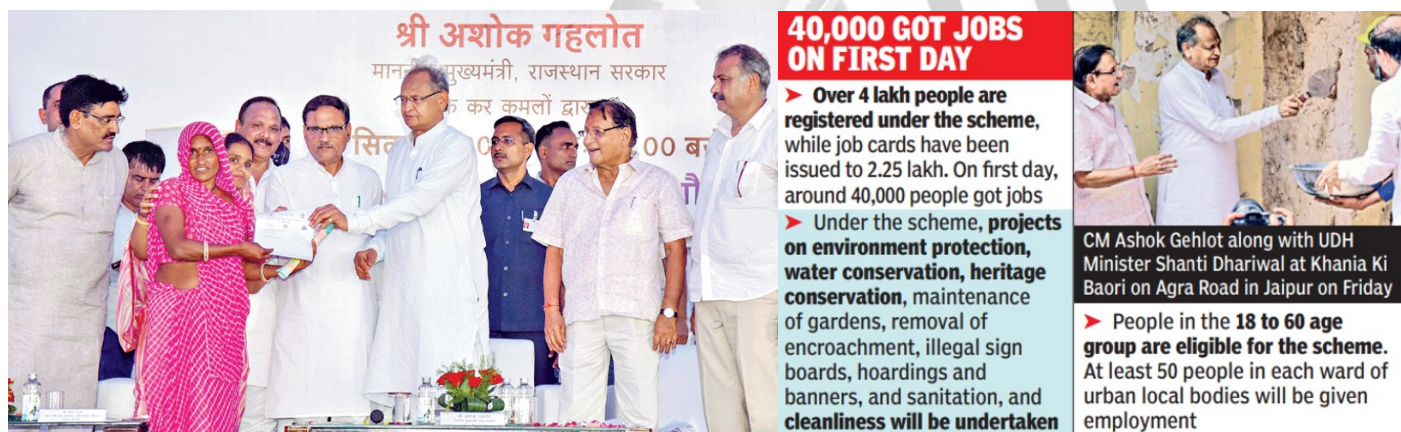




## FVF RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-September

### STATES

- On September 9, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot - launched the 'Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme' to provide 100 days of employment in a year to families residing in urban areas



- ✓ Under the scheme, projects on environment protection, water conservation, heritage conservation, maintenance of gardens, removal of encroachment, illegal signboards, hoardings and banners, and sanitation, and cleanliness will be undertaken
- ✓ At least 50 people in each ward of urban local bodies will be given employment.
- ✓ People in the 18 to 60 age group are eligible for the scheme.
- ✓ Under the scheme, unskilled labour will be provided a wage Rs.259 per day, skilled workers will be given Rs.283 each day and mates will be given Rs.271 per day
- ✓ The state's flagship scheme has been modeled on the lines of rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme)
- ✓ The government has allocated Rs 800 crore for the scheme, which was announced in this year's state budget.

- ✓ The local bodies department of the state government will be responsible for the implementation of the scheme

## NATIONAL

- **On September 9, semi high-speed train 'Vande Bharat' - has broken the record of the bullet trains on its trial run by achieving the speed of 100 km/hr in 52 seconds**



- ✓ It completed 0 to 100 kmph in 52 seconds, while bullet train takes 54.6 seconds to achieve this speed
  - ✓ The maximum speed of the third Vande Bharat train is 180 km/ph whereas the first generation Vande Bharat trains have a maximum speed of 160 km/ph and reach 0-100 kmph in 54.6 seconds
  - ✓ The train also has a photocatalytic ultraviolet air purification system that can kill germs and viruses with 99% effectiveness.
  - ✓ The third and new Vande Bharat train is set to run on the Ahmedabad-Mumbai route in the next few weeks.
  - ✓ The new Vande Bharat trains would be equipped with Wi-Fi, 32-inch LCD TVs, energy-efficient ACs with dust-free clean air cooling, and a side recliner seat facility for all classes which was earlier provided to just executive class passengers.
  - ✓ The improved features also include automatic fire sensors, CCTV cameras, three-hour battery backup and GPS systems
  - ✓ Further, 'Kavach' technology has been installed in these trains for extra security so that automatic breaks could be applied in case any train is coming on the same track.
  - ✓ The Railways has set a target of manufacturing 75 such trains by August 2023.
  - ✓ At present, the two trains which are operational are between New Delhi-Varanasi and New Delhi-Vaishnodevi Katra.
- **On September 9, the University Grants Commission (UGC) – clarified that the degrees or diplomas awarded through the online/ distance mode from**

**institutions recognised by UGC are to be treated equally as those offered by regular institutions.**

- ✓ The decision has been taken as per Regulation 22 of the UGC (Open and Distance learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020
  - ✓ Two weeks ago, UGC released guidelines regarding the courses that can be done under ODL and online learning and that can't be done through these mode
  - ✓ Accordingly, programmes including Engineering, Medical, Physiotherapy among others are prohibited by the commission to be pursued under ODL and online mode
  - ✓ Recently, the UGC has also introduced joint-degree, dual degree and twinning programmes as a mode of collaboration between higher education institutions in India and those abroad
- **The world's largest religious monument, Temple of Vedic Planetarium in Bengal's Mayapur in Nadia district - is expected to open for public by mid-2023 or in early 2024**



- ✓ The temple at 130 km from Kolkata will also serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).
- ✓ It will replace Cambodia's 400-acre-large Angkor Wat temple complex as the largest religious monument.
- ✓ The construction of the grand project started in 2010 and was initially planned to be completed by 2016, but the date was pushed back due to Covid pandemic
- ✓ The Vedic Planetarium will house the Institute of Vedic Cosmology, which will research and discuss Vedic accounts of the universe.
- ✓ The Temple of Vedic Planetarium in Bengal will have the biggest dome on a religious monument anywhere in the world
- ✓ It will also be among the tallest Hindu temples in the world.
- ✓ The monument is bigger than the Taj Mahal in Agra and St Paul's Cathedral in the Vatican City.
- ✓ The temple is being built at an estimated cost of \$100 million and can house about 10,000 devotees on each of its floors



- ✓ Alfred Ford, the great grandson of legendary businessman Henry Ford and future owner of the Ford Motors, is the chairman of this ambitious project.
- ✓ In 1975, he became a devout ISKCON member and disciple of ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada, and changed his name to Ambarish Das
- ✓ He became completely involved in Prabhupada's vision of transforming Mayapur into ISKCON's global headquarters, and donated \$30 million for the infrastructure.
- ✓ The temple has been lined with blue Bolivian marble, sourced partly from Vietnam.
- ✓ Mayapur is also the birthplace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, 15th-century Indian Vaishnava saint considered to be the combined avatar of Radha and Krishna

## COMMITTEES

- **On September 9, an empowered committee headed by the Niti Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer - approved 32 beneficiaries under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing**
- ✓ This includes 10 beneficiaries (5 global and 5 domestic companies) for mobile manufacturing
- ✓ The PLI scheme extends an incentive of 4% to 6% on net incremental sale of manufactured goods covered under the 'Target Segment' including mobile phones and specified electronic components
- ✓ Padget Electronics Pvt Ltd, a domestic company, has become the first beneficiary approved by the empowered committee to receive incentive under mobile manufacturing based on its incremental investment and sales figures for FY 2021-22
- ✓ Padget Electronics is a 100% subsidiary of Dixon Technologies and has manufacturing facilities in Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ The PLI scheme on large-scale electronic manufacturing, which includes manufacturing of mobile phones and specified electronic components, was approved in March 2020, with a total outlay of Rs 38,645 crore
- ✓ The government has already rolled out the scheme with an outlay of about Rs. 2 lakh crore for as many as 14 sectors, including automobiles and auto components, white goods, pharma, textiles, advance chemistry cell and specialty steel.
- ✓ The objective of the scheme is to make domestic manufacturing globally competitive and to create global champions in manufacturing

## SPORTS

- **On September 8, Neeraj Chopra - became the first Indian to win the Diamond Trophy, the prestigious title in the finale of the Diamond League series in men's javelin event**
- ✓ The 24-year-old Tokyo Olympic champion threw 88.44m in his second attempt to finish on top of the podium at Letzigrund stadium in Zurich

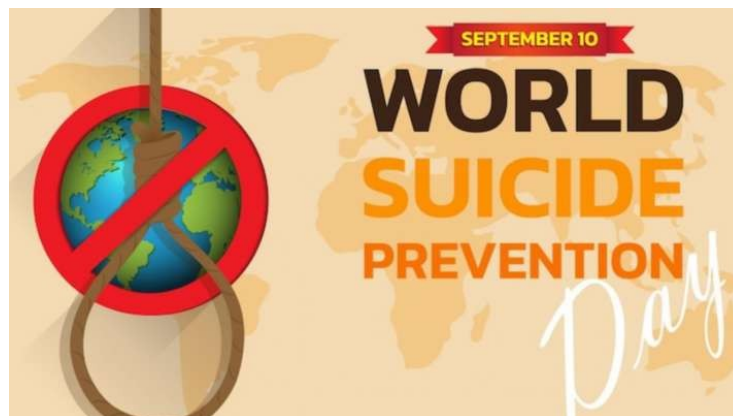
- ✓ Neeraj finished ahead of Olympic silver medallist, Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch and Germany's Julian Webber to create history.



- ✓ Reigning world champion Anderson Peters missed the Diamond League Finale in Zurich due to injury sustained after an attack on a boat in Grenada.
- ✓ The Diamond League Finals can be considered as the most prestigious competition outside of Olympics and World Championships.
- ✓ Chopra was also awarded a Diamond Trophy, \$30,000 prize money and a wild card for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary.
- ✓ Neeraj has won the Olympic Gold in 2021, the Asian Games Gold in 2018, the Commonwealth Games Gold in 2018, the World Athletics Championships silver in 2022
- ✓ He is the first Indian to finish on top in a leg of the Diamond League when he finished with 89.08m in Lausanne Diamond League in August.
- ✓ He had earlier competed in two Diamond League finals, finishing 7th in 2017 and finishing 4th in 2018.
- ✓ Neeraj holds the national record of 89.94m, which he achieved this season at the Stockholm leg of the Diamond League.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness among people to avoid committing suicide
- ✓ Theme 2022 - “Creating hope Through Action”.
- ✓ The theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day is a triennial theme that is applicable from 2021 to 2023
- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ The day is part of the WHO’s 1999 initiative for global suicide prevention.
- ✓ The first ever World Suicide Prevention Day was observed on September 10, 2003.
- ✓ According to WHO, over 700,000 individuals take their lives each year, with the number of suicide attempts being 20 times higher.
- ✓ India alone saw 1,64,033 deaths by suicide in 2021, according to the recent data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

## **NEW ENGLISH KING AND REIGN - A REPORT**



## THE QUEEN IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE KING

The next two weeks will be a jolt for a country accustomed to being ruled by the same monarch for more than **70 years** – longer than **85%** of the population have been alive. A look at how the early days of **King Charles III's** reign are expected to play out:



**NEW KING** | By law, **Charles automatically became King** the moment his mother died. It is expected that Charles will be officially proclaimed King on Saturday. This will happen at **St James's Palace** in London, in front of a ceremonial body known as the Accession Council – made up of members of the Privy Council, a group of senior MPs, past and present, and peers, as well as some senior civil servants, Commonwealth high commissioners, and mayor of London

**MOURNING** | The queen's body will lie in state in **Westminster**. Members of royal family, including heir-apparent **Prince William**, are expected to stand vigil

**FUNERAL** | Presidents and royalty from around the world are likely to attend the service in Westminster Abbey. If it takes place on a weekday, a national holiday will be declared and the London Stock Exchange will shut

**CORONATION** | Coronation – which will take place at Westminster Abbey – is unlikely to happen immediately. Almost **16 months** elapsed between his mother acceding to the throne and her coronation in 1953. **William the Conqueror was the first monarch to be**

**crowned at Westminster Abbey, and Charles will be the 40th.** Archbishop of Canterbury will place **St Edward's Crown** on Charles's head, a solid gold crown, dating from 1661. It weighs **2.23kg**

**POWERS** | Charles's role is heavily constrained and largely ceremonial. He will have to stay neutral in politics. Though he formally appoints the PM, he is

required to appoint someone who enjoys the support of the majority of MPs. He will also be head of the armed forces: British soldiers swear an oath of allegiance to the monarch, not to the government of the day. Charles will become head of the Commonwealth, the group of 54 nations that has its origins in the British Empire

Source: BBC, Bloomberg

Westminster Abbey



## HOW ROYAL TITLES HAVE CHANGED

**Charles is King Charles III and his wife Camilla is the Queen Consort.** Both prefer His or Her Majesty to His or Her Royal Highness. In 2022, the queen instructed that Charles' second wife will be known as Queen Camilla, a reward for her support to Charles and role as a royal



**William and wife Catherine are now Prince and Princess of Wales.** Their children George, Charlotte & Louis are now Princes and Princess of Wales. In his maiden speech as King, Charles said he was proud to make William the Prince of Wales – title traditionally used for the heir to the throne. Charles had held the title since 1958. As the eldest son, William also inherited the title Duke of Cornwall, along with many others. Kate is now Princess of Wales, the title last used by Diana when she was married to Charles. Camilla ever used the title

**Harry and Meghan will remain the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, but their children Archie and Lilibet will now be Prince and Princess of Sussex.**

Under rules established by King George V in 1917, the children and grandchildren of the monarch receive titles, but not the great-grandchildren. Since Archie and Lilibet are grandchildren of the new monarch, King Charles III, they now receive the titles of prince and princess

