

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 26,2022

NATIONAL

- On September 25, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the nation on the 93rd episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'



- ✓ During the address, the PM said that Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter, whose birth anniversary falls on September 28
- ✓ PM Modi requested people to share their views on the campaign for naming cheetahs brought to India from Namibia last week.
- ✓ In this regard, a nationwide contest will be organised on MYGOV platform to name the individual cheetahs in keeping with Indian tradition and the initiative of bringing cheetahs to India
- ✓ PM Modi has already named one of them 'Aasha' — for 'hope', while seven others were named Elton, Freddie, Oban, Siyaya, Tbilisi, Sasha and Savannah, in Namibia.
- ✓ He added that a task force will monitor cheetahs, on the basis of which it will be decided when people can visit the cheetahs.
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi paid his tribute to Deendayal Upadhyaya, whose 106th birth anniversary falls on September 25

- ✓ He said that Deendayal Upadhyay put forth the idea of "Ekatma Manavdarshan" and "Antyodaya" before the country which is based on Indian values.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi stressed the need to increase awareness about Indian Sign Language and spoke about receiving a copy of the Hemkosh written in Braille.
 - ✓ Hemkosh is one of the oldest dictionaries of Assamese language, prepared in the 19th century and was edited by eminent linguist Hemchandra Barua.
 - ✓ The Braille Edition of Hemkosh is around 10 thousand pages long and will be published in more than 15 volumes.
 - ✓ The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center was established in 2015 to prepare the standards for sign language
 - ✓ International Sign Language Day is observed on September 23
- ✓ PM Modi spoke about an initiative called "Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar" for coastal cleaning, which started on the 5th of July and culminated on the 17th of September, the day of Vishwakarma Jayanti.
 - ✓ This campaign, which started in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, lasted for 75 days
- ✓ The PM has asked people to intensify 'Vocal for Local' campaign on the occasion of Bapu's birth anniversary on the 2nd of October and the upcoming festive season.
 - ✓ He requested people to break all the records this time to buy these products of Khadi, handloom, or handicrafts in the festive season.
- ✓ The Prime Minister expressed his disapproval that polythene bags are being used for packing and packaging during festivals and noted with satisfaction that the trend of jute, cotton, banana fiber and many such traditional bags is on the rise once again.
- ✓ PM Modi stated that the United Nations has also recognized and honored the "India Hypertension Control Initiative" that started in 2017.
- ✓ Talking about Tuberculosis, Prime Minister Modi hailed the people coming forward to adopt TB patients as part of the TB Free India campaign, whose basis is public participation and taking the lead in ensuring a nutritious diet for these patients
- ✓ PM Modi referred to the previous episode of Mann Ki Baat, when he spoke about the year 2023 being the International Year of Millets
 - ✓ He suggested making an e-book that will record people's experience of dishes prepared with millets.
- ✓ PM Modi concluded the episode by reminding people that the National Games would start on September 29 in Gujarat
- ✓ The first edition of 'Mann ki baat' was broadcast on October 3, 2014.
- **India - is set to manufacture Apple's flagship iPhone 14 smartphones at contract-manufacturer Foxconn's factory in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ Foxconn is the world's largest contract electronics manufacturer and major iPhone assembler.

- ✓ Cupertino, California-headquartered Apple started manufacturing iPhones in India from May 2017 with iPhone SE at its contract manufacturer Wistron's facility in Bengaluru
- ✓ After the iPhone SE, Apple started making the iPhone 6S that was launched in 2015.
- ✓ This was followed by iPhone 11, 12 and 13, while the iPhone 14 is the sixth iPhone to be made in India.
- ✓ The iPhones made in India are for domestic sales within India only.
- ✓ Earlier this month, Apple Inc unveiled its latest iPhone series -- the iPhone 14 models - with an improved camera, powerful sensors and satellite messaging feature to send SOS texts in emergencies.
- ✓ The iPhone 14 was launched on September 7, 2022, and is available to customers in India simultaneously with the US, among other markets, since September 16, 2022.
- ✓ Apple launched its online store in India in September 2020.
- ✓ Three Apple contract manufacturers – Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron – are making iPhones in India.
- ✓ All the three are selected under the production-linked incentive (PLI) for smartphone manufacturing.
- ✓ As per a report by JP Morgan, Apple is likely to move about 5% of iPhone 14 production to India from late 2022 and reach 25% by 2025.
- ✓ China accounts for the majority of production for Apple and it is estimated that Apple sources as much as 95% of its goods from China

PERSONALITIES

- **Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi - has declined the central government's proposal to be appointed as the next Attorney General for India, without specifying any reason behind his decision**



- ✓ Present Attorney General K K Venugopal's term would end on September 30 and Rohatgi was expected to take charge as the 16th Attorney General from October 1.

- ✓ The government chose him for the post after Venugopal expressed unwillingness to continue in the top law officer's post beyond September 30 citing health problems.
 - ✓ If Rohatgi had accepted the offer, it would have been his second tenure as an AG, after he served the post for the first time between June 2014 and June 2017.
 - ✓ Widely respected as a constitutional law expert, Venugopal succeeded Rohatgi as Attorney General on July 1, 2017, for a three-year term
 - ✓ The 91-year-old Venugopal, who was given two one-year extensions beyond his three-year term by the Union government, repeatedly expressed his unwillingness to continue in the post.
 - ✓ In June this year, Venugopal's term was extended by three more months till September 30 by the Centre
 - ✓ The 67-year-old Rohatgi was offered to be appointed as the Attorney General.
 - ✓ Rohatgi is a senior advocate at the Supreme Court of India and has earlier served as Additional Solicitor General of India.
 - ✓ One of India's most high-profile lawyers, Rohatgi has several important cases to his credit, including the Gujarat riots case, in which he represented the Gujarat government.
 - ✓ The senior advocate has also represented Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren who faced allegations of illegal mining allotments, NDTV promoters Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy in a case involving the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and Republic TV founder Arnab Goswami following his arrest by the Maharashtra police.
 - ✓ Rohatgi was appointed as the top law officer in 2014 soon after the BJP-led government came to power at the Centre.
 - ✓ He, however, submitted his resignation from the AG's post in 2017 and returned to private practice.
 - ✓ In 2018, he was appointed "eminent jurist" member in the Lokpal Selection Committee chaired by the Prime Minister
- **Congress MP Shashi Tharoor – was removed from the chairmanship of the parliamentary standing committee on information technology**



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- ✓ The BJP's Anil Agarwal, the CPM's John Brittas, the TMC's Mohua Moitra, the DMK's T Sumathy (a) Thamizhachi Thangapandian and Congress's Karti Chidambaram are the members of the IT panel
- ✓ The Parliamentary panel, which is headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, is being reconstituted as its tenure ended on September 13.
- ✓ The Lok Sabha Standing Committee on Energy headed by JD(U) MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan is also being reconstituted.
- ✓ There are 16 Parliamentary standing committees in the Lok Sabha and eight in the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ Out of the 16 Lok Sabha committees, 10 are currently with the BJP, while the remaining six are with Congress (the one on IT), DMK, Trinamool Congress, Shiv Sena, Biju Janata Dal and JD(U).
- ✓ All the 24 standing committees of both the Houses combined are being reconstituted this month as their tenures ended on September 13
- ✓ It has to be reiterated that it is solely the ruling party's discretion to allot chairpersonship of these panels to opposition parties

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **The American Space Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – has announced that Jupiter is set to make its closest approach to Earth on September 26.**
- ✓ Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system, will make its closest approach to Earth since 1963 and reaches 'opposition'
- ✓ "Opposition" is when an astronomical object rises in the East as the Sun sets on the west and in this case, Jupiter and the Sun will be on opposite sides of Earth.
- ✓ Jupiter's opposition with Earth happens once every 13 months
- ✓ The planet, which takes over 11 years to complete one revolution around the Sun, will be exactly opposite to the Sun in its orbit and this unique arrangement makes it one of the brightest objects in the sky as seen from Earth.
- ✓ Jupiter's closest approach to Earth rarely coincides with 'opposition', which means this year's views will be extraordinary
- ✓ Jupiter at its closest to Earth will appear in the skies after 5:29 pm on September 26 and will be visible till 5:31 am on September 27.

HOW TO WATCH

➤ On Monday night Jupiter rises in the east as the brightest star soon after sunset

➤ It will be closest to Earth in 59 years

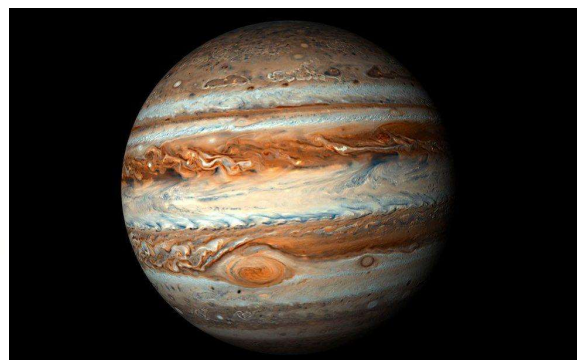
➤ The planet will be visible to naked eyes as a



bright star at around 8pm

➤ Telescopes and binoculars can be used to see the centre band of the planet and a few of its 59 moons

➤ The best place to view will be from atop a tall building or a hill



- ✓ The next time the planet comes this close will be in the year 2129
- ✓ At its closest approach, Jupiter will be approximately 590 million kilometres in distance from Earth
- ✓ The gas giant planet is approximately 965 million kilometers away from Earth at its farthest point.
- ✓ So far, scientists have detected 79 moons around Jupiter with 53 named moons.
- ✓ The planet's four largest moons— Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto—are called Galilean satellites because Galileo discovered them in 1610.
- ✓ On September 26, these Galilean satellites can also be observed, visible as bright dots on either side of the planet, which will resemble a great red spot.

OBITUARY

- **Author, writer and translator, Prema Srinivasan, who was part of the TVS family and mother of industrialists Venu Srinivasan and Gopal Srinivasan - passed away at the age of 90 on September 25**



- ✓ Prema has a doctorate in children's fiction in India in the English language and was the recipient of the AWIC (Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children) Honour Award for 2012 for her research in children's literature.
- ✓ She was a great patron of Carnatic music and also started the Environmental Society of Madras, which was created to make children aware of climate change
- ✓ Born in 1932, Prema Srinivasan pursued art and history at Columbia University, US in the 1960s.
- ✓ An avid lover of art and culture, Prema Srinivasan was the author of several books including the 'Pure Vegetarian Cook Book', which is an extensive guide for traditional Indian vegetarian cooking, and also children's books such as 'And Finally, A Blessing!' and 'The Treasure Hunters'.
- ✓ She had deep interest in spirituality and philosophy, besides calligraphy and sculpture.
- ✓ She actively contributed her knowledge to members of InKo Centre (The Indo-Korean Cultural and Information Centre), Chennai in which her son Venu Srinivasan was part of the Governing Council.
- ✓ Prema was also among the elite club of women golfers from erstwhile Madras

SPORTS

- **West Zone - won the 2022 Duleep Trophy title after defeating South Zone by a massive margin of 294 runs on the fifth and final day of the finals**



- ✓ The Ajinkya Rahane-led team won the trophy as they bowled out Hanuma Vihari's team at SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, West captain Rahane decided to ask his teammate Yashasvi Jaiswal to leave the field after opposition batsman Teja complained of sledging, which had led to a couple of warnings.
 - ✓ Notably, West Zone's Yashasvi Jaiswal has been adjudged as the Player of the match, while his team-mate Jaydev Unadkat has been awarded the Player of the series award.
 - ✓ With this, West Zone has become the most successful team in the Duleep Trophy tournament as they have won record 19 titles.
 - ✓ They were earlier tied with North Zone at 18 wins.
 - ✓ The Duleep Trophy returned to the zonal format this season after an experiment with three teams for a few years.
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- **Two-time Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge - bettered his own world record in the Berlin Marathon on September 25.**
 - ✓ The 37-year-old Kenyan star clocked 2 hours, 1 minute, 9 seconds to take 30 seconds off his previous best mark of 2:01:39 set on the same course in 2018.
 - ✓ Ethiopia's Tigist Assefa unexpectedly won the women's race in a course record of 2:15:37, which was the third fastest time ever.
 - ✓ Kenya's Rosemary Wanjiru was second on her debut in 2:18:00 – the second fastest debut ever run – just ahead of Ethiopian runner Tigist Abayechew in 2:18:03.
 - ✓ A total of 45,527 runners from 157 nations were registered to take part in the first Berlin Marathon without restrictions since the coronavirus pandemic began.
 - ✓ The number of participants was reduced by nearly half under strict restrictions last year, and the 2020 race was called off due to the pandemic.

RANKINGS

- Hurun India and IIFL Wealth - have released the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022 recently



- ✓ With an estimated wealth of Rs 10,94,400 crore, the Gautam Adani family has topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022.
- ✓ Coming up second on the list are Mukesh Ambani and their family with an estimated wealth of Rs 7,94,700 crore
- ✓ In third place, Cyrus Poonawala and family of the Serum Institute of India are ranked with an estimated wealth of Rs 2,05,400 crore
- ✓ Shiv Nadar and family of HCL have dropped from their place at 3rd in the list last year to 4th this year with an estimated wealth of Rs 1,85,880 crore.
- ✓ At 5th place, Radhakishan Damani and family of the Avenue Supermarts are ranked with an estimated wealth of Rs 175100 crore.
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals took the maximum number of spots, with 36 entrepreneurs, followed by chemicals & petrochemicals (23) and software & services (23) in terms of the number of dollar billionaires (21).
- ✓ An all-time high of 735 entrepreneurs, or 67%, are self-made, up from 659 last year and 367 (54%), five years ago.
- ✓ Bengaluru -based Kaivalya Vohra, 19, of grocery delivery application Zepto is the youngest self-made and the youngest rich individual, as per the rankings
- ✓ The youngest self-made woman entrepreneur in this list is Neha Narkhede – an Indian-American from Pune.

- ✓ With an increase of 376%, Ravi Modi of Vedant Fashions is the biggest gainer this year, followed by Nykaa's Falguni Nayar and family (345%) and Rafique Abdul Malik and family (240%) of Metro Brands, a multi-brand footwear retail chain.
- ✓ Falguni Nayar is also the richest female in the country, followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala of Rare Enterprises, the company incorporated by her husband and late veteran investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- ✓ A total of 149 new individuals joined the rich list club of 1,103 Indians across 122 cities who cumulatively accumulated a wealth of Rs 100 trillion
- ✓ There are 221 billionaires (Rs 100 crore networth) in India on the 2022 list — down 16 compared with last year, while 13 people born in the 1990s made it to the list, all self-made.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons - September 26**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to highlight the dangers caused by the nuclear weapons to the society and the need for their elimination
- ✓ In December 2013, the UN General Assembly declared September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons to mark the high-level UNGA meeting on nuclear disarmament on September 26, 2013
- ✓ To raise public awareness about nuclear weapons, the UNGA, in 2009, declared August 29 as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.
- ✓ The United Nations' (UN) objective to achieve total nuclear disarmament was underlined in the first resolution of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1946.

