

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - September 24, 2023

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Let's check this news about the General Crop Estimation Survey. Then, we will move ahead.

General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES) mobile application and portal

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched the mobile application and the web portal for General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES). It has been designed to transform Agricultural practices across the nation and revolutionise Farming practices.

Key Points:

Field data will be collected using GPS enabled mobile application and will be stored in the server which ensures on time reporting of crop statistics.

B) Geo-referencing is one of the key features of the mobile application, which enables the primary worker to draw the boundary of the experimental plot.

C) The portal and the app provides a comprehensive repository of yield estimation of village wise GCES plan.

About DA & FW:

A) It stands for Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

B) It is currently headed by Narendra Singh Tomar.

C) The Department publishes an annual report titled "Agricultural Statistics at a Glance". This gives a detailed picture of the state of India's agriculture.

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17th International Congress on Chemistry of Cement

India has won the bid to host the prestigious International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement (ICCC). India's NCCBM along with IIT Delhi presented India's bid before Steering Committee members of the Conference during 16th ICCC at Bangkok, Thailand.

Key Points:

- A) 16th ICCC took place in Bangkok, Thailand from 18-22 September 2023.
- B) The Indian bid was presented by Dr L P Singh, Dr S K Chaturvedi, and Dr Shashank Bishnoi.
- C) Indian cement industry is second largest in the world with a cement capacity of 600 million tonnes.

About NCCBM:

- A) It stands for National Council for Cement and Building Materials.
- B) It was founded on 24th December 1962.
- C) NCCBM is dedicated to research, technology, industrial services for cement, building materials and construction industries.

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Nadi Utsav festival on Riverine Culture

The fourth 'Nadi Utsav' is being organised by the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) of IGNCA and the Janapada Sampada Division. It is a three day festival on Riverine Culture and will be hosted in Delhi on the banks of River Yamuna.

Key Points:

- A) The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) organises the Nadi Utsav.
- B) This was initiated by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi to create awareness about ecology.
- C) Nadi Utsav' is based on riverine culture, its tradition, rituals and water wisdom.

About IGNCA:

- A) It stands for Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.
- B) It is an institution dedicated to art and culture, under the Ministry of Culture.
- C) Ram Bahadur Rai is the President of IGNCA.



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Waste Collection on Wheels: E Parakkum Thalika

In line with Swachhata Pakhwada 2023, an abandoned bus has been creatively transformed into a sustainable Mini Material Collection Facility in Perinthalmanna municipality, Malappuram district, Kerala.

Key Points:

- A) It is inspired by the popular Malayalam blockbuster 'E Parakkum Thalika'.
- B) A Material Recovery Facility has been incorporated into the Thamarakshan Pillai bus to facilitate proper waste segregation.
- C) It is a collaborative effort of Perinthalmanna City Council's Health Department and the NSS students from Government Polytechnic College.

About Kerala:

- A) Kerala is a state on the Malabar coast of India.
- B) It was formed on 1 November 1956.
- C) Kerala has the lowest positive population growth rate in India.

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Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar

The Government of India comes out with a new set of National awards in the field of Science Technology and Innovation known as Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar. It shall be one of the highest recognitions in the field of science, Technology and Innovation in India.

Key Points:

Objective of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is to recognize the contribution made by the scientists, technologists and innovators.

B) Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is given in 13 domains.

C) These awards are announced on 11th May (National Technology Day) every year.

About DST:

A) It stands for Department of Science and Technology.

B) It was established in May 1971 to promote new areas of science and technology.

C) It also supports various researchers in India to attend conferences abroad.



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[Image source: India today]

International Week of the Deaf (IWDeaf) from 18th to 24th September 2023

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is celebrating International Week of Deaf (IWDeaf) from September 18 to 24. ISLRTC spreading awareness about Indian Sign Language (ISL) across the country.

Key Points:

- A) It works on the motto of "Nothing without us".
- B) Indian Sign Language (ISL) day is celebrated on 23rd September.
- C) Various courses have been introduced like video relay services, sign videos of financial and banking terms.

About ISLRTC:

- A) It stands for Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center.
- B) It was laid at IGNOU campus on 4th October, 2011.
- C) As per the 2011 Census, the total population of deaf persons in India numbered about 50 lakh.



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Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and Gayatri Parivar on Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan. The MoU will be signed at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

Key Points:

- A) Alcohol is the most common psychoactive substance used by Indians.
- B) The National action plan for drug demand reduction (napddr) is being implemented.
- C) Dr. Virendra kumar is the Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment.

About NMBA:

- A) It stands for Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.
- B) Till now NMBA has reached out to 10.61+ crore people.
- C) Its aim is to create awareness about ill effects of substance abuse among the youth.

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Agumbe loses Rainfall crown

Karnataka's Agumbe Rainforest Complex (ARC) known for its phenomenal rainfall lost its crown to little known Udupi towns. Nadal and Mudradi received more rain than Agumbe this monsoon. Agumbe in Shimoga district had been christened as "Cherrapunji of the South" for receiving 8000 mm of rainfall.

Key Points:

- A) India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted 95% of the rain for the country.
- B) Rain gauge is installed by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL).
- C) Rain in Agumbe feeds hundreds of water bodies that nurture rivers originating in the Western Ghats.

About ARC:

- A) It stands for Agumbe Rainforest Complex.
- B) Agumbe Rainforest Complex (ARC) is a biodiversity hotspot located in the Western Ghats of Karnataka.
- C) It is known for heavy rainfall of about 6000 mm.

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State of Working India 2023 report

State of Working India 2023 report by Azim Premji University highlights the impact of India's Economic slowdown from 2018-2020. The report reveals that the workforce has shifted more towards self employment during the period. Women were being disproportionately affected.

Key Points:

- A) The unemployment rate in post-covid is lower than it was in pre-covid, for all education levels.
- B) The unemployment rate falls from over 40% for educated youth under 25 to less than 5% for graduates.
- C) Report also stated that Scheduled Caste workers declined rapidly over time in waste-related work and leather-related work.

About Azim Premji:

- A) Azim Hashim Premji is an Indian businessman and philanthropist, who was the chairman of Wipro Limited.
- B) He is informally known as the Czar of the Indian IT Industry.
- C) He has twice been listed among the 100 most influential people by *Times* magazine.

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[Image source: The Indian Express]

Antim Panghal win Wrestling Worlds Bronze

Antim Panghal won a bronze Medal at the World championship beating double European Champion Jonna Malmgren of Sweden. She is a two time U20 World Champion.

Key Points:

- A) Panghal took her first senior World Championship bronze medal in Belgrade.
- B) Panghal is the only Indian wrestler to be a part of both the World Championships and the Asian Games.
- C) Panghal booked her place at Paris Olympics at the age of just 19.



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