

Weekly Current Affairs-16th To 21st September 2024 English

National News

Government Removes Floor Price on Basmati Rice

In a significant policy shift, the Indian government has removed the \$950 per tonne minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice. This decision, made in response to falling domestic paddy prices and trade pressures, aims to enhance export opportunities and support farmers' incomes. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) will now oversee basmati rice exports without a floor price to ensure fair pricing and transparency.

PM Modi Launches Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail and New Vande Bharat Trains

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail on September 16, 2024, which will operate between Ahmedabad and Bhuj. Known as the Vande Metro, this new train covers a 360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes, making stops at nine stations along the route. Alongside, Modi also flagged off several Vande Bharat Express trains on new routes, including Nagpur-Secunderabad, Kolhapur-Pune, and Pune-Hubballi, and introduced a 20-coach Vande Bharat train from Varanasi to Delhi.

J&K Launches 'Vote Ka Tyohar' Theme Song

In an effort to encourage voter participation in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, launched the theme song 'Vote Ka Tyohar'. The song, released by CEO, Pandurang K Pole, is aimed at motivating voters across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to cast their votes in the Assembly Elections, which begin on 18 September 2024 across seven districts of both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

Rashtrapati Nilayam to Host Bhartiya Kala Mahotsav in Late September

Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of North-East Region and the Ministry of Culture will host the first edition of Bhartiya Kala Mahotsav from September 29 to October 6, 2024.

Swachh Bharat Mission poised to enter its next decade and SHS launched

In 2014 Honorable Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, it has a transformative impact in our society. This year it will mark its 10th anniversary and this year Swachhata hi Seva 2024 campaign embraces the theme of 'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'.

Union Cabinet Accepts the Recommendations on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation One Election – ONOE)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation One Election – ONOE) under the chairmanship of former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

India's First Fashion Forecasting Initiative 'VisioNxt'

VisioNxt, launched by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), is a fashion forecasting initiative aimed at fostering global competition and elevating Indian culture and design. Combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI), it provides trend insights tailored to India's socio-economic and cultural diversity.

President Murmu Graces Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain

President Droupadi Murmu attended the Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The Safai Mitra Sammelan was organized as part of the fortnightly Swachhata Hi Seva—2024 campaign launched by the government of India.

A poem on 'National War Memorial' and a chapter on 'Veer Abdul Hameed' included in curriculum of Class VI

The poem "National War Memorial" is to appreciate the spirit behind it. The chapter titled 'Veer Abdul Hameed' honors the Braveheart CQMH (Company Quarter Master Havildar). Abdul Hameed who made the supreme sacrifice fighting for the country during the India-Pakistan war of 1965.

India-Romania Mark 75 Years of Diplomacy with Commemorative Stamps

A commemorative joint postal stamp marking 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Romania was released on September 17, 2024, by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Romanian Ambassador Daniela-Mariana Sezonov. This significant milestone reflects the long-standing friendship and cooperation established since diplomatic ties began in 1948.

International News

Iran Launches Second Satellite This Year

Iran launched its Chamran-1 research satellite into orbit on Saturday, its second successful satellite launch this year, taking another step in advancing its aerospace programme reported by the state media. Is to test hardware and software systems for demonstrating orbital maneuvering technology in height and phase".

Bebinca Strongest Typhoon Strikes Philippines, Japan and China soon

Typhoon Bebinca strikes many countries, as it looks dangerous, it has already struck in the Philippines, Japan and will hit Shanghai city in China soon. Typhoon Bebinca slammed into the central and southern Philippines. Bebinca also passed through Japan's Amami island overnight, carrying gusts of up to 198 kilometers per hour.

Angkor Wat Named Most Photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Asia

Cambodia's Angkor Wat has been recognized as the most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia by Times Travel, as announced by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on September 15. This accolade was revealed through a post on his official Telegram channel, featuring Times of India's list of Asia's top ten most photogenic UNESCO sites.

Jordan's King Appoints New Prime Minister After Parliamentary Elections

Jordan's King Abdullah II has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh following last week's parliamentary elections. Al-Khasawneh, a seasoned diplomat who had been in office since October 2020, resigned in accordance with the constitutional norm after legislative elections. Jafar Hassan, a technocrat and former planning minister who was serving as the king's head of office, has been appointed as the new prime minister.

India and US Explore Enhanced Energy Cooperation

India and the US have committed to deepening their bilateral cooperation across the energy value chain, aiming for a just and orderly energy transition. This agreement emerged from a meeting between Indian Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, and US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, Geoffrey Pyatt, held during GasTech 2024 in Houston. The two leaders discussed expanding collaboration between their nations' institutions and companies, focusing on advancing both conventional and renewable energy sectors.

Nepal Celebrates Ninth Anniversary of Constitution Declaration

Nepal marked a significant milestone in its democratic journey by celebrating the ninth anniversary of the declaration of its constitution. The nation erupted in jubilant festivities, with the capital city of Kathmandu at the epicenter of the celebrations.

State News

Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates 'Samvidhan Mandir' at Industrial Training Institutes in Maharashtra

The Honorable Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the "Constitutional Temple – Samvidhan

Mandir" at 433 Industrial Training Institutes across Maharashtra. This programme was organized by the Maharashtra Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Department.

Inauguration of CREATE at Leh

Union Minister for MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, inaugurated the Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE) at Leh via virtual mode. The event was attended by various dignitaries including the Minister of State for MSME, the Lieutenant Governor of UT-Ladakh, the Chairman of KVIC, and other officials from the Ministry of MSME, UT-Ladakh, KVIC, and MGIRI, along with around 200 local artisans.

Uttarakhand Enacts Landmark Property Damage Recovery Act

In a significant development for the state of Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed his profound gratitude to the Governor for approving the Uttarakhand Public (Government) and Private Property Damage Recovery (Ordinance) Act 2024. This groundbreaking legislation represents a crucial step towards addressing the financial implications of civil unrest and riots in the state.

Economy News

Haryana Overtakes Punjab in GDP, West Bengal's Decades-Long Economic Decline

A working paper by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), authored by EAC-PM member Sanjeev Sanyal, highlights the relative economic performance of Indian states from 1960-61 to 2023-24. Titled "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24," the paper reveals that West Bengal, once holding the third-largest share of the national GDP at 10.5% in 1960-61, has seen a consistent decline, now accounting for only 5.6% of India's GDP in 2023-24. The report notes that maritime states have generally outperformed others, with the exception of West Bengal.

Windfall Tax on Crude Petroleum Slashed to Zero

The government has scrapped the windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil with effect from September 18. The windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil will be zero, the government said in a notification.

Business News

India Becomes 6th Largest Market in MSCI ACWI

India has now become the sixth largest market in the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI), surpassing China and narrowly behind France. As of August 2024, India's weight in the index stands at 2.35%, surpassing China's 2.24%, with France just 3 basis points ahead of India. India is also now the largest emerging market (EM) in the MSCI ACWI IMI for the first time.

India's Exports to China Fall Faster Than to Other Partners

India's exports to China contracted by 22.44% to \$1 billion in August, while overall exports declined 9% to \$34.7 billion, driven by muted demand, geopolitical issues, and logistics challenges amid a massive slowdown in China. Despite the contraction, China remains India's fifth-largest export market, although the country continues to heavily rely on imports from China, which increased 15.5% year-on-year to \$10.8 billion in the same period.

India is set to become the Third-largest Economy by 2030-31

India is on track to become the third largest economy by fiscal 2030-31, driven by a robust projected annual growth rate of 6.7%, the credit rating agency S&P Global said in its report called India forward Emerging Perspectives.

Modi 3.0 Government Sanctions Rs 12,554 Crore for Disaster Relief

The Central government has allocated Rs 12,554 crore to various states this year for relief and rehabilitation of those affected by natural disasters. This includes funding from multiple disaster relief and mitigation funds.

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Subscribers at 69 Million, Corpus at Rs 35,149 Crore

About 7 crore people have subscribed to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), accumulating a corpus of Rs 35,149 crore, as announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The APY, launched in 2015, is a low-cost pension scheme providing a guaranteed minimum pension ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month, depending on the contributions made by subscribers. In case of the subscriber's death, the pension is extended to the spouse for life, and upon the demise of both, the nominee receives the entire corpus.

Appointment News**Senior IPS Officer Amrit Mohan Appointed SSB Chief**

According Government sources, A Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from Odisha cadre, Amrit Mohan was appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Mr Prasad's appointment to the post of Director General, SSB for a tenure up to the date of his superannuation on August 31, 2025.

Atishi Marlena Set To Be New CM of Delhi

43 year old, Atishi Marlena from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be the new Chief Minister of state Delhi. She will replace the AAP supremo and party chief Arvind Kejriwal. Decision was taken in the meeting of member of legislative assembly.

Manu Bhaker appointed brand ambassador for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) appointed Manu Bhaker, the double Olympic medal winner, as a brand ambassador. Manu Bhaker, the daughter of a proud marine sailor, is now going to champion the marine sector of India as she has been officially signed as the Brand Ambassador of the Ministry".

World boxing champion Nikhat Zareen joins Telangana police as DSP

Renowned Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has reported for duty as Deputy Superintendent of Police after handing over her joining report to the Director General of Police Jitender.

Banking News**DPIIT to Launch BHASKAR: A Revolutionary Platform for India's Startup Ecosystem**

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is set to launch a groundbreaking digital platform named Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) under the Startup India program. This initiative aims to strengthen India's startup ecosystem by centralizing and streamlining collaboration between key stakeholders like startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies. It aligns with India's vision to become a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, further boosting the country's commitment to the startup movement.

LIC Appoints Infosys for NextGen Digital Platform

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has selected Infosys to develop its next-generation digital platform as part of its DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement) programme. This new platform will serve as an integrated end-to-end solution, enhancing customer services, business lifecycle management, and operational activities for sales intermediaries, while also offering a digital front-end for branch employees.

Banks and FIs to Invest Rs 32.5 Trillion in Renewable Energy by 2030

At the 4th RE-Invest Summit, hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), leading renewable energy (RE) developers, manufacturing companies, banks, and financial institutions pledged close to \$386 billion (Rs 32.45 trillion) to develop RE projects by 2030. India aims to build 500 gigawatts (Gw) of RE capacity by 2030, but commitments from the solar power industry have reached 570 Gw. Reliance Industries (RIL) leads the pack with a 100 Gw commitment, followed by NTPC (41.3 Gw) and ReNew (40 Gw).

Science & Technology News

Cabinet gave approval for CHANDRAYAAN-4 Mission

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a new moon mission 'Chandrayaan-4', to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyze them on Earth.

India's Own Space Station for Scientific research to be established with the launch of its first module in 2028

The union cabinet chaired by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the building of the first unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS) by extending the scope of Gaganyaan program.

After Moon and Mars, India sights science goals on Venus

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM), which will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of exploring and studying Venus, beyond moon and mars.

Cabinet Clears Chandrayaan-4 and Venus Orbiter Mission for Space Exploration

The Union Cabinet has approved the Chandrayaan-4 mission, which aims to develop technologies for returning to Earth after landing on the moon and collecting lunar samples for analysis. The total cost of the mission is Rs 2104.06 crore, covering spacecraft development, two LVM3 launches, deep space network support, and special tests for validation. The mission will be completed within 36 months, involving significant participation from industry and academia.

New Re-usable Low-cost launch vehicle for Bharat

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), that will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of establishing & operating the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and towards developing capability for Indian Crewed Landing on the Moon by 2040.

Schemes and Committees News

Centre Asks Platform Aggregators to Register Workers on e-Shram Portal

The Indian government has mandated that platform aggregators onboard themselves and their gig workers onto the e-Shram portal, an initiative aimed at providing unorganised labour with access to various social security schemes. This step is crucial to ensure workers' access to social welfare benefits and to maintain an accurate registry of beneficiaries.

Cabinet Gives Nod to Bio-RIDE Scheme to Support in Biotechnology

The Union Cabinet has approved the Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE) scheme to boost biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship with an outlay of ₹9,197 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26).

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme in line with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2024. The goal of NPS Vatsalya's investment strategy is to give parents the ability to invest in a pension account as a way to save for their children's future.

Glasgow to host 2026 Commonwealth Games

Glasgow, which hosted the event 10 years ago, will do so again, though some sports will need to be dropped as the Commonwealth Games Federation aims to reduce costs. The Australian state of Victoria abruptly withdrew as host of the 2026 Games in July 2023, blaming escalating costs.

NPS Vatsalya Scheme to Launch on September 18, 2024

The NPS Vatsalya Scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, will be launched by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on September 18, 2024, in New Delhi. This initiative allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children with flexible contributions starting at Rs. 1,000 annually, offering long-term wealth building through compounding.

Summits & Conference News

India at G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil

On September 12-13, 2024, India participated in the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil. Led by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, the Indian delegation engaged in bilateral discussions with several global partners to enhance agricultural cooperation and address market access issues.

India and European Union agree to deepen cooperation in Sustainable Water Management

India and the European Union (EU) agreed to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management at the 6th EU-India Water Forum held on the sidelines of the 8th India Water Week, in New Delhi.

International WASH Conference 2024 concludes at 8th India Water Week

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized the International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference during the 8th India Water

Week from 17th-19th September 2024 in New Delhi. The conference, with the theme 'Sustaining Rural Water Supply', focused on knowledge exchange, innovations, and best practices to tackle global WASH challenges, especially Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).

The Ministry Of Food Processing Industries Is Hosting World Food India 2024

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is all set to host the third edition of World Food India 2024, from September 19 to 22, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Aimed at becoming the largest event for the food processing and allied sectors in India, this prestigious gathering will bring together industry leaders from across the globe.

Awards & Honors News

Emmy Awards 2024, Complete List of Winners

The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony, held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on September 16, 2024, marked a significant event in the television industry. This prestigious award show, honouring excellence in primetime television programming, rolled out the red carpet for the second time in just one year, creating a buzz of excitement among TV enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.

Indian women's contributions across UAE honored at Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024

The Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024 took place in Dubai, honoring the achievements of Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE. This event celebrated empowerment, resilience, and unity, showcasing the impact of women who are shaping the community.

Dhruvi Patel wins Miss India Worldwide 2024

Dhruvi Patel, a Computer Information System student from the USA, has been declared the winner of Miss India Worldwide 2024, the longest running Indian pageant outside of India.

Magnus Carlsen, Judit Polgar felicitated at FIDE 100 Awards

Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar were felicitated with the best male and female player awards, respectively at the FIDE 100 Awards ceremony in Hungary.

Important Dates News

World Ozone Day 2024, Know Date, History and Significance

In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16 as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the signing date of the Montreal Protocol in 1987. On October 15, 2016, at the 28th Meeting of the Parties in Kigali, Rwanda, an agreement was

reached to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). This amendment represents the latest step in the ongoing efforts to protect the ozone layer and address climate change.

International Day of Democracy: Know The Date, History and Significance

Every year on September 15, people across the globe unite to commemorate the International Day of Democracy. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of democratic principles and practices in our societies. Since its inception in 2008, the day has been marked by a diverse array of events worldwide, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of participants in promoting democratic values.

8th India Water Week 2024 Organized by Ministry of Jal Shakti

The Ministry of Jal Shakti will organize the India Water Week 2024 from 17th to 20th September. It is a 4-day conference and exhibition which is India's international water resources event. Conceptualized and organized first in 2012, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India is organizing the India Water Week 2024 biannually.

International Day of Peace 2024: Cultivating a Culture of Peace

The year 2024 marks a significant milestone in the global pursuit of peace. As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, the world is reminded of the critical importance of fostering harmony and understanding among nations and individuals.

Sports News

Neeraj Chopra finished 2nd by 0.01m in Diamond League Final

An olympic champion, Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League (DL) final by throwing the throw of 87.86m in Brussels. He just missed first place by just 0.01m to Andersen Peters. Neeraj Chopra finished the 2024 season with silver in the last competition.

Oscar Piastri Claims Maiden Victory at Azerbaijan Grand Prix

Oscar Piastri of McLaren secured his first Formula 1 victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the Baku City Circuit, concluded under a virtual safety car due to a late crash, adding an element of drama to the final moments.

India's Triumph at WorldSkills 2024

The WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France, witnessed a remarkable performance by the Indian contingent, showcasing the country's growing prowess in various skill domains on the international stage. With an impressive haul of 4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena.

First Pakistani Woman Nominated as International Cricket Umpire

Saleema Imtiaz has made history by becoming the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires, according to an announcement by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

17 Year old Anmol Kharb Wins First Single Title in Belgium

India's 17-year-old Anmol Kharb clinched her first international title in women's singles as she beat Denmark's Amalie Schulz in a hard-fought final in the Belgian International badminton tournament. Anmol Kharb became the women's singles national badminton champion at the age of 16 and a year later, proved to be the driving force behind the Indian women's team bagging a historic gold medal at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia.

Indian Men's Hockey Team Won Asian Champions Trophy 2024

India's Men's Hockey Team clinched the 5th Title of Asian Champions Trophy in 2024, by winning a goal from Jugraj Singh, India beat China 1-0 in the final game of the tournament.

ICC introduces equal prize money for men's and women's cricket World Cups

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events, starting with the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup. Set to take place next month in the UAE, this tournament will make cricket the first major team sport to offer equal prize money across genders.

Jasprit Bumrah Joins Elite Club With 400 International Wickets

In a momentous achievement for Indian cricket, Jasprit Bumrah has become the 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets. This feat was accomplished during the first Test against Bangladesh at Chennai, further cementing Bumrah's status as one of India's premier fast bowlers.

14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024

The 14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024 concluded with an exhilarating finale on September 19, 2024, at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab. This prestigious event, organized by Hockey India, showcased the nation's top young talent in a fierce competition that spanned from September 9 to September 19, 2024.

Defence News**Navika Sagar Parikrama II**

Navika Sagar Parikrama II, led by Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K, is set to continue India's rich sailing tradition with a historic all-women expedition to circumnavigate the globe aboard INSV Tarini. This voyage celebrates maritime skill and gender equality, showcasing the Indian Navy's commitment to preserving maritime heritage and promoting seamanship. Both officers have been training rigorously for three years, accumulating thousands of nautical miles, and were mentored by Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd.).

VINETRA Commissioned at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam

The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA) was commissioned by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-chief, Eastern Naval Command, at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam.

Operation Sadbhavana, India's Humanitarian Response to Typhoon Yagi

Typhoon Yagi recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched Operation Sadbhavana, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries. This operation exemplifies India's commitment to its Act East Policy and its role as a first responder in providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to nations in need.

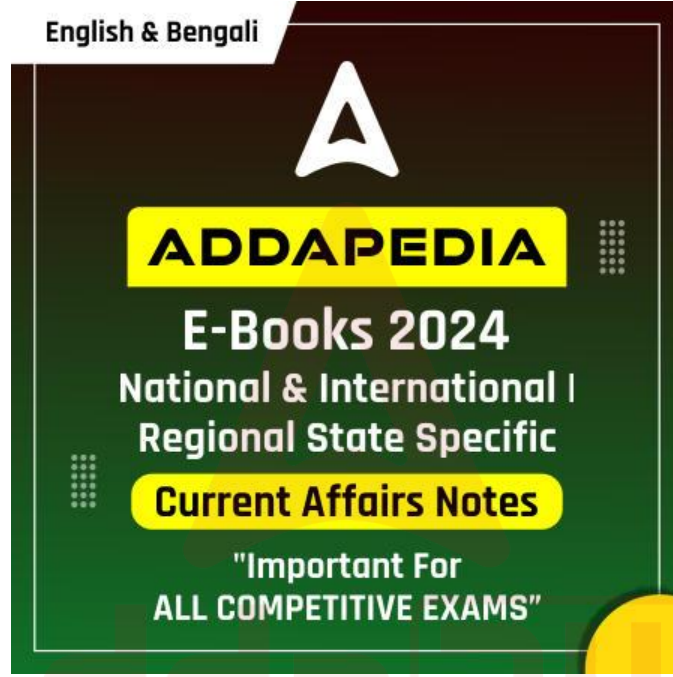
Books & Authors News**The Book Titled 'Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An inseparable bond' Released by Governor of Tamil Nadu**

On a significant day for Tamil literature and cultural heritage, Thiru. R.N. Ravi, the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the release of a groundbreaking book titled "Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An Inseparable Bond". This literary work, authored by the esteemed duo Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari, explores the deep-rooted connection between Lord Rama and the land of Tamilagam, now known as Tamil Nadu.

Miscellaneous News**India sends US\$ 1 million Humanitarian Relief to Vietnam as Operation Sadbhav**

The Government of India has launched Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian relief/assistance to countries affected by Typhoon Yagi. This will Express Solidarity with Storm-Hit Nations, India Dispatches of Aid to Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.

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