



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **Awards**

The Bollywood star who has been chosen to be conferred the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke award for his contribution to Indian cinema – **Mithun Chakraborty**

### **Defence**

The India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise conducted at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand from 30th September to 13th October 2024 is named – **KAZIND-2024**

The Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket developed by IIT Delhi and DRDO is named – **ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat)**

The 5th edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise conducted at Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman from 13 to 26 September 2024 was named – **Exercise Al Najah**

The 7th edition of India-Oman Joint Air Exercise held in Oman from 11th to 22nd September 2024 was named – **Exercise Eastern Bridge VII**

The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise held at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan from 9th to 22nd September 2024 was named – **YUDH ABHYAS-2024**

The 22nd edition of Bilateral Exercise conducted by Indian Navy and French Navy from 02 - 04 Sep 24 in the Mediterranean Sea was named – **Exercise Varuna**

### **Persons**

The new Chief of Air Staff who has taken over the charge on 30 September 2024 – **Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, PVSM, AVSM**

The Sri Lankan leader of Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna party who has become the 10th President of Sri Lanka with effect from 23 September 2024 – **Anura Kumara Dissanayake**

### **Places**

The country which has returned 297 antiquities that had been stolen or trafficked from India – **USA**

The Asian country which has become the first in the world to receive WHO verification for elimination of leprosy – **Jordan**

The new name of Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as announced by the Union Government – **Sri Vijaya Puram**

The city in which Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has opened its first international campus – **Abu Dhabi**

The Indian state which has the Aparajita Bill to curb sexual violence against women – **West Bengal**

### **Sports**

The team which has won the 2024-25 Duleep Trophy by scoring the highest points among the 4 teams – **Team A**

The team which has won the 2024 Durand Cup football tournament defeating the former champions Mohun Bagan in the finals – **North East United**

### **Miscellaneous**

The new name of Pune airport as approved by the Maharashtra government – **Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Pune International Airport**

The contestant from Gujarat who has been crowned Miss India Universe 2024 at the beauty pageant in Jaipur – **Miss Rhea Singha**

The rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2024 released by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation) – **39**

The tropical cyclone which caused large scale destruction Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and Philippines was named – **Typhoon Yagi**

The tropical cyclone which struck East China, Guam, Philippines and the Ryukyu Islands causing widespread rainfall and damage to life and property was named – **Typhoon Bebinca**

### **Earth's New Mini Moon - 2024 PT5**

Asteroid 2024 PT5 is roughly 11 meters (36 ft) in diameter discovered by ATLAS South Africa, Sutherland on 7 August 2024.

The object orbits the Sun but makes slow close approaches to the Earth–Moon system.

The asteroid will pass just outside Earth between 29 September (19:54 UTC) and 25 November 2024 (16:43 UTC) (a period of 1 month and 27 days) and will become temporarily captured by Earth's gravity.

It may be noted that the mini moon will be visible to the naked eye from anywhere on the Earth.

### **45th Chess Olympiad**

Held from 10 to 23 September 2024

Venue: Budapest, Hungary

Final Standings: **Open Category**

1. India
2. United States
3. Uzbekistan

Final Standings: **Women**

1. India
2. Kazakhstan
3. United States

Indian players D. Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi were awarded the Best Players in Open category and Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal were awarded the Best Players in Women category.

India was awarded the Gaprindashvili Trophy at the Olympiad for their best combined performance in Open and Women categories.

### **NPS Vatsalya**

NPS Vatsalya, a pension scheme for minors, was launched by the Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman on 18 Sep 2024.

Eligibility for NPS Vatsalya as follows:

- All minor citizens (age below 18 years).
- Account can be opened in the name of minor and operated by parent or guardian. Minor will be the beneficiary.

- Scheme can be opened through various Points of presence regulated by PFRDA such as major banks, India Post, Pension Funds and Online platform (e-NPS).
- Subscriber to make a minimum contribution of Rs 1000/- per annum. There is no limit on the maximum contribution.
- PFRDA will provide multiple investment choices to subscribers. Subscribers can take exposure in government securities, corporate debt, and equity in different proportions based on risk appetite and desired returns.

On attaining the age of majority, the plan can be converted seamlessly into a normal NPS account.

### US Open 2024

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Taylor Fritz (USA)
Women's Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Jessica Pegula (USA)
Men's Doubles	Max Purcell (Australia) and Jordan Thompson (Australia)	Kevin Krawietz (Germany) and Tim Putz (Germany)
Women's Doubles	Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Kristina Mladenovic (France) and Zhang Shuai (China)
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)	Taylor Townsend and Donald Young (USA)

### Important Days of September

<p><b>International Day of Charity:</b> 05 September 2024            Designated by: United Nations General Assembly            First observed: 2013            Note: 05 September is the death anniversary of Mother Teresa</p>
<p><b>International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies:</b> 07 September 2024            Designated by: United Nations General Assembly            First observed: 2020            Theme: <b>Invest in Clean Air Now</b></p>
<p><b>International Literacy Day:</b> 08 September 2024            Designated by: UNESCO            First observed: 1996            Theme: <b>Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace</b></p>

<p><b>World Suicide Prevention Day: 10 September 2024</b>  Designated by: International Association for Suicide Prevention  First observed: 2003  Theme: <b>Changing the narrative on suicide</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Democracy: 15 September 2024</b>  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First observed: 2008  Theme: <b>Ensuring effective governance of AI at all levels</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer: 16 September 2024</b>  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First observed: 1995</p>
<p><b>World Patient Safety Day: 17 September 2024</b>  Designated by: World Health Organisation  First observed: 2019  Theme: <b>Improving diagnosis for patient safety</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Peace: 21 September 2024</b>  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First observed: 1982  Theme: <b>Cultivating a Culture of Peace</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Sign Languages: 23 September 2024</b>  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First observed: 2020  Theme: <b>Sign up for Sign Language Rights</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: 26 September 2024</b>  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First observed: 2014</p>
<p><b>World Tourism Day: 27 September 2024</b>  Designated by: UNWTO  First observed: 1980  Theme: <b>Tourism and Peace</b></p>
<p><b>World Rabies Day: 28 September 2024</b>  Designated by: Global Alliance for Rabies Control  First observed: 1980  Theme: <b>Breaking Rabies Boundaries</b></p>
<p><b>International Day for Universal Access to Information: 28 September 2024</b>  Designated by: UNESCO  First observed: 2016  Theme: <b>Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector</b></p>
<p><b>World Maritime Day: 28 September 2024</b>  Designated by: International Maritime Organisation  First observed: 1978  Theme: <b>Navigating the Future: Safety First!</b></p>

**International Translation Day: 30 September 2024**

Designated by: Federation of International Translators and UN General Assembly

First observed: 1953 (by FIT) and 2020 (by UN)

## **2024 Summer Paralympics - Paris**

Held from 28.08.2024 to 08.09.2024

Declared open by : French President Emmanuel Macron

Motto: **Games Wide Open**

Mascot: The Phryges. They are two anthropomorphic Phrygian caps, a symbol of France.

Indian flag bearers at the Opening ceremony: **Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav**

Indian flag bearers at the Closing ceremony: **Harvinder Singh and Preethi Pal**

### **Medals tally**

#	Country	G	S	B	Total
1.	China	94	76	50	220
2.	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3.	United States	36	42	27	105
4.	Netherlands	27	17	12	56
5.	Neutral Paralympic Athletes	26	22	23	71
18.	India	7	9	13	29

### **Indian Gold Medal Winners**

#	Athlete	Event
1.	Avani Lekhara	Shooting
2.	Kumar Nitesh	Badminton
3.	Sumit Antil	Athletics (Javelin throw)
4.	Harvinder Singh	Archery
5.	Dharambir Nain	Athletics (Club throw)
6.	Praveen Kymar	Athletics (High jump)
7.	Navdeep Singh	Athletics (Javelin throw)