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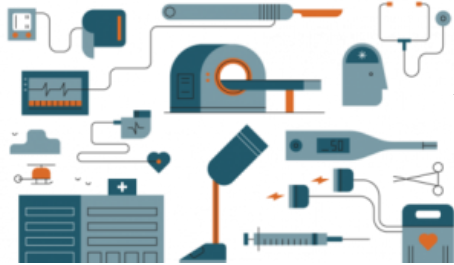
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## Current Affairs: 25/26.09.2021

### Centre notifies Rs 400 crore Scheme for “Promotion of Medical Device Parks” to support the medical devices industry



The **Department of Pharmaceuticals**, under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has notified the **“Scheme for Promotion of Medical Device Parks”**. The scheme aims to create proper infrastructure in the medical device industry sector, through higher levels of investments, to support the industry reach its potential. Total financial outlay of the scheme is **Rs. 400 crore**. The tenure of the scheme is **five years, from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2024-2025**. The Medical Devices Parks will provide common infrastructure facilities at one place to create a robust ecosystem for the medical device manufacturing in the country and also reducing the manufacturing cost significantly.

### World’s Highest EV Charging Station Inaugurated At Kaza in Himachal Pradesh



The world’s **highest electric vehicle charging station** has been inaugurated in **Kaza village of Lahaul and Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh** on September 23, 2021. The electric vehicle charging station is set up at a height of **500 ft**. The aim of this initiative is to check vehicular pollution and promote electric vehicles for a clean and green environment in the region.

### First edition of Himalayan Film Festival begins in Ladakh



The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur inaugurated the **first edition of the Himalayan Film Festival**, organised at **Leh**, in Ladakh from September 24 to 28, 2021. The five-days-long film festival has been organised by the administration of Union Territory of **Ladakh** in collaboration with the **Directorate of Film Festivals (DIFF)** and **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**. The festival has been organised as a part of the celebration of **‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’** commemorating 75 years of India’s Independence.

### WHO revises air quality norms for first time since 2005

The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has announced a tight revision in its **air quality guidelines (AQG)** on September 23, 2021. This is the first revision in the global air quality by WHO since **2005**.

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In the new guidelines, WHO has lowered the acceptable exposure levels to key pollutants, including ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter (PM). The revised thresholds of particulate matter “equal or smaller than 10 and 2.5 microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) in diameter” are as follows:

Pollutant	24-Hour Exposure ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )		Year-long Exposure ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	
	New	Old	New	Old
PM2.5	15	25	5	10
PM10	45	50	15	20

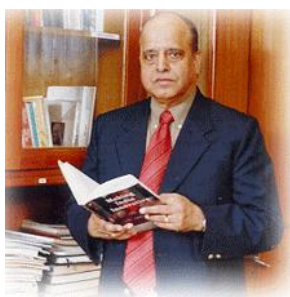
Note:  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  denotes micrograms per cubic meter

## Bitcoin founder Satoshi Nakamoto's first-ever statue unveiled in Budapest, Hungary



A **bronze** statue of Bitcoin's anonymous creator **Satoshi Nakamoto**, has been unveiled in **Budapest, Hungary**. It is the first-ever statue in the world to pay homage to the mysterious cryptocurrency creator. The sculpture has been unveiled at **Graphishop Park**, a technology park in Budapest. The sculpture is the bust of a person wearing a hoodie with a Bitcoin (BTC) logo engraved on it. The featureless face of the bust has been sculpted with vague features to represent Satoshi Nakamoto's anonymity. It is heavily polished to make it reflective like a mirror in which viewers can see themselves.

## Education ministry constitutes panel to develop new national curriculum frameworks (NCFs); Head- Former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan



Dr.K.Kasturirangan

The Union **Ministry of Education** has formed a **12-member committee** to develop new **national curriculum frameworks (NCFs)** for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education. The NCFs serve as a guideline for syllabus, textbook and teaching practices for schools in India. The panel will be headed by **K Kasturirangan**, former chief of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Chairperson of National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) drafting committee. As per the terms of reference of the committee the panel will develop four NCFs, i.e. for school education, early childhood care and education, teacher education and adult education. The panel will be required to keep in focus all the recommendations of NEP-2020 related to these four areas while proposing curriculum reforms. Once developed, it will be the fifth NCF, which comes after a gap of 16 years..



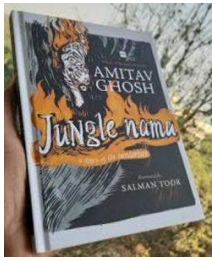
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## Amitav Ghosh's Novel 'Jungle Nama' released as audiobook



The popular novel "**Jungle Nama**" by noted author **Amitav Ghosh**, has been released as an audiobook, which has voice of US-based **Ali Sethi**, along with the music. **Jungle Nama** is basically the verse adaptation of an episode from the famous legend of Bon Bibi, a Bengali tale popular in the villages of the Sundarbans, about the forest goddess, Bon Bibi.

## Odisha to host FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021 in Bhubaneswar



The prestigious **FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021**, is scheduled to be held in **Bhubaneswar**, Odisha, from November 24 to December 05, 2021. The tournament will feature 16 teams from India, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, Egypt, Belgium, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, USA, Canada, Chile and Argentina. The previous edition of the tournament was also held in India in 2016, at Lucknow where India won the

tournament beating Belgium in the Final.

## Antyodaya Divas Being Observed Across India on 25 September



In India, the **Antyodaya Divas** is observed every year on **September 25**, to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. **Antyodaya** means "**uplifting the poorest of the poor**" or "**rise of the last person**". The day was declared by the Modi Government on September 25, 2014 and officially celebrated since 2015. Through **Antyodaya Divas**, the

government wants to carry forward the message of **Upadhyaya** who visualised uplift of the poorest of the poor in the country.

## World Pharmacist Day: 25 September



The **World Pharmacist Day** is observed on **September 25** annually to encourage activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world. 2021 theme : "**Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health**".

The day was designated in 2009 by the FIP Council (International Pharmaceutical Federation or Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique) at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul, Turkey.



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## SAUBHAGYA Scheme Completes 4 years of successful implementation



The **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - “Saubhagya Scheme”** has completed four years of successful implementation, on 25 September 2021. The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th of September, 2017 with an outlay of Rs. 16,320 crore. Saubhagya scheme aims to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas across the country. As of March 31, 2021, **2.82 crore** households have been electrified since the launch of SAUBHAGYA.

## First in-person Quad Leaders’ Summit held in Washington



The first in-person meeting of the **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)** was held on September 24, 2021, at the **White House in Washington D.C.** Quad nation comprise of **India, the United States, Australia and Japan.** The heads of government of Australia, India, Japan, and the United States participated in the Quad leaders meeting, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

The four Pacific nation security cooperation bloc recommended various initiatives to deepen the ties and advance practical cooperation on 21st-century challenges which included:

1. ending the COVID-19 pandemic, including by increasing production and access to safe and effective vaccines;
2. promoting high-standards infrastructure;
3. combatting the climate crisis;
4. partnering on emerging technologies, space, and cybersecurity;
5. cultivating next-generation talent in all of our countries

## Cooperation Minister Amit Shah addresses first ‘National Cooperative Conference’ in New Delhi

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Amit Shah** inaugurated and addressed the first-ever **National Cooperative Conference** (Sehkarita Sammelan) on September 25, 2021 at the **Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.** The minister outlined the government’s vision and roadmap for the development of Cooperative sector. This conference was India’s first such cooperative conference, to provide a platform for accelerating and strengthening Indian cooperatives on the global stage. The conference was organised jointly by the IFFCO, National Cooperative Federation of India, Amul, Sahakar Bharti, NAFED, KRIBHCO and all cooperatives together.

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Over 2,100 representatives from different states and various cooperative sectors across the country participated in the conference to contribute towards realizing the dream of a self-reliant India.

## Apple Co-founder Steve Wozniak Launches Space Startup ‘Privateer Space’

Apple co-founder, **Steve Wozniak** has joined hands with Ripcord Inc. founder **Alex Fielding** to announce a new space company, Privateer Space. The ‘Privateer’ will be a private company with the mission to “keep Space safe and accessible to all humankind”.



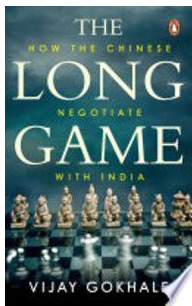
## Former UK PM Gordon Brown appointed as WHO ambassador for Global Health Financing



The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has appointed **Gordon Brown**, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, as its **ambassador for Global Health Financing**, on September 20, 2021. As an ambassador, Brown will work to elevate and support WHO’s work to raise global awareness about the great need for sustained global health financing, particularly from G20 and G7 countries.

## Former Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale pens “The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India”

**Vijay Gokhale**, the former Foreign Secretary of India and Ambassador to China, has written a new book titled **“The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India”**. The book explores the history of how China has negotiated with India, be it the early years after Independence or the current times, based on six historical and recent events in the India-China relationship. The purpose of this book is to identify the strategy, tactics and tools that China employs in its diplomatic negotiations with India, and the learnings for India from its past dealings with China that may prove helpful in future negotiations with the country.



## Nirupama Rao Pens book titled “The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations”

**Nirupama Menon Rao**, a former Foreign Secretary of India, has come out with the book titled **“The Fractured Himalaya: How the Past Shadows the Present in India-China Relations”**. The book is a narration of India’s road to war with China in 1962. The book

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traces how the India and China dealt with one another in their earliest years, from the friendship of the early 1950s to the 1962 war.



## World Environmental Health Day: 26 September

In 2011, the **International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH)** declared to observe World Environmental Health Day on **26 September** every year. The Theme for the 2021 World Environmental Health Day: **“Prioritizing Environmental Health for healthier communities in global recovery.”** The IFEH was established in 1986 and is based in London, England.

## International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons : 26 September



The **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (or Nuclear Abolition Day)** is held every year on **September 26** since 2014. The day was declared by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in 2013. The aims of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.