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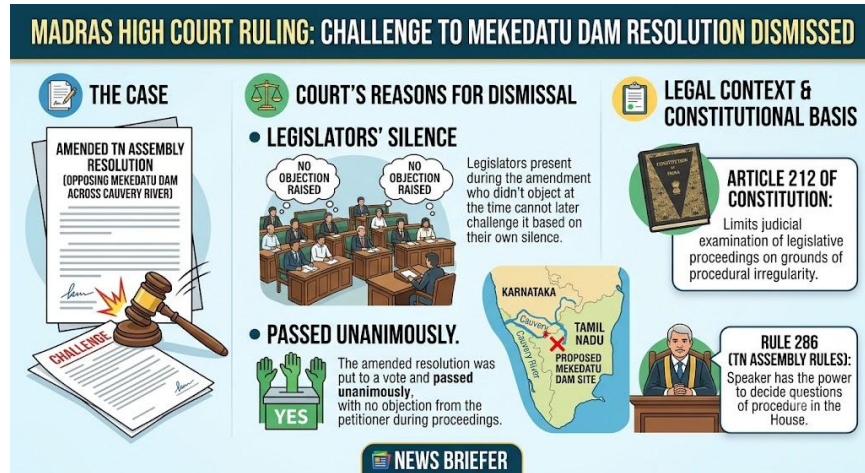
- ❖ Nagaland-set film Angh, directed by Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize at the 2026 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).
- ❖ Savita Punia became India's most-capped women's hockey player after making her 321st international appearance at the Asian Games 2026 in Japan.
- ❖ Suchika Tariyal won bronze in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, becoming India's first Asian Games medallist in MMA.
- ❖ The 18th edition of Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT, an annual India–Mongolia bilateral military exercise, began in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The first meeting of the Sowa-Rigpa Working Group was held in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, to develop Sowa-Rigpa Pharmacopoeias and Formularies and support quality standards, regulatory requirements, and quality assurance of Sowa-Rigpa medicines.
- ❖ A new flowering plant species, Begonia neelamorum, has been found in Keyi Panyor district, Arunachal Pradesh.
 - The species is named after the Neelam clan of the Nyishi community and is locally called “kobiirhopu baabrai.”
- ❖ World Maritime Day is observed on 24 September annually to highlight the importance of international shipping and maritime safety, security and environmental protection.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is “From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence.”

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Madras HC on Mekedatu Resolution

- ❖ The Madras High Court dismissed a plea challenging the amended Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly resolution on the proposed Mekedatu dam across the Cauvery River.
- ❖ The court held that legislators who were present during the amendment and did not object at the time cannot later challenge it based on their own silence.
- ❖ The amended resolution included a request to the Centre to constitute a tribunal to resolve the Tamil Nadu–Karnataka Mekedatu dispute.

- ❖ The court noted that the amended resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously, with no objection raised by the petitioner during the proceedings.
- ❖ Article 212 of the Constitution limits judicial examination of legislative proceedings on grounds of procedural irregularity.
- ❖ Rule 286 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules gives the Speaker power to decide questions of procedure arising in the House.



Madras HC on Resigned MLAs

Madras High Court: Can't take legislative role to punish resigning MLAs

The Madras High Court has dismissed a plea seeking a five-year ban on legislators who voluntarily resign from contesting future elections, holding that such a law can be made only by the Legislature.

- ❖ The Madras High Court dismissed a plea seeking a five-year ban on legislators who resign and re-contest in the resulting bypolls.
- ❖ The court said Parliament or the legislature must make a law to prevent such resignations followed by re-contesting.
- ❖ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has no power to create a new five-year disqualification or recover by poll expenses without a law.

- ❖ The plea also sought to stop the Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly bypolls scheduled for October 6, 2026, but the court did not grant the stay.
- ❖ The case concerned legislators who resigned after winning elections and later sought to contest the resulting bypolls on another party's ticket.
- ❖ The court held that courts cannot create new statutory restrictions through judicial orders when such rules require legislation.

NATIONAL NEWS

Digital Communications Commission

- ❖ The Government of India dissolved the Digital Communications Commission (DCC) after nearly 37 years of functioning.
- ❖ The DCC was originally established as the Telecom Commission in April 1989 and renamed DCC in October 2018.
- ❖ It was the apex inter-departmental body for telecommunication and digital communication policy and administrative matters.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved its dissolution on 16 September 2026, and the government resolution took effect on 19 September 2026.
- ❖ The decision followed overlap between DCC members and Department of Telecommunications (DoT) advisers, along with vacant key posts.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Partners for Multilateralism

- ❖ India attended the inaugural Partners for Multilateralism (P4M) Summit held on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

- ❖ P4M is a coalition of middle powers, regional organisations and developing countries aimed at strengthening multilateral cooperation.
- ❖ European Union (EU), Brazil, Canada and Kenya are the founding initiators; India, Australia and Barbados joined as initial co-sponsors and participants.
- ❖ The grouping seeks reforms in the United Nations (UN) and global financial institutions to improve representation and effectiveness.
- ❖ It focuses on common global issues such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), climate change, pandemics, supply-chain resilience and digital transformation.



Global Pesticide Review

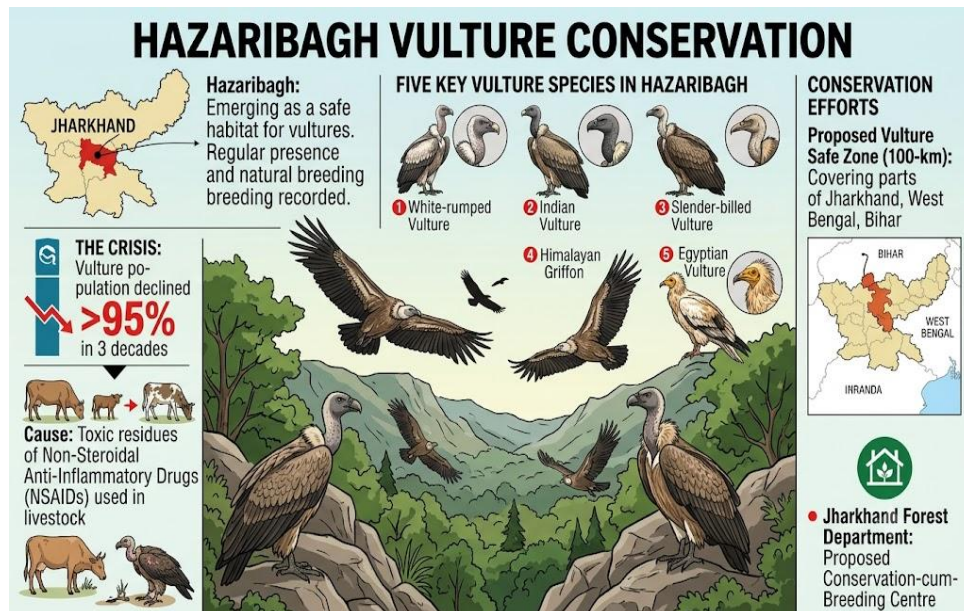


- ❖ The Chemical Review Committee (CRC-22) of the Rotterdam Convention adopted a Decision Guidance Document on the insecticide methyl parathion at its meeting in Rome, Italy.

- ❖ Methyl parathion is an organophosphorus insecticide used to control insects in crops such as cereals, fruits, vegetables and cotton.
- ❖ It is highly toxic to humans, birds, honeybees and aquatic animals.
- ❖ Brazil and the European Union (EU) have already banned the production, sale and use of products containing methyl parathion.
- ❖ The guidance document has been forwarded to the Conference of the Parties (COP) for final review; if approved, methyl parathion will come under the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure for international trade.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Hazaribagh Vulture Conservation



- ❖ Hazaribagh, Jharkhand is emerging as a safe habitat for vultures, with regular presence and natural breeding recorded.
- ❖ Five of the nine vulture species found in India occur in Hazaribagh: White-rumped Vulture, Indian Vulture, Slender-billed Vulture, Himalayan Griffon and Egyptian Vulture.
- ❖ The Jharkhand Forest Department has proposed a conservation-cum-breeding centre in Hazaribagh.
- ❖ India's vulture population has declined by more than 95% in the past three decades, mainly due to toxic residues of some Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) used for livestock.

- ❖ A proposed 100-km vulture safe zone will cover areas of Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar.

REPORTS AND INDICES

WHO-UNICEF WASH Report 2026

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) released the "Progress on Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools 2015–2025" report under the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).
- ❖ WASH means access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation facilities and basic hygiene services.
- ❖ In 2025, 429 million school-age children lacked basic drinking water, 460 million lacked basic sanitation, and 362 million lacked basic hygiene services at school.
- ❖ In India, 50 million school-age children lacked any sanitation service at school in 2025; India is among 28 of 62 countries on track for universal basic drinking-water coverage by 2030.
- ❖ WASH supports Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 on health and SDG 6 on water and sanitation.

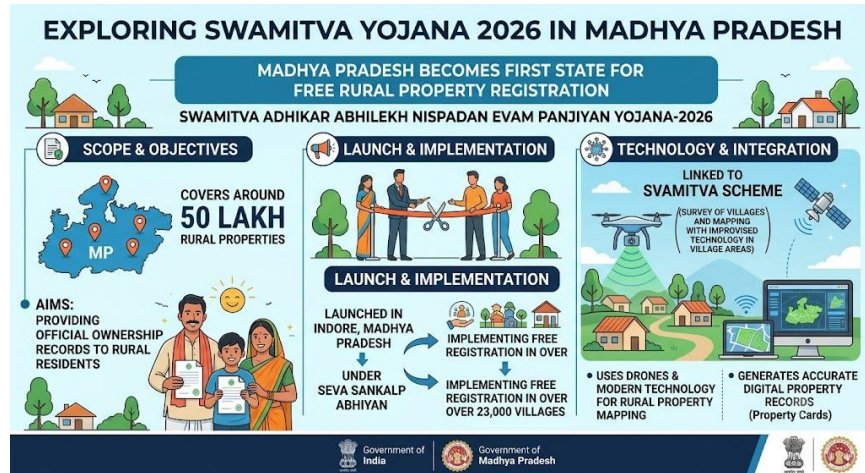


STATE NEWS

Swamitva Yojana 2026

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh became the first State to offer free registration of rural properties under the Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana-2026.

- ❖ The scheme covers around 50 lakh rural properties and aims to provide ownership records to rural residents.
- ❖ The scheme was launched in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan.
- ❖ Free registration is being carried out across more than 23,000 villages.
- ❖ The initiative is linked to the SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) Scheme, which uses technology for rural property mapping and property records.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Sign Languages 2026 - September 23



- ❖ The day highlights the importance of recognising, protecting and promoting the human rights of deaf people through national sign languages.
- ❖ 2026 marks the 75th anniversary of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and 20 years of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).



- ❖ More than 70 million deaf people live worldwide, using over 300 different sign languages.
- ❖ The day was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2026 is “Declaring Deaf People’s Human Rights.”

