

Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025



Index

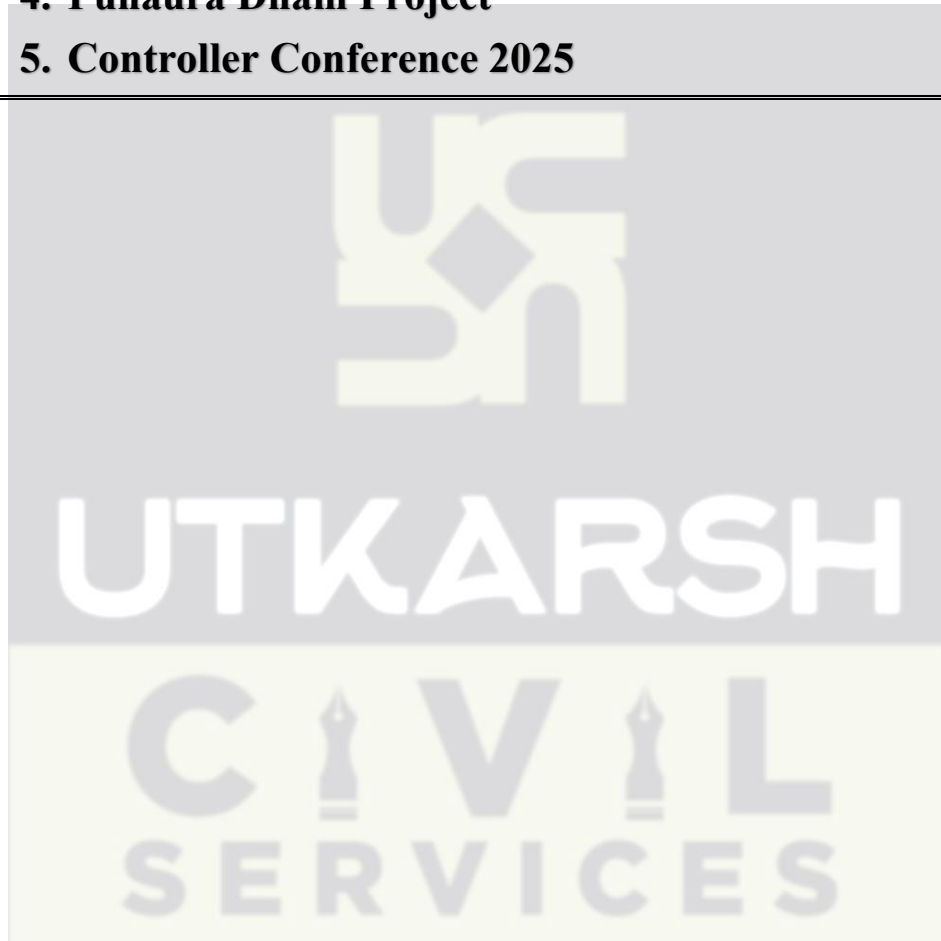
Sr. No.	Topic
1.	Dholpur Science Centre
2.	News in Shorts(Rajasthan) 1. Shahnur Ali 2. World Police and Fire Games 2025 (2 more medals for Rajasthan)
3.	Variable Reverse Repo Rate (VRRR)
4.	Charan Paduka Scheme
5.	First state to distribute ration through face authentication
6.	New Development Bank (NDB)
7.	First Caribbean country to adopt UPI - Trinidad and Tobago
8.	Prime Minister's visit to Brazil
9.	GOSAT-GW satellite
10.	Ja-Mata joint military exercise
11.	Dharmachakrapravartana Day
12.	World Zoonotic Disease Prevention Day
13.	Sahil Kini: New CEO of RBI Innovation Hub

--:1:--

14.

News in Shorts

1. CONCACAF Gold Cup – 2025
2. Bengaluru City University name change
3. First woman President of Suriname
4. Punaura Dham Project
5. Controller Conference 2025



Rajasthan

Dholpur Science Centre

➔ Why in News?

- On July 08, 2025, Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Dholpur Science Center.



➔ Main Point

- Developed by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in collaboration with the National Institute of Immunology (NII) and the National Science Centre, the centre is part of the national initiative to set up science museums in aspirational districts across the country.
- The centre will act as a hub of innovation and scientific curiosity for school children and youth in the region.

--:3:--

❖ Facts for Prelims:

Aspirational District Programme

- ◆ The 'Aspirational District Programme' was launched by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the state governments in the year 2018 with the aim of holistic development of 112 underdeveloped districts across the country.
- ◆ These districts have been identified on the basis of impact of socio-economic indicators.

5 Indicators:

- ◆ **Health and Nutrition** – 30 percent.
- ◆ **Education** – 30 percent.
- ◆ **Agriculture and water resources** – 20 percent.
- ◆ **Financial inclusion and skill development** – 10 percent.
- ◆ **Basic infrastructure** – 10 percent.
- ◆ **5 aspiring districts of Rajasthan:** Baran, Karauli, Jaisalmer, Dholpur and Sirohi.

News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Shahnur Ali</p> <p>♦ Shahnur Ali of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the Mini Junior (Under-12) National Fencing Championship held from July 5 to 7, 2025 in Nashik, Maharashtra.</p>
2.	<p>World Police and Fire Games 2025 (2 more medals for Rajasthan)</p> <div></div> <p>♦ Chhagan Lal Meena, Head Constable of Rajasthan Police won the gold medal in wrestling in the 77 kg weight category.</p> <p>♦ Krishna Sharma, Sub Inspector in Rajasthan Police won the gold medal in boxing.</p>

National

Variable Reverse Repo Rate (VRRR)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to conduct a 7-day Variable Reverse Repo Rate (VRRR) auction worth Rs 1 lakh crore to control the excess liquidity prevailing in the banking system.



➔ Main Point

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has conducted the VRRR (Variable Rate Reverse Repo) auction to keep the overnight rates on the TREPS platform near the lower limit of the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) corridor, i.e. between 5.25 and 5.75 percent.
- TREPS is an online platform in India where banks, mutual funds, NBFCs and other financial institutions transact short-term debt (borrowing and lending) among themselves.
- This platform works under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and is operated by the Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL).
- **There are three parties in it** – the borrower (borrower), the lender (lender) and a third party i.e. CCIL, which makes the transaction secure and transparent.

Variable Reverse Repo Rate (VRRR):

- **Variable Reverse Repo Rate (VRRR) is a monetary policy tool used by RBI. It is used to draw excess cash (liquidity) from banks. Under this, RBI conducts an auction, in which banks bid for the interest rate in exchange for keeping their money with RBI for a fixed period.**
- **In contrast, the reverse repo rate is a fixed rate, which is already decided by RBI. In this, banks deposit their excess money with RBI without bidding.**
- **Because of this, VRRR is more flexible and based on market demand and supply.**



Charan Paduka Scheme

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Chhattisgarh government has relaunched the 'Charan Paduka Yojana' for tendu leaf collectors.

➔ Main Point

- Charan Paduka Yojana of Chhattisgarh government is a welfare scheme, which has been launched especially for tendu leaf collectors.
- While collecting tendu leaves, tribal and forest laborers have to walk in the forests, due to which their feet get injured. In view of this difficulty, the government decided to give them free slippers (paduka).
- Tendu leaves are mainly used in making beedis. Apart from this, they are also used for medicinal purposes.



First state to distribute ration through face authentication

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Himachal Pradesh government has introduced a new technology called face authentication for distribution of ration under the Public Distribution System (PDS).



➔ Main Point

- Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to introduce face authentication in the Public Distribution System.
- Now people will be able to prove their identity through face scan to get ration in the state. This process is linked to the Aadhar card, so that identity can be confirmed easily and correctly.
- **Objective:**
 - To increase transparency.
 - To prevent fake beneficiaries.
 - To make ration distribution easy and accurate.
- Authentication is done through a mobile app, which will be installed in the smartphone of the Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealer.

--:9:--

International

New Development Bank (NDB)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Colombia and Uzbekistan joined as the latest members of the New Development Bank (NDB).



➔ Main Point

- This announcement was made after the 10th meeting of the Board of Directors just before the 17th BRICS summit.
- The number of members of the New Development Bank (NDB) has increased to 11.

New Development Bank (NDB):

- **Establishment:** NDB was established jointly by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS countries).
- It was launched on July 15, 2014 during the BRICS summit in Fortaleza city of Brazil and started functioning from July 21, 2015.
- **Headquarters:** Shanghai, China.
- **Chairman:** Dilma Rousseff.
- **Regional Offices:** Its regional offices are in GIFT City of Gujarat, South Africa and Brazil.
- **Objective:** It is a multilateral development bank aimed at mobilizing and helping to fund infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging markets and developing countries.
- **Member countries:** Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh (2021), United Arab Emirates (UAE) (2021), Egypt (2023), Algeria (2025), Colombia (2025) and Uzbekistan (2025) are its members.
- **Membership:** Membership of NDB is open to all UN countries, whether they take loans or not.
- **Capital and stake:** The initial authorized capital of the bank was \$100 billion. The 5 founding countries have contributed an equal share of \$50 billion in it.
- **Voting power:** At least 55 percent of the voting power of these 5 founding countries will be reserved.

First Caribbean country to adopt UPI - Trinidad and Tobago

➔ Why in News?

- Trinidad and Tobago became the first Caribbean country to adopt India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).



➔ Main Point

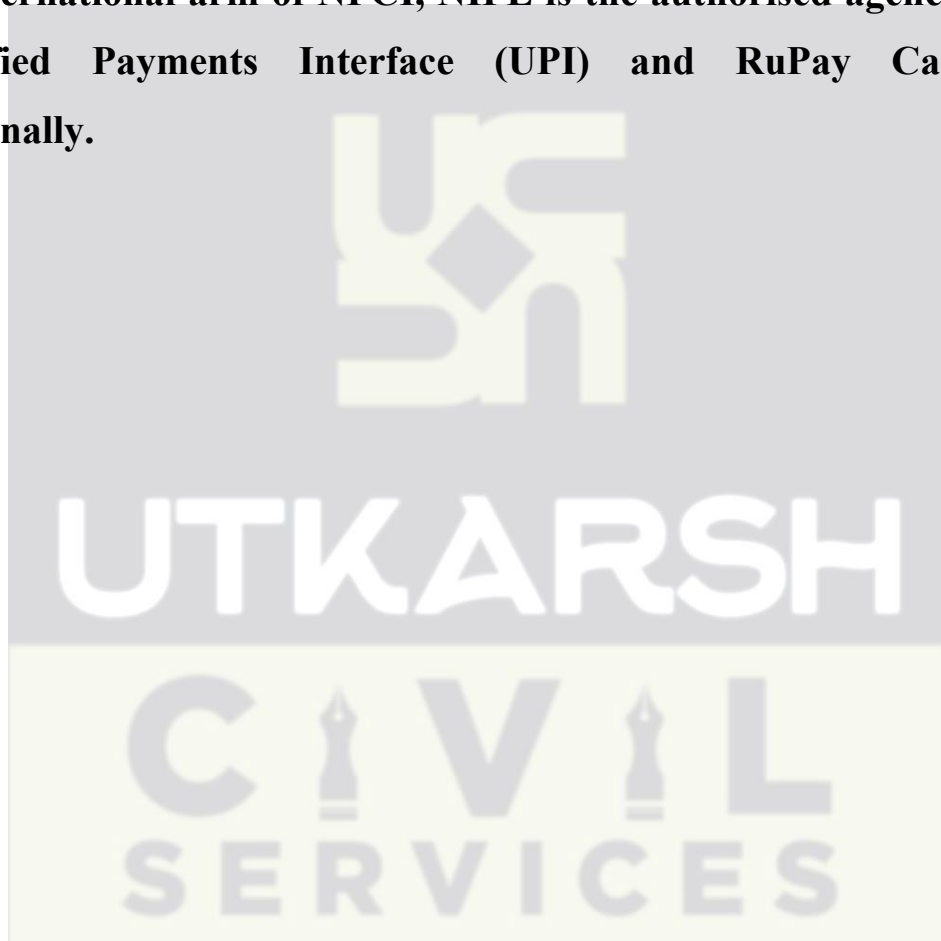
- Globally, 8 countries have so far adopted Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in their payment systems and other transactions.
- **Eight countries:** France, United Arab Emirates, Bhutan (first neighbour to adopt QR-based UPI), Nepal, Mauritius (jointly adopted UPI + RuPay card services), Sri Lanka, Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago.

Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that allows multiple bank accounts to be operated in a single mobile application. Also, it facilitates seamless fund routing and merchant payment system by merging multiple banking facilities.
- UPI system is realizing the vision of 'Digital India' and 'Cashless India' of the Government of India.
- It also caters to 'peer to peer' collection requests which can be scheduled and paid as per requirement and convenience.
- The UPI system was launched on April 11, 2016 in Mumbai by Dr. Raghuram Rajan, the then Governor of Reserve Bank of India, as a pilot project with 21 member banks under the aegis of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)

- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) was incorporated on April 3, 2020 as a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- As the international arm of NPCI, NIPL is the authorised agency to expand the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and RuPay Card scheme internationally.



Prime Minister's visit to Brazil

➔ Why in News?

- On 6th to 7th July, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited two cities, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia, to attend the 17th BRICS Summit and for a state visit to Brazil.



➔ Main Point

- The Prime Minister arrived in Brazil as part of a state visit to five countries - Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia - from 2nd to 9th July, 2025.
- This visit is the first bilateral visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Brazil since the 1960s.

Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025



- Both Brazil and India are members of multinational forums such as BRICS, G-21, G-4, International Solar Alliance and Biofuture Platform.
- During this, Prime Minister Modi was honored with Brazil's highest civilian honor 'Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross'.
- This honor is the 26th global honor received by Prime Minister Modi.

MoUs/Agreements signed between the two sides:

1. Agreement on cooperation in combating international terrorism and transnational organized crime.
2. MoU on cooperation for sharing of breakthrough large-scale digital solutions for digital transformation.
3. MoU on cooperation in renewable energy.
4. MoU on agricultural research between Embrapa and Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
5. Agreement on exchange and reciprocal protection of classified information.
6. MoU on cooperation in the field of intellectual property between DPIIT of India and the Secretariat for Competitiveness and Regulatory Policy of MDIC of Brazil.

Other key announcements:

1. Establishment of ministerial mechanism for monitoring trade, commerce and investment.
2. India will cooperate in implementing UPI system for digital payments in Brazil.
3. Agreement on expanding the scope of Mercosur trade agreement.
4. Ambitious target to take bilateral trade to \$20 billion.

-:15:-

17th BRICS Summit:

- **Event:** 6 to 7 July 2025 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- **Theme:** Environment, COP 30 and global health.
- **Members:** 11 countries

Other important points

Brazil:

- According to the Ministry of External Affairs, bilateral trade between India and Brazil reached \$12.20 billion in the financial year 2024-25, with Indian exports to Brazil totaling \$6.77 billion and imports from Brazil totaling \$5.43 billion.



Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025



**CIVIL
SERVICES**

Global honours conferred on the Prime Minister in the year 2025:

Honours	Country
Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III	Cyprus
The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago (First foreign leader to be awarded the Caribbean country's highest civilian honour)
Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana	Ghana



-:17:-



उत्कर्ष®

Jodhpur : JALORI GATE CIRCLE, JODHPUR | Support@utkarsh.com | Call us at : 9829 213 213
Jaipur : NEAR MAHESH NAGAR THANA, GOPALPURA BYPASS ROAD, JAIPUR

Science and Technology

GOSAT-GW satellite

➔ Why in News?

- On June 28, 2025, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched a satellite called GOSAT-GW.
- It is the third satellite in Japan's GOSAT series.



➔ Main Point

- **GOSAT-GW:** Global Observing Satellite for Greenhouse Gases and Water Cycles.
- **Launch:** June 28, 2025 from Yoshinobu Launch Complex (LP-1), Tanegashima Space Center.
- **Rocket:** H-2A rocket (50th and last mission)

--:18::--

Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025

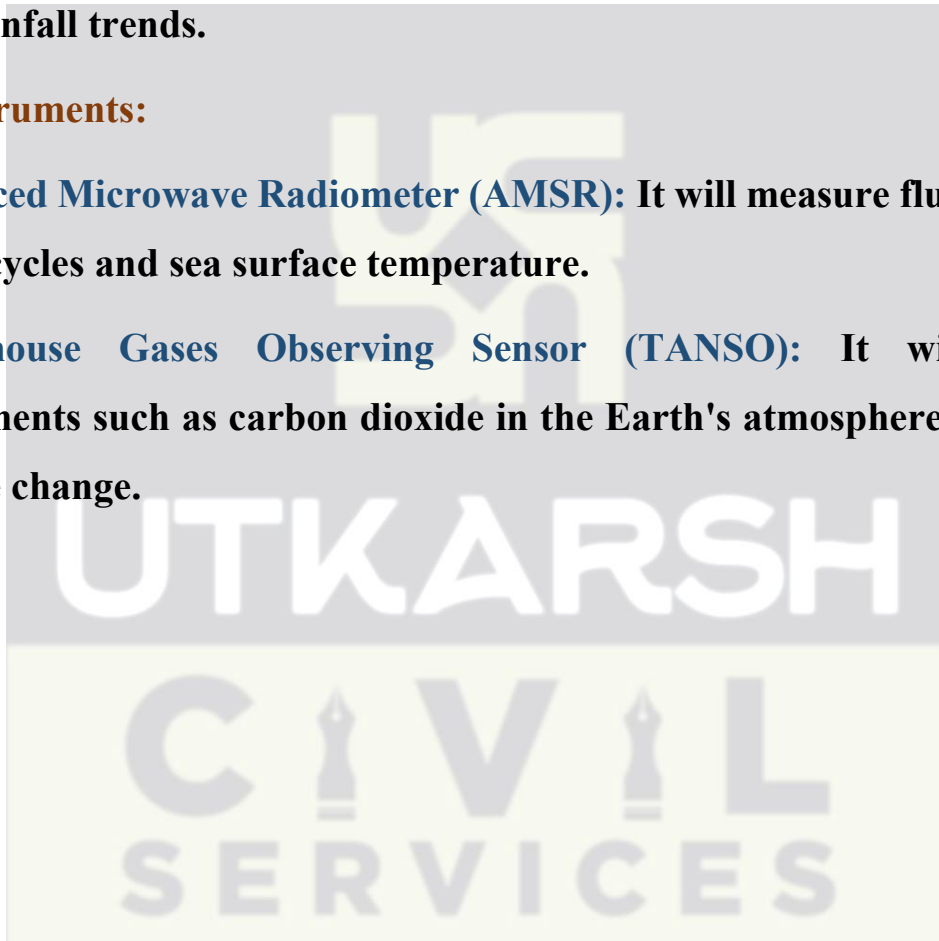


■ Objective:

- **Monitor greenhouse gases:** Collect data on carbon dioxide, methane and other gases that affect climate.
- **Study the global water cycle:** Measure sea surface temperature, cloud cover and rainfall trends.

■ Main instruments:

- **Advanced Microwave Radiometer (AMSR):** It will measure fluctuations in water cycles and sea surface temperature.
- **Greenhouse Gases Observing Sensor (TANSO):** It will monitor components such as carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere to measure climate change.



Ja-Mata joint military exercise

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Japan Coast Guard Ship 'Itsukushima' arrived in Chennai to participate in the joint exercise 'Ja Mata'.



➔ Main Point

- 'Itsukushima' is a Japanese word, which means 'see you again'.
- This exercise is a joint maritime exercise between the Coast Guard forces of Japan and India.
- The main objective of this exercise is to increase the effectiveness of joint operations, improve combat skills and strengthen interoperability.

-:20:-

Exercises between India and Japan:

■ Bilateral exercises:

- Dharma Guardian (since 2018)
- JIMEX (since 2012)
- Veer Guardian (since 2023)
- Shinyu Maitri Exercise (First edition held from 13 February – 2 March 2023)

■ Multilateral exercises:

- Malabar Exercise.
- Milan Exercise.
- Co-operation Kaijin Exercise.

Important Days

Dhammachakrapravartana Day

➔ Why in News?

- Dhammacakkappavattana Day will be celebrated by IBC on July 10, 2025.



➔ Main Point

- **Event:** Organised on the occasion of Ashadh Purnima on July 10, 2025.
- **Venue:** Mulgandha Kuti Vihar, Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Organiser:** International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) under the Ministry of Culture.
- **Collaboration:** Mahabodhi Society of India.
- **Reason:** On this day, Lord Buddha preached for the first time to the Panchavargiya (five ascetic companions) in the deer park of Rishipatan Mrigadaya, popularly known as Sarnath.
- It was in Sarnath that Lord Buddha laid the foundation of Buddha Dhamma and shared the knowledge of the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path.

Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025



Other important points

Important events related to Lord Buddha :

Leaving home	Mahabhinishkraman
Getting knowledge	Nirvana
First sermon	Dharmachakrapravartan
Death	Mahaparinirvana

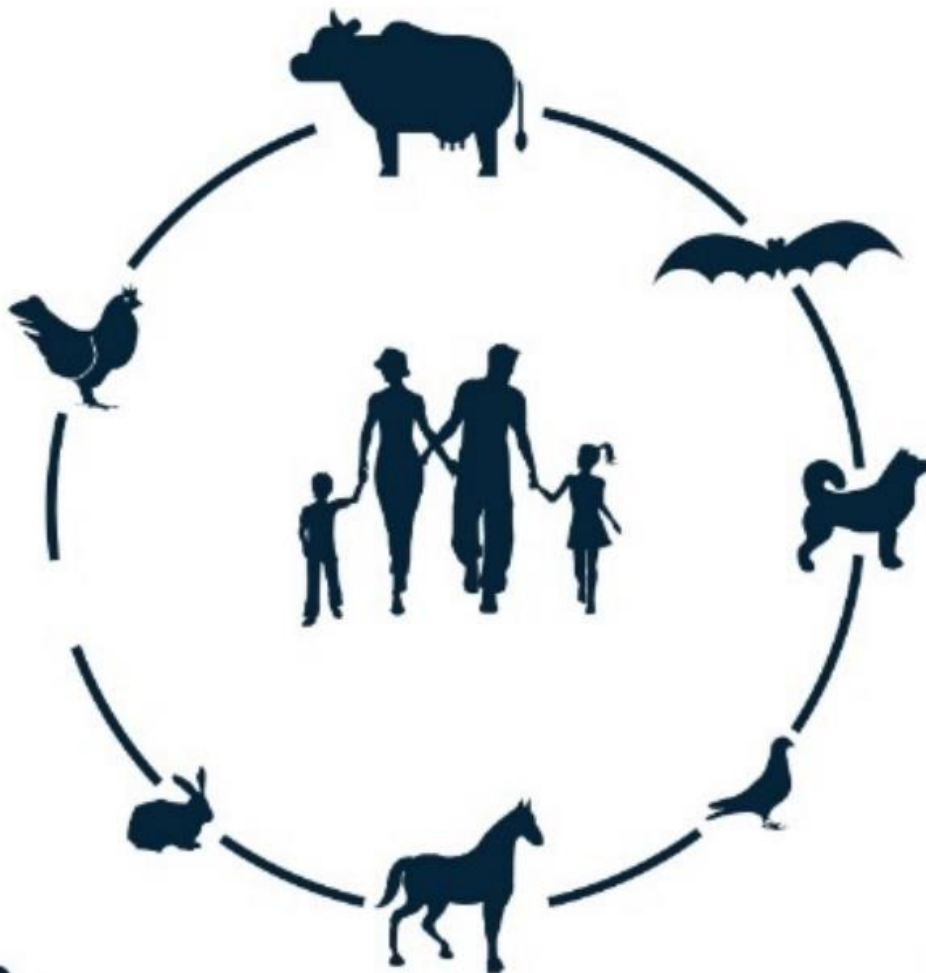
- **International Buddhist Confederation (IBC):** Established following the Global Buddhist Conference in New Delhi in 2012, the International Buddhist Confederation is the world's first organisation bringing together Buddhist lay organizations, monastic orders and lay institutions in 39 countries and over 320 member bodies.

World Zoonotic Disease Prevention Day

➔ Why in News?

- World Zoonotic Disease Prevention Day is celebrated every year on 6 July.

TAKE A PLEDGE TO PREVENT ZOO NOTIC DISEASES



WORLD
ZOO NOSES DAY

JULY
6TH

➡ Main Point

- **Historical Background:** French scientist Louis Pasteur developed the first vaccine for rabies, this day is celebrated in his honor.
- **Objective:** To make people aware about diseases transmitted from animals to humans.

Other Important Points

Zoonotic Diseases:

- **Origin of the word zoonotic:** From the Greek words zoon (animal) and nosos (disease).
- **Meaning:** Diseases transmitted between animals and humans.
- **Cause of zoonotic disease:** Bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi.

Major diseases :

Zoonotic diseases	Pathogens	Animals
Animal influenza	Influenza A virus	Other livestock including pigs
Avian influenza	Influenza A virus	Chicken, ducks
Hantavirus syndrome	Hantavirus	Rats
Hepatitis E	Hepatitis E virus	Pigs, wild boars, deer
Q fever	Coxiella burnetii	Cattle, sheep, goats, cats

Daily Current Affairs

Date : 09 July, 2025



Yellow fever	Yellow fever virus	Monkeys
Plague	Yersinia pestis	Rats, fleas
Nipah virus infection	Nipah virus	Fruit bats
Lassa fever	Lassa virus	Multi-mammalian rodents
Ebola virus disease	Ebola virus	Unknown
Ringworm	Dermatophyte fungi	Many animal species
Rabies	Rabies virus and other lyssaviruses	Dogs, bats, foxes, cats



Personalities

Sahil Kini: New CEO of RBI Innovation Hub

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Sahil Kini, a fintech entrepreneur and former co-founder of Setu Company, was appointed as the new CEO of Bengaluru-based Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).





➔ Main Point

- He will replace Rajesh Bansal, former CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH):

- RBIH is a company owned by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It has been created to promote and simplify innovation in India's financial sector.
- It develops shared solutions and strategies by bringing together all financial stakeholders such as banks, fintech companies, policy makers, technical experts and investors.
- RBIH helps make India a global innovation hub.
- It aims to provide safe, cheap and easy financial services to more than a billion people.

News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>CONCACAF Gold Cup – 2025</p>  <p>◆ On July 6, 2025, Mexico won the CONCACAF Gold Cup – 2025 title for the 10th time by defeating the United States at the NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.</p>
2.	<p>Bengaluru City University name change</p>  <p>◆ Recently, the Karnataka Cabinet approved renaming Bengaluru City University after Manmohan Singh.</p> <p>◆ This is the first university in the country named after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.</p> <p>◆ Manmohan Singh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Death: 26 December, 2024○ He is considered the architect of economic reforms in India.

3.

First woman President of Suriname



- ◆ Jennifer Geerlings-Simons was elected as the first female president of the South American country Suriname.
- ◆ She is the head of the National Democratic Party who will take oath as president on July 16, 2025.
- ◆ The President of Suriname is elected indirectly. After the general election, members of the National Assembly vote for the president and a candidate must secure a two-thirds majority to win.

4.

Punaura Dham Project



- ◆ The Bihar government approved a project worth Rs 882.87 crore for the overall development of Punaura Dham, the birthplace of Mother Sita, located in Sitamarhi district.
- ◆ Under this project, Punaura Dham will be connected to the Ramayana Circuit.
- ◆ This scheme will be implemented under the EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) model.

5.

Controller Conference 2025



- ◆ **Controllers' Conference 2025** was organised in New Delhi from 7th to 9th July, 2025, hosted by Defence Accounts Department (DAD).
- ◆ **Theme of 2025 Conference:** 'Transformation in Financial Advice, Payments, Auditing and Accounting through Defence Finance and Economics.'

CIVIL
SERVICES