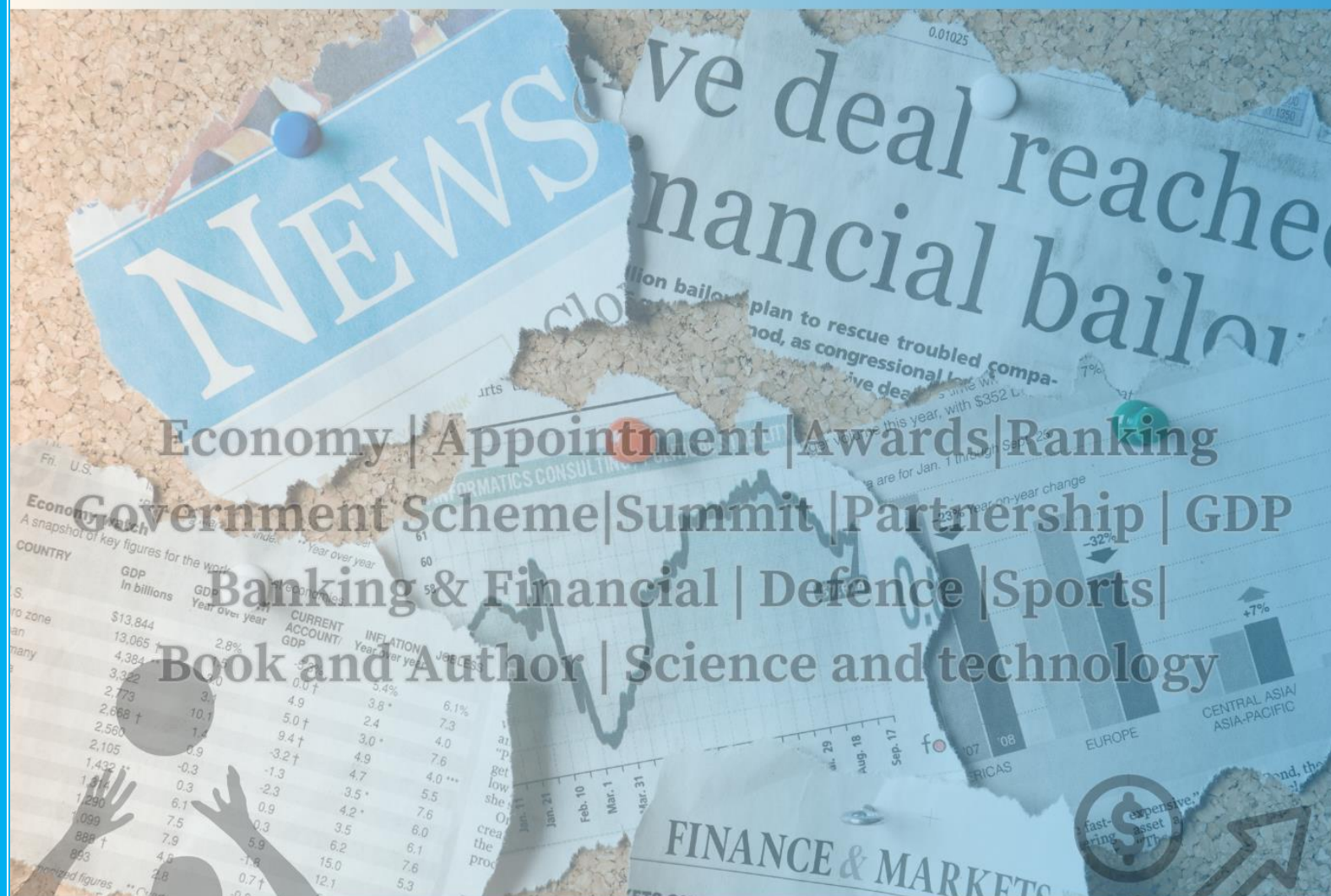


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Current Affairs Today 24th September 2024 Daily GK Update

National News

FSSAI, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil sign MoU for food safety collaboration

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has signed a MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of Brazil in the area of food safety.
- The MoU was signed by Agriculture and Livestock Minister Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro and CEO of FSSAI, G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulators Summit in New Delhi.
- The MoU demonstrates India's dedication to food safety and signifies a major advancement in its ongoing efforts to enhance international collaboration in food safety.
- FSSAI also conducted a bilateral meeting with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulators Summit. The meeting focused on the implementation protocol of the agreement signed between India and BFDA in March this year during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- This Agreement underscores a mutual commitment to enhance food safety by aligning regulatory frameworks, simplifying the Food Import Procedure, and fostering technical collaboration.

About Brazil

- **Capital** - Brasília
- **Currency** - Brazilian Real
- **President** - Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

India signs agreements on clean and fair economy under Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

- India has signed the first-of-its-kind agreements focused on a Clean Economy, Fair Economy, and the overarching Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in Delaware, USA.
- These agreements were exchanged under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) for prosperity yesterday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a three-day visit to the US for the Quad Summit.
- The Agreement on Clean Economy intends to promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations.
- It will facilitate investments and project financing, including concessional financing, as well as joint collaborative projects, with a particular emphasis on supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The Fair Economy Agreement seeks to create a more transparent and predictable trade and investment environment across the Indo-Pacific. Meanwhile, the overarching IPEF Agreement aims to establish a high-level political oversight framework at the

ministerial level for the various individual IPEF agreements, providing general guidance and goals while aligning with leaders' vision and mandate for the IPEF.

About Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

- IPEF was launched on 23 May 2022 in Tokyo, Japan, comprising 14 countries – Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and USA.
- The IPEF seeks to strengthen economic engagement and cooperation among partner countries to advance growth and economic stability.
- The framework is structured around four pillars relating to Trade (Pillar I); Supply Chain Resilience (Pillar II); Clean Economy (Pillar III); and Fair Economy (Pillar IV).
- India has ratified Agreement on Supply Chain Resilience (Pillar II) in February 2024 and has maintained an observer status in Pillar-I.

India and Bhutan Deepen Cooperation on Food Safety and Regulatory Standards

- **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare conducted a bilateral meeting with the **Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA)** on the sidelines of the **Global Food Regulators Summit**, at Bharat Mandapam.
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- This Agreement underscores a mutual commitment to enhance food safety, aligning regulatory frameworks, simplifying the Food Import Procedure and fostering technical collaboration. The Agreement aims to recognize the official control exercised by BFDA over food business operators (FBOs) by the FSSAI.
- The Agreement further seeks to enhance technical cooperation between FSSAI and BFDA, establishing a functional mechanism to facilitate and develop trade between the two countries.

Recently India signed MoUs with others countries

- India, European Union agree to deepen cooperation in Sustainable Water Management
- FSSAI, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil sign MoU for food safety collaboration
- India-Denmark Maritime collaboration gathers momentum with focus on Green Shipping, Digitalization, and Sustainable Development
- Indian Navy and South African Navy sign agreement to enhance submarine rescue support cooperation
- India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives sign Charter and MoU for establishment of Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat

IBM and NTT Data launches SimpliZCloud to Revamp India's Financial Services Sector

- **NTT DATA and IBM** have launched **SimpliZCloud**, a fully managed cloud service built on **IBM LinuxONE**.

- The service is designed to support the infrastructure needs of critical workloads like those in financial services organizations including core banking applications, lending and risk management applications.
- This solution offers the opportunity to optimize infrastructure investments and ongoing costs by consolidating resources and spending, especially enterprise software license costs. The subscription-based model also helps avoid expensive capital investment and maintenance costs.
- SimpliZCloud is built on a secure, scalable, and integrated architecture that delivers dedicated compute and storage resources, powered by Software Defined Networking (SDN). The service offers a jump in performance over traditional x86 architecture-based environments, claims the company.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana in collaboration with the Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality

- The **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)**, under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), **in collaboration with the Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE)** successfully **hosted the National Conclave on Gender Mainstreaming in New Delhi**.
- The conclave focused on strengthening gender-responsive community institutions and discussed strategies for advancing gender integration within the DAY-NRLM framework.
- DAY-NRLM provides a unique opportunity to empower women by addressing structural inequalities and strengthening women's collectives, voice, and agency.

Mizoram govt introduces Financial Assistance Scheme for Farmers and Small Entrepreneurs

- **The Mizoram government** has launched a **financial assistance and support programme, 'Bana Kaih'**, for small entrepreneurs and farmers of the state.
- This scheme aims to **provide financial assistance to farmers growing ginger, turmeric, Mizo chilli, and broomsticks**. These crops will be purchased through farmer societies established in villages.
- Under this initiative, the government has set minimum prices for these cash crops. If farmers sell their produce below these rates, they will receive support prices. However, if they manage to sell at higher prices, the government will not intervene.
- Additionally, paddy unhusked rice will be bought at Rs 30 per kg from Kolasib and Mamit districts.
- The state government has allocated Rs 200 crore for the scheme's implementation in 2024-25. An additional Rs 110 crore has been set aside for agricultural assurance in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

About Mizoram


- Formation - 20 February 1987
- Capital - Aizawl
- Chief Minister - Lalduhoma

- Governor - Hari Babu Kambhampati




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Appointment

KVS Manian Takes Charge as MD and CEO of Federal Bank

- KVS Manian has officially taken charge as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank**, succeeding Shyam Srinivasan, who stepped down after an impressive 14-year tenure.
- Previously, Manian served as the Joint Managing Director at Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited until April 30, 2024.
- During his time there, he was crucial in establishing a strong and profitable franchise across various business segments, significantly enhancing the bank's technological capabilities and transaction banking services.

- The appointment was approved by the Reserve Bank of India in July, for a period of three years.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- Executive Director of TamilNad Mercantile Bank - Vincent Menachery Devassy (for three years)
- Chief Compliance Officer of CIFDAQ - Muthuswamy Iyer
- MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank - V Vaidyanathan (reappointment for three years)
- CCO of Airtel Payments Bank - Amar Kumar Kakarlapudi
- MD & CEO of Galaxy Health Insurance – G Srinivasan

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About Sri Lanka

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- The international Feature film category is for the country-selected feature film. The Hindi film Laapataa Ladies was chosen by a 13-member jury of the Film Federation of India, headed by renowned Assamese Director Jahnu Barua.
- The 97th Academy Awards ceremony will be held on 2nd March 2025 in Los Angeles, United States of America.
- Last year, the superhit Malayalam film "2018: Everyone's a Hero" was India's official entry for the 96th Oscar Award 2024.

Indian films nominated for Oscar Award

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- Only three Indian films, Mother India (1958), Salaam Bombay (1989), and Lagaan (2001), have made the final list of Oscar nominees.
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Sports

Sangram Singh becomes 1st Indian male wrestler to win MMA fight at Gama International Fighting Championship

- Indian wrestler Sangram Singh became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia.
- Commonwealth heavyweight wrestling champion Sangram won in a 90-second match against the Pakistani opponent, Ali Raza Nasir.
- Moreover, Sangram also registered the fastest win ever by an Indian fighter in the 93 kg division in the championship.

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- Formula One title contender Lando Norris led from pole to chequered flag to win Singapore Grand Prix, narrowing the gap to championship leader Max Verstappen, who was second.
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Recent 2024 F1 Grand Prix Winner

- Azerbaijan Grand Prix - McLaren's [Oscar Piastri](#) (Australia)
- Italian Grand Prix - Ferrari's [Charles Leclerc](#) (Monaco)
- Dutch Grand Prix - McLaren's [Lando Norris](#) (British)
- Hungarian Grand Prix F2 - [Kush Maini](#) (India)
- Belgian Grand Prix - Mercedes's [Lewis Hamilton](#) (UK)
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- British Grand Prix - Mercedes's [Lewis Hamilton](#) (UK)
- Austrian Grand Prix - Mercedes's [George Russell](#) (UK)
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- Canadian Grand Prix - Red Bull's [Max Verstappen](#) (Netherlands)
- Monaco Grand Prix - Ferrari's [Charles Leclerc](#) (Monaco)
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Important day

23 September - International Day of Sign Languages

- **The International Day of Sign Languages** is an annual event **observed on September 23 globally**.
- The day is marked to raise awareness about the rights of the deaf community and other sign language users.
- Theme 2024 - Sign up for Sign Language Rights
- The choice of 23 September is the same date that the World Federation of the Deaf was established in 1951. The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.

22 September - World Rhino Day

- **World Rhino Day** is celebrated annually **on September 22** to raise awareness about the Rhinoceros and the urgent need for their conservation.

- It serves as a global platform to highlight the critical threats rhinos face, including poaching and habitat loss, while recognizing the efforts of individuals and organizations dedicated to protecting these majestic animals.
- Theme 2024 - **Keep the Five Alive**
- The day also emphasizes the importance of preserving rhino populations for ecological balance, cultural heritage, and future generations. It is a call to unite in the fight for rhino conservation worldwide.
- The Indian rhino is the largest of the three Asian species and shares its single-horn characteristic with the Javan rhino.

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