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# Current Affairs Today 9th September 2024 Daily GK Update

## National News

### Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches AgriSure Fund for Agriculture Start ups

- The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Minister for Rural Development, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, launched the **AgriSURE** fund in New Delhi.
- The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her 2022-23 Union Budget speech, announced the creation of a dedicated fund to finance startups for agriculture and rural enterprises.

#### About AgriSure Fund

- The AgriSure Fund or Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises is a Category -II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) registered with the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- The fund will be managed by NABARD.
- It will be under the regulation of the capital market regulator SEBI.
- The total corpus of the AgriSure Fund will be Rs 750 crore. The government of India, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, will contribute Rs 250 crore, NABARD will contribute Rs 250 crore, and banks, insurance companies, private investors, etc., will invest the rest of the amount.
- The Fund is a closed ended scheme and has a duration of 10 years which can be extended by 2 years.
- The Fund targets to support about 85 Start-ups by the end of the Fund life with maximum investment of Rs 25 crore under the two schemes of the Fund.

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- The event featured more than 2,500 delegates, over 20 renowned speakers from around the world and provided a forum for major announcements, including the AI City.

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**PM Modi virtually launches Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative in Surat, Gujarat in the presence of Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti CR Patil and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

#### About the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Initiative

- The Jan Sinchay and Jan Bhagidari Initiative is a joint scheme of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Gujarat government.
- The initiative aims to enhance the state's water conservation efforts by constructing rainwater harvesting structures across the state and recharging the underground aquifers.
- The initiative aims to construct around 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures across the state.
- The initiative seeks to build upon the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti's "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" scheme.

#### World's 1st breeding centre for Asian King Vultures inaugurated in UP

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in the Bharivaisi, Campiernganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division. It is the world's first conservation and breeding centre for the Asian King Vulture or the red-headed vulture.
- The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society, has established the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in Maharajganj.
- The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre spread over 1.5 hectares of land in the Gorakhpur Forest division, was built for Rs 2.8 crore.
- The centre has multiple bird cages, a nursery for juveniles, a hospital and recovery facility for birds needing medical help, and a food processing centre.

#### About Uttar Pradesh

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

#### International News

#### Ashwini Vaishnaw, Anil Kapoor among Times 100 most influential people in AI

- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and actor **Anil Kapoor** are among Indians who have been honoured in Time magazine's prestigious list of the 100 "Most Influential People in AI 2024".
- The list highlights the most impactful figures in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).
- The list features a diverse group of global figures, from tech titans to researchers, policymakers, and artists. Some of the most prominent names include:  
Sundar Pichai: CEO of Google and Alphabet  
Satya Nadella: CEO of Microsoft  
Sam Altman: CEO of OpenAI  
Jensen Huang: CEO of Nvidia

Rohit Prasad: SVP and head scientist of Artificial General Intelligence at Amazon.

### India emerges as second-largest global 5G smartphone market, overtakes US

- According to a new report from Counterpoint Research, India has emerged as the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones, trailing only behind China. 5G smartphones are becoming increasingly prominent across various price ranges in India.
- India became the second-biggest 5G handset market during the first half, overtaking the US.
- The strong shipments from Xiaomi, Vivo, Samsung, and other brands in the budget segment were the main reasons for this trend. China maintains the leading position with a 32 per cent share of the global 5G smartphone market, while India holds 13 per cent.

### Banking and Financial

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#### Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

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#### **Paysharp received final authorisation from RBI to act as a payment aggregator**

- **Chennai based Fintech Paysharp has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a payment aggregator (PA).**
- Paysharp is an existing PA, which received RBI final authorisation on 30th August 2024 followed by the in-principal PA license on December 2022.
- Paysharp is a 5 years old startup, raised two rounds of funding sum of 23 crores, last funding round was on March 2023 with the valuation of 200 crores. Paysharp holds ISO 27001:2022 and SOC 2 accreditations.
- With RBI's final PA authorization, Paysharp is part of Indi's Payment System, it helps Paysharp to extend to more merchants. Paysharp is one of authorised Payment Aggregator from Tamil Nadu. As on date RBI has authorized 36 payment aggregators including Razorpay, Cashfree and Stripe.
- Paysharp is providing flat pricing to merchants' alternative to percentage-based pricing followed by other PAs. Paysharp is focusing on non-card-based payments like UPI and Virtual account-based solution for NEFT / IMPS / RTGS collection. Paysharp also provides products such as Link Payment and Payment Pages powered by UPI.

#### **AU Small Finance inks pact with United India Insurance Co for distribution of insurance products**

- **AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with state-owned United India Insurance Company (UIIC) to distribute general insurance solutions** to the bank's customers.
- It includes motor insurance, personal accident insurance, crop insurance, property insurance, shopkeeper insurance, cyber incident insurance, and more.
- This collaboration positions AU SFB as a preferred choice for its diverse customer base across 21 states and 4 union territories, offering reliable and affordable general insurance solutions.
- The partnership leverages UIIC's vast network of branches in over 1,000 tier 2 and tier 3 locations, aligning with AU SFB's expanding infrastructure and growing customer portfolio.

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### Science

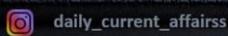
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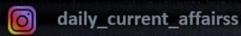
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### Sports

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- In wrestling, Nitika won the silver medal in the women's 62 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain. She lost to Ukrainian wrestler Iryna Bondar 1-4 in the final.
- Last year, Nitika won a gold medal at the U20 Asian Championships.
- Neha clinched the bronze medal, beating Hungarian grappler Gerda Terek 10-8 in the women's 57 kg freestyle division. She had won the yellow metal in the U17 World Championships last month.

**Harvinder, Preeti named India's flag-bearers for Paralympics closing ceremony**

- Gold medal-winning archer Harvinder Singh and sprinter Preeti Pal, who made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics, have been named India's flag bearers for the closing ceremony of the Paris Paralympic Games.
- Harvinder, 33, etched his name in history as the first Indian archer to clinch a gold at the Paralympics, adding to the bronze he secured in Tokyo in 2021.
- Preeti, 23, achieved a milestone by securing bronze medals in the women's T35 100m and 200m races, with personal best times of 14.21 and 30.01 seconds, respectively.
- Satya Prakash Sangwan, the chef de mission of the Indian contingent, highlighted the significance of their achievements and their impact on future generations.

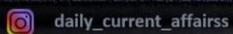
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### India secures record 29 medals at Paris Paralympics 2024

- The Indian contingent concluded its historic Paris Paralympics campaign with 29 medals, including seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze medals, marking the country's best performance in the competition's history.
- India also crossed the 50-medal mark in Paralympic Games history with this impressive performance.
- With this landmark achievement, India has surpassed its previously most successful campaign at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, where they secured 19 medals, including five golds, eight silver, and six bronze medals.
- A record 84 para-athletes represented the tricolour from August 28 to the conclusion of the event, competing across 12 disciplines, compared to just nine in Tokyo 2020. India also made its debut in three sports in Paris: paracycling, para rowing, and blind judo.
- The 29 medals were won across five sports, with a remarkable 17 coming from track and field events. This ensured that India finished in the top 20 of the medal standings at the mega-event, which was once again dominated by China.
- China topped the Paralympics medals table with 220 medals, including 94 golds. China has led the medal standings at every Paralympics since Athens 2004. Great Britain finished second in Paris with 49 golds, followed by the United States, which claimed 36 titles.
- **Complete List of Medal winners of India**

S.No	Para-Athletes	Sport	Event	Medal
<b>GOLD Medal</b>				
1	<b>Avani Lakhra</b>	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Gold
2	<b>Nitesh Kumar</b>	Badminton	Men's singles SL3 class	Gold
3	<b>Sumit Antil</b>	Athletics	Javelin throw F64	Gold
4	<b>Harvinder Singh</b>	Archery	Men's individual recurve open	Gold
5	<b>Dharambir</b>	Athletics	Men's club throw F51 class	Gold
6	<b>Praveen Kumar</b>	Athletics	Men's high jump T 64	Gold
7	<b>Navdeep Singh</b>	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F41	Gold
<b>SILVER Medal</b>				
1	<b>Manish Narwal</b>	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol SH1	Silver
2	<b>Nishad Kumar</b>	Athletics	Men's high jump T47	Silver
3	<b>Yogesh Kathuniya</b>	Athletics	Men's discus throw F56	Silver
4	<b>Thulasimathi Murugesan</b>	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Silver
5	<b>Suhas Yathiraj</b>	Badminton	Men's singles SL4	Silver

6	Sharad Kumar	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Silver
7	Ajeet Singh	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Silver
8	Sachin Khilari	Athletics	Men's shot put F46	Silver
9	Pranav Soorma	Athletics	Men's club throw F51 class	Silver

### BRONZE Medal

1	Mona Agarwal	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Bronze
2	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Bronze
3	Rubina Francis	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
4	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Bronze
5	Manisha Ramadass	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Bronze
6	Rakesh Kumar & Sheetal Devi	Archery	Mixed team compound open	Bronze
7	Nithya Sre Sivan	Badminton	Women's singles SH6	Bronze
8	Deepthi Jeevanji	Athletics	Women's 400m T20	Bronze
9	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Bronze
10	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Bronze
11	Kapil Parmar	Judo	Men's Judo -60kg J1 Class	Bronze
12	Hokato Hotozhe Sema	Athletics	Men's shot put F57	Bronze
13	Simran	Athletics	Women's 200m T12	Bronze

### Medal's Tally

Position	Country	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total Medal
1	China	94	74	50	220
2	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3	USA	36	42	27	105
4	Netherlands	27	17	12	56
5	Brazil	25	26	38	89
18	India	7	9	13	29

### Important day

7th September - International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is commemorated annually on 7 September.
- Objective - To raise awareness and drive action on combating air pollution.
- By resolution 74/212 of 22 January 2020, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) designated the Day to emphasize the need to make further efforts to improve air quality, including reducing air pollution, to protect human health.
- According to the Health Effects Institute, there were 8.1 million deaths due to air pollution in 2021. Poor air quality is the biggest external threat to health, according to the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI).

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