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## Important Current Affairs

### 1. 72nd National Film Awards

President Droupadi Murmu presented the 72nd National Film Awards at Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat, on 22 September 2026. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 was conferred on veteran actor Anant Nag. The ceremony was held outside Delhi for the first time. The film Article 370 was reported as Best Feature Film.

### 2. 9th India International Water Week 2026

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 9th India International Water Week at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event ran from 22 to 26 September with the theme "Climate Resilient Water Management". Key focus areas included water security, urban river management and reservoir sediment management.

### 3. IAF–Japan Exercise Veer Guardian 2026

The bilateral air exercise Veer Guardian 2026 between the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force concluded at Air Force Station Jodhpur on 22 September after 14 days. Aircraft reported in the exercise included India's Su-30MKI, Rafale and LCA Tejas, and Japan's F-2A.

### 4. Modified UDAN: 21 MoUs

The Ministry of Civil Aviation signed 21 MoUs with States/Union Territories and the Airports Authority of India for the next phase of UDAN. A Challenge Mode Portal was launched to help states nominate airstrips and helipads for development.

### 5. Project Rhino

On World Rhino Day, the Prime Minister announced Project Rhino to support rhino-range states with financial and technical assistance for protection, habitat management and population studies. Assam is home to a major share of the world's greater one-horned rhinoceros population.

### 6. National Single Window System

The National Single Window System, launched on 22 September 2021, completed five years. It is a digital platform intended to make business approvals and clearances easier by bringing multiple central and state approvals together.

### 7. Asian Games 2026: Women's Cricket

India's women's cricket team defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the Asian Games 2026 final, securing the gold medal and giving India its first gold of the edition, according to event coverage.

### 8. TRAI voice-and-SMS vouchers

TRAI notified the Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, requiring operators to provide voice-and-SMS-only special tariff vouchers across more validity periods, including shorter-validity options.

### 9. Defence and maritime cooperation

INS Trishul arrived at Toulon, France, for the 24th edition of Exercise VARUNA, the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy.

### 10. Exam quick revision

Remember: National Film Awards venue—Ekta Nagar, Gujarat; Dadasaheb Phalke Award recipient—Anant Nag; Water Week venue—Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; Veer Guardian partners—India and Japan; Project Rhino—rhino conservation.

## Practice MCQs

**1. Who received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 at the 72nd National Film Awards?**

- A. Mammootty
- B. Anant Nag
- C. Kartik Aaryan
- D. Naseeruddin Shah

Answer: B. Anant Nag

**2. Where was the 9th India International Water Week 2026 inaugurated?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- D. Jaipur

Answer: C. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

**3. Veer Guardian is an air exercise between India and which country?**

- A. France
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. Singapore

Answer: B. Japan

**4. What is the primary focus of Project Rhino?**

- A. Tiger census
- B. Rhino conservation
- C. Marine pollution
- D. Desertification

Answer: B. Rhino conservation

**5. UDAN is associated primarily with which sector?**

- A. Civil aviation connectivity
- B. Higher education
- C. Rural banking
- D. Space research

Answer: A. Civil aviation connectivity

**6. Exercise VARUNA is conducted between the navies of India and which country?**

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. Brazil

Answer: C. France

Note: Current-affairs facts can be updated. Verify award lists, statistics and official notifications from primary sources before an exam.