

Important Current Affairs

1. Defence contract for SAT-SAAW

On 23 September 2026, the Ministry of Defence signed a ₹810.79 crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for 160 Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW) for the Indian Air Force. The indigenously developed precision-guided glide weapon was designed by DRDO and has 60% indigenous content. Platforms mentioned include Jaguar, Hawk and Su-30MKI.

2. KAVACH 4.0 commissioned

Indian Railways commissioned KAVACH Version 4.0 for the first time on South Central Railway over 108 route kilometres on the Malkajgiri–Kamareddi section of Hyderabad Division. KAVACH is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system intended to improve train safety and help prevent collisions and Signal Passing at Danger.

3. SLINEX-26 concludes

The 13th edition of the India–Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-26 concluded at Visakhapatnam after a five-day engagement. The exercise aims to strengthen maritime cooperation and regional security between the two neighbouring countries.

4. Asian Games 2026

India's men's badminton team secured bronze after losing 3–1 to China in the semi-final. Jay Meena became India's first-ever Asian Games medallist in soft tennis after reaching the men's individual semi-finals. India's women's team skeet trio—Maheshwari Chauhan, Parinaaz Dhaliwal and Raiza Dhillon—won bronze.

5. 11th Ayurveda Day

The 11th Ayurveda Day was observed on 23 September 2026 with the theme “Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow”. The nationwide programme encouraged public participation and awareness of Ayurveda and wellness.

6. Other important updates

India rejected references to Jammu and Kashmir in an OIC communique as factually incorrect. The government also announced that public sector banks and regional rural banks would function normally on Sunday, 27 September, to safeguard banking services during the proposed bank strike period.

Practice MCQs

Q1. Which company signed the ₹810.79 crore SAT-SAAW contract with the Ministry of Defence?

- A. HAL
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. BEL
- D. BEML

Answer: B. Bharat Dynamics Limited

Q2. KAVACH is which type of railway system?

- A. Ticketing system
- B. Automatic Train Protection system
- C. Freight tracking portal
- D. Passenger information app

Answer: B. Automatic Train Protection system

Q3. SLINEX is a maritime exercise between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. France
- C. Japan

D. Indonesia

Answer: A. Sri Lanka

Q4. What was the theme of the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026?

A. Ayurveda for All

B. Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow

C. One Health One Ayurveda

D. Healthy India

Answer: B. Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow

Q5. Jay Meena made history in which sport at the Asian Games?

A. Soft tennis

B. Badminton

C. Rowing

D. Shooting

Answer: A. Soft tennis