

## Current Affairs: 13/14.09.2021

### Chhattisgarh Launches 'Millet Mission' To Become Millet Hub Of India



In **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced the launch of '**Millet Mission**', which aims to provide **proper price rate to farmers for minor cereal crops**.

The initiative is also a step towards the Chief Minister's vision for the state becoming India's millet hub. Other important benefits under the Millet Mission to farmers will include input assistance for millet, procurement arrangements, aid farmers in the processing of crops and ensure that the farmers get benefit of the expertise of experts.

To implement the mission, the state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad** and the collectors of 14 districts of the state.

### Haryana adjudged first in installation of solar pumps under PM-KUSUM



**Haryana** has topped among all other states of the country in terms of installation of off-grid solar pumps under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)**, as per the data by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Haryana has installed **14,418 pumps against**

**15,000** sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21. The centrally-sponsored PM-KUSUM scheme was launched in 2019 with target to install 20 lakh standalone solar pumps. Haryana was given a target of 15,000 pumps for the year **2020-21** with a total cost of **Rs 520 crore**.

### Nuakhai, harvest festival celebrated in Odisha



**Nuakhai Juhar**, the agrarian festival of **Western Odisha**, was celebrated with religious fervour and tradition on September 11, 2021. It is celebrated 1 day after the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi. Nuakhai is a **crop festival** celebrated by people of Western Odisha and Southern Chhattisgarh, to welcome the new rice of the season. Nua means new and khai means food. So, the festival of nuakhai is a festival to celebrate newly harvested food by the farmers.

### India and US launch the Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)

India and the United States of America (USA) have launched the "**Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)**". It will strengthen India-US bilateral cooperation on climate and environment. The dialogue was launched by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate **Shri Bhupender Yadav** and **Mr. John Kerry**, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for



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Climate (SPEC) in New Delhi. “Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)” is one of the two tracks of the **India-U.S. Climate**

**and Clean Energy Agenda 2030** partnership launched at the Leaders’ Summit on Climate in April 2021. The other track is Strategic Clean Energy Partnership. CAFMD will demonstrate how the world can align swift climate action with inclusive and resilient economic development, taking into account national circumstances and sustainable development priorities.

## Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace becomes first Spacetech startup to formally tie-up with ISRO



**Skyroot Aerospace**, a **Hyderabad-based** Space technology startup, has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** to get access their facilities and expertise for the development and testing of subsystems and systems of space launch vehicles. Skyroot Aerospace is building the **Vikram series of rockets** to carry small satellites into space. The first launch vehicle in the series, Vikram-1 is scheduled to be launch in 2022. The agreement will enable Skyroot to undertake multiple tests and access facilities at various ISRO centres and get all help in building the launch vehicle.

## Justice M. Venugopal appointed as Acting Chairperson of NCLAT



**Justice M. Venugopal** has been appointed as the **new Acting Chairperson** of the appellate tribunal, **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)** with effect from September 11, 2021. This is the third time in a row that an Acting Chairperson is at the helm of the NCLAT, after the retirement of permanent

Chairperson Justice S, J .Mukhopadhaya on March 14, 2020.

## Aziz Akhannouch elected as new PM of Morocco



**Aziz Akhannouch** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Morocco** by the country’s King Mohammed VI. Akhannouch’s National Rally of Independents (RNI) party secured 102 out of the 395 seats in parliament election, held on September 10, 2021. Prior to this appointment, the 60-year-old

was the Minister of Agriculture from 2007 to 2021.

## Cristiano Ronaldo honored by Guinness World Records for Becoming Highest Goal Scoring Man in International Football



The **Portuguese football player, Cristiano Ronaldo**, has been honoured by **Guinness World Records** for his achievement of becoming the **highest goalscorer in the men’s international football history**. The Portugal captain scored the record breaking goal while playing against the Republic of Ireland in a World Cup qualifier, on September 01, 2021. The 36-year-old Ronaldo, who represents Premier League club Manchester United, now

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has **111 goals in 180 appearances** for the Portugal national team. Before this, Ronaldo shared the record with Ali Daei (Iran), who scored 109 goals between 1993 and 2006.

## Daniil Medvedev wins 2021 US Open Tennis Title



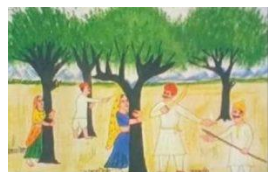
Russia's Daniil Medvedev beat world number one Novak Djokovic (Serbia) in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, to win US Open 2021 men's singles final on September 12, 2021. This is the maiden Grand Slam title won by 25-year-old Medvedev.

## Complete List of Winners of 2021 US Open (Tennis)

1. Men's single – **Daniil Medvedev (Russia)** defeated Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
2. Women's single – **Emma Raducanu (Great Britain)** defeated Leylah Fernandez (Canada)
3. Men's double – **Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury**
4. Women's double – **Samantha Stosur / Zhang Shuai**
5. Mixed Doubles – **Desirae Krawczyk / Joe Salisbury**

## National Forest Martyrs Day: 11 September

In India, the **National Forest Martyrs Day** is marked and observed every year on **11 September**. The day was officially declared by the **Ministry of Environment and Forest** in 2013. The main objective of commemorating the day is to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India. The date 11 September has been chosen by the ministry as it was on this day in **1730**, the **Khejarli massacre** took place in the country.



## National Hindi Day: 14 September

In **India**, **Hindi Divas** or Hindi Day is an annual day celebrated on **14 September**, to celebrate the popularity of Hindi as an official language of the country. Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because it was on this day in **1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India. The language was adopted under the **Article 343** of the Indian Constitution.



## India's largest open air fernery inaugurated in Uttarakhand

**India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in Ranikhet of Uttarakhand** on September 12, 2021. The new center will serve the dual objective of 'conservation of fern species' as well as 'create awareness about their ecological role and promote further research'. The Ranikhet fernery has around 120 different types of fern, spreads over four acres of land at an altitude of 1,800 metres. The facility has been developed under Central Government's CAMPA scheme, by the Research Wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department over a period of three years.



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## India and Denmark jointly launch Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind



The **Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri R.K Singh** and his **Danish** counterpart, **Mr. Dan Jørgensen**, Denmark Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, jointly launched '**Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind**', as part of the Green Strategic Partnership. The Danish minister accompanied by a delegation of officials is on visit to India to hold meeting for cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy with focus on Offshore Wind Energy. During the meeting held on on September 09, 2021, both sides agreed to further cooperation in renewable energy, especially offshore wind and green hydrogen.

## India's first long-range nuclear missile tracking ship INS Dhruv commissioned

**India's first nuclear-missile tracking ship**, named **INS Dhruv**, has been commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, on September 10, 2021. The 10,00 tonnes satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship has been built by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited in collaboration with the DRDO and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). INS Dhruv is capable of tracking nuclear missiles at a long-range, which makes it useful to provide early warning of attacks by ballistic missiles launched from Pakistan and China. India now joins an elite list of countries consisting of France, the US, the UK, Russia, and China, who possess and operate such ships.



## Bhupendra Patel named as the new CM of Gujarat



**Bhupendra Patel** has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat at the BJP legislature meeting on September 12, 2021. He is a BJP MLA from the Ghatlodiya assembly seat. This comes after the resignation of Vijay Rupani from the post of CM of Gujarat.

## Emma Raducanu of Great Britain wins US Open 2021 Women's Singles Tennis Title



In Tennis, **Great Britain's** tennis player **Emma Raducanu** defeated Canada's Leylah Annie Fernandez to win **2021 US Open** women's singles final title, 6-4, 6-3, held at at the Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York on September 12, 2021. This is the maiden Grand Slam title for world number 150 Raducanu. With this win, the 18-year-old Raducanu has become the first-ever qualifier to capture the Grand slam and the first British woman since 1977 to win the crown.