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Most Important Current Affairs of September

US Open 2019

The 2019 US Open was the 139th edition of tennis' US Open. Since 1987, the US Open has been chronologically the fourth and final Grand Slam tournament of the year. This year US Open was held on outdoor hard courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City. The tournament was an event run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and was part of the 2019 ATP Tour and the 2019 WTA Tour calendars under the Grand Slam category. The tournament consisted of both men's and women's singles and doubles draw as well as a mixed doubles event.

| S. No. | Category | Winner | Runner Up |
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| 1. | Men's Singles | Rafael Nadal (Spain) | Daniil Medvedev (Russia) |
| 2. | Women's Singles | Bianca Andreescu (Canada) | Serena Williams (USA) |
| 3. | Men's Doubles | J.S. Cabal (Colombia) and R. Farah (Colombia) | M. Granollers (Spain) and H. Zeballos (Argentina) |
| 4. | Women's Doubles | E. Mertens (Belgium) and A. Sabalenka (Belarus) | V. Azarenka (Belarus) and A. Barty (Australia) |
| 5. | Mixed Doubles | B. Mattek-Sands (USA) and J. Murray (U.K) | H. Chan (Taipei) and M. Venus (New Zealand) |

- Machinery” during a conference on Crop Residue Management in New Delhi.
- Skill India gets its first Batch of IES officers to the Indian Skill Development Services (ISDS) cadre. The aim for this is to attract young and talented administrators towards institutionalizing the Skill Development environment in the country.
- Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), laid the foundation stone for Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Mumbai.
- India has joined the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research (AMR) and Development hub as a new member.
- The World Bank will provide Rs 3,000 crore assistance to finance mini and mega food parks across India.
- Union Government has set a target of setting up 12,500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres across the country.

National Affairs

- The central government will spend 3.5 lakh crore rupees in the next five years on 'Jal Jeevan Mission' to deliver potable water at every household across the country.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation India's second riverine Multi-Modal terminal (MMT) built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura.
- Minister of State for Agriculture, Parshottam Rupala has launched a multilingual Mobile App "CHC Farm

States in the News

- Kerala will set up India's first international women's trade centre (iWTC), in consonance with the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Kozhikode.
- The State government of Haryana has launched two insurance schemes "Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana" and "Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana" for registered small and medium traders.
- Rajasthan has launched "Jan Soochna Portal-2019" a public information portal to provide information about government authorities and departments to the public in the true spirit of the Right To Information Act.

International Affairs

- Typhoon Faxai has hit Tokyo, Japan with winds of up to 210km/h (130mph). Faxai is one of the strongest typhoons to hit the Japanese capital in a decade.
- Thailand became the first Asian nation to unveil plain cigarette packaging to reduce the appeal of smoking.
- Vietnam has inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest solar power farm "Dau Tieng Solar Power Complex" which has the capacity to produce 688 million kWh of electricity annually.
- Sri Lanka has flagged off 'Make In India' train "Pulathisi Express" rake from Colombo Fort Railway station. The rake of the train was manufactured in the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- Hiranandani Group energy arm H-Energy has signed a port service agreement with Kakinada Seaports Limited to develop a liquified natural gas (LNG) regasification and reloading terminal at Kakinada port.
- The Gurugram traffic police have tied up with Google maps for real time traffic updates. The traffic related information will be shared in real time for public use.
- National Institution for Transforming India has selected McKinsey & Company to set up India's first Digital Capability Centre (DCC).
- The Industrial Development Bank of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India Credit Cards Services will launch a co-branded credit card, which will be marketed to customers, agents, and employees of the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed 200 million dollar loan agreement to upgrade rural roads in 34 districts of Maharashtra to improve road safety.
- The International Finance Corporation, part of the World Bank Group, has signed a MoU with the Finance Industry Development Council to collaborate on the training of NBFCs in the country.
- The Railway Ministry signed a MoU with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for evaluating the green initiatives and rate the performance of its industrial units pursuing environmentally sustainable practices.

Books and Authors

- 'Fortune Turners: The Quartet That Spun India To Glory', book on India's spin quartet: Bishan Singh Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrashekar and S. Venkataraghavan, written by Aditya Bhushan and Sachin Bajaj has been launched.
- A book titled "Savarkar: Echoes from a forgotten past, 1883-1924" which describes the life of freedom fighter

and Philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, is penned by Vikram Sampath and published by Penguin.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The Finance Ministry has introduced a Code of Conduct for non-official directors of public sector banks to improve corporate governance in banks. Under the new rules, the PSBs board will also have to send an annual performance report that rates a director based on professional and ethical conduct, and contribution to the board.
- The Department of Financial Services has approved the Rs 12,000 crore capital infusion plan in the 3 state-run general insurance companies: National Insurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance.
- Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) is to implement the idea to develop a mobile application with an aim to help the visually impaired people to identify currency notes. For this, RBI has selected Daffodil Software Pvt Ltd.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) rollout of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System Services (AePS).

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Appointments/Resignations

- Vijay Kumar Chopra, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers and Vineet Jain, the publisher of Times of India, is unanimously elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI), the country's premier news agency.
- Microsoft has appointed Rajiv Kumar as the new managing director of Microsoft India Research and Development Pvt Ltd (MIRPL). He will replace Anil Bhansali.
- Justice Vikram Nath has been appointed as the chief justice of the Gujarat High Court.
- Pramod Kumar Mishra will replace Nripendra Mishra as the new Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- Former Cabinet Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sinha has been appointed the Principal Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Mahabaleshwara MS, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karnataka Bank, has been inducted to the managing committee of Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

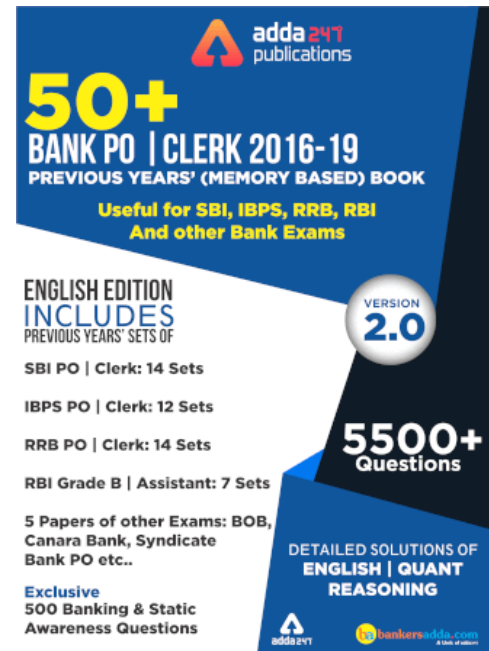
- Five Indian women police officers were honoured by the United Nations for their commendable services in the world body's mission in South Sudan. The women officers who were conferred the UN medal were: Reena Yadav, Gopika Jahagirdar, Bharati Samantray, Ragini Kumari and Kamal Shekhawat.

Defence News

- 'SLINEX 2019', the bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka commenced on 7 September 2019 at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested an indigenously-developed low weight, fire and forget Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in the ranges of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) resurrected the Air Force Station (AFS) Ambala-based 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows', which will operate the first squadron of Rafale fighter jets.
- India's 2nd Scorpene-class submarine, INS Khanderi will be commissioned into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has handed over the second airborne warning plane, Netra, to the Indian Air Force. The Netra is an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft.
- India and Thailand are all set to organize Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-2019 at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya) from 16-29 Sep 2019.
- The Defence Acquisition Council accorded approval for Capital Procurement for the Services amounting to approximately Rs 2,000 crores.

Awards and Recognitions

- Noted Odia writer Pradeep Dash will be conferred with the 40th edition of prestigious Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work Charu Chibar O Charjya. Sarala Puraskar is recognised as the foremost literary award of Odisha.
- Dr Yusuf Hamied, chairman of Cipla, a pharmaceutical company has been inducted as an honorary fellow of the Royal Society for his service to the cause of science.
- Managing Director and Chairman of Hero MotoCorp, Pawan Munjal will be inducted into the 2019 Asia Pacific Golf Hall of Fame. He will be inducted for his support to "Golf" in India and around the world.
- England cricket greats Geoffrey Boycott and Andrew Strauss have been honoured with "Knighthoods" by Theresa May in her resignation honours list.
- Navdeep Singh Suri, India's envoy to United Arab Emirates, has been honoured with the First Class Order of Zayed II award.



Summit and Conference

- The 68th Plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) begins in Guwahati, Assam. Union Home Minister Amit Shah Chaired the 2-day event.
- The 1st conference on military medicine for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states will be held in Delhi.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation organised India's first-ever helicopter summit in Dehradun.
- The 6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue was held in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and the Chinese side by Mr. He Lifeng, Chairman, National Development and Reforms Commission.
- The 22nd Session of UN Committee on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities was held at Geneva. The UN Committee on CRPD took up India's First Country Report for consideration during the session.
- International conference ANGAN (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) for Energy Efficiency in the Building Sector is being organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency in New Delhi.
- The 24th World Energy Congress commence in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates. The theme of this World Energy Congress is "Energy for Prosperity".

- Bureau of Police research and development will organize the National Conference on “Criminal Activities and Radicalization in Jails: Vulnerability of Inmates and Jail Staff and their Protection” in New Delhi.
- Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2019 was held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The theme of the summit was “Resilient Infrastructure for Sustainable Development”.

Schemes and committees

- The National Green Tribunal has constituted a committee to formulate steps to cease illegal groundwater extraction.

Ranks and Reports

- Indian Institute of Technology Ropar and Indian Institute of Science Bangalore were ranked number 1 among the 56 Indian institutes on the list of the best universities of the world in the World University Rankings 2020, topped by the University of Oxford, published by the United Kingdom based Times Higher Education.

Sports News

- The 8th edition of Ladakh Marathon was held in Leh. It is the highest marathon in the world as it is held at over 11,000 feet above the mean sea level.
- India Red beat India Green by an innings and 38 runs to clinch the Duleep Trophy title on the fourth day at Bengaluru.
- Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc has won the Italian Grand Prix.
- Kenya’s Brigid Kosgei completed the fastest half-marathon ever ran by a woman. She won the Great North Run in a time of 1 hour, 04 minutes and 28 seconds.
- Sri Lanka’s Lasith Malinga has become the first T20I bowler to take 100 wickets and became the first-ever bowler to pick up 2 hat-tricks in T20I cricket during the 3rd T20I against New Zealand at Pallekele.
- The Sports Ministry of India has de-recognised the Paralympic Committee of India for violation of the National Sports Code. The committee violated the code by removing its elected president Rao Inderjit Singh.
- Australian fast bowler Megan Schutt scripted history by becoming the first woman to claim two hat-tricks in white-ball cricket.
- Former England captain Andrew Strauss has been appointed as the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board’s cricket committee.

Important Days

- International Literacy Day celebrated annually on 8 September. The theme of International Literacy Day 2019 is Literacy and Multilingualism.
- The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) observes World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on 10 September every year. WHO has been co-sponsor of the day.
- Hindi Diwas is observed every year on 14 September to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India.

Obituaries

- Ram Jethmalani, one of India’s finest lawyers and a former union minister has passed away. He was 95.
- Actor and Kathak dancer Veeru Krishnan passed away.
- Rajasthan born freedom fighter of India Heeralal Sharma has passed away at the age of 95.
- Tamil Film Director, Actor and Cinematographer Raja Sekar passed away.
- Climate change campaigner of the South Pacific and Prime Minister of Tongan Akilisi Pohiva passed away.
- Former bureaucrat and Secretary to the PMO, B.N. Yugandhar passed away.

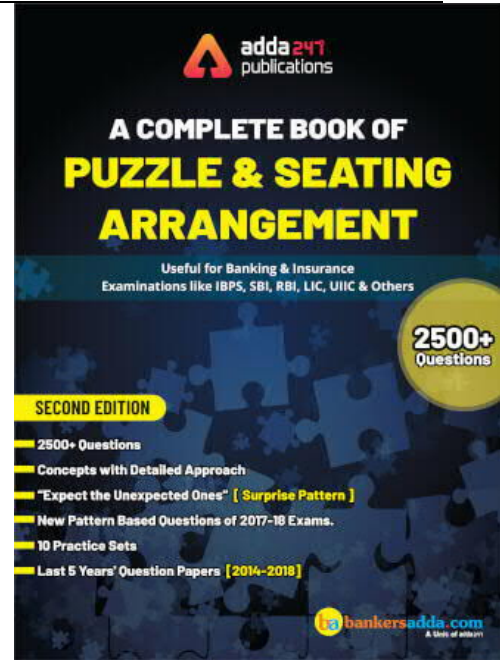
Miscellaneous News

- A fun zone, the first of its kind in India, has been set up by the Railways at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh.
- India announced humanitarian assistance of USD 1 million to help people in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal’s Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli will jointly inaugurate Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross border petroleum products pipeline.
- Scientists have unveiled a newly discovered species of a pterosaur “Cryodrakon boreas” roughly translates to ‘frozen dragon of the north wind’, the largest ever flying animal according to a study conducted by Queen Mary University in London.
- Astronomers have found water for the first time in atmosphere of habitable exoplanet K2-18b which orbits in its star’s “habitable zone”.

Static Takeaways

- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal; John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India.
- SCO Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Headquarters: Beijing, China; SCO Established: 26 April 1996.

- Union Finance Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Navy, Day in India is celebrated on 4th December; Chief of the Naval Staff of the Indian Navy: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Headquarters of PTI: New Delhi; Established: 27 August 1947.
- Capital of Nepal: Kathmandu; President of Nepal: Bidhya Devi Bhandari; Currency of Nepal: Nepalese rupee.
- Chairman of Indian Banks' Association: Sunil Mehta.
- Capital of Bahamas: Nassau; Currency of Bahamas: Bahamian dollar.
- Utkal Divas or Odisha Day falls every year on 01st April; Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- CEO of H-Energy: Darshan Hiranandani.
- Chief Justice of India: Ranjan Gogoi; Supreme Court established: 28 January 1950.
- CEO of Microsoft: Satya Nadella.
- Managing Director & CEO of IPPB: Suresh Sethi; Established: 1 September 2018.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Ministers of State (I/C) Youth Affairs and Sports: Shri Kiren Rijiju.
- Director-General of Bureau of Energy Efficiency: Abhay Bakre; Headquarters of Bureau of Energy Efficiency: New Delhi.
- CEO NITI Aayog: Amitabh Kant; Vice Chairman: Rajiv Kumar.
- Chief Executive Officer of Google: Sundar Pichai.
- Chief Minister of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor of Kerala: Arif Mohammed Khan.
- President of Japan: Shinzo Abe; Capital of Japan: Tokyo; Currency of Japan: Japanese Yen.
- Chief Minister of Jharkhand: Raghubar Das; Governor: Draupadi Murmu; Capital of Jharkhand: Ranchi.
- Thailand Capital: Bangkok, Currency: Baht.
- Prime Minister of Nepal: K P Sharma Oli; Capital: Kathmandu.



- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy, Established: 1958, Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Devendra Fadnavis; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- IDBI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai; MD and CEO: Rakesh Sharma.
- Chairman of LIC: MR Kumar; Headquarters of LIC: Mumbai.
- Capital of Haryana: Chandigarh; Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar; Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Raj Kumar Singh.
- CEO of IFC: Philippe Le Houerou; Director-General of FIDC: Mahesh Thakkar.
- Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE): Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- President of Vietnam: Nguyen Phu Trong; Vietnam Capital: Hanoi.
- Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries: Rameswar Teli.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India.