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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Nobel Peace Prize 2025

- Winner: Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela)
- Date: October 10, 2025
- Reason: Promoting democratic rights in Venezuela under dictatorship.

2. Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit (TNGSS)

- Date: October 9–10, 2025
- Place: CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore
- Role: Promotes innovation with Rs 100 crore co-creation fund
- Supports: Startup TN's seed fund scheme (TANSEED)
- GK: CODISSIA = Coimbatore District Small Industries Association.

3. India's First Mental Health Ambassador

- Date: October 10, 2025
- Appointed by: Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Person: Deepika Padukone
- GK: World Mental Health Day – October 10 every year.

4. Revenue Department Day (Tamil Nadu)

- Date: July 1 (announced in 2025)
- Purpose: Honors services from Fasil year's beginning
- Origin: Fasil year from Mughal era, continued by British.

5. Gold Jewelry Park, Tamil Nadu

- Date: October 9, 2025
- Place: Kurichi, SIDCO Estate, Coimbatore



- Inaugurated by: CM M.K. Stalin
- Fact: Coimbatore has 40,000 gold workshops, 1 lakh goldsmiths
- Tamil Nadu's first jewelry park
- TANSIDCO: Established 1970, HQ Chennai, promotes small industries.

6. Bhavana Chaudhary – First Female Flight Engineer (BSF)

- Announced: October 2025
- Organization: BSF under Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

7. International Day of the Girl Child

- Date: October 11 every year
- By: UN
- Theme 2025: "The girl I am, The change I lead: Girls on the frontlines of crisis"

8. Jayaprakash Narayan

- Full Name: Jayaprakash Narayan Srivastava (JP / Lok Nayak)
- Born: October 11, 1902
- Role: Freedom fighter, socialist, thinker, theorist
- 123rd birth anniversary in 2025.

9. 8th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Summit

- Date: October 27–30, 2025
- Place: New Delhi
- Aim: Mobilize \$1000 billion for solar by 2030
- Targets: 1 billion people energy access, 1000 GW capacity
- Delegates: 40 ministers, 124 countries



- GK: ISA launched 2015 (COP21, Paris) by PM Modi & Macron, HQ Gurugram.

10. First Battery Swapping & Charging Station (Heavy EV)

- Date: October 8, 2025
- Place: Panchi Gujran, Sonipat, Haryana
- Inaugurated by: Nitin Gadkari, H.D. Kumaraswamy
- Feature: 7-min battery swap for heavy EVs
- Supports: Energy Independence 2047, Net Zero 2070.

11. Mrs Universe 2025

- Winner: Sherry Singh (First Indian Woman)
- Place: Okada, Manila, Philippines
- Married to Sikandar Singh for 9 years, a mother.

12. Bala Saraswathi Award 2025

- Named after: Tanjore Bala Saraswathi (Bharatanatyam legend, born May 13, 1918, Chennai)
- Honors: Excellence in classical dance
- 2025 Winner: Shri Muthukannammal.

13. Ornamental Fish Trade Centre

- Date: October 11, 2025
- Place: Kolathur, Tamil Nadu
- Opened by: CM M.K. Stalin
- India's first international-standard center for ornamental fish.



14. Longest Flyover in Tamil Nadu

- Name: G.D. Naidu Flyover / Avinashi Road Flyover
- Place: Coimbatore (Uppilpalayam–Goldwin's, length 10.1 km)
- Cost: ₹1,791 crore
- Inaugurated by CM M.K. Stalin
- Benefit: Reduces travel to 10 min
- GK: G.D. Naidu – “Edison of India”, built India's first electric motor (1937).

15. Namo Drone Didi

- Launch: November 30, 2023 by PM Modi
- Period: 2024–25 to 2025–26
- Beneficiaries: Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM
- Target: 15,000 drones (3,090 in 2024–25)
- 2025 Update: PM Modi praised Drone Didi's for modern agriculture.

16. SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2025

- Winner: Dr. Alexander Smith (Northwestern Univ., USA)
- Prize: USD 10,000 + citation
- Awarded by: SASTRA University, Kumbakonam
- Given to: Young mathematicians under 32.

17. M.S. Subbulakshmi Award 2025

- Honors: Excellence in Carnatic music
- By: Tamil Nadu govt/music bodies
- 2025 Recipient: K.J. Yesudas.



18. Vidiyal Payanam Scheme

- Launch: May 2021, Tamil Nadu
- Benefit: Free bus travel for women up to 30 km
- 2025: Expanded to hilly & differently-abled persons.

19. World Junior Badminton Championship 2025

- Date: October 6–19, 2025
- Place: Guwahati, Assam
- India won Bronze
- Hosted: 2nd time in India (after Pune 2008)
- First in Northeast India
- Participants: 35+ countries.

20. Nirbhaya Fund

- Announced: February 2013 Budget (after 2012 Delhi case)
- Meaning: “Fearless” in Hindi
- Initial Corpus: ₹1,000 crore
- Utilized (2025): ₹5,846 crore of ₹7,712 crore (76%)
- Uses: Women Help Desks, CCTVs, One-Stop Centers.

21. Tamil Nadu Startup Ecosystem

- Startups: 12,000+
- Fund: Rs 100 crore Co-Creation Fund
- Raised: \$4.2 billion since 2016
- Goal: \$1 trillion economy by 2030
- Managed by: Startup TN (Innovation Mission)



- TANSEED: Seed funding scheme.

22. Kalaimamani Awards 2021–23

- Given by: Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram
- Started: 1954–55
- Recognizes: Excellence in arts (literature, music, cinema, etc.)
- Award: Gold medal (3 sovereigns) + shield
- 2025 Ceremony: Honored 90 artists
- 2021: Sai Pallavi, S.J. Suryah, Lingusamy, Super Subbarayan
- 2022: Vikram Prabhu, Jaya VC Guha Nathan, Viveka, Diamond Babu, T. Lakshmikanthan, Santhakumari Sivakadatcham
- 2023: Anirudh Ravichander, Swetha Mohan, K. Manikandan, George Maryan, Sandy, Nikil Murugan
- Special Awards: K.J. Yesudas (MS Subbulakshmi), Muthukannammal (Bala Saraswathi), N. Murugesan Pandian (Bharathiyar).

23. Tamil Literary Aptitude Test

- Started: 2022
- Date (2025–26): October 11, 2025
- Purpose: Encourage Tamil literary skills
- Reward: ₹1,500/month for 1,500 students (2 years).

24. India–Australia Defense Agreement

- Date: October 8, 2025
- Signed by: Rajnath Singh & Richard Marles
- Purpose: Peace and stability in Indo-Pacific.



25. Bharathiar Award

- Established: 1997 (Tamil Development Dept, TN Govt)
- Purpose: Promote Subramania Bharati's ideals
- Components: Trophy + ₹1 lakh + 8 gm gold medal
- Mahakavi Day: September 11
- 2025 Recipient: Poet Kabilan
- 2024: Also Poet Kabilan.

26. California Declares Diwali Holiday

- Year: 2025
- California became 3rd US state (after Pennsylvania 2024 & Connecticut 2025) to declare Diwali a state holiday.

27. PM Dhana Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

- Launched by: PM Narendra Modi
- Date: October 11, 2025
- Coverage: 100 underperforming agricultural districts
- Budget: ₹24,000 crore/year for 6 years (2025–26 to 2030–31)
- Total: ₹1.44 lakh crore
- Aim: Boost productivity & income in low-yield districts.

1. Henley Passport Index 2025

- Ranks passports by visa-free/visa-on-arrival access.
- Top: Singapore (193 destinations).
- Japan & South Korea: 190 destinations.



- India rank: 85th (previously 80th in 2024).
- **Indian passport: 57 countries.**

2. India's Election to UNHRC

- Elected for 7th time.
- Term: 1 January 2026 – 31 December 2028.
- Election held at UN General Assembly, New York.
- **UNHRC founded in 2006 to protect human rights globally.**

3. Tamil Nadu Olympic Association (TNOA)

- Founded in 1979 by Dr. B. Sivanthi Adityan.
- Promotes athletes for national/international competitions.
- Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh re-elected President (Oct 2025).
- Aadhav Arjuna – General Secretary.

4. India Maritime Week 2025

- Dates: 27–31 October 2025.
- Place: Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.
- Global event on maritime innovation and trade.
- Aim: Make Mumbai a global maritime hub.
- Attended by PM Narendra Modi.

5. All-India Synchronous Elephant Estimation (SAIEE)

- Data released in October 2025.
- Elephant population: 22,446 (down 18% from 27,312 in 2017).



- States: Karnataka (6,013), Assam (4,159), Tamil Nadu (3,136), Kerala (2,785), Uttarakhand (1,792), Odisha (912).

- DNA-based census using 21,056 dung samples – most accurate ever.

6. Google's Visakhapatnam AI Hub

- Launched on 13 October 2025 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- By Google with Airtel and Adani Connex.
- Investment: USD 15 billion (₹1.25 lakh crore).
- India's first AI-powered data center.

7. Kalaigiar Kanavu Illam

- Launched 2024 by CM M.K. Stalin.
- Honors Kalaigiar M. Karunanidhi's vision for a hut-free Tamil Nadu by 2030.
- Builds safe, permanent houses for rural and tribal poor.

8. India Grants Free Visa to Mongolia

- Announced by PM Narendra Modi on 14 October 2025.
- Free e-visas for Mongolian citizens.

9. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Trophy 2025

- Organized by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT).
- Dates: 26 Aug – 14 Oct 2025.
- Finals: Chennai.
- Launched by CM M.K. Stalin.
- Promotes sports talents for national and Olympic-level participation.
- First state to include eSports as medal events.



- Slogan: "Kalam Namadhe!" (The Future is Ours).

10. 2030 Commonwealth Games

- Host: Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.
- Second time India hosting (after 2010 Delhi).
- Final approval: 26 November 2025, Glasgow.

11. Blue Flag Beaches in India

- Certification by Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark.
- Ensures top environmental, quality, safety standards.
- India's first: Chandrabhaga Beach, Odisha (June 2018).
- As of October 2025: 17 Blue Flag beaches.
- In Tamil Nadu: Kovalam Beach.

12. Aran Illam (Tamil Nadu)

- Welfare housing scheme for transgender persons.
- Launched on 13 October 2025 by the Tamil Nadu government.
- First centers: Shenoy Nagar (Chennai) and Anna Nagar (Madurai).
- Provides food, clothing, legal aid, education, mental health, and financial counseling.

13. Nobel Prize for Economics 2025

- Winners: Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt.
- For work on innovation-driven and sustained economic growth.

14. Kalaigarn Magalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT)

- ₹1,000/month to 1.14 crore women beneficiaries.
- Launched on 15 September 2023 by CM M.K. Stalin.



- Report submitted on 14 October 2025 by State Planning Commission.
- Beneficiaries mainly spend on food, medicines, education, LPG, mobile recharge, and savings.

15. President of FICCI (2025)

- Anant Goenka elected on 14 October 2025.
- FICCI founded in 1927, HQ: New Delhi.
- Oldest and largest Indian business organization.
- Focus: MSMEs, exports, ESG, inclusive growth.

16. World Students Day

- Celebrated on 15 October (birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam).
- Born on 15 October 1931, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
- Not officially recognized by the UN.

17. Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2025

- India ranked 102 out of 123 countries.
- Category: Serious.
- Highlights hunger challenges; aims to meet UN Zero Hunger Goal by 2030.

18. Book – Ready, Relevant and Resurgent (II)

- Author: General Anil Chauhan (CDS).
- 1st edition: 24 May 2025.
- 2nd edition: 14 October 2025.
- Released by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.



- Discusses AI in warfare, strategy, Arthashastra insights.

19. Kenton R. Miller Award

- Dr. Sonali Ghosh (Director, Kaziranga National Park) – first Indian winner.
- Award date: 10 October 2025.

20. Tamil Nadu Mega Food Parks

- Food processing hubs to reduce crop waste and increase farmer income.
- First park: Tirunelveli.
- New parks inaugurated on 13 October 2025 by CM M.K. Stalin:
- Villupuram – ₹120 crore
- Theni – ₹70 crore

21. Fare Se Fursat (Fixed Fare Scheme)

- Launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation on 13 October 2025.
- Pilot till 31 December 2025.
- Introduces fixed transparent airfares replacing dynamic pricing.

22. Chief Minister's Rural Roads Development Scheme (MGSMRT)

- Name: Mudalvarin Grama Saalaigal Membattu Thittam.
- Launched in 2022–23.
- Aim: Develop 20,000 km of rural roads.
- Ongoing expansion continued in mid-2025.

23. India's First Semiconductor Innovation Museum



- Opened on 12 October 2025 in Hyderabad, Telangana.

24. IN–ROKN Naval Exercise

- First India–South Korea bilateral naval exercise.
- Location: Busan Naval Base, South Korea.
- Started on 13 October 2025.

25. 11th Asian Aquatics Championships 2025

- Dates: 28 Sept – 11 Oct 2025.
- Place: Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- First time held in India, second in South Asia.
- India won 13 medals (4 silver, 9 bronze).

26. Maldives – Disease Transmission Elimination

- WHO recognized Maldives in October 2025.
- First country to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B.
- Earlier validated in 2019 for HIV and syphilis.

27. National Sports Governments Act 2025

- Replaces National Sports Development Code 2011.
- Brings transparency and accountability in sports governance.



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