



### **World Cotton Day : 07 October :-**

Every year on October 7, World Cotton Day is held to promote awareness about the significance of cotton and the cotton industry. Cotton is a natural fiber used to manufacture a wide range of items, including garments, towels, and bedding. It is also utilized in the manufacturing of food and various other industrial goods. The concept of World Cotton Day was first put forward by four cotton producers from Sub-Saharan Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali. In 2019, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) officially declared October 7 as World Cotton Day. The official theme of World Cotton Day 2024 is, 'Cotton for Good'.



#### **World Habitat Day 2024 : 07 October :-**

World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October every year. In the year 2024, this day will be celebrated on October 7. The United Nations officially recognises this day. The day is commemorated to recognize the state of our cities and towns, as well as everyone's fundamental right to sufficient shelter. The day is intended to remind people of their ability and obligation to impact the future of their towns. The day was established in 1985 by the United Nations and first time it was marked in 1986. The theme of the World Habitat Day 2024 is "Engaging youth to create a better urban future."



### **Adani and Google Partner to Boost Clean Energy in India :-**

The Adani Group and Google have established a cooperation to improve their sustainability efforts and contribute to the expansion of sustainable energy in India. In a news statement, Adani Group stated that it will deliver renewable energy created by a new solar-wind hybrid project in Khavda, Gujarat, which is host to the world's largest renewable energy plant. The project is anticipated to begin business operations in the third quarter of 2025. This strategic focus aims to assist industries in meeting their energy needs while simultaneously reducing their carbon footprints.



### **Department of Posts and Amazon Unite to Enhance Delivery Services :-**

The Department of Posts (DoP) of the Ministry of Communications and Amazon Transportation Services Private Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand their existing partnership. As per to the Ministry of Communications, the MoU, inked in New Delhi, aims to use Amazon's huge postal network and technological prowess to improve parcel transmission and delivery across the country. Amazon transportation services said that in the last 2-3 years, India Post's footprint across Amazon logistics network has more than doubled with pickup points growing from 6 locations to 13 locations across the country.



### **India's Forex Reserves Surpass \$700 Billion Milestone for the First Time :-**

India has become the world's fourth economy to have more than 700 billion US dollars in foreign reserves, behind China, Japan, and Switzerland. India's foreign exchange reserves increased by 12.588 billion dollars to a new all-time high of 704.885 billion dollars in the week ending September 27. The currency reserves increased by 2.8 billion to 692.3 billion dollars in the previous week, which ended September 20. The sharp increase in forex reserves strengthened India's ability to cushion against global economic uncertainties and provides greater stability to its currency in the face of volatile international markets.



### **Italy and Switzerland To Redraw Alpine Borders :-**

Switzerland and Italy are planning to partially redraw their land borders near the famed Matterhorn mountain, as melting glaciers in the area have forced the present borders to change. The two countries have developed a treaty, which has been approved by the Swiss Federal Council and is anticipated to be signed by the Italian government shortly. Once both governments have signed off, it is envisaged that the specific geographic areas affected will become obvious. Swiss authorities are hopeful of finalising the agreement before the end of the year. The shared border between Italy and Switzerland is around 578 km long.



### **UK Agrees to Transfer Chagos Islands Sovereignty to Mauritius :-**

In an agreement that assures the existence of a strategically significant UK-US military station, the British government decided to give Mauritius sovereignty over the long-disputed Chagos Islands, a group of more than 60 islands in the Indian Ocean. According to British Foreign Secretary David Lammy, the agreement guarantees the key military facility at Diego Garcia, the largest of the chain of islands off India's tip, for the future. The base, which is home to around 2,500 personnel, mainly Americans, has been involved in military operations, including the 2003 war in Iraq and the long-running war in Afghanistan.



### **Employment in India Up by 36% : Center Reports :-**

Contrary to allegations of "jobless growth," the most recent government figures show that employment in India grew by 36% (17 million jobs) during 2016-17 and 2022-23. During the same period, the gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an average pace of more than 6.5%. According to the Ministry of Labour and Employment, employment data from the Reserve Bank of India's KLEMS database, which is based on surveys such as the Employment and Unemployment Survey (EUS) and Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), show a consistent increase since the 1980s.





### **To make India self-reliant, Cabinet approves Rs 10,000-crore 'Oilseeds Mission' :-**

The government has authorized the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oilseeds, which will cost Rs 10,103 crore and aim to make India independent in cooking oils. India imports more than half of its yearly edible oil consumption. "With an aim to make India self-reliant in oilseed production in next 7 years, Cabinet approves National Mission on Edible Oils-Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) for 2024-25 to 2030-31 with outlay of Rs 10,103 crore," the government said on social media platform X. The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes in 2022-23 to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31, the government said.



### Mumbai Clinches 15th Irani Cup Title After 27-Year Wait :-

Mumbai, led by Ajinkya Rahane, ended a 27-year drought when they defeated the Rest of India (RoI) at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow to win the coveted Irani Cup championship. The victory, gained on a first-innings advantage, was Mumbai's 15th Irani Cup victory, which is the most by any Ranji Trophy side. This triumph is especially significant because the team had not won the championship since the 1997-98 season, although reaching eight final appearances in the preceding years. Rahane's men asserted their dominance from the very first day, putting up a colossal 537 in their first innings. The innings was headlined by Sarfaraz Khan's brilliant unbeaten knock of 222, his fourth double hundred in first-class cricket.