



### 1. India becomes **FOURTH NATION** to cross **700 billion dollar** in forex reserves.

India has become the fourth economy in the world to surpass 700 billion US dollars in foreign reserves, joining China, Japan, and Switzerland. India's foreign exchange reserves surged by 12.588 billion dollars to touch a new all-time high of 704.885 billion dollars for the week ending September 27.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ According to the latest RBI data released, India's gold reserves rose 2.184 billion to 65.796 billion dollars.
- ❖ The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund increased by 8 million to 18.547 billion dollars.

### 2. Food Corporation of India (FCI) transforms supply chain management system under Anna Darpan

As a part of 100 Days Achievements of Department of Food and Public Distribution under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has

embarked on a comprehensive digital transformation initiative to modernize its existing supply chain management system, known as the 'Depot Online System'. This ambitious project involves the implementation of a new, microservices-based integrated supply chain management system named ANNA DARPAN. The system is being designed to streamline and enhance the entire supply chain operations and services at various levels including Mandis, Mills, Depots (both owned and hired), as well as divisional, regional, zonal, and headquarters operations. This transformation is supported by advanced technology, a state-of-the-art IT environment, and an optimized architectural framework.

The ANNA DARPAN system has been envisioned to achieve several key objectives that align with the strategic vision of FCI leadership. These objectives are central to overcoming the limitations of the current systems and include:

- ❖ **Improved Efficiency and Productivity:** Streamlining processes to optimize performance across the supply chain.
- ❖ **Interactive and User-Friendly UI Design:** Creating an intuitive interface that enhances user interaction.

- ❖ **Data-Driven Decision Making:** Leveraging data analytics to support strategic and operational decisions.
- ❖ **Integration with Internal and External Systems:** Facilitating smooth interoperability with other systems, both within and outside FCI.
- ❖ **Merger of Existing Internal Systems:** Merging and optimizing current applications to reduce redundancy and improve efficiency.
- ❖ **Mobile-First Approach:** Prioritizing mobile accessibility to ensure the system is accessible anytime, anywhere.

### 3. World Animal Day is celebrated annually on October 4th.

World Animal Day was first celebrated on 24th March 1925 in Germany. It was started by Heinrich Zimmermann, a cynologist, who organised the first celebration at the Sports Palace in Berlin, which was reportedly attended by over 5,000 people.

- ❖ World Animal Day is celebrated yearly on October 4th to align with the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and animals.
- ❖ Building the celebration and awareness of World Animal Day mobilises people globally for action now, which makes a better future for animals.

### 4. India to take part in Euronaval 2024 defence exhibition in France.

Euronaval 2024, the world's largest naval defence trade show is being held from November 4th to 7th in Paris. Nearly 500 exhibitors are expected at EURONAVAL Paris 2024, including almost 300 international companies from some 30 countries on all 5 continents. India will also attend the event.

- ❖ India is among 104 countries invited to attend the world's largest naval defence trade show that will be held in Paris from November 4-7.
- ❖ This year, there will be shows on innovative solutions to protect naval forces and maritime infrastructure against air and surface drones, next-generation anti-ship missiles, missile systems to destroy multiple hostile drones and many other latest features to strengthen naval forces around the world.

### 5. President Droupadi Murmu calls upon everyone to join Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign

President Droupadi Murmu today addressed the Global Summit on the theme 'Spirituality for Clean and Healthy Society' at Mount Abu in Rajasthan. Speaking at the event, the President called upon everyone to join the Central government's tree-plantation campaign, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on June 5, 2024, during World Environment Day celebrations. The campaign encourages individuals to plant a tree in honor of their mother, as a tribute to both maternal care and

environmental sustainability. The launch event took place at Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi, where PM Modi planted a Peepal tree. The initiative aims to foster awareness about environmental conservation and promote sustainable practices.



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