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Dear Aspirants,

Greetings from ReadingRoomz! Another week has passed with significant developments in national affairs, state governance, economy, science, and defence — all of which matter for your APPSC journey. This Weekly Current Affairs digest is structured for quick revision, connecting dynamic current events with static GK you already know.

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1. International Current Affairs

Project Nimbus - Google and Amazon's \$1 Billion Cloud Contract with Israel

Project Nimbus is a cloud computing contract worth over **\$1 billion** between the **Government of Israel** and **Google** and **Amazon Web Services (AWS)**, signed in **2021**. It provides cloud infrastructure and digital services to Israeli government ministries and public sector organisations for an initial duration of **7 years**.

Detail	Fact
Launch Year	2021
Contract Value	Over \$1 billion
Duration	7 years, with provision for extension
Primary Provider	AWS (primary) alongside Google Cloud
Stated Purpose	Civilian government cloud services — not related to military weapons systems or classified intelligence (Google's position)
Why Controversial	Critics argue cloud and AI services could be used for surveillance, military data storage, and monitoring of Palestinian populations; employee protests held at Google and Amazon

2. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

Annadata Sukhibhava-PM Kisan Scheme - ₹3,125 Crore Released for 46.86 Lakh Farmers

The Government of Andhra Pradesh released the first instalment of financial assistance under the **Annadata Sukhibhava-PM Kisan Scheme** for FY 2026–27. CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the disbursement from **Linganguntla village, Palnadu district**.

Detail	Fact
Total Amount Released	₹3,125.47 crore (directly to bank accounts)
Total Beneficiaries	46,85,838 eligible farmer families
Land-Owning Farmers	45,69,817
RoFR Act Farmers	1,16,021 (cultivating land under Recognition of Forest Rights Act)
Annual Benefit Per Family	₹20,000 per year
Policy Context	One of the major welfare initiatives under the government's Super Six commitments

AP Government Signs MoU with Canva for Digital Learning in Schools

The **School Education Department of Andhra Pradesh** and **Samagra Shiksha** signed an MoU with **Canva**, the global online design platform, to strengthen digital learning, creativity, and technology integration in government schools across the State.

AP Signs MoU with IFMR to Support Swarna Andhra 2047 Vision

The Government of Andhra Pradesh signed an MoU with the **Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR)**, a constituent institution of **Krea University**, to provide policy and research support for the **Swarna Andhra 2047 Vision**.

Key Focus Areas: Establishment of Mission Cells | Accelerating GSDP growth toward a 15% annual growth rate | Zero Poverty Mission | Deep Tech Mission. IFMR's Role: Policy support, research inputs, and institutional expertise to implement the Swarna Andhra 2047 Vision.

Vijayanagara-Era Inscriptions Discovered in Seshachalam Forest

An expert team from the **ASI** discovered three rare **16th-century inscriptions** at **Sadasivakona, Tirupati district**, during an epigraphical survey of the **Seshachalam-Nallamala forest region**, led by **K. Muniratnam Reddy, Director (Epigraphy), ASI Mysuru**.

Detail	Fact
Date of Inscriptions	1554 CE
Dynasty/Ruler	Sadasiva Deva Raya of the Vijayanagara Empire
Languages	Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada
Content	Record the construction of a Shiva temple and a Mutt at Papavinasa in Sadasivakona; King personally visited, took a holy bath, and made donations
Location	Sadasivakona, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh

3. Polity & Governance

FCRA 2010 Rules Amended – Stricter Oversight of Foreign-Funded NGOs

The Central Government amended the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010** Rules to strengthen oversight of foreign-funded NGOs. NGOs must now operate only within approved activity categories and geographical areas, and provide greater transparency.

New Requirement	Detail
Geographical Restriction	NGOs must operate only within the approved State/UT and approved activity category (social, economic, educational, cultural, or religious)
Disclosure Requirements	Must disclose websites, social media accounts, books, magazines, and newspaper articles published
Foreign Nationals	Foreign nationals as key functionaries will generally make an NGO ineligible for FCRA registration unless specifically permitted
Expanded Definition	"Key functionary" now includes trustees, governing body members, partners, and other managing persons
Compliance Deadline	Existing FCRA-registered organisations must comply within one year
Penalty for Misuse	Up to 30% of the amount involved, or ₹1 lakh, whichever is higher

4. Economy

World Bank Approves \$1.5 Billion Financing for India

The **World Bank** approved **\$1.5 billion in financing** for India under its **Development Policy Financing (DPF) Operation** to support structural reforms aimed at boosting **private sector-led job creation** and economic growth.

5. Science & Technology

Biochar - Sustainable Solution for Agricultural Waste and Soil Health

Biochar is produced by heating agricultural waste (paddy straw, maize stalks, coconut leaf stalks) under **low-oxygen conditions**, resulting in a carbon-rich material that decomposes very slowly in soil. Classified as a **carbon-negative agricultural technology** and a **persistent carbon dioxide removal technology**.

Benefit	Detail
Soil Improvement	Increases soil organic carbon, water-holding capacity (10-25%), nutrient retention, and beneficial microbial activity
Crop Productivity	Increases crop productivity by 10-30%
Climate Impact	Prevents open-field burning of crop residues; each tonne generates ~2-2.8 tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalent carbon credits under international standards
Applications	Supports natural farming, soil health management, and carbon farming initiatives

Wild Pollinators Found Crucial for India's Mango Production - 350% Yield Increase

A study by researchers from India and Germany found that wild insect access to mango flowers **increased fruit yield by 350%**, demonstrating the critical importance of wild pollinators for mango production.

Key Pollinators: Dwarf honey bee (*Apis florea*) | Giant honey bee (*Apis dorsata*) | Stingless bees (*Tetragonula* spp.) | Hoverflies and houseflies. Why Native Bees Are More Effective: They transfer pollen between different orchards, unlike non-native bees. Threat: Excessive neonicotinoid insecticide use threatens native pollinators by affecting navigation, learning, and survival. Economic Recognition: India values pollinators at ₹2.6 lakh crore (2021-22) in its Environmental Accounting Framework — ~8-10% of total crop output value.

Emerging Next-Generation Energy Technologies - Three Key Concepts

Technology	What It Is
Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) Generator	Converts kinetic and thermal energy of electrically conducting fluids (plasma or ionised gas) directly into electricity without turbines
Casimir Effect	A quantum phenomenon where two closely spaced conducting plates experience an attractive force due to differences in vacuum energy caused by virtual particles
Blue Energy (Salinity Gradient / Osmotic Power)	Generates electricity from the difference in salt concentration between seawater and freshwater using semi-permeable membranes

6. Environment

Four High-Risk Glacial Lakes in Arunachal Pradesh Expanded - GLOF Risk Rising

A satellite-based assessment by **Suhora Technologies** found that **four of five high-risk glacial lakes** in the **Mago Chu Basin, Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh** expanded between 2016 and 2026. **Sanhapo Lake** showed the most significant expansion, growing by nearly **10 hectares**. Lakes were classified as "High Risk" or "Very High Risk" by the **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)**.

About GLOF: A Glacial Lake Outburst Flood is a sudden release of water from a glacial lake due to the failure of a moraine dam, avalanches, or landslides. GLOFs cause flash floods and can destroy downstream settlements and infrastructure.

7. Awards & Honours

Inaugural Indian Athletics Awards 2025

The inaugural **Indian Athletics Awards** recognised outstanding performances. **Neeraj Chopra** and **Parul Chaudhary** (national record holder in 3,000m Steeplechase and 5,000m) were named Athletes of the Year 2025 by the **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)**.

Category	Winner
Athlete of the Year (Men)	Neeraj Chopra
Athlete of the Year (Women)	Parul Chaudhary
Emerging Athlete (Men)	Shahnavaz Khan (Long Jump)
Emerging Athlete (Women)	Pooja (High Jump)
Best Coach	Parvir Singh
Best Sponsor	Reliance Foundation
Best State for Supporting Athletes	Odisha
Best State Association	Tamil Nadu
Best Technical Official	Dr. Kuldeep Singh

Lifetime Achievement Awards: P. T. Usha | Anju Bobby George | G. S. Randhawa | Bahadur Singh Chauhan.

India Becomes World's Largest Ship Recycling Nation in 2025

India emerged as the **world's leading ship recycling nation in 2025**, achieving the target set under **Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030** well ahead of schedule. According to **UNCTAD**, India's global share rose from **30.1% (2024) to 35.4% (2025)**.

Fact	Data
Global Rank	1st in ship recycling (2025)
Volume Increase	1.86 million GT (2024) → 2.99 million GT (2025)
Global Market Share	35.4% in 2025
Key Legislation	Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 — aligned with Hong Kong International Convention (ratified 2019)
Credit Note Scheme	Ship owners receive a credit note equal to 40% of scrap value, redeemable toward a new Indian-built ship
Modernisation	₹53.5 crore financial assistance; 115 facilities upgraded to HKC standards
Alang Yard (Gujarat)	One of the world's largest ship recycling yards; on the Gulf of Khambhat coast; target capacity ~9 million LDT

8. Committees & Conferences

BRICS Heads of Space Agencies (HOSA) Meeting 2026 - Bengaluru

The **BRICS HOSA Meeting 2026** was held in **Bengaluru**, hosted by **ISRO** under India's BRICS Chairship 2026. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh proposed the concept of a **"BRICS Space Economy"** as a new avenue for innovation, investment, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development.

Participating Nations: Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa, UAE, and India. Key Proposals: Strengthen the BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation (RSSC) | Expand participation of new BRICS members | Advance the proposal for a BRICS Space Council | Promote responsible and sustainable use of outer space.

9. Person in News

Tushar Mehta Reappointed as Solicitor General of India

The Central Government reappointed **Tushar Mehta** as **Solicitor General of India** for a further term of **three years**, effective **1 July 2026**, approved by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**.

About the Solicitor General of India: Appointed by the Central Government | Assists the Attorney General of India | Represents the Government in important legal matters before the Supreme Court and High Courts | Not a constitutional office — a statutory law officer position.

10. Important Days

National Statistics Day - 29 June; Theme: "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data"

MoSPI will celebrate the **20th Statistics Day** on **29 June 2026** at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Observed annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, regarded as the pioneer of modern statistics and economic planning in India.

About P.C. Mahalanobis: Founded the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1931 | Architect of the Second Five-Year Plan | Developed the Mahalanobis distance, widely used in data science | Received the Padma Vibhushan and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society.

11. Sports

India Wins Women's FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2026

India emerged as champions of the **Women's FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2026**, securing the title and earning qualification for the next season of the **FIH Pro League**.

About the Tournament: Founded in 2019 | First edition held in December 2022 in Valencia, Spain | Serves as the second-tier international women's hockey tournament below the Pro League | Winners earn direct promotion to the FIH Pro League.

12. Miscellaneous

Book Released: "VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy"

Vice-President of India **C. P. Radhakrishnan** released the book **"VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy"** at Uparashtrapati Bhavan. Authored by former Rajya Sabha Member from Arunachal Pradesh **Nabam Rebia** and co-authored by **Sandeep Kumar**.