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3. Supreme Court orders to stop all commercial activities within 500-metre of iconic Taj Mahal (Sept. 27, 2022)

The Supreme Court has directed the Agra Development Authority, Uttar Pradesh to immediately stop all commercial activities **within a 500-metre radius from the peripheral wall of the Taj Mahal.**

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and AS Oka told the Agra Development Authority to ensure the compliance with its order delivered on 27 September 2022.

The Apex Court was hearing an application seeking direction to the authorities to prohibit commercial activities within the 500-metre radius of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The 500m-radius of the 17th-century white marble mausoleum is a no-construction zone. Besides, there are also strict regulations on vehicular movement around the monument. There is also a ban on burning of wood near the monument, and municipal solid waste and agriculture waste in the entire area.

The top court is hearing the matter since it was filed in 1984 related to the protection and preservation of the Taj Mahal and its surroundings.

The Taj Mahal was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal in 1631.

4. Supreme Court starts live streaming of its proceedings (Sept. 27, 2022)

The Supreme Court has started the live proceedings of its proceedings on YouTube from **27 September 2022**. At present only the proceedings of the [constitutional bench](#) are being live streamed.

However this was not the first live streaming of Supreme Court proceedings. On 26 August 2022 the proceedings of the ceremonial bench headed by the then Chief Justice N.V, Ramana with the present **Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit** and Justice Hima Kohli was live streamed on the National Informatics Centre (NIC) webcast portal.

This was a customary bench which was constituted to give a farewell to CJI Ramana who retired on that day.

Instances of Live Proceedings of Court

In the **Swapnil Tripathi Vs Supreme Court of India 2018** case the Supreme Court had authorized live streaming of court proceedings.

The Supreme Court set up an e-committee headed by **Justice D.Y. Chandrachud** to work out the modalities for live streaming of the Supreme Court proceedings.

Gujarat High Court the first Court to allow live streaming

The Gujarat High Court became the first court in India to allow live streaming of its proceedings. It started streaming on YouTube on 26 October 2020.

Since then, high courts of Orissa, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Patna, and Madhya Pradesh have also set up their own YouTube channels to live stream proceedings.

5. Colombia and Venezuela reopen border crossing after 7 years (Sept. 27, 2022)

Colombia and **Venezuela** on 26 September 2022 reopened their border after years of impasse and also re-established diplomatic relations.

The reopening was a key campaign promise of the left-wing Colombian President **Gustavo Petro**, who assumed office last month.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro and the Venezuelan delegation accompanied the first cargo truck to cross the **Simon Bolivar bridge** that connects both the countries.

Why were the Border crossing closed ?

The Simon Bolivar Bridge had officially been closed to trade for nearly seven years. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro ordered border crossings closed in 2015 as a crackdown on smuggling.

In 2019, tensions between the two countries rose after the right wing government in Colombia attempted to deliver aid to the right wing Venezuelan opposition who are opposed to the left wing President Maduro.

Colombia

It is located in North West South America.

Colombia is the world's largest producer of emeralds and one of South America's largest producers of gold.

Capital: **Bogota**

Currency: **Colombian peso**

President: **Gustavo Petro**

Venezuela

It is located at the northern end of South America.

World's highest waterfall, **Angel Fall (979 meters)** is in Venezuela.

Capital: **Caracas**

Currency: **bolívar soberano**

President: **Nicolás Maduro**

6. ICAO sign agreement with International Solar Alliance to promote solar use in Aviation sector (Sept. 27, 2022)

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with [International Solar Alliance \(ISA\)](#) to reduce the growth of

carbon dioxide emissions in the international aviation sector. The agreement was signed in **Montreal, Canada** on 27 September 2022.

With the headquarter of ISA being in **Gurugram**, the agreement was received by the Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia as a host country of ISA.

Under the MoU the ICAO and ISA will scale up the deployment of solar energy solutions for aircraft, airports, and other aviation-related applications.

ICAO has become the latest International organisation to Join ISA. In September 2022, **Bhutan** became the 86th country to ratify the ISA agreement .

The International Solar Alliance was launched by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the French President Emmanuel Macron in 2015 to implement the Paris agreement on climate change.

It promotes the use of sun energy so as to reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses.

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

It is a specialised agency of the United Nations which was set up on **4 April 1947**.

The ICAO is dedicated to developing safe and efficient international air transport for peaceful purposes and ensuring a reasonable opportunity for every state to operate international airlines.

Headquarters; **Montreal, Canada**

Members: **193 countries**

ICAO Secretary General: **Juan Carlos Salazar**

7. President Murmu unveils foundation stone for ICMR-National Institute of Virology, South Zone at Bengaluru (Sept. 27, 2022)

President **Droupadi Murmu** unveiled the foundation stone for ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune, South Zone at **Bengaluru** in virtual mode, in presence of Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar on 27 September 2022.

The setting up of the zonal campus of the National Institute of Virology, Pune is part of the **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM))** of the central government.

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- The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh on **25 October 2021**.
- The total outlay on the scheme is **Rs 64,180 Crore** and the duration of the scheme is from **2021-22 to 25-26**.
- The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission is one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country.
- Its objective is to fill gaps in public health infrastructure, especially in critical care facilities and primary care in both urban and rural areas.

- It will provide support for 17,788 rural health and wellness centers in 10 high-focus states.
- Further, 11,024 urban health and wellness centers will be established in all the States.
- Under the scheme, a national institution for one health(**set up in Nagpur**), four new regional centers of the national institutes for virology, a regional research platform for WHO South East Asia Region, nine biosafety level-III laboratories, and five new regional national centre for disease control will be set up.
- For the first time in Asia, two container-based hospitals with comprehensive medical facilities will be kept ready at all times, which can be rapidly deployed via rail or air to deal with any disaster or calamity in the country.

National Institute of Virology (NIV)

The National Institute of Virology is one of the major Institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

It was established at **Pune**, Maharashtra State in 1952 as Virus Research Centre (VRC) under the auspices of the ICMR and the Rockefeller Foundation (RF), USA. Now it is fully funded by ICMR.

NIV is also the National Centre for Hepatitis and Influenza.

NIV has been designated as one of the collaborating laboratories of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Chairman: **Dr Priya Abraham**

8. Sahar Al Rumaih becomes the first women deputy governor of Kuwait's Central Bank (Sept. 27, 2022)

Kuwait has appointed **Sahar Al Rumaih** as the deputy governor of its central bank, Central Bank of Kuwait.

It is for the first time that a woman has been appointed to this post in the country.

The first woman deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India was **KJ Udeshi** . She was appointed for this post in 2003.

Basel A. Al-Haroon is the governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait.

Kingdom of Kuwait

It is an Arab country situated in the Arabian Peninsula along the Persian Gulf in West Asia.

It is a small Kingdom/Emirate, situated between Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Capital: **Kuwait city**

Currency: **Kuwaiti Dinar**

King/Emir: Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Prime Minister: Sheikh Ahmed Nawaf Al-Sabah

9. S Jaishankar meets US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J Austin in Washington (Sept. 27, 2022)

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Important facts

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- The two leaders noted continued progress in policy exchange, interoperability, defence trade, services and military-industrial cooperation.
- They also exchanged their perspectives on the **Ukraine conflict, Indo-Pacific development, maritime challenges and regional issues**.
- Jaishankar also met US Commerce Secretary **Gina Raimondo**.
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