



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### President Calls for Protecting Farmers' Rights and Traditional Seed Varieties

- The President of India inaugurated the **First Global Symposium on Farmers' Rights** in New Delhi, organized by the [International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture \(ITPGRFA\)](#) and the [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#) to address farmers' rights.
- The essential role of farmers as '[anna daatas](#)' (**providers of food**) was highlighted and called for the **protection of their rights and future**.
  - India, with just **2.4% of the world's land area, accounts for 7-8% of all recorded plant and animal species**, thanks to farmers' efforts in conserving local varieties, domesticating wild plants, and nurturing traditional crop varieties, which have ensured **food and nutritional security for humans and animals**.
- The President also presented the [Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward](#) 2021-22 to **recognise the efforts of farmers** who have **bred and developed new plant varieties**.
  - **The reward includes a citation, memento, and cash amount of Rs 1,50,000.**

Read more: [Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward](#)

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### World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

[World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy \(DMD\) Day](#) observed annually on **7<sup>th</sup> September**, aims to **raise awareness about DMD** and improve the lives of individuals affected by this rare degenerative illness.

- The theme for this year's World DMD Day is "**Duchenne: Breaking Barriers.**"
- DMD is a rare genetic condition that **weakens muscles progressively** and affects **approximately one in every five thousand boys**.
  - The condition results from an [X-chromosome mutation](#) and leads to difficulties in walking, followed by the **impairment of other motor functions**.
  - Ultimately, DMD affects vital functions like **breathing and heart function since the heart is a muscle too**.
    - Currently, there is no known cure for DMD. Treatment aims to control symptoms to improve quality of life.
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is actively involved in creating awareness about DMD.

Read more: [Treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy](#)

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### Defence Minister Inaugurates 90 Border Infrastructure Projects Across India

The **Defence Minister** inaugurated a total of 90 border infrastructure projects to enhance all-weather connectivity and military readiness along the [Line of Actual Control \(LAC\)](#).

- Notable among them is the **Nechipu tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh**, which will provide year-round connectivity to the **strategically vital Tawang sector**.
- Additionally, the construction of the **Shinku La tunnel**, the world's highest tunnel, will provide all-

weather connectivity to the [Lahaul-Spiti region](#) in Himachal Pradesh.

**Read more:** [Line of Actual Control](#)

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## Libya's Catastrophic Flooding



Recently, **Eastern Libya** experienced a catastrophic event as **floods** caused by **Storm Daniel**, brought widespread destruction.

- Decades of war and a **lack of a central government have resulted in deteriorating infrastructure**, making the country highly susceptible to the recent torrential rains.
- **Libya is the only nation without a climate strategy, as per the United Nations.**
- This catastrophe underscores the urgent **need for stability, unity, and comprehensive governance in Libya**, as it continues to grapple with multiple crises, from internal unrest to the exploitation of migrants and oil revenue disputes.

**Read more:** [Conflict in Libya](#), [Perennial Disaster - Floods](#)

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