

# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## 1. INDIA AND SINGAPORE SIGN AGREEMENT ON SEMICONDUCTOR PARTNERSHIP -

- **India and Singapore have signed multiple agreements aimed at enhancing cooperation in semiconductors, healthcare, and digital economies, elevating their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Singapore, emphasized the importance of collaboration for regional peace, stability, and prosperity, while describing Singapore as an “inspiration” for India’s development.
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- The newly signed MoU focuses on creating a robust semiconductor ecosystem, supporting India’s growing industry and opening opportunities for Singaporean companies in the Indian market.
  - **This agreement aims to boost interoperability between the two nations’ digital economies.** Areas of cooperation include data protection, cyber-security, and digital public infrastructure, building on initiatives like the linkage of their real-time digital payment systems.

## 2. DR. SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN -

- **Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born on 5th September, 1888, in Tiruttani, Madras Presidency, British India.** His parents, Sarvepalli Veeraswami and Sarvepalli Sita, were part of a Telugu-speaking Niyogi Brahmin family roots in the Andhra Pradesh’s Nellore district.
- **Radhakrishnan’s early education took place in Thiruttani and Tirupati,** but it was at Madras Christian College where he truly excelled, graduating in 1906 with a Master’s degree in Philosophy.
- **Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan embarked on a distinguished academic career, starting as a professor of philosophy at Madras Philosophy in 1909.** He later became a Professor at the University of Mysore in 1918 and authored significant articles and books on philosophy, including “The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore” and “The Reign of Religion in Contemporary Philosophy.”



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- In 1921, he assumed the prestigious King George V Chair of Mental and Moral Science at the University of Calcutta. His academic accomplishments led him to deliver notable lectures, receive a knighthood and serve as Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University and Spalding Professor at the University of Oxford.

### 3. IIT DELHI CAMPUS INAUGURATED IN ABU DHABI -

- In a historic moment, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, opened the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi Abu Dhabi campus.
- This is a big deal because it's the first-ever full IIT campus outside India. This event marks a huge step forward in international academic collaboration between India and the UAE.
- **The opening of this campus is part of a larger vision, known as the Vision Document, which was launched in February 2022 by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. This document highlights education as a key area for stronger cooperation between India and the UAE.**



### 4. INDIAN NAVY'S P8I AIRCRAFT LANDS IN FRANCE FOR VARUNA EXERCISE -

- **For the first time, an Indian Navy P8i Poseidon aircraft has landed at Air Base 125 Istres-Le Tube in France.** This is a significant event, happening as part of India's participation in the bilateral naval exercise 'Varuna,' which is scheduled to take place from September 2 to September 4, 2024, in the Mediterranean Sea.
- The main goal of Exercise Varuna is to conduct advanced tactical drills that help the Indian and French navies work better together. **These drills include a variety of complex maritime maneuvers designed to enhance cooperation and coordination between the two naval forces.**
- The landing of the P8i Poseidon in France is historically significant because it marks the first time in 63 years that an Indian Navy aircraft has operated from a French airbase. The last time this happened was when the Indian Navy's Alize aircraft operated from Hyeres Airbase. This event highlights the strong and long-standing naval relationship between India and France.



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## 5. ESHRAM PORTAL REGISTERS 30 CRORE UNORGANISED WORKERS -

- **The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) recently highlighted the success of the eShram portal, which has registered over 30 crore unorganised workers since it was launched three years ago. This is a big achievement, as it shows progress in creating a digital system to support unorganised workers in India.**
- **The eShram portal is meant to be a “One-Stop-Solution” for unorganised workers. This means it helps them access various social security schemes all in one place, making it easier for them to get the benefits they are entitled to.**
- **In the 2024-25 Budget speech, the government announced plans to further improve the eShram portal by linking it with other online platforms. This will make the portal even more useful as a central resource for unorganised workers.**

