

Current Affairs for 19 th September ,2026

1.Which organisation released the report 'Forests for Food: Nourishing People, Sustaining the Planet 2026'?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- [C] Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- [D] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Correct Answer: C [Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)]

Notes:

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the report "Forests for Food: Nourishing People, Sustaining the Planet" in September 2026. The report highlights that more than 5 billion people depend on forests and trees to some extent for their livelihoods. More than 50,000 wild species are used globally for food and medicine, including at least 10,000 species directly consumed as food. Around one-quarter of the global population depends on woodfuel for cooking or water sterilisation, while over 1 billion people rely on medicinal plants. The report calls for sustainable forest management, agroforestry, better land-use planning and secure land rights.

2.Patriot Missile Defence System has been developed by which country?

- [A] Iran
- [B] France
- [C] United States
- [D] Israel

Correct Answer: C [United States]

Notes:

Lockheed Martin received its first batch of critical Patriot interceptor components from General Motors (GM Defense). PATRIOT stands for Phased Array Tracking Radar to Intercept on Target. It is a US

surface-to-air missile (SAM) defence system designed to detect, track and intercept aircraft, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles. It is operated by the United States Army and several allied countries.

3. Sohar Port, that was recently seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Qatar
- [B] Oman
- [C] Egypt
- [D] Saudi Arabia

Correct Answer: B [Oman]

Notes:

Sohar Port has emerged as an important gateway for Indian shippers seeking access to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries amid the West Asia crisis. It is located in northern Oman near the Strait of Hormuz. The port is in discussions with Indian logistics operators and terminal operators for setting up facilities. Both captive berths and multipurpose terminals are being explored with Indian companies.

4. What is rank of India in the Global Gender Gap Index 2026, released by World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- [A] 129th
- [B] 130th
- [C] 131st
- [D] 135th

Correct Answer: C [131st]

Notes:

The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Index 2026 in September 2026. India ranked 131st out of 145 countries, retaining the same position as the previous edition. Iceland retained the 1st position, followed by Finland and Norway. Only 14 countries ranked below India. In the Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex, India recorded a 41.2% parity score. India's score in this subindex improved by 0.5 percentage points

compared with the previous edition. However, it remained 3.5 percentage points below India's best score recorded in 2013.

5. International Red Panda Day 2026 is observed on which day?

- [A] September 18
- [B] September 19
- [C] September 20
- [D] September 21

Correct Answer: B [September 19]

Notes:

International Red Panda Day is observed every year on the third Saturday of September; in 2026, it falls on 19 September. The day aims to raise awareness about the declining red panda population and shrinking habitat. It highlights threats such as deforestation, habitat loss and poaching. The awareness day was started by the Red Panda Network, a non-profit organisation working for red panda conservation in Nepal and the Eastern Himalayas. The event promotes awareness about red panda biology, threats and conservation efforts.

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