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NGT climate conference

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39%

2014 RURAL
COVERAGE

10.28 cr+

TOILETS 2014-19

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NGT conference.

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NGMV keel laying.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A climate conference, a naval shipbuilding milestone and a rural sanitation feature lead this edition.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 6-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

President Murmu addresses NGT conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics'

20 September 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said President Droupadi Murmu graced the valedictory session of the International Conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics', organised by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), in New Delhi on 20 September 2026.

She stressed strengthening climate resilience through people-centric and community-based adaptation approaches rooted in traditional knowledge. A second PIB release said the two-day conference was also attended by Union Minister Manohar Lal, Supreme Court Judge Justice B.V. Nagarathna, NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

Key facts

Organiser: National Green Tribunal

Venue: New Delhi

Duration: two days

NGT Chairperson: Justice Prakash Shrivastava

Exam takeaway: The President urged adaptation approaches rooted in traditional knowledge.

One-minute recall: NGT climate conference (PIB, 20 September 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin Phase II: PIB feature on rural sanitation

20 September 2026 | Press Information Bureau

A PIB feature of 20 September 2026 said rural sanitation coverage stood at 39 percent when the Swachh Bharat Mission began in 2014. By 2019, rural India had achieved 100 percent sanitation

coverage, with more than 10.28 crore toilets constructed between 2014 and 2019, and was declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) in 2019.

The focus then shifted to SBM-Gramin Phase II, which aims at sustaining ODF status and strengthening Solid and Liquid Waste Management at village level.

Key facts

Coverage in 2014: 39 percent

Toilets built 2014 to 2019: over 10.28 crore

ODF declaration: 2019

Phase II focus: sustaining ODF and waste management

Exam takeaway: An ODF Plus village sustains ODF status and manages waste effectively.

One-minute recall: SBM-G Phase II (PIB, 20 September 2026).

Press Information Bureau

National and International Affairs

Keel laid for first Next Generation Missile Vessel at Cochin Shipyard

18 September 2026 (PIB release dated 19 September) | Press Information Bureau

Carried forward from 18 September 2026: PIB said the keel laying ceremony of the first ship of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV) project was held at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, on 18 September 2026. Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition, was the Chief Guest.

The contract for construction of the NGMVs was concluded with CSL in March 2023.

Key facts

Event: keel laying of first NGMV

Date: 18 September 2026

Location: Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi

Contract with CSL: March 2023

Exam takeaway: A keel laying marks the formal start of a ship's construction.

One-minute recall: NGMV keel laying (PIB, 18 September 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

NGT climate conference (PIB, 20 September 2026).

SBM-G Phase II (PIB, 20 September 2026).

NGMV keel laying (PIB, 18 September 2026).

NGT: National Green Tribunal.

NGMV: Next Generation Missile Vessel.

ODF: Open Defecation Free.

SBM-G: Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin.

Keel laying: formal start of ship construction.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is the NGT?

What is an NGMV?

What does ODF mean?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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