

## September 25 , 2025 – Dinamani Newspaper – Tit bits

1. Famous English cricket umpire Harold Dickie Bird (92) has passed away.
2. Ragasa, the strongest typhoon of the year, killed 27 people in the Philippines and Taiwan. Officials said the deaths were caused by strong winds and flooding.
  - i. The storm hit Hailing Island in southern China, with winds reaching 241 km/h in Jiangmen City, the meteorological center said.
3. The Tamil Nadu Government has ordered the fixing of minimum support prices for urad and green lentils.
  - i. To prevent farmers' livelihoods from being harmed by price drops during harvest seasons and to safeguard their welfare, the Tamil Nad Government directly purchases black gram and green gram from farmers at minimum support prices under the price support scheme.
4. The Central Government blamed the violence in Ladakh on the provocative speeches of social activist Sonam Wangchuk.
  - i. In this regard, a press release issued by the Union Home Ministry stated the following: Social activist Sonam Wang has been on a hunger strike since September 10, demanding the inclusion of Ladakh under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution and the granting of statehood to Ladakh.
  - ii. The Central Government has been holding talks with the Ladakh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), which represent the Leh and Kargil regions of Ladakh, on these issues. A high-level committee and subordinate groups held a series of meetings.
  - iii. As a result of this negotiation, the reservation for Ladakh tribals was increased from 45 percent to 84 percent. One-third reservation for women in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils.
  - iv. The Bodhi and Purki languages spoken there were declared official languages, and recruitment for 1,800 government posts was also launched.
5. The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman formally inaugurated the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in New Delhi, with an aim to provide speedy resolution to disputes between businesses and the tax department. He also said that the hearings in this tribunal will begin in December this year.
6. The Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin said that the Tamil Nadu Government has allocated Rs.100 crore for the successful conduct of the World Cup Junior Hockey tournament.
  - i. The first-ever World Cup Junior Hockey tournament in Tamil Nadu will be held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 10. Players from 29 countries will participate in this tournament.
  - ii. The Tamil Nadu Government has allocated Rs. 100 crore to successfully host the World Cup Junior Hockey tournament in Chennai and Madurai.
7. Kannada litterateur S.L. Bhairappa passed away.
8. The Election Commission announced that elections will be held on October 24 for the 4 Rajya Sabha MP seats that have been vacant since 2021 in Jammu and Kashmir.

- i. In 2019, the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked and it was divided into two union territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh). Assembly elections were held last year in Jammu & Kashmir, a Union Territory with a Legislative Assembly, while President's Rule continued.

