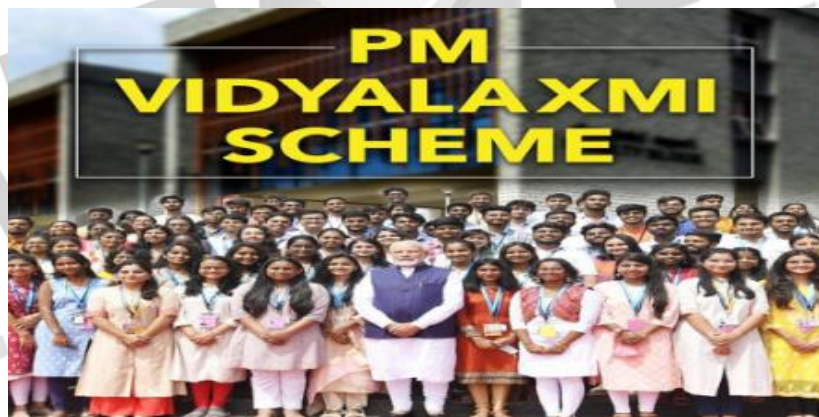




## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 07, 2024

### SCHEMES

- **PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme for Higher Education**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme on November 6, 2024, aimed at providing financial support to meritorious students seeking higher education.



- ✓ The scheme ensures collateral-free, guarantor-free loans for students enrolling in top 860 Quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs) across India, covering tuition fees and other educational expenses.
- ✓ With an outlay of 3,600 crore, this scheme targets to benefit 22 lakh students annually, empowering them to pursue their academic dreams without financial barriers.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism**
- ✓ Renowned historian and public intellectual **Ramachandra Guha** is widely celebrated for his profound insights into Indian history and society, especially as the biographer of Mahatma Gandhi.



- ✓ However, his contributions extend well beyond biography and history; he is a pioneering figure in Indian environmentalism.
- ✓ His latest book, *Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism*, is a testament to his commitment to exploring India's unique ecological heritage.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Senna spectabilis in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has informed the Madras High Court that the forests of the state would be made free of one of the invasive weeds — *Senna spectabilis* by the next 12 months.



- ✓ It was introduced to the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR) after being sourced from South and Central America.
- ✓ It is a fast-growing species, particularly on deep soils, and is fire- and termiteresistant and tolerant of strongly acidic soils.

## SPORTS

➤ **India Formally Bids to Host the 2036 Olympics**

- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) officially submitted a Letter of Intent to the Future Host Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).



- ✓ India has formally desired to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2036.
- ✓ 10 countries have shown initial interest in hosting the 2036 Games.
- ✓ Los Angeles in the USA will host the 2028 Summer Olympics, and Brisbane, Australia, will host the 2032 Games

## RANKING

➤ **Henley Passport Index**

- ✓ Singapore is ranked as the world's most powerful passport on the Henley Passport Index.



- ✓ The Henley Passport Index ranks Singapore as the world's most powerful passport.
- ✓ It has visa-free access to 195 countries. Italy, Japan, Germany, Spain, and France are in the second spot.
- ✓ Indian passport ranks 83rd with visa-free travel to 58 countries.



- ✓ The ranking is based on the number of countries that can be travelled without a visa.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Infant Protection Day - November 07**
- ✓ **Infant Protection Day** is observed every year on November 7.



- ✓ Objective – To raise awareness about the importance of ensuring the safety, health and well-being of infants.
- ✓ Theme 2024 – **Protecting Our Future.**

