

### 1. International Day of Older Persons 2026 (October 1) (2026 Theme: "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives".)

- The United Nations has declared 2021–2030 as the "UN Decade of Healthy Ageing".
- Kerala became the first state in India to set up a dedicated Department of Senior Citizens Welfare (formed in May 2026).

### 2. World Vegetarian Day 2026 (October 1)

### 3. International Coffee Day: October 1

### 4. Union Cabinet Approves PM-DHARA Scheme for Renewable Energy Transmission

- Full Form: PM – Developing Harmonized and Accelerated Renewable-energy Access (PM-DHARA).
- Total Outlay: Rs.1,86,405 crore; Central Financial Support: Rs.54,082 crore.
- Aims to build transmission infrastructure to evacuate 135 GW of renewable energy across States and Union Territories under Phase-3 of the Green Energy Corridor (GEC), with completion targeted by FY 2032-33.
- Rs.1,36,378 crore (about Rs.1.36 lakh crore) earmarked for Intra-State Transmission Systems (InSTS).
- Rs. 50,000 crore allocated for 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

### 5. MSP Hike for Rabi Crops for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2027-28

- Crop-wise MSP (per quintal):
- Safflower (Kusuma): Highest absolute increase of Rs.675; MSP Rs.7,215.
- Rapeseed & Mustard (Aavalu): Increase of Rs.413; MSP Rs.6,613.
- Masoor / Lentil: Increase of Rs.390 (3rd highest); MSP Rs.7,390.
- Barley: Increase of Rs.136; MSP Rs.2,286.
- Gram / Chickpea (Senagalu): Increase of Rs.83; MSP Rs.5,958.
- Wheat (Godhumalu): Lowest increase of Rs.25; MSP Rs.2,610.

### 6. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced funding of over ₹1,200 crore (₹1,281 crore) for 10 states under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) at the National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Campaign 2026 on September 29, 2026.

- West Bengal received the highest allocation of ₹290 crore
- The nationwide "Khet Bachao Abhiyaan" on soil health will run from October 22 to November 30.

### 7. India's First 3D Concrete-Printed Houses under PMAY-G 2.0 (Andhra Pradesh)

- Location: Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem villages, Tenali mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.

### 8. New MEMU Train Services in Uttar Pradesh

- Indian Railways approved two new Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) services on September 29, 2026.
- Routes: Meerut City – Khurja (Train Nos. 64573/64574) and Meerut City – Saharanpur (Train Nos. 64579/64580).

### 9. RBI Fixes Ways and Means Advances (WMA) Limits for H2 FY 2026-27

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on September 25, 2026, fixed the WMA limit for the Central Government at Rs.50,000 crore for the second half (October 2026 – March 2027).
- The limit for the first half (April – September 2026) was Rs.2.5 lakh crore.
- The aggregate WMA limit for State Governments and Union Territories is ₹61,008 crore.
- WMA must be repaid within 90 days and is charged at the Repo Rate.
- Borrowing beyond 90 days or above the WMA limit becomes an Overdraft (OD), charged at Repo Rate + 2%.

### 10. RBI Imposes Monetary Penalties on Three NBFCs

- Ola Financial Services Pvt Ltd: Penalty of Rs.3.10 lakh (order dated September 24, 2026) for not complying with Know Your Customer (KYC) directions – failure to categorise certain customers into low, medium and high-risk categories.
- Hero FinCorp Ltd: Penalty of Rs.10 lakh for non-compliance with the Fair Practices Code for Lenders (Charging of Interest) – excess interest collected on certain loan accounts.
- KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd: Penalty of Rs.2.70 lakh (order dated September 22, 2026) for failing to return surplus proceeds from auction of pledged gold to borrowers.

**11. Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFS) and Allianz Europe B.V. each invested Rs.320.05 crore (subscribing to 32 lakh shares each; total Rs.640.1 crore) in their 50:50 joint venture, Jio Allianz General Insurance Ltd (JAGIL), through a Rights Issue; disclosed on October 1, 2026.**

**12. SBI Named World's Best Consumer Bank 2026**

**13. Banking Updates**

- Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs): SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.
- Axis Bank:
- UPI limit customisation (announced September 1, 2026) – separate limits for P2P, domestic and international UPI payments.
- Sparsh Week 2026 (theme: "Act with Speed"), from September 7, 2026.
- "Pink Capital: The Spectrum of Queer Money" – a report on the finances of the LGBTQIA+ community.
- HDFC Bank: Launched "Max for Her" and "Max for Seniors" savings accounts (August 2026).
- Biometric UPI transactions are capped at Rs.5,000.

**14. National Coastal Mission 2.0 (NCM 2.0)**

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the implementation guidelines of NCM 2.0 in New Delhi on September 30, 2026.
- Outlay: Rs.767 crore; Period: FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31; a Central Sector Scheme.
- Coverage: 9 coastal states and 4 Union Territories (Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, Lakshadweep).

**15. MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes): Scheme for mangrove conservation.**

**16. Blue Flag Certification: Awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark; Kerala's Blue Flag beaches are Kappad (Kozhikode) and Chal (Kannur).**

**17. Michael Kremer Appointed Chief Economist of the World Bank**

- He succeeds Indermit Gill.

**18. The Union Cabinet approved the GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme on August 6, 2026.**

- Outlay: Rs.23,731 crore over 10 years (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36).
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**19. Installation of a satellite-linked Early Warning System (EWS) began on September 29, 2026 at Vasundhara Glacial Lake, Chamoli district, Uttarakhand – the state's first such system.**

- Detects Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF).

**20. India added 5 sites to the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage on September 29, 2026, raising the total from 73 to 78.**

- Buddhist Murals of Bagh Cave Paintings (Madhya Pradesh).
- Group of Temples of the Chambal Valley – Bateshwar, Padavali, Kakarmath (Madhya Pradesh).
- Gupta-era Udaigiri Caves (Madhya Pradesh).
- Tribal Legacy of Ginnorgarh (Madhya Pradesh).
- Sites of Satyagraha – a serial transnational nomination of India and South Africa.
- India has 45 inscribed UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Sarnath became the 45th in July 2026 at the 48th session in Busan.
- UNESCO: Director-General: Khaled El-Enany; HQ: Paris, France.

**21. Jharkhand's "Mandar" Gets GI Tag**

- Mandar, a traditional tribal percussion instrument of Jharkhand made of red clay with leather on both ends, received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag

**22. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) unveiled five initiatives at "Aadhaar Samvaad" in Kolkata on September 29, 2026, marking the 17th Aadhaar Day; Chief Guest: Minister of State Jitin Prasada.**

**23. Stealth guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash arrived at Mombasa Port, Kenya on September 29, 2026 for an Operational Turnaround (OTR) until October 2, 2026, in line with India's MAHASAGAR vision.**

- Kenya: Capital: Nairobi (HQ of UNEP and UN-Habitat); Currency: Kenyan Shilling.

**24. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) observed its 22nd Formation Day on September 28, 2026 in New Delhi.**

- Theme: "Risk Reduction in Action".

**25. Indian Captain Smit Machchhar fought off the attacker, who used the cockpit's emergency crash axe (per the UAE Attorney General)**

- the co-pilot of Flydubai flight FZ1073 (Dubai to Tel Aviv) attempted to crash the aircraft; he was reported to be an Omani national.

**26. King Mohammed VI appointed Fatima Zahra El Mansouri as Morocco's first woman Head of Government (Prime Minister)**

**27. India's National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (launched 2023) aims to eliminate SCD (Sickle Cell Disease) as a public health problem by 2047.**

**28. Google Celebrates 28th Birthday**

- Founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin; restructured under parent company Alphabet Inc. in 2015

**29. Shubman Gill reached his 2nd ODI double century in 117 balls against West Indies in the 2nd ODI at Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati on September 30, 2026 – the fastest double century in ODI history.**

**30. Irani Cup 2026: Rest of India Beat Jammu & Kashmir**

- Rest of India won by 167 runs – their 31st Irani Cup title.
- Captains: Rishabh Pant (Rest of India) and Paras Dogra (J&K).

**31. East Zone Win Duleep Trophy 2026-27**

- East Zone, captained by Ishan Kishan, won the Duleep Trophy 2026-27.
- East Zone's 3rd title and first since 2012-13.

**32. Asian Games 2026: India Sweep Compound Archery Team Golds**

- Women's Team Gold: Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Chikitha Taniparthi and Prithika Pradeep beat China 238-234, equalling the world record of 238 (set by South Korea at Incheon, 2014); India beat South Korea 234-233 in the semi-final and retained their 2022 title.
- Mixed Team Gold: Chikitha Taniparthi and Sahil Jadhav beat South Korea in a shoot-off (20-19) after a 157-157 tie; also earned India a quota for the LA 2028 Olympics.
- Men's Team Gold: Sahil Jadhav, Thirumuru Ganesh Mani Ratnam and Kushal Dalal beat China 238-237.

**33. Gulveer Singh Completes Medal Hat-Trick at Asian Games 2026**

- Gulveer Singh won Bronze in the men's 5000m (13:32.75, September 29, 2026), completing a hat-trick:
- Silver – 10,000m (28:29.38, September 25).
- Silver – 1500m (3:36.72, personal best, September 28).
- Bronze – 5000m.

**34. India Finish 4th in Asian Games 2026 Medal Table**

- India finished 4th at the 2026 Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya (September 19 – October 4, 2026) with 85 medals – 21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze.