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1. RBI Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; Stance Changed to "Calibrated Tightening"

- The **63rd Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** meeting, chaired by **RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra**, was held from **5–7 October 2026**. It was the **first hike since February 2023**.
- **Repo rate** raised from **5.25% to 5.50%**. The vote was **unanimous (6–0)**; the stance change was voted **4–2**.
- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.25%; Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) and Bank Rate: 5.75%**.
- **Unchanged: Reverse Repo 3.35%, Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) 3%, Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) 18%**.
- **FY 2026–27 projections: GDP growth 7.1%** (raised by 40 bps); **CPI inflation 5.2%** (up from 5.0%).
- The **MPC** is a **6-member** statutory body under **Section 452B of the RBI Act, 1934**. The next meeting is on **2–4 December 2026**.

2. 57th GST Council Meeting: Decriminalisation Reforms, No Change in Rates

- Held on **8 October 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, chaired by **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- The **GST Council** is a constitutional body under **Article 279A**.
- GST rate changes will now be decided **once a year**.
- **Arrest powers removed**. The **prosecution threshold (Section 132)** rises from **₹1 crore to ₹5 crore**.
- **No notices for tax below ₹10,000**. The **general penalty (Section 125)** is cut from **₹25,000 to ₹10,000**.
- **Refund applications** must be acknowledged within **10 days** (earlier 15).
- **GST** was introduced on **1 July 2017** through the **101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016**.

3. MSP Hike for Rabi Crops – Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2027-28

- **Safflower**: highest increase (**₹675**); **MSP ₹7,215/quintal**.
- **Rapeseed & Mustard**: **+₹413**; **MSP ₹6,613**.
- **Masoor (Lentil)**: **+₹390**; **MSP ₹7,390**.
- **Barley**: **+₹136**; **MSP ₹2,286**.

- **Gram**: **+₹83**; **MSP ₹5,958**.
- **Wheat**: lowest increase (**₹25**); **MSP ₹2,610**.

4. Small Savings Interest Rates Unchanged for Q3 FY 2026–27 (October–December 2026)

- Decided by the **Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance**.
- **Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS)** and **Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY): 8.2%**.
- **National Savings Certificate (NSC): 7.7%**.
- **Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP): 7.5%** (doubles in **115 months**).
- **Public Provident Fund (PPF): 7.1%**. PPF deposits range from **₹500 to ₹1.5 lakh** a year, with a **15-year** tenure and **EEE** tax status.

5. PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor

- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** approved **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** under **Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013**.
- **DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya** handed over the certificate on **1 October 2026 (NPS Divas)**.
- **BoB** is the **second public sector bank** to manage pension funds, after **SBI (April 2008)**.
- The **National Pension System (NPS)** was launched on **1 January 2004** and opened to all citizens in **2009**.
- **BoB MD & CEO: Dr Debadatta Chand**; **HQ Vadodara**.

6. RBI Removes Paytm Payments Bank from Second Schedule of RBI Act, 1934

- **PPBL's** licence was cancelled on **24 April 2026** under **Section 22(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.
- The **Delhi High Court** ordered its winding up. **Girikumar M. Nair** was appointed official liquidator.
- **5 payments banks** now operate: **Airtel (first)**, **India Post Payments Bank**, **Fino**, **Jio** and **NSDL**.
- **Fino Payments Bank** is the **first payments bank** to get approval to become a **Small Finance Bank**.
- Payments banks were set up on the **Nachiket Mor Committee** recommendation. Rules: **₹100 crore** minimum capital, deposits up to **₹2 lakh**, and **no lending**.

7. CCEA Approves Sale of 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax Entity

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved the sale of a **60.72% stake** in IDBI Bank to a **Fairfax** entity for **₹52,878 crore**.

8. Inflation Rises in September 2026: CPI 5.54%, WPI 11.39%

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** inflation was **5.54%** (from 4.83% in August), released by the **NSO, MoSPI** on **12 October 2026**. New base year: **2024=100**.
- **Rural 6.08%, Urban 4.88%, food inflation 7.74%**.
- Highest: **Tamil Nadu (6.81%)**; lowest: **Mizoram (2.85%)**.
- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** inflation was **11.39%** (from 9.92% in August).

9. Union Cabinet Approves PM-DHARA for Renewable Energy Transmission

- **PM – Developing Harmonized and Accelerated Renewable-energy Access (PM-DHARA)**.
- **Total outlay ₹1,86,405 crore**; central support **₹54,082 crore**.
- Will evacuate **135 GW** of renewable energy under **Phase-3 of the Green Energy Corridor (GEC)**, by **FY 2032-33**.
- **₹1,36,378 crore** is for **Intra-State Transmission Systems (InSTS)**.
- **₹50,000 crore** is for **50 GWh** of **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)**.

10. GOBARDhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme Approved

- Approved by the **Union Cabinet** on **6 August 2026**.
- **Outlay: ₹23,731 crore** over **10 years (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36)**.
- **Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**.

11. National Coastal Mission 2.0 (NCM 2.0) Guidelines Launched

- Launched by **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav** on **30 September 2026**.
- **Outlay ₹767 crore** for **FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31**. It is a **Central Sector Scheme**.
- Covers **9 coastal states** and **4 UTs**.
- Related scheme: **MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes)**, for mangrove conservation.

12. VB-G RAM G Act, 2025: 125 Days of Work and 375 Permissible Works

- The **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025** replaced **MGNREGA, 2005**. It has been in force nationwide since **1 July 2026**.
- **Guaranteed work** rises from **100 to 125 days** a year.
- **Permissible works** rise from **266 to 375 (up 41%)**: **Water Security 128, Core Rural Infrastructure 111, Livelihood Infrastructure 98, Disaster Preparedness 38**.
- **National wage floor ₹300/day**. The average wage rose from **₹298.8 to ₹327.4/day**.
- Launched at **Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh** by **CM N. Chandrababu Naidu** and **Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

13. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) Completes One Year; Gaya Tops Rankings

- Launched by **PM Modi** on **11 October 2025** for **6 years**.
- Covers **100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts** by bringing together **36 schemes of 11 Ministries**; progress is tracked on **121 indicators**.
- **Annual outlay: ₹24,000 crore**.
- **District rankings: 1st Gaya (Bihar), 2nd Nagaur (Rajasthan), 3rd Umaria (Madhya Pradesh)**.

14. National Social Assistance Programme Renamed "Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana"

- Cabinet approved **₹53,428 crore** for **2026–27 to 2030–31**, covering about **3.20 crore beneficiaries**.
- **Disability pension** is now **PM Divyangjan Pension Yojana: ₹375/month** up to age 79 and **₹625/month** from age 80. The disability threshold is cut from **80% to 40%**.
- **Old age pension (IGNOAPS) → PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana**.
- **Widow pension (IGNWPS) → PM Vidhawa Pension Yojana**.
- **Family benefit (NFBS) → PM Parivar Labh Yojana**.

15. PM-SETU Completes One Year

- **Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU)** was launched on **4 October 2025**.

- Outlay ₹60,000 crore over 5 years to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs and 5 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).
- The 5 NSTIs becoming Centres of Excellence are Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana.
- A ₹440 crore agreement was signed to upgrade 9 ITIs in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

16. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 for MSMEs

- Approved on 5 May 2026. Gives a 100% guarantee for MSMEs (90% for non-MSMEs and airlines), up to ₹2.55 lakh crore.
- Implemented by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC); valid till 31 March 2027.
- ECLGS was first launched in May 2020 under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

17. Michael Kremer Appointed Chief Economist of the World Bank

- He succeeds Indermit Gill.

18. Anup Bagchi to Head HDFC Bank; Sidharatha Mishra to Head ICICI Prudential Life

- RBI approved Anup Bagchi as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank for 3 years from 27 October 2026. He succeeds Sashidhar Jagdishan.
- Sidharatha Mishra will become MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for 5 years from 14 October 2026, succeeding Bagchi.

19. Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges (6 October 2026)

- Justice Sunita Agarwal (Gujarat HC) is the 13th woman judge of the Supreme Court.
- The other two are Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya (Delhi HC) and Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh (Telangana HC).
- Oath administered by CJI Surya Kant (53rd CJI).
- Working strength is now 37 against a sanctioned 38. Judges are appointed under Article 124(2); retirement age is 65.

20. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff

- Takes over on 31 October 2026, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.

- Army Chief: General Dhiraj Seth; Navy Chief: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan; Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd CDS).

21. President Droupadi Murmu Appoints Governors in Six States

- Om Prakash Mathur moves from Sikkim to Keralam. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar moves from Keralam to Tamil Nadu.
- New Governors: Dr Sudha Yadav (Karnataka), Braj Mohan Ram (Odisha), Dr Dhal Singh Bisen (Uttarakhand) and Dushyant Gautam (Sikkim).
- Governors are appointed under Article 155 and hold office at the President's pleasure (Article 156).

22. THE World University Rankings 2027

- Released by Times Higher Education (THE) on 30 September 2026.
- No. 1: University of Oxford (11th straight year). MIT is 2nd; Princeton and Stanford are joint 3rd.
- Most ranked universities: USA (168), India (143), Türkiye (124).
- Top Indian institution: IISc Bengaluru – 254th.

23. Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026: India Ranked 100th of 122

- Released 14 October 2026. India scored 24.1 ("serious"); it was 102nd of 123 in 2025.
- Theme: "No Security Without Food Security". Lowest-ranked: Somalia (122nd).
- Neighbours: Sri Lanka 53rd, Nepal 72nd, Bangladesh 84th, Pakistan 106th, Afghanistan 108th.

24. Henley Passport Index 2026: India Ranked 84th

- The Indian passport gives visa-free access to 55 destinations. Singapore ranked 1st.

25. World Bank Raises India's FY 2026–27 GDP Forecast to 7.1%

- Raised from 6.6% in the October 2026 South Asia Economic Update. The FY 2027–28 forecast is 7.2%.
- Other FY27 forecasts: ADB 7.0%, OECD 7.1%, RBI 7.1%.
- World Bank President: Ajay Banga; 189 members; HQ Washington, D.C.

26. IMF Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 7.0%

- Raised from **6.4%**. The FY28 forecast is **7.0%**, and CPI inflation is projected at **5.0%** in 2026.
- World growth: **3.1%** in 2026 and **3.4%** in 2027.
- **IMF Chief Economist: Silvana Tenreiro**. The IMF was founded in **1944 (Bretton Woods)**.

27. TIME100 Next 2026 Features Two Indians

- **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi**, a **15-year-old** cricketer, is the **youngest** on the list.
- **Pawan Kumar Chandana**, CEO of **Skyroot Aerospace**, which became **India's first spacetechnology unicorn** (7 May 2026).

28. Nobel Prizes 2026

- **Physiology or Medicine: Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, Georg Nagel**, for **optogenetics** (light-gated ion channels).
- **Physics: Francis Halzen**, for the **IceCube Neutrino Observatory** and **high-energy astrophysical neutrinos**.
- **Chemistry: Henri B. Kagan (France) and Kenso Soai (Japan)**, for **non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis**.
- **Literature: Anne Carson (Canada)**. The previous Canadian winner was **Alice Munro (2013)**.
- **Peace: Navi Pillay (South Africa)**, of Indian Tamil origin and a former **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008–2014)**.
- **Economic Sciences: Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford (USA)**, for the **microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization**.
- Prize money is **12 million Swedish kronor**. Prizes are presented on **10 December**: Peace in **Oslo**, the others in **Stockholm**.

29. Right Livelihood Award 2026 ("Alternative Nobel Prize")

- Founded in **1980** by **Jakob von Uexkull** in **Stockholm**.
- **Timnit Gebru**, for work on **AI risks and discrimination**.
- **Jalila Haider (Pakistan)**, the **first woman lawyer of the Hazara community**.
- **Rural Women's Assembly**, a women farmers' network across **11 Southern African countries**.
- **Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)**.

30. Ramanujan Prizes 2026: Mahesh Kakde (ICTP) and Sarah Peluse (SASTRA)

- **Prof. Mahesh Kakde (IISc Bengaluru)** won the **ICTP Ramanujan Prize** for algebraic number theory. He is the **5th Indian winner**; the prize is **US\$ 10,000**.
- **Prof. Sarah Peluse (Stanford)** won the **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize**, to be presented on **22 December** at **Kumbakonam**.

31. Sunil Bharti Mittal Named Knight of France's Legion of Honour

- Conferred by **President Emmanuel Macron** for strengthening **India–France** economic ties.
- The **Légion d'Honneur** is **France's highest civilian distinction**, created by **Napoleon Bonaparte** in **1802**.

32. India Wins 4 Golds at International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2026)

- The **19th IOAA** was held in **Hanoi, Vietnam**. All **5 Indian students** won medals: **4 gold, 1 silver**.
- India placed **3rd** (jointly with Vietnam), behind **Iran** and **South Korea**.

33. 2nd India–EFTA Prosperity Summit Marks One Year of TEPA

- The **India–European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)** completed one year on **1 October 2026**.
- **PM Modi** addressed the summit at **Bharat Mandapam** on **7 October 2026**.
- **EFTA members: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland**. EFTA was founded in **1960**; HQ **Geneva**.

34. 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 Inaugurated by PM Modi

- Held **7–10 October** at **Yashobhoomi, New Delhi**. Theme: **"Scale Without Boundaries"**.
- Organised by the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** and **COAI**.
- **Jyotiraditya Scindia**: data cost has fallen from **₹268/GB (2014)** to **₹8**.
- The **3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium** was held alongside.

35. First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting Adopts "Delhi Declaration"

- Held on **13 October 2026**, chaired by **Amit Shah**.

- BIMSTEC has **7 members**. It was formed in **1997** (Bangkok Declaration); Secretariat **Dhaka**.

36. Sagarmanthan 2026 and India–EU Green Shipping Corridor

- The **3rd** edition of "The Great Oceans Dialogue" was held in **New Delhi** from **7–9 October**.
- **India and the EU** signed a **Letter of Intent** for a **Green Shipping Corridor Coalition** using **green ammonia and green methanol** as marine fuel.

37. Five Countries Seek to Join the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

- **Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Greece and Cyprus** have expressed interest.
- **IMEC** was announced at the **G20 Summit, New Delhi (2023)**. Founding partners: **India, USA, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy, EU**.

38. 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026) at Subic Bay, Philippines

- Theme: "**Anchored in Trust, United at Sea**". Indian ships: **INS Sahyadri** and **INS Kulish**.
- **ASEAN** has **11 members**; **Timor-Leste** joined in **October 2025**.

39. Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Hosted by IAF at Jodhpur

- **2nd edition** of the multinational air exercise, held **26 September – 12 October 2026**. Theme: "**Power in Partnership**".

40. 'Surya' – India's First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1) Launched

- Launched by **Rajnath Singh** at **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Visakhapatnam** on **6 October 2026**.

41. India's Defence Exports Hit a Record ₹38,424 Crore; Akash Exported

- Defence exports for **FY 2025–26** grew over **60%**. The target is **₹50,000 crore by 2029**.
- India is exporting the **Akash** air defence system (a **DRDO**-developed surface-to-air missile) to **Tajikistan and Turkmenistan**.

42. India Adds 5 Sites to UNESCO Tentative List (73 to 78)

- Four are in **Madhya Pradesh**: **Bagh Cave Paintings, Chambal Valley Temples, Udaigiri Caves** and **Ginnorgarh**.
- The fifth, **Sites of Satyagraha**, is a joint **India–South Africa** nomination with **9 sites**.

- India has **45 inscribed sites**. **Sarnath** became the **45th** at the **48th session** in **Busan (July 2026)**.

43. Centres of Excellence for Five New Classical Languages

- **Assamese** – **Tezpur University**; **Bengali** – **Visva-Bharati**; **Marathi** – **Deccan College, Pune**; **Pali** – **Central University of Odisha**; **Prakrit** – **Central University of Gujarat**.
- India now has **11 classical languages**. **Tamil** was the first (**2004**).

44. India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103

- Added: **Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh)** and **Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh)**.

45. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve Becomes India's 3rd Cheetah Habitat

- **MP CM Mohan Yadav** released the cheetahs **Vyom and Neera** on **7 October 2026**.
- The other habitats are **Kuno National Park** and **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary**, all in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- India has **58 tiger reserves**; **MP** has the most (**9**).

46. SpaceX Crew-13: Jessica Watkins Becomes First Black Woman to Command a Crew to Orbit

- Launched on a **Falcon 9** from **Cape Canaveral** on **1 October 2026**.
- **Jessica Watkins (NASA)** is also the first active **NASA astronaut** to fly to the **ISS** on **Crew Dragon** twice.

47. ISRO and ESA Extend Cooperation till 2032

- **ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan** and **ESA DG Josef Aschbacher** exchanged letters at the **International Space Summit, Paris**.

48. 20th Asian Games 2026: India Finishes 4th with 85 Medals; Doha to Host 2030

- Held in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan** from **19 September to 4 October 2026**.
- India won **21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze**. **China** topped the table with **341 medals**.
- Flag-bearers: **Manu Bhaker** and **Pawan Sehrawat** (opening); **Neeru Dhanda** (closing).
- **Doha, Qatar** will host the **21st Asian Games (2030)**.

49. India Wins Historic Double Hockey Gold at the Asian Games

- **Women** beat **China 1-0**, their first gold since **1982**, under captain **Salima Tete**. This gives direct qualification for **LA 2028**.
- **Men** beat **Malaysia 5-1** to retain gold, under captain **Harmanpreet Singh**.
- It is **India's first-ever double (men's and women's) hockey gold** at a single Asian Games.

50. Shubman Gill Hits the Fastest Double Century in ODI History

- **117 balls** against **West Indies** at **Barsapara Stadium, Guwahati** on **30 September 2026**. It is his **2nd ODI double century**.
- He was named **ICC Player of the Month** (September 2026) for the **5th time**, the most by a male player.

AMOUNTS & AGREEMENTS

1. Centre Releases ₹1,281 Crore to 10 States under PM-RKVY

- **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)**.
- Announced at the **National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Campaign 2026** on **September 29, 2026**.
- **West Bengal** received the **highest allocation** of **₹290 crore**.

2. Jio Financial Services and Allianz Invest ₹640.1 Crore in Jio Allianz General Insurance

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

3. Cabinet Approves ₹1,789.52 Crore Intelligent Traffic Management System for Delhi

- **Cabinet** approved **₹1,789.52 crore** for an **Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)** for **Delhi**.

4. Union Cabinet Approves ₹10,000 Crore SME Growth Fund (SGF)

- **Union Cabinet** approved the **₹10,000 crore SME Growth Fund (SGF)**.
- **Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)** minimum investment: **₹1 crore**.
- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** classification:

– **Micro:** investment up to **₹2.5 crore** and turnover up to **₹10 crore**.

– **Small:** investment up to **₹25 crore** and turnover up to **₹100 crore**.

– **Medium:** investment up to **₹125 crore** and turnover up to **₹500 crore**.

5. India and Switzerland Sign 5 Agreements during Swiss President's State Visit

- India and Switzerland signed **5 agreements** during **Swiss President Guy Parmelin's** State Visit.
- **President Guy Parmelin** met **PM Narendra Modi** on **5 October 2026**.
- **Switzerland** – Capital: **Bern**; Currency: **Swiss Franc (CHF)**.

6. Ministry of Defence Signs ₹661.50 Crore Contract with BrahMos Aerospace

- **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed a **₹661.50 crore** contract with **BrahMos Aerospace** for **Naval Fire Control Systems**.

7. India Post and Blue Dart Sign Parcel Services Agreement

- **India Post** and **Blue Dart** signed a **Parcel Services Agreement** during **National Postal Week**.
- India Post's earlier tie-ups: **DTDC (April 2026)** and **Flipkart (May 2026)**.
- **National Postal Week: 9–15 October**.

8. National Biodiversity Authority Disburses ₹2.02 Crore of ABS Funds

- **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)** disbursed **₹2.02 crore** of **Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS)** funds to **27 States** and **3 UTs**.
- Funds contributed by **7 seed companies**; total **ABS** disbursements have reached **₹202 crore**.
- **NBA: HQ Chennai**; set up under the **Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.

9. RDI Fund Announces First Cohort of 19 Fund Managers with ₹7,131 Crore Commitment

- Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund announced its first cohort of 19 fund managers with a ₹7,131 crore commitment.
- RDI scheme corpus: ₹1 lakh crore (launched November 2025); managed under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- Cohort includes 14 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and 5 research organisations, including ARTPARK (IISc) and IIT-Madras Research Park.

10. CCEA Approves Sale of 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax Entity for ₹52,878 Crore

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11. Cabinet Approves 78 Days' Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for Railway Employees

- Cabinet approved 78 days' Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for Railway employees.
- Outlay: ₹2,009.61 crore for about 11.4 lakh non-gazetted employees.
- Maximum ₹17,951 per employee for performance in 2025–26.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Michael Kremer Appointed Chief Economist of the World Bank

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- He succeeds Indermit Gill.

2. Fatima Zahra El Mansouri Becomes Morocco's First Woman Head of Government

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

3. RBI Approves Anup Kumar Saha as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Anup Kumar Saha as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

4. Anup Bagchi to Be MD & CEO of HDFC Bank

- RBI approved Anup Bagchi as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank for 3 years from 27 October 2026.
- Succeeds Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose term ends 26 October 2026.
- Bagchi moves from ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, where he is succeeded by Sidharatha Mishra.
- HDFC Bank: HQ Mumbai.

5. Lavanya R. Mundayur Appointed CMD of New India Assurance

- Lavanya R. Mundayur appointed Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance.

6. Narendra Bhooshan Appointed Secretary, MoEFCC

- Narendra Bhooshan (IAS, 1992 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre) appointed Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- He subsequently took charge as Secretary, MoEFCC.

7. Tewolde GebreMariam Takes Over as CEO & MD of Air India

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- Union Civil Aviation Minister: Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu.

8. Hyundai Appoints Para-Archer Sheetal Devi as Brand Ambassador

- Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) appointed Arjuna Awardee and world No. 1 para-archer Sheetal Devi as brand ambassador.
- HMIL MD & CEO: Tarun Garg.

9. Sudhakar Malli Appointed Executive Director of RBI

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10. Sidharatha Mishra to Head ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

- Sidharatha Mishra appointed MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance.
- Term: 5 years from 14 October 2026 (or IRDAI approval).

- Succeeds **Anup Bagchi**, who joins **HDFC Bank** as MD & CEO from **27 October 2026**.

11. Mahesh Muralidhar Pai Takes Charge as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

- **Mahesh Muralidhar Pai** took charge as MD & CEO of **South Indian Bank**.
- **South Indian Bank**: est./founded **1929**; HQ **Thrissur, Kerala**; Tagline: "**Experience Next Generation Banking**".
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** is also headquartered in **Thrissur**.

12. Bimal N. Patel Sworn In as Judge of ITLOS

- **Bimal N. Patel** sworn in as Judge of the **International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** for **9 years (2026–2035)**.

13. Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges (6 October 2026)

- **Justice Sunita Agarwal** – former **Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court**; the **13th woman judge** of the **Supreme Court**.
- **Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya** – former **Chief Justice, Delhi High Court**.
- **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh** – former **Chief Justice, Telangana High Court**.
- Oath administered by **Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant**.
- **Working strength** rose from **34 to 37**, against a sanctioned strength of **38** (including the CJI).
- **CJI Surya Kant** is the **53rd Chief Justice of India**.
- **Article 124(2)**: appointment of SC judges; retirement age **65 years**.

14. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff

- **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** appointed **29th Chief of the Air Staff**.
- Will take over on **31 October 2026**, succeeding **Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Amar Preet Singh**, who retires that day.
- **Indian Air Force Day: 8 October**.
- **Chief of the Army Staff: General Dhiraj Seth**; **Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan**; **Chief of Defence Staff: General N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd CDS)**.

15. Ashis Kumar Becomes MD & CEO of LIC Mutual Fund

- **Ashis Kumar** became MD & CEO of **LIC Mutual Fund (26 September 2026)**; earlier its **Chief Operating Officer**.

16. Shooter Rajeshwari Kumari Elected to OCA Athletes Commission (5 October 2026)

- **Rajeshwari Kumari** (shooter) unanimously elected to the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Athletes Commission**, representing **South Asia**.
- **2nd Indian** after **Shiva Keshavan (Vice-Chairman)**.
- **OCA**: founded **1982**; HQ **Kuwait City, Kuwait**.

17. Smriti Mandhana Named India Women's Cricket Captain

- **Smriti Mandhana** appointed **full-time white-ball (ODI and T20I) captain** of the **Indian women's cricket team** on **6 October 2026**.
- Replaced **Harmanpreet Kaur**, who stepped down.

18. NPCI MD & CEO Dilip Asbe Named to SWIFT's New Supervisory Board

- **Dilip Asbe**, MD & CEO of **NPCI**, appointed as an **independent director** on the **new 15-member Supervisory Board** of **SWIFT** (announced **8 October 2026, Brussels**).
- **Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT)**: HQ **La Hulpe, Belgium**; CEO: **Javier Pérez-Tasso**; board Chair: **Graeme Munro**.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**: set up **2008**; HQ **Mumbai**.

19. ACC Names New Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) for PSUs

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** named **new Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) (10 October 2026)**, each for a **3-year term**:
 - **Shalini Verma** – CVO, **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**.
 - **Debendra Dalai** – CVO, **NHPC**.

20. President Droupadi Murmu Appoints Governors in Six States

- **Om Prakash Mathur** – moved from **Sikkim** to **Keralam**.
- **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** – moved from **Keralam** to **Tamil Nadu**.

- New Governors: Dr Sudha Yadav (Karnataka), Braj Mohan Ram (Odisha), Dr Dhal Singh Bisen (Uttarakhand) and Dushyant Gautam (Sikkim).
- Governors are appointed by the **President** under **Article 155** and hold office during the **pleasure** of the President (Article 156).

21. Dr Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai Appointed Executive Director of IRDAI

- Dr Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai appointed Executive Director of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a 5-year term.

22. Achyuta Samanta Elected First President of Indian Unisport Federation

- Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, elected **unanimously** as the **first President** of the

Indian Unisport Federation (IUSF) on 11 October 2026.

23. Prakash Rajpurohit Appointed Deputy Election Commissioner

- Prakash Rajpurohit appointed Deputy Election Commissioner till 8 April 2030, succeeding Sanjay Kumar.

24. L. Murugan Resigns as Union Minister of State

- L. Murugan resigned as Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, and as a Rajya Sabha member from Madhya Pradesh, on 13 October 2026.

25. Jeevan L. Rai Appointed India's Para-Shooting Coach

- Jeevan L. Rai appointed India's para-shooting coach for the Asian Para Games 2026.

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. India Adds 5 Sites to UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage (Total Rises from 73 to 78)

- 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.
- Sites of Satyagraha (filed September 3, 2026) has 9 component sites:
 - South Africa (2): Pietermaritzburg Railway Station (site of Gandhi's 1893 eviction) and Phoenix Settlement, near Durban.
 - India (7): Mahatma Gandhi Satyagraha Smarak, Motihari (East Champaran, Bihar); Sabarmati Ashram (Ahmedabad, Gujarat); Mani Bhavan (Mumbai); Harijan Sevak Sangh (Delhi); Sevagram Ashram (Wardha, Maharashtra); Aga Khan Palace (Pune); Gandhi Smriti (Delhi).

- India has 45 inscribed UNESCO World Heritage Sites; Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh) became the 45th in July 2026 at the 48th session in Busan.
- The 48th session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Busan, South Korea (July 2026).
- UNESCO: Director-General: Khaled El-Enany; HQ: Paris, France.

2. Geographical Indication (GI) Tags: Jharkhand's "Mandar" and Gujarat's Ambaji Mohanthai Prasad

- Mandar, a traditional tribal percussion instrument of Jharkhand made of red clay with leather on both ends, received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Gujarat's Ambaji Temple Mohanthai Prasad received the GI tag.
- GI tags are granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999; GI Registry: Chennai.

3. Centres of Excellence for Five Newly Recognised Classical Languages

- The Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education) approved 5 Centres of Excellence:
 - Assamese – Tezpur University, Assam.
 - Bengali – Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal.

- Marathi – Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune.
- Pali – Central University of Odisha.
- Prakrit – Central University of Gujarat.

- India now has **11 classical languages**: Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, plus Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit.
- Classical status began with **Tamil** on **October 12, 2004**; criteria include **recorded history of 1,500–2,000 years**.

4. Book “Rajbhasha Khand Ki Svarnim Yatra” Released

- **Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal** released the book “**Rajbhasha Khand Ki Svarnim Yatra**” in **New Delhi** on **October 1, 2026**.

5. Tyeb Mehta’s “Rickshaw Puller” Sets World Auction Record for an Indian Artist

- **Tyeb Mehta’s** painting “**Rickshaw Puller**” (2002) sold for **₹69.1 crore** at **Volte Una’s** first auction.

- A world auction record for an Indian artist, surpassing his “**Trussed Bull**” (₹61.80 crore, April 2025).

6. Book “Rag Rag Mein Cricket” Launched by Sunil Gavaskar

- Book “**Rag Rag Mein Cricket**” on former **Madhya Pradesh** cricketer and **BCCI** administrator **Sanjay Jagdale**.
- Written by **Kiran Waikar** and **Sunil Dudhale**; launched by **Sunil Gavaskar** in **Indore** on **11 October 2026**.

7. Nagaland Prepares for 27th Hornbill Festival

- **Nagaland** began preparations for the **27th Hornbill Festival**, to be held from **1–10 December 2026** at **Naga Heritage Village, Kisama**, near **Kohima**.

AWARDS

1. SBI Named World’s Best Consumer Bank 2026

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** named **World’s Best Consumer Bank 2026**.

2. Blue Flag Certification: Kerala’s Beaches

- **Blue Flag Certification** is awarded by the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)**, **Denmark**.
- **Kerala’s Blue Flag beaches**: **Kappad (Kozhikode)** and **Chal (Kannur)**.

3. Captain Smit Machchhar Honoured for Foiling Flydubai Cockpit Attack

- **Indian Captain Smit Machchhar**, captain of **Flydubai flight FZ1073 (Dubai to Tel Aviv, 174 passengers)**, fought off the attacker on **September 30, 2026**.
- The **co-pilot**, reported to be an **Omani national**, attempted to crash the aircraft and attacked (stabbed him) with the **cockpit’s emergency crash axe** (per the **UAE Attorney General**).
- The aircraft **landed safely** at **Tabuk, Saudi Arabia**.
- **Gujarat** announced the **Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award** for **Captain Smit Machchhar**.

- He will receive **Israel’s Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism**, announced by **Israeli President Isaac Herzog** on **8 October 2026**.

4. Right Livelihood Award 2026 (“Alternative Nobel Prize”)

- Known as the “**Alternative Nobel Prize**”; founded in **1980** by **Jakob von Uexkull**, **Stockholm, Sweden**.
- **Timnit Gebru** (Ethiopian-born; USA): research and activism on **AI risks and discrimination**.
- **Jalila Haider** (Pakistan): **human rights lawyer**; first woman lawyer from the **Hazara community**.
- **Rural Women’s Assembly (RWA)**: women farmers’ network across **11 Southern African countries**.
- **Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association (GYLA)**, **Georgia**: rule of law and democracy.

5. Ramanujan Prizes 2026: Mahesh Kakde (ICTP) and Sarah Peluse (SASTRA)

- **ICTP Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2026** (announced **7 October 2026**): **Prof. Mahesh Kakde** (**Indian Institute of Science – IISc, Bengaluru**).

- Awarded for his work in **algebraic number theory** – on **noncommutative Iwasawa theory** and the **Gross–Stark and Brumer–Stark conjectures**; prize of **US\$ 10,000**.
- He is the **5th Indian winner** (earlier: **Sujatha Ramdorai, Amalendu Krishna, Ritabrata Munshi, Neena Gupta**).
- **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2026**: Prof. Sarah Peluse (Stanford University); to be presented on **22 December** at **Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu**.
- **ICTP Ramanujan Prize**: by the **International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP, Trieste, Italy)**, **International Mathematical Union (IMU)** and **Department of Science and Technology (DST, India)**; for mathematicians from **developing countries under 45**; **US\$ 10,000**; since **2005**.
- **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize**: by **SASTRA University**; age **32 or below**; **US\$ 10,000**; since **2005**.
- **Abel Prize** (“Nobel of Mathematics”) is awarded by **Norway**.

6. Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Optogenetics

- Announced on **October 5, 2026** by the **Nobel Assembly** at **Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm**.
- **Winners**: **Karl Deisseroth (Stanford University, USA)**, **Peter Hegemann (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)** and **Georg Nagel (University of Würzburg, Germany)**.
- **Citation**: “for discoveries concerning **light-gated ion channels and optogenetics**” – a technique that uses **light to control the activity of specific nerve cells**.
- **Prize**: **SEK 12 million (12 million Swedish kronor; about \$1.27 million)**, shared equally.
- Named after **Alfred Nobel** (inventor of **dynamite**; died **December 10, 1896**).
- **5 original categories** plus the **Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences** (established **1968**, first awarded **1969**).
- **Peace Prize** is presented in **Oslo**; others in **Stockholm**; Nobel Prizes are presented on **December 10** each year.

7. India Wins 4 Golds at International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2026)

- **19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA)**, **Hanoi, Vietnam** (25

September – 5 October 2026; **307 students** from **64 countries**).

- **All 5 Indian students** won medals – **4 gold, 1 silver**.
- **Gold**: **Pranjal Dixit, Sumant Gupta, Akshat Srivastava, Arnav Sehrawat**; **Silver**: **Harshil Amitkumar Patel**.
- **India placed 3rd jointly with Vietnam**, behind **Iran and South Korea** (5 golds each).

8. IOA Announces First Annual Awards

- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha** announced **two new annual awards** (around **October 4, 2026**):
 - **Jaspal Rana Award (Best Female Athlete)**: **Kumkum Anil Mohod (17, archery)** – **2 gold** (women’s recurve individual and team) and **1 silver** (mixed team); her individual gold earned India a **quota for LA 2028**.
 - **Raja Randhir Singh Award (Best Male Athlete)**: **Sujeet Kalkal (23)** – **65 kg freestyle wrestling gold**.

9. Nobel Prize in Physics 2026: Francis Halzen

- **Francis Halzen** (Belgian-American, **University of Wisconsin–Madison**).
- Announced **6 October 2026** by the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** “for decisive contributions to the **IceCube Neutrino Observatory** and the discovery of **high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin**”.

10. Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026: Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai

- Announced **7 October 2026** by the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** “for their discovery of **non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis**”.
 - **Henri B. Kagan**: **Université Paris-Sud / Paris-Saclay, France**.
 - **Kenso Soai**: **Tokyo University of Science, Japan**.
- Helps produce drugs with the correct molecular “**handedness**” (**chirality**).
- **Prize money**: **12 million Swedish kronor (SEK)**.

11. Joheirry Mola of the Dominican Republic Wins 73rd Miss World

- **Joheirry Mola (Dominican Republic)** won **73rd Miss World** (**5 September 2026, Nha Trang, Vietnam**).

- **111 contestants**; she succeeded **Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand)**.

12. Nobel Prize in Literature 2026: Anne Carson (Canada)

- Announced on **8 October 2026** by the **Swedish Academy** (Permanent Secretary: **Ingrid Carlberg**).
- For her **“bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature”**.
- **Canadian poet, essayist and classicist** born in **Toronto**; notable works: **“Autobiography of Red” (1998)**, **“Nox” (2010)**, **“Norma Jeane Baker of Troy” (2019)**.
- Prize money: **12 million Swedish kronor**; previous Canadian winner: **Alice Munro (2013)**.

13. Nobel Peace Prize 2026: Navi Pillay (South Africa)

- Announced on **9 October 2026** in **Oslo** by the **Norwegian Nobel Committee** (Chair: **Jørgen Watne Frydnes**), honouring her **lifelong work for international law and human rights**.
- **Navanethem “Navi” Pillay, 85**, born in **Durban** in **1941** into a family of **Indian Tamil origin**; defended anti-apartheid activists including **Nelson Mandela**.
- **First non-white woman judge on South Africa’s High Court (1995)**; judge at the **International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)** and the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**; **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008–2014)**.
- Prize money: **12 million Swedish kronor**; award ceremony on **10 December 2026** in **Oslo, Norway**.

14. Satya Nadella and Michael Dell Receive US National Medal of Technology and Innovation

- **Satya Nadella** and **Michael Dell** received the **US National Medal of Technology and Innovation**.

15. Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026: Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford (USA)

- Announced on **12 October 2026** by the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** for the **“microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization”**.
- **Hall: Stanford University (Hoover Institution)**; **Woodford: Columbia University**.

16. Sunil Bharti Mittal Named Knight (Chevalier) of France’s Legion of Honour

- Conferred by **French President Emmanuel Macron** for strengthening **India–France economic ties**; insignia to be presented on **28 October 2026** at the **French Embassy, New Delhi**.
- **Légion d’Honneur – France’s highest civilian distinction**, created by **Napoleon Bonaparte** in **1802**.
- **Mittal is Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises**; received the **Padma Bhushan** in **2007** and an **honorary KBE** in **2024**.

17. Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026: Federico Veronesi (Italy) Wins for “The Aftermath”

- Image shows a **female elephant carrying her dead calf** in **Namibia’s Huab River Valley**; **62nd edition** with over **65,000 entries**.
- **Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year: Oscar Whitfield (14, UK)**.

18. Jindal Steel’s “Dakshata” Wins 17th worldsteel Steelie Award

- **Jindal Steel’s “Dakshata” safety programme** won the **17th worldsteel Steelie Award** in the **“Excellence in People”** category.
- Announced by the **World Steel Association** in **New Delhi** on **12 October 2026**.

19. Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma Named ICC Players of the Month for September 2026

- **Shubman Gill’s 5th Player of the Month award – the most by a male player**; he scored **223* off 133 balls** against **West Indies** at **Guwahati**.
- **Shafali Verma’s 2nd award**; scored **360 runs** in **7 T20Is** at a strike rate of **184.61**, including her maiden **T20I hundred (100* off 49)** in the **Asian Games semi-final**.

20. Raji Doshi Named “America’s Top Young Scientist”

- **Raji Doshi** named **“America’s Top Young Scientist”** in the **2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge**.

21. Reema Nanavaty of SEWA Receives Hillary Rodham Clinton Award

- **Reema Nanavaty of SEWA** received the **Hillary Rodham Clinton Award**; Nanavaty received the **Padma Shri** in **2013**.

- **Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA):**
founded by Ela Bhatt in 1972; HQ Ahmedabad.

BANKING AND FINANCE**1. MSP Hike for Rabi Crops for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2027-28**

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

2. 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 ₹50,000 crore for the second half (**October 2026 – March 2027**).
- The limit for the **first half (April – September 2026)** was ₹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%**.

3. RBI Imposes Monetary Penalties on Three NBFCs

- **Ola Financial Services Pvt Ltd:** Penalty of ₹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 ₹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 ₹2.70 lakh (order dated **September 22, 2026**) for failing to return surplus proceeds from auction of pledged gold to borrowers.

4. 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 ₹5,000.

5. SEBI Launches “Project Jagrook” and “Samajh Se Investing Simple” Campaign

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** issued a circular on **October 1, 2026** for **Project Jagrook**; investor awareness messages to be displayed from **October 5 to October 31, 2026**.
- Launched during **World Investor Week (5–11 October 2026)** by SEBI Chairman **Tuhin Kanta Pandey** at **Panjab University, Chandigarh**, along with the “**Samajh Se Investing Simple**” campaign.
- Also launched: **MUST (Mentoring of University and College Students through Trainers)** programme and an **official SEBI WhatsApp channel (1800 22 7575)**.

6. SEBI Grants NOC to NSE for Corporate Bond Index Futures

- **SEBI** granted a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** to the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** to launch **Corporate Bond Index Futures**.

7. UPI Records 24.07 Billion Transactions Worth ₹29.37 Lakh Crore in September 2026

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed 24.07 billion transactions worth ₹29.37 lakh crore in September 2026.
- Volume fell 1.8% and value 1.5% from August 2026 (24.51 billion; ₹29.82 lakh crore).

8. Razorpay and IndusInd Bank Launch "RAY"

- Razorpay, with IndusInd Bank, launched "RAY", a conversational AI account manager on WhatsApp.

9. Centre's Fiscal Deficit for April–August 2026 at 41.9% of FY27 BE

- The Centre's fiscal deficit for April–August 2026 was ₹7,10,249 crore (₹7.10 lakh crore) – 41.9% of the FY27 Budget Estimate (BE).
- FY27 fiscal deficit target: 4.3% of GDP (₹16.96 lakh crore).

10. Ministry of Finance Projects 7.3% GDP Growth for Q2 FY27; Exports Data

- The Ministry of Finance, in its September Monthly Economic Review, projected real GDP growth of 7.3% for Q2 FY27, after 7.8% in Q1 FY27 (NSO).
- The RBI's estimate for Q2 is 6.4%.
- India's total exports (goods and services) for April–August 2026 were \$399.27 billion (up 15.55%); merchandise exports \$215.91 billion.
- Target: \$1 trillion in total exports in FY27.

11. PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor; BoB Sets Up Pension Fund Company and Launches bob World 2.0

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) approved Bank of Baroda (BoB) as a Pension Fund sponsor under Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013.
- Certificate handed over by DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya on October 1, 2026 (NPS Divas).
- BoB is the second public sector bank to manage pension funds after State Bank of India (SBI) (April 2008).
- Bank of Baroda set up a Pension Fund Company and launched bob World 2.0.
- National Pension System (NPS): launched on January 1, 2004 for government employees; opened to all citizens in 2009; eligibility 18–70 years.

- BoB: MD & CEO: Dr Debadatta Chand; HQ: Vadodara.

12. Small Savings Interest Rates Unchanged for October–December 2026 (Q3 FY 2026–27); PPF Stays at 7.1%

- Decided by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance:
 - Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS): 8.2%.
 - Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY): 8.2%.
 - National Savings Certificate (NSC): 7.7%.
 - Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP): 7.5% (doubles in 115 months).
 - Public Provident Fund (PPF): 7.1% for Q3 FY27 (October 1 – December 31, 2026).
- PPF deposits: minimum ₹500, maximum ₹1.5 lakh per financial year; tenure 15 years, extendable in 5-year blocks.
- EEE (Exempt-Exempt-Exempt) status; deduction under Section 80C up to ₹1.5 lakh; partial withdrawal allowed after 5 complete years.

13. NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH-Focused Social Bond on NSE, Raises ₹180 Crore

- NABKISAN Finance Ltd, an NBFC subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), raised ₹180 crore through India's first social bond dedicated to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- Tenure: 5 years (maturing September 2031); coupon: 8.10%; rated AAA (Stable) by CRISIL and CARE.
- NABARD: established 12 July 1982; HQ Mumbai.

14. Gross GST Collection for September 2026 at ₹2,03,521 Crore, up 14.7% YoY

- Gross GST collection: ₹2,03,521 crore in September 2026, up 14.7% year-on-year.
- April–September FY 2026–27 gross GST: ₹12,46,278 crore (up 11.6%).
- Record collection: ₹2,43,930 crore in April 2026.
- GST introduced on July 1, 2017 through the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016.
- France was the first country to introduce GST (1954).

15. Windfall Tax Cut on Diesel and ATF Exports

- From October 1, 2026, the Ministry of Finance cut the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on fuel exports:

- Diesel: from ₹20/litre to ₹16/litre (including Road & Infrastructure Cess).
- Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF): from ₹15/litre to ₹10.50/litre.
- Petrol: unchanged at ₹0.50/litre.

16. SBI Buys ~40% of Reliance Industries' ₹13,000 Crore Bond Issue

- State Bank of India (SBI) bought about ₹5,000 crore (~40%) of Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) ₹13,000 crore 10-year bond issue (base ₹12,000 crore + ₹1,000 crore greenshoe) at a 7.90% coupon, completed on September 30, 2026.

17. RBI Master Direction on Note Sorting Machines

- Defines **fit and unfit notes**; rejection thresholds:
 - Dog-ears: area > 100 mm² and edge > 5 mm.
 - Tears: vertical > 4×8 mm, horizontal > 4×15 mm, diagonal > 4×18 mm.
 - Holes: > 8 mm².
 - Stains/graffiti: total > 500 mm² or single > 200 mm².
 - Crumpling: reduction in length or width > 5 mm.
 - Repaired notes: repair area > 100 mm², tape thickness = 50 µm or tape = 10 mm.
- Note Sorting Machines (NSMs) must meet IS 18663:2024 (BIS); discontinued models must be replaced by June 30, 2027; machines tested every quarter.

18. RBI Master Circular on Credit Facilities for SCs and STs

- DAY-NRLM: at least 50% of beneficiaries to be SC/ST.
- Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme: loans up to ₹15,000 (plus housing loan up to ₹20,000) at 4%; at least 40% of DRI lending to SC/STs.
- Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for SCs (CEGSSC): guarantees loans of ₹15 lakh to ₹5 crore for up to 7 years.

19. RBI Grants Indiabulls Ltd Registration as a Core Investment Company (CIC)

- Indiabulls Ltd (formerly Yaari Digital Integrated Services Ltd) got RBI registration as a Core Investment Company (CIC).
- CIC norms: asset size of ₹100 crore or more; at least 90% of net assets in group companies, with at least 60% in equity of group companies.

20. CCI Approves BNP Paribas Cardif's Acquisition of 26% in IndiaFirst Life Insurance

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved (reported September 30, 2026) BNP Paribas Cardif acquiring about 26% (25.96%) of IndiaFirst Life Insurance from Warburg Pincus (through Carmel Point Investment Ltd).

21. Pramerica Life Insurance Launches "Poorna Rakshak" Plan

- Pramerica Life Insurance launched the "Poorna Rakshak" plan.
- MD & CEO: Pankaj Gupta.

22. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Launches India's First Blue Bond

- Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd, India's first maritime-focused lender, launched India's first blue bond on September 28, 2026.
- Target ₹600 crore (including ₹500 crore greenshoe), 10-year tenor.

23. 57th GST Council Meeting: Decriminalisation and Ease-of-Compliance Reforms; No Change in GST Rates

- The 57th GST Council meeting, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, was held on October 8, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council is a constitutional body under Article 279A.
- No change in GST rates; GST rate changes will henceforth be decided once a year, effective from the next financial year.
- Arrest powers under GST to be removed; prosecution threshold under Section 132 raised from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore.
- No show-cause notice/notices for amounts (tax) below ₹10,000 (also for pending cases); general penalty under Section 125 cut from ₹25,000 to ₹10,000.
- Refund applications to be acknowledged within 10 days (instead of 15).
- Input services become eligible for inverted-duty refunds from 1 November 2026; most other changes effective 1 April 2027.
- GST was introduced on 1 July 2017 through the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016.

24. RBI MPC Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; Stance Shifts to “Calibrated Tightening”

- The 63rd meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) – 4th bi-monthly review of FY 2026–27 – was held from 5–7 October 2026, chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra; decision announced 7 October 2026.
- First hike since February 2023.
- Policy repo rate raised by 25 basis points from 5.25% to 5.50% (unanimous, 6–0); stance changed from neutral to “calibrated tightening” (vote 4–2).
- Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) corridor:
 - Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) (floor): 5.25%.
 - Policy Repo Rate: 5.50%.
 - Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) (ceiling) and Bank Rate: 5.75%.
- Unchanged: Reverse Repo 3.35%; Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) 3%; Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) 18%.
- FY 2026–27 projections:
 - Real GDP growth: raised by 40 bps to 7.1% (Q2 7.2%, Q3 6.9%, Q4 6.8%; Q1 FY 2027–28: 7.1%); actual Q1 FY 2026–27 growth: 7.8%.
 - Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation: raised to 5.2% from 5.0% (Q2 4.9%, Q3 6.0%, Q4 5.7%; Q1 FY 2027–28: 5.6%); core inflation 4.4%; August 2026 CPI inflation: 4.8%.
- MSF: overnight borrowing for banks up to 2% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL); SDF: deposit facility without collateral.
- MPC members: Sanjay Malhotra (Governor), Poonam Gupta (Deputy Governor), Indranil Bhattacharyya (Executive Director) – RBI; Dr Nagesh Kumar, Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh – external members.
- Next MPC meeting: 2–4 December 2026.
- MPC is a 6-member statutory body under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act, 1934; RBI: established 1 April 1935; HQ Mumbai.

25. Key Data from RBI Governor’s Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026)

- Bank credit growth: 18.1% year-on-year (YoY) (as of 15 September 2026); system-level Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR): 17.87% (June 2026).
- Current Account Deficit (CAD): 0.5% of GDP (US\$ 4.2 billion) in Q1 FY 2026–27; net Foreign

Direct Investment (FDI): US\$ 13.8 billion (April–August 2026).

- Forex reserves: US\$ 734.6 billion (as of 2 October 2026).

26. SEBI Introduces Colour-Coded “Credit Risk-o-Meter” for Debt Securities

- Circular dated 7 October 2026; 6 risk levels from “Lowest credit risk” to “High to Very high risk of Default”.
- Must be shown in offer documents, advertisements and on Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP) websites; where there are multiple ratings, the lowest rating applies.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI): established 12 April 1988, statutory powers 30 January 1992; HQ Mumbai; Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey.

27. SEBI Raises ISIN Limit for Privately Placed Debt

- SEBI raised the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) limit for privately placed debt to 17 per financial year per issuer (up to 12 plain-vanilla + 5 structured), effective 7 October 2026.

28. RBI Internal Ombudsman Framework and Grievance Redress

- Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) 2026 (in force from 1 July 2026): customer must give the entity 30 days, then may approach the RBI Ombudsman within 90 days.
- Compensation up to ₹30 lakh for consequential loss and ₹3 lakh for harassment/mental agony.
- Appellate Authority: Executive Director in charge of the Consumer Education and Protection Department (CEPD), RBI.

29. NaBFID Raises US\$ 750 Million in Debut 10-Year Dollar Bond

- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised US\$ 750 million in its debut 10-year dollar bond at 6.122%.

30. Centre Cuts FY 2026–27 Gross Market Borrowing to ₹15.99 Lakh Crore

- The Ministry of Finance, in consultation with the RBI (around 25 September 2026), cut gross market borrowing for FY 2026–27 from ₹17.20 lakh crore (Budget Estimates – BE) to ₹15,99,506 crore.

- Net market borrowing unchanged at about ₹11.7 lakh crore.
- Treasury Bill (T-bill) borrowing for October–December 2026: ₹2.99 lakh crore; Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for H2: ₹50,000 crore.

31. India's External Debt Rises to US\$ 778.2 Billion at End-June 2026

- RBI data (30 September 2026): up US\$ 15.4 billion from US\$ 762.8 billion at end-March 2026.
- External debt-to-GDP ratio: 20.8% (from 20.9%).

32. UPI 30% Market Share Cap: Deadline 31 December 2026

- Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs) on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), such as PhonePe, must bring their market share below 30% by 31 December 2026.
- NPCI: set up in 2008; HQ Mumbai; UPI launched in April 2016.

33. RBI Makes Account Aggregators Interoperable; Bank Deposits to Be Added to CAS

- Announced on 7 October 2026: customers can share data from any information provider through the Account Aggregator (AA) of their choice.
- SEBI-regulated depositories will add bank deposit details to the Consolidated Account Statement (CAS) through AAs.
- Both measures to be in place by 31 December 2026; India has 17 licensed Non-Banking Financial Company – Account Aggregators (NBFC-AAs).

34. RBI Imposes All-Inclusive Directions on Two Co-operative Banks; Withdrawals Barred

- Banks: The Tiruvalla Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Tiruvalla (Kerala) and Sri Mahatma Basaveshwar Co-operative Bank Ltd., Afzalpur (Karnataka).
- Imposed under Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, from close of business on 8 October 2026 for 6 months.
- Eligible depositors can claim up to ₹5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI.

35. RBI Penalises Monghyr-Jamui Central Co-operative Bank

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹5 lakh on The Monghyr-Jamui Central Co-operative Bank Ltd, Bihar, for not uploading KYC (Know Your Customer) records to the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) on time.

36. RBI Removes Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934

- PPBL's licence was cancelled on 24 April 2026 under Section 22(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The Delhi High Court ordered its winding up (8 and 22 July 2026); former SBI Chief General Manager Girikumar M. Nair appointed official liquidator.
- 5 payments banks now operate: Airtel (first), India Post Payments Bank (100% government-owned), Fino, Jio and NSDL.
- Fino Payments Bank got RBI in-principle approval (5 December 2025) to become a Small Finance Bank – the first payments bank to do so.
- Payments bank norms: minimum paid-up capital ₹100 crore; deposits up to ₹2 lakh per customer; no lending; set up on the recommendation of the Nachiket Mor Committee.

37. Marcellus Investment Managers Gets SEBI Nod for Mutual Fund Business

- Marcellus Investment Managers received final SEBI approval to start a mutual fund business (announced 30 September 2026).

38. India's Forex Reserves Fall US\$ 12.952 Billion to US\$ 734.61 Billion

- India's forex reserves fell by US\$ 12.952 billion to US\$ 734.61 billion (week ended 2 October 2026).

39. RBI Raises Daily Minimum CRR Maintenance Requirement from 90% to 99%

- The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) rate remains unchanged at 3% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL).
- The 99% daily requirement was last used in July 2013; it was cut to 95% (September 2013) and 90% (April 2016).

40. RBI Cancels Certificates of Registration (CoR) of 13 NBFCs

- Cancelled under **Section 45-IA(6)** of the **RBI Act, 1934**; **11 of the 13** are in **West Bengal** and **2** in **Chennai**.
- **NBFC – Non-Banking Financial Company**.

41. RBI Announces ₹25,000 Crore Open Market Operation (OMO) Sale of Government Securities

- Auction on **13 October 2026** on the **E-Kuber** platform, to **absorb surplus liquidity**.
- On **8 October 2026**, net liquidity absorbed by **RBI** stood at **₹3,88,015.90 crore**.

42. RBI Data on Bank Credit and Deposits (as of 30 September 2026)

- **RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement**: bank credit up **19.4%**, deposits up **17.8% YoY**.
 - **Scheduled commercial bank deposits**: **₹2,83,95,693 crore**; bank credit: **₹2,29,94,658 crore**.
 - **Broad money (M3)**: **₹3,37,66,475 crore**, up **16.9% YoY**.
- **RBI's Scheduled Banks' Statement**: bank credit stood at **₹2,35,09,866 crore** and deposits at **₹2,89,55,375 crore** as on **30 September 2026** (credit up about **19% YoY**).

43. Federal Bank Launches "Verto" Premium Savings Account for Young Professionals

- Offers **5% cashback** on debit card spends on **food, fashion and flights**, and **free insurance cover** of up to **₹35 lakh**.
- **Federal Bank**: incorporated **1931**; HQ **Aluva, Kerala**; MD & CEO: **KVS Manian**.

44. RBI Tightens Rules on Rupee Forex Derivatives; Introduces 20% Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR)

- Limit for **hedging without proof of underlying exposure** cut from **US\$ 100 million** to **US\$ 5 million**.
- **FERR**: for **INR derivative contracts above US\$ 2 million notional** (where the user buys foreign currency), banks must keep **20% of the INR notional in cash with RBI till maturity**.
- **FEMA – Foreign Exchange Management Act**.

45. RBI Opens Special Dollar Window for IOC, HPCL and BPCL

- From **12 October 2026**, **RBI** will sell **US dollars** through **designated banks** to meet the entire

daily dollar needs of the **three oil marketing companies**, until further notice.

- **Aim**: support the **rupee**; **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** – HQ **New Delhi**; **HPCL** and **BPCL** – HQ **Mumbai**.

46. Banks Park ₹1,39,360 Crore with RBI under SDF

- On **10 October 2026**, banks parked **₹1,39,360 crore** with **RBI** under the **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)** at **5.25%**; **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)** rate: **5.75%**; **repo rate**: **5.50%**.

47. CPI Inflation Rises to 5.54% in September 2026 (from 4.83% in August)

- Released by the **National Statistics Office (NSO)**, **MoSPI** on **12 October 2026**; new **CPI series base year**: **2024=100**.
- **Rural**: **6.08%**; **Urban**: **4.88%**; **food inflation (CFPI – Consumer Food Price Index)**: **7.74%**.
- **Highest inflation**: **Tamil Nadu (6.81%)**; **lowest**: **Mizoram (2.85%)**.

48. AMFI: Equity Mutual Fund Inflows Rise 30.61% to ₹38,306.55 Crore in September 2026

- **AMFI – Association of Mutual Funds in India**.

49. SEBI Notifies SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2026, Replacing the 2020 Regulations

- Notified on **12 October 2026**; effective **1 April 2027**.
- **Net worth requirement** for general **Portfolio Management Services (PMS)**: **₹5 crore**; **minimum client investment** remains **₹50 lakh**.
- **New PRIM route** (mutual fund investing through portfolio managers) with **net worth of ₹2 crore** and **ticket size of ₹25 lakh**.

50. LIC Launches Three New Plans (On Sale from 19 October 2026)

- **New Jeevan Dhara-II (Plan 892)** – **deferred annuity plan** with **guaranteed annuity rates for life**.
- **Health Shield (Plan 907)** – **fixed-benefit health plan** with **daily hospital cash**; **15-year term**.
- **New Cancer Cover (Plan 908)** – **25% of sum assured** for **early-stage** and **100%** for **major-stage cancer**, plus **monthly income of 1% for 10 years**.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**: CEO – **R. Doraiswamy**.

51. NPCI Defers 0.4% MDR on Select UPI Merchant Payments above ₹2,000 until after Diwali

- The charge was to start on **15 October 2026**; new date to be notified separately; **person-to-person (P2P)** payments remain free.
- Planned **cap of ₹300** for transactions of **₹75,000 or more**; **MDR – Merchant Discount Rate**; **P2M – Person to Merchant**.
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**: set up **2008**; HQ **Mumbai**.

52. North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0

- **North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0** held at **Mizoram University, Aizawl**.

53. FM Open to Suggestions on Removing LTCG Tax

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** said the government is **open to suggestions on removing long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax** ahead of the next Budget.

54. WPI Inflation Rises to 11.39% in September 2026 (from 9.92% in August)

- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** inflation rose to **11.39%** in **September 2026** from **9.92%** in **August**.

55. RBI Fixes Premature Redemption Price of SGB 2019–20 Series V

- **RBI** fixed the premature redemption price of **Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2019–20 Series V** at **₹14,725 per unit**.

56. India's Merchandise Exports Rise 23.04% to US\$ 44.40 Billion in September 2026**Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 13.21% to ₹13.38 Lakh Crore**

- Period: **1 April–14 October 2026**.

57. India's Balance of Payments (BoP) Shows US\$ 45.4 Billion Surplus in August 2026: RBI

- **Current Account Deficit (CAD)**: **US\$ 5.2 billion** (**US\$ 6.1 billion** in **August 2025**).

58. RBI Gives No-Objection Certificate for Merger of REC Ltd into Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

- **RBI** gave a **No-Objection Certificate (NOC)** for the merger of **REC Ltd** into **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**.

59. HSBC India Commits ₹200 Crore over Four Years (2026–2030) for Financial Literacy

- **HSBC India CEO**: **Hitendra Dave**; **HSBC Holdings** – HQ **London**.

60. Karnataka Bank Launches "Nava Dhamaka 2026"

- **Karnataka Bank** launched **"Nava Dhamaka 2026"**, nine digital banking solutions including **UPI for NRE/NRO accounts** and **PIN-less CBDC payments**.
- **MD & CEO**: **Raghavendra S. Bhat**; HQ **Mangaluru**.

DEFENCE**1. INS Tarkash Arrives at Mombasa Port, Kenya**

- **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**.

2. IAF No. 17 Squadron "Golden Arrows" Completes 75 Years

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF) No. 17 Squadron "Golden Arrows"** completed **75 years**, celebrated at **Air Force Station Ambala, Haryana**.
- **Chief of the Air Staff**: **Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh**.

3. 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026) at Subic Bay, Philippines

- The **2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026)** began on **September 28, 2026** at **Subic Bay, Philippines**, with sea drills off **Zambales**; it later **concluded** at **Subic Bay**.
- **Theme**: **"Anchored in Trust, United at Sea"**.
- **Indian Navy ships**: **INS Sahyadri** and **INS Kulish**.
- **Chief of the Naval Staff**: **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan**; **Navy Day**: **December 4**.
- **ASEAN** has **11 members**; **Timor-Leste** joined in **October 2025**; **Philippines** chairs in **2026**, **Singapore** in **2027**.

4. Indian Army Holds Exercise “Jai Se Vijay” on NH-911

- Indian Army held Exercise “Jai Se Vijay” on NH-911.

5. 2nd Edition of Naval Commanders’ Conference 2026

- The 2nd edition of the Naval Commanders’ Conference 2026 was held at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.

6. INS Trishul Arrives at Valencia, Spain

- INS Trishul arrived at Valencia, Spain.

7. Rajnath Singh Launches Three Initiatives at 279th Annual Day of Defence Accounts Department

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched three initiatives on **October 1, 2026** at the **279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department**:
 - Integration of the **SAKSHAM** bill-processing platform with **IAFIS (Indian Army Financial Information System)**.
 - **Treasury Single Account (TSA)** for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies under the **Ministry of Defence**, using **PRISM (Payment Routing and Integrated System Management)** integrated with **RBI’s e-Kuber**.
 - A revamped **National Compilation System**.

8. India–UAE Joint Military Exercise “Mountain Guardian 2026”

- India–UAE Army exercise **Mountain Guardian 2026** held from **October 5–18, 2026** at the **Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia (Uttarakhand)**.

9. Other Military Exercises

- **Udara Shakti (Malaysia)**, **Veer Guardian** and **Shinyuu Maitri (Japan)**, **Ajeya Warrior (UK)**, **Pitch Black (multilateral, hosted by Australia)**, **Eagles of Civilization (China–Egypt)**.

10. First Women ADCs to Army Chief and President

- **Captain Shivani Sehrawat**: first woman Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the **Chief of the Army Staff (July 2026)**.
- **Major Navya Shekhawat (Army Service Corps)**: first woman Army officer to be **ADC to the President**.

- **Chief of the Army Staff: General Dhiraj Seth (31st COAS, since June 30, 2026)**.
- **Army Day: January 15**.

11. Rajnath Singh Launches ‘Surya’, India’s First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1)

- Launched at **Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), Visakhapatnam (6 October 2026)**.

12. 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) Held off Paradip, Odisha

- Held on **October 7–8, 2026** off **Paradip, Odisha**; sea phase held on **8 October 2026**.
- Inaugurated by **MoS Defence Sanjay Seth**; conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** (**Director General: Paramesh Sivamani**).

13. India Exports Akash Air Defence System to Tajikistan and Turkmenistan

- **Akash** is an indigenous surface-to-air missile system developed by **DRDO**.

14. Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Hosted by IAF at Jodhpur, Rajasthan

- 2nd edition of the multinational air exercise, held from **26 September to 12 October 2026**; theme: **“Power in Partnership”**.
- **Rajnath Singh** addressed **Tarang Shakti-2026** at **Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.

15. 94th Indian Air Force (IAF) Day Celebrated on 8 October 2026

- Held at **Air Force Station Hindon, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh)**; 94th anniversary in 2026.
- Theme: **“Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise”**.
- **Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Amar Preet Singh** serves till **31 October 2026**; **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** will be the **29th Chief of the Air Staff**.

16. India’s Defence Exports Hit Record ₹38,424 Crore in FY 2025–26

- Exports grew **over 60%** over the previous year; target of **₹50,000 crore by 2029**.

17. Indian Coast Guard Commissions Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Ajit

- Commissioned at **Goa Shipyard Limited**.
- **Indian Coast Guard: HQ New Delhi**.

18. GRSE Launches Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Shreyas'

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) launched **NGOPV 'Shreyas'** in Kolkata.

19. Indian Navy Commissions INS Mangrol, Third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

- 'Mangrol', the 3rd Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), commissioned on **12 October 2026** at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- Third Mahe-class ASW-SWC built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), Kochi; over 80% indigenous content.

20. India–Russia Naval Exercise INDRA-2026 at Vladivostok (13–18 October 2026)

- **INS Sahyadri** arrived in Vladivostok, Russia for **INDRA-2026**; the exercise began on **13 October 2026**.
- Includes **harbour and sea phases**.

21. India–UK Naval Exercise KONKAN-26 off Plymouth, UK (8–15 October 2026)

- **INS Trishul** exercised with the **Royal Navy**; exercise concluded off **Plymouth, UK**.
- Included **air defence, anti-submarine warfare** and **cross-deck helicopter operations**.

22. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh Visits Cyprus and Greece

- **Defence Secretary: Rajesh Kumar Singh**; to visit **Cyprus and Greece** from **12 October 2026** for talks on **maritime security** and **defence-industry cooperation** (announced **10 October 2026**).
- Visited **Greece** on **14–15 October 2026**.
- **Cyprus** – Capital: **Nicosia**; **Greece** – Capital: **Athens**; Currency: **Euro**.

23. India–Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2026 Concludes at Oskemen, Kazakhstan

- **Kazakhstan** – Capital: **Astana**; Currency: **Tenge**.

24. IBSAMAR IX Begins at Simon's Town, South Africa (12–22 October 2026)

- **India–Brazil–South Africa Maritime Exercise**; India represented by **INS Tarkash**; **South Africa** is host, **India** is lead nation.
- Theme: "**Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain**"; held since **2008** under the **IBSA** framework.

25. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates First ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum

- Inaugurated at **MP-IDSA, New Delhi**.
- **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)**: HQ **Jakarta**; founded **1967**.

INTERNATIONAL

1. California Bans Child Marriage Without Exception

- **California Governor Gavin Newsom** signed **Assembly Bill (AB) 1267** (authored by Assemblymember **Gail Pellerin**) on **September 30, 2026**, banning **marriage and domestic partnership** under **18 years** without exception.
- **California** becomes the **18th US state** (of **50**) with a complete ban; **Delaware** and **New Jersey** were the first (**2018**).

2. G7 Announces Release of up to 100 Million Barrels from Emergency Stocks

- **G7** countries announced on **October 2, 2026** the release of up to **100 million barrels of crude oil and diesel** from **emergency stocks** over **4 months**, coordinated through the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**.
- **IEA**: est. **1974**; HQ **Paris**; **33 members** (**Colombia** newest, **February 2026**); **13 association**

countries, including **India** (since **March 30, 2017**).

3. Tajikistan's Rogun Dam to Be World's Tallest

- The **Rogun Hydropower Project** on the **Vakhsh River, Tajikistan**, will be the **world's tallest dam** at **335 metres**, with capacity of **3,600 MW** (**6 × 600 MW**).
- **Capitals: Tajikistan** – **Dushanbe**; **Kazakhstan** – **Astana** (**India–Kazakhstan exercise KAZIND**); **Kyrgyzstan** – **Bishkek** (hosted the **26th SCO Summit, 2026**).

4. India Joins 14 Economies in Joint Statement on Excess Capacity and Non-Market Policies

- Signed on **7 October 2026** on the sidelines of the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Trade Committee**; released by the **Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)**.
- **OECD**: founded **1961**; HQ **Paris, France**.

5. Five Countries Seek to Join India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

- **Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Greece and Cyprus** have expressed interest, confirmed on **6 October 2026** by **Gérard Mestrallet**, French President's Special Envoy for IMEC; expansion needs unanimous approval of the founding partners.
- IMEC was announced at the **18th G20 Summit, New Delhi (2023)**; founding partners: **India, USA, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy** and the **European Union**.

6. EAM S. Jaishankar's Three-Nation Africa Tour (Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia)

- **External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar** visited **Côte d'Ivoire (7 October 2026)**.
 - **Côte d'Ivoire** – Capital: **Yamoussoukro**; Currency: **West African CFA franc**.
- Visited **Ethiopia** – final leg of the three-nation Africa tour (**Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia**).
 - India is **Africa's 4th-largest trading partner**, with trade nearing **US\$ 100 billion**; over **220 Indian-supported projects** worth about **US\$ 4.5 billion** completed in Africa.
 - **Ethiopia** – Capital: **Addis Ababa** (also HQ of the **African Union**); Currency: **Birr**.
- **Jaishankar chaired the Conference of India's Heads of Mission in Africa** in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (10 October 2026)**.
 - **African Union (AU)**: HQ **Addis Ababa**.

7. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Visits Singapore (9–11 October 2026)

- Met **President Tharman Shanmugaratnam** and **PM Lawrence Wong**; talks on the **India–Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.
- **Singapore** – Currency: **Singapore Dollar**.

8. Mauritania Names New 29-Member Government under Reappointed PM Moustar Ould Diay (10 October 2026)

- Includes **8 women**; **President: Mohamed Ould Ghazouani**; **Capital: Nouakchott**; **Currency: Ouguiya**.

9. Bhupender Yadav Inaugurates New Headquarters of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in New Delhi

- Located at **55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi**; IBCA has **29 member countries** and **5 observers**; **Director General: Dr S.P. Yadav**.
- Covers **seven big cats**: **tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma**.

10. Mongolia Thanks India for Supporting Its First Oil Refinery

- **Mongolian President Khurelsukh** thanked India for supporting **Mongolia's first oil refinery (1.5 MMTPA)** at **Altanshiree Soum, Dornogobi**.
- Funded under **India's US\$ 1 billion Line of Credit (2015)**.

11. UN Human Rights Council Elections: 15 Members Elected for 2027–2029

- Elected by the **UN General Assembly** on **13 October 2026**, including **Nepal (173 votes)**, **Japan, Kuwait, Jordan, Germany, Brazil and Ukraine**; **India was not a candidate**.
- **UNHRC: 47 members** with **3-year terms**; HQ **Geneva**; established **2006**.

12. EAM S. Jaishankar Visits UAE; Attends 2nd Raisina Middle East Forum, Abu Dhabi

- Met **UAE FM Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan** at the **2nd Raisina Middle East Forum, Abu Dhabi**.
- **Raisina Middle East theme: "The World Ahead: Power, Purpose & Possibility"**.

MEETINGS**1. World Congress of Gastroenterology 2026 in New Delhi**

- **Theme: "Transforming Gastrointestinal Health, Preserving Nature"**.

2. India–EFTA TEPA Completes One Year; 2nd India–EFTA Prosperity Summit Held in New Delhi

- The **India–European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership**

Agreement (TEPA) completed **one year** on **October 1, 2026**.

- **2nd India–EFTA Prosperity Summit** held in **New Delhi (7 October 2026)** at **Bharat Mandapam**, marking one year of TEPA; addressed by **PM Narendra Modi**.
- **EFTA members: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland**; founded **1960**; HQ **Geneva**.

3. 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave Held in New Delhi (October 3–5, 2026)

- Theme: “Resilience in an Age of Flux”.

4. 28th Session of FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)

- Held in **Rome, Italy** from **September 28 to October 2, 2026**.
- **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**; theme: “Forests for Food, Resilience and Prosperity”.

5. UN Environmental COPs: UNCCD COP17, UNFCCC COP31 and COP32

- **UNCCD COP17 (desertification)**: held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (August 17–28, 2026)**.
- **UNFCCC COP31 (UN Climate Change Conference)**: will be held from **November 9–20, 2026** in **Antalya, Türkiye**.
- **COP32 (2027)**: **Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)**.

6. Bharatiya Kisan Sangh Holds First All India Women Farmer Workers Conclave

- **Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS)** held its **first-ever All India Women Farmer Workers Conclave** on **September 30, 2026** at **Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi**.
- Marking **2026** as the **UN International Year of the Woman Farmer**.
- Theme: “Hum Bharat ki nariyan vaibhav layengi”.

7. 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Kolkata

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)** is observed on **January 9**, marking **Mahatma Gandhi's return** from **South Africa** in **1915**; held every two years.

8. Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026

- Will be held from **October 27–29, 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**; **PM Narendra Modi** will inaugurate it; announced by **Dr Jitendra Singh**.
- Theme: “Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies”; organised by **CSIR**.

9. 70th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC70), Hobart

- At **IWC70** in **Hobart, Australia**, India's statement (**September 28, 2026**) highlighted the **Arabian Sea Humpback Whale**.

10. 14th India Chem 2026 Launched in New Delhi

- Theme: “Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub”.
- Target: India's chemical sector to reach **\$1 trillion by 2040**.

11. 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai (7–9 October 2026)

- India ranks **4th globally** in installed wind capacity; wind potential **695.5 GW** at **120 m** and **1,163.9 GW** at **150 m**.
- Top states (installed capacity): **Gujarat (16.09 GW)**, **Tamil Nadu (12.27 GW)**, **Karnataka (8.90 GW)**.
- **WT-MARUT**: India's first **Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal**, launched on **June 15, 2026 (Global Wind Day)** in **Goa**.
- **Global Wind Day 2026** theme: “Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration”.
- **Odisha** won the **Wind India 2026** award for “Leadership in Wind Energy De-risking” at **Windergy India 2026**.

12. India Energy Week 2027 in Kolkata

- **India Energy Week 2027** to be held in **Kolkata**.

13. 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi (7–10 October)

- Inaugurated by **PM Narendra Modi**.
- Organised by the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** and the **Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)**; theme: “Scale Without Boundaries”; four pillars – **Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt and Suraksha**.
- **Union Minister of Communications: Jyotiraditya Scindia** – data cost has fallen from **₹268 per GB (2014)** to **₹8**.
- **GSMA (Global System for Mobile Communications Association)**: **HQ London**.
- **3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026** held alongside **IMC (7–9 October 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi)**.

14. Sagarmathan 2026 – 3rd Edition of “The Great Oceans Dialogue” (7–9 October, New Delhi)

- Theme: “Blue Geographies, New Aspirations: Trade, Technology, and Trust at Sea”.
- **India and EU** signed a **Letter of Intent** for an **India–EU Green Shipping Corridor Coalition** at **Sagarmathan 2026**, focusing on **Indian-made**

green ammonia and green methanol as marine fuel.

15. 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly Held in Arusha, Tanzania (5–9 October 2026)

- IPU: founded on **30 June 1889** in **Paris**; HQ **Geneva**; **183 member parliaments** and **15 associate members**.

16. Mumbai to Host 4th World Hindu Congress

- Theme: “**Samanam Vratam Saha Chittam**” (Shared Commitment, Collective Resolve).

17. PM Modi Chairs Closing Session of National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development

- Two-day summit (8–9 October 2026) held at **Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi** – the second in the PM’s series of “**Departmental Summits**” to strengthen **cooperative federalism**.
- Themes: **redesigning Anganwadi Centres**, **child protection**, **women’s safety** and **effectiveness of women’s empowerment schemes**.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD): **Annapurna Devi**.

18. 9th National Review Workshop “Sahkar se Samridhi” Held in Bastar, Chhattisgarh (8–9 October 2026)

- Organised by the **Ministry of Cooperation** (Union Minister: **Amit Shah**; created **July 2021**).
- Target of about **95,000 new Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)** in the next **2–3 years**; **phase-1 PACS computerisation** to be completed by **December 2026**.

19. Tribal Affairs Ministry Holds 2nd Regional Review Conference on Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 in Kolkata

- 1st conference was held in **Bengaluru** (**10 September 2026**) for southern states.

20. 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026) Concludes in Antalya, Türkiye (5–9 October 2026)

- Theme: “**The World Needs More Space**”; over **7,500 participants** from **111 countries**.
- Future hosts: **2027 – Poznań (Poland)**; **2028 – Samarkand (Uzbekistan)**; **2029 – Geneva (Switzerland)**.

- Organised by the **International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**.

21. 2nd Meeting of UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS) Held in New Delhi

- Initiative coordinated by the **ITU** with **FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)**, **IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development)** and **WFP (World Food Programme)** – all three headquartered in **Rome**.

22. 16th India–UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) Held in New Delhi

- **Assam’s Joha rice** exported to the **UK** for the first time; **17th JETCO** to be held in the **UK** in **2027**.

23. IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 October 2026)

- **IMF and World Bank**: HQ **Washington, D.C.**; **Thailand** – Currency: **Baht**.
- **FM Nirmala Sitharaman** addressed the **114th World Bank Development Committee Plenary** in **Bangkok**.
 - Theme: “**Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs**”; she called for closer coordination among **IBRD, IFC and MIGA (World Bank Group institutions)**.
- **G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors** met in **Bangkok** on **15 October 2026** under the **US G20 Presidency**.

24. First BIMSTEC Home Ministers’ Meeting in New Delhi Adopts “Delhi Declaration”

- Held on **13 October 2026**, chaired by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**; all **7 BIMSTEC members** participated.
- **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)** members: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand**.
- Founded in **1997 (Bangkok Declaration)**; Secretariat: **Dhaka**.

25. 21st Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) Sets March 2027 Deadline for “One Nation One Port Process”

- Concluded in **Mumbai** on **13 October 2026**; chaired by **Union Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal**.
- All ports to join the **Maritime Single Window “Sagar Setu”** by **March 2027**.

26. PM Narendra Modi Addresses First Bloomberg New Economy Forum Held in India (13–15 October 2026)

- Held in **New Delhi**; 8th edition of the forum overall; theme of PM's address: "Power to Empower".

27. India Attends 7th CICA Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan; Laos Admitted as Member

- **Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).**
- Summit adopted the **Baku Declaration**; hosted by **Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev** (current CICA chair).

MISCELLANEOUS

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

MOUS

1. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Signs MoU with Royal Enfield

- Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board signed a **2-year MoU (2026–2028)** with **Royal Enfield** to promote motorcycle tourism and adventure travel.

2. ISRO and ESA Extend Cooperation till 2032

- At the **International Space Summit, Paris (September 9–10, 2026)**, **ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan** and **ESA Director General Josef Aschbacher** exchanged letters extending their cooperation agreement till 2032.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**; **European Space Agency (ESA)**.

3. India and Ghana Sign Two MoUs in Accra

- Signed during **External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar's** visit to **Accra**.

- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – CSIR-Crops Research Institute (Ghana)**: high-yielding tomato varieties and value addition for cassava and yam.

- **ICAR Director-General: M.L. Jat**; **Union Agriculture Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

- **Ghana – Capital: Accra**; **Currency: Ghanaian Cedi**.

4. Indian Army and FCI Sign 5-Year MoU; "Bharat Rice for Troops" Launched

- **Indian Army** and **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** signed a **5-year MoU**.
- **Bharat Rice** to be supplied through **NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India)** in **FY 2026–27**, directly to **Army Supply Depots** including **Ladakh** and the **Northeast**; **1.25 lakh metric tonnes** allocated.
- **FCI Chairman: Rabindra Kumar Agarwal**.

NATIONAL

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

- Built under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) 2.0**.
- **Location: Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem villages, Tenali mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh**.

2. 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)**.

3. NDMA Observes 22nd Formation Day

- The **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** observed its **22nd Formation Day** on **September 28, 2026** in **New Delhi**.
- **Theme: "Risk Reduction in Action"**.

4. UPSC Completes 100 Years (October 1, 2026)

- The **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** completed **100 years** on **October 1, 2026**.
- Set up on **October 1, 1926** as the **Public Service Commission** on the recommendation of the **Lee Commission**.
- **Current UPSC Chairman: Dr Ajay Kumar** (since **May 15, 2025**).

- **Civil Services Day: April 21** – marks **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's** address to probationers at **Metcalfe House, Delhi, in 1947.**

5. Tamil Nadu Announces Olympic City in Chennai

- **Tamil Nadu** announced an **Olympic City** in **Chennai.**
- A **Motor Sports City** was announced alongside it.

6. National Biodiversity Authority Observes 23rd Foundation Day

- The **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)** observed its **23rd Foundation Day** on **October 1, 2026.**

7. NCW Recommends 730 Days of Child Care Leave for All Sectors

- **National Commission for Women (NCW)** recommended **730 days of Child Care Leave** for all sectors.
- **NCW Chairperson: Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar.**

8. Tigress T-138 Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal)

- **Three-year-old tigress T-138**, translocated from **Valmiki Tiger Reserve (Bihar)**, was released in **Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal)** on **October 2, 2026.**
- Released by **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav**, with **West Bengal CM Suwendu Adhikari.**
- India has **58 tiger reserves (58th: Madhav National Park, March 2025).**

9. Port Sector Updates

- **Mumbai Port Authority** declared **Jawahar Dweep** India's first plastic-free oil terminal.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA):** first Indian port to get **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** blue financing (\$70 million) for shore power.
- **V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Thoothukudi (Tamil Nadu):** India's first major port to become **Scope-2 emission-free**; launched **PortGPT**, the first generative-AI app at a major port (**June 23, 2026**).
- **Vizhinjam Port (Kerala):** transshipment port operated by **Adani Ports** under a **PPP** with the **Kerala Government.**

10. Bhadohi to Be Renamed Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** announced on **October 4, 2026**, at the **50th India Carpet Expo**, that **Bhadohi district** (known for **carpet weaving**) will be renamed "**Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi**", after **Bhakti saint Sant Ravidas.**
- **Other renamings:**
 - **Aurangabad (Maharashtra)** – **Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.**
 - **Kerala – Keralam – Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026**, in force from **August 25, 2026.**
 - **Calicut – Kozhikode (Kerala).**
 - **Allahabad – Prayagraj (2018).**
 - **Jhansi Railway Station – Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station (2021).**
 - **Faizabad Cantonment – Ayodhya Cantonment (2022).**
 - **Jalalabad (Shahjahanpur, UP) – Parshurampuri (MHA no-objection August 20, 2025).**
 - **Mustafabad (Lakhimpur Kheri, UP) – Kabirdham** (announced **October 2025**).
 - **Cuttack – Kataka and Balasore – Baleshwar (Odisha; English spellings notified June 22, 2026).**

11. Names of 28 Places in Ladakh Standardised

- The **Government of India** and the **UT Administration of Ladakh** standardised the names of **28 geographical features and places** on the official **Survey of India** map.
- **Survey of India:** est. **1767**; HQ: **Dehradun.**

12. CAFE 3.0 Fuel Efficiency Norms Notified

- **Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) 3.0** norms (about **September 30, 2026**), applicable from **April 1, 2027** to **March 31, 2032.**
- **Targets:**
 - **2027-28:** **3.996 litres/100 km**; **CO2** about **94.76 g/km.**
 - **2031-32:** **3.3273 litres/100 km (16.7% improvement)**; **CO2** about **78.90 g/km.**
- **Reference vehicle weight** raised from **1,082 kg** to **1,229 kg.**

13. Two Captive-Bred Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

- India's forest and tree cover: 25.17% (ISFR 2023).

14. West Bengal Declares September 17 as Annapurna Divas

- West Bengal declared September 17 as Annapurna Divas.

15. Odisha Launches India's First State-Level MICE Incentive Portal

- Odisha Deputy CM and Tourism Minister Pravati Parida launched the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) Incentive Portal on October 4, 2026.
- Launched during the 7th Odisha Travel Bazaar, Bhubaneswar – India's first such state portal; the portal offers incentives online.

16. Union Cabinet Approves Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)

- Approved on 6 October 2026 (briefed by Ashwini Vaishnaw); an apex body complementing the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan and the National Logistics Policy 2022.
- Will prepare a National Transport Master Plan with a horizon of 10 years or more, covering roads, railways, ports, shipping, inland waterways, civil aviation and urban mobility.
- Will carry out technical appraisal of transport projects of ₹500 crore or more.

17. Centre Caps Trade Margins on Non-Scheduled Anti-Cancer Drugs at 30%

- Covers about 110 cancer drugs (including about 35 patented drugs); prices may fall by up to 70%.
- Patients expected to save about ₹2,500 crore a year.

18. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Reconstitutes 24 Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees

- Each committee has 31 members (21 from Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha).
- Chairs: Bhartruhari Mahtab – Finance; Shashi Tharoor – External Affairs; Radha Mohan Singh – Defence.

19. Press Council of India (PCI) Reconstituted; 13 Journalists Nominated

- PCI Chairperson: Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai.

20. Odisha: Shree Jagannath International Airport, Puri, Gets Final Environmental and CRZ Clearance

- Greenfield airport on 471.348 hectares at Sipasarubali, Puri; estimated cost ₹5,631 crore; Phase-1 capacity 4.6 million passengers per year.
- CRZ – Coastal Regulation Zone.

21. Madhya Pradesh: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve Becomes India's 3rd Cheetah Habitat

- MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two cheetahs, Vyom and Neera (from Kuno), into Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (spread over Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts) on 7 October 2026, the last day of Wildlife Week.
- Other cheetah sites: Kuno National Park (Sheopur) and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur) – all three in Madhya Pradesh.
- Project Cheetah began in 2022; India now has 60 cheetahs (as stated by the CM).
- Madhya Pradesh has the most tiger reserves (9) of India's 58.

22. Ladakh Launches India's First High-Altitude Snow Leopard Wildlife Safari

- Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena flagged off the safari at Choglamsar, Leh, on 7 October 2026.
- Ladakh has 477 of India's estimated 718 snow leopards.

23. Uttarakhand and Lakshadweep Declared Fully Literate

- Uttarakhand declared India's 6th Fully Literate State on 8 July 2026 under ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) – New India Literacy Programme.
- Earlier fully literate states: Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- Lakshadweep declared a Fully Literate Union Territory.

24. UP Cabinet Approves Renaming Noida International Airport (Jewar)

- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved renaming Noida International Airport (Jewar) as

"Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar".

25. Supreme Court Sets Up Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being

- Constituted on **10 October 2026** (World Mental Health Day) by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant; chaired by Justice K.V. Viswanathan.
- **Mandate:** address stress and well-being of judicial officers.

26. ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh

- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR): HQ New Delhi; Director General: Dr Rajiv Bahl.

27. Maharashtra Forms Committee Headed by Retired Bombay HC Judge Dilip Bhosale to Overhaul MPSC

- **Tukaram Mundhe** appointed Secretary of the committee.
- **MPSC – Maharashtra Public Service Commission** (constituted under **Article 315**).

28. Mizoram Aims to Be First State to Complete Census 2027

- The **Centre** has allocated **₹19.19 crore** for its **second phase** (population enumeration).

29. Draft National Steel Policy – Vision 2047 Targets 604 MT Crude Steel Capacity

- **Finished steel demand target:** 505 MT; exports: 45 MT; per-capita steel consumption to rise from 116 kg to 302 kg by 2047.
- India's **crude steel output** rose from **89 MT (2014–15)** to **170 MT (2025–26)**.
- **Previous National Steel Policy (2017)** targeted **300 MT capacity by 2030–31**.

30. Madhya Pradesh Reintroduces Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve after Nearly 100 Years

- **CM Mohan Yadav** released **8 wild buffaloes** (6 female, 2 male) brought from **Kaziranga National Park, Assam**, on **11 October 2026**.
- **Target:** 50 wild buffaloes in Kanha in 3 years.

31. National SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2026 at Vijayawada (13–31 October 2026)

- Held at **Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh)** – the **first time outside Delhi-NCR**.
- **Inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu**.
- Organised by the **Ministry of Rural Development** with the **Andhra Pradesh government**; **SARAS – Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society**.

32. Keralam Tables Senior Citizens (Care and Protection of Rights) Bill, 2026

- Introduced by **CM V.D. Satheesan** on **13 October 2026**; provides for registration of elder-care centres and **Senior Citizen Protection Units**.
- **Cruelty to senior citizens** punishable with **up to 3 years' imprisonment**; elderly are **18.2% of Kerala's population**.

33. Committee under Prof. Ramesh Chand on Sugarcane Farmers' Issues

- **Centre** set up a committee headed by **Prof. Ramesh Chand**, former **NITI Aayog Member**, to examine issues of **sugarcane farmers**, including revision of the **Minimum Selling Price of sugar (14 October 2026)**.

34. India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh)

Working Group on Tribal Languages; "Adi Vaani" Platform

- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** held the **first meeting** of the **Working Group on Tribal Languages**.
- The **"Adi Vaani"** platform (developed with **IIT Delhi**) translates text in **9 tribal languages**.

PERSONS IN NEWS

1. TIME100 Next 2026 Features Two Indians

- **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi:** 15-year-old cricketer – the **youngest person on the TIME100 Next 2026 list (Athletes)**.
- **Pawan Kumar Chandana:** Co-founder & CEO, **Skyroot Aerospace (Leaders)**.

- **Skyroot Aerospace:** Founded in **2018** in **Hyderabad** by **Pawan Kumar Chandana** and **Naga Bharath Daka**; became **India's first spacetechn unicorn** on **May 7, 2026** (valuation about **\$1.1 billion**).
 - Launched **Vikram-1** from **Sriharikota** on **July 18, 2026** carrying **6 payloads**.

2. Nila (Neela) Vikhe Patil Elected to Sweden's Parliament

- Nila (Neela) Vikhe Patil, of Indian origin, was elected to **Sweden's Parliament (Riksdag)** from **Stockholm City** for the **Green Party**.

3. Union Cabinet Passes Resolution Marking PM Narendra Modi's 25 Years as Head of Government (7 October 2026)

- Narendra Modi took oath as **Chief Minister of Gujarat** on **7 October 2001** and became **Prime Minister** in **2014**.

4. Obituaries

- Mary Louise Weller – actress.
- Singeetam Srinivasa Rao (94) – veteran Indian film director; passed away at **Kauvery Hospital, Chennai** on **3 October 2026**.
- Roshan Kumari – Kathak dancer of the Jaipur gharana and **Padma Shri (1984)** awardee; passed away in **Mumbai** on **5 October 2026**.
- Lord Jeffrey Archer (86) – British author and politician (“Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less”); passed away at home on **5 October 2026**.

- M. Ghaziul Haque (92) – Chairman of **MGH Group (HQ Singapore)** and a founding director of **Eastern Bank PLC (EBL)**, Bangladesh; passed away at **Evercare Hospital, Dhaka** on **5 October 2026**; he was **EBL's chairman** for two terms (**2000–06** and **2013–18**).
- Eva Marie Saint (102) – Hollywood actress, **Oscar winner** for “On the Waterfront” (1954); passed away in **Los Angeles** on **6 October 2026**.
- Nana Patekar – veteran actor-filmmaker; passed away at **75** in **Goa**.
- Guruvayur Dorai – Mridangam maestro and **Padma Shri** awardee; passed away in **Chennai** on **10 October 2026** at the age of **91**; also a recipient of the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award**.
- Madhu Kambikar – veteran Marathi actress and **Lavani** artist; passed away in **Pune**.
- A.V.S. Raju – **Padma Shri** awardee, **Founder** of **Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC) Ltd.**
- Peter Nagy – American artist and founder of the **Nature Morte** art gallery (**New York, 1982**; re-established in **New Delhi** in **1997**).
- Cheruvayal Raman – **Padma Shri** awardee, “Paddy Man of Wayanad”; passed away at **74**.

RANKS AND REPORTS

1. MoSPI Releases Experimental Index of Services Production (ISP); Proposes Expansion to 22 Sub-Sectors

- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** released the experimental (trial) **Index of Services Production (ISP)** for **July 2026** on **September 29, 2026**.
- **Base year: 2024-25**; covers **19 sub-sectors** of services.
- **MoSPI** proposes expanding **ISP** from **19 to 22 sub-sectors**; coverage of services **Gross Value Added (GVA)** would rise from about **60% to 78.4%**.

2. THE World University Rankings 2027

- **Times Higher Education (THE)** released the **World University Rankings 2027** on **September 30, 2026**.
- **World No. 1: University of Oxford (UK)** – **11th** consecutive year; **MIT (USA)** **No. 2**; **Princeton** and **Stanford** tied **3rd**.

- **Most ranked universities: USA (168), India (143), Türkiye (124)**.
- **India No. 1 / Top Indian institution: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru** – rank **254**.
- **5 pillars: Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, International Outlook and Industry**.

3. MoSPI Releases Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024-25 Results

- Released on **September 30, 2026**: **manufacturing output** grew **7.81%** and **Gross Value Added (GVA)** grew **9.59%**.
- **Highest number of factories: Tamil Nadu (41,221; 15.44%)**, followed by **Gujarat (33,084)** and **Maharashtra (27,379)**.
- **Highest share of GVA: Maharashtra (15.92%)**, followed by **Gujarat (14.10%)**; **Gujarat** leads in **output share (16.93%)**.

4. Kuala Lumpur Ranked World's Most Polluted City

- Kuala Lumpur was ranked the world's most polluted city on September 30, 2026 (AQI 166, IQAir), with Singapore 3rd (AQI 155).

5. Andhra Pradesh Ranks 2nd in PMKVY Fund Utilisation

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Andhra Pradesh ranked 2nd (after Uttar Pradesh) in fund utilisation and 1st among major states in placement rate (76%; national average 64%).

6. World Bank Raises India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.1% (from 6.6%)

- Released in the World Bank's October 2026 South Asia Economic Update (6 October 2026); FY 2027–28 forecast: 7.2%.
- India grew 7.8% in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27 (National Statistics Office – NSO data).
- Other FY 2026–27 forecasts for India:
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB): 7.0%
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): 7.1%
 - RBI: 7.1%
- World Bank Group: founded 1944; HQ Washington, D.C.; President: Ajay Banga; 189 members; David Vaillant named (8 October 2026) to succeed Anshula Kant as Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer.
- World Bank = IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) + IDA (International Development Association); World Bank Group also includes IFC, MIGA and ICSID.

7. HSBC India Services PMI Rises to 55.2 in September 2026 (from 54.1 in August)

- Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is compiled by S&P Global; a reading above 50 indicates expansion.

8. NSO Releases India's First All-India Household Travel Survey (July 2025–June 2026)

- Released 5 October 2026; covered 4.92 lakh households and about 20.34 lakh persons.
- Two-wheelers are the top mode of commuting to work (42.6% of workers); average commuting spend ₹785 per month per worker.

9. WTO Raises 2026 World Merchandise Trade Growth Forecast to 3.9% (from 1.9%)

- World Trade Organization (WTO): established 1 January 1995; HQ Geneva, Switzerland; 166 members; Director-General: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

10. WWF Living Planet Report 2026: Monitored Wildlife Populations Declined 73.2% (1970–2022)

- WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature): founded 1961; HQ Gland, Switzerland.

11. UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2026 Projects India's Growth at 7.3% in 2026

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): established 1964; HQ Geneva.

12. NITI Aayog Delta Ranking: Gadchiroli Tops

- Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) ranked 1st among aspirational districts in NITI Aayog's Delta ranking for April–June 2026 (reported October 7, 2026); also 1st in agriculture.
- Baramulla (J&K) ranked 2nd.

13. Parliamentary Standing Committee Presents 382nd Report on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency (NTA)"

- Presented to the Rajya Sabha Chairman on 9 October 2026; Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports chaired by Mukul Wasnik.
- Recommends a phased shift of NEET-UG to computer-based testing and a public registry of blacklisted examination vendors; NTA holds a ₹590 crore surplus.
- NTA: set up in 2017 under the Ministry of Education.

14. IMF Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 7.0% (from 6.4%)

- India FY28 forecast: 7.0%; India's CPI inflation projected at 5.0% in 2026.
- World growth: 3.1% in 2026 (3.5% in 2025) and 3.4% in 2027; China: 4.5% in 2026.
- IMF Chief Economist: Silvana Tenreyro; International Monetary Fund (IMF) founded 1944 (Bretton Woods); HQ Washington, D.C.

15. India's Internet Subscribers Cross 111.41 Crore (End-June 2026): TRAI

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) data: up from **109.28 crore** at end-March 2026; tele-density rose from **93.26% to 94.31%**.

16. Fitch Solutions' BMI Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.5%

- Fitch Solutions' BMI raised India's FY27 forecast to **7.5% (from 6.8%)** and cut its FY28 forecast to **6.3% (from 6.5%)** on **13 October 2026**.

17. Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026: India Ranked 100th of 122 Countries

- Released on **14 October 2026**; India's score: **24.1** ("serious" category); India was **102nd** of **123** in **2025**.
- Theme: "No Security Without Food Security"; worst-ranked: **Somalia (122nd, score 47.0)**; global score: **18.1** ("moderate").
- Neighbours: **Sri Lanka 53rd, Nepal 72nd, Bangladesh 84th, Pakistan 106th, Afghanistan 108th**.

18. Henley Passport Index 2026: Indian Passport Ranked 84th

- Indian passport ranked **84th** with **visa-free access to 55 destinations**; **Singapore ranked 1st**.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

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

- Full Form: PM – Developing Harmonized and Accelerated Renewable-energy Access (PM-DHARA).
- Total Outlay: **₹1,86,405 crore**; Central Financial Support: **₹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**.
- **₹1,36,378 crore** (about **₹1.36 lakh crore**) earmarked for **Intra-State Transmission Systems (InSTS)**.
- **₹50,000 crore** allocated for **50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)**.

2. Khet Bachao Abhiyan (October 22 – November 30, 2026)

- The nationwide "Khet Bachao Abhiyaan" on soil health / balanced fertiliser use will run in all states from **22 October to 30 November 2026**.

3. 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: **₹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).

4. MISHTI – Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes

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

5. GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme

- The Union Cabinet approved the **GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme** on **August 6, 2026**.
- Outlay: **₹23,731 crore** over **10 years (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36)**.
- Nodal Ministry: **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**.

6. UIDAI Unveils Five Initiatives at "Aadhaar Samvaad", Kolkata

- 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**.

7. National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission

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

- ₹10 crore Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize for a new sickle cell drug (announced June 2025).

8. People's Plan Campaign 2026-27

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 on October 2, 2026 with special Gram Sabhas.
- Theme: "Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas" (run annually since 2018).

9. VB-G RAM G Act, 2025: 375 Permissible Works Notified

- Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025: Notified on May 11, 2026, effective/in force nationwide from July 1, 2026.
- Replaces/replaced the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005.
- Launched on 2 July 2026 at Mukkavaripallu (Obulavaripalle mandal), Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh, by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, with Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan.
- Guaranteed work raised from 100 to 125 days of wage employment a year.
- Ministry of Rural Development notified 375 permissible works (around 6 October 2026), up 41% from 266, under four pillars:
 - Water Security: 128 works.
 - Core Rural Infrastructure: 111 works.
 - Livelihood Infrastructure: 98 works.
 - Extreme Weather / Disaster Preparedness: 38 works.
- Wages: national floor ₹300/day; average wage rose from ₹298.8 to ₹327.4/day (₹450/day in 3 Sikkim gram panchayats).

10. Pragati 50 under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal launched Pragati 50 on September 29, 2026 under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) selected 50 cities across 24 states/UTs to be developed as role models / model clean cities of cleanliness.

- Indore has been ranked the cleanest city for 8 consecutive years (Swachh Survekshan 2024-25).

11. Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

- Export Promotion Mission (EPM): ₹25,060 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31 (approved November 12, 2025).
- Implemented by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

12. National PNG Drive 3.0 and MyPNG Portal Launched

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched National PNG Drive 3.0 and the MyPNG Portal on October 1, 2026, the 20th Foundation Day of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB); runs till March 31, 2027.
- Targets (by 31 March 2027): 50 lakh new domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections, 40 lakh (inactive) connections converted to active users and 50 lakh additional registrations.

13. SETU NSP App for SC and OBC Scholarships on UMANG

- The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment introduced the SETU NSP mobile app for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) students on the UMANG platform.
- SETU: Scholarship for Educational Transformation and Upliftment.
- UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance): developed by NeGD under MeitY; launched on November 23, 2017 under Digital India.

14. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)

- Launched on April 1, 2017 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Union Minister: Dr Virendra Kumar).
- Provides free aids (walking sticks, wheelchairs, hearing aids) to senior citizens aged 60+; implemented by ALIMCO.

15. PM-SETU Completes One Year; ₹440 Crore Shareholders' Agreement Signed

- PM-SETU – Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) –

was launched on **4 October 2025**; completed one year on **4 October 2026**.

- **Outlay: ₹60,000 crore over 5 years** to upgrade **1,000 Government ITIs** and **5 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)**.
- **5 NSTIs** to be upgraded as **Centres of Excellence: Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana**.
- **Nodal ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**.
- **₹440 crore Shareholders' Agreement** signed to upgrade **9 ITIs** in **Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh**.

16. e-Sanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations

- **e-Sanjeevani**, the **national telemedicine service** of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, crossed **50 crore teleconsultations (6 October 2026)**; over **57% of users** are **women**.
- Its **AI-based Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS)** won **Gold** at the **National Awards for e-Governance 2026**.

17. Health Ministry Launches "JOSH Teams" (Joint Squad for Health) under TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

- Launched by **Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** on **8 October 2026**, with **Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** and **Minister of State (MoS) for Defence Sanjay Seth**.
- **Anti-Leprosy Day: 30 January**.

18. PM E-DRIVE Scheme Completes Two Years; Extended to 31 March 2028

- **PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE)** of the **Ministry of Heavy Industries** completed **2 years**.
- **Total scheme outlay: ₹11,900 crore**; about **26.59 lakh Electric Vehicles (EVs)** sold under the scheme (as of **June 2026**).
- **Electric two-wheeler (e-2W) subsidy** cut to **₹2,500/kWh (from ₹5,000/kWh)**, capped at **₹5,000 per vehicle**; **ex-factory price cap ₹1.5 lakh**; **e-2W allocation ₹2,767 crore**.

19. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 for MSMEs

- Approved on **5 May 2026**; **100% guarantee** for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** (**90% for non-MSMEs and airlines**), up to **₹2.55 lakh crore**.

- Implemented by the **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC)**; valid till **31 March 2027**.
- **ECLGS** was first launched in **May 2020** as part of the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** package.
- **International MSME Day: 27 June**.

20. RoDTEP Scheme Extended till 31 December 2026

- The **Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme** extended till **31 December 2026**.

21. Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) Completes One Year; Gaya (Bihar) Tops District Rankings

- Launched by **PM Modi** on **11 October 2025**; approved by the **Union Cabinet** on **16 July 2025** for **6 years**.
- Covers **100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts** by converging **36 central schemes** of **11 Ministries/Departments**; progress tracked on **121 indicators**.
- **Annual outlay: ₹24,000 crore**; nodal ministry: **Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan)**.
- **Average district score** rose from **18.85 (April 2026)** to **46.89 (August 2026)**.
- **District rankings** announced at a **national conference** in **New Delhi** on **12 October 2026**: **1st – Gaya (Bihar)**; **2nd – Nagaur (Rajasthan)**; **3rd – Umariya (Madhya Pradesh)**.

22. Sankalp Abhiyan against Drugs; 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle

- **Youth Affairs Ministry's 100-week Sankalp Abhiyan** against drugs reached over **1.06 lakh participants** in its **first month**.
- The **94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle** was held in **Varanasi** on **11 October 2026** with the theme **"Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat"**.

23. Assam Launches "Nameri Wild Classroom"

- **Assam** launched the **"Nameri Wild Classroom"** initiative – **residential nature programmes** for students at **Nameri Tiger Reserve**.

24. PM GatiShakti National Master Plan Completes 5 Years

- Launched on **13 October 2021**; covers **58 Ministries/Departments** and **all 36 States/UTs** with over **23,493 data layers**.

- Nodal body: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry; technology partner: BISAG-N, Gandhinagar.

25. Cabinet Approves ₹53,428 Crore for National Social Assistance Programme, Renamed "Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana"

- Period: 2026–27 to 2030–31; covers about 3.20 crore beneficiaries in all 36 States/UTs.

- Disability pension renamed PM Divyangjan Pension Yojana – ₹375 per month up to age 79 and ₹625 per month from age 80; disability threshold lowered from 80% to 40%.
- Other renamings: IGNOAPS – PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana; IGNWPS – PM Vidhawa Pension Yojana; NFBS – PM Parivar Labh Yojana.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Uttarakhand's First Satellite-Linked Glacial Lake Early Warning System

- 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).

2. Google Celebrates 28th Birthday

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

3. SpaceX Crew-13 Mission to the ISS: Jessica Watkins Commands

- SpaceX Crew-13 launched on a Falcon 9 from Cape Canaveral on October 1, 2026.
- Commander Jessica Watkins (NASA) – first Black woman to command a crew to orbit; first active NASA astronaut to fly to the ISS on Crew Dragon twice (first: Crew-4, 2022).
- The International Space Station (ISS) orbits within the Earth's thermosphere.

4. Government Panel under C.S. Setty Assessing Risks from Anthropic's Mythos AI Model

- A Government-constituted panel under SBI Chairman and IBA Chairman C.S. Setty (announced around April 24, 2026) is assessing risks from Anthropic's Mythos AI model.

5. National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)

- NSM (National Supercomputing Mission) launched in April 2015 (outlay about ₹4,500 crore) by DST and MeitY; implemented by C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru.
- PARAM 8000: India's first supercomputer (C-DAC, 1991, 1 gigaflop).

6. ZSI Discovers Two New Gecko Species in Telangana

- Hemidactylus cairnicola – Nalgonda district (rock cairns).
- Hemidactylus koyaorum – Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Warangal district (named after the Koya tribe).
- ZSI (Zoological Survey of India): est. 1916, Kolkata; Director: Dr Dhriti Banerjee.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI): est. 1851; Director General: Varsha Ashok Aglawe (first woman DG).

7. Elon Musk Renames SpaceXAI as SpaceXSI

- Elon Musk renamed SpaceXAI as SpaceXSI ("Super Intelligence") (4 October 2026).

8. MeitY Launches Centre for AI in Keralam (CAIK) in Thiruvananthapuram

- Launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under the IndiaAI Mission.
- Implemented by Digital University Kerala, with a first cohort of 15 AI startups.

9. ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training Facility, Bengaluru

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to build a Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at the Astronaut Training Facility, Bengaluru.

10. IMD Launches Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System (DSS)

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General: Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra.

11. DRDO Tests Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Platform on Live Network

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested a Quantum Key

Distribution (QKD) platform on a live network at the Proof & Experimental Establishment (PXE), Chandipur, Odisha.

- Purpose: to secure real-time telemetry from weapon trials.

SPORTS

1. Shubman Gill Hits Fastest Double Century in ODI History

- 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.

2. Rohit Sharma Reaches 12,000 ODI Runs

- Rohit Sharma reached 12,000 ODI runs in 282 innings in the 2nd ODI against West Indies at Guwahati on September 30, 2026.
- 3rd Indian (after Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli) and 7th batter overall; second fastest after Kohli (242 innings).

3. Irani Cup 2026: Rest of India Beat Jammu & Kashmir for 31st Title

- Rest of India beat Ranji Trophy champions Jammu & Kashmir by 167 runs at Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar – their 31st Irani Cup title.
- Captains: Rishabh Pant (Rest of India) and Paras Dogra (J&K).

4. 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.

5. 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan): Overview and Final Medal Table – India Finishes 4th with 85 Medals

- Held from September 19 to October 4, 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; opened by Emperor Naruhito; about 45 nations and 10,800 athletes; 469 events in 43 sports; India sent 501 athletes.
- Motto: "Imagine One Asia"; Mascot: Honohon.
- Flag bearers (India): Opening – Manu Bhaker (shooting) and Pawan Sehrawat (kabaddi); Closing – Neeru Dhanda (trap shooter, Naib Subedar, Indian Army), who won gold in women's individual trap, gold in mixed team trap (with Kynan Chenai) and silver in women's team trap.
- Closing ceremony held on 4 October 2026.
- Final medal table:

- China: 169 gold, 89 silver, 83 bronze (341) – topped the table.
- Japan: 83 gold, 95 silver, 91 bronze (269).
- South Korea: 39 gold, 43 silver, 68 bronze (150).
- India (4th): 21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze (85) – 4th, ahead of Uzbekistan on silver medals.
- Previous edition: Hangzhou 2022 – India won 107 medals (28 gold).
- The first Asian Games were held in New Delhi in March 1951.

6. Doha to Host 21st Asian Games in 2030

- The 21st Asian Games (2030) will be held in Doha, Qatar; the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) flag was handed to Doha at the closing ceremony on October 4, 2026.
- Doha 2030 motto: "The Games We Live For".
- Doha hosted the 15th Asian Games in 2006.
- OCA President: Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani; OCA: founded 1982; HQ Kuwait City.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Indian Squash Teams Win Bronze at Asian Games

Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold After 44 Years

- India beat **defending champions China 1-0** in the final at **Kakamigahara** on **October 2, 2026** to win gold at the **20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)**.
- **Lalremsiami** scored in the **10th minute**; **Captain: Salima Tete**; **Goalkeeper: Bichu Devi**; **Savita Punia** saved a penalty stroke.
- **First gold since 1982 (New Delhi)**; direct qualification for the **LA 2028 Olympics**.
- **India's first-ever double (men's and women's) hockey gold** at a single Asian Games.

10. Indian Men's Hockey Team Retains Asian Games Gold

- India beat **Malaysia 5-1** in the final on **October 3, 2026** at **Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium, Kakamigahara**.
- **Captain Harmanpreet Singh (2 goals)**, with goals by **Jugraj Singh, Hardik Singh** and **Shilanand Lakra**.

11. Boxing: Three Asian Games Golds for India

- **Lovlina Borgohain**: Gold in women's 75 kg, beating **Bao Ziyi (China) 5-0** on **October 2, 2026** – **second Indian woman boxer** to win Asian Games gold after **Mary Kom (2014)**.
- **Parveen Hooda**: Gold in women's 65 kg, beating **Chen Nien-chin (Chinese Taipei) 3-2**.
- **Ankush Panghal**: Gold in men's 80 kg, beating **Kim Minseong (South Korea)** – **first Indian man** to win Asian Games boxing gold since **Amit Panghal (2018)**.

12. Wrestling: Sujeet Kalkal Wins Gold, Sunil Kumar Bronze

- **Sujeet Kalkal** won gold; **Sunil Kumar** won bronze.

13. Archery: Women's Recurve Team Gold and Kumkum Mohod's Historic Individual Recurve Gold

- **Women's recurve team** – **Ankita Bhakat, Kirti Sharma** and **Kumkum Mohod** – beat **South Korea 5-3** on **October 2, 2026** – **India's first-ever**

(maiden) Asian Games gold in women's recurve team archery.

- **Kumkum Mohod** won **India's first-ever women's individual recurve gold** at the Asian Games, beating **Oh Ye-jin (South Korea) 6-5** in a shoot-off; she won **3 medals** at these Games.

14. India Win Men's and Women's Cricket Gold

- **Men**: India (captain **Shreyas Iyer**) beat **Pakistan by 19 runs** at **Nisshin** on **October 3, 2026** to retain gold – **India 211/6 (Abhishek Sharma 61, Tilak Varma 51*)**; **Pakistan 192/6**.
- **Women**: India (captain **Harmanpreet Kaur**) beat **Sri Lanka by 147 runs** at **Nisshin** on **September 22, 2026** – **India 216/3 (highest total in Asian Games history)**; **Sri Lanka 69 all out**; **India's first gold of the Games**.

15. India Win Both Kabaddi Golds

- **India's men's (40-34)** and **women's (37-34)** teams beat **Iran** in their finals on **September 26, 2026**.

16. Pranavi Sharath Urs Wins India's First Women's Golf Gold

- **Pranavi Sharath Urs** became the **first Indian woman** to win **individual golf gold** at the Asian Games.
- **3rd Indian individual golf champion** after **Lakshman Singh (1982)** and **Shiv Kapur (2002)**.

17. Aman Sehrawat Wins Men's 57 kg Freestyle Wrestling Gold

- **First Indian** to win this event at the Asian Games.
- Beat **North Korea's world champion Han Chong-song**.

18. Vithya Ramraj Breaks P.T. Usha's 42-Year-Old National Record in Women's 400m Hurdles

- Won **bronze** in **54.75 s** on **28 September 2026**, breaking **P.T. Usha's** record of **55.42 s (1984 Los Angeles Olympics)**.

19. Sawan Barwal Wins Asian Games Marathon Silver with National Record

- Won **silver** in the **men's marathon** on **26 September 2026** at **Aichi-Nagoya (Japan)** in **2:11:37** – a **national record** (bettering his own **2:11:58, Rotterdam, April 2026**).

20. Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster

- **Bodhana Sivanandan**, an **11-year-old British-Indian**, became the **youngest player ever** to earn the **Woman Grandmaster (WGM)** title, confirmed by **FIDE (late September 2026)** and recognised by **Guinness World Records**.
- **Previous record:** **Kateryna Lagno (12 years 4 months)**.

21. ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 Schedule Announced

- **Hosts:** **South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia; 14 teams; 12 venues; final in Johannesburg.**
- **Opens with a three-team Super Series in Windhoek; first group match India vs Australia at Cape Town on October 7, 2027.**
- **ICC Chairman:** **Jay Shah; ICC HQ: Dubai.**

22. 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 in Telangana**23. 46th Chess Olympiad, Samarkand (Uzbekistan)**

- **India won silver in the Open section and bronze in the Women's section.**

24. India Finishes 4th of 82 Nations at Pickleball World Cup 2026

- **Held at Da Nang (Vietnam); India won 41 medals (7 gold, 17 silver, 17 bronze), up from 7th last time.**

25. Novak Djokovic Wins Record 7th China Open Title (Beijing)

- **Novak Djokovic (Serbia, 39)** won on **6 October 2026** after **Alex de Minaur (Australia)** retired injured in the **second set** – his **102nd career title**.

26. Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) Retains Japan Open Title (Tokyo)

- **Beat Jiri Lehecka 7-6(4), 6-4 at Ariake Coliseum, Tokyo on 6 October 2026.**
- **His 27th career title and 3rd of 2026; first man to win back-to-back Japan Open titles since Pete Sampras (1993–94).**

27. Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing) Wins Bahrain Grand Prix Held at Sepang, Malaysia**28. 5th Asian Para Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, 18–24 October 2026)**

- **Mascot:** **UZUMIN (water concept); slogan: "Imagine One Heart".**

- **Indian flag-bearers:** **Pramod Bhagat (Paralympic champion – para badminton) and Bhavina Patel (para table tennis).**
- **Paralympic Committee of India President:** **Devendra Jhajharia.**
- **Sports Ministry approved 166 athletes; total delegation of 275 across 10 disciplines; para-athletics has the largest squad (62).**
- **Sports Ministry cleared a 281-member Indian contingent (168 athletes); athletes compete across 11 disciplines; Para Athletics has the largest squad (62).**

29. ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol), Cairo, Egypt (8–16 October 2026)

- **Olympic bronze medallists Swapnil Kusale and Sarabjot Singh** to lead India at the **ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup**.
- **Udhayveer Sidhu** won **gold** in **men's 10m air pistol**.
- **Rhythm Sangwan** topped qualification (**587**) and finished **4th** in the **women's 25 m pistol final**; **gold** went to **Teh Xiu Yi (Singapore)**.

30. Pieter Coetze Sets 50 m Backstroke (Short Course) World Record

- **South Africa's Pieter Coetze** set a **world record** of **22.09 s** in **men's 50 m backstroke (short course)** at the **World Aquatics World Cup** in **Tashkent, Uzbekistan**.
- **Broke Kliment Kolesnikov's 22.11 s (2022).**

31. BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 Inaugurated in Ahmedabad

- **Inaugurated by Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** at **Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), on 12 October 2026, under India's BRICS Chairship (2026).**
- **India showcased Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu; Mandaviya proposed a BRICS Repository of Traditional and Indigenous Sports.**

32. 65th National Open Athletics Championships: Ankita Dhyani and Jishnu Prasad Set Meet Records

- **Ankita Dhyani (Railways) – women's 3000 m steeplechase** in **9:34.86**, breaking **Lalita Babar's 9:39.83 (2015).**

- Jishnu Prasad (All India Police) – men's 200 m in 20.62 s, breaking B. Nitin's 20.66 s (2024).
- Held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from 8–11 October 2026.

32. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) Wins Singapore Grand Prix

33. Arctic Open 2026 (BWF Super 500, Vantaa, Finland) Winners

- Men's singles: Anders Antonsen (Denmark); Women's singles: Mia Blichfeldt (Denmark).
- Men's doubles: Aaron Tai / Yap Roy King (Malaysia); Women's doubles: Chen Fanshutan / Luo Xumin (China).

34. Chicago Marathon 2026 (48th Edition)

- Amos Kipruto (Kenya) won the men's race in 2:01:09.
- Hawi Feysa (Ethiopia) retained the women's title in 2:13:33.

35. Alexander Zverev Clinches ATP Year-End World No. 1 for the First Time

- First German man to finish a season as world No. 1; won the French Open and US Open in 2026.

36. Rajnath Singh Felicitates Services Athletes for 27 Medals at Asian Games 2026

- Services athletes won 6 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze; India finished 4th with 85 medals.

37. Anmol Kharb Wins Türkiye International Challenge

- Anmol Kharb won the women's singles title at the Türkiye International Challenge (badminton), beating Aakarshi Kashyap 21-11, 21-14 in the final on 11 October 2026.

38. Vishvajit More Wins India's First-Ever Silver at U23 World Wrestling Championships, Las Vegas

39. PM Modi Meets India's Asian Games 2026 Contingent

- Said over ₹36,000 crore allocated for Khelo India and Sports Federations.
- India will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and aims to host the 2036 Olympics.

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1. Important Days and Themes

World Rivers Day – Fourth Sunday of September (September 27, 2026)

- Started in 2005 under the UN "Water for Life" Decade.

World Rabies Day – September 28

- 20th edition; theme: "Stronger Together".

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).

World Vegetarian Day 2026 – October 1

International Coffee Day – October 1 (Becomes UN Observance)

- Theme: "Celebrating Coffee, Honouring the People Behind Every Cup".

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day – October 1

- Theme: "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."

International Day of Non-Violence – October 2

- Observed on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (declared by the UN in 2007).

72nd National Wildlife Week – October 2–8, 2026

- Observed across India from October 2 to October 8.
- Theme 2026: "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife".
- World Wildlife Day: March 3.

World Animal Day – October 4

World Space Week 2026 – October 4–10

- 2026 Theme: "Rocket Revolution".
- United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA): HQ Vienna, Austria.
- National Space Day (India): August 23 – landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander (carrying the

Pragyan rover) near the lunar south pole on August 23, 2023.

World Teachers' Day 2026 – October 5

- 2026 Theme: "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures".
- UNESCO Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt).
- National Teachers' Day (India): September 5 – birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- National Education Day (India): November 11 – birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.
- International Day of Education: January 24.

World Habitat Day – First Monday of October (October 5, 2026)

- Theme: "Adequate Housing for All"; global observance in Muscat, Oman.

World Architecture Day – October 5, 2026 (First Monday of October)

- International Union of Architects (UIA) theme: "Housing is a Human Right. Build It."

World Cerebral Palsy Day – October 6

- Theme 2026: "Unique and United"; observed since 2012.

World Cotton Day – October 7

- Theme 2026: "Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership"; global celebration at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- Proposed by the Cotton Four (C4) – Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali; recognised by the UN in 2021.

World Sight Day – October 8, 2026 (Second Thursday of October)

- Campaign: "Love Your Eyes"; led by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

World Octopus Day – October 8**World Post Day (October 9) and National Postal Week (October 9–15)**

- World Post Day 2026 theme: "One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities".
- Marks the founding of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on 9 October 1874 in Bern; UPU HQ: Bern, Switzerland.

- India observes National Postal Week from 9–15 October.

World Egg Day – October 9, 2026 (Second Friday of October)

- Theme: "Protein that Powers and Protects"; organised by the World Egg Organisation; observed since 1996.

World Mental Health Day – October 10

- Theme: "Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change" (World Federation for Mental Health – WFMH).

World Migratory Bird Day – October 10

- Theme: "Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!"

World Homeless Day – October 10

- First observed in 2010.

World Day Against the Death Penalty – October 10

- 24th edition; theme: "Stories for Life" (for 2026 and 2027); organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

International Day of the Girl Child – October 11

- Theme: "End child marriage and invest in girls' rights".

World Arthritis Day – October 12

- 2026 theme: "Achieve Your Dreams".

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) 33rd Foundation Day – October 12

- NHRC set up on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993; Chairperson: Justice V. Ramasubramanian.

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction – October 13

- 2026 theme: "Resilience Starts at Home"; UNDRR (UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction); based on the Sendai Framework 2015–2030; day started by UNGA in 1989.

World Standards Day – October 14

- 2026 theme: "Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy".
- Jointly observed by IEC (1906), ISO (1947) and ITU (1865), all headquartered in Geneva; first observed in 1970.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated "Manak Mahotsav"; BIS set up on 1 April 1987; HQ New Delhi.

International Day of Rural Women – October 15

- 2026 theme: “Rural Women Farmers Caring for Mother Nature”; established by UNGA Resolution 62/136 (2007).
- 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer; India observed Mahila Kisan Diwas.

Global Handwashing Day – October 15

- 2026 theme: “Be a Handwashing Hero”; established in 2008.

World Students’ Day – October 15

- 95th birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam (born 1931, Rameswaram; 11th President of India; Bharat Ratna 1997).

World White Cane Day – October 15

- First observed in the USA in 1964.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October (October 1–31)

- 2026 theme: “Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters”.

UN Declares November 27 as Day for Elimination of Child Marriage

UN International Years

- 2026: Woman Farmer; Volunteers for Sustainable Development; Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- 2027: Sustainable and Resilient Tourism; Legal Literacy.
- 2028: International Law.
- 2029: Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence (International Asteroid Day: June 30).



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ప్రియమైన విద్యార్థులారా,

నంద్యాలలో జరుగుతున్న దుర్ఘాటాలు:

1. తమ సంస్థ తప్ప ఇతర సంస్థలన్నీ ఫేక్ మరియు డమ్మీ కోచింగ్ సెంటర్లని అసత్య ప్రచారం చేయడం.
2. వారి సంస్థ విద్యార్థులు తప్ప ఇతర కోచింగ్ సెంటర్ల విద్యార్థులు నంద్యాలలోని హాస్టల్లో ఉండకూడదని బెదిరించడం; దీనిని అమలు చేయడం కోసం తమ సెక్యూరిటీ గార్డులను హాస్టల్కు పంపి ఐడీ కార్డులు తనిఖీ చేయించడం.

ఇటువంటి దుర్ఘాటాలను తట్టుకొని నిలబడి NBCC అద్భుతమైన ఫలితాలను సాధిస్తోందంటే, దాని వెనుక ఉన్న కష్టాన్ని అర్థం చేసుకోండి. సామాజిక స్పృహ, సామాజిక బాధ్యత మరియు వివేకంతో ఆలోచించండి. **రాముడెవరో,** రావణుడెవరో గుర్తించి NBCCని ప్రోత్సహించాలని మా మనవి.

ఆత్మీయ విద్యాధిగణళే,

నంద్యాలದಲ್ಲಿ నడచుతున్న అన్యాయాలు:

1. తమ్మ సంస్థయన్ను ఘోరంతుపడిసి ఇతర సంస్థలెల్లవూ నకలీ ఖాగూ డమ్మీ కలెజింగ్ సెంటర్లగళెందు సుళ్ళు ప్రజార మాడువుదు.
2. తమ్మ సంస్థయ విద్యాధిగణలన్ను బిట్టు బేరే యావుదే కలెజింగ్ సెంటర్లన విద్యాధిగణు నంద్యాలద ఖాస్టెల్లగళల్లి ఇరబారదెందు బెదరిసువుదు; ఇదన్ను జారిగొళిసలు తమ్మ సెక్యూరిటీ గార్డగళన్ను ఖాస్టెల్లగళిగే కళుహిసి ఐడి కార్డగళన్ను పరిశీలిసువుదు.

ఇంతడ దౌజన్యగళన్ను ఎదురిసి నింతు NBCC టుత్తమ ఫలితాంశగళన్ను తరుత్తిదే ఎందరే, అదర హిందిరువ కరిణ పరిశ్రమవన్ను అధమడికొళ్ళి. సామాజిక ప్రజ్ఞ, సామాజిక జవాబ్దారి ఖాగూ వివేకదింద యొళిసి. యారు రామ, యారు రావణ ఎంబుదన్ను గ్రహిసి NBCC అన్ను ప్రోత్సహిసబేకాగి నమ్మ వినంతి.