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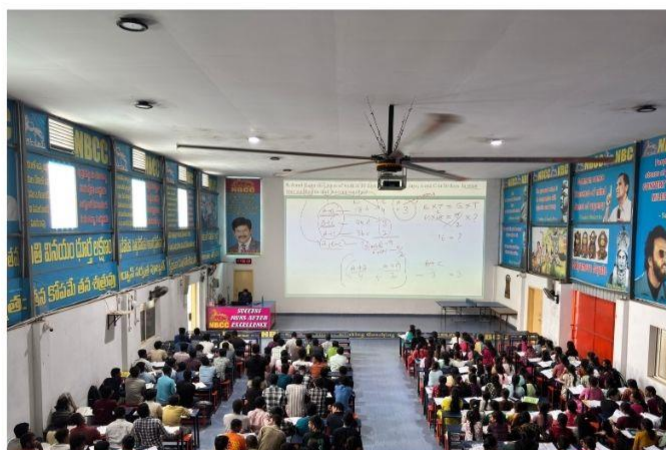
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ప్రియమైన విద్యార్థులారా,

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 విద్యార్థిగళే,

నంద్యాలదల్లి నడయత్తిరువ అన్యాయగళు:

1. తమ్మ సంస్థేయన్ను హోరతుపడిసి ఇతర సంస్థగళల్లవూ నకలి హాగూ డమ్మీ క్లోజింగ్ సెంటర్గళెందు సుళ్ళు ప్రజార మాడువుదు.
2. తమ్మ సంస్థేయ విద్యార్థిగళన్ను బిట్టు బేరె యావుదే క్లోజింగ్ సెంటర్న విద్యార్థిగళు నంద్యాలద హాస్టల్గళల్లి ఇరబారదెందు బేదరిసువుదు; ఇదన్ను జారిగొళిసలు తమ్మ సేక్యూరిటీ గార్డగళన్ను హాస్టల్గళిగే కళుహిసి ఐడి కార్డగళన్ను పరిశీలిసువుదు.

ఇంతడ దౌజ్జన్యగళన్ను ఎదురిసి నింతు NBCC యత్తమ ఫలితాంశగళన్ను తరుత్తిదె ఎందరే, అదర హిందిరువ కరిణ పరిశ్రమవన్ను అధ్మమాడికొళ్ళి. సామాజిక ప్రజ్ఞ, సామాజిక జవాబ్దారి హాగూ వివేకదింద యోజిసి. యారు రామ, యారు రావణ ఎంబుదన్ను గృహిసి NBCC అన్ను ప్రోత్సహిసబేకాగి నమ్మ వినంతి.

1. G V Satish Sir- Best Picks

1. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) Completes 10 Years

- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was launched on February 18, 2016.
- It is the Central Government's main scheme to protect farmers against **droughts, floods, cyclones, hailstorms, pest attacks** and **post-harvest losses**.
- **Union Budget 2026–27** allocated **₹12,200 crore** to PMFBY.
- Since launch, over **92.46 crore** farmer applications have been insured.
- **26.33 crore** claims have been settled, worth more than **₹2.06 lakh crore**.

2. Government Notifies "Semicon 2.0" Mission with ₹1,27,500 Crore Outlay

- It was notified by **Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- It took effect on **August 31, 2026**.
- It comes under the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)**.
- **Total outlay: ₹1,27,500 crore**, across **6 strategic pillars** and **10 categories**.

3. Uzbekistan Becomes 11th Country to Adopt QR-Based UPI

- **Uzbekistan** became the **11th country** to adopt **QR-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** payments.
- This extends India's digital payments into **Central Asia**.
- The other 10 countries are **Bhutan** (the first), **Nepal, Singapore, France, Mauritius, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Greece** and the **UAE**.

4. 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- **Theme: "25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development, and Prosperity"**.
- The **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** was established in **2001** and is headquartered in **Beijing**.
- It has **10 members**:
 - The original **6**
 - **India** and **Pakistan**, who joined in **2017**
 - **Iran**, the 9th member, in **2023**
 - **Belarus**, the 10th member, in **2024**
- The **27th SCO Summit (2027)** will be held in **Pakistan**.
- **Lahore** is the **SCO Tourism & Cultural Capital 2026–27**.

5. India's GDP Grows 7.8% in Q1 FY 2026–27

- India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew **7.8%** in **Q1 (April–June)**, reaching **₹81.36 lakh crore**.
- **Nominal GDP** was **₹88.27 lakh crore**, up **10.3%**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** raised its **FY27 forecast** to **6.7%**, from **6.6%**.
- Other projections:
 - **International Monetary Fund (IMF): 6.5%**
 - **Asian Development Bank (ADB) / World Bank / S&P: 6.6%**
 - **Fitch: 6.4%**
 - **Moody's: 7.0%**

6. Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026: HDFC Bank Is Top Indian Bank

- **HDFC Bank** ranked **31st globally**, with a brand value of about **US\$ 12.4 billion**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** ranked **56th**, with a brand value of **US\$ 8.1 billion**.
 - It was also the **16th strongest banking brand**, with an **AAA+** rating.
- **19 Indian banks** made the list, with a combined value of **US\$ 47.8 billion**.

7. UNCCD COP17 Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

- **COP17** of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** was held from **August 17 to 28, 2026**.
- **Theme: "Restoring Land, Restoring Hope"**.
- **COP President: Batmunkh Battsetseg**.
- **COP18 (2028)** will be held at **Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt**.
- The UN has designated **2026** as the **International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**.

8. 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026 Announced

- The award is known as the **"Asian Nobel Prize"**.
- It was established in **1957** and first presented in **1958**.
- **2026 laureates**:
 - **Tommy Koh (Singapore)**, recognised for his **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)** diplomacy
 - **Runa Khan (Bangladesh)**
 - **Bo Kyi (Myanmar)**

9. Apple Leadership Change: John Ternus Named CEO

- **John Ternus**, formerly **Senior VP of Hardware Engineering**, became the new

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Apple Inc.

- Tim Cook became Executive Chairman.

10. Germany Retains FIH Men's Hockey World Cup – 4th Title

- Germany beat Spain 1–0 in the final at the Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium.
- Argentina finished 3rd.

11. ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 Moved from Sri Lanka to India

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) took away Sri Lanka's hosting rights over governance deficiencies and government interference.
- India will host the event from 14 to 28 February 2027, in Mumbai and Vadodara.
- 6 teams: Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka.

12. Türkiye Becomes 71st Nation to Join NASA's Artemis Accords

- Türkiye signed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Artemis Accords for lunar exploration.
- It became the 71st member nation.

13. GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Outlay: ₹23,731 crore through FY36.
- It converts cattle dung, crop residue and organic waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG).
- City Gas Distribution (CGD) blending mandates: 3%, then 4%, then 5% over three years.
- Price floor: ₹2,110 per MMBtu for 10 years.

14. Gross GST Collection Reaches ₹1,99,853 Crore in August 2026

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection rose 14.8% year-on-year, from ₹1,74,116 crore in August 2025.
- Maharashtra leads, followed by Karnataka and Gujarat.
- Haryana recorded the highest State GST (SGST) growth: 29% over the first 5 months of FY27.

15. UPI Records Highest-Ever 24.51 Billion Transactions in August 2026

- UPI processed 24.51 billion transactions worth ₹29.82 lakh crore.
- UPI now operates in 11 international countries.

16. IRDAI Launches Public Insurance Registry (PIR)

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) launched the Public Insurance Registry (PIR) as Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- It supports "Insurance for All by 2047".
- It tracks ₹8,973.89 crore of unclaimed insurance, as of 28 February 2026.
- IRDAI facts:
 - Headquarters: Hyderabad
 - Members: 10
 - Chairman: Ajay Seth

17. Odisha's Lok Bhavan: India's First Governor's Residence with IGBC Platinum Rating

- Lok Bhavan in Odisha became India's 1st Governor's residence to receive the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Rating – Platinum, the highest level.
- Governor: Kambhampati Hari Babu; Chief Minister: Mohan Charan Majhi.

18. India Hosts 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

- Theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- This is India's 4th BRICS presidency, after 2012, 2016 and 2021.
- BRICS has 11 full members and 10 partner countries.
- Indonesia joined in 2025.
- China will host the 19th BRICS Summit in 2027.

19. PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) reorganised the National Pension System (NPS) into 5 risk tiers:
 - Category A – Very High Risk: 80–100% equity
 - Category B – High Risk: 60–80% equity
 - Category C – Moderate Risk: 35–60% equity
 - Category D – Low Risk: 10–35% equity
 - Category E – Very Low Risk: 0–10% equity

20. AISHE Report 2023–24 Released

- The All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) was released by the Ministry of Education.
- Total enrolment: 4.50 crore.
- Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) (age 18–23): 30% (Female 31.2%, Male 28.9%).

- Gender Parity Index (GPI): 1.08.
- STEM enrolment: 1.02 crore, of which 44% is female.

21. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024

- The awards were approved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Each award carries ₹15 lakh.
- Land Adventure:
 - Baljeet Kaur, who climbed 5 peaks above 8,000 m in one season
 - Skalzang Rigzin, who climbed Everest without supplementary oxygen
- Water Adventure: Rimo Saha (para-swimmer).
- Lifetime Achievement: Shiv Prasad Chamoli.
- Air Adventure: no award this year.

22. JCR Upgrades India's Sovereign Rating; S&P Retains 'BBB'

- The Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) upgraded India to 'A-' from 'BBB+', with a Stable outlook.
- JCR raised India's Country Ceiling to 'A'.
- S&P retained India's rating at 'BBB' (stable).
 - It was S&P's first review since its August 2025 upgrade, which was the first in 18 years.

23. ISRO Launches EOS-05 – India's First Imaging Satellite in Geosynchronous Orbit

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched Earth Observation Satellite EOS-05.
- It flew from the Second Launch Pad, Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.

24. Rajnath Singh Releases "RAKSHA" – 10-Year Defence Diplomacy Roadmap

- It rests on 4 pillars:
 - Strategic Partnership
 - Capacity Building
 - Indigenous Defence Export
 - Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)

25. "Bio Nivesh" Launched under BioE3 Policy; ₹1 Lakh Crore RDI Fund

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched "Bio Nivesh" under the BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment).
- It pairs 20 startups with 50 investors.
- Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund:
 - ₹1 lakh crore over 6 years

- Managed by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)

26. PM Modi Receives Uzbekistan's Highest State Honour

- Uzbekistan President Mirziyoyev conferred the "Oliy Darajali Dustlik" (Order of Highest Friendship) on PM Modi.
- It is his 36th international state honour since 2016.
- It came alongside the India–Uzbekistan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

27. IBCA–ADB Partnership for Big Cat Conservation

- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) partnered with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to protect 7 Big Cats:
 - Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard
 - Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma
- The partnership marks 40 years of India–ADB ties.
- IBCA was launched in 2023 by PM Modi.
- India has 58 Tiger Reserves. The largest is Nagarjunasagar Srisailem.

28. India's Ramsar Sites Reach 101

- The 101st site is Glo Lake, Arunachal Pradesh.
- India's 1st site was Chilika Lake, Odisha.

29. Smriti Mandhana Sets Two World Records in Women's Cricket

- She became the all-time top run scorer, with 10,880 international runs, passing Mithali Raj.
- She scored her 18th international century, passing the 17 of Meg Lanning and Laura Wolvaardt.

30. SEBI Approves NSE IPO – India's Largest-Ever Public Issue

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- At ₹30,000 crore, it will be India's largest-ever public issue.

31. Khalilur Rahman Is President of the 81st UNGA Session

- Khalilur Rahman, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, is President of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session.
- He succeeded Annalena Baerbock, who presided over the 80th session.

32. 4 Indian Sites Added to UNESCO Tentative List

- The new sites are:
 - The **Ahom capital ensemble** at **Rangpur, Sivasagar (Assam)**, including **Rang Ghar** and **Talatal Ghar**
 - The **Colonial Penal Settlement of Andaman Islands**
 - The **Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan)**
 - Nicobarese Cultural Continuity**
- India's tentative sites rose from **69 to 73**.
- India has **45 inscribed World Heritage Sites**: 37 Cultural, 7 Natural and 1 Mixed (Khangchendzonga).
 - The **45th** is **Sarnath**.
- UNESCO Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt)**, the first Arab to hold the post.

33. Neelkanth Mishra Is World Bank Executive Director for India

- Neelkanth Mishra** represents **India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka** at the **World Bank**.
- He succeeded **Parameswaran Iyer**.

34. Emirates NBD to Acquire 60% Stake in RBL Bank

- Dubai-based Emirates NBD** announced plans to acquire a **60% stake** in **RBL Bank**.

35. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 (ECLGS 5.0)

- Target additional credit: ₹2.55 lakh crore**, including **₹5,000 crore** for **airlines**.
- Guarantee cover:**
 - 100%** for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**
 - 90%** for **non-MSMEs and airlines**
- MSMEs and non-MSMEs:**
 - Up to **20%** of **peak Q4 FY26 working capital**, capped at **₹100 crore**
 - Tenure of 5 years**, with a **1-year moratorium**
- Airlines:** capped at **₹1,500 crore**, for **7 years** with a **2-year moratorium**.
- Implementing agency:** **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)**.

36. India-Japan Joint Air Exercise "Veer Guardian 2026" (2nd Edition)

- The exercise is between the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Japan Air Self-Defense Force**.
- Venue:** **Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.

37. Amit Shah Announces Anti-Narcotics Roadmap – Drug-Free India by 2029

- Targets:**
 - Dismantle **100 drug networks**
 - Bring back **100 fugitives**
 - Train **1 lakh Nasha Mukta Mitras** through the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, the **National Service Scheme (NSS)** and **MY Bharat**
 - Triple **de-addiction centres** to **1,751**
- Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTFs)** will be set up in every state by **March 2027**.
- Forensic reports** are to be available within **30 days**.

38. 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

- Best Feature Film:** **Article 370 (Aditya Suhas Jambhale)**.
- Best Popular Film:** **Kalki 2898 AD**.
- Best Direction:** **Amaran (Rajkumar Periasamy)**.
- Best Actor:** **Mammootty (Bramayugam)** and **Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion)**, jointly.
- Best Actress:** **Yami Gautam (Article 370)**.
- Best Debut Film of a Director:** **Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (Randeep Hooda)**.

39. e-Shram Portal Completes 5 Years

- It was launched on **26 August 2021** by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment**.
- It is India's first **Aadhaar-seeded** database of **unorganised workers**.
- Over **31.89 crore** workers have registered.
- It works in **22 languages**.
- Each worker gets a **12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN)**.
- It is linked with **15 social security schemes**.

40. RBI's Financial Inclusion Index Reaches 70; RBI Launches Household Surveys

- The **RBI's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)** reached **70** in **March 2026**.
 - It was **67** in **March 2025** and **43.4** in **2017**.
- The **RBI** launched three surveys:
 - Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)** in **19 cities**
 - Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)** in **19 cities**
 - Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)** across **31 States and Union Territories**

41. India Joins US-Led 6G Alliance; 21st G20 Summit in Miami

- India** joined the **Global 6G Network Alliance** at the **G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting** in **North Carolina, USA**.

- The 21st G20 Summit will be held in Miami, Florida, on December 14–15, 2026.
- G20 has 21 members: 19 countries, the European Union (EU) and the African Union (added in 2023).
- Future hosts: UK (2027) and South Korea (2028).

42. 5th Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026: Lucknow, Rourkela and Kalinganagar Top

- Above 10 lakh population:
 - 1st: Lucknow
 - 2nd: Indore
 - 3rd: Jabalpur
- 3 lakh to 10 lakh population:
 - 1st: Rourkela
 - 2nd (tied): Firozabad and Guntur
 - 3rd: Amravati
- Below 3 lakh population:
 - 1st: Kalinganagar
 - 2nd: Angul
 - 3rd: Talcher

43. DRDO Launches SHIELD Programme under Mission Sudarshan Chakra

- SHIELD stands for S-band High-power microwave Integrated Evaluation for Lethality and Damage.
- It is an indigenous Technology Development Fund (TDF) project of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

44. 22nd India–USA Joint Military Exercise "Yudh Abhyas"

- The exercise is held at two venues:
 - Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner, Rajasthan
 - Auli, Uttarakhand

45. Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 Comes into Force from October 1, 2026

- It replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act of 1891.

46. Dhiraj Bommadevara Wins Gold at Archery World Cup Final 2026

- Dhiraj Bommadevara won Gold in Men's Recurve at Saltillo, Mexico.
- He is the first Indian male recurve archer to win World Cup Final gold.

47. India Becomes World's 4th Largest Forex Reserve Holder

- India's Foreign Exchange (Forex) Reserves hit a record high of \$785.706 billion.
- Only China, Japan and Switzerland hold more.

48. PM SHRI Scheme: 13,092 Schools Selected

- Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) was launched on September 7, 2022 by the Ministry of Education.

- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Target: 14,500 schools. As of July 2026, 13,092 (about 90%) have been selected.
- Outlay: ₹27,360 crore, of which the central share is ₹18,128 crore.
- Duration: FY 2022-23 to 2026-27.

49. India Wins Record 8th Women's Asia Cup Title

- India beat Sri Lanka by 72 runs in Dubai on 13 September 2026.
- The team did not receive the trophy from Asian Cricket Council (ACC) President Mohsin Naqvi.

50. August 2026 Inflation: CPI at 4.82%, WPI at 9.92%

- Retail (Consumer Price Index – CPI) inflation was 4.82%, up from 4.45% in July 2026.
 - The base year was revised from 2012 to 2024.
 - The basket grew from 299 items to 358 items (308 goods, 50 services).
- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation was 9.92%, up from 9.78% in July.
 - The base year changed to 2022–23, from 2011–12.

2. Amounts & Agreements

1. Himachal Pradesh's First Ozone-Based Drinking Water Treatment Project

- Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project is in Dehra, Kangra district.
- ₹46 crore has been allocated for the project.

2. World Bank Approves ₹4,000 Crore Loan for Haryana's "Jal Sanrakshit" Framework

- The World Bank approved a ₹4,000 crore loan for Haryana's "Jal Sanrakshit" water conservation framework.

3. Study Values Tamil Nadu's Pichavaram Mangroves at ₹2,485.38 Crore

- A study valued Tamil Nadu's Pichavaram Mangroves at ₹2,485.38 crore, which works out to ₹1.83 crore per hectare.

4. Telangana Receives ₹175 Crore for Leading in AgriStack Integration

- Telangana received ₹175 crore for leading the nation in integrating digital land records, crop surveys and fertiliser distribution on AgriStack.

5. ADB and Karnataka Sign ₹1,750 Crore Loan to Upgrade 500 Schools

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Karnataka signed a ₹1,750 crore loan.

- The loan will upgrade **500 schools** into **Karnataka Public Schools** by **2029-30**.
- 6. ADB Signs First Transaction Advisory Services Mandate in India with Madhya Pradesh**
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed its **first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate** in India with **Madhya Pradesh**.
- 7. Gujarat Allocates ₹301 Crore for Commonwealth Games 2030 Preparations**
- The **Gujarat Government** allocated **₹301 crore** for **Commonwealth Games 2030** hosting preparations in **Ahmedabad**.
- 8. BCCI Appoints Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT as Associate Partners (Over ₹130 Crore)**
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** appointed **Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT** as **Associate Partners for India Home Cricket**.
 - The deal covers **two seasons**, through **March 2028**, with a **combined value of over ₹130 crore**.
 - The partners and their roles are:
 - **Campa Cola**: Beverage Partner
 - **SBI Life**: Insurance Partner
 - **ChatGPT**: Official AI Technology Partner

3. Appointments

- 1. Yuji Iwasawa Serves as President of the International Court of Justice**
- **Yuji Iwasawa** of **Japan** serves as **President** of the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**.
- 2. HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan to Step Down**
- **HDFC Bank Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sashidhar Jagdishan** will step down by **October 2026**.
- 3. Sachin Tendulkar Appointed Brand Ambassador of Kissht**
- **Sachin Tendulkar** was appointed **Brand Ambassador** of **Kissht**.
 - **Kissht** is an **RBI-registered digital lending Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)**, founded in **2015** in **Mumbai**.
- 4. Apple Leadership Change: John Ternus Named CEO; Tim Cook Becomes Executive Chairman**
- **Tim Cook** moved from **CEO** to **Executive Chairman** of **Apple Inc.**
 - **John Ternus**, formerly **Senior VP of Hardware Engineering**, was named the new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Apple Inc.**

- 5. Ashish Shelar Elected President of Esports Games Federation**
- **Ashish Shelar** was elected **President** of the **Esports Games Federation (ESGF)**.
- 6. RBI Approves Carol Furtado as Interim MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved **Carol Furtado** as **Interim MD & CEO** of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB)**.
 - Her term is **3 months** from **September 1, 2026**, and she succeeds **Sanjeev Nautiyal**.
 - **Capital SFB** is **India's first SFB**.
 - **AU SFB** is the **first SFB approved to convert into a Universal Bank**, subject to final approval from the **RBI**.
- 7. Suman Ray Appointed Executive Director of RBI**
- **Suman Ray** was appointed **Executive Director (ED)** of the **RBI**, effective **September 1, 2026**.
 - He oversees the **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**.
 - The other promoted **EDs** are **Gunveer Singh, Monisha Chakraborty, Sudhakar Malli and Ravi Shankar**.
- 8. Shah Rukh Khan Onboarded as Brand Ambassador of Vodafone Idea**
- **Shah Rukh Khan** was onboarded as **brand ambassador** for **Vodafone Idea**.
- 9. George Kovoov Appointed CEO of Parle Biscuits**
- **George Kovoov** was appointed **CEO** of **Parle Biscuits**.
- 10. Tatsuya Fujimoto: MD & CEO of Iffco Tokio General Insurance**
- **Tatsuya Fujimoto** is **MD & CEO** of **Iffco Tokio General Insurance**.
- 11. Mohit Jain Elected Chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations**
- **Mohit Jain** was elected **Chairman** of the **Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC)**.
- 12. Hung Cao Nominated as Permanent US Navy Secretary**
- **US President Donald Trump** nominated acting **Navy Secretary Hung Cao** as the **permanent US Navy Secretary**.
- 13. Air Marshal Vivek Hande Takes Over as DG Medical Services (Air)**
- **Air Marshal Vivek Hande** took over as **Director General Medical Services (Air)**.
 - He succeeded **Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja**.
- 14. Anil Chakravarthy Appointed President and CEO of Adobe**
- **Anil Chakravarthy (IIT Varanasi)** was appointed **President and CEO** of **Adobe**.

15. Sanjay Jaiswal Appointed Chairman of JPC on FCRA Amendment

- Sanjay Jaiswal was appointed Chairman of the 31-member Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Amendment.

16. VVS Laxman Appointed Head Coach of Indian Men's Cricket Team for Asian Games

- VVS Laxman was appointed Head Coach of the Indian Men's Cricket Team for the Asian Games.

17. Khalilur Rahman Is President of the 81st UNGA Session

- Khalilur Rahman, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, is President of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session.
- He succeeded Annalena Baerbock, President of the 80th session.

18. Chairpersons of National Commissions (Including NCSK)

- Bhagwat Prasad Makwana heads the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK).
- The source also refers to the term of NCSK Chairperson Bhagwat Prasad Makwana and Vice-Chairperson Kaishab Bihari.
- The chairpersons of the national commissions are:
 - National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC): Kishor Makwana
 - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST): Antar Singh Arya
 - National Commission for Minority Affairs: Harjit Singh Grewal
 - National Commission for Women (NCW): Vijaya K. Rahatkar
 - National Human Rights Commission (NHRC): Justice V. Ramasubramanian
 - National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK): Bhagwat Prasad Makwana, with Kaishab Bihari as Vice-Chairperson

19. Sai Giridhar Becomes 38th President of FADA

- Sai Giridhar became the 38th President of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

20. Peyman Kargar to Be TVS Motor CEO

- Peyman Kargar will be CEO of TVS Motor from 27 January 2027.

21. Sandeep Kumar Becomes MD & CEO of LIC Housing Finance

- Sandeep Kumar became MD & CEO of LIC Housing Finance, succeeding T. Adhikari.

22. Sundeep Sikka Re-elected AMFI Chairman

- Sundeep Sikka was re-elected Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- Vishal Kapoor is the Vice Chairman.

23. Neelkanth Mishra Is World Bank Executive Director for India

- Neelkanth Mishra is the World Bank Executive Director for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.
- He succeeded Parameswaran Iyer.

24. New High Court Chief Justices Appointed under Article 217

- New High Court (HC) Chief Justices were appointed under Article 217:
 - Patna HC: Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao. Justice V. Kameswar Rao was sworn in as Chief Justice of Patna High Court.
 - Calcutta HC: Justice Ravindra V. Ghuge
 - Rajasthan HC: Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal
 - Bombay HC: Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, the 50th Chief Justice
 - Punjab & Haryana HC: Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra
 - Chhattisgarh HC: Justice Krushna Ram Mohapatra
 - Madhya Pradesh HC: Justice Alpesh Yeshvant Kogje. A later entry spells the name Justice Alpesh Yashwant Kogje.
 - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh HC: Justice Dr Pushpendra Singh Bhati

25. Dr. Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

- Dr. Dinesh Sharma was appointed Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The capital city Port Blair was renamed Sri Vijaya Puram.

26. Retd. Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra: First CEO of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust

- Retd. Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra is the first CEO of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

- He led the **Western Air Command** during **Operation Sindoor**.

27. Karan Rajendra Darda Becomes President of Indian Newspaper Society

- **Karan Rajendra Darda** is **President** of the **Indian Newspaper Society (INS)**.

28. Ülle Madise Elected as New President of Estonia

- **Ülle Madise** was elected the new **President** of **Estonia**.
- She is the **second female President** in **Estonia's** history. The first was **Kersti Kaljulaid**.

29. Crown Prince Haakon Becomes New King of Norway

- **Crown Prince Haakon** became the new **King** of **Norway**.

30. Yuko Keicho Appointed Vice President and Auditor General of World Bank Group

- **Yuko Keicho** was appointed **Vice President** and **Auditor General** of the **World Bank Group**.

31. Bank of India MD & CEO Rajneesh Karnatak Gets Tenure Extension

- **Bank of India (BOI) MD & CEO Rajneesh Karnatak** received a **3-year** tenure extension.

32. Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected APPU Secretary General

- **Vinaya Prakash Singh** was re-elected **Secretary General** of the **Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)**.
- **APPU** is a regional body of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)**, headquartered in **Bangkok**.

33. Vinai Kumar Saxena Given Additional Charge as LG of Jammu & Kashmir

- **Vinai Kumar Saxena**, **LG** of **Ladakh**, was assigned **temporary additional charge** as **LG** of **Jammu & Kashmir**.

34. Saibal Chattopadhyay Appointed Chairman of National Statistical Commission

- **Saibal Chattopadhyay** was appointed **Chairman** of the **National Statistical Commission**.

35. Leo Puri Named Incoming Chairman of Asian Paints

- **Leo Puri** was named the **incoming Chairman** of **Asian Paints**.

4. Arts & Culture

1. New Book Releases

- **Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel** co-authored her memoir, "**Dare Dream Do**", with **Anurag Garg**.
- "**Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug**" was written by **Rajya Sabha MP Ghanshyam Tiwari** and released by **Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan**.
- "**Memorable Trials, Unforgettable Cases**" was written by **Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das**, a former Judge of the **Karnataka High Court**.
- "**General Brasstacks: The Sundarji Story**" was written by **Probal DasGupta**.
- "**Every Last Girl**" was written by **Safeena Husain**.
- "**Kaho Kalidasa!**" by **Yugul Joshi** was released.
- **Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan** released two books:
 - "**Bhupen Hazarika**", edited by **Ankuran Dutta** and **Nani Gopal Mahanta**
 - The **5th revised edition** of "**Chandrakanta Abhidhan**", an **Assamese lexicography**

2. Gollala Gudi Temple Declared a "Monument of National Importance"

- The **Union Culture Ministry** declared **Gollala Gudi Temple** a "**Monument of National Importance**".
- The decision was based on an **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** report.
- The temple is near the **UNESCO site Ramappa Temple** in **Palampet, Mulugu district (Telangana)**.

3. India Assisting Indonesia in Restoring Prambanan Temple

- **India** is assisting **Indonesia** in restoring the historic **Prambanan Temple**.

4. Four New Indian Sites Added to UNESCO Tentative List; India Has 45 World Heritage Sites

- **India** added **4 new sites** to its **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Tentative List**, taking total tentative sites from **69 to 73**.
- The **4 new sites** are:
 - The historical ensemble of the **Ahom Dynasty capital** at **Rangpur, Sivasagar (Assam)**, including **Rang Ghar** and **Talatal Ghar**. A later

entry gives this as "Rangapur and Sivasagar (Assam)".

- The **Colonial Penal Settlement of Andaman Islands**, also described as colonial heritage sites in Andaman.
- The **Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan)**.
- **Nicobarese Cultural Continuity**, also described as cultural community centres in the Nicobar Islands.
- India hosts **45 official (inscribed) World Heritage Sites**:
 - **37 Cultural**
 - **7 Natural**
 - **1 Mixed: Khangchendzonga, Sikkim**
- The **45th inscribed site** is **Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh**.
- UNESCO leadership:
 - **Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt)**, the first Arab Director-General
 - **India's Permanent Representative: Vishal Sharma**

5. Mizoram Has 79 State Protected Monuments

- **Mizoram has 79 State Protected Monuments.**

6. Postage Stamp Released for 75th Anniversary of Dinamalar

- **Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan** released a **postage stamp** marking the **75th anniversary** of **Dinamalar**.

7. Sikkimese Film "Namahangba" Selected for London Festival

- The **Sikkimese film "Namahangba"** was selected for a **London Festival**.

8. First-Ever Ganga Aarti on the River Thames

- The **first-ever traditional Ganga Aarti** ceremony on the **River Thames** was held in **London, United Kingdom**.

5. Awards

1. 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026 Announced

- The **Ramon Magsaysay Award** is commonly called the "**Asian Nobel Prize**".
- It was established in **1957** and first presented in **1958**, to honour former **Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay**.
- The **2026 recipients (3 laureates)** are:
 - **Tommy Koh (Singapore)**, a Singaporean diplomat recognised for his **United Nations Convention on**

the **Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)** diplomacy

- **Runa Khan (Bangladesh)**
- **Bo Kyi (Myanmar)**

2. FPAI Indian Football Awards 2026 Held in Kolkata

- **Indian Male Footballer of the Year 2026: Lallianzuala Chhangte (Mohun Bagan FC / Mizoram)**. He won the award for the **3rd time**, and it was presented by **Bhaichung Bhutia**.
- **Indian Female Footballer of the Year 2026: Manisha Kalyan (Punjab)**.

3. Odisha's Lok Bhavan: India's First Governor's Residence with IGBC Platinum Rating

- **Lok Bhavan**, the **Governor's residence** in **Odisha**, became **India's 1st Governor's residence** to receive the **Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Rating – Platinum**, the highest level.
- **Odisha Governor: Kambhampati Hari Babu; Chief Minister (CM): Mohan Charan Majhi**.

4. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024 Announced

- The awards were approved by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Minister Mansukh Mandaviya)**.
- Each category carries a **₹15 lakh** cash prize.
- **Land Adventure**:
 - **Baljeet Kaur**, who climbed **5 peaks** above **8,000 m** in a season
 - **Skalzang Rigzin**, who scaled **Everest** without **supplementary oxygen**
- **Water Adventure: Rimo Saha** (para-swimmer).
- **Air Adventure: No award** was presented this year.
- **Lifetime Achievement: Shiv Prasad Chamoli**, a former **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** officer.

5. Ashutosh Parida Selected for 47th Sarala Puraskar

- **Odia poet Ashutosh Parida** was selected for the **47th Sarala Puraskar**.
- The award is for his poetry collection "**Bishwas De Pruthwi**" and carries a **₹7 lakh** cash prize.

6. PM Modi Receives Uzbekistan's Highest State Honour; India-Uzbekistan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

- **Uzbekistan President Mirziyoyev** conferred Uzbekistan's highest state honour, the "**Oliy Darajali Dustlik**" (**Order of Highest Friendship**), on **PM Modi**.

- It is **PM Modi's 36th international state honour** since **2016**.
- The honour came alongside the **India–Uzbekistan Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.

7. President Confers National Teachers Awards 2026

- On **Teachers' Day (September 5)**, **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred the **National Teachers Awards 2026** on **48 school teachers**.

8. Miss World 2026 (73rd Edition): Joheirry Mola Dominguez

- **Miss World 2026 (73rd edition)** was won by **Joheirry Mola Dominguez** of the **Dominican Republic**.
- The final was held at **Nha Trang, Vietnam**.
- She was crowned by **Opal Suchata Chuangsri** of **Thailand**.

9. India Wins Record 9 Medals at 19th International Earth Science Olympiad

- **India** won a **record 9 medals** (4 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze) at the **19th International Earth Science Olympiad** in **Turin, Italy**.

10. 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

- The venue of the **72nd National Film Awards** was shifted to **Ekta Nagar, Gujarat**, where the awards were hosted.
- **Best Feature Film (Swarna Kamal):** **Article 370**, directed by **Aditya Suhas Jambhale**.
- **Best Debut Film of a Director:** **Swatantrya Veer Savarkar** (**Randeep Hooda**).
- **Best Popular Film:** **Kalki 2898 AD** (**Nag Ashwin**).
- **Best Direction:** **Amaran** (**Rajkumar Periasamy**).
- **Best Actor (Rajat Kamal):** shared by **Mammootty** (**Bramayugam**) and **Kartik Aaryan** (**Chandu Champion**).
- **Best Actress:** **Yami Gautam** (**Article 370**).

11. Indian Researchers Win 36th Ig Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026

- The winning team included **Sanchari Banerjee** and **Subramanian Ramaswamy**.
- They showed that **cockroach milk proteins** hold **three times the energy** of **cow milk proteins**.

12. Goa Police Receives President's Colours (Nishan)

- **Goa Police** received the **President's Colours (Nishan)**.

13. DARPG Secures 1st Position and Rajbhasha Utkrishtata Samman 2025-26

- The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** secured **1st position** and the **Rajbhasha Utkrishtata Samman 2025-26**.
- The award is presented on **Hindi Diwas (14 September)**.

14. Borlaug CAST Communication Award 2026 to Prof. Karim Maredia

- The **Borlaug CAST Communication Award 2026** was awarded to **Prof. Karim Maredia**.

15. Kishor Makwana Receives First Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026

- The **first Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva (Janaseva) Puraskar 2026** was presented to **Kishor Makwana**.
- He is **Chairman** of the **National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)**.

16. Kalinga Ratna Award to Justice Dipak Misra

- The **Kalinga Ratna Award** was presented to **Justice Dipak Misra**, former **Chief Justice of India**.

17. Sanfida Nongrum Named Meghalaya's Achiever of the Month in Sports

- **Indian woman footballer Sanfida Nongrum** was named **Meghalaya's Achiever of the Month in Sports**.

18. Dr. Galla Ramachandra Naidu Receives Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma Award 2026

- **Dr. Galla Ramachandra Naidu** received the **Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma Award 2026**.

19. Salman Rushdie Named 2026 Recipient of DCAL Medal

- **Salman Rushdie** was named the **2026 recipient of the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters (DCAL)**.
- It is an honorary **National Book Foundation** award.

20. Maharashtra State Film / Raj Kapoor Awards

- **Rani Mukerji:** **Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award**.
- **Salim Khan:** **Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award**.
- **Prasad Oak:** **Chitrapati V. Shantaram Special Contribution Award**.

21. UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026 Awarded in Chiapas, Mexico

- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** **International Literacy Prizes 2026** were awarded in **Chiapas, Mexico**.

- The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, sponsored by South Korea, went to Colombia, Netherlands and Nigeria.
- The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, sponsored by China, went to Lebanon, Mexico and Thailand.
- Khaled El-Enany is the first Egyptian and Arab to hold the post of UNESCO Director-General.

6. Banking and Finance

1. Uzbekistan Becomes 11th Country to Adopt QR-Based UPI Payments

- Uzbekistan became the 11th country to adopt QR-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments, extending India's digital payment footprint into Central Asia.
- The 10 countries already using QR-based UPI payments are Bhutan (the first to adopt), Nepal, Singapore, France, Mauritius, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Greece and the UAE.
- UPI is operational across 11 international countries.

2. India's GDP Grows 7.8% in Q1 FY 2026–27; Growth Projections

- India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 7.8% in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27.
 - Real GDP (Q1): ₹81.36 lakh crore
 - Nominal GDP (Q1): ₹88.27 lakh crore, up 10.3%
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had projected 7% for the April–June quarter.
- The RBI raised its full-year FY27 forecast to 6.7%, up from 6.6%.
- Other GDP projections:
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF): 6.5%
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB) / World Bank / S&P: 6.6%
 - S&P Global Ratings: 6.6%
 - Fitch Ratings: 6.4% for the current financial year
 - Moody's Ratings: 7.0% for FY2026-27

3. Index of Services Production (ISP) – June 2026 Data Released

- The Index of Services Production (ISP) has base year 2024–25.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) / National Statistical Office (NSO).

- The top-performing sub-sectors, all with double-digit growth, were:
 - Real Estate: 24.7%
 - Retail Trade: 18.0%
 - Wholesale Trade: 15.0%
 - Administrative & Support Services: 14.4%

4. PhonePe Launches UPI 123Pay for Feature Phones

- PhonePe integrated "UPI 123Pay" for non-smartphone feature phones.
- It became the first Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) to launch UPI 123Pay, partnering with Nokia HMD, Lava and Itel.
- The service enables offline feature phone payments.
- Limits: ₹10,000 per transaction; ₹1,00,000 daily.

5. Gross GST Collection Reaches ₹1,99,853 Crore in August 2026

- Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for August 2026 was ₹1,99,853 crore.
- This is up 14.8% year-on-year (YoY) from August 2025 (₹1,74,116 crore).
- State performance:
 - Maharashtra leads total monthly GST collections, followed by Karnataka and Gujarat.
 - Haryana recorded the highest State GST (SGST) growth rate among all states, a 29% rise over the first 5 months of FY27.

6. RBI Basic Statistical Returns (BSR-1 & BSR-2) – Q1 FY27

- BSR-2 Report (Bank Deposits): Total Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) deposits grew 11.5% YoY in June 2026.
- BSR-1 Report (Bank Credit): Overall credit grew 16.5% YoY in June 2026, up from 9.9% in June 2025.

7. UPI Records Highest-Ever Monthly Volume in August 2026

- UPI processed a record 24.51 billion (24,510 million) transactions worth ₹29.82 lakh crore in August 2026.

8. IRDAI Launches Public Insurance Registry (PIR)

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) launched the Public Insurance Registry (PIR) as Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- It supports the goal of "Insurance for All by 2047".

- The PIR tracks **₹8,973.89 crore** of unclaimed insurance funds, as of **28 February 2026**.
- IRDAI is headquartered in **Hyderabad**, has **10 members**, and its **Chairman** is **Ajay Seth**.

9. Current Account Deficit Widens to US\$ 4.2 Billion in Q1 FY27

- India's **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** widened to **US\$ 4.2 billion**, which is **0.5% of GDP**, in **Q1 FY27**.

10. PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers

- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** streamlined the **National Pension System (NPS)** into **5 risk tiers**:
 - **Category A – Very High Risk: 80–100% equity**
 - **Category B – High Risk: 60–80%**
 - **Category C – Moderate Risk: 35–60%**
 - **Category D – Low Risk: 10–35%**
 - **Category E – Very Low Risk: 0–10%**

11. India Post Payments Bank Marks 9th Foundation Day; Launches DakPay Soundbox

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** was established on **September 1, 2018**, under the **Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications**.
- It is **100% Government-owned**, and its **MD & CEO** is **R. Viswesvaran**.
- On its **9th Foundation Day**, IPPB launched:
 - The **"DakPay Soundbox"**
 - A **Digital Insurance Technology Platform**
 - A **Digital Mutual Fund Platform**
- **Payment bank rules (Nachiket Mor Committee)**:
 - **₹100 crore** minimum capital
 - Individual account balance capped at **₹2 lakh**
 - **Demand deposits only**
 - Cannot issue **direct loans or credit cards** independently
- The **5 active payment banks** are **Airtel, Fino, NSDL, Jio** and **IPPB**.

12. India's Sovereign Credit Ratings: JCR Upgrade; S&P Retains 'BBB'

- The **Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR)** upgraded India's **sovereign credit rating** to **'A-'** from **'BBB+'**, with a **Stable** outlook.
- JCR also raised India's **Country Ceiling** to **'A'**.
- **S&P** retained India's **'BBB'** sovereign rating with a **stable** outlook.

- This was its **first annual review** since the **August 2025 upgrade**, which was the **first in 18 years**.

13. SEBI Frameworks & Digital Platforms (ITRI, FIRE); RBI "Kill Switch"

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** frameworks:
 - **IT Resilience Index (ITRI)**: measures the technical and operational resilience of **Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs)** across **9 core parameters**, semi-annually.
 - **FIRE Framework ("Format for Incident Reporting Exchange")**: standardised cyber incident reporting.
- **SEBI auxiliary digital platforms**:
 - **SCORES 2.0**: SEBI's grievance-redressal platform.
 - **Mitra**: helps investors trace inactive or unclaimed mutual-fund folios.
 - **MF Central**: an industry mutual-fund service platform.
- **RBI "Kill Switch"**: instantly locks mobile banking applications during unauthorised activity.

14. Zerodha Corporate Advisors Approved as Merchant Banker

- **SEBI** approved **Zerodha Corporate Advisors** to operate as a **Merchant Banker**.

15. NCDEX Launches RAINCHNNAI Weather Derivative

- The **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)** launched **RAINCHNNAI**, a **weather-based, cash-settled futures derivative**.
- It is based on rainfall at the **Meenambakkam** and **Nungambakkam** stations.
- It is the **second** such product, after **RAINMUMBAI**.

16. SEBI Approves NSE IPO – India's Largest-Ever Public Issue

- **SEBI** approved the **National Stock Exchange (NSE) Initial Public Offering (IPO)**.
- At **₹30,000 crore**, it is set to become **India's largest-ever public issue**.

17. WhatsApp Integrates "Bharat Connect" Utility Bill Payments

- **WhatsApp** integrated **"Bharat Connect"** utility bill payments.

18. LIC Gets RBI Approval for Up to 9.99% Stake in ICICI Bank

- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** obtained **RBI approval** to acquire up to a **9.99% stake** in **ICICI Bank**.

19. Coastal Local Area Bank Becomes a Scheduled Bank

- **Vijayawada-based Coastal Local Area Bank (LAB)** was included in the **Second Schedule** of the **RBI Act, 1934**, making it a **Scheduled Bank**.
- Scheduled status requires:
 - **Paid-up capital plus reserves** of at least **₹5 lakh**
 - **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): 3%**
 - **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): 18%**

20. Emirates NBD to Acquire 60% Stake in RBL Bank

- **Dubai-based Emirates NBD** announced plans to acquire a **60% stake** in **RBL Bank**.

21. IRDAI Imposes ₹1 Crore Penalties on ICICI Lombard and IndusInd Bank

- **IRDAI** fined **ICICI Lombard General Insurance ₹1 crore** for **corporate governance and outsourcing non-compliance**.
- **IRDAI** fined **IndusInd Bank ₹1 crore** for **non-compliance with corporate agent norms**.
 - **IndusInd Bank: Registered Office** in **Pune**; **MD & CEO Rajiv Anand**.

22. ICICI Bank Raises Stake in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to 52.84%

- **ICICI Bank** acquired an **additional 2% stake** in **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** for **₹1,470 crore**.
- This raised its holding to **52.84%**.

23. InsuranceDekho and RenewBuy Merge

- **InsuranceDekho** and **RenewBuy** merged to create **India's largest AI-driven insurance distribution platform**.
- The merged entity operates under the **InsuranceDekho** brand, with **CEO Ankit Agrawal**.

24. RBI Mandates Reporting of AI/Cybersecurity Incidents Within 6 Hours

- The **RBI** mandated that banks report **AI and cybersecurity incidents** within **6 hours**.
- **Deepfake and voice-cloned content** must be taken down within **3 hours**.

25. Sahara Refund Portal Restored to Settle Pending Claims

- The **Sahara Refund Portal** was restored to resolve **20 lakh (2 million)** pending claims.

26. RBI Launches Household Surveys; Financial Inclusion Index Reaches 70

- **India's Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index):**
 - **43.4** in **2017**
 - **67** in the previous period (**March 2025**)
 - **70** as of **March 2026**
- The **RBI** launched **three surveys**:
 - **Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)**, across **19 major cities**
 - **Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)**, across **19 cities**
 - **Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)**, covering **31 States and Union Territories**, looking **one year ahead**

27. S&P Global Assigns Credit Ratings to Bank of India and Federal Bank

- **Bank of India (BOI):**
 - Long-term issuer/issue credit rating: **'BBB' (Stable outlook)**
 - Short-term rating: **'A-2'**
- **Kerala-based Federal Bank:**
 - Rating: **'BBB-'**
 - Short-term rating: **'A-3'**

28. ICICI Prudential AMC Gets Approval for Stake in CSB Bank

- **ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC)** obtained **RBI approval** to acquire up to a **10% stake** (specifically **9.95%**) in **Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB Bank)**.
- **CSB Bank** is based in **Thrissur**.

29. Larsen & Toubro Plans First Private Sector Tokenized Bond Issue

- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** plans to raise **₹500 crore** through a **3-year tokenized bond issue**.
- It is the **first private sector tokenized bond issue**.
- **Coupon rate: 7.40%**.

30. MSMEs, SIDBI and Mudra Loans

- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** contribute **31.1%** of **India's GDP**.
- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):**
 - Is the principal financial institution for **promotion, financing and development** of the **MSME sector**
 - **Headquarters: Lucknow;**
Chairman: Manoj Mittal
- **Mudra Loans:** the **"Tarun Plus"** loan category limit was raised to **₹20 lakh**.
- **International MSME Day** is observed every year on **June 27**.

31. RBI Minimum CRAR for Scheduled Commercial Banks Is 9%

- The RBI mandates a **minimum regulatory Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR)** of **9%** for SCBs.

32. Bandhan Bank Launches Proprietary Credit Card Suite

- Bandhan Bank** launched its own **direct proprietary credit card suite: Sparks, Ignite, Flare and Lumina**.
- The cards are powered by **Mastercard**.
- Bandhan Bank** is headquartered in **Kolkata**; its MD & CEO is **Partha Pratim Sengupta**.

33. SBI BSBD / Jan Dhan Account Withdrawal Rules

- State Bank of India (SBI) Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) / Jan Dhan** account rules:
 - 4 free withdrawals or transactions** per month
 - After that, a fee of **₹15 plus GST** per transaction

34. Amazon Pay and Kotak Mahindra Bank Launch Business Credit Card

- Amazon Pay** and **Kotak Mahindra Bank** launched a **Business Credit Card**.

35. RBI's Minimum Liquidity Coverage Ratio Remains 100%

- The RBI's minimum **Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)** remains **100%**.

36. SEBI Lifts Trading Ban on Copthall Mauritius Investment Ltd

- SEBI** lifted the trading ban on **Copthall Mauritius Investment Ltd**.
- It is a subsidiary of US banking firm **JP Morgan**.

37. NPCI Unveils UPI Tap & Pay and "MyUPI" AI Payment Assistant; NFC Payment Limits

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** unveiled **UPI Tap & Pay** and **"MyUPI"**, an **AI payment assistant**, at **Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026**.
- These payments use **Near Field Communication (NFC)**.
- PIN-less contactless payment** is allowed up to **₹5,000**; a **PIN** is required above that.
- The **₹5,000 PIN-less** provision applies specifically to **UPI Tap & Pay** transactions.

38. RBI Additional Factor of Authentication Exemption Threshold

- The RBI's general **additional-factor-of-authentication (AFA)** exemption threshold is **₹15,000**.
- It is raised to **₹1 lakh per transaction** for specified categories:

- Mutual-fund subscriptions**
- Insurance premiums**
- Credit-card bill payments**

39. Indian Bank Unveils AI TARA, IndSmart and Ind Cash Optima

- AI TARA (Trusted AI Relationship Assistant):**
 - A **10-language voice banking assistant**
 - Supports **Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)** fund transfers up to **₹5 lakh**
 - Supports **Fixed Deposit** creation
- IndSmart:** personal finance management for tracking **equities, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), mutual funds** and the **NPS**.
- Ind Cash Optima:** **digital corporate cash management**.
- Indian Bank** has decided to open a **representative office in Dubai**.

40. Citi Bank Launches 'eFPI at Citi' Portal

- Citi Bank** launched the **'eFPI at Citi'** portal.

41. UCO Bank and ScoreMe Launch 'GST Smart'

- UCO Bank** and **ScoreMe** launched **'GST Smart'**, a **digital lending platform**.
- UCO Bank** facts:
 - Headquarters:** **Kolkata**
 - Established:** **1943**
 - MD & CEO:** **Ashwani Kumar**
 - Tagline:** **"Honours Your Trust"**

42. SBI Mutual Fund Launches 'AARAMBH'

- SBI Mutual Fund** launched **'AARAMBH'**, an **assisted digital onboarding service** for **first-time mutual-fund investors**.
- It uses **Aadhaar biometric e-KYC/eSign**.

43. Niyo Gets IFSCA Payment Service Provider Licence for GIFT City

- Niyo** received an **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** **Payment Service Provider (PSP)** licence for **GIFT City**.
- Niyo** is a **neo-banking** entity based in **Bengaluru**, with **CEO Vinay Bagri**.

44. Axis Bank Organises 4th 'Sparsh Week 2026'

- Axis Bank** held its **4th annual 'Sparsh Week'** from **September 7 to 11**.
- Theme:** **"Act with Speed"**.

45. Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 Comes into Force from October 1, 2026

- The **Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026** comes into force on **October 1, 2026**.
- It replaces the **Bankers' Books Evidence Act of 1891**.

46. Systemic Capital Buffers and Leverage Ratio Norms

- **Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs)** must hold up to **2% additional capital**.
- **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)** must hold these additional capital buffers:
 - **SBI: 0.80%**
 - **HDFC Bank: 0.40%**
 - **ICICI Bank: 0.20%**

- **Leverage Ratio: 3.5% for Scheduled Commercial Banks; 4.0% for D-SIBs.**

47. BharatPe Flex Launched with Yes Bank

- **BharatPe Flex** was launched with **Yes Bank**.
- **BharatPe's parent company: Resilient Innovations Pvt. Ltd.**
- **BharatPe's brand ambassador: Rohit Sharma.**

48. IndusInd Bank Launches OD and CC-Linked Corporate Credit Card

- **IndusInd Bank** launched a **Corporate Credit Card** linked to **Overdraft (OD)** and **Cash Credit (CC)**.
- **IndusInd Bank: Headquarters in Mumbai; CEO Rajiv Anand.**

49. Fixed Deposit Booking Enabled at White Label ATMs

- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SFB), Sprint Money and Hitachi Payment Services** enabled **Fixed Deposit (FD)** booking at **MoneySpot White Label ATMs (WLAs)**.
- **Suryoday SFB: Headquarters in Mumbai; MD & CEO Baskar Babu Ramachandran.**
- **Bulk deposit limits:**
 - **₹3 crore for Commercial Banks**
 - **₹1 crore for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Local Area Banks (LABs)**

50. India Becomes World's 4th Largest Forex Reserve Holder

- India's **Foreign Exchange (Forex) Reserves** reached an **all-time high** of **\$785.706 billion**.
- India now ranks **4th**, behind **China, Japan and Switzerland**.

51. RBI to Absorb Liquidity through ₹1 Lakh Crore OMO Sale

- The **RBI** will absorb liquidity through a **₹1 lakh crore Open Market Operations (OMO)** sale.

52. RBI Proposes Targeted Account Freezing Framework for Cyber Fraud Cases

- The **RBI** invited comments until **2 October 2026**.
- **Proposed start date: 1 April 2027.**

- **Commercial banks** must freeze **only the disputed transaction amount**, not the whole account.
- **Dispute threshold:** applies to disputed transactions of **₹1,000 or more**.
- **Timelines:**
 - Temporary hold of up to **60 days** without a competent legal order
 - Customer gets **20 calendar days** to submit documents
 - Bank gets **10 days** to examine them

53. RBI Citizen's Charter Covers 213 Public Services

- The **RBI Citizen's Charter** reaffirmed standard delivery metrics across **213 listed public services**.

54. Banking Operational Rules

- **Ombudsman: 30 days** is mainly the period after which a complainant can approach the **RBI** if the regulated entity has not replied. It is **not** a guaranteed Ombudsman "resolution time".
- **SARFAESI: Section 13(2)** provides a **60-day demand notice** before **Section 13(4)** enforcement measures.
- **Domestic term deposits:** normally a **minimum of 7 days**, subject to product and category rules.
- **Certificates of Deposit: minimum 7 days.**
- **Centralized KYC Registry (C-KYC):** uses a standardised **14-digit identifier number**.

55. Bank of Baroda Launches "bob World 2.0"

- **Bank of Baroda** launched **"bob World 2.0"**, its next-generation **AI-powered mobile banking platform**.

56. Retail (CPI) Inflation Rises to 4.82% in August 2026

- **Retail (Consumer Price Index – CPI) inflation** rose to **4.82%** in **August 2026**, from **4.45%** in **July 2026**.
- The **base year** was revised from **2012 to 2024**.
- Item coverage expanded from **299 items to 358 items** (**308 physical goods** and **50 services**).

57. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Inflation Accelerates to 9.92% in August 2026

- **Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation** rose to **9.92%** in **August 2026**, from **9.78%** in **July 2026**.
- The **base year** was updated to **2022–23**, moving from **2011–12** in **June 2026**.

7. Defence

1. Joint Defence Exercise "Super Garuda Shield" Held in Indonesia

- Exercise "Super Garuda Shield" was held in **Indonesia**.
- It was jointly conducted by the **Indonesian National Armed Forces** and the **US Indo-Pacific Command**.

2. 16th Aero India 2027 to Be Held at Yelahanka, Bengaluru

- The **16th Aero India 2027** is scheduled at **Yelahanka, Bengaluru**.

3. IAF Completes Drop Trials of Khagantak-243 Glide Bomb

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** completed successful drop trials of **Khagantak-243**.
- It is an **indigenously developed, 300-kg class, long-range precision-guided glide bomb** with **deployable wings**.
- It was developed by **JSR Dynamics, Nagpur**, with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**.

4. Rajnath Singh Releases "RAKSHA" – 10-Year Defence Diplomacy Roadmap

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released the "**RAKSHA**" document, a **10-year Defence Diplomacy Roadmap**.
- It rests on **4 pillars**:
 - **Strategic Partnership**
 - **Capacity Building**
 - **Indigenous Defence Export**
 - **Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**

5. India's FY27 Defence Budget: ₹7.85 Lakh Crore

- India's **FY27 defence budget** allocation is **₹7.85 lakh crore**, about **2% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**.

6. INS Sudarshini Reaches Barcelona on "Lokayan 26" Expedition

- **INS Sudarshini** reached **Barcelona** during the "**Lokayan 26**" expedition.

7. ₹472 Crore Tank Overhaul Facility in Jabalpur

- **Rajnath Singh** laid the foundation stone for a **₹472 crore** overhaul facility for **T-90** and **T-72** tanks in **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh**.

8. Ahuti Mk II: India's Fastest Multi-Rotor Interceptor UAV

- Defence startup **Apollyon Dynamics**, at **BITS Pilani Hyderabad**, developed **Ahuti Mk II**.
- It set a **national record** at **498 km/h**, making it **India's fastest multi-rotor interceptor Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**.

9. Rajnath Singh Visits Sri Lanka; India-Sri Lanka Defence MoU on L-70 Air Defence Guns

- **Rajnath Singh** visited **Sri Lanka** from **September 8 to 10** for **maritime security consultations**.
- He met **President Anura Kumara Dissanayake** and **PM Harini Amarasuriya**.
- In **Colombo**, he signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to upgrade **L-70 Air Defence Guns** for the **Sri Lanka Air Force**.

10. India-Japan Joint Air Exercise "Veer Guardian 2026" (2nd Edition)

- This is the **2nd edition** of the joint air exercise between the **IAF** and the **Japan Air Self-Defense Force**.
- **Venue: Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.

11. IAF "Sarang" Display Team at El Alamein International Airshow, Egypt

- The IAF's **5-helicopter aerobatic team "Sarang"** arrived in **Egypt** with **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv** helicopters.
- The team is performing at the **2nd El Alamein International Airshow**.

12. Indian Army Sets Up "AASHVAST" Laboratory

- **AASHVAST** stands for **Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats**.
- It was set up at **DG EME (Director General of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) Headquarters, New Delhi**.
- It was inaugurated by **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Dhiraj Seth**.
- It focuses on securing **drone hardware** and **electronic warfare systems**.

13. DRDO Launches SHIELD Programme under Mission Sudarshan Chakra

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** launched the **SHIELD** programme under **Mission Sudarshan Chakra**.
- **SHIELD** stands for **S-band High-power microwave Integrated Evaluation for Lethality and Damage**.
- It is an **indigenous Technology Development Fund (TDF)** project for an **S-band High-Power Microwave Integrated Evaluation System**.

14. IAF Hosts "Dronathon" at Pokhran Range

- The **IAF** hosted "**Dronathon**" at **Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)**.

15. V.O. Chidambaranar Port: First Indian Port with Advanced Anti-Drone System

- **V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu)** is the **first port in India** to

begin implementing an advanced anti-drone security system.

16. Bhargavastra: Indigenous Anti-Drone Defence System

- Bhargavastra is an indigenous anti-drone defence system.

17. New DRDO Weapon Testing Range Approved at Junput, West Bengal

- A new DRDO weapon testing range was approved at Junput, West Bengal.

18. India Possesses 190 Nuclear Warheads: SIPRI and FAS

- Reports by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) say India has 190 nuclear warheads.
- The world's 9 nuclear-armed states are the USA, Russia, UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel.

19. 22nd India–USA Joint Military Exercise "Yudh Abhyas"

- The exercise is being held at two locations:
 - Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner, Rajasthan
 - Auli, Uttarakhand

20. 4th India–Malaysia Naval Exercise "Samudra Laksamana"

- The exercise was held at Lumut, Perak, Malaysia.
- India was represented by INS Mysore, a Delhi-class destroyer.
- Other India–Malaysia exercises are Udar Shakti (Air Force) and Harimau Shakti (Army).

21. Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise Held in Visakhapatnam

- The Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Table Top Exercise was held in Visakhapatnam.
- It was held under the Eastern Naval Command.

22. Indian Navy Chief Meets Australian Fleet Commander in Sydney

- Indian Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan met Australian Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Anita Williams in Sydney.

23. INS Kulish Makes Port Call at Ream Naval Base, Cambodia

- INS Kulish made a port call at Ream Naval Base, Cambodia.

8. International

1. 2026 Designated UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

- The United Nations (UN) has designated 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

2. Ecuador Declares National Emergency over El Niño

- Ecuador declared a formal state of national emergency in 2026 because of severe El Niño effects: extreme weather, droughts and wildfires.
- It is the latest Latin American country to do so. Panama, Honduras and El Salvador had already declared emergencies.

3. Türkiye Becomes 71st Nation to Join NASA's Artemis Accords

- Türkiye signed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Artemis Accords for lunar exploration, becoming the 71st member nation.

4. UNCLOS & EEZ Governance: Indian Fishermen Allowed up to 200 Nautical Miles

- Maritime boundaries operate under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), adopted in 1982 and in force since 1994.
- The Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Rules, 2025 were framed under the Territorial Waters... Act, 1976.
- Under these rules, Indian fishermen may sustainably fish up to 200 nautical miles off the coast.

5. Belgian PM De Wever Visits India – First in 20 Years

- Belgian Prime Minister De Wever made an official visit to India.
- It is the first visit by a Belgian PM in 20 years.
- The two countries aim to double bilateral trade, from US\$ 13.01 billion (FY26) to US\$ 26 billion by 2030.

6. India Rejects PCA Ruling on Indus Waters Treaty

- India rejected the ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Hague, on the Indus Waters Treaty.

7. US Mint Issues Golden-Coloured \$1 Coin Featuring Donald Trump

- The US Mint issued a golden-coloured \$1 coin featuring President Donald Trump for America's 250th anniversary.
- Composition: 88.5% Copper; the rest is Zinc, Manganese and Nickel.

8. UNGA Declares November 27 as International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** declared **November 27** the **International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage**.
- It is to be observed **every year**.

9. Thailand Cuts Visa-Free Entry for Indians to 30 Days

- **Thailand** changed visa-free entry for **Indians** to **30 days**, down from the earlier **60 days**.

10. UK Approves India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)

- The **United Kingdom (UK)** approved **India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)**.

11. UNGA Adopts "Correct the Map" Resolution

- The **UNGA** adopted the **"Correct the Map"** resolution.
- It encourages more accurate representation of **country and continent sizes**.
- It also encourages the use or consideration of appropriate **equal-area projections**.

12. Yakov Novichenko Bridge (Russia-North Korea)

- It is a **1 km long, 2-lane road bridge** across the **Tumen River**.
- It connects **Khasan** in **Russia** with **Tumangang** in **North Korea**.

13. India Represented at Funeral of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

- **Bihar Governor Syed Ata Hasnain** represented **India** at the funeral of **Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**.
- **Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita** also represented **India**.

14. Israel Opens First Resident Embassy in Slovenia

- **Israel** opened its **first resident embassy** in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**.
- **Slovenia: Capital Ljubljana; Currency Euro (€)**.

9. Meetings

1. 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Lahore Named SCO Cultural Capital 2026-27

- The **26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit** was held in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.

- **Theme: "25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development, and Prosperity"**.
- The **SCO** was established in **2001** and is headquartered in **Beijing, China**.
- **SCO Member States (10):**
 - **Original members (6): China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**
 - **2017: India and Pakistan** joined as full members
 - **2023: Iran** joined as the **9th member**
 - **2024: Belarus** joined as the **10th member**
- The **27th SCO Summit (2027)** will be held in **Pakistan**, which takes over the **SCO Presidency**.
- The **SCO Tourism & Cultural Capital (2026-27)** is **Lahore**, in **Punjab Province, Pakistan**.

2. UNCCD COP17 Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; COP18 in Egypt (2028)

- The **17th Conference of the Parties (COP17)** of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** was held from **August 17 to 28, 2026**, in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.
- **COP President: Batmunkh Battsetseg**.
- **Theme: "Restoring Land, Restoring Hope"**.
- **UNCCD COP18** will be held in **2028** at **Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt**.

3. 4th Indo-German Environment Forum Held in New Delhi

- The **4th Indo-German Environment Forum** was held in **New Delhi**.
- **Theme: "Together for More Resilience"**.

4. India Hosts 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

- The **18th BRICS Summit 2026** was held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.
- **Theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"**.
- The **2026 logo** combines a **Namaste gesture** with **multicoloured petals**.
- This marks **India's 4th BRICS presidency**. India earlier chaired BRICS in **2012, 2016** and **2021**.
- **India's four BRICS Summits:**
 - **2012: New Delhi**
 - **2016: Goa**
 - **2021: held virtually** because of **COVID-19**

- **2026: New Delhi**, the **second** time the summit has been held there

- **Membership: 11 full members** and **10 partner countries**.

- The members beyond the original BRICS are **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia** and **Indonesia**.
 Indonesia joined in **2025**.

- The **19th BRICS Summit** will be hosted by **China** in **2027**.

5. 2026 Global Summits Host Map

- **SCO: Kyrgyzstan**
- **BRICS: India**
- **Group of Seven (G7): France**
- **Group of Twenty (G20): USA**
 - G20 host sequence: **2025 – South Africa, 2026 – USA, 2027 – UK, 2028 – South Korea**
- **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN): Philippines**
- **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting 2026: China**
- **11th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting: India**
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit: Ankara**
- **COP31: Antalya Expo Center, Antalya, Turkey**

6. International Workshop on Tiger Landscapes Held in New Delhi

- The **International Workshop on Tiger Landscapes** was held in **New Delhi** with the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**.

7. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Chairs Quad Sherpas Meeting

- **Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri** chaired the **Quad Sherpas meeting** in **New Delhi**.

8. 4th UN Climate Week Held in Baku, Azerbaijan

- The **4th UN Climate Week** was held in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, from **September 7 to 11, 2026**.
- Its purpose was to lay the groundwork for **COP31** in **Antalya, Turkey**, which will be presided over by **Murat Kurum**.
- **COP32** will be hosted by **Ethiopia**.

9. 7th Global Fintech Fest (GFF 2026) Held in Mumbai

- The **7th Global Fintech Fest (GFF 2026)** was held in **Mumbai**.
- **Official theme: "Potential to Impact: Agentic AI, Tokenisation, Quantum,**

Trusted Connected Global Systems for Inclusive Finance".

- Another source gives the theme as **"Potential to Impact: Agentic AI, Tokenization, and Quantum – Trusted, Connected Global System for Inclusive Finance"**.

10. G20 Meetings: India Joins US-Led 6G Alliance; 21st G20 Summit in Miami

- **India** joined the **US-led Global 6G Network Alliance** at the **G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting** in **North Carolina, USA**.
- **Manohar Lal Khattar** represented **India** at the **G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting** in the **USA**.
- The **21st G20 Summit** will be held in **Miami, Florida**, on **December 14–15, 2026**.
- The **G20** has **21 members: 19 countries**, the **European Union (EU)** and the **African Union**.
- The **African Union** joined in **2023**.
- **Future G20 hosts: 2027 – United Kingdom, 2028 – South Korea**.

11. 1st International Space Summit Held in Paris

- The **1st International Space Summit** was held in **Paris, France**.

12. 27th World Knowledge Forum Held in Seoul, South Korea

- The **27th World Knowledge Forum** was held in **Seoul, South Korea**.
- **Theme: "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order"**.

13. Global Dryland Congress 2026 Held in New Delhi

- The **Global Dryland Congress 2026** was held in **New Delhi**.
- **Theme: "Transforming Dryland Agriculture with South-South Cooperation"**.

14. 9th ASEAN-India Agriculture and Forestry Ministerial Meeting

- The **9th ASEAN-India Agriculture and Forestry Ministerial Meeting** was held in **New Delhi**.

15. 79th WHO Regional Committee Session Held in Dili, Timor-Leste

- The **79th World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee Session** was held in **Dili, Timor-Leste**.
- **Focus: a Tuberculosis (TB)-Free World by 2030**.
- The **WHO** was established on **April 7, 1948**, and is headquartered in **Geneva**.
- **Director-General (DG): Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**.

16. World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF 2026) Hosted in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

- The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF 2026) was hosted in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Theme: "Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity".

17. India Addresses 63rd UNHRC Session in Geneva

- India presented a strategic address at the 63rd United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Session in Geneva.
- India's Permanent Representative is Ambassador Arindam Bagchi.

10. Miscellaneous

11. MoUs

1. Bihar & Jharkhand Sign MoU Ending 25-Year Son River Water Dispute

- Bihar and Jharkhand signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- It ends the 25-year Son River water dispute between the two states.

2. IBCA-ADB Partnership for Big Cat Conservation

- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) partnered with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to fund conservation across range countries.
- It covers 7 Big Cats: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.
- The partnership marks 40 years of India-ADB partnership.
- IBCA was launched in 2023 by PM Modi.
- India has 58 Tiger Reserves.
 - Madhya Pradesh leads in tiger population.
 - The largest reserve is Nagarjunasagar Srisailem.

3. Aditya Birla Health Insurance Partners with ICAI

- Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd. partnered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- Purpose: to provide tailored health insurance plans.

4. SBI Partners with Bisleri; Targets Net-Zero Emissions by 2055

- State Bank of India (SBI) partnered with Bisleri International under the "Bottles for Change" initiative.
- Purpose: plastic waste recycling across SBI branches.
- SBI aims for complete net-zero operational emissions by 2055.
 - 2055 marks 100 years since SBI began in 1955.
 - The target is ahead of India's national 2070 climate target.

5. Department of Food and Public Distribution Signs Performance MoU with FCI

- The Department of Food and Public Distribution signed a Performance MoU with the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- FCI was established in 1965.
- Headquarters: New Delhi; led by Rabindra Kumar Agarwal.

6. SEBI Partners with European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) entered into a formal tie-up with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).
- Purpose: supervisory cooperation and exchange of information on Central Counterparties (CCPs).

7. IDFC FIRST Bank Partners with Sarvam AI for "Self-Improving Bank"

- IDFC FIRST Bank partnered with Sarvam AI to build a "Self-Improving Bank".

8. NIPL Partners with Singapore's Fomo Pay

- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) partnered with Singapore-based Fomo Pay.
- Purpose: to expand Unified Payments Interface (UPI) acceptance across merchant networks in Singapore.

9. Central Bank of India Signs MoU with North Eastern Railway

- Central Bank of India signed an MoU with North Eastern Railway (NER).
- Central Bank of India facts:
 - Established: 1911
 - Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO): Kalyan Kumar
 - Tagline: "Central to You Since 1911"

12. National

1. Nationwide Standard Protocols for Mortuaries Issued

- New **nationwide standard protocols** for **mortuaries** were issued. They require:
 - Cold storage** between **4°C and 8°C**
 - A **ground floor** location
 - An **autopsy room** of at least **4,000 sq. ft**

2. IMD: India Faced El Niño 17 Times in 75 Years

- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** analysed data from **1951 to 2025**.
- India faced **El Niño** conditions **17 times** in **75 years**.
- The **current El Niño** phase began in **May 2026**.
 - It is expected to last until **February–March 2027**.
 - It is expected to peak in **November–December 2026**.
- IMD** was established in **1875** and is headquartered in **New Delhi**.
- Its **Director General** is **Mrutyunjay Mohapatra**, known as the "**Cyclone Man of India**".

3. India's Ramsar Sites Reach 101

- India now has **101 Ramsar sites**.
- The **101st site** is **Glo Lake, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- India's **1st site** was **Chilika Lake, Odisha**.

4. WII Declares 16 Conservation Areas for the Great Indian Bustard

- The **Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** declared **16 Conservation Areas** for the **Great Indian Bustard**.
- The areas span **35 districts**.

5. "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport

- A "**Hub and Spoke**" aviation service began at **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad**.
- Ahmedabad** is the **3rd airport** in India to get it, after **Varanasi** and **Amritsar**.

6. CISF to Guard AIIMS Jammu – First Medical Institute under Permanent CISF Cover

- The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** will guard **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu**.
- It becomes the **first medical institute** in **India** under **permanent CISF cover**.
- The reason is its **proximity to the border**.

7. Punjab Launches "Pehchaan" Portal for Unclaimed Bodies

- Punjab** launched "**Pehchaan**", the first **statewide portal** to identify **unclaimed bodies**.

8. Amit Shah Announces Anti-Narcotics Roadmap – Drug-Free India by 2029

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah** announced an **anti-narcotics roadmap** for a **Drug-Free India by 2029**.
- Four pillars**:
 - Intelligence and operation-based enforcement**
 - Precursor and synthetic drugs control**
 - Demand and harm reduction**
 - Capacity building and coordination**
- Key targets**:
 - Dismantle **100 international and inter-state networks** and bring back **100 fugitives**.
 - Train **1 lakh Nasha Mukta Mitras** through the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, **National Service Scheme (NSS)** and **MY Bharat**.
 - Triple **de-addiction centres** to **1,751**.
 - Make **forensic reports** available within **30 days**.
 - Set up **Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTFs)** in every state by **March 2027**.

9. Jeera Phool Rice of Chhattisgarh Highlighted for GI Tag

- Jeera Phool Rice** is an **aromatic short-grain rice** from **Surguja, Chhattisgarh**.
- It was highlighted for its **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.

10. Uniform 25-Day Rule for Domestic LPG Refill Booking

- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** cut the **minimum gap** for **domestic LPG refill booking** in **rural areas** from **45 days to 25 days**.
- This creates a **uniform 25-day rule** for **urban and rural areas**.

11. Saitual Becomes Mizoram's First "Surakshit" District

- Saitual district** became the **first district** in **Mizoram** to attain "**Surakshit**" status.
- The status was given under the **Mobilisation AIDS Suraksha (MAS)** campaign of the **National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)**.
- Mizoram Chief Minister: Pu Lalduhoma; Governor: Vijay Kumar Singh**.

12. NCERT Celebrates 66th Foundation Day

- The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was established on September 1, 1961.

13. Maharashtra Proposes DELTA Act for Land Tokenization

- Maharashtra proposed the DELTA (Digitisation and Exchange of Land Token Asset) Act.
- It concerns blockchain/tokenisation of land and immovable-property assets estimated at about ₹50 lakh crore.

14. Kerala Creates AI Ministerial Portfolio and Senior Citizen Welfare Department

- Kerala made Artificial Intelligence (AI) a ministerial portfolio.
- It also created a Senior Citizen Welfare Department.
- All state Old Age Homes were formally renamed "Snehaliyalalu".
- Kerala Chief Minister: V.D. Satheesan; Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

15. India's 7th Postal Training Centre at Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh

- India's 7th Postal Training Centre is at Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- The existing 6 centres are at Saharanpur, Vadodara, Mysuru, Guwahati, Madurai and Darbhanga.

16. Acharya Nagarjuna University Golden Jubilee; Andhra University Centenary

- Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU), at Namburu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.
- Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, completes its Centenary (1926–2026) in 2026.

17. World's Longest Steel Slag Road Built in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

- The world's longest steel slag road was built in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

18. Amended E-Commerce Rules under Consumer Protection Rules 2020

- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs announced the amendments, which take effect from January 1, 2027.
- Price transparency: e-commerce platforms must show the lowest price of the preceding 30 days alongside current discounted prices.
- National Consumer Day: December 24.
- World Consumer Rights Day: March 15.

19. FASTag "One Tag" Facility Unveiled

- The FASTag "One Tag" facility was unveiled.
- The Annual Pass for FY 2026-27 costs ₹3,075.

- It is valid for one year or 200 eligible toll-plaza crossings, whichever comes first.

20. Digital Bharat Nidhi Replaces Universal Service Obligation Fund

- Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) replaced the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under the Telecom Act 2023.

21. Telangana Bans Analog Paneer

- Telangana banned analog paneer.
- States that banned it earlier: Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttarakhand.

22. Supreme Court Announces Jan Suchana Seva and SUVAS

- The Supreme Court launched Jan Suchana Seva on Hindi Diwas (September 14).
 - It publishes 15–30 minute audio-video legal information bulletins in accessible Hindi.
- The Supreme Court Vidhik Anuvaad Software (SUVAS) is an AI translation software.

23. Chhattisgarh Milestones: Khelo India Tribal Games and First Child-Marriage-Free District

- Chhattisgarh hosted the Khelo India Tribal Games.
- Balod District was officially certified as India's first child-marriage-free district.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister: Vishnu Deo Sai; Governor: Ramen Dekka.

13. Persons in News

1. Renowned Gujarati Music Composer Gaurang Vyas Passes Away

- Gaurang Vyas, a renowned Gujarati music composer and director, passed away.

2. Stanzin Sangyang: First Female Army Officer from Zaskar

- Stanzin Sangyang became the first female officer in the Indian Army from the Zaskar region of Ladakh.

3. Former Punjab Minister Bhagat Chunni Lal Passes Away

- Veteran BJP leader and former Punjab Cabinet Minister Bhagat Chunni Lal passed away.

4. Tamil Scholar Solomon Pappaiah Passes Away

- Solomon Pappaiah, a veteran Tamil scholar and orator, passed away.

14. Ranks & Reports

1. Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026:

HDFC Bank Is Top-Ranked Indian Bank

- **HDFC Bank** ranked **31st globally**, making it the **top-ranked Indian bank**, with a **brand value** of about **US\$ 12.4 billion**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)**:
 - Ranked **56th globally**, with a **brand value** of **US\$ 8.1 billion**
 - Ranked the **16th strongest banking brand** worldwide, with an **AAA+** rating
- **National totals: 19 Indian banks** are in the global top 500, with a **combined brand value** of **US\$ 47.8 billion**.

2. AISHE Report 2023–24: Higher Education Enrolment Reaches 4.50 Crore

- The **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Report 2023–24** was released by the **Ministry of Education**.
- **Total higher education enrolment: 4.50 crore** students.
- **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)** (age 18–23): **30% overall**.
 - **Female: 31.2%**
 - **Male: 28.9%**
- **Gender Parity Index (GPI): 1.08**.
- **STEM enrolment: 1.02 crore**, of which **44% is female**.

3. Tata Study "The Many Urban Indias" on Household Income, Spending & Savings

- The study analysed **income, spending and savings** across the **top 100 cities**.
- It focused on the **Big Six Metros: Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata**.
- **Highest annual household income: Bengaluru**, **1.7 times** higher than **Kolkata**.
- **Highest share of affluent households: Mumbai**, in the **₹36+ lakh/year** income tier.
- **Largest overall consumption spending: Delhi-NCR**.
- **Highest proportion of income spent: Chennai**.
- **Highest Union Territory (UT) per-household spending: Chandigarh**.
- **Highest household savings: Bengaluru**, where high tech salaries offset living costs.
- **Highest debt-to-income ratio and absolute borrowing: Chennai**.
- **Lowest absolute borrowing: Hyderabad**.

4. Knight Frank Rental Growth Ranking:

Mumbai No. 1 in India

- **Mumbai ranked #1 in India** in the **Knight Frank** rental growth ranking.

- **Brisbane** leads the **Asia-Pacific region**.

5. 32% of India's AI Users Are "Frontier Professionals"

- **32% of India's AI users** are **"Frontier Professionals"**.
- This is the **highest of ten markets** studied and **double the global average** of **16%**.

6. Chhattisgarh Ranks 1st in Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0

- **Chhattisgarh** ranked **1st in Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 3.0**, with **77,719 structures** completed.

7. Mumbai Is the Only Indian City in IWG's Work From Anywhere Index

- **Mumbai** is the **only Indian city** in the **International Workplace Group's (IWG) Work From Anywhere Index**.
- **Bangkok** tops the index.

8. Groww, Zerodha and Angel One Are India's Top 3 Stockbrokers

- **Groww, Zerodha and Angel One** rank as **India's top 3 stockbrokers**.

9. FATF Report on Professional Money Laundering and Hawala

- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, headquartered in **Paris**, issued a **global risk assessment**.
- It covers **professional money laundering, underground banking, and Hawala and Other Similar Service Providers (HOSSPs)**.

10. 5th Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026:

Lucknow, Rourkela and Kalinganagar Top

- **Category 1: Population above 10 lakh / 1 million (48 cities evaluated)**
 - **1st: Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)**
 - **2nd: Indore (Madhya Pradesh)**
 - **3rd: Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)**
 - **4th (tied): Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) and Agra (Uttar Pradesh)**
 - **5th: Surat (Gujarat)**
- **Category 2: Population 3 lakh to 10 lakh (42 cities evaluated)**
 - **1st: Rourkela (Odisha)**
 - **2nd (tied): Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh) and Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)**
 - **3rd: Amravati (Maharashtra)**
 - **4th: Bhubaneswar (Odisha)**
 - **5th: Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)**
- **Category 3: Population below 3 lakh (40 cities evaluated)**
 - **1st: Kalinganagar (Odisha)**
 - **2nd: Angul (Odisha)**
 - **3rd: Talcher (Odisha)**
 - **4th: Eluru (Andhra Pradesh)**

- 5th: Haldia (West Bengal)

11. India Ranks 3rd in Startup Ecosystem; 4th in Unicorns

- India ranks **3rd globally** in total startup ecosystem count, behind the **US** and **China**.
- India ranks **4th globally**, with **61 unicorns**.
- A **unicorn** is a company that reaches a valuation of **\$1 billion (USD)**.

12. Karnataka Leads in ChipIN-Supported Semiconductor Chip Tape-Outs

- **Karnataka** led in **ChipIN-supported semiconductor chip tape-outs**, with **73 tape-outs**.
- **Tamil Nadu** was **#2** and **Telangana** was **#3**.

13. ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Cheetah Index 2026: 110 Cheetahs

- The **ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Cheetah Index 2026** identified **110 Cheetahs** in India.
- **Cheetah hubs**:
 - **Bengaluru**: 36
 - **Delhi NCR**: 25
 - **Mumbai**: 16
- **Cheetah category**: startups founded in or after **2000**, valued between **\$200 million** and **\$500 million**, with the potential to reach **Unicorn status within 5 years**.
- **Gazelle category**: startups with the potential to reach **Unicorn status within 3 years**.

14. NSO Releases ASUSE 2025 District-Level Report

- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** released the **Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2025** district-level report on **unincorporated enterprises**.
- **Mizoram** leads in **female-owned proprietary establishments**.
- The **top 10 districts** for **female-led establishments** were in **Telangana, Manipur** and **Meghalaya**.

15. Schemes and Initiatives

1. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) Completes 10 Years

- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** was launched on **February 18, 2016** and has completed **10 years**.
- It is the **Central Government's** main scheme to protect farmers against **non-preventable natural risks**:
 - **Droughts, floods, cyclones, hailstorms**
 - **Pest attacks** and **post-harvest losses**

- **Union Budget 2026–27**: the **Government of India** allocated **₹12,200 crore** to **PMFBY**.
- **Since inception**:
 - Over **92.46 crore** farmer applications insured
 - **26.33 crore** claim applications settled, worth more than **₹2.06 lakh crore**

2. Government Notifies "Semicon 2.0" Mission with ₹1,27,500 Crore Outlay

- **Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** notified the **"Semicon 2.0" Mission**.
- It took effect on **August 31, 2026**.
- It was notified under the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** and **MeitY**.
- **Total outlay**: **₹1,27,500 crore**.
- It covers **6 strategic pillars** and **10 categories**.

3. GOBARDhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme

- **Nodal Ministry**: **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**.
- **Total outlay**: **₹23,731 crore** through **FY36**.
- **Focus**: turning **cattle dung, crop residue, press mud** and **organic waste** into **Compressed Biogas (CBG)**.
- **City Gas Distribution (CGD) blending mandates**:
 - **3%** in the current fiscal year
 - **4%** next year
 - **5%** the year after

- **Financial incentive**: a guaranteed **price floor of ₹2,110 per MMBtu (Million British Thermal Units)** for **10 years**.

4. 5th "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" Coastal Cleanup Campaign

- The campaign was inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh** of the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**.
- It runs from **September 12 to 19, 2026**.
- It covers **1,138 km** of coastline across **13 coastal states** and **100+ beaches**.
- India's coastline is about **11,098 km**.

5. Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031 Launched at Agatti, Lakshadweep

- **Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031** was launched at **Agatti, Lakshadweep**.

6. 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month 2026) & National Nutrition Week

- **National Nutrition Week 2026** was observed from **September 1 to 7**.
 - It was first started in **1982**.

- The **9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah** is being observed from **September 9 to October 8, 2026**.
 - It was launched in **Varanasi** by **Annpurna Devi**, Union Minister of **Women and Child Development (WCD)**.
 - **Tagline/Theme: "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari"**, also written "**Jimmewari**".
- The initiative comes from **Poshan Abhiyaan**, launched on **March 8, 2018**.

7. "Bio Nivesh" Launched under BioE3 Policy; ₹1 Lakh Crore RDI Fund

- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched "**Bio Nivesh**" under the **BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment)**.
- It connects **biotech and deep-tech startups** with **private investors**.
- The **initial cohort** pairs **20 startups** with **50 investors**.
- **Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund:**
 - **₹1 lakh crore** corpus over **6 years**
 - Managed for startups by the **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)** and the **Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)**

8. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 (ECLGS 5.0)

- **Target additional credit: ₹2.55 lakh crore**, including **₹5,000 crore** for **airlines**.
- **Guarantee coverage:**
 - **100%** for **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**
 - **90%** for **non-MSMEs** and **airlines**
- **MSMEs and non-MSMEs** get **20%** of their **peak Q4 FY26 working capital**.
 - Capped at **₹100 crore**
 - For **5 years**, with a **1-year moratorium**
- **Airlines** are capped at **₹1,500 crore**, for **7 years** with a **2-year moratorium**.
- **Implementing agency: National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)**.

9. Meghalaya Launches "CM IMPACT – Read and Rise Meghalaya"

- **Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K Sangma** launched "**CM IMPACT – Read and Rise Meghalaya**".
- **Focus: foundational literacy and reading readiness**, so that **every child** can **read and write** by **age seven**.

10. e-Shram Portal Completes 5 Years

- The portal was launched on **26 August 2021** by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment**.
- It is **India's first Aadhaar-seeded national database** for **unorganised workers**.
- It has registered over **31.89 crore workers**.
- It is a **multi-lingual** platform in **22 languages**.
- Each registrant gets a **12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN)**.
- It is linked with **15 social security schemes**.

11. Mission Samriddh Gaon Launched for Rural Transformation

- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Union Minister for **Rural Development and Agriculture**, launched "**Mission Samriddh Gaon**".
- It was launched from **Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- The **pilot** covers two blocks in **Madhya Pradesh:**

- **Budhni block (Sehore district)**
- **Khategaon block (Dewas district)**

12. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan Marks 6th Anniversary

- **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** was launched on **15 August 2020**.
- It is run by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, led by **Minister Virendra Kumar Khatik**.
- **National helpline: 14446**.
- More than **1 lakh citizen volunteers**, called "**Nasha Mukti Mitras**", are deployed nationwide.

13. PM E-DRIVE Scheme: ₹10,900 Crore Outlay

- **Total outlay: ₹10,900 crore**, allocated as:
 - **₹4,391 crore** for **14,028 Electric Buses**
 - **₹3,679 crore** for **e-ambulances and e-trucks**
 - **₹2,000 crore** for **EV Charging Station Infrastructure**

14. PM SETU Expands to 9 ITI Clusters

- **Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM SETU)** was launched on **October 4, 2025**.
- **PM SETU** added **3 new Industrial Training Institute (ITI) clusters** in **Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana**.
- Operational clusters grew from **6 to 9**.
- The **National Steering Committee** approved **Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs)** worth **₹735.70 crore** for:
 - **Bhiwadi (Rajasthan)**
 - **Meerut (Uttar Pradesh)**

○ **Medchal (Telangana)**

- Total sanctioned PM SETU investment is now ₹2,171 crore across 9 ITI clusters.

15. Petroleum Ministry Launches (MC²) Ignite Accelerator

- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched the (MC²) Ignite Accelerator.
- The name stands for M × C × C = Multiply, Collaborate, Create.

16. Delhi NCR Launches "Parivartan" Initiative for BS6 Fleet Conversion

- Delhi NCR introduced the "Parivartan" initiative, worth ₹9,585 crore.
- It is for converting commercial fleets to Bharat Stage 6 (BS6).

17. UMANG, DigiLocker, Jan Dhan and Aadhaar Milestones

- The Unified Mobile Application for New Age Governance (UMANG) was launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
 - It offers 2,446 services in 13 languages.
- DigiLocker, with 37.53 crore users, is linked with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).
 - The link uses the 12-digit Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID.
- Total Jan Dhan accounts reached 59.15 crore.
- Aadhaar enrolments stand at 144+ crore.

18. DILRMP 3.0 Guidelines Launched

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) 3.0 guidelines.
- It is a 100% Centrally Funded Central Sector Scheme.
- Outlay: ₹565.50 crore over 5 years (2026–2031), across all States/Union Territories.
- It is implemented by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.

19. PM SHRI Scheme Progress – 13,092 Schools Selected

- Full name: Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI).
- It was launched on September 7, 2022 by the Ministry of Education.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Aim: turn existing schools into exemplar schools.
- Target: 14,500 schools.
- As of July 2026, 13,092 schools (about 90% of the target) have been selected.

- Duration: 5 years, FY 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- Total outlay: ₹27,360 crore, of which the central share is ₹18,128 crore.

20. Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) Completed

- Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) was launched on December 25, 2019.
- Total outlay: ₹6,000 crore.
- It covered 7 states, 80 districts and 229 blocks.
- States (GHKMMRU): Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

21. Chhattisgarh's DWEEPTI Yojana for SHG Women

- DWEEPTI stands for Decentralised Women Empowerment on Energy and Policy for Transformative Inclusion.
- It sets up solar power plants for Self-Help Group (SHG) women.

16. Science and Technology

1. NASA Launches Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope.
- It flew on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket from Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

2. Agni Kavach – India's First Indigenous AI Safety Platform

- Agni Kavach is India's first indigenous AI safety platform.
- It is an AI-driven industrial risk and safety analysis platform.
- It is GPU-based and open-source.
- It was announced by Dr J.P. Gupta.

3. ISRO Launches EOS-05 – India's First Imaging Satellite in Geosynchronous Orbit

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the Earth Observation Satellite EOS-05.
- It is India's first imaging satellite in geosynchronous orbit.
- It was launched from the Second Launch Pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.

4. New Frontier AI Models Released: Meta, IIT Madras, OpenAI, Anthropic, Google

- OpenAI: ChatGPT-6 Astra / GPT-6 Astra, built for complex and agentic computer operations.
- Anthropic: Claude Fable 5.1 and Claude Mythos 5.1.

- **Meta:**
 - **Meta Superintelligence Labs** released "**Muse Voice Transcribe**", which supports **5 Indian languages**.
 - Meta also introduced "**Muse**", an **AI agent** that works as a **personal AI assistant**.
- **IIT Madras:** unveiled "**Bodhan AI**", with **4 models** across **27 languages**.
- **Google:**
 - Released **Gemini 3.8 Flash**.
 - **Google DeepMind's Agricultural Landscape Understanding (ALU)** and **Agricultural Monitoring & Event Detection (AMED)** models were built for **India's agricultural landscape and crop monitoring**. They are now being extended to **six African nations**.
 - The source notes that "**Google Pyx**" is **unverified**.

5. Vice President Launches "Gyani Earth" Sovereign AI Stack

- **Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan** launched "**Gyani Earth**" in **New Delhi**.
- It is a **sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack** developed by **Gyani.ai**.

6. 3.65 Billion-Year-Old Mineral Grain Discovered in Bastar, Chhattisgarh

- A **3.65 billion-year-old mineral grain** was discovered in **Bastar district, Chhattisgarh**.

7. UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** launched an **Aadhaar Face Authentication Software Development Kit (SDK)** and **Sandbox**.
- It is meant for **banks and fintechs**.
- The **SDK** is an **identity and liveness verification** toolkit.

8. GalaxEye: First Indian Startup to Get US Patent for Satellite Imaging

- **GalaxEye** became the **first Indian startup** to receive a **US patent** for **satellite imaging / OptoSAR technology**.

9. Agnikul Cosmos Sets Up India's First Rocket Debris Recycling Centre

- **Agnikul Cosmos** set up **India's first rocket debris recycling centre**, the **PROOF Facility**.
- **PROOF** stands for **Pressurant Tank Realisation, Over-wrapping and Outfitting Facility**.

10. Ocean Research Vessel "Sagar Manthan" Launched

- The **Ocean Research Vessel "Sagar Manthan"** was launched and named **virtually in Kolkata** by **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh**.
- It was built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE)**.

11. Astrogate Developing India's First Indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link

- **Astrogate** is developing what it calls **India's first indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL) terminal**.
- It is targeted for **flight readiness in 2027**.

12. Project "Chayankan" Launched for Tea Plantation Management

- **CHAYANKAN** stands for **Comprehensive AI-based Geospatial Data Analytics for Tea Plantation Monitoring**.
- It was launched by the **National Institute of Technology (NIT) Rourkela, ISRO** and the **Tea Board**.

13. ISRO CE20 Cryogenic Engine Flight Acceptance Hot Test

- The **flight acceptance hot test** of the **ISRO CE20 Cryogenic Engine** was conducted at **Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**.

14. Badri Calf Born through OPU-IVF Technology

- A **healthy Badri female calf** was born on **11 September 2026**.
- It was produced through **Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization (OPU-IVF)** technology.
- A **Badri embryo** was transferred into a **Sahiwal recipient cow**.

15. Rare Himalayan Fish Discovered in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

- A **rare Himalayan fish** was found in **Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh**.
- It was identified as **Schizopygopsis waddellii**.

16. Google DeepMind Releases AlphaGenome Atlas

- **Google DeepMind** released the **AlphaGenome Atlas**.

17. Sports

1. Lionel Messi Retires from International Football

- **Lionel Messi** retired from **international football**.

2. Germany Retains FIH Men's Hockey World Cup – 4th Title

- **Germany** retained the **FIH Men's Hockey World Cup**, winning its **4th title**.

- It beat **Spain 1–0** in the final at the **Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium**.
 - **Argentina** finished **3rd**.
- 3. 6th World Nomad Games Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**
- The **6th World Nomad Games 2026** were held in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.
- 4. ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 Moved from Sri Lanka to India**
- **Sri Lanka** lost the hosting rights for the **2027 International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Champions Trophy**.
 - The source gives two reasons: **administrative and governance deficiencies**, and **government interference**.
 - **India** is the new host.
 - The event runs from **14 to 28 February 2027**.
 - Matches will be held in **Mumbai and Vadodara**.
 - **6 teams: Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka**.
- 5. Duleep Trophy 2026–27: East Zone Wins; Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Sets Record**
- **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** became the **youngest half-centurion in Duleep Trophy history**.
 - He scored **50 off 42 balls** (out at **92**) for **East Zone** against **Central Zone**.
 - He was **15 years and 157 days old**.
 - The match was at the **BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru**.
 - **East Zone** won the **Duleep Trophy 2026–27**, beating **South Zone** at **Chepauk, Chennai**.
 - It is **East Zone's 3rd title** and its **first in 14 years**.
 - **Player of the Match: Captain Ishan Kishan**.
 - **Player of the Series: South Zone Captain Tilak Varma**, with **266 runs**.
 - **West Zone** leads with **19 titles**, followed by **South Zone** with **14 titles**.
- 6. Ankur Bhattacharjee Wins Maiden WTT Men's Singles Title**
- **Ankur Bhattacharjee** won his **first World Table Tennis (WTT) Men's Singles title**, in **Czechia**.
- 7. 8th Khelo India Youth Games to Be Hosted in Telangana**
- The **8th Khelo India Youth Games** will be hosted in **Telangana**.
- 8. Smriti Mandhana Sets Two World Records in Women's Cricket**

- **Record 1 – All-time top run scorer: 10,880 international runs** across formats, passing **Mithali Raj**.
 - **Record 2 – International centuries: her 18th international century**, passing the **17** scored by **Meg Lanning** and **Laura Wolvaardt**.
- 9. Argentina Wins 16th FIH Women's Hockey World Cup**
- **Argentina** won the **16th FIH Women's Hockey World Cup**, beating the **Netherlands** in the final.
 - **India** finished **5th**.
- 10. Satwik–Chirag Win China Masters 2026**
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** won the **BWF World Tour Super 750 China Masters 2026** men's doubles title in **Shenzhen**.
- 11. Formula 1 (F1) 2026 Race Winners**
- **Italian Grand Prix 2026: Kimi Antonelli** (Mercedes).
 - **Dutch Grand Prix 2026: Lando Norris** (UK), driving for **McLaren**.
 - **Spanish Grand Prix (GP) 2026: Andrea Kimi Antonelli** (Italy, Mercedes).
- 12. US Open Tennis 2026 Winners**
- **Men's Singles: Alexander Zverev** (Germany) beat **Ben Shelton** (USA) at **Arthur Ashe Stadium**.
 - **Women's Singles: Elena Rybakina** (Kazakhstan) beat **Aryna Sabalenka** (Belarus).
 - **Women's Doubles: Taylor Townsend** (USA) and **Kateřina Siniaková** (Czech Republic).
 - **Mixed Doubles: Karolina Muchova** and **Jakub Mensik**.
- 13. Dean Elgar Retires from All Professional Cricket**
- **Dean Elgar**, **South Africa Test cricket captain**, retired from all professional cricket.
- 14. India Finishes 4th at 4th Pickleball World Cup 2026**
- **India** finished **4th** at the **4th Pickleball World Cup 2026** in **Da Nang, Vietnam**.
 - Earlier editions:
 - **1st: 2024, Puerto Rico**
 - **2nd & 3rd: 2025, USA**
- 15. Manipur Wins Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy**
- **Manipur** won the **Junior Boys' National Football Championship (Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy)**, beating **Bengal** in the final.
- 16. 20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya – Mascot "Honohon"**

- The **20th Asian Games** in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan begin on **September 19, 2026**.
- The **official mascot** is "Honohon", designed by **Yoshiyuki Nakagawa**.

17. Joe Root Sets Test Record for Most 50+ Scores

- **England batsman Joe Root** reached **69 fifty-plus scores** in **Test cricket**.
- He now holds the **record** for the most **Test half-centuries**.
- He passed **Sachin Tendulkar (68)** and **Shivnarine Chanderpaul (66)**.

18. 2nd Archery Premier League (APL 2026) Scheduled in Hyderabad

- The **2nd Archery Premier League (APL 2026)** is scheduled in **Hyderabad**.

19. Tanya Chaudhary Sets Hammer Throw National Record

- At the **National Athletics Series**, **Tanya Chaudhary (Uttar Pradesh)** set a **national record** in the **Women's Hammer Throw**.
- Her throw measured **68.35 metres**.

20. Naira Sharma – Youngest Girl to Qualify for National Shooting Championship

- **Naira Sharma** of **Delhi**, aged **10 years and 3 months**, became the **youngest girl** ever to qualify for the **National Shooting Championship**.

21. India Finishes 2nd at World Para Archery

- **Venue: Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- India won **15 medals: 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 8 Bronze**.
- India was **second** in the medal table, behind **Czechia**.

22. Dhiraj Bommadevara Wins Gold at Archery World Cup Final 2026

- The **Archery World Cup Final 2026** was held in **Saltillo, Mexico**.
- **Dhiraj Bommadevara**, a **Telugu archer**, won **Gold** in the **Men's Recurve** category.
- He is the **first Indian male recurve archer** to win **World Cup Final gold**.

23. Shree Charani: Fastest Indian Bowler to 50 T20I Wickets

- **Shree Charani** became the **fastest Indian bowler** to take **50 T20 International (T20I) wickets**, doing it in **29 matches**.
- She passed **Kuldeep Yadav's 30 matches**.

24. India Wins Men's and Women's Titles at Junior Asia Cup Hockey 2026

- **Men's tournament:**
 - The **Indian Junior Men's Hockey team**, captained by **Anmol Ekka**, beat **South Korea 4-1** in the final.

- It is India's **6th overall Junior Asia Cup title** and **4th in a row**.

• Women's tournament:

- The **Indian Junior Women's Hockey team**, captained by **Khaidem Shileima Chanu**, beat **China**.
- It is the women's team's **3rd title in a row**.

25. Badminton Asia Under-17 & Under-15 Junior Championships 2026, Chengdu

- **Tanvi Patri** won **gold** in **U-17 Girls' Singles**, and **Shaina Manimuthu** won **silver**.
- **Aaditya Singh Negi** and **Tanmay Verma** won **bronze** in **U-15 Boys' Doubles**.

26. India Wins Record 8th Women's Asia Cup Title

- **India** won a **record eighth Women's Asia Cup title**.
- It beat **Sri Lanka** by **72 runs** in **Dubai** on **13 September 2026**.
- After the win, the team **did not receive the trophy** from **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** President **Mohsin Naqvi**.

27. 2026 Grand Slam Winners Summary; Rybakina Becomes WTA World No. 1

- **Elena Rybakina** reached the **Women's Tennis Association (WTA) World No. 1** ranking.
- **2026 Grand Slam winners:**

Grand Slam	Men's Singles	Women's Singles
Australian Open	Carlos Alcaraz	Elena Rybakina
French Open	Alexander Zverev	Mirra Andreeva
Wimbledon	Jannik Sinner	Linda Noskova
US Open	Alexander Zverev	Elena Rybakina

18. Static News

1. Important Days

World Cow Day – September 1

- **World Cow Day 2026** was observed on **September 1**.
- **Theme: "Moving towards a kind of more sustainable world"**.

World Coconut Day – September 2

- It is organised by the **International Coconut Community (ICC)**, based in **Jakarta**.

- **2026 Theme: "Coconut in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy and Livelihood".**
 - Another source gives it as "Coconuts in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy, and Livelihoods".

National Wildlife Day – February 22 and September 4

- **National Wildlife Day** is observed twice a year, on **22 February** and **4 September**.

International Vulture Day – First Saturday of September

- **International Vulture Day** falls on the **first Saturday of September**, which was **5 September** in **2026**.

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies & Swachh Vayu Diwas – September 7

- The **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies** is facilitated by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.
- **Theme: "Clean Air for Climate Action".**
- **India** observed its national **Swachh Vayu Diwas** on the same day.

International Day of Police Cooperation – September 7

- **2026 Theme: "Protecting against Vulnerability – Building Trust and Legitimacy in Policing".**

60th International Literacy Day – September 8

- It was hosted globally by **Mexico**.
- **Theme: "Literacy for People, the Planet, and Prosperity".**

Telangana Language Day (Telangana Bhasha Dinotsavam) – September 9

- **Telangana Language Day** is on **September 9** and honours **Kaloji Narayana Rao**.
- **Telugu Language Day** is on **August 29** and honours **Gidugu Ramamurthy**.

International Day to Protect Education from Attack – September 9

- **International Day to Protect Education from Attack** is observed on **September 9**.

World Electric Vehicle (EV) Day – September 9

- **Official theme: "Switching Electric: Driving Down the Cost of Motoring".**

World Suicide Prevention Day – September 10

- **Theme: "Changing the Narrative on Suicide".**

National Forest Martyrs Day – September 11

- **National Forest Martyrs Day** is observed on **September 11**.

World First Aid Day – September 12, 2026

- **Theme: "First Aid in Migration Contexts".**

UN Day for South-South Cooperation – September 12

- **Theme: "Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development".**

Hindi Diwas – September 14; World Hindi Day – January 10

- **Hindi Diwas** was observed on **September 14**.
- **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on **January 10**.

National Engineers Day – September 15

- **National Engineers Day 2026** marked the **165th birth anniversary** of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya**.

International Day of Democracy – September 15

- The **International Day of Democracy** is observed on **September 15**.

National Ayurveda Day – September 23

- The **Government** fixed **September 23** as the **permanent annual National Ayurveda Day**.

World Alzheimer's Month – September

- **World Alzheimer's Month** is observed throughout **September**, and has been since **2012**.

World Post Day – October 9; National Post Day – October 10

- **World Post Day** is on **October 9**.
- **National Post Day** is on **October 10**.

2. Organisation & Country Profiles

World Bank Group President

- **World Bank Group President: Ajay Banga**.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Profile

- **Established: July 29, 1957.**
- **Headquarters: Vienna, Austria.**
- **Director General: Rafael Mariano Grossi (Argentina).**
- **Member states: 181.**

UN Secretary-General

- **United Nations (UN) Secretary-General: António Guterres (Portugal).**

Luxembourg Profile

- **Capital: Luxembourg City.**
- **Currency: Euro.**
- **Prime Minister: Luc Frieden.**

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