

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

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

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

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

3. India Post and Blue Dart Sign Parcel Services Agreement during National Postal Week

- India Post's earlier tie-ups: DTDC (April 2026) and Flipkart (May 2026); National Postal Week: 9–15 October.

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

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

5. 9th National Review Workshop "Sahkar se Samridhhi" Held in Bastar, Chhattisgarh (8–9 October 2026)

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

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

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

7. National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) Disburses ₹2.02 Crore of Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Funds to 27 States and 3 UTs

- Funds contributed by 7 seed companies; total ABS disbursements have reached ₹202 crore.
- NBA: HQ Chennai; set up under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

8. 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 Held alongside India Mobile Congress (7–9 October 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi)

9. India and EU signed a Letter of Intent for an India–EU Green Shipping Corridor Coalition at Sagarmanthan 2026, focusing on Indian-made green ammonia and green methanol as marine fuel.

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

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

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

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

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

- From 12 October 2026, RBI will sell US dollars through designated banks to meet the entire daily dollar needs of the three oil marketing companies, until further notice.
- Aim: support the rupee; Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) – HQ New Delhi; HPCL and BPCL – HQ Mumbai.

- 13. Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Approves Renaming Noida International Airport (Jewar) as “Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar”**
- 14. Odisha won the Wind India 2026 award for “Leadership in Wind Energy De-risking” at Windergy India 2026 in Chennai (7–9 October 2026).**
- 15. EAM S. Jaishankar Chairs Conference of India’s Heads of Mission in Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (10 October 2026)**
 - African Union (AU): HQ Addis Ababa.
- 16. Mauritania Names New 29-Member Government under Reappointed PM Moctar Ould Diay (10 October 2026)**
 - Includes 8 women; President: Mohamed Ould Ghazouani; Capital: Nouakchott; Currency: Ouguiya.
- 17. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas**
- 18. Indian Coast Guard Commissions Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Ajit at Goa Shipyard Limited**
 - Indian Coast Guard: HQ New Delhi.
- 19. GRSE Launches Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) ‘Shreyas’ in Kolkata**
- 20. Indian Navy announced that ‘Mangrol’, the 3rd Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd, will be commissioned on 12 October 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai; indigenous content over 80%.**
- 21. INS Sahyadri Arrives in Vladivostok, Russia, for India–Russia Naval Exercise INDRA-2026 (13–18 October 2026)**
- 22. India–UK naval exercise KONKAN-26 is under way off Plymouth, UK, with INS Trishul exercising with the Royal Navy.**
- 23. 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026) Concludes in Antalya, Türkiye (5–9 October 2026)**
 - Theme: “The World Needs More Space”; over 7,500 participants from 111 countries.
 - Future hosts: 2027 – Poznań (Poland); 2028 – Samarkand (Uzbekistan); 2029 – Geneva (Switzerland).
 - Organised by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).
- 24. Supreme Court Sets Up Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being**
 - Constituted on 10 October 2026 (World Mental Health Day) by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant; chaired by Justice K.V. Viswanathan.
 - Mandate: address stress and well-being of judicial officers.
- 25. Mridangam maestro and Padma Shri awardee Guruvayur Dorai passed away in Chennai on 10 October 2026 at the age of 91; he was also a recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.**
- 26. Important Days and Themes**
 - World Day Against the Death Penalty – 10 October; 24th edition; theme: “Stories for Life” (for 2026 and 2027); organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.
- 27. Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will inaugurate the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on 12 October 2026, under India’s BRICS Chairship.**