

1. President Droupadi Murmu Appoints Governors in Six States

- Om Prakash Mathur – moved from Sikkim to Kerala; Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar – moved from Kerala to Tamil Nadu.
- New Governors: Dr Sudha Yadav (Karnataka), Braj Mohan Ram (Odisha), Dr Dhal Singh Bisen (Uttarakhand) and Dushyant Gautam (Sikkim).
- Governors are appointed by the President under Article 155 and hold office during the pleasure of the President (Article 156).

2. Indian Army and FCI Sign 5-Year MoU; “Bharat Rice for Troops” Launched

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

3. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana District Rankings: Gaya (Bihar) Tops

- Announced at a national conference in New Delhi on 12 October 2026; 2nd: Nagaur (Rajasthan); 3rd: Umari (Madhya Pradesh).
- “Khet Bachao Abhiyan” for balanced fertiliser use will run in all states from 22 October to 30 November 2026.

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

- Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme corpus: ₹1 lakh crore (launched November 2025); managed under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), DST.
- Cohort includes 14 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and 5 research organisations, including ARTPARK (IISc) and IIT-Madras Research Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- AMFI – Association of Mutual Funds in India.

10. 16th India–UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) Held in New Delhi

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

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

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

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

13. Lakshadweep Declared a Fully Literate Union Territory

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

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

15. Assam launched the “Nameri Wild Classroom” initiative – residential nature programmes for students at Nameri Tiger Reserve.

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

- IMF and World Bank: HQ Washington, D.C.; Thailand – Currency: Baht.

17. India to Host First BIMSTEC Home Ministers’ Meeting in New Delhi (13 October 2026), Chaired by Amit Shah

- BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- Founded in 1997 (Bangkok Declaration); Secretariat: Dhaka.

18. Defence Secretary: Rajesh Kumar Singh

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

20. Indian Navy Commissions INS Mangrol, Third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai

- Third Mahe-class ASW-SWC built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), Kochi; over 80% indigenous content.

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

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

22. Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026 Awarded to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford (USA)

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

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

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

24. Tyeb Mehta’s painting “Rickshaw Puller” (2002) sold for ₹69.1 crore at Volte Una’s first auction – a world auction record for an Indian artist, surpassing his “Trussed Bull” (₹61.80 crore, April 2025).

25. Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, was elected unanimously as the first President of the Indian Unisport Federation (IUSF) on 11 October 2026.

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

27. Book “Rag Rag Mein Cricket” on former Madhya Pradesh cricketer and BCCI administrator Sanjay Jagdale, written by Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale, was launched by Sunil Gavaskar in Indore on 11 October 2026.

28. Veteran Marathi actress and Lavani artist Madhu Kambikar passed away in Pune

29. Important Days

- World Arthritis Day – 12 October; 2026 theme: “Achieve Your Dreams”.

- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) 33rd Foundation Day – 12 October; NHRC set up on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993; Chairperson: Justice V. Ramasubramanian.

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

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

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

- Inaugurated by Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, on 12 October 2026; India holds the BRICS chairship in 2026.
- India showcased Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu; Mandaviya proposed a BRICS Repository of Traditional and Indigenous Sports.

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

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

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

34. At the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Rhythm Sangwan topped qualification (587) and finished 4th in the women's 25 m pistol final; gold went to Teh Xiu Yi (Singapore).