

- 1. CCEA Approves Sale of 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax Entity for ₹52,878 Crore**
- 2. Cabinet Approves ₹53,428 Crore for National Social Assistance Programme, Renamed “Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana”**
 - Period: 2026–27 to 2030–31; covers about 3.20 crore beneficiaries in all 36 States/UTs.
 - Disability pension renamed PM Divyangjan Pension Yojana – ₹375 per month up to age 79 and ₹625 per month from age 80; disability threshold lowered from 80% to 40%.
 - Other renamings: IGNOAPS – PM Vridhavastha Pension Yojana; IGNWPS – PM Vidhawa Pension Yojana; NFBS – PM Parivar Labh Yojana.
- 3. Cabinet Approves 78 Days’ Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for Railway Employees**
 - Outlay: ₹2,009.61 crore for about 11.4 lakh non-gazetted employees; maximum ₹17,951 per employee for performance in 2025–26.
- 4. Centre set up a committee headed by Prof. Ramesh Chand, former NITI Aayog Member, to examine issues of sugarcane farmers, including revision of the Minimum Selling Price of sugar (14 October 2026).**
- 5. WPI Inflation Rises to 11.39% in September 2026 (from 9.92% in August)**
- 6. Fitch Solutions’ BMI raised India’s FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.5% (from 6.8%) and cut its FY28 forecast to 6.3% (from 6.5%) on 13 October 2026.**
- 7. RBI Fixes Premature Redemption Price of Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2019–20 Series V at ₹14,725 per Unit**
- 8. Sidharatha Mishra to become MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for 5 years from 14 October 2026 (or IRDAI approval), succeeding Anup Bagchi, who joins HDFC Bank as MD & CEO from 27 October 2026.**
- 9. Nagaland began preparations for the 27th Hornbill Festival, to be held from 1–10 December 2026 at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, near Kohima.**
- 10. Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026: India Ranked 100th of 122 Countries**
 - Released on 14 October 2026; India’s score: 24.1 (“serious” category); India was 102nd of 123 in 2025.
 - Theme: “No Security Without Food Security”; worst-ranked: Somalia (122nd, score 47.0); global score: 18.1 (“moderate”).
 - Neighbours: Sri Lanka 53rd, Nepal 72nd, Bangladesh 84th, Pakistan 106th, Afghanistan 108th.
- 11. Henley Passport Index 2026: Indian passport ranked 84th with visa-free access to 55 destinations; Singapore ranked 1st.**
- 12. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh Visits Greece (14–15 October 2026)**
 - Greece – Capital: Athens; Currency: Euro.
- 13. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates First ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum at MP-IDSA, New Delhi**
 - ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations): HQ Jakarta; founded 1967.
- 14. Raji Doshi Named “America’s Top Young Scientist” in 2026 3M Young Scientist Challenge**
- 15. Padma Shri Awardee Cheruvayal Raman, “Paddy Man of Wayanad”, Passes Away at 74**
- 16. Important Days and Themes**
 - World Standards Day – 14 October; 2026 theme: “Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy”.
 - Jointly observed by IEC (1906), ISO (1947) and ITU (1865), all headquartered in Geneva; first observed in 1970.
 - Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated “Manak Mahotsav”; BIS set up on 1 April 1987; HQ New Delhi.