

- 1. President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates National SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2026 at Vijayawada**
 - Organised by the Ministry of Rural Development with the Andhra Pradesh government; SARAS – Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society.
- 2. India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh)**
- 3. Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the first meeting of the Working Group on Tribal Languages; the “Adi Vaani” platform (developed with IIT Delhi) translates text in 9 tribal languages.**
- 4. India's Merchandise Exports Rise 23.04% to US\$ 44.40 Billion in September 2026**
- 5. Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 13.21% to ₹13.38 Lakh Crore (1 April–14 October 2026)**
- 6. India's Balance of Payments (BoP) Shows US\$ 45.4 Billion Surplus in August 2026: RBI**
 - Current Account Deficit (CAD): US\$ 5.2 billion (US\$ 6.1 billion in August 2025).
- 7. FM Nirmala Sitharaman Addresses 114th World Bank Development Committee Plenary in Bangkok**
 - Theme: “Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs”; she called for closer coordination among IBRD, IFC and MIGA (World Bank Group institutions).
 - G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors met in Bangkok on 15 October 2026 under the US G20 Presidency.
- 8. RBI Gives No-Objection Certificate for Merger of REC Ltd into Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**
- 9. RBI's Scheduled Banks' Statement: bank credit stood at ₹2,35,09,866 crore and deposits at ₹2,89,55,375 crore as on 30 September 2026 (credit up about 19% YoY).**
- 10. HSBC India Commits ₹200 Crore over Four Years (2026–2030) for Financial Literacy**
 - HSBC India CEO: Hitendra Dave; HSBC Holdings – HQ London.
- 11. Karnataka Bank launched “Nava Dhamaka 2026”, nine digital banking solutions including UPI for NRE/NRO accounts and PIN-less CBDC payments; MD & CEO: Raghavendra S. Bhat; HQ Mangaluru.**
- 12. India Attends 7th CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia) Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan; Laos Admitted as Member**
 - Summit adopted the Baku Declaration; hosted by Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev (current CICA chair).
 - CICA – Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
- 13. EAM S. Jaishankar Visits UAE; Meets UAE FM Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan at 2nd Raisina Middle East Forum, Abu Dhabi**
 - Raisina Middle East theme: “The World Ahead: Power, Purpose & Possibility”.
- 14. India–UK Naval Exercise KONKAN-26 Concludes off Plymouth, UK (8–15 October 2026)**
 - Indian Navy represented by INS Trishul; included air defence, anti-submarine warfare and cross-deck helicopter operations.
- 15. DRDO tested a Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) platform on a live network at the Proof & Experimental Establishment (PXE), Chandipur, Odisha, to secure real-time telemetry from weapon trials.**
- 16. Reema Nanavaty of SEWA Receives Hillary Rodham Clinton Award**
 - SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association): founded by Ela Bhatt in 1972; HQ Ahmedabad; Nanavaty received the Padma Shri in 2013.
- 17. Important Days and Themes**
 - International Day of Rural Women – 15 October; 2026 theme: “Rural Women Farmers Caring for Mother Nature”; established by UNGA Resolution 62/136 (2007); 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer; India observed Mahila Kisan Diwas.
 - Global Handwashing Day – 15 October; 2026 theme: “Be a Handwashing Hero”; established in 2008.
 - World Students' Day – 15 October; 95th birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam (born 1931, Rameswaram; 11th President of India; Bharat Ratna 1997).
 - World White Cane Day – 15 October; first observed in the USA in 1964.

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

19. PM Modi Meets India's Asian Games 2026 Contingent; Says Over ₹36,000 Crore Allocated for Khelo India and Sports Federations

- India will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and aims to host the 2036 Olympics.

20. Sports Ministry Clears 281-Member Indian Contingent (168 Athletes) for 5th Asian Para Games, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan (18–24 October 2026)

- Athletes compete across 11 disciplines; Para Athletics has the largest squad (62).