

1. Nobel Laureate Michael Kremer Appointed Chief Economist of the World Bank Group

- He won the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo.
- He succeeds Indermit Gill and takes charge on 1 October 2026.

2. World Bank profile

- Established: 1944; headquarters: Washington, D.C.
- 14th President: Ajay Banga.
- Membership: 189 countries; Nauru is the 189th member.
- Five institutions:
 - o International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 - o International Development Association (IDA)
 - o International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 - o International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
 - o Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

3. India Ranks 131st in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Gender Gap Index 2026

- India: 131st out of 145 economies, rank unchanged from 2025; parity score 64.5%.
- Rank 1: Iceland for the 17th consecutive year, with 93.0% parity; the only economy above 90%.
- Rank 2: Finland (87.2%); Rank 3: Norway (85.7%).
- Rank 4: Namibia (84.5%), the top-ranked nation in Africa; it climbed four places.
- Rank 5: United Kingdom (84.2%).
- Bottom three: Chad (last), Iran, Pakistan.

4. India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement: New Zealand to Give Duty-Free Access to 100% of Indian Exports

5. 12th Edition of Exercise "Eager Lion" (United States – Jordan) Held in Colorado

6. World Health Organization (WHO) Disease-Elimination Certifications: Chile (Rabies) and Jordan (Leprosy)

- Jordan was verified by WHO in September 2024 as the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy.
- On 14 September 2026 WHO validated Chile for eliminating dog-transmitted rabies as a public health problem.
- Chile is the first country in South America to receive this validation.
- WHO Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

7. International Monetary Fund (IMF): India Can Power the Next Wave of Global Growth

- Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), visited India from 7 to 11 September 2026.

8. NITI Aayog Releases India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025, 2nd Edition: Delhi Tops

- Overall top performer: Delhi, with a score of 84 (up from 77).
- Large States: Maharashtra (78) and Karnataka (73).
- Hilly and North-Eastern States: Manipur ranked first (46).
- Union Territories and City States: Delhi, Chandigarh (71), Goa (65).

9. National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) Dashboard and India Net Zero Portal Launched

- Launched by Kirti Vardhan Singh, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was launched in 2008 with 8 National Missions.
- The eight missions: Solar, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture, Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change.

10. Department of Rural Development (DoRD) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Create "Pension Sakhis"

- The Department of Rural Development (DoRD) and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- It creates a dedicated community cadre of "Pension Sakhis" under DAY-NRLM.

- Signed by Amit Shukla (Joint Secretary, DoRD) and Sumeet Kaur Kapoor (Executive Director, PFRDA), in the presence of Rohit Kansal (Secretary, DoRD).
- PFRDA: established 2003; statutory regulator status in 2014; headquarters New Delhi.

11. Six States/Union Territories Sign Kishau Multipurpose Dam Agreement for Yamuna Rejuvenation

- The Kishau Multipurpose Project is a long-pending dam on the Tons River, a tributary of the Yamuna, on the Himachal Pradesh – Uttarakhand border.
- Signed by the Chief Ministers of 6 States/Union Territories: Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi.

12. Maharashtra Cabinet Approves ₹750 Crore Soft Loan for Cooperative Sugar Mills

13. Karnataka Allows "Er." Prefix for Engineers; Engineers' Day Made Official State Event

- National Engineers' Day is observed on 15 September, the birth anniversary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya.
- It was instituted in 1968. Visvesvaraya received the Bharat Ratna in 1955.
- On 15 September 2026 the Karnataka Government issued an order allowing engineers to use "Er." as a professional prefix.
- Karnataka had earlier allowed the prefix "Tr." for teachers.

14. Kumik Declared Ladakh's First Heritage Village

- Puga Valley (Ladakh): site of India's first geothermal well and power project, by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
- Chumur: described in the original as Ladakh's first model solar border village

15. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Declares Shahzad Bhatti Network a Terrorist Organisation

16. PM Vishwakarma Yojana Completes 3 Years

- PM Vishwakarma was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17 September 2023 (Vishwakarma Jayanti).
- Outlay: ₹13,000 crore for FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28.
- Covers 18 traditional artisan trades.
- The scheme completed 3 years on 17 September 2026.
- The 3rd anniversary event was held at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, Kolkata, organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- Attended by Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi.

(benefits under the scheme)

- Basic skill training: 5–7 days with a stipend of ₹500 per day.
- Toolkit incentive: ₹15,000 digital voucher.
- Collateral-free loans up to ₹3 lakh at 5% concessional interest:
 - Tranche 1: ₹1 lakh, repayable in 18 months.
 - Tranche 2: ₹2 lakh, repayable in 30 months.

17. Commemorative Postage Stamp Released on Sant Maluk Das

- Sant Maluk Das (1574–1682) was a Bhakti poet-saint of the 16th–17th century.
- He is the author of Gyan Bodh.

18. Shankar Mahadevan Sings Anthem for "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari – Catch the Rain"

- Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari is a people's-participation initiative for rainwater harvesting, launched in 2024.
- It runs alongside Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain.
- On 15 September 2026 the Ministry of Jal Shakti released the anthem for "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari – Catch the Rain".
- The anthem is sung by singer-composer Shankar Mahadevan.

19. Union Cabinet Raises Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) Wage Ceiling to ₹25,000

- The earlier ceiling of ₹15,000 per month had applied since September 2014.

20. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), August 2026: Unemployment Rate Falls to 5.0%

- Unemployment Rate (UR): 5.0% in August 2026, down from 5.1% in July.
- Worker Population Ratio (WPR): 52.8%, up from 52.5%.
- Rural WPR: 55.8%, up from 55.4%; urban WPR eased slightly to 47.0%.
- Rural unemployment fell to 4.1% from 4.5%, the lowest since January 2026.
- Urban unemployment edged up to 6.8% from 6.7%.
- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): 55.6%, up from 55.4% in July.

21. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) Signs 50:50 Joint Venture with Drydocks World for Kochi Ship Repair Facility

22. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) Signs MoU with Gulfood Organiser

- Gulfood is a major food trade exhibition held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- India was the Official Partner Country at Gulfood 2026.
- APEDA Chairman: Abhishek Dev.

23. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates "VIMARSH 2026", the DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated VIMARSH 2026 in New Delhi on 15 September 2026.
- Theme: "Varta Se Vikas".

24. The High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programme is designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

25. Anant Nag Named for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 (56th Recipient)

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema.
- First recipient: Devika Rani (1969).
- 55th recipient (award year 2023): Malayalam actor Mohanlal.

26. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy Selected for Padmabhushan Guru Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan Excellence Award 2026

- She is a Bharatanatyam exponent, choreographer and scholar based in Mysuru.

27. Ten-Member Task Force Formed to Revive Formula 1 in India

- India last hosted a Formula 1 race in 2013.
- On 15 September 2026 the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports constituted a 10-member task force to revive Formula 1 in India.
- Announced by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- Headed by Yugal Kishore Joshi, Programme Director and Adviser, NITI Aayog.

28. Punjab to Host Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2026

- The Men's Asian Champions Trophy is organised by the Asian Hockey Federation; the 2026 event is the 9th edition.
- India is the most successful team, with 5 titles.
- Punjab will host the tournament for the first time, from 27 October to 5 November 2026.
- Opening ceremony and league matches: Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, Jalandhar.
- Semi-finals and final: Mohali.
- Six teams: India, Pakistan, Japan, Malaysia, China and Korea
- Asian Hockey Federation headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

29. Nairobi to Host World Athletics Championships 2029, the First in Africa

- The World Athletics Championships have never been held in Africa.
- Beijing hosts the 2027 edition.
- The 2031 Championships were awarded to Munich, Germany.
- Host sequence: Beijing (2027), Nairobi (2029), Munich (2031).
- World Athletics President: Sebastian Coe.

30. Brendan Taylor Sets Record for Longest Men's One Day International (ODI) Career

- Sachin Tendulkar held the record with an ODI career of 22 years and 91 days (1989–2012).
- Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor now has the longest men's One Day International (ODI) career span: 22 years and 148 days.

31. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Announces Memorial Awards for Raja Randhir Singh and Jaspal Rana

- Raja Randhir Singh was Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) from 1987 to 2012. He died on 27 May 2026, aged 79.
- Shooter and coach Jaspal Rana died in June 2026.

32. World Patient Safety Day Observed on 17 September 2026

- Theme 2026: "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases".
- Slogan: "Safe care for life!"

33. Former Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas (Alla Nani) Passes Away