

1. **Adi Karmyogi** Abhiyan — **Decentralised Tribal Leadership**

- The Adi Karmyogi Yojana is a national movement designed to promote decentralised tribal leadership and governance across India.
- Launch Date: Officially launched in 17 September 2025 at **Dhar, Madhya Pradesh**,
- Nodal Authority: Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Coverage: Targets 1,00,000 tribal villages across 30 States and Union Territories (UTs) to build a massive cadre of trained tribal leaders.
- Key numbers: 1 lakh villages | 30 States & UTs | 20 lakh Adi Karmyogis |
- **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)** has an outlay of **₹79,156 crore**

2. **PM Modi Delivers 13th Consecutive Independence Day Address (August 15, 2026)**

- He is the second Prime Minister in Indian history to deliver 13 consecutive addresses, following Jawaharlal Nehru (record holder with 17 consecutive speeches) and surpassing Indira Gandhi's record of 11 consecutive addresses
- PM Modi delivered a 75-minute-long speech, his shortest address in the last four years.
- For context: His longest speech was in 2025 (103 minutes)

3. **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Completes 7 Years**

- The mission was launched on August 15, 2019.
- Implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Core Aim: To provide clean drinking water to every rural household, targeting 55 litres of water per person per day (LPCD) via a tap connection.
- Extended Target Deadline: The final target to provide tap connections to all rural households has been extended from 2024 to December 2028.
- Funding Splits: **100% Central funding applies to UTs without legislatures; 90:10** applies to NE/Himalayan States **and UTs with legislatures; 50:50** applies to other States
- Historical Firsts: Goa — first State; Dadra and Nagar Haveli — first Union Territory; Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh) — first District to achieve "Har Ghar Jal" status.

4. **Skill India's PM SETU Project — West Bengal Joins**

- PM SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
- West Bengal has joined the project under the Skill India Programme.
- Mission & Scope: it is about upgrading ITIs in a hub-and-spoke model.
- Budget: ₹60,000 crore over 5 years.

5. **Ministry of Communications — Leadership Structure**

- Cabinet Minister: Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Minister of State: C. S. Pemmasani.

6. **The Gujarat Government approved the establishment of four Centres of Excellence (CoE) for Natural Farming.**

- Locations: Villages: Nani Bhamti (Vansda, Navsari), Halvad (Morbi), Valavad (Sihor, Bhavnagar), Chudel (Jetpur Pavi, Chhota Udepur)

7. **NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) launched the RSVC "Amrit" platform for Rural Innovation**

- Recently secured 28 new Geographical Indication (GI) tags, taking its cumulative tally of supported GI tags to 176

8. **Andhra Pradesh Launches AP Green Committee and Hnuman Wildlife Programme**

- AP GREEN — Andhra Pradesh Society for Greening and Reforestation for Ecological Enrichment Anumaana Programme:
- Focus: Wildlife protection, medical healing and nurturing of wild animals, instead of attacking or killing them.
- HANUMAN full form: Healing And Nurturing Units for Monitoring, Aid, and Nursing of the Wildlife

9. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** was originally launched in 2015 from Panipat, Haryana; West Bengal has now formally adopted the central scheme.
 10. **West Bengal** the 36th State/UT to adopt the national healthcare scheme, **Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY)**.
 - Governor of West Bengal: R. N. Ravi
 11. **Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta** inaugurated 25 new Atal Canteens, bringing the total to 100 operational canteens in the National Capital.
 12. **CM Conrad K. Sangma** did inaugurate a Centre of Excellence for weaving/handloom in Ri-Bhoi, and Eri silk is locally known as **Ryndia** in Meghalaya.
 13. **The Jammu & Kashmir Police** officially activated the "Dial 112" emergency service across the entire Jammu Zone.
 14. **ADB Approves USD 182.89 Million Loan for Karnataka Public Schools**
 15. **India-US Sign ₹1,943 Crore MQ-9B Sea Guardian Drone Lease Deal**
 16. **The Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed a contract worth ₹1,577 crore for loiter munition systems to support the Indian Army
 17. **Turkey, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia** signed a landmark trilateral political and military defence agreement called the "Mecca (Makkah) Joint Defence Agreement" on August 7, 2026.
 18. **V.O. Chidambaranar Port** became the first Indian port to initiate implementation of an advanced anti-drone system
 19. **Mission Sudarshan Chakra: A national air defence programme aimed at building a comprehensive, multi-layered air defence shield for India — similar to Israel's Iron Dome — to neutralise threats like missiles and drones.**
 - o Targeted for completion by 2035.
 20. **Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel** formally conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepal Army on Indian Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth.
 21. **15th Maitree Exercise 2026 (India–Thailand) and Other Joint Military Exercises**
- Maitree Exercise 2026:**
- Venue: Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp, Surat Thani, Thailand.
 - Participants: Indian Army (represented by the Gorkha Rifles) and the Royal Thai Army.
 - Previous Edition: The 14th edition was held last year at the Foreign Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya.
- Other 2026 Exercises
- **PRAGATI:** A multinational military exercise hosted by India at Umroi, Meghalaya.
 - **MILAN:** A major multilateral naval exercise held in Visakhapatnam, followed by the International Fleet Review (IFR).
 - **Vajra Prahar:** Bilateral joint military exercise between India and the United States.
 - **Pitch Black:** A multilateral air combat exercise hosted by Australia, in which India participated.
- Bilateral Military Exercises Quick Reference
- **USA:** Yudh Abhyas, Vajra Prahar, Cope India, Tiger Triumph
 - **Japan:** Shinyuu Maitri, Dharma Guardian, Veer Guardian, Sahyog-Kaijin, JIMEX
 - **Oman:** Al Nagah, Naseem Al Bahr, Eastern Bridge
 - **Singapore:** SIMBEX, Bold Kurukshetra
 - **Nepal:** Surya Kiran
 - **China:** Hand in Hand
 - **Maldives:** Ekuverin
 - **Sri Lanka:** SLINEX, Mitra Shakti
 - **Mongolia:** Nomadic Elephant
 - **Bangladesh:** Bongo Sagar, Sampriti
 - **Indonesia:** Garuda Shakti, Samudra Shakti
 - **Malaysia:** Harimau Shakti, Udara Shakti, Samudra Laksamana

22. India's Trade Data for July 2026:

- Total Exports: Grew 13.31% year-on-year (YoY) to \$80.14 billion, up from \$70.72 billion in July 2025, comprising:
 - o \$44.24 billion in merchandise exports
 - o \$35.89 billion in services exports
- Total Imports: Rose 15% to reach \$95 billion in July 2026.
- Monthly Trade Deficit: –\$15 billion.

23. Shabnam Sinha Appointed Chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank

24. Payments Bank Regulatory Framework

- Payments Banks may accept **demand deposits (savings/current)**, **not conventional term deposits**, and the end-of-day balance limit is **₹2 lakh per individual customer**. They are not permitted to undertake lending. Minimum paid-up equity capital is **₹100 crore** and minimum CAR is **15%**
- There are six RBI-listed Payments Banks : Airtel Payments Bank, India Post Payments Bank, Fino Payments Bank, Paytm Payments Bank, Jio Payments Bank and NSDL Payments Bank.

25. Indian banks have written off loans worth approximately ₹9.95 lakh crore given to large corporates and services over the last 12 financial years.

26. Draft SHANTI Rules 2026 Notified — Civil Nuclear Power Reforms

- SHANTI stands for **Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India**
- India's Nuclear Power Plants Context:
 - o Tarapur — India's first nuclear power station.
 - o Kalpakkam development was the **500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) attaining first criticality in April 2026**,
 - o Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, Tamil Nadu — the highest capacity station, built with assistance from Russia.

27. India's first National Conclave on Handloom Technology, titled "IIHT Sutra", was organised in New Delhi by the Ministry of Textiles.

- Theme: "IIHTs: Weaving the Future of the Indian Handloom Sector: Educate, Innovate, and Transform".

28. BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship — Environment and ICT Meetings

- BRICS consists of 11 members, with India serving as the chair in 2026.
- The term "BRIC" was coined by Jim O'Neill; South Africa joined later.
- BRICS 2026 Theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability" — acting as a letter-by-letter acronym for BRICS.
- The BRICS Environment Working Group was established in 2015.
- 12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting : Hosted by India in New Delh
- India hosted the 7th Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Theme: "Innovate, Cooperate, and Transform for Resilient Future".
- The BRICS Agriculture Ministers' meeting was also held recently in Indore
- New Development Bank (NDB): Formerly the BRICS Development Bank; headquartered in Shanghai, China; currently headed by Dilma Rousseff.
- NDB Membership: Has 10 members, with Uzbekistan joining as the 10th member.

29. The 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

30. Australia's Josh Hazlewood became the 9th Australian bowler to achieve 300 Test wickets, reaching the milestone against Bangladesh in Darwin.

31. Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy: Launched in Dehradun by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami; the official mascots are two peacocks named Mayur and Mayuri.

32. India–New Zealand Sporting Relations: Completed 100 years of sporting relations, dating back to the first Indian hockey team tour in 1926.

33. Guinness World Records — Indian Skydivers and Lucknow Flag Hoisting

- Skydiving Record: Three Indian skydivers — Jamsheer Thanalot (Kerala), Abhishek Rawat (Uttar Pradesh) and Isha Raj (Bihar) — set a Guinness World Record during a skydiving event in Benghazi, Libya.
- o The Record: Most skydivers jumping simultaneously with national flags from a single aircraft — an Ilyushin Il-76 TD — from a height of 13,000 feet.
- Lucknow Flag Hoisting Record: A massive event was held in Lucknow where 2,500 married women simultaneously hoisted the Indian flag to set a separate record.

34. Chandra Shekhar Shilpi (Chandrashekhar Y. Shilpi): National award-winning sculptor passed away at the age of 75.

- o Born in the Yadgir district of Karnataka.

35. Indonesian Independence Day 2026

- Observance: Celebrated annually on 17th August.
- 2026 Theme: “Indonesia Berdaulat, Adil, dan Makmur” — “Sovereign, Just, and Prosperous Indonesia.”
- Current President of Indonesia: Prabowo Subianto.

36. World Never Give Up Day — August 18

37. India Post completed its first-ever drone delivery of the National Flag (Tiranga) in a mountainous region.

- Route: Flown from the Mandi Head Post Office to the **Rehardhar** Branch Post Office in Himachal Pradesh

38. The UK announced a *social media* ban for under-16s