

1. India and Bhutan complete two-way UPI connectivity; India hands over 54 electric vehicles

- Phase II of international UPI launched in Thimphu on 17 September 2026 by Dr S. Jaishankar, Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Foreign Minister D. N. Dhungyel.
- 54 Made-in-India Electric Vehicles (EVs) handed over to Bhutan for green mobility.

2. Luke J. Lindberg appointed Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

- Appointed jointly by UN Secretary-General António Guterres (Portugal) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director-General Qu Dongyu (China).
- United Nations World Food Programme (WFP): established 1961; headquarters Rome, Italy; Nobel Peace Prize 2020.

3. Michael Kremer appointed World Bank Chief Economist; World Bank profile

- Michael Kremer, Professor at the University of Chicago, named on 16 September 2026 as Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, World Bank Group.
- Effective 1 October 2026, succeeding Indermit Gill.
- World Bank: headquarters Washington, D.C.; 14th President Ajay Banga, the first Indian-origin President.
- India's Executive Director at the World Bank: Neelkanth Mishra, appointed for three years, succeeding Parameswaran Iyer.
- Five arms: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- With the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria), it is known as the "Bretton Woods Twins".

4. Tavengwa Mukuhlanzi appointed Deputy Chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC)

- The post fell vacant when Imran Khwaja of Singapore left the ICC Board.
- Tavengwa Mukuhlanzi, Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson through November 2027.
- First Zimbabwean to hold the post.
- Comes ahead of the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, co-hosted by Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia, which returns the tournament to Africa after 24 years.
- International Cricket Council (ICC): Chairman Jay Shah; headquarters Dubai, UAE; established 1909.
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI): President Mithun Manhas (succeeded Roger Binny), Vice-President Rajeev Shukla, Secretary Devajit Saikia, Treasurer A. Raghuram Bhat.

5. 3rd BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights held in Goa

- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) has seven members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- India announced a BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok in April 2025.

6. Prime Minister inaugurates International Conference on "The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics" in New Delhi

- National Green Tribunal (NGT): statutory body established in 2010 for speedy disposal of cases on environment, forests and natural resources.
- Chairperson as per the sheet: Justice Prakash Shrivastava.

7. Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign launched

- Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) has been observed annually since 2017 to mobilise citizen action for cleanliness.
- Addressed by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil, Minister of State for Jal Shakti V. Somanna and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu.
- Campaign began nationwide on 17 September 2026.
- Theme: "Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat".

- Swachh Bharat Diwas is observed on 2 October.

8. Haryana launches "Har Ghar Diya" under the nationwide Seva Sankalp Abhiyan

- Seva Sankalp Abhiyan marks Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday and 25 years in public service.
- Haryana's campaign runs from 17 September to 17 October 2026 under Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

9. Telangana High Court disqualifies Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender under the anti-defection law

- Danam Nagender won Khairatabad in 2023 on a Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) ticket.
- He contested the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Secunderabad as a Congress candidate.
- Anti-defection law: 52nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1985, which added the 10th Schedule.
- Applies to MPs under Article 102(2) and to MLAs under Article 191(2).
- Telangana Assembly Speaker: Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

10. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) amends passport validity rule for children below 15

- Amended Rule 12(1A): a standard 36-page ordinary passport for a child below 15 years is valid for 5 years from issue or until the child turns 18, whichever is earlier.
- Ordinary adult passports retain 10-year validity.

11. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) reconstituted with 18 members

- Reconstituted on 16 September 2026 as an 18-member body.
- Tenure: 3 years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Chairman: Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who succeeded Prasoon Joshi in May 2026.

12. Doordarshan celebrates its 67th Foundation Day

- 67th Foundation Day celebrated on 15 September 2026.
- Doordarshan is India's public service broadcaster and now functions under Prasar Bharati.

13. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) hands over Tejas trainers, HTT-40 and Dhruv NG helicopters

14. Bharat Forge partners with Pratt & Whitney Canada for DRDO's HALE UAV engines

- Collaboration announced on 15 September 2026 between Bharat Forge Limited and Pratt & Whitney Canada.

15. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) signs two MoUs with IIT Kanpur

- First MoU: six-week residential cybersecurity training through C3iHub, IIT Kanpur, for batches of 40 personnel.
- Second MoU: a Centre of Excellence in Drone and Anti-Drone Technology at CISF's training centre in Behror, Rajasthan, under a five-year framework.
- CISF protects critical and strategic infrastructure and has tie-ups with IIT Madras (Pravartak), IIT Ropar and the Drone Federation of India.

16. Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) signs MoU with the Indian Army

- Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) is a central university at Rono Hills, Doimukh, near Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

17. Moody's Ratings raises India's FY 2026–27 GDP growth forecast to 7.0%

- On 18 September 2026, Moody's Ratings raised its forecast for India's real GDP growth in FY 2026–27 to 7.0% from 6.0%.
- Reasons cited: robust domestic consumption and private investment.
- Sovereign rating kept at Baa3 with a Stable outlook.
- National Statistical Office (NSO) data of 31 August 2026 put Q1 FY 2026–27 real GDP growth at 7.8%.
- FY 2025–26 real GDP growth was revised to 7.8% from 7.7%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) projects FY 2026–27 growth at 6.7%.

18. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) fines Equifax Credit Information Services

- Penalty of ₹1.19 lakh (₹1,19,400) on Equifax Credit Information Services Private Limited, by an order dated 31 August 2026.
- Reason: failure to credit compensation to eligible complainants within the prescribed period.
- RBI's framework compensates customers for delayed updating or rectification of credit information.

- Complaints must be resolved within 30 calendar days.
 - Delay beyond 30 days: compensation of ₹100 per day, credited within 5 working days of resolution.
- 19. Novio and Indian Overseas Bank launch RuPay co-branded credit card**
- Novio is operated by Credilio Financial Technologies.
 - Novio and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) launched a RuPay co-branded credit card.
 - Two variants: RuPay Select and RuPay Platinum.
- 20. Suryoday Small Finance Bank introduces online FD booking**
- 21. Warren Buffett steps down; Howard Buffett named Berkshire Hathaway Chairman**
- 22. India's textile exports rise 16.1% in August 2026**
- August 2026 exports: ₹29,776 crore (about ₹29,700 crore), up 16.1% year-on-year from ₹25,656 crore.
 - April–August 2026: ₹1.43 lakh crore, growth 10.3%.
- 23. India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar inaugurated at Sambalpur, Odisha**
- Inaugurated virtually by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.
 - Odisha's third DWR, after Gopalpur and Paradip.
 - Mission Mausam was launched on the India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s 150th Foundation Day, 14 January 2025, with a ₹2,000 crore budget.
- 24. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approves AI Centre of Excellence in Bhubaneswar**
- 25. IIT Madras Team Aritra wins Njord Challenge 2026 in Norway**
- Team Aritra from the Department of Ocean Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, won the 2026 edition.
 - Members: Aarav Patel, S. Gurukesav and Madhava Sai.
- 26. World's highest twin flower fields unveiled in Leh**
- Unveiled on 17 September 2026 by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- 27. World Patient Safety Day 2026 Observed on 17 September.**
- Theme 2026: "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases".
 - Slogan: "Safe care for life!".
- 28. India rated "Severely Restricted" on academic freedom**
- The Academic Freedom Index (AFI) runs from 0 to 1; higher means more freedom.
 - India's AFI score fell from 0.38 (2022) to 0.14.
- 29. Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the six-month Certificate (Bridge) Course in Primary Teacher Education in New Delhi on 16 September 2026.**
- 30. PM SHRI Scheme**
- PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) was launched in 2022 to upgrade 14,500 schools.
 - Period: 2022–23 to 2026–27.
 - Budget: ₹27,360 crore, with a Central share of ₹18,128 crore.
- 31. GIFT City climbs to 37th in Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI) 40; Mumbai 49th**
- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) climbed 9 spots to 37th.
 - 26th in FinTech; among the top 15 in Asia-Pacific.
 - Mumbai advanced 3 places to 49th.
 - Top 4: 1. New York, 2. London, 3. Hong Kong, 4. Singapore,
 - GIFT City is regulated by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
- 32. Delhi tops India Electric Mobility Index (2nd edition)**
- The India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) is prepared by NITI Aayog with WRI India.
 - Delhi ranked 1st with 84/100.
 - National median score rose from 36 to 40.
 - Top 5: Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chandigarh, Goa.
 - Manipur topped the North-Eastern and Hilly States.
- 33. Marathi film "Gondhal" is India's entry for Oscars 2027**

- "Gondhal", written and directed by Santosh Davakhar, selected on 18 September 2026 out of 33 films.
- It is the entry for the 99th Academy Awards, Los Angeles.
- 4th Marathi film to be India's official entry.
- The 99th Academy Awards are on 14 March 2027.
- At the 98th edition, One Battle After Another won 6 Oscars

34. Anant Nag named Dadasaheb Phalke Award recipient

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema, instituted in 1969.
- Veteran Kannada actor Anant Nag announced on 16 September 2026 as recipient for 2024.
- Presented on 22 September 2026 at the 72nd National Film Awards, Kevadia, Gujarat.

35. 20th Asian Games 2026 open in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan

- Asian Games founded in 1951; Guru Dutt Sondhi is the Father of the Asian Games.
- India hosted in 1951 and 1982; Thailand has hosted 4 times.
- India's record at Hangzhou 2022: 107 medals (28 gold, 38 silver, 41 bronze).
- 20th Asian Games 2026 will be Held 19 September – 4 October 2026; opened at Paloma Mizuho Stadium by Emperor Naruhito.
- 45 nations, 43 sports, 71 disciplines, 469 medal events; mascot Honohon.
- India: 503 athletes (269 men, 234 women) (not verified; All India Radio reports a 501-member contingent).
- Flag bearers: shooter Manu Bhaker and kabaddi player Pawan Sehrawat.
- Sehrawat replaced shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, whose ceremony kit failed to arrive.

36. India to host 11th Asian Senior Wushu Championship 2028

37. Nobel Prize money raised to 12 million SEK for 2026

- The Nobel Foundation raised the prize to 12 million Swedish kronor (SEK) per category for 2026, from SEK 11 million.
- 6 categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, Economic Sciences.

38. World Bamboo Day Observed on 18 September

39. International Red Panda Day Observed on the third Saturday of September; 19 September in 2026

40. International Talk Like a Pirate Day Observed on 19 September