

- 1. RBI Approves Anup Kumar Saha as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- 2. Anup Bagchi to be MD & CEO of HDFC Bank**
- 3. Lavanya R. Mundayur Appointed CMD of New India Assurance**
- 4. SEBI Launches "Project Jagrook" Investor Awareness Drive**
 - SEBI issued a circular on October 1, 2026 for Project Jagrook; investor awareness messages to be displayed from October 5 to October 31, 2026.
- 5. SEBI granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to launch Corporate Bond Index Futures**
- 6. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed 24.07 billion transactions worth ₹29.37 lakh crore in September 2026.**
 - Volume fell 1.8% and value 1.5% from August 2026 (24.51 billion; Rs. 29.82 lakh crore).
- 7. Razorpay, with IndusInd Bank, launched "RAY", a conversational AI account manager on WhatsApp**
- 8. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the experimental (trial) Index of Services Production (ISP) for July 2026 on September 29, 2026.**
 - Base year: 2024-25; covers 19 sub-sectors of services.
- 9. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 on October 2, 2026 with special Gram Sabhas; theme "Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas" (run annually since 2018).**
- 10. Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025: Notified on May 11, 2026, effective July 1, 2026; replaces MGNREGA, 2005; guarantees 125 days of wage employment a year.**
- 11. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) completed 100 years on October 1, 2026.**
 - Set up on October 1, 1926 as the Public Service Commission on the recommendation of the Lee Commission
 - Current UPSC Chairman: Dr Ajay Kumar (since May 15, 2025).
 - Civil Services Day: April 21 – marks Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's address to probationers at Metcalfe House, Delhi, in 1947.
- 12. Tamil Nadu Announces Olympic City in Chennai**
 - A Motor Sports City was announced alongside it.
- 13. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board signed a 2-year MoU (2026–2028) with Royal Enfield to promote motorcycle tourism and adventure travel.**
- 14. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal released the book "Rajbhasha Khand Ki Svarnim Yatra" in New Delhi on October 1, 2026.**
- 15. The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) observed its 23rd Foundation Day on October 1, 2026.**
- 16. Narendra Bhooshan (IAS, 1992 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre) was appointed Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**
- 17. The Indian Air Force (IAF) No. 17 Squadron "Golden Arrows" completed 75 years, celebrated at Air Force Station Ambala, Haryana.**
 - Chief of the Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.
 - Indian Air Force Day: October 8 (94th anniversary in 2026).
- 18. The 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026) began on September 28, 2026 at Subic Bay, Philippines, with sea drills off Zambales; theme "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea".**
 - Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
 - Navy Day: December 4.
- 19. Tewolde GebreMariam Takes Over as CEO & MD of Air India**
 - Union Civil Aviation Minister: Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu.
- 20. The India–European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) completed one year on October 1, 2026**
 - EFTA(European Free Trade Association) members: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- 21. California Bans Child Marriage Without Exception**

- California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1267 (authored by Assemblymember Gail Pellerin) on September 30, 2026, banning marriage and domestic partnership under 18 years without exception.
- California becomes the 18th US state (of 50) with a complete ban; Delaware and New Jersey were the first (2018).

22. UN Declares November 27 as Day for Elimination of Child Marriage

23. World Congress of Gastroenterology 2026 in New Delhi

- Theme: "Transforming Gastrointestinal Health, Preserving Nature".

24. THE World University Rankings 2027

- World No. 1: University of Oxford (UK) – 11th consecutive year.
- India No. 1: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru – rank 254
- 5 pillars: Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, International Outlook and Industry.

25. International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (declared by the UN in 2007)

- India added the "Sites of Satyagraha" (filed September 3, 2026), a serial transnational nomination with 9 component sites, to its UNESCO Tentative List:
- South Africa (2): Pietermaritzburg Railway Station (site of Gandhi's 1893 eviction) and Phoenix Settlement, near Durban.
- India (7): Mahatma Gandhi Satyagraha Smarak, Motihari (East Champaran, Bihar); Sabarmati Ashram (Ahmedabad, Gujarat); Mani Bhavan (Mumbai); Harijan Sevak Sangh (Delhi); Sevagram Ashram (Wardha, Maharashtra); Aga Khan Palace (Pune); Gandhi Smriti (Delhi).
- India's Tentative List grew from 73 to 78 sites; India has 45 inscribed World Heritage Sites (45th: Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh).

26. International Coffee Day (1st October) Becomes UN Observance

- Theme: "Celebrating Coffee, Honouring the People Behind Every Cup".

27. International Day of Older Persons 2026: 1st October

2026 Theme: "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives".

28. India's Medal Tally at Asian Games 2026

- Final tally: 85 medals (21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze), 4th in the medal table (Games held September 19 – October 4, 2026).

29. Indian Squash Teams Win Bronze at Asian Games

- Rohit Sharma reached 12,000 ODI runs in 282 innings in the 2nd ODI against West Indies at Guwahati on September 30, 2026.
- 3rd Indian (after Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli) and 7th batter overall; second fastest after Kohli (242 innings).

30. TIME100 Next 2026 Features Two Indians

- Indians featured:
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi: 15-year-old cricketer – youngest on the list (Athletes).
- Pawan Kumar Chandana: Co-founder & CEO, Skyroot Aerospace (Leaders).
- Skyroot Aerospace: Founded in 2018 in Hyderabad by Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka; became India's first spacetechnology unicorn on May 7, 2026 (valuation about \$1.1 billion).
- Launched Vikram-1 from Sriharikota on July 18, 2026 carrying 6 payloads.

31. Sarah Peluse Wins SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2026

- Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) appointed Arjuna Awardee and world No. 1 para-archer Sheetal Devi as brand ambassador
- HMIL MD & CEO: Tarun Garg.

32. ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 Schedule Announced

- Hosts: South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia; 14 teams; 12 venues; final in Johannesburg.
- Opens with a three-team Super Series in Windhoek; first group match India vs Australia at Cape Town on October 7, 2027
- ICC Chairman: Jay Shah; ICC HQ: Dubai.

