

1. Joint Defence Exercise “Super Garuda Shield” Held in Indonesia

- Jointly conducted by the Indonesian National Armed Forces and US Indo-Pacific Command in Indonesia.

2. Türkiye Becomes 71st Nation to Join NASA’s Artemis Accords for lunar exploration.

3. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17 was held from August 17 to 28, 2026, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

- COP President: Batmunkh Battsetseg.
- Theme: “Restoring Land, Restoring Hope”.
- UNCCD COP18 scheduled for 2028 at Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

4. Ecuador declared a national emergency in 2026 due to severe El Niño impacts (droughts, wildfires).

5. 4th Indo-German Environment Forum Held in New Delhi

Theme “Together for More Resilience”.

6. GOBARDhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; total outlay ₹23,731 crore through FY36.
- Focus: Processing cattle dung, crop residue, press mud and organic waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG).
- City Gas Distribution (CGD) Blending Mandates: 3% in current fiscal year, 4% next year, 5% in the following year.
- Financial Incentives: Guaranteed price floor of ₹2110 per MMBtu for 10 years.

7. Gross GST Collection (August 2026): ₹1,99,853 crore up 14.8% YoY over August 2025

8. RBI Basic Statistical Returns (BSR-1 & BSR-2) – Q1 FY27

- BSR-2 Report (Bank Deposits): Total Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) deposits expanded 11.5% YoY in June 2026.
- BSR-1 Report (Bank Credit): – Overall credit grew 16.5% YoY in June 2026 (up from 9.9% in June 2025).

9. UPI Hits Record 24.51 Billion Transactions worth ₹29.82 lakh crore in August 2026

10. Public Insurance Registry (PIR) launched by IRDAI as Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to support “Insurance for All by 2047”.

- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is headquartered in Hyderabad with 10 members (Chairman: Ajay Seth).
- Unclaimed insurance funds currently stand at ₹8,973.89 crore.

11. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology – MeitY) notified Semicon 2.0, effective August 31, 2026, with a budget allocation of ₹1,27,500 crore.

12. Union Culture Ministry declared Gollala Gudi Temple a "Monument of National Importance" based on an ASI report.

- Located near UNESCO site Ramappa Temple in Palampet, Mulugu district (Telangana)

13. Lok Bhavan (Governor’s residence, Odisha) became India’s 1st Governor residence to receive Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Rating – Platinum (highest),

- Odisha Governor: Kambhampati Hari Babu; CM: Mohan Charan Majhi

14. RBI Approves Carol Furtado as Interim CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

15. Suman Ray appointed Executive Director (ED) of RBI effective September 1, 2026, overseeing the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

- Other promoted EDs: Gunveer Singh, Monisha Chakraborty, Sudhakar Malli and Ravi Shankar

16. Shah Rukh Khan onboarded as brand ambassador for Vodafone Idea.

17. George Kovoov appointed CEO of Parle Biscuits

18. 6th World Nomad Games 2026 Held in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

19. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Becomes Youngest Half-Centurion in Duleep Trophy History

- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi scored 50 off 42 balls (out at 92) for East Zone against Central Zone at 15 years and 157 days, at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru.

20. FPAI Indian Football Awards 2026 (Kolkata)

- Indian Male Footballer of the Year: Lallianzuala Chhangte (Mizoram) – won for the 3rd time.
- Indian Female Footballer of the Year: Manisha Kalyan (Punjab).

21. Germany Wins 4th FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Title

- Germany defeated Spain 1–0 in the final in Belgium

22. Ankur Bhattacharjee won his maiden World Table Tennis (WTT) Men's Singles title in Czechia

23. World Coconut Day 2026 – September 2

- 2026 Theme: “Coconut in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy and Livelihood”.