

1. 20th Rozgar Mela: over 51,000 appointment letters distributed

- The 20th Rozgar Mela was held on 19 September 2026 at 45 locations.
- Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) was approved by the Union Cabinet on 1 July 2025 as the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme.
- PM-VBRY covers jobs created between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2027; the Prime Minister formally launched it on 15 August 2025.

2. Employees' Provident Fund wage ceiling raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000

- The ceiling of ₹15,000 had applied since September 2014, when it was raised from ₹6,500.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) covers establishments with 20 or more employees.
- The new ceiling of ₹25,000 per month took effect on 17 September 2026 (Vishwakarma Jayanti).

3. Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma scheme completes three years

- Launched on 17 September 2023 (Vishwakarma Jayanti).
- It is a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of ₹13,000 crore for FY 2023–24 to FY 2027–28.
- Covers artisans and craftspeople in 18 trades, including carpenters, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, cobblers, tailors, barbers, washermen and fishing-net makers.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

4. Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2026 in force from 1 October 2026

- Registrar General of India: Mritunjay Kumar Narayan. Home Minister: Amit Shah. Home Secretary: Govind Mohan.
- Births and deaths must be reported within 21 days.
- Delay of more than 1 year but within 2 years: order of a District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or authorised Executive Magistrate, after verification and fee.
- Delay beyond 2 years: order of a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class.

5. Karnataka: Tulu made second additional administrative language; engineers may use "Er."

- A committee chaired by educationist M. Mohan Alva was set up in 2023 to examine official status for Tulu.
- Tulu is a Dravidian language spoken mainly in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi (Karnataka) and Kasaragod (Kerala).
- It approved Tulu as the state's second additional administrative language in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.
- a Government order of 15 September 2026 (Engineers' Day) allowed engineers to prefix "Er." to their names.
- Governor of Karnataka: Thaawarchand Gehlot. D.K. Shivakumar became Chief Minister on 3 June 2026.

6. Tamil Nadu: Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme extended to Classes 6–8

- The free breakfast scheme began in 2022 for Classes 1–5 and has been renamed after former Chief Minister K. Kamaraj.

7. Tamil Nadu: one-gram gold ring scheme for newborns

- Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam (Maternal Uncle's Gold Ring Scheme) was launched on 28 September 2026.

8. Kumik declared Ladakh's first Heritage Village

- Declared on 15 September 2026 by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at the Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2026.
- Kumik is in Zaskar and preserves ancient Kanjur manuscripts and Tibetan Buddhist texts.

9. World's highest-altitude flower fields inaugurated in Leh

- Technical support came from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur.

10. India ranked first in Global Business Climate Survey 2026

- India ranked No. 1 among 41 markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026.

- The survey is brought out by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce India (SCCI) with Business Sweden, and reflects the views of Swedish companies abroad.

11. India becomes world's fourth-largest holder of foreign exchange reserves

- Reserves rose by USD 44.9 billion to a record USD 785.71 billion in the week ended 4 September 2026.
- India overtook Russia.
- Top four: 1. China, 2. Japan, 3. Switzerland, 4. India.

12. Net direct tax collections rise 13% to ₹12.12 lakh crore (Period: 1 April to 17 September 2026.)

- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT): established 1964; headquarters New Delhi.
- Securities Transaction Tax (STT): ₹40,214 crore, up 53%.

13. RBI extends certified-copy Know Your Customer route to Foreign Portfolio Investors

- The alternative certification route already existed for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs).
- On 18 September 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended it to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), effective immediately

14. NRI accounts

- Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO): rupee account for income earned in India; interest is taxable.
- Non-Resident External (NRE): rupee account for foreign earnings; interest is tax-free in India.
- Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)]: foreign-currency term deposit of 1–5 years.

15. RBI advances closure of special FCNR(B) and NRE deposit concessions to 31 August 2026

- The end date for the interest-rate relaxation on fresh FCNR(B) and NRE deposits was advanced from 30 September to 31 August 2026.

16. RBI penalises credit information companies

- RBI orders dated 31 August 2026 (released 4 September 2026) imposed penalties on three Credit Information Companies (CICs).
- TransUnion CIBIL: ₹26.82 lakh (₹26,82,800).
- CRIF High Mark: ₹6,89,600.
- Equifax: ₹1,19,400.
- Reason: compensation for delayed correction of credit information was not paid to complainants in time.
- India's four CICs: TransUnion CIBIL, CRIF High Mark, Equifax, Experian.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regulates Credit Rating Agencies; the RBI regulates CICs.

17. IDFC FIRST Bank offers zero forex markup on all credit cards

18. Bank of Baroda launched UPI Global Reverse Acceptance in August 2026.

- Supports cross-border Person-to-Merchant payments in India.

19. Zhang Yiming becomes Asia's richest person

- ByteDance (TikTok) co-founder Zhang Yiming became Asia's richest person with a net worth above USD 105 billion.
- He overtook Gautam Adani, as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (reported 16 September 2026).

20. Sanjukta Parashar becomes first woman Inspector General of CoBRA

- Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA): jungle-warfare unit of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), raised in 2008–09 for anti-Naxal operations, under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- CRPF: formed 1939; headquarters New Delhi; Director General Gyanendra Pratap Singh.

21. Vir Chakra awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke passes away

22. Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 (India–Japan air exercise) at Jodhpur

- 2nd edition, between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF).
- Held at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 9 to 22 September 2026.
- Other India–Japan exercises: Dharma Guardian (Army) and JIMEX (Navy).

23. SLINEX-26 off Visakhapatnam; INS Trishul exercise with Egyptian Navy

- 13th edition of the Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-26) was held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026.
- Indian ships: INS Kavaratti and INS Jyoti. Sri Lankan ship: SLNS Sindurala.

- INS Trishul held a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Egyptian ship ENS Bernees off Alexandria.
- 24. Mazagon Dock to build ₹15,000 crore greenfield shipyard at Dugarajapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**
- 25. India completes the 2,843 km Dedicated Freight Corridor network**
- 26. Indian Railways approved the 38.21 km new line between Mukutban (Yavatmal district) and Gadchandur (Chandrapur district), Maharashtra**
- 27. Operational guidelines issued for ₹23,731 crore GOBARdhan scheme**
 - The Union Cabinet approved GOBARdhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) on 6 August 2026
 - The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas issued operational guidelines dated 15 September 2026. Minister: Hardeep Singh Puri.
 - Outlay: ₹23,731 crore for 2026–27 to 2035–36.
 - Capital assistance is capped at ₹30 crore per project for Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plants.
 - Producers get assured offtake and an administered price for at least 10 years.
- 28. Odisha announces 870-acre "Odisha Silicon Valley" near Cuttack**
- 29. Prime Minister inaugurates NGT conference on environment and climate**
 - The National Green Tribunal (NGT) was set up under the NGT Act, 2010. Chairperson: Justice Prakash Shrivastava.
 - Nodal ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- 30. Project Cheetah completes four years**
 - Launched on 17 September 2022 at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
 - The cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952.
 - Population as on 17 September 2026: 52, including 32 born in India.
 - 49 are in Kuno National Park and 3 in Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary (both Madhya Pradesh).
 - Translocated from Namibia (8), South Africa (12) and Botswana (9).
 - Implemented by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
 - International Cheetah Day: 4 December.
- 31. Takeda's dengue vaccine Qdenga to launch in India in first half of 2027**
 - Qdenga (TAK-003) is a live-attenuated tetravalent dengue vaccine made by Takeda.
 - The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) authorised it for ages 4–60 (July 2026).
 - Dr. Reddy's Laboratories will distribute it exclusively in India's private market.
 - Expected availability: first half of 2027.
- 32. New Zealand Parliament passes legislation for the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**
 - 100% duty-free access for Indian exports to New Zealand.
 - New Zealand's investment commitment: USD 20 billion over 15 years.
 - 3-year work visas for up to 5,000 Indian professionals (information technology, healthcare, engineering), as per the rough note.
- 33. India–Bhutan: ₹4,000 crore Line of Credit and two-way UPI payments**
 - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Bhutan from 16 to 18 September 2026.
 - A concessional Line of Credit (LoC) of ₹4,000 crore for energy projects in Bhutan was welcomed during the visit.
 - Dam construction resumed on the 1,200 MW Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project.
 - A Unified Payments Interface (UPI) facility now lets Bhutanese visitors pay in India by scanning Indian QR codes with Bhutanese apps
- 34. United States, Denmark and Greenland sign trilateral defence agreement**
- 35. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation: Bishkek summit and trade ministers' meeting**
 - 26th Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 31 August – 1 September 2026.
 - Theme: "25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity".
 - Lahore named SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27.
 - Pakistan took over the chairmanship and will host the 27th Summit in 2027.
 - 25th Meeting of SCO Economic and Trade Ministers: Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 17 September 2026.

- The next trade ministers' meeting will be held in Uzbekistan in 2027.

36. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): established 1957; headquarters Vienna; Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi

37. Italy proposes ban on burqas and niqabs in schools

- Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced the proposal on 20 September 2026

38. World Cleanup Day 2026 (20 September) (Theme: "From Clean Plates to Clean Cities".)

39. International Day of Peace 2026 (21 September) (Theme: "Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day".)

40. Eknath Shinde receives World Leadership Forum's Statesmanship Award

- Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde received the inaugural Statesmanship Award for Transformative Leadership from the World Leadership Forum.

41. Warren Buffett becomes Chairman Emeritus of Berkshire Hathaway

- Warren Buffett stepped down as Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway on 18 September 2026 and became Chairman Emeritus.
- His son Howard G. Buffett was elected Chairman.

42. Nila Vikhe Patil elected to Sweden's Riksdag

- Nila Vikhe Patil of the Green Party was elected to the Riksdag (Swedish Parliament) from Stockholm in the September 2026 election.
- She has family roots in Maharashtra.

43. Dileep Sanghani elected to the International Cooperative Alliance Global Board

- Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) Chairman Dileep Sanghani was elected At-Large Director for 2026–2030.
- Ariel Guarco was elected President.

44. 17th Kathakali Festival held in Chennai (Theme: "Katha Rasa Sangamam".)

45. Third BIMSTEC traditional medicine conference held in Goa

- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) members: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka; secretariat Dhaka.

46. 26th International Hindi Conference at Sri Vijaya Puram

- Held at Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair), Andaman and Nicobar Islands, from 19 to 26 September 2026.

- The Srijan Gatha Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to author Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao.

47. "Gondhal" selected as India's entry for the 99th Academy Awards

- The Film Federation of India selected the Marathi film "Gondhal", directed by Santosh Davakhar, on 18 September 2026.
- Chosen from 33 entries.
- The film won the Silver Peacock (Best Director) at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2025.
- Fourth Marathi film to be India's Oscar entry, after Shwaas, Harishchandrichi Factory and Court.
- Category: Best International Feature Film; ceremony on 14 March 2027.

48. 20th Asian Games 2026: opening, India's first medals and new IOA trophies

- The 20th Asian Games are hosted by Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from 19 September to 4 October 2026.
- Opened on 19 September 2026 at the Mizuho Park Athletics Stadium; motto "Imagine One Asia"; mascot Honohon.
- India's flag bearers: Manu Bhaker (shooting) and Pawan Sehrawat (kabaddi).
- First medal (20 September): Team Silver, Women's 10m Air Rifle by Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Maskar and Vidarsa K. Vinod with 1,898.0 points.
- Elavenil Valarivan also won Silver in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Individual event.
- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), led by President P.T. Usha, instituted the Raja Randhir Singh Memorial Trophy (best Indian male athlete) and the Jaspal Rana Memorial Trophy (best Indian female athlete).
- China won the team gold with a world record 1,904.2; Japan took bronze.

- Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put) was first named as a flag bearer; Pawan Sehrawat carried the flag at the ceremony.

49. Smriti Mandhana becomes the highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals

- She reached 4,788 Twenty20 International (T20I) runs in 178 matches, passing Suzie Bates (4,758).

50. Jos Buttler becomes first batter to 15,000 T20 runs

- England's Jos Buttler reached 15,000 runs in Twenty20 cricket on 17 September 2026.
- He did so in his 528th match, against Sri Lanka at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.
- He overtook Kieron Pollard (14,999).

51. Tavengwa Mukhlani appointed ICC Deputy Chairman

- Zimbabwe Cricket Chairman Tavengwa Mukhlani was appointed Deputy Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on 17 September 2026.