

- 1. NCW(National Commission for Women) Recommends 730 Days of Child Care Leave for All Sectors**
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 - NCW(National Commission for Women) Chairperson: Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar.
- 2. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal launched Pragati 50 on September 29, 2026 under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).**
 - Aims to develop 50 cities across 24 states/UTs as role models of cleanliness
- 3. Cabinet Approves Rs. 1,789.52 Crore Intelligent Traffic Management System for Delhi**
- 4. The Centre's fiscal deficit for April–August 2026 was Rs.7,10,249 crore (Rs.7.10 lakh crore) – 41.9% of the FY27 Budget Estimate (BE)**
 - FY27 fiscal deficit target: 4.3% of GDP (Rs.16.96 lakh crore)
- 5. The Ministry of Finance, in its September Monthly Economic Review, projected real GDP growth of 7.3% for Q2 FY27, after 7.8% in Q1 FY27.**
 - The RBI's estimate for Q2 is 6.4%;
- 6. MoSPI released ASI (Annual Survey of Industries) 2024-25 results on September 30, 2026: manufacturing output grew 7.81% and Gross Value Added (GVA) grew 9.59%.**
 - Highest number of factories: Tamil Nadu (41,221; 15.44%), followed by Gujarat (33,084) and Maharashtra (27,379).
 - Highest share of GVA: Maharashtra (15.92%), followed by Gujarat (14.10%); Gujarat leads in output share (16.93%).
- 7. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) approved Bank of Baroda (BoB) as a Pension Fund sponsor under Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013; the certificate was handed over by DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya on October 1, 2026 (NPS Divas).**
 - BoB is the second public sector bank to manage pension funds after State Bank of India (SBI) (April 2008).
 - National Pension System (NPS): launched on January 1, 2004 for government employees; opened to all citizens in 2009; eligibility 18–70 years.
 - BoB: MD & CEO: Dr Debadatta Chand; HQ: Vadodara.
- 8. PPF Rate Unchanged at 7.1% for October–December 2026**
 - The Public Provident Fund (PPF) interest rate stays at 7.1% for Q3 FY27 (October 1 – December 31, 2026).
 - PPF deposits: minimum Rs.500, maximum Rs.1.5 lakh per financial year; tenure 15 years, extendable in 5-year blocks.
 - EEE (Exempt-Exempt-Exempt) status; deduction under Section 80C up to Rs.1.5 lakh; partial withdrawal allowed after 5 complete years.
 - Other rates: Senior Citizens Savings Scheme and Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana 8.2%, NSC 7.7%, Kisan Vikas Patra 7.5%.
- 9. NABKISAN Finance Ltd, an NBFC subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), raised Rs.180 crore through India's first social bond dedicated to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), listed on the NSE**
 - Tenure: 5 years (maturing September 2031); coupon: 8.10%; rated AAA (Stable) by CRISIL and CARE.
- 10. GST Collections in September 2026**
 - Gross GST collection: Rs. 2,03,521 crore in September 2026, up 14.7% year-on-year.
 - Record collection: Rs.2,43,930 crore in April 2026.
 - GST introduced on July 1, 2017 through the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016.
 - France was the first country to introduce GST (1954).
- 11. Windfall Tax Cut on Diesel and ATF Exports**
 - From October 1, 2026, the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on exports was cut:
 - Diesel: from Rs.20/litre to Rs.16/litre (including Road & Infrastructure Cess).
 - Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF): from Rs.15/litre to Rs.10.50/litre.
 - Petrol: unchanged at Rs.0.50/litre.

- 12. State Bank of India (SBI) bought about Rs.5,000 crore (~40%) of Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) Rs.13,000 crore 10-year bond issue (base Rs.12,000 crore + Rs.1,000 crore greenshoe) at a 7.90% coupon, completed on September 30, 2026.**
- 13. Sudhakar Malli Appointed Executive Director of RBI**
- 14. Anup Bagchi to Be MD & CEO of HDFC Bank**
- 15. Sidharatha Mishra to Head ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**
- 16. Mahesh Muralidhar Pai Takes Charge as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank**
 - South Indian Bank: est. 1929; HQ: Thrissur, Kerala; Tagline: "Experience Next Generation Banking".
- 17. The 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave was held in New Delhi from October 3–5, 2026.**
 - Theme: "Resilience in an Age of Flux".
- 18. G7 countries announced on October 2, 2026 the release of up to 100 million barrels of crude oil and diesel from emergency stocks over 4 months, coordinated through the International Energy Agency (IEA);**
 - IEA (International Energy Agency): est. 1974; HQ: Paris; 33 members (Colombia newest, February 2026); 13 association countries, including India (since March 30, 2017).
- 19. Mumbai Port Authority declared Jawahar Dweep India's first plastic-free oil terminal**
- 20. Port Sector Updates**
 - Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA): first Indian port to get International Finance Corporation (IFC) blue financing (\$70 million) for shore power.
 - V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Thoothukudi (Tamil Nadu): India's first major port to become Scope-2 emission-free; launched PortGPT, the first generative-AI app at a major port (June 23, 2026)
 - Vizhinjam Port (Kerala): transshipment port operated by Adani Ports under a PPP with the Kerala Government.
- 21. Export Promotion Mission (EPM): Rs.25,060 crore for FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31 (approved November 12, 2025), implemented by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).**
- 22. Indian Army Holds Exercise "Jai Se Vijay" on NH-911**
- 23. 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026) began at Subic Bay, Philippines**
 - theme "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea".
 - Indian Navy ships: INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish.
 - ASEAN has 11 members; Timor-Leste joined in October 2025.
- 24. The 2nd edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi**
- 25. INS Trishul Arrives at Valencia, Spain**
- 26. The 28th session of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on Forestry (COFO) was held in Rome, Italy from September 28 to October 2, 2026; theme "Forests for Food, Resilience and Prosperity"**
- 27. UNCCD COP17 (desertification): held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (August 17–28, 2026); UNFCCC COP31 (climate change): Antalya, Türkiye (November 9–20, 2026).**
- 28. Three-year-old tigress T-138, translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve (Bihar), was released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal) on October 2, 2026 by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, with West Bengal CM Suvenhu Adhikari**
 - India has 58 tiger reserves (58th: Madhav National Park, March 2025)
- 29. Kuala Lumpur Ranked World's Most Polluted City**
 - Kuala Lumpur was ranked the world's most polluted city on September 30, 2026 (AQI 166, IQAir), with Singapore 3rd (AQI 155).
- 30. Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) held its first-ever All India Women Farmer Workers Conclave on September 30, 2026 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, marking 2026 as the UN International Year of the Woman Farmer.**
 - Theme: "Hum Bharat ki nariyan vaibhav layengi".
- 31. UN International Years**
 - 2026: Woman Farmer; Volunteers for Sustainable Development; Rangelands and Pastoralists.

- 2027: Sustainable and Resilient Tourism; Legal Literacy.
- 2028: International Law.

• 2029: Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence (International Asteroid Day: June 30).

32. The 48th session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Busan, South Korea (July 2026).

33. Gujarat Announces Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award for Captain Smit Machchhar

- As captain of Flydubai flight FZ1073 (Dubai to Tel Aviv, 174 passengers) on September 30, 2026, he fought off the co-pilot, reportedly an Omani national, who attacked with the cockpit's crash axe; the aircraft landed safely at Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

34. Right Livelihood Award 2026 (Known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize"; founded in 1980 by Jakob von Uexkull, Stockholm, Sweden)

- Timnit Gebru (Ethiopian-born; USA): research and activism on AI risks and discrimination.
- Jalila Haider (Pakistan): human rights lawyer; first woman lawyer from the Hazara community.
- Rural Women's Assembly (RWA): women farmers' network across 11 Southern African countries.
- Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA), Georgia: rule of law and democracy.

35. Jessica Watkins Commands SpaceX Crew-13 Mission

36. Nila (Neela) Vikhe Patil, of Indian origin, was elected to Sweden's Parliament (Riksdag) from Stockholm City for the Green Party

37. Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold After 44 Years

- India beat China 1-0 in the final at Kakamigahara on October 2, 2026 to win gold at the 20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya (Japan) – first since 1982.
- Captain: Salima Tete; Goalkeeper: Bichu Devi; Savita Punia
- Direct qualification for the LA 2028 Olympics.

38. Indian Boxers Win Three Asian Games Golds

- Lovlina Borgohain: Gold in women's 75 kg, beating Bao Ziyi (China) 5-0 on October 2, 2026 – second Indian woman boxer to win Asian Games gold after Mary Kom (2014).
- Parveen Hooda: Gold in women's 65 kg, beating Chen Nien-chin (Chinese Taipei) 3-2.
- Ankush Panghal: Gold in men's 80 kg, beating Kim Minseong (South Korea) – first Indian man to win Asian Games boxing gold since Amit Panghal (2018).

39. Wrestling: Sujeet Kalkal Wins Gold, Sunil Kumar Bronze

40. Women's Recurve Archery Team Wins India's First Asian Games Gold

- Ankita Bhakat, Kirti Sharma and Kumkum Mohod beat South Korea 5-3 on October 2, 2026 – India's first-ever Asian Games gold in women's recurve team archery.

41. Asian Games Medals and India's Final Tally

- India's position 4th with 85 medals (21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze).
- China topped the table with 341 medals (169 gold).

42. Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster

- Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old British-Indian, became the youngest player ever to earn the Woman Grandmaster (WGM) title, confirmed by FIDE (late September 2026) and recognised by Guinness World Records.
- Previous record: Kateryna Lagno (12 years 4 months).

43. Wildlife Week 2026: observed across India from October 2 to October 8.