

1. World Teachers' Day 2026 (October 5)

- 2026 Theme: "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures".
- UNESCO Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt).
- National Teachers' Day (India): September 5 – birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- National Education Day (India): November 11 – birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.
- International Day of Education: January 24.

2. World Space Week 2026 (October 4–10)

- 2026 Theme: "Rocket Revolution"
- United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA): HQ Vienna, Austria.
- National Space Day (India): August 23 – landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander (carrying the Pragyan rover) near the lunar south pole on August 23, 2023.

3. 72nd National Wildlife Week (October 2–8, 2026)

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- World Wildlife Day: March 3

4. Other Important Days

- World Habitat Day: First Monday of October (October 5, 2026); theme "Adequate Housing for All"; global observance in Muscat, Oman.
- World Rabies Day: September 28 (20th edition); theme "Stronger Together".
- World Rivers Day: Fourth Sunday of September (September 27, 2026); started in 2005 under the UN "Water for Life" Decade.
- World Animal Day: October 4

5. 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Kolkata

- PBD is observed on January 9, marking Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa in 1915; held every two years.
- The Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education) approved 5 Centres of Excellence for the newly recognised classical languages :
- Assamese: Tezpur University, Assam.
- Bengali: Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal.
- Marathi: Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune.
- Pali: Central University of Odisha.
- Prakrit: Central University of Gujarat.

6. India now has 11 classical languages: Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, plus Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced on October 4, 2026, at the 50th India Carpet Expo, that Bhadohi district (known for carpet weaving) will be renamed "Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi"

7. Names of 28 Places in Ladakh Standardised

- The Government of India and the UT Administration of Ladakh standardised the names of 28 geographical features and places on the official Survey of India map
- Survey of India: est. 1767; HQ: Dehradun.

8. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Andhra Pradesh ranked 2nd (after Uttar Pradesh) in fund utilisation and 1st among major states in placement rate (76%; national average 64%).

9. Pragati 50: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) (Minister: Manohar Lal) selected 50 cities across 24 states/UTs to be developed as model clean cities (launched September 29, 2026).

- Indore has been ranked the cleanest city for 8 consecutive years (Swachh Survekshan 2024-25).

10. CAFE 3.0 Fuel Efficiency Norms Notified

- Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) 3.0 norms (about September 30, 2026), applicable from April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2032.

- Targets:
- 2027-28: 3.996 litres/100 km; CO₂ about 94.76 g/km.
- 2031-32: 3.3273 litres/100 km (16.7% improvement); CO₂ about 78.90 g/km.
- Reference vehicle weight raised from 1,082 kg to 1,229 kg

11. National PNG Drive 3.0 Launched

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched National PNG Drive 3.0 on October 1, 2026, the 20th Foundation Day of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB); runs till March 31, 2027.
- Targets: 50 lakh new domestic PNG connections, 40 lakh conversions to active users and 50 lakh additional registrations.

12. Windfall Tax on Fuel Exports Cut

- From October 1, 2026, the Ministry of Finance cut the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on fuel exports:
- Diesel: ₹20/litre to ₹16/litre.
- Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF): ₹15/litre to ₹10.50/litre.
- Petrol: unchanged at ₹0.50/litre.

13. A Government-constituted panel under SBI Chairman and IBA Chairman C.S. Setty (announced around April 24, 2026) is assessing risks from Anthropic's Mythos AI model.

14. RBI Master Direction on Note Sorting Machines

- Defines fit and unfit notes; rejection thresholds:
- Dog-ears: area > 100 mm² and edge > 5 mm.
- Tears: vertical > 4×8 mm, horizontal > 4×15 mm, diagonal > 4×18 mm.
- Holes: > 8 mm².
- Stains/graffiti: total > 500 mm² or single > 200 mm².
- Crumpling: reduction in length or width > 5 mm.
- Repaired notes: repair area > 100 mm², tape thickness = 50 µm or tape = 10 mm.
- NSMs must meet IS 18663:2024 (BIS); discontinued models must be replaced by June 30, 2027; machines tested every quarter.

15. RBI Master Circular on Credit Facilities for SCs and STs

- DAY-NRLM: at least 50% of beneficiaries to be SC/ST.
- Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme: loans up to ₹15,000 (plus housing loan up to ₹20,000) at 4%; at least 40% of DRI lending to SC/STs.
- Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for SCs (CEGSSC): guarantees loans of ₹15 lakh to ₹5 crore for up to 7 years.

16. Indiabulls Ltd Gets RBI Registration as Core Investment Company

17. Sidharatha Mishra Appointed MD & CEO of ICICI Prudential Life

18. Bank of Baroda Sets Up Pension Fund Company and Launches bob World 2.0

- BoB MD & CEO: Debadatta Chand.

19. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved (reported September 30, 2026) BNP Paribas Cardif acquiring about 26% (25.96%) of IndiaFirst Life Insurance from Warburg Pincus (through Carmel Point Investment Ltd).

20. Pramerica Life Insurance launched "Poorna Rakshak" Plan

- MD & CEO: Pankaj Gupta.

21. The Ministry of Finance projected GDP growth of 7.3% for Q2 FY27; Q1 FY27 growth was 7.8% (NSO).

- India's total exports (goods and services) for April–August 2026 were \$399.27 billion (up 15.55%); merchandise exports \$215.91 billion.
- Target: \$1 trillion in total exports in FY27.

22. Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026

- Announced on October 5, 2026 by the Karolinska Institute to Karl Deisseroth (Stanford, USA), Peter Hegemann (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany) and Georg Nagel (University of Würzburg, Germany).
- Citation: "for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics" – a technique that uses light to control the activity of specific nerve cells.
- Nobel Prizes are presented on December 10 each year.

23. Times Higher Education (THE) released the World University Rankings 2027 on September 30, 2026.

- Top: University of Oxford (UK) – No. 1; MIT (USA) No. 2, Princeton and Stanford tied 3rd .
- Most ranked universities: USA (168), India (143), Türkiye (124).
- Top Indian institution: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru – 254th.

24. India Wins 4 Golds at International Astronomy Olympiad (IOAA 2026)

- At the 19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), Hanoi, Vietnam (September 25 – October 5, 2026), all 5 Indian students won medals – 4 gold, 1 silver.
- Gold: Pranjal Dixit, Sumant Gupta, Akshat Srivastava, Arnav Sehrawat; Silver: Harshil Amitkumar Patel.
- India placed 3rd jointly with Vietnam, behind Iran and South Korea (5 golds each).

25. NSM (National Supercomputing Mission) launched in April 2015 (outlay about ₹4,500 crore) by DST and MeitY; implemented by C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru.

- PARAM 8000: India's first supercomputer (C-DAC, 1991, 1 gigaflop)

26. The Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 will be held from October 27–29, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate it; announced by Dr Jitendra Singh.

- Theme: "Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies"; organised by CSIR

27. SpaceX Crew-13 Mission to the ISS

- SpaceX Crew-13 launched on a Falcon 9 from Cape Canaveral on October 1, 2026.
- Commander Jessica Watkins (NASA) – first Black woman to command a crew to orbit; first active NASA astronaut to fly to the ISS on Crew Dragon twice (first: Crew-4, 2022).
- The ISS orbits within the Earth's thermosphere.

28. ISRO and ESA Extend Cooperation till 2032

- At the International Space Summit, Paris (September 9–10, 2026), ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan and ESA Director General Josef Aschbacher exchanged letters extending their cooperation agreement till 2032.

29. Two Captive-Bred Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

- India's forest and tree cover: 25.17% (ISFR 2023).

30. ZSI Discovers Two New Gecko Species in Telangana

- Hemidactylus cairnicola – Nalgonda district (rock cairns).
- Hemidactylus koyaorum – Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Warangal district (named after the Koya tribe).
- ZSI(Zoological Survey of India): est. 1916, Kolkata; Director: Dr Dhriti Banerjee.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI): est. 1851; Director General: Varsha Ashok Aglawe (first woman DG).

31. At the 70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC70) in Hobart, Australia, India's statement (September 28, 2026) highlighted the Arabian Sea Humpback Whale

32. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd, India's first maritime-focused lender, launched India's first blue bond on September 28, 2026 – target ₹600 crore (including ₹500 crore greenshoe), 10-year tenor.

33. COP31 (UN Climate Change Conference) will be held from November 9–20, 2026 in Antalya, Türkiye

- COP32 (2027): Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)

34. Bimal N. Patel Sworn In as Judge of International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for 9 years (2026–2035).

35. Tajikistan's Rogun Dam to Be World's Tallest

- The Rogun Hydropower Project on the Vakhsh River, Tajikistan, will be the world's tallest dam at 335 metres, with capacity of 3,600 MW (6×600 MW).
- Capitals: Tajikistan – Dushanbe; Kazakhstan – Astana (India–Kazakhstan exercise KAZIND); Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek (hosted the 26th SCO Summit, 2026).

36. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched three initiatives on October 1, 2026 at the 279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department:

- Integration of the SAKSHAM bill-processing platform with IAFIS (Indian Army Financial Information System).
- Treasury Single Account (TSA) for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Defence, using PRISM (Payment Routing and Integrated System Management) integrated with RBI's e-Kuber.
- A revamped National Compilation System.

37. 20th Asian Games 2026: Overview and Final Medal Table

- Held from September 19 to October 4, 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; opened by Emperor Naruhito; about 45 nations and 10,800 athletes ; 469 events in 43 sports; India sent 501 athletes.
- Motto: "Imagine One Asia"; Mascot: Honohon.
- Flag bearers (India): Opening – Manu Bhaker (shooting) and Pawan Sehrawat (kabaddi); Closing – Neeru Dhanda (trap shooter, Naib Subedar, Indian Army), who won gold in women's individual trap, gold in mixed team trap (with Kynan Chenai) and silver in women's team trap.
- Final medal table:
- China: 169 gold, 89 silver, 83 bronze (341).
- Japan: 83 gold, 95 silver, 91 bronze (269).
- South Korea: 39 gold, 43 silver, 68 bronze (150).
- India (4th): 21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze (85) – 4th, ahead of Uzbekistan on silver medals.
- The first Asian Games were held in New Delhi in March 1951.

38. Indian Men's Hockey Team Retains Asian Games Gold

- India beat Malaysia 5-1 in the final on October 3, 2026 at Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium, Kakamigahara; captain Harmanpreet Singh (2 goals), with goals by Jugraj Singh, Hardik Singh and Shilanand Lakra.

39. Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Gold After 44 Years

- India beat defending champions China 1-0 on October 2, 2026; Lalremsiami scored in the 10th minute; captain Salima Tete; Savita Punia saved a penalty stroke.
- First gold since 1982 (New Delhi); direct qualification for LA 2028.
- India's first-ever double (men's and women's) hockey gold at a single Asian Games.

40. India Win Men's and Women's Cricket Gold

- Men: India (captain Shreyas Iyer) beat Pakistan by 19 runs at Nisshin on October 3, 2026 to retain gold – India 211/6 (Abhishek Sharma 61, Tilak Varma 51*); Pakistan 192/6.
- Women: India (captain Harmanpreet Kaur) beat Sri Lanka by 147 runs at Nisshin on September 22, 2026 – India 216/3 (highest total in Asian Games history); Sri Lanka 69 all out; India's first gold of the Games.

41. India Win Both Kabaddi Golds

- India's men's (40-34) and women's (37-34) teams beat Iran in their finals on September 26, 2026

42. Archery: Kumkum Mohod Wins Historic Individual Recurve Gold

- Kumkum Mohod won India's first-ever women's individual recurve gold at the Asian Games, beating Oh Ye-jin (South Korea) 6-5 in a shoot-off; she won 3 medals at these Games.
- Women's recurve team (Ankita Bhakat, Kirti Sharma, Kumkum Mohod) won India's maiden gold by beating South Korea

43. Pranavi Sharath Urs Wins India's First Women's Golf Gold

44. Boxing: Three Golds for India

- Parveen Hooda: gold, women's 65 kg (beat Chen Nien-chin, Chinese Taipei).
- Lovlina Borgohain: gold, women's 75 kg (beat Bao Ziyi, China).
- Ankush Panghal: gold, men's 80 kg (beat Kim Minseong, South Korea) – first Indian man to win Asian Games boxing gold since Amit Panghal (2018).

45. Aman Sehrawat Wins 57 kg Freestyle Wrestling Gold

46. Doha to Host 21st Asian Games in 2030

- The 21st Asian Games (2030) will be held in Doha, Qatar; the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) flag was handed to Doha at the closing ceremony.
- OCA President: Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani.

47. 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 in Telangana

48. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi on TIME100 Next 2026

- 15-year-old cricketer Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is the youngest person on the TIME100 Next 2026 list.