

1. Narendra Bhooshan took charge as Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

2. Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges

- Justice Sunita Agarwal – former Chief Justice, Gujarat High Court; the 13th woman judge of the Supreme Court.
- Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya – former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court.
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh – former Chief Justice, Telangana High Court.
- Working strength rose from 34 to 37, against a sanctioned strength of 38 (including the CJI)
- CJI Surya Kant is the 53rd Chief Justice of India.
- Article 124(2): appointment of SC judges and retirement age (65 years)

3. 57th GST Council Meeting: Decriminalisation and Ease-of-Compliance Reforms

- The 57th GST Council meeting, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (Article 279A), was held on October 8, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Prosecution threshold under Section 132 raised from Rs.1 crore to Rs.5 crore.
- No show-cause notice for amounts below Rs.10,000 (also for pending cases); general penalty under Section 125 cut from Rs.25,000 to Rs.10,000.

4. Bhadohi to Be Renamed Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

- UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced on October 4, 2026 that Bhadohi district will be renamed Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi, after Bhakti saint Sant Ravidas
- Other renamings:
 - Aurangabad (Maharashtra) - Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
 - Kerala - Keralam – Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026, in force from August 25, 2026.
 - Calicut - Kozhikode (Kerala).
 - Allahabad - Prayagraj (2018).
 - Jhansi Railway Station - Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station (2021).
 - Faizabad Cantonment - Ayodhya Cantonment (2022).
 - Jalalabad (Shahjahanpur, UP) - Parshurampuri (MHA no-objection August 20, 2025).
 - Mustafabad (Lakhimpur Kheri, UP) - Kabirdham (announced October 2025).
 - Cuttack - Kataka and Balasore - Baleshwar (Odisha; English spellings notified June 22, 2026).

5. SETU NSP App for SC and OBC Scholarships on UMANG

- The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment introduced the SETU NSP mobile app for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) students on the UMANG platform.
- SETU: Scholarship for Educational Transformation and Upliftment.
- UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance): developed by NeGD under MeitY; launched on November 23, 2017 under Digital India.

6. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY): launched on April 1, 2017 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Union Minister: Dr Virendra Kumar); provides free aids (walking sticks, wheelchairs, hearing aids) to senior citizens aged 60+; implemented by ALIMCO.

7. West Bengal Declares September 17 as Annapurna Divas

8. Centres of Excellence for Five Classical Languages

- Classical status began with Tamil on October 12, 2004; criteria include recorded history of 1,500–2,000 years.
- India has 11 classical languages: Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali.
- The Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education) approved 5 Centres of Excellence:
 - Assamese – Tezpur University.
 - 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.

9. 14th India Chem 2026 Launched in New Delhi

- Theme: "Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub".
- Target: India's chemical sector to reach \$1 trillion by 2040.

10. 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai

- India ranks 4th globally in installed wind capacity; wind potential 695.5 GW at 120 m and 1,163.9 GW at 150 m.
- Top states (installed capacity): Gujarat (16.09 GW), Tamil Nadu (12.27 GW), Karnataka (8.90 GW).
- WT-MARUT: India's first Wind Turbine Supply Chain Management Portal, launched on June 15, 2026 (Global Wind Day) in Goa.
- Global Wind Day 2026 theme: "Wind Energy: From Ambition to Acceleration".

11. Odisha Launches India's First State MICE Incentive Portal

- Odisha Deputy CM and Tourism Minister Pravati Parida launched the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) Incentive Portal on October 4, 2026 during the 7th Odisha Travel Bazaar, Bhubaneswar – India's first such state portal.

12. Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Optogenetics

- The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet awarded the prize on October 5, 2026 to Karl Deisseroth (USA), Peter Hegemann (Germany) and Georg Nagel (Germany) "for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics".
- Prize: SEK 12 million (about \$1.27 million), shared equally.
- Named after Alfred Nobel (inventor of dynamite; died December 10, 1896).
- 5 original categories plus the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences (established 1968, first awarded 1969).
- Peace Prize is presented in Oslo; others in Stockholm, on December 10.

13. India-UAE Army exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 is being held from October 5–18, 2026 at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia (Uttarakhand);

14. Other exercises: Udara Shakti (Malaysia), Veer Guardian and Shinyuu Maitri (Japan), Ajeya Warrior (UK), Pitch Black (multilateral, hosted by Australia), Eagles of Civilization (China–Egypt).

15. First Women ADCs to Army Chief and President

- Captain Shivani Sehrawat: first woman Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Chief of the Army Staff (July 2026).
- Major Navya Shekhawat (Army Service Corps): first woman Army officer to be ADC to the President.
- Chief of the Army Staff: General Dhiraj Seth (31st COAS, since June 30, 2026).
- Army Day: January 15.

16. ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) 2026 concluded at Subic Bay, Philippines

- ASEAN: 11 members; Philippines chairs in 2026, Singapore in 2027.

17. 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Kolkata

18. India Energy Week 2027 in Kolkata

19. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha announced new annual awards (around October 4, 2026):

- Jaspal Rana Award (Best Female Athlete): archer Kumkum Mohod.
- Raja Randhir Singh Award (Best Male Athlete): wrestler Sujeet Kalkal.

20. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) handed the flag to Doha, Qatar for the 21st Asian Games (2030) at the closing ceremony on October 4, 2026.

- Doha 2030 motto: "The Games We Live For".
- Doha hosted the 15th Asian Games in 2006.

21. At the 46th Chess Olympiad, Samarkand (Uzbekistan), India won silver in the Open section and bronze in the Women's section

22. World Architecture Day: October 5, 2026 (first Monday of October); International Union of Architects (UIA) theme "Housing is a Human Right. Build It."

23. Obituary: Actress Mary Louise Weller

24. National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (October 1)

theme "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."

25. World Habitat Day 2026 (October 5, 2026)

theme "Adequate Housing for All".

26. World Teachers' Day: October 5; theme "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures"