

1. Union Cabinet Approves ₹10,000 Crore SME Growth Fund (SGF)

- AIF(Alternative Investment Fund) minimum investment: ₹1 crore.
- MSME classification:
 - Micro: investment up to ₹2.5 crore and turnover up to ₹10 crore.
 - Small: investment up to ₹25 crore and turnover up to ₹100 crore.
 - Medium: investment up to ₹125 crore and turnover up to ₹500 crore.

2. Union Cabinet Approves Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)

- Approved on 6 October 2026 (briefed by Ashwini Vaishnaw); an apex body complementing the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan and the National Logistics Policy 2022.
- Will prepare a National Transport Master Plan with a horizon of 10 years or more, covering roads, railways, ports, shipping, inland waterways, civil aviation and urban mobility.
- Will carry out technical appraisal of transport projects of ₹500 crore or more.

3. Union Cabinet Passes Resolution Marking PM Narendra Modi's 25 Years as Head of Government (7 October 2026)

- Narendra Modi took oath as Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October 2001 and became Prime Minister in 2014.

4. PM-SETU Completes One Year (4 October 2026)

- PM-SETU – Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) – was launched on 4 October 2025.
- Outlay: ₹60,000 crore over 5 years
- 5 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) to be upgraded as Centres of Excellence: Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

5. e-Sanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations

- e-Sanjeevani, the national telemedicine service of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, crossed 50 crore teleconsultations (6 October 2026); over 57% of users are women.
- Its AI-based Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS) won Gold at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026

6. 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 Held from 7–10 October at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

- Organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI); theme: “Scale Without Boundaries”.
- GSMA (Global System for Mobile Communications Association): HQ London.

7. Odisha Launches India's First State-Level MICE Incentive Portal

- MICE – Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions; the portal offers incentives online.

8. Uttar Pradesh Government Announces Renaming of Bhadohi District as Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

9. RBI Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; Stance Changed to “Calibrated Tightening”

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, met on 5–7 October 2026; decision announced 7 October 2026 – first hike since February 2023; the decision was unanimous.
- Repo rate: 5.50% (from 5.25%); Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.25%; Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) and Bank Rate: 5.75%.
- Real GDP growth projection for FY 2026–27 raised by 40 bps to 7.1% (Q2: 7.2%, Q3: 6.9%, Q4: 6.8%; Q1 FY 2027–28: 7.1%).
- CPI (Consumer Price Index) inflation projection for FY 2026–27 raised to 5.2% from 5.0% (Q2: 4.9%, Q3: 6.0%, Q4: 5.7%); core inflation 4.4%.
- MPC is a 6-member body constituted under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act, 1934; Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established 1 April 1935, HQ Mumbai.

10. World Bank Raises India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.1% (from 6.6%)

- Released in the World Bank's October 2026 South Asia Economic Update (6 October 2026); FY 2027–28 forecast: 7.2%.

- India grew 7.8% in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27 (National Statistics Office – NSO data).
- Other FY 2026–27 forecasts for India:
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB): 7.0%
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): 7.1%
 - RBI: 7.1%
- World Bank Group: founded 1944; HQ Washington, D.C.; President: Ajay Banga; 189 members; David Vaillant named (8 October 2026) to succeed Anshula Kant as Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer.
- World Bank = IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) + IDA (International Development Association); World Bank Group also includes IFC, MIGA and ICSID.

11. HSBC India Services PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) Rises to 55.2 in September 2026 (from 54.1 in August)

- PMI is compiled by S&P Global; a reading above 50 indicates expansion.

12. Gross GST Collection for September 2026 at ₹2,03,521 Crore, up 14.7% YoY

- April–September FY 2026–27 gross GST: ₹12,46,278 crore (up 11.6%).
- GST was introduced on 1 July 2017.

13. MoSPI Proposes Expanding Index of Services Production (ISP) from 19 to 22 Sub-Sectors

- Coverage of services Gross Value Added (GVA) would rise from about 60% to 78.4%; ISP base year: 2024–25.

14. NSO Releases India's First All-India Household Travel Survey (July 2025–June 2026)

- Released 5 October 2026; covered 4.92 lakh households and about 20.34 lakh persons.
- Two-wheelers are the top mode of commuting to work (42.6% of workers); average commuting spend ₹785 per month per worker.

15. UPI Records 24.07 Billion Transactions Worth ₹29.37 Lakh Crore in September 2026

16. SEBI Introduces Colour-Coded "Credit Risk-o-Meter" for Debt Securities

- Circular dated 7 October 2026; 6 risk levels from "Lowest credit risk" to "High to Very high risk of Default".
- Must be shown in offer documents, advertisements and on Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP) websites; where there are multiple ratings, the lowest rating applies.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI): established 12 April 1988, statutory powers 30 January 1992; HQ Mumbai; Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey.

17. SEBI Raises ISIN Limit for Privately Placed Debt to 17 per Financial Year per Issuer (up to 12 plain-vanilla + 5 structured), effective 7 October 2026.

- ISIN – International Securities Identification Number.

18. SEBI Launches Project Jagrook and "Samajh Se Investing Simple" Campaign during World Investor Week (5–11 October 2026)

- Launched by SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey at Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- Also launched: MUST (Mentoring of University and College Students through Trainers) programme and an official SEBI WhatsApp channel (1800 22 7575).

19. RBI Internal Ombudsman Framework and Grievance Redress

- Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) 2026 (in force from 1 July 2026): customer must give the entity 30 days, then may approach the RBI Ombudsman within 90 days.
- Compensation up to ₹30 lakh for consequential loss and ₹3 lakh for harassment/mental agony.
- Appellate Authority: Executive Director in charge of the Consumer Education and Protection Department (CEPD), RBI.

20. NaBFID(National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) Raises US\$ 750 Million in Debut 10-Year Dollar Bond at 6.122%

21. NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH-Focused Social Bond on NSE, Raises ₹180 Crore

- Issued by NABKISAN Finance Ltd, a subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD); coupon 8.10%, 5-year tenure.

- WASH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; NSE – National Stock Exchange.
- NABARD: established 12 July 1982; HQ Mumbai.

22. RBI Grants Indiabulls Ltd (formerly Yaari Digital Integrated Services Ltd) Registration as a Core Investment Company (CIC)

- CIC norms: asset size of ₹100 crore or more; at least 90% of net assets in group companies, with at least 60% in equity of group companies.

23. India and Switzerland Sign 5 Agreements during Swiss President Guy Parmelin's State Visit

- President Guy Parmelin met PM Narendra Modi on 5 October 2026;
- Switzerland – Capital: Bern; Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF).

24. 2nd India–EFTA Prosperity Summit Held in New Delhi (7 October 2026) Marking One Year of TEPA

- EFTA (European Free Trade Association): founded 1960; members – Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein; HQ Geneva.

25. India and Ghana Sign MoUs during External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar's Visit to Accra

- Ghana – Capital: Accra; Currency: Ghanaian Cedi.

26. Sagarmanthan 2026 – 3rd Edition of "The Great Oceans Dialogue" Opens in New Delhi (7–9 October)

- Theme: "Blue Geographies, New Aspirations: Trade, Technology, and Trust at Sea"

27. 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly Held in Arusha, Tanzania (5–9 October 2026)

- IPU: founded on 30 June 1889 in Paris; HQ Geneva; 183 member parliaments and 15 associate members.

28. Rajnath Singh Launches 'Surya', India's First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), at Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), Visakhapatnam (6 October 2026)

29. 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) Held off Paradip, Odisha (7–8 October 2026)

30. India–UAE Joint Military Exercise "Mountain Guardian 2026" Held at Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia, Uttarakhand (5–18 October 2026)

31. Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel

- Awarded "for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics"; announced 5 October 2026 by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm.
- Deisseroth (USA, Stanford University); Hegemann (Germany, Humboldt University of Berlin); Nagel (Germany, University of Würzburg).
- Prize money: 12 million Swedish kronor (SEK), shared equally.

32. Nobel Prize in Physics 2026: Francis Halzen (Belgian-American, University of Wisconsin–Madison)

- Announced 6 October 2026 by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences "for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin".

33. Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026: Henri B. Kagan (France) and Kenso Soai (Japan)

- Announced 7 October 2026 by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences "for their discovery of non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis".
- Soai is from Tokyo University of Science.

34. Prof. Mahesh Kakde (IISc Bengaluru) Wins Ramanujan Prize 2026 for Young Mathematicians

- Awarded for his work in algebraic number theory; prize of US\$ 10,000.
- He is the 5th Indian winner (earlier: Sujatha Ramdorai, Amalendu Krishna, Ritabrata Munshi, Neena Gupta).

35. India at International Science Olympiads 2026

- 19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), Hanoi, Vietnam (25 September – 5 October 2026; 307 students from 64 countries): India won 4 gold and 1 silver, placing 3rd behind Iran and South Korea.

- Gold: Pranjal Dixit, Sumant Gupta, Akshat Srivastava, Arnav Sehrawat; Silver: Harshil Amitkumar Patel.

36. Joheirry Mola of the Dominican Republic Wins 73rd Miss World (5 September 2026, Nha Trang, Vietnam)

- 111 contestants; she succeeded Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand).

37. World Cotton Day – 7 October

- Theme 2026: “Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership”; global celebration at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

38. World Cerebral Palsy Day – 6 October (Theme 2026: “Unique and United”); observed since 2012.

39. World Habitat Day – 5 October (first Monday of October)

- Theme 2026: “Adequate Housing for All”; global observance in Muscat, Oman.

40. World Teachers’ Day – 5 October

41. World Space Week – 4–10 October (Theme 2026: “Rocket Revolution”)

42. 72nd National Wildlife Week – 2–8 October (Theme 2026: “Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife”)

43. National Postal Week (9–15 October) and World Post Day (9 October)

- World Post Day 2026 theme: “One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities”.
- Universal Postal Union (UPU): founded 9 October 1874; HQ Bern, Switzerland.

44. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff

- Will take over on 31 October 2026, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who retires that day.
- Indian Air Force Day: 8 October; Chief of the Army Staff: General Dhiraj Seth; Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Krishna Swaminathan; Chief of Defence Staff: General N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd CDS).

45. Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges (6 October 2026)

- Justice Sunita Agarwal (Chief Justice, Gujarat HC), Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya (Chief Justice, Delhi HC) and Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh (Chief Justice, Telangana HC); oath administered by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant.
- Appointed under Article 124(2); Supreme Court working strength now 37 against a sanctioned strength of 38; retirement age 65.

46. RBI Approves Anup Bagchi as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank for 3 Years from 27 October 2026

- Succeeds Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose term ends 26 October 2026.
- HDFC Bank: HQ Mumbai.

47. Ashis Kumar Becomes MD & CEO of LIC Mutual Fund (26 September 2026); earlier its Chief Operating Officer.

48. Elon Musk Renames SpaceXAI as SpaceXSI (“Super Intelligence”) (4 October 2026).

49. Obituaries

- Eva Marie Saint (102), Hollywood actress, Oscar winner for “On the Waterfront” (1954), passed away in Los Angeles on 6 October 2026.
- Roshan Kumari, Kathak dancer of the Jaipur gharana and Padma Shri (1984) awardee, passed away in Mumbai on 5 October 2026.
- Lord Jeffrey Archer (86), British author and politician (“Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less”), passed away at home on 5 October 2026.
- Singeetam Srinivasa Rao (94), veteran Indian film director, passed away at Kauvery Hospital, Chennai on 3 October 2026.
- M. Ghaziul Haque (92), Chairman of MGH Group (HQ Singapore) and a founding director of Eastern Bank PLC (EBL), Bangladesh, passed away at Evercare Hospital, Dhaka on 5 October 2026; he was EBL’s chairman for two terms (2000–06 and 2013–18).

50. Asian Games 2026 (20th edition, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan): India Finishes 4th with 85 Medals

- India’s tally: 21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze; top 3: China, Japan, South Korea.
- Closing ceremony held on 4 October 2026; shooter Neeru Dhanda was India’s flag-bearer.

- Previous edition: Hangzhou 2022 – India won 107 medals (28 gold); next edition: Doha, Qatar (2030) – the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) handed over the flag; motto “The Games We Live For”.
- OCA: founded 1982; HQ Kuwait City.

51. Vithya Ramraj Breaks P.T. Usha's 42-Year-Old National Record in Women's 400m Hurdles

- Won bronze in 54.75 s on 28 September 2026, breaking P.T. Usha's record of 55.42 s (1984 Los Angeles Olympics).

52. Pranavi Urs Becomes First Indian Woman to Win Individual Golf Gold at the Asian Games

- 3rd Indian individual golf champion after Lakshman Singh (1982) and Shiv Kapur (2002).

53. Aman Sehrawat Wins Men's 57 kg Freestyle Wrestling Gold – First Indian to Win This Event at the Asian Games

- Beat North Korea's world champion Han Chong-song.

54. IOA Announces First Annual Awards

- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha announced two new annual awards:
 - Jaspal Rana Award (Best Female Athlete): Kumkum Anil Mohod (17, archery) – 2 gold (women's recurve individual and team) and 1 silver (mixed team); her individual gold earned India a quota for LA 2028.
 - Raja Randhir Singh Award (Best Male Athlete): Sujeet Kalkal (23) – 65 kg freestyle wrestling gold.

55. Shooter Rajeshwari Kumari Named to Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Athletes Commission (5 October 2026)

- 2nd Indian after Shiva Keshavan (Vice-Chairman).

56. Smriti Mandhana Named India Women's Cricket Captain after Harmanpreet Kaur Steps Down

57. Rest of India Win Irani Cup for the 31st Time

- Rest of India (captain Rishabh Pant) beat Ranji Trophy champions Jammu & Kashmir by 167 runs at Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium, Srinagar.

58. India Finishes 4th of 82 Nations at Pickleball World Cup 2026, Da Nang (Vietnam), with 41 Medals (7 gold, 17 silver, 17 bronze), up from 7th last time.

59. Novak Djokovic Wins Record 7th China Open Title (Beijing)

- Beat Alex de Minaur (Australia), who retired in the second set; Djokovic's 102nd career title.

60. Carlos Alcaraz Retains Japan Open Title (Tokyo), Beating Jiri Lehecka 7-6(4), 6-4

- His 27th career title and 3rd of 2026; first man to win back-to-back Japan Open titles since Pete Sampras (1993–94).