

1. India's Forex Reserves Fall US\$ 12.952 Billion to US\$ 734.61 Billion (Week Ended 2 October 2026)

2. UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2026 Projects India's Growth at 7.3% in 2026

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD): established 1964; HQ Geneva.

3. RBI Raises Daily Minimum CRR Maintenance Requirement from 90% to 99%

- The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) rate remains unchanged at 3% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL).
- The 99% daily requirement was last used in July 2013; it was cut to 95% (September 2013) and 90% (April 2016).

4. RBI Cancels Certificates of Registration (CoR) of 13 NBFCs

- Cancelled under Section 45-IA(6) of the RBI Act, 1934; 11 of the 13 are in West Bengal and 2 in Chennai.
- NBFC – Non-Banking Financial Company.

5. RBI Announces ₹25,000 Crore Open Market Operation (OMO) Sale of Government Securities

- Auction on 13 October 2026 on the E-Kuber platform, to absorb surplus liquidity.
- On 8 October 2026, net liquidity absorbed by RBI stood at ₹3,88,015.90 crore.

6. RBI Weekly Statistical Supplement: Bank Credit up 19.4%, Deposits up 17.8% YoY (as of 30 September 2026)

- Scheduled commercial bank deposits: ₹2,83,95,693 crore; bank credit: ₹2,29,94,658 crore.
- Broad money (M3): ₹3,37,66,475 crore, up 16.9% YoY.

7. NPCI MD & CEO Dilip Asbe Named to SWIFT's New Supervisory Board

- Appointed as an independent director on the new 15-member board (announced 8 October 2026, Brussels).
- Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT): HQ La Hulpe, Belgium; CEO: Javier Pérez-Tasso; board Chair: Graeme Munro.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI): set up 2008; HQ Mumbai.

8. Federal Bank Launches "Verto" Premium Savings Account for Young Professionals

- Offers 5% cashback on debit card spends on food, fashion and flights, and free insurance cover of up to ₹35 lakh.
- Federal Bank: incorporated 1931; HQ Aluva, Kerala; MD & CEO: KVS Manian.

9. EAM S. Jaishankar Visits Ethiopia – Final Leg of Three-Nation Africa Tour (Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia)

- India is Africa's 4th-largest trading partner, with trade nearing US\$ 100 billion; over 220 Indian-supported projects worth about US\$ 4.5 billion completed in Africa.
- Ethiopia – Capital: Addis Ababa (also HQ of the African Union); Currency: Birr.

10. ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training Facility, Bengaluru

11. Nobel Peace Prize 2026 Awarded to Navi Pillay (South Africa)

- Announced on 9 October 2026 in Oslo by the Norwegian Nobel Committee (Chair: Jørgen Watne Frydnes), honouring her lifelong work for international law and human rights.
- Navanethem "Navi" Pillay, 85, born in Durban in 1941 into a family of Indian Tamil origin; defended anti-apartheid activists including Nelson Mandela.
- First non-white woman judge on South Africa's High Court (1995); judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Criminal Court (ICC); UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008–2014).
- Prize money: 12 million Swedish kronor; award ceremony on 10 December 2026 in Oslo, Norway.

12. Indian Pilot Captain Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism

- Announced by Israeli President Isaac Herzog on 8 October 2026; Machchhar, captain of flydubai flight FZ1073 (Dubai–Tel Aviv), overpowered a co-pilot who stabbed him on 30 September 2026.

13. Satya Nadella and Michael Dell Receive US National Medal of Technology and Innovation

14. Important Days and Themes

- World Post Day – 9 October; theme: “One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities”; marks the founding of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern; India observes National Postal Week from 9–15 October.
- World Egg Day – 9 October 2026 (second Friday of October); theme: “Protein that Powers and Protects”; organised by the World Egg Organisation; observed since 1996.
- World Mental Health Day – 10 October; theme: “Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change” (World Federation for Mental Health – WFMH).
- World Migratory Bird Day – 10 October; theme: “Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!”.
- World Homeless Day – 10 October; first observed in 2010.
- International Day of the Girl Child – 11 October; theme: “End child marriage and invest in girls’ rights”.

15. South Africa’s Pieter Coetze set a world record of 22.09 s in men’s 50 m backstroke (short course) at the World Aquatics World Cup in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, breaking Kliment Kolesnikov’s 22.11 s (2022).

16. 5th Asian Para Games 2026

- To be held from October 18–24, 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; mascot UZUMIN (water concept); slogan "Imagine One Heart".
- Indian flag bearers: Pramod Bhagat (para-badminton) and Bhavina Patel (para table tennis).

17. NITI Aayog Delta Ranking: Gadchiroli Tops

- Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) ranked 1st among aspirational districts in NITI Aayog's Delta ranking for April–June 2026 (reported October 7, 2026); also 1st in agriculture.
- Baramulla (J&K) ranked 2nd.

18. The 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) was held on October 7–8, 2026 off Paradip, Odisha by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

19. Mumbai to Host 4th World Hindu Congress

- Theme: "Samanam Vratam Saha Chittam" (Shared Commitment, Collective Resolve).

20. National Postal Week (India): October 9–15

21. Breast Cancer Awareness Month: October 1–31; theme "Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters".