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Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

(National)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
Kissh has announced the launch of its brand campaign featuring cricket legend, who has signed on as brand ambassador	Sachin Tendulkar (Updated 1 September)
Elected President of the Esports Games Federation (ESGF)	Ashish Shelar (Updated 3 September)
The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), the apex national body of automobile retail in India has announced the appointment as FADA's 38th President and for the years 2026-28	Mr. Sai Giridhar (Updated 3 September)
Hexaware Technologies has appointed as Chief Executive Officer	Vivek Jetley (Updated 4 September)
Becomes 1st Non-Medical Woman Two-Star in the Indian Defence Forces	Shakti Sharma (Updated 4 September)
The Telecom operator onboarded for its new brand identity campaign	Shah Rukh Khan (Updated 4 September)
Assumed the appointment of Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (Armed Forces)	Surgeon Vice Admiral Dilip Raghavan (Updated 6 September)
Appointed as Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Dinesh Sharma (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Patna High Court	Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao (Updated 9 September)

Appointed as Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court	Justice Ravindra V. Ghuge: (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court	Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court	Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court	Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court	Justice Krishna Ram Mohapatra (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court	Justice Alpesh Yeshwant Kogje (Updated 9 September)
Appointed as Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court	Justice Dr. Pushpendra Singh Bhati (Updated 9 September)
Asian Paints names as next chairman	Leo Puri (Updated 10 September)
Re-elected unopposed as the Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) About the APPU Headquartered in Bangkok, the APPU serves as a Regional Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which is the specialized agency of the United Nations for the postal sector.	Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh (Updated 11 September)
Taken charge as Inspector General of the Central Reserve Police Force's elite CoBRA unit, becoming the first woman officer to head the specialised jungle-warfare force	Sanjukta Parasor (Updated 18 September)

Reappointed as the Executive Chairman of Tata Sons for a fresh five-year term	N. Chandrasekaran (Updated 19 September)
The Indian Super League announced as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Karan Yadav (Updated 22 September)
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board (IBBI) of India's Whole Time Member has taken additional charge as its chairperson	Jayanti Prasad (Updated 23 September)
Re-elected as the President of the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA)	Rajat Sharma (Updated 24 September)
Senior bureaucrat was appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	Mandeep K Bhandari (Updated 29 September)

(International)

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Taken over as the chief executive officer of Apple, succeeding Tim Cook	John Ternus (Updated 2 September)
Take over as the World Bank Group's chief economist	Michael Kremer (Updated 19 September)

Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

(National)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
The 72nd National Film Awards	Best Feature Film: Article 370 (Hindi)	-
APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026	National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)	The award recognises the NCSC's work to protect

	Chairman Shri Kishor Makwana	the rights and interests of Scheduled Caste communities and to promote justice, dignity, equality and social empowerment.
The Kalinga Ratna Award by Sarala Sahitya Sansad	Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Dipak Misra	Dipak Misra a state-level civilian honor given annually to recognize iconic figures from Odisha for lifetime achievements in fields like jurisprudence, public service, and literature.
62nd Maharashtra Film Awards The Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award	Salim Khan	-
Sansad Ratna Awards 2026	Jagdambika Pal	These awards recognize excellence based on performance metrics like attendance, debates, questions raised, and committee contributions.
The first prize under the Rajbhasha Kirti Awards for 2025-26 in the category of ministries and departments with fewer than 300 personnel	The Department of Financial Services (DFS)	The award recognises the department's outstanding implementation, effective use and innovative achievements in Official Language Hindi during the year 2025-26.
The Padmabhushan Guru Dr Saroja Vaidyanathan Excellence Award 2026	Renowned Bharatanatyam dancer, choreographer and researcher Dr Vasundhara Doraswamy	For more than five decades of work in Bharatanatyam. Her work covers performance,

		choreography, teaching and research.
Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024	Veteran Kannada actor Anant Nag	For his remarkable five-decade contribution to Indian cinema.
National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026	Music composer Shantanu Moitra	For music direction at a ceremony in Indore on September 28, Lata Mangeshkar's birth anniversary

(International)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026	Tommy Koh (Singapore)	Tommy Koh (Singapore): Recognized for his remarkable six-decade career in shaping international agreements , public diplomacy, and international law
The 36th annual Ig Nobel Prize Chemistry Prize	An international team including Indian researchers from InStem Bengaluru	For discovering that protein crystals in Pacific beetle cockroach milk contain over three times the energy of cow's milk
'Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026' Category I	Avenue Plantations: Chilakaluripet Bypass (NH-16, Vijayawada) – 1st	-
Miss World 2026	Joheirry Mola Dominguez of the Dominican Republic	
Borlaug CAST Communication Award	Indian-American agricultural scientist Karim Maredia	In honour of Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug , who pioneered the Green Revolution.

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026	Six outstanding literacy programmes from Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria and Thailand	For their exceptional contributions to advancing literacy across the globe.
The 78th Primetime Emmy Awards Outstanding Drama Series	The Pitt (HBO Max)	-
The Arthur M. Bueche Award by the US National Academy of Engineering (NAE)	Indian American engineer and technology policy expert Sethuraman Panchanathan	The first Indian American to receive the honour in its more than 40-year history.
The prestigious Platform Prize at the 2026 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)	The film Angh (2026) directed by Theja Rio	Angh (2026) marks a major milestone as the first major international breakthrough and Oscar pathway entry for Naga cinema from Northeast India.
A United Nations award FAO award	Z T Lalrithangi, popularly known as Pi Mari-i	For her contribution to agriculture and rural development, after turning strawberry cultivation into a profitable livelihood.
American Geophysical Union 2026	Indian scientists Roxy Mathew Koll and Neelima Satyam	For excellence and leadership in research, education, and innovation in advanced earth and space sciences.
2026 The Earthshot Prize	Bhutan	Bhutan is one of three finalists in the Protect & Restore Nature category

Awards 2026: Complete winners list

Mizo footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026

- **India midfielder and Mohun Bagan player Lallianzuala Chhangte** was named **Indian Player of the Year** at the Football Players' Association of India's Indian Football Awards 2026, while **Manisha Kalyan** took home the **Indian Women's Player of the Year** honour.
- The awards celebrated standout performers across the men's and women's game, with East Bengal also earning recognition for a successful 2025-26 campaign.

Awardees

- **Indian Player of the Year:** Lallianzuala Chhangte
- **Indian Women's Player of the Year:** Manisha Kalyan
- **Young Player of the Year:** Sanan Mohammed K
- **Women's Young Player of the Year:** Sanfida Nongrum
- **Foreign Player of the Year:** Miguel Figueira Damasceno
- **I-League Player of the Year:** Phrangki Buam
- **Coach of the Year:** Owen Coyle
- **Women's Coach of the Year:** Anthony Andrews
- **Coach Education Award:** Savio Medeira
- **Player Performance & Development Award:** Rapid Sports & The Right Weigh
- **ISL Champions 2025-26:** East Bengal FC
- **IWL Champions 2025-26:** East Bengal FC Women

68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation announced the winners of the **Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026**, honouring **three Asian personalities** for their outstanding contributions to society.
- The awardees include **Tommy Koh (Singapore)**, **Runa Khan (Bangladesh)** and **Bo Kyi (Myanmar)**.
- **Tommy Koh (Singapore):** Recognized for his remarkable six-decade career in shaping international agreements, public diplomacy, and international law.
- **Runa Khan (Bangladesh):** Honored for her vision and tenacity in leading the organization Friendship, helping marginalized and impoverished coastal communities.
- **Bo Kyi (Myanmar):** Celebrated for his lifelong defense of human rights, justice, and accountability against oppression
- **Theme 2026:** "A World for All".

Ig Nobel Prize 2026 Honours Unusual Research That Makes Think

- The 36th annual Ig Nobel Prize ceremony on September 3, 2026, honored quirky and imaginative scientific achievements that **first make people laugh and then make them think**.

Notable 2026 Winners

- **Chemistry Prize:** Awarded to an international team including Indian researchers from InStem Bengaluru for discovering that protein crystals in Pacific beetle cockroach milk contain over three times the energy of cow's milk.
- **Medicine Prize:** Awarded posthumously to Dr. Tokuji Unno for a 1977 aerodynamic study on how humans blow their noses.
- **Biology Prize:** Went to researchers who gently stepped on venomous pit vipers wearing boots to see what triggers a bite.
- **Economics Prize:** Honored a study revealing that upper-class individuals are more prone to taking candy meant for children.
- **Soil Science Prize:** Awarded for the "Underwear as Evidence" project using buried cotton underpants to measure soil health.
- **Other Honors:** Included research on the evolutionary history of kissing, which you can read more about in this report from Nature.

NHAI Announces Winners of 'Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026'

- In September 2026, the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** announced the winners of the 'Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026', instituted to recognise and promote best practices in National Highway (NH) landscaping and plantation management.
- **Category I:** Avenue Plantations: Chilakaluripet Bypass (NH-16, Vijayawada) – 1st, Vadodara–Kim Expressway (Gandhinagar) – 2nd, NH-925/925A sections (Jaipur) – 3rd, and Trichy–Karaikudi maintenance project (Madurai) – Consolation.
- **Category II:** Median Plantations: Hyderabad–Yadgiri (NH-163, Hyderabad) – 1st, Vadodara–Kim Expressway (Gandhinagar) – 2nd, Varanasi Ring Road (NH-31, UP East) – 3rd.
- **Category III:** Plantation in Land Parcels: Jamtha Clover Leaf, NH-44 (Nagpur) – 1st, ToT Bundle-7 land parcels, Duhai (Delhi) – 2nd, Lucknow–Ayodhya & Outer Ring Road (UP West) – 3rd.

72nd national film awards 2026

- **President Droupadi Murmu will present the 72nd National Film Awards** on 22nd September at **Ekta Nagar in Gujarat**. In a major policy initiative, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has decided to hold National Film Awards in various parts of the country taking it beyond the National Capital.
- The ceremony at Ekta Nagar this year will bring together cinematic talent from across India, embody the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

Winners List

- **Best Feature Film:** *Article 370* (Hindi)
- **Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment:** *Kalki 2898 AD* (Telugu)
- **Best Actor (Joint):** Mammooty for *Bramayugam* (Malayalam) and Kartik Aaryan for *Chandu Champion* (Hindi)

- **Best Actress:** Yami Gautam for *Article 370* (Hindi)
- **Best Direction:** Rajkumar Periasamy for *Amaran* (Tamil)
- **Best Debut Director:** Randeep Hooda for *Swatantrya Veer Savarkar* (Hindi)
- **Best Direction:** Rajkumar Periasamy for *Amaran*.
- **Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social and Environmental Values:** Captain Miller.
- **Best Children's Film:** 35 – Chinna Katha Kaadu.
- **Best Non-Feature Film:** Bhangaar.
- **Best Documentary:** Ram-Nami.
- **Best Film Critic:** Sanjeev Shrivastava (Hindi).
- **Best Book on Cinema:** *Naaniruvude Nimagaagi Naadiruvude Nanagaagi: Kannada Cinemada Thathva matthu Rajakeeya* by **Kenchanuru Pradeep Kumar Shetty**.

Regional and Special Winners

- **Best Hindi Film:** *Srikanth*
- **Best Tamil Film:** *Rayan*
- **Best Malayalam Film:** *Feminist Fathima* (or *Fathima*)
- **Best Kannada Film:** *Mithya*
- **Best Marathi Film:** *Mukkam Post Bombilwaadi*
- **Best Non-Feature Film:** *Bhangaar*

Sansad Ratna Awards 2026

- The **16th Sansad Ratna Awards 2026** ceremony was held on September 9, 2026, at the **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi**, honoring **12 outstanding Members of Parliament** and **4 Parliamentary Standing Committees**.
- **Individual MPs (12 Total):** Includes prominent leaders such as Jagdambika Pal, P.P. Chaudhary, Nishikant Dubey, Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde, Medha Kulkarni, and Smita Uday Wagh. Maharashtra secured a strong representation with 5 awards.

Parliamentary Committees (4 Total):

- **Agriculture:** Chaired by Dr. Charanjit Singh Channi
- **Finance:** Chaired by Bhartruhari Mahtab
- **Rural Development and Panchayati Raj:** Chaired by Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka
- **Coal and Mines:** Chaired by Anurag Thakur

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026 reward six impactful initiatives

- **Six outstanding literacy programmes from Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria and Thailand** have **been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes** for their **exceptional contributions to advancing literacy across the globe**.

- These awards were presented during the International Literacy Day global celebration, organised by UNESCO in collaboration with the government of Mexico on September 8 and 9 in the State of Chiapas, Mexico.

62nd Maharashtra Film Awards

- **The 62nd Maharashtra State Film Awards celebrated the best of Marathi cinema from 2024**, with the awards recognising films, actors, directors, singers, writers and technicians across several categories. The awards were presented on September 9, 2026, at **Ravindra Natya Mandir in Prabhadevi, Mumbai**.
- Salim Khan was honoured with the Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award, while Rani Mukerji received the Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award. Composer Hridaynath Mangeshkar received V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award while Prasad Oak was honoured with V. Shantaram Special Contribution Award

Winners list

Special Awards

The Maharashtra State Film Awards also honoured several prominent names from the Hindi and Marathi film industries with special awards:

- Salim Khan — Raj Kapoor Award
- Rani Mukerji — Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award
- Hridaynath Mangeshkar — V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award
- Prasad Oak — V. Shantaram Special Contribution Award

78th Primetime Emmy Awards 2026 Winners

- The **78th Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by television icon Mariska Hargitay**, took place on September 14, 2026, at the **Peacock Theater in Los Angeles**.
- The night was defined by historic, record-breaking sweeps, particularly by the freshman horror-comedy *Widow's Bay* and the medical drama *The Pitt*.

List of Winners

- **Outstanding Comedy Series:** *Widow's Bay* (Apple TV+)
- **Outstanding Drama Series:** *The Pitt* (HBO Max)
- **Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series:** *DTF St. Louis* (HBO)
- **Lead Actor, Comedy:** Matthew Rhys (*Widow's Bay*)
- **Lead Actress in a Comedy Series:** Jean Smart (*Hacks*)
- **Lead Actor in a Drama Series:** Noah Wyle (*The Pitt*)
- **Lead Actress in a Drama Series:** Rhea Seehorn (*Pluribus*)
- **Lead Actor in a Limited/Anthology Series or Movie:** Matthew Rhys (*The Beast in Me*) (making him the first actor to win two lead acting Emmys in the same season)
- **Lead Actress in a Limited/Anthology Series or Movie:** Sally Field (*Remarkably Bright Creatures*)
- **Supporting Actor Comedy:** Stephen Root (*Widow's Bay*)
- **Supporting Actress Comedy:** Kate O'Flynn (*Widow's Bay*)
- **Supporting Actor Drama:** Tom Pelphrey (*Task*)
- **Supporting Actress Drama:** Allison Janney (*The Diplomat*)

Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

SCHEME	PURPOSE
Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana 2026 (Madhya Pradesh)	Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to launch the Swamitva Adhikar Abhilekh Nispadan Evam Panjiyan Yojana-2026 for free rural property registration.
DURGA scheme (Delhi)	Aimed at providing safe, clean and dignified employment opportunities to women and transgender persons in the capital. This decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta in New Delhi .

Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The 4th Indo-German Environmental Forum	New Delhi	Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhopender Yadav , along with German Minister for Environment, Climate Protection, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Carsten Schneider , will co-chair the forum.
The 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Theme: " 25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity ".
The valedictory session of the Departmental Summit of the Ministry of Jal Shakti	New Delhi	The summit is focused on strengthening the spirit of ' Team India ', promoting cooperative federalism and improving coordination between the Centre and states on key water-sector priorities .

The 18th Meeting of Heads of IP Offices of BRICS Countries	New Delhi	The theme for India's BRICS chairship is ' Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability '.
The three-day BRICS Chief Justices' Forum 2026	New Delhi	Aims: Discuss contemporary issues concerning justice delivery, international dispute resolution, technology and sustainable development , while facilitating an exchange of views among judicial leaders.
iBRICS Summit 2026	New Delhi	Matching global allocators and project owners from 21 BRICS member states and partner nations.
The 55th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders' Meeting	Koror, Palau	India's cooperation with the Pacific Island countries focuses on key areas such as climate resilience, healthcare, education, digital technology and disaster management Theme- " Building Economies: Life. Action. Unity ".
The 62nd APNIC Conference (APNIC 62)	Mumbai	Hosted by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) with the support of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Government of Maharashtra , APNIC 62 is organized by the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) , the region's not-for-profit Internet number registry.
The 27th World Knowledge Forum	Seoul	Theme- " The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order "
The three-day Global Dryland Congress 2026	New Delhi	Theme- " Transforming Dryland Agriculture with South-South Cooperation. " Panel discussions are being held on various themes, including " Breeding for Tomorrow: Accelerating Genetic Gains " and " Climate-Resilient Dryland Landscapes. "
The 18th BRICS Summit	New Delhi	Theme: " Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability "
The World Circular Economy Forum 2026	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Theme- " Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity "

The Inaugural International Space Summit 2026	Paris, France	Participants announced nearly 50 new partnerships and joint agreements on the first day alone, estimated to be worth around €20 billion . Discussions centered heavily on European space autonomy (such as the IRIS² satellite program) , space sustainability , defense , and the global space economy .
The 10th World Circular Economy Forum 2026 (WCEF 2026)	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Theme: " Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity "
The 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)	New York	The 81st session Theme: " Restoring trust, managing transformation: A United Nations that delivers for all. "

Chapter 5: Partnership/ Agreement

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL) has entered into a commercial agreement with Uzbekistan's National Interbank Processing Centre JSC (NIPC)	To enable Indian travellers to make merchant payments across Uzbekistan using UPI-enabled applications
IIT Madras, UNESCO MGIEP join hands	To produce next-generation Artificial Intelligence (AI) and immersive learning technologies .
SBI partners with Bisleri	Initiative Framework: The collaboration operates under Bisleri's flagship sustainability program, Bottles for Change , which targets source segregation, collection, and recycling .
NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) partnered with Singapore-based FOMO Pay	To enable UPI QR acceptance for merchants in Singapore

Chapter 6: Ranking Index

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
The million-plus population category in the 2026 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan'	2026 City Rankings	-	Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh
The QS Global MBA Rankings 2027	-	IIM Bangalore 64th	United States MIT Sloan School of Management
The Global Gender Gap Index 2026	The World Economic Forum (WEF)	131st rank	Iceland (1st, 93.0% gender gap closed)
India Electric Mobility Index 2025	NITI Aayog	-	Delhi (Score- 84)
The Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026	World Economic Forum & Zurich Insurance Group	31st	Japan
M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026	-	-	Gautam Adani & family (₹9.23 lakh crore)
The Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026 (Among 1,000 cities)	-	Delhi 268th	New York (United States)
OAG global airport connectivity ranking	OAG Megahubs 2026 report	Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI Airport) 28th Delhi	Istanbul

Lucknow Tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 City Rankings

- **Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, topped the million-plus population category in the 2026 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan'** for its efforts to **improve air quality**. The city's measures included adding electric vehicles to its waste collection fleet, deploying mechanised sweepers to control road dust, and managing legacy waste.

- **Indore, India's cleanest city**, secured the **second spot**, while **Jabalpur** finished **third** in the million-plus cities category. Meanwhile, **Chennai, Jamshedpur, Kota, Kolkata, and Madurai** ranked in the **bottom five** in this category, while **Delhi and Mumbai** ranked **30th and 37th**, respectively.
- **Rourkela** topped the **3-10 lakh population category**, while **Kalinga Nagar** led cities with populations below 3 lakh.

M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026: Gautam Adani Topped Overall

- **Gautam Adani and family** reclaimed the **top spot** on the **M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026** with a total **wealth of ₹9.23 lakh crore**.

Highlights of the 2026 List

- **Top Overall:** Gautam Adani & family (₹9.23 lakh crore), overtaking Mukesh Ambani & family at ₹8.63 lakh crore.
- **Entertainers & Cricketers:** Shah Rukh Khan and family lead this segment with ₹10,000 crore, followed by Amitabh Bachchan at ₹4,000 crore.
- **Richest Woman:** Roshni Nadar Malhotra & family rank fifth overall with ₹2.78 lakh crore, making them India's wealthiest woman.
- **Overall Scale:** The 15th edition features 1,810 individuals with a combined wealth of ₹187.5 lakh crore and a record 391 dollar billionaires.
- **City Hubs:** Mumbai leads with 465 entries, followed by New Delhi (236) and Bengaluru (129).

Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions

Merger Company	About
Nvidia is moving to acquire artificial intelligence software platform Hugging Face in a deal valued at roughly \$13 billion	The acquisition comes as Nvidia looks beyond the processors that have powered much of the AI boom and builds deeper ties with the developers, researchers and companies creating and deploying AI models.

Chapter 8: Loan

Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
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'Delhi PM Surya Ghar' portal	Launched under the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' by Chief minister Rekha Gupta	The government will provide a combined Centre and Delhi subsidy of up to ₹1.56 lakh for systems up to 3 kW.
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Chapter 10: Important MoU

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding for sharing of Sone River water	Bihar and Jharkhand
A two-day international workshop on September 2, 2026, on "Tiger Landscapes: Conservation, Bioeconomy and Ecotourism" with an MoU signed for landscape conservation and nature-positive financing	The event was jointly organised by the International Big Cat Alliance, Asian Development Bank, and NTCA
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote a dedicated food processing park in Bihar and attract investment from the UAE and wider Gulf region	The Bihar Industries Department with the AIM Global Foundation
Signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) to take forward their proposed 51:49 joint venture for Volkswagen's passenger vehicle operations in India	JSW Group and Volkswagen Group
Signed an MoU to explore 14 new projects involving an estimated investment of Rs. 2,10,500 crore (\$2.105 Trillion). The projects have the potential to create around 8,68,200 jobs	The Odisha government, UAE-based International Holding Company (IHC) and the Adani Group
Signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen its capabilities in cyber security and drone and anti-drone technology for the protection of critical and strategic infrastructure	The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) with the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur)
Sign two MoUs to review and further strengthen India-Netherlands cooperation in the water sector with particular focus on advancing	India and Netherlands

technical cooperation for the Kalpasar Project in Gujarat	
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Chapter 11: GDP Forecasting

India's GDP grows better than expected at 7.8% in April-June

- **India's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 7.8% in the first quarter of the current financial year**, driven by robust expansion in services and manufacturing sector, despite disruptions caused in the global economy due to the West Asia conflict.
- India's economy had grown **6.9 per cent in the June quarter of last financial year**.

Moody's raises India FY27 growth forecast to 7% from 6%

- India's economy has proved more resilient to the shock from the Middle East conflict than **Moody's Ratings had expected**, prompting the ratings agency to sharply raise its **forecast for real GDP growth in 2026-27 to 7% from 6% previously**.
- The upgrade, announced in Moody's periodic review of India on 18 September, was driven by stronger private consumption, robust gross fixed capital formation, continued public infrastructure spending, signs of a revival in private investment and sustained strength in services.

S&P Global Ratings upgrades India's FY27 growth forecast to 7% from 6.6%

- **S&P Global Ratings has raised India's economic growth forecast for FY27 to 7 percent from 6.6 percent earlier**, citing stronger-than-expected industrial activity, consumption, exports and government investment in the June quarter.
- S&P expects India's growth to remain strong beyond the current fiscal as well, **forecasting GDP expansion of 7.2 percent in FY28 and 7 percent in FY29**. Its latest estimate for FY27 is 0.4 percentage point higher than its previous forecast, while forecasts for the following two years remain unchanged.

India leads global growth outlook; FY27 forecast at 6.7%: WEF survey

- **India retains the strongest growth outlook among the world economies** covered in the latest **chief economists' survey**, with the country's fiscal year **2026-27 growth forecast raised to 6.7 per cent**, according to the latest **World Economic Forum's Chief Economists' Outlook**.
- The report links the upgrade to continued resilience in domestic demand, while noting that higher energy prices remain a drag on the outlook.

Fitch Raises India's FY27 GDP Forecast From 6.4% To 6.9%

- **Global ratings agency Fitch has upgraded India's gross domestic product growth projection for the current financial year ending March 2027 to 6.9%, up from its previous estimate of 6.4%**. This revision reflects the Indian economy's stronger-than-expected performance in the June quarter and robust domestic resilience.
- India's real GDP grew **by 7.8% year-on-year in the first quarter of FY27**, showing strong economic momentum.

ADB raises India FY27 growth forecast to 7% from 6.6%

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** on September 23 raised **India's growth forecast for FY27 to 7 percent from 6.6 percent projected earlier**, citing stronger-than-expected investment demand and resilience in services exports.
- The multilateral lender, however, lowered its **growth projection for FY28 to 7.1 percent from 7.3 percent earlier**.

OECD Raises India's FY 2026-27 Growth Forecast to 7.1% Despite Energy Shock

- **OECD** on 24 September raised its **forecast for India's FY27 economic growth by 80 basis points to 7.1%, from 6.3%** projected in June.
- In its September Interim Economic Outlook, the OECD said India's growth is expected to **moderate from 7.8% in FY26 to 7.1% in FY27 and further to 6.5% in FY28**.

Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

Tamil Nadu government notifies three elephant corridors in Hosur forest division covering 10,300 hectares

- The **Tamil Nadu government** has notified **three elephant corridors in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in Hosur forest division**, which will strengthen habitat connectivity and ensure the safe movement of elephants **between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**.

The three recognised elephant corridors are:

- **Jawalagiri-Panai-Anchetty** is the largest corridor, covering 6,881.47 hectares across 20.90 km.
- **Jawalagiri-Ulibanda-Thaggatti** covers 3,241.53 hectares across 18.50 km.
- **Billikkal-Jawalagiri** is the smallest corridor, extending 2.20 km and covering nearly 196 hectares.

Ladakh To Get J&K High Court Bench After President Murmu's Approval

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has issued a **regulation** that establishes a bench of the **High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the Union Territory of Ladakh**, paving the way for bringing higher judicial services closer to the people of the region.
- **The regulation, titled 'The Union Territory of Ladakh (Sitting of the Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026,' was promulgated by President Murmu on August 27** and published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary on the same day.

Bihar Launches 'Bihar Vidya Saathi' for 24-Hour Online Learning Support

- The **Bihar Government** has launched **'Bihar Vidya Saathi'**, a 24-hour one-on-one interactive learning platform for students of **Classes 9 to 12**, providing access to teachers, digital study materials and AI-powered learning tools.
- The platform was launched by Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary through video conferencing for **700 Saraswati Vidya Niketan Model Schools across the state**.

Around **75,000 teachers will provide one-on-one academic support** to students round the clock. Students can choose teachers according to their learning requirements.

HP Announces First Ozone-Based Drinking Water Project in Dehra

- **Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** announced the **State's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project in Dehra, Kangra district**, to provide clean and safe drinking water to residents.
- The project has been allocated ₹46 crore and is planned to be implemented in other parts of the State as well. **The project will use ozone gas for water disinfection and to improve the taste of drinking water.**

LIC introduces new Bima Platinum and Jeevan Raksha policies on 70th anniversary

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) unveiled two new products, namely Bima Platinum and Jeevan Raksha policies. These policies were announced by **LIC CEO and MD R Doraiswamy** on the occasion of the **company's 70th anniversary.**

LIC Bima Platinum (Plan 770):

- This is a limited-premium savings-and-protection plan designed for individuals looking for reliable wealth accumulation paired with life coverage.
- **Guaranteed Additions:** Policyholders accrue fixed additions at a high rate of ₹70 per ₹1,000 of annual premium paid at the end of each year during the premium-paying term (PPT).
- **Income Benefits:** Provides a regular income benefit equivalent to 10% of the basic sum assured annually during the payout period, alongside periodic booster benefits.
- **Term Options:** Offers flexible premium paying terms of 7, 10, 12, 15, or 18 years
- **Sum Assured Limits:** The entry-level minimum basic sum assured is ₹3 lakh, and it advances in multiples of ₹10,000.
- **Age Criteria:** Eligible for entry from 30 days old up to 55 years (subject to the selected premium term)

LIC's Jeevan Raksha (Plan 894)

- This is a pure-risk term life insurance policy strictly focused on **delivering guaranteed financial security to the policyholder's family** in the event of an untimely death.
- **Fixed Death Benefit:** The payouts are predetermined and entirely guaranteed, without being subject to the performance or surplus profits of the insurer.
- **Sum Assured Limits:** Features a minimum basic sum assured of ₹5 lakh and caps out at a maximum of ₹24 lakh.
- **Age Criteria:** Open to individuals aged between 18 and 45 years, with a maximum maturity age capped at 60 years.

Keralam to set up coconut park to boost value addition, export growth

- **Chief Minister V D Satheesan has announced the establishment** of a Coconut Park in the state with the support of the **Coconut Development Board.**
- Coconut park is envisaged as a major platform for **promoting modern processing and value addition and facilitating the production of high-quality processed coconut products** capable of meeting export-market requirements.

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan Launches “Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031” for Ornamental Fisheries Development in Lakshadweep

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the **Fisheries Outreach Programme at Agatti, Lakshadweep**, and released “**Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031**”, the Strategic Action Plan for Ornamental Fisheries Development.
- He also distributed various government **benefits and assistance to beneficiaries from the fisheries sector**.

Amit Shah launches Nasha Mukht Bharat 2029 Roadmap

- **Union home minister Amit Shah** on 7 September pledged that not a single gram of narcotics would either enter or leave India through its borders as he launched a **roadmap for Nasha Mukht Bharat 2029 (Drug-Free India 2029)**, focused on **supply reduction, demand reduction and harm reduction**.
- The roadmap provides a **three-year national anti-narcotics framework for 2026–2029**.

Vice President releases commemorative postage stamp marking 75 years of Dinamalar in Chennai

- **The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** said that Dinamalar has earned the trust of **the people over the past 75 years by upholding the values of truth, patriotism and public service**, and called upon the newspaper to continue serving the nation for many more years.
- Addressing the function held in Chennai to mark the 75th year of publication of Dinamalar and the release of a commemorative postage stamp, the Vice President noted that **Dinamalar, founded in 1951 with the resolve to serve as a touchstone of truth and Recalled the contribution of Dinamalar founder Shri T. V. Ramasubbaier**.

Birkbeck, University of London Receives UGC Letter of Approval for Bengaluru Campus

- **Birkbeck, University of London** today announced that it has received the Letter of Approval (LoA) from the University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India, granting formal clearance to establish and operate its **Bengaluru campus**.
- The LoA follows the Letter of Intent (LoI) granted to Birkbeck earlier this year and marks the final regulatory step under the **UGC's 2023 regulations for Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs)**.

RBI gives scheduled bank status for Coastal Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has officially granted **Scheduled Bank status** to **Coastal Local Area Bank Limited** by including it in the **Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934**.
- This milestone makes the Vijayawada-headquartered institution the **first Local Area Bank (LAB) in India** to achieve this status, making it **Andhra Pradesh's only scheduled bank**.

Sarvam AI Co-founder Vivek Raghavan named among TIME's top 100 AI leaders

- The Co-founder of Sarvam AI, Vivek Raghavan, has been named to TIME magazine's TIME100 AI 2026 list of the world's 100 most influential leaders in artificial intelligence.
- Vivek Raghavan was involved in building Aadhaar, a biometric identification system that consists of a 12-digit unique identity number which residents of India can obtain voluntarily based on their place of residence, biometric and demographic data.

India joins US, 24 other nations in global initiative to shape next-generation 6G networks

- India has joined a **global coalition** spearheaded by the United States to advance the development of 6G wireless technology.
- The partnership, which includes 25 nations, aims to align national strategies for 6G and ensure that next-generation networks reflect shared security interests.

PM Modi inaugurates Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai on September 8, 2026, emphasizing India's rise as a global fintech powerhouse.
- Theme: Potential to Impact - Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum

Chhattisgarh Approves ₹500 Crore NIPUN Mission for Youth

- The Chhattisgarh government approved the Chief Minister Startup and NIPUN Mission with a ₹500 crore financial outlay over five years to transform youth into job creators.
- Entrepreneurship Development Centres will be established in all 33 districts, along with 100 Emerging Technology Labs to provide youth with hands-on exposure to new and emerging technologies.

Southern Railway achieves 100% electrification after 95 years

- Southern Railway 100% electrification: Southern Railway has achieved 100 per cent electrification of its Broad Gauge (BG) network, covering 5,068 route kilometres (RKM) across the zone. The milestone was achieved after the completion of electrification work on the final 71-km-long Pattukkottai-Karaikkudi section. The statutory inspection of the newly electrified section was completed on September 9.
- Entire BG network electrified, trains can operate on electric traction across Southern Railway without the need for traction change at relevant points. This can help streamline operations and improve the utilisation of electric locomotives.

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Launches 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana' for Competitive Exam Preparation

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Bhavishya Nirman Yojana on September 7, 2026, to provide free online coaching and quality study material for various competitive examinations.
- First Phase Beneficiaries: 11,000 eligible students will receive free online coaching in the initial phase.

University of Bristol Opens First International Campus in Mumbai

- The **University of Bristol** on 11 September opened its **Mumbai Enterprise Campus, its first international campus**, as overseas universities expand their physical presence in India following regulatory changes that allow foreign institutions to set up campuses in the country.
- **The campus, located in Powai opposite the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, will offer programmes including finance and data science and facilitate research and industry collaborations.**

Kumik Becomes Ladakh's First Heritage Village

- **Kumik village in Zaskar has become Ladakh's first Heritage Village. Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena** made the declaration on 15 September 2026 during the **Ladakh Zaskar Festival.**
- Kumik stands out for its traditional houses, Buddhist heritage, farming practices, community customs and valuable Kanjur manuscripts . At the same time, the village faces a serious challenge. Water scarcity has affected agriculture and encouraged migration.

PM Modi inaugurates SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the fifth edition of SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi, marking the start of a three-day national convention on the country's semiconductor and electronics ecosystem.**
- The event, being held from September 17 to 19, will **focus on industry engagement, policy direction and international partnerships.**

India's cheetah population rises to 52 four years after reintroduction

- **India's cheetah population has risen to 52 four years after they were brought from three African countries, marking the world's first intercontinental translocation of large wild carnivores. They were brought from Namibia, South Africa and Botswana.**
- Of the 52 cheetahs, **49 are currently in Kuno National Park and 3 in Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.**

PM Vishwakarma completes three years with 30 lakh artisans registered

- **The PM Vishwakarma scheme has completed three years with 30 lakh traditional artisans and craftspeople** registered across the country, of whom around 24.50 lakh have received basic skill training, **Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi said at the scheme's third anniversary celebrations in Kolkata.**
- **Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17, 2023, PM Vishwakarma seeks to strengthen the livelihoods and entrepreneurial capabilities of traditional artisans through skill training, modern toolkits, concessional credit and market support, to provide end-to-end holistic support to traditional artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools.**

Tulu as additional official language of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts in Karnataka

- The Karnataka Cabinet approved Tulu as the second additional administrative language for the Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts on September 18, 2026.
- The status applies strictly to administrative and official work within Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, rather than the entire state of Karnataka. Kannada remains the primary official state language.

India reaffirms commitment to eliminate Hepatitis B, C as public health threats by 2030

- India has reaffirmed its commitment to combating viral Hepatitis and eliminating Hepatitis B and C as public threats by 2030.
- Addressing a side-event at the 81st session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 81), Union Health Secretary, Punya Salila Srivastava, said, "Reaffirming India's commitment to the 2030 SDG Agenda on combating hepatitis and the global goal of eliminating Hepatitis B and C as public health threats by 2030."

Delhi's Chandni Chowk Town Hall to Become Global Heritage Centre

- Delhi's historic Town Hall complex in Chandni Chowk will get a new identity as a Global Heritage Centre.
- The Delhi government and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) signed an MoU on 20 September 2026 for its conservation and redevelopment.

Maruti Suzuki commissions first green hydrogen plant at Manesar facility

- Maruti Suzuki India on 24 September announced the commissioning of a 300 kW green hydrogen electrolyser plant at its Manesar manufacturing facility in Haryana, marking the automaker's first such plant as it looks to reduce fossil-fuel use in manufacturing.
- The move is aimed at improving the utilisation of renewable power that would otherwise remain unused. Maruti Suzuki plans to scale up green hydrogen adoption across its manufacturing facilities in Haryana and Gujarat based on the learnings from the pilot.

U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath Launches 'Bharat Taxi' and 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana'

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched 'Bharat Taxi' and 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana' in Lucknow on September 23, 2026, aiming to support local transport workers and ease financial conditions for farmers.

Mukhyamantri Krishak Samridhhi Yojana

- **Reduced Interest Rates:** Interest on long-term agricultural loans provided via the Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Rural Development Bank was slashed from 11% to 6%.
- **Target Audience:** Focuses on providing affordable, long-term credit for machinery and farming needs to small and marginal farmers.

Bharat Taxi

- **Cooperative Model:** Operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL), it is a driver-centric ride-hailing platform where drivers join as members.

- **Zero Commission:** Registered two-wheeler, auto-rickshaw, and cab drivers keep their fares without commission deductions.

India Co-Hosts OneSCD Global Partnership at UNGA 81

- **India co-hosted the launch of the OneSCD Global Partnership on September 23, 2026,** on the sidelines of the **81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81) in New York.**
- **Co-hosts & Organizers:** India co-hosted the launch alongside the Government of Nigeria, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, Africa CDC, the World Coalition on Sickle Cell Disease, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

India's electrification rate could rise to 32% by 2035: IEA report

- **The electrification rate in India could rise from 19 per cent today to 32 per cent by 2035,** with transport electrification playing a major role, the **International Energy Agency (IEA) has said in its latest Electrification** special report.
- **It also stated that the energy import bills of fuel-importing countries** around the world could **fall by more than \$400 billion by 2035** compared with 2025 levels if they substantially accelerate the electrification of their economies. For India, **reduced imports could yield savings of nearly 30 per cent of its 2025 import bill**

Chapter 13: Current Affairs (International)

Bank of Canada unveils new \$20 banknote featuring King Charles III

- **Canada has unveiled a new \$20 banknote featuring King Charles III,** marking the **first time his portrait appears on a Canadian banknote** and the first change of monarch on the country's notes in more than seven decades.
- The Bank of Canada presented the new note at an event on 5 September attended by **Governor Tiff Macklem, Governor General Louise Arbour and Wayne Long, secretary of state for the Canada Revenue Agency and Financial Institutions.**

Mount Anak Krakatau Eruption Disrupts Air Travel Across Indonesia

- **Airports across Indonesia—including Jakarta's primary hub, Soekarno-Hatta International Airport—have reopened** following a massive aviation disruption triggered by **the eruption of Mount Anak Krakatau.**
- The volcano, located in the **Sunda Strait,** began erupting violently in early September 2026, launching a volcanic ash cloud up to 50,000 feet into the atmosphere.

UN declares November 27 day against child marriage

- **The United Nations General Assembly has declared November 27 as the International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage,** giving a global platform to efforts to end child marriage. The resolution was adopted by consensus on **September 4, with Sierra Leone leading the initiative and India among the co-sponsors.**
- The date has particular significance for India as it marks the launch of the Bal Vivah Mukat Bharat (Child Marriage Free India) campaign in 2024. The campaign has since become part of a wider international push to eliminate child, early and forced marriage.

France gets its first traditional Hindu temple, BAPS chief performs consecration near Paris

- **BAPS spiritual leader Mahant Swami Maharaj performed the Vedic consecration of the BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir in Bussy-Saint-Georges, near Paris — France's first traditional Hindu mandir.**
- The mandir realises a **vision first articulated in 1970** by BAPS's third spiritual head, Yogiji Maharaj, and carried forward by his successor Pramukh Swami Maharaj before being completed under Mahant Swami Maharaj.

PhonePe to launch UAE operations in its first international market foray

- **Fintech major and India's largest UPI app PhonePe is foraying into international markets.** The company is **launching its first local operations in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
- The **Bengaluru-based fintech firm has acquired two licences in the West Asian country** that would allow it to offer consumer payment instruments such as wallets and gift cards, and also offer e-payment acceptance infrastructure to merchants.

US to build two military bases in Greenland under new deal with Denmark

- **A trilateral defense and security cooperation agreement that modernizes the historic 1951 US-Danish Defense Agreement,** granting the United States expanded, **permanent military operating rights and strategic denial capabilities** in Greenland without transferring sovereign territory.
- **Aim:** To secure the North American northern frontier and Arctic-Atlantic maritime approaches, deny adversarial foreign powers military or economic footholds in Greenland, and de-escalate intra-NATO diplomatic tensions stemming from U.S. annexation rhetoric.

Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

GST collections jump 14.8% to Rs 1.99 lakh crore in August 2026

- **India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections witnessed a significant rise to ₹1,99,853 crore, registering a 14.8% year-on-year increase compared with ₹1,74,116 crore collected in August 2025.**
- The Central GST (CGST) collection stood at **₹38,413 crore, while State GST (SGST) collections were ₹46,316 crore. Integrated GST (IGST) collections stood at over ₹1.15 lakh crore.**

India's current account deficit widens to \$4.2 billion in Q1 (April to June 2026-27)

- **India's current account deficit widened to USD 4.2 billion, or 0.5 per cent of GDP, in the first quarter of the current fiscal year from USD 3.4 billion, or 0.4 per cent of GDP, a year ago, according to Reserve Bank data.**
- **Merchandise trade deficit at USD 86.1 billion in the April-June period of 2026-27 was higher than USD 68.9 billion in the first quarter of 2025-26.**

Razorpay and IndusInd Bank Launched AI Account Manager 'RAY' on WhatsApp for Businesses

- **Razorpay on September 2 launched an AI-powered account manager on WhatsApp that allows businesses to access payment information, seek support and carry out certain payment-related actions through messages or voice notes.**
- **Businesses can ask RAY for information such as payment summaries and transaction analysis.** The AI assistant can also perform certain actions, including generating payment links and initiating refunds, without requiring users to access Razorpay's dashboard.

LIC receives RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99 pc stake in ICICI Bank

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in ICICI Bank, the private lender.**
- The stake acquisition comes almost a month after **state-owned insurer amassed more than Rs 21,000 crore in mark-to-market gains in just 35 days** from three software exporters, delivering a rapid payoff on a contrarian wager made while artificial intelligence disruption fears were clouding the outlook for India's technology industry.

SBI launches CETA Facilitation desk to boost India-UK trade

- **The State Bank of India (SBI) launched the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Facilitation Desk** through its UK operations and London Branch in late August 2026.
- **Purpose:** Help businesses in India and the UK maximize the benefits of lower tariffs and new market access from the India-UK CETA, which came into force on July 15, 2026.

ADB Signs First Transaction Advisory Services Mandate in India with Madhya Pradesh

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with the Madhya Pradesh Government on 7 September 2026.**
- The projects could attract up to **US\$1 billion in private investment.**

Bandhan Bank launches new credit card range in partnership with Mastercard

- **Bandhan Bank has entered the credit card segment with the launch of four card variants in partnership with Mastercard.** The portfolio includes **Sparks, Ignite, Flare and Lumina, aimed at different spending and customer segments.**
- The cards offer rewards and benefits across categories such as grocery, apparel, travel, dining, entertainment and international spending. The bank said customers can apply for the cards through a digital-first process and access card servicing online.

Jio Payment Solutions launches Cross-Border Payments to connect Indian enterprises with global markets

- **Jio Payment Solutions Limited (JPSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Limited, announced the launch of cross-border payments, empowering Indian exporters to seamlessly accept international payments - via virtual accounts,**

international cards, and local payment rails - from customers worldwide and boost their global competitiveness.

- The launch follows the receipt of authorization from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to operate as a **Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border (PA-CB)** transactions, covering both exports and imports.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week 2026 with Theme 'Act with Speed'

- **Axis Bank** Limited launched **4th** edition of the **Sparsh Week**, its flagship nationwide customer engagement initiative themed "**Act with Speed**," held from **September 7 to 11, 2026** across India, with over 90 leaders participating from Kashmir (Jammu and Kashmir, J&K) to Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu, TN) and Kutch (Gujarat) to Kohima (Nagaland).
- **The initiative aims to** conduct more than 2.5 lakh customer interactions across diverse touchpoints, accelerating feedback into faster action through digital innovation and enhanced engagement platforms.

Niyo gets GIFT City licence, plans to expand cross-border financial services

- **Fintech platform Niyo has secured a Payment Service Provider (PSP)** licence from the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** to operate from **GIFT City**, as the company looks to expand its cross-border financial services beyond travel forex.
- The licence will allow Niyo to build and offer international financial solutions from GIFT City.

RBI Approvals: RNFI Services, PB Pay & ICICI Prudential AMC Receive Regulatory Nod

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted regulatory approvals in September 2026 to RNFI Services Ltd., PB Pay Private Limited, and ICICI Prudential AMC.

RNFI Services (Payment Aggregator-Physical)

- Nod Type: In-principle authorization
- Scope: Physical, offline, and in-store payments (PA-P)
- Impact: Expands financial services stack to last-mile retail infrastructure

PB Pay (Payment Aggregator)

- Nod Type: Official commercial operation start
- Scope: Digital payment aggregation services
- Impact: Fully-owned subsidiary of PB Fintech entering active market operations

ICICI Prudential AMC (Bank Stake Acquisition)

- Nod Type: Regulatory clearance to acquire up to 9.95%
- Target Lenders: Kotak Mahindra Bank, CSB Bank, DCB Bank, AU Small Finance Bank
- Strictly passive portfolio investment intent

Merchants to be charged 0.4% for UPI transactions over ₹2,000; small vendors exempt

- Starting October 15, 2026, the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** will introduce a **0.4% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** on UPI merchant payments exceeding ₹2,000.
- **Small Vendors Exempt:** Small merchants with monthly UPI receipts up to ₹1,00,000 remain completely exempt from MDR charges. Rural and semi-urban QR code transactions are also exempt.

India's WPI based inflation rises to 9.92 % in August

- **India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** based inflation rose marginally to **9.92 per cent in August**, from **9.78 per cent** in July, on an annual basis.
- According to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the annual inflation last month was driven by higher prices of mineral oils, food articles, food products, basic metals, non-food articles, chemicals and chemical products. The wholesale price inflation remained above the nine percent mark for the fourth consecutive month.

Pluxee India Receives RBI Payment Aggregator Licence, Strengthening its Digital Payments Capabilities

- **Pluxee India**, a leading provider of employee benefits and engagement solutions, has received authorisation from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to operate as a **Payment Aggregator (PA)** for both online (PA-O) & physical point-of-sale (PA-P).
- This marks another significant milestone in **Pluxee's** evolution as a technology-led employee benefits and payments platform in India.

India's retail inflation rises to 4.82% in August, food inflation at 5.95%

- Retail inflation is important for the consumers as it indicates the rise in the prices of the goods that are being consumed by households.
- **India's retail inflation increased to 4.82% in August 2026 from 4.45% in July 2026**, provisional data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revealed. Telangana had the highest inflation of 6.27% as compared to the other regions as shown in the state-wise data.

SBI MF launches 'Aarambh' for first-time investors

- **SBI Mutual Fund on September 10 launched Aarambh**, an assisted digital onboarding service aimed at helping first-time investors complete their mutual fund onboarding and make their first investment through a single digital session.
- The process is paperless and is designed to make investors investment-ready within a few minutes.

₹1 crore penalty on Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company over mis-selling of a deferred annuity policy to an 88-year-old senior citizen

- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** fined **Canara HSBC Life Insurance ₹1 crore** on September 10, 2026, for **mis-selling a deferred annuity policy to an 88-year-old customer** through Canara Bank. The regulator acted after taking suo-motu notice of a social media post detailing the violation.

- The order offers several lessons for senior citizens and their families when buying annuity or other long-term insurance products, particularly through bank branches.

RBI cancels licences of 5 NBFCs, 8 others surrender registrations

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on 17 September cancelled the certificates of registration of **five non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)**, while eight other NBFCs surrendered their registrations for various reasons.
- The **RBI cancelled the licences of Dar's Financial Services, Rolta Holding and Finance Corporation, Vasudeo Securities, Parsoli Corporation and A C Choksi Financial Services.**

Gwalior to get Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone with ₹5,500 crore investment

- **Gwalior is set to emerge as a major telecom manufacturing hub** with the **establishment of Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)**, involving an investment of **approximately ₹5,500 crore and expected** to generate more than 18,000 direct employment opportunities.
- "The project is not about setting up a single industrial unit, but about creating a complete industrial ecosystem comprising **24-25 telecom manufacturing units in Gwalior.**

RBI issues final Basel III market risk capital rules for banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **given commercial banks until April 1, 2027**, to adopt its revised **framework for minimum capital requirements for market risk.** The final directions aim to align **Indian regulations with the revised Basel III standards** while ensuring simplicity and flexibility in implementation.
- The RBI issued the **Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026**, on 21 September after **examining feedback on the draft guidelines released in February 2023.**

RNFI Money gets RBI approval to undertake cross-border trade remittances

- **RNFI Money Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of RNFI Services Ltd**, has received approval from the **Reserve Bank of India to undertake cross-border trade remittances**, expanding the company's regulated payments and foreign exchange business.
- The approval will allow RNFI Money to **offer regulated foreign exchange, remittance and trade-payment services through RNFI's existing last-mile network across India.**

India records highest-ever FDI of \$94.53 billion in FY26

- **India recorded US\$ 94.53 billion in gross FDI inflows in FY 2025–26**, the highest annual level recorded so far. **Cumulative FDI inflows from FY 2014–15 to FY 2025–26 reached USD 843 billion.**
- **In Q1 FY 2026–27, FDI equity inflows rose 6% to USD 19.81 billion**, with **Japan emerging as the largest source** and services recording the highest sectoral inflows.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance changes name to ICICI Life Insurance

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited has changed its name to ICICI Life Insurance Limited**, effective September 22, 2026, following approval from the **Registrar of Companies (RoC), Central Processing Centre**.
- The insurer said it will intimate the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for issuance of a **revised Certificate of Registration under the applicable 2024 regulations**.

Govt sets riders for funds to three stressed PSU general insurers

- **The Indian government has linked further capital support for three stressed public sector undertaking (PSU) general insurers** to demonstrated operational improvements and sustained performance.
- **National Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company, and United India Insurance Company face severe financial stress**. These three state-owned general insurers report losses and negative solvency ratios. These three insurers collectively require an **estimated ₹39,000 crore by March 2027 to meet regulatory solvency requirements**

SBI Card Launches Fixed Deposit-Backed Secured Credit Cards 'Advantage SBI Card' on YONO App

- **SBI Card has launched a fixed-deposit-backed secured credit card** journey on the **SBI YONO platform**, allowing customers to apply digitally for select cards.
- The new facility enables **SBI customers holding fixed deposits** with the bank to apply for a secured **Advantage SBI Card through a paperless process**. SBI Card said the application can be completed in about 10 minutes.

Chapter 15: Committee

Chapter 16: Defence News

Rajnath Singh lays foundation for Rs 472-crore facility to overhaul T-72, T-90 tanks in Jabalpur

- **Defence minister Rajnath Singh and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav, performed the Bhoomi Pujan** for T-Series Tanks Overhaul Project at Vehicle Factory, **Jabalpur** -- a unit of **Mini Ratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL)**.
- The facilities at Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur have been envisaged to **overhaul 80 tanks annually to ensure timely** availability of overhauled tanks to the Indian Army, further boosting its operational readiness.

IAF Successfully Tests Indigenous Khagantak-243 Long-Range Glide Bomb

- **The Indian Air Force has recorded a notable advance in home-grown precision-strike technology** after a successful drop trial of the **Long Range**

Glide Bomb (LRGB) Khagantak-243, a weapon designed and built entirely within the country.

- The exercise was carried out on 2 September and is being read as a landmark for both the air force and the domestic defence manufacturing sector.

Adani Defence Signs Five-Year Ammunition Deal to Strengthen AK-203 Rifle Programme

- **Adani Defence & Aerospace has signed a five-year agreement with Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL)** to supply indigenously produced 7.62x39 mm small-calibre ammunition for the AK-203 assault rifle program.

Key Details of the Agreement

- **Partnership:** Signed between Adani Defence & Aerospace and Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), an India-Russia joint venture.
- **Manufacturing:** The AK-203 rifles are produced at IRRPL's facility in Korwa, Uttar Pradesh, while the ammunition is supported by Adani's domestic manufacturing capabilities, such as its facility in Kanpur.

India and Morocco held the first session of their Joint Defense Committee in New Delhi

- **India and Morocco held their inaugural Joint Defence Committee meeting in New Delhi** on September 8, 2026, to expand bilateral military and industrial cooperation.
- Led by Shri Amitabh Prasad (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, India) and Brigadier General Abdellah Athmani (Chief of the 2nd Bureau, Moroccan Royal Armed Forces).

Indian Navy Launches Advanced Ocean Research Vessel 'ORV Sagar Manthan'

- **India launched the advanced Ocean Research Vessel (ORV) 'Sagar Manthan' at Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata**, on 9 September 2026. The vessel has been designed and constructed by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)** for the National Centre for **Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)** under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- **Indigenous Ocean Research:** ORV Sagar Manthan represents a major step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat in oceanographic research and maritime technology. It is the first advanced Ocean Research Vessel built by GRSE.

India, Sri Lanka ink MoU on upgradation of L70 Guns for Lankan Air Force

- **India and Sri Lanka exchanged Memorandum of Understandings (MoU)** on upgradation of **L70 Guns for the Sri Lankan Air Force**, and cooperation between National Cadet Corps and National Defence Colleges of both the countries.
- The upgradation of these air defence guns will strengthen the **air defence architecture of critical assets in Sri Lanka**.

India launches SHIELD Program for Microwave Defence testing

- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has officially launched the **SHIELD programme**, codenamed for an **advanced S-band High-Power Microwave Integrated Evaluation System**, under the Technology Development Fund (TDF).

- The initiative aims to bring **Indian start-ups and MSMEs into non-kinetic defence research.**

India's Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone KAL Successfully Tested at Pokhran

- **India's first indigenous long-range one-way attack drone, named KAL,** successfully completed its initial **flight test at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan** on September 20, 2026.

About KAL

- **Developer:** IG Defence, a Noida-based defence technology company.
- **Type:** One-way attack ("kamikaze" or loitering munition) drone designed for precision strikes.
- **Maximum Range:** Up to 1,000 km (stated manufacturer specification; actual distance flown during the specific Pokhran trial was not disclosed).
- **Endurance:** 7 to 8 hours of flight time.
- **Payload Capacity:** Up to 50 kg of explosive payload/warhead.
- **Operating Altitude:** Up to 5,000 metres.
- **Launch Mechanism:** Vehicle-mounted launch platform.

INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish Arrive in Philippines for ADMM-Plus Joint Cooperation Activity

- **Indian Navy ships INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish arrived at Subic Bay** in the **Philippines** on September 20, 2026, to participate in the **ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus Joint Cooperation Activity (JCA).**
- **Co-hosts:** Japan and the Philippines.
- **Theme:** "Enhancing Maritime Security and Environmental Resilience in Response to Climate Change".
- **Participants:** Naval and maritime units from ASEAN member states and eight Plus countries, including Australia, Brunei, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, the United States, and the Philippines.

Indian Navy to host second edition of commanders' conference 2026 in New Delhi

- **Indian Navy will host second edition of commanders' conference 2026 in New Delhi.** Ministry of Defence said that the three day conference will provide an avenue for **senior naval leadership, including outstation Operational and Area Commanders.**
- It will undertake a comprehensive review of operational preparedness at the military strategic level and engage with senior government functionaries through an institutionalised mechanism.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
Air exercise 2nd Edition Veer Guardian 2026	The Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force	The exercise, titled Veer Guardian 2026, will bring together fighter aircraft and air personnel from both sides for advanced

		operational training and professional exchanges.
The 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana	Indian Naval Ship Mysore with the Royal Malaysian Navy	The exercise provided an opportunity for the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy to engage across a broad spectrum of professional and operational activities.
The 22nd edition of the India-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026	India-US	Phase 1: Mahajan Field Firing Ranges near Bikaner, Rajasthan (focused on desert warfare and long-range precision firing). Phase 2: Auli, Uttarakhand (focused on high-altitude and mountain warfare near the Line of Actual Control).
'Rudra Raptors' Joint Exercise	Indian Army	The exercise witnessed joint integrated training and active participation from the elite helicopters of 'Thar Raptors' such as AH-64E Apaches and tanks of 'Black Mace' Brigade.
The 4th edition of the bilateral naval exercise Samudra Laksamana	India-Malaysia	The personnel of both navies engaged in professional exchanges and interactions to share operational experiences and foster mutual understanding.
The 13th edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-26)	Sri Lanka-India	SLINEX is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Sri Lanka Navy Conceptualised in 2005,

		it has evolved as an important platform for enhancing maritime cooperation, interoperability and mutual understanding between India and Sri Lanka .
TARANG SHAKTI 2026 Multinational Air Exercise	Eight Friendly Foreign Countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Greece, Sri Lanka, UAE and USA will participate with air assets	The exercise aims to expose all participants to planning and execution of multinational joint combat operations in a realistic contemporary battlespace and derive tactically viable solutions
The 18th edition of the Press Information Bureau India-Mongolia joint military exercise, Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026	India-Mongolia	Core Objective: To enhance joint military capabilities for undertaking Counter-Insurgency Operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under a United Nations mandate.
The 24th edition of the Exercise VARUNA bilateral maritime exercise	The Indian Navy and the French Navy	Core Focus: Enhancing tactical interoperability, sharing operational best practices, and fostering mutual understanding
The ninth edition of the India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND-2026	India-Kazakhstan	The exercise aims to enhance interoperability and strengthen the joint capability of both forces to undertake joint counter-terrorism operations in a sub-conventional environment under a United Nations mandate.

Chapter 17: Sports News

Argentina legend Lionel Messi retires from international football

- **Lionel Messi**, who captained Argentina to World Cup victory in 2022 and the final in 2026, is retiring from international football.
- The record eight-time Ballon d'Or winner is his country's record appearance maker and scorer, with 125 goals in 207 games, having transformed a complicated relationship with the national team into a story of redemption and triumph.

Germany Wins Back-to-Back FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Titles 2026

- In the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026, Germany retained the World Cup title with a 1-0 win over Spain in the final at the Belfius Hockey Arena in Wavre, Belgium.
- Michel Struthoff scored the only goal of the tightly contested final late in the third quarter, converting Germany's only opportunity of a match largely controlled by Spain. His goal secured Germany's fourth men's World Cup title.

Ahmedabad to host India's first Hyundai World Archery Para Series

- India will host the Hyundai World Archery Para Series for the first time, when more than 100 athletes from 20 countries compete at the Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad from September 5 to 9, bringing a major international para-archery event to the city.
- The Ahmedabad event will be the third stage of the 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series, following the opening stage in Bangkok in April and the second stage in Nove Mesto, Czechia, from June 30 to July 4. The fourth and final stage is scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile, in October.

ICC approves India as new host of Women's Champions Trophy 2027

- The International Cricket Council moved the inaugural Women's Champions Trophy 2027 to India from Sri Lanka. The six-team event will be played in Mumbai and Vadodara from 14th to 28th of February.
- Sri Lanka was dropped as host as the sport is grappling with governance issues in the island nation, with the ICC Board approving India as the new host.

Argentina Won 2026 Women's FIH Hockey World Cup

- The Argentina women's national hockey team won the 2026 Women's FIH Hockey World Cup by defeating host nation Netherlands in a dramatic penalty shootout at the Wagener Stadium in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- This marks Argentina's third women's World Cup title, adding to their previous victories in 2002 and 2010.

Roger Federer Inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2026

- Swiss tennis legend Roger Federer was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on 29 August 2026 at Newport, Rhode Island, USA. The 20-time Grand Slam

champion delivered an emotional speech during the ceremony, describing the honour as one of the greatest of his life.

- **Federer retired from professional tennis in 2022.** He won Olympic doubles gold for Switzerland at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Kimi Antonelli Wins Italian Grand Prix at Monza

- **Kimi Antonelli won the 2026 Italian Grand Prix at Monza** on September 6, 2026, executing a historic drive from 19th on the grid to become the first Italian driver to win his home race since Ludovico Scarfiotti in 1966.
- **George Russell finished second and Max Verstappen third.**

After 20 years, India back in AFC U20 Asian Cup

- **India's return to the AFC U-20 Asian Cup after a 20-year absence offers the country's emerging footballers a chance to compete against Asia's leading youth teams and potentially move closer to the FIFA U20 World Cup.**
- **India secured qualification for the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 with a 3-0 win over Bangladesh in Tashkent** on September 6. The victory took India to six points in Group B and secured their place as one of the seven best runners-up from the eight qualifying groups.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Win China Masters Title 2026

- **Indian badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the China Masters 2026 men's doubles title** in Shenzhen on September 6, 2026, staging a strong comeback in the **final to clinch the crown.**
- **Satwik and Chirag, ranked fifth in the world, defeated China's He Jiting and Ren Xiangyu 11-21, 21-13, 21-17** in a match lasting an hour and ten minutes, to lift the BWF Super 750 title. This win made them the first Indian pair to win the **China Masters since the tournament began in 2005**, a huge milestone in Indian badminton history.

US Open 2026

- The 2026 US Open was the 146th edition of tennis' US Open, and the fourth and final Grand Slam event of the year. It was held on the outdoor hard courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City.

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	Ben Shelton (USA)
Women's Singles	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	Christian Harrison (USA) & Neal Skupski (Britain)	Kevin Krawietz (Germany) & Tim Pütz (Germany)

Women's Doubles	Taylor Townsend (USA) & Kateřina Siniaková (Czechia)	Ashlyn Krueger (USA) & Robin Montgomery (USA)
Mixed Doubles	Karolína Muchová (Czechia) & Jakub Menšík (Czechia)	Belinda Bencic (Switzerland) & Flavio Cobolli (Italy)

East Zone clinch Duleep Trophy after 13 years

- **East Zone translated their complete dominance over the last 12 sessions into a Duleep Trophy victory after 13 years**, overwhelming **South Zone** on the basis of a massive first innings lead on the fifth and final day.

Duleep Trophy 2026-27

- **Champions:** East Zone (3rd title)
- **Runners-up:** South Zone
- **Player of the series:** Tilak Varma (South Zone)
- **Most runs:** Ishan Kishan (East Zone) (409)
- **Most wickets:** Mukesh Kumar (East Zone) (12), Abid Mushtaq (North Zone) (12)

India Wins Record Eighth Women's Asia Cup Title

- **The Indian women's cricket team defeated Sri Lanka by 72 runs** in the final of the **Women's Asia Cup 2026 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium** on 13 September 2026, winning the tournament for a record eighth time.
- With this victory, **India won the Women's Asia Cup for the eighth time**, extending its record as the most successful team in the tournament.

Ganges Grandmasters win Global Chess League

- **The Ganges Grandmasters have won the fourth season of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League.** In the final in Bengaluru, Ian Nepomniachtchi's team defeated defending **champions Alpine APL Pipers 4-2**.
- After the first match ended 3-3, the Grandmasters won the second, with Nepomniachtchi scoring a spectacular victory over Magnus Carlsen and Stavroula Tsolakidou beating Humpy Koneru to seal the title. Viswanathan Anand and his PBG Alaskan Knights had already been eliminated before the final day.

India Won Both Men's and Women's Junior Asia Cup Hockey Titles in China

- **India completed a golden double at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026 in Moqi, the People's Republic of China**, with the **women beating hosts 1-0 and the men defeating the Republic of Korea 4-1** to successfully defend their respective continental titles.
- The women, led by midfielder Khaidem Shileima Chanu, completed a hat-trick of Hockey Junior Asia Cup titles, while Anmol Ekka's men secured a record-extending sixth crown and their fourth in succession. Both teams also qualified for their respective FIH Junior World Cup competitions next year.

Dhiraj Bommadevara won historic Archery World Cup final gold for India

- **Dhiraj Bommadevara became the first Indian male archer** to win the men's individual title at the **Archery World Cup Final 2026 in Saltillo, Mexico**, producing a dominant performance to claim the gold medal.
- **Bommadevara defeated Japan's Nakanishi Junya 6-5** in a gold medal match that went into a shoot-off. Under pressure, Bommadevara scored a 10 in the deciding attempt, surpassing Nakanishi's nine to secure the biggest individual title of his career.

Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor Breaks Sachin Tendulkar's Record For Longest Career in Men's ODIs

- **Zimbabwean wicketkeeper-batter Brendan Taylor set a new world record** for the longest men's One-Day International (ODI) career on September 15, 2026.

India to Host Asian Senior Wushu Championships for First Time in 2028

- **India will host the Asian Senior Wushu Championships for the first time in 2028**, with around 500 athletes from 42 countries across Asia expected to participate in the prestigious continental competition.
- The decision was officially approved at the **Wushu Federation of Asia (WFA) Congress held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**.

England fast bowler Wood retires from internationals

- **Mark Wood has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 36**, bringing the curtain down on a **11-year career in which he won two World Cups and an Ashes series with England**.
- Wood, who made his England debut as a tearaway quick against New Zealand at Lord's in 2015, took 119 wickets from 38 Tests. He also finished with 80 wickets in 70 ODIs and 54 in 38 T20Is, making him England's sixth-highest wicket-taker in the shortest format of the game.

BCCI announces Muthoot FinCorp as title sponsor in deal until March 2028

- **Muthoot FinCorp has been named the new title sponsor for India home cricket**, with the financial services company entering into an association with the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) until March 2028**.
- The partnership will cover all international series and tournaments played in India, as well as domestic competitions organised by the BCCI. The association will begin with India's first ODI against the West Indies in Thiruvananthapuram on 27 September.
- **Muthoot FinCorp replaces IDFC First Bank, whose partnership with the BCCI ended in August 2026**.

Pune to host UCI Road World Championships in 2032 for the first time in India

- **Pune will host the UCI Road World Championships in 2032, marking the first time cycling's prestigious global road championships** to be held in India.
- The bid was jointly led by the **Government of Maharashtra and the Cycling Federation of India**, with support from the Government of India. Pune's candidature

reached the final round against Groningen/Drenthe of the **Netherlands**, after **Colombia** and **Mexico** were eliminated.

Uzbekistan Clinches Gold on Home Soil as Team India Secures Silver at the 46th Chess Olympiad

- India defended the prestigious Nona Gaprindashvili Trophy at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, finishing as the best overall nation after picking up a silver in the Open section and a bronze in the Women's event.
- In the women's section, China annexed the gold with another fine performance against Vietnam. Indian team managed to secure a silver medal in the Open and bronze in the Women's section.

Chapter 18: Book and Author

Book	Author
Book "A Century of Service: The RSS in 100 Acts of Seva"	Released by Vice President C P Radhakrishnan Authored by former Telangana governor TAMILISAI Soundararajan
Novel "SAARATHI"	Launched by Business strategist Hirav Shah
Book 'Vishwasanchar Hindutva Ka'	Released by President C. P. Radhakrishnan

Chapter 19: Important Day

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
August 30	National Small Industry Day	The observance traces its formal recognition to August 30, 2000 , following the launch of a comprehensive policy package for small scale industries .
2 September	World Coconut Day	Theme 2026: " Coconut in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy and Livelihoods "
3 September	World Skyscraper Day	From Chicago's early vertical landmarks to today's supertall towers , skyscrapers have transformed how

		cities use limited land while creating new symbols of economic and architectural ambition.
8 September	International Literacy Day	Theme 2026: " Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity. "
8 September	World Physiotherapy Day 2026	Theme 2026: Role of physiotherapy and physical activity in the prevention, management and rehabilitation of cardiovascular disease and stroke.
9 September	World EV Day	Theme 2026: " Switching Electric: driving down the cost of motoring "
9 September	Himalaya Diwas 2026	To raise awareness about the importance of the Himalayan mountain range and the need to protect its fragile ecosystem.
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)	The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day 2026 is " Changing the Narrative on Suicide " with the call to action
11 September	National Forest Martyrs Day	Theme 2026: " Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests "
12 September	World First Aid Day	Theme 2026: " First Aid in Migration Contexts "
13 September	International Chocolate Day	The date marks the birthday of Milton S. Hershey, founder of The Hershey Company , born on September 13, 1857. The day also recognizes ancient Mesoamerican roots, where civilizations like the Maya and Aztecs first cultivated and used cacao over 3,000 years ago.
14 September	Hindi Diwas	Under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution , Hindi in the Devanagari script is recognized as the official language of the Union, while English was retained for official purposes.

		Hindi is an official language, not the national language.
15 September	National Engineer's Day (India)	Theme 2026: "Smart engineering for a sustainable future through innovation and digitalization."
15 September	International Day of Democracy	2026 Theme: "Bring human rights into focus" (highlighted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union).
16 September	World Ozone Day	Theme 2026: "Global Action for a Cooler Planet", with the focus on "Celebrating 10 years of sustainable cooling under the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol"
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	Theme 2026: "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases"
18 September	World Bamboo Day	Theme 2026: "Bamboo Beyond Borders."
18 September	International Equal Pay Day 2026	Theme 2026: "Equal Pay for work of equal value — For everyone, everywhere".
19 September	International Red Panda Day	Theme/Slogan 2026: "Run for Red Pandas"
22 September	Rose Day (Welfare of Cancer Patients)	Theme 2026: "Bring hope and support."
22 September	World Rhino Day	2026 Theme: "Keep the Five Alive"
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	Theme 2026: "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights."
25 September	World Pharmacist Day	Theme 2026: "Empowering pharmacists for healthier futures".
25 September	Antyodaya Diwas	25 September is observed as Antyodaya Diwas because the idea of Antyodaya was closely associated with Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of development and social welfare.

26 September	World Contraception Day	Theme 2026: "No Barriers, Just Choices"
26 September	World Environmental Health Day	Theme 2026: "Environmental Health: Standing with Science to Protect Communities"
27 September	World Tourism Day	Theme 2026: "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism"
28 September	World Rabies Day	Theme 2026: "Stronger Together"
28 September (Fourth Sunday)	World Rivers Day	Theme 2026: "No Forests, No Rivers, No Water, No Life"
28 September	International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)	Theme 2026: "Upholding Information Integrity in the Digital Age: The role of access to Information in addressing Information Disorder."
30 September	International Translation Day	Theme 2026: "Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights: The Power of Being Understood"

Chapter 20: Science & Technology

NASA Launches Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope to Explore universe's biggest mysteries

- NASA's Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope has been launched from Florida, embarking on a mission to explore some of the universe's biggest mysteries.
- **With a 2.4-metre-wide primary mirror, Roman can** capture an area of sky more than 100 times larger than Hubble, allowing astronomers to survey the cosmos on an unprecedented scale.

Türkiye Becomes 71st Signatory of NASA Artemis Accords

- Türkiye officially became the 71st signatory of the Artemis Accords on August 31, 2026, during a ceremony at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- The accords, established in 2020 by NASA, the U.S. State Department and seven founding countries, set principles for international cooperation in space, including peaceful exploration, **sharing scientific data, providing assistance when needed, and protecting historically significant sites and artifacts.**

ISRO successfully launches Earth observation satellite EOS-05 from Sriharikota

- **India's first imaging satellite in geosynchronous orbit was successfully launched** by a **GSLV rocket** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre** at **Sriharikota** on **4 September 2026**.
- **ISRO** said that the state-of-the-art **Earth observation spacecraft EOS-05** was successfully placed into sub-geosynchronous orbit about 18 minutes after it lifted off from the spaceport.

German space rocket reaches orbit in Europe's first commercial launch

- **German startup Isar Aerospace** on 6 September said it would rapidly expand satellite deployments after the **first orbital launch of its Spectrum rocket from Arctic Norway, a milestone for Europe's efforts to secure independent access to space**.
- The uncrewed Spectrum became the **first commercial rocket to reach orbit from continental Europe**, marking a breakthrough for a region where several countries are seeking a foothold in the fast-growing market for satellite launches.

US-India TRUST Fellowship Supports Science Research Collaboration

- **The US-India TRUST Fellowship was officially launched in Bengaluru by U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor** to deepen technology and research cooperation between the two countries.
- **Full Name:** Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology (TRUST)
- **Objective:** Support up to 20 U.S. postdoctoral researchers and early-career faculty for 12-month collaborative research projects at premier Indian institutions.

India, Sweden aim to leverage AI and emerging tech to foster innovation

- **India and Sweden aim to leverage AI and emerging technologies to strengthen innovation, enterprise adoption and technology-led growth**, while fostering responsible and trusted AI ecosystems.
- The IndiaAI Mission held a **bilateral dialogue** here with a delegation from Sweden under the **Sweden-India Technology and AI Corridor (SITAC)**.

India and Australia Announce Five New Space-Industry Partnerships at Bengaluru Space Expo 2026

- **India and Australia expanded commercial and institutional cooperation in the space sector through five new industry partnerships** announced at the **9th Bengaluru Space Expo 2026**.
- The developments involve satellite ground **infrastructure, reusable spacecraft recovery, spaceport testing, future commercial missions and university-industry cooperation**.

Partnership	Key area
LatConnect 60 – NSIL	Use of NSIL ground-station infrastructure in India for the SWIRSAT mission, including mission operations and data downlink

Partnership	Key area
Space Angel Group – Andura Expeditions	Spaceport activities, spacecraft testing, high-altitude drop-test campaigns and hypersonic recovery
Space Angel Group – Inbound Aerospace	Recovery of autonomous reusable capsules and returned microgravity payloads
Space Angel Group – Red Balloon Aerospace	Future commercial space missions, including spacecraft recovery and potential return of resources from celestial bodies
University of Western Australia – SIA-India	Education, research, industry engagement, expertise sharing and knowledge exchange

Botanical Survey of India Discovers New Plant Species “Osbeckia ulotricha” in Kerala-Tamil Nadu Region

- The **Botanical Survey of India** discovered and described **Osbeckia ulotricha**, a new woolly-haired flowering plant species in the **Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve** located across Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the **Western Ghats**.
- **Family & Genus:** Belongs to the Melastomataceae family and the genus **Osbeckia**.
- **Elevation:** Thrives at altitudes between approximately 1,200 and 1,500 meters.

ISRO successfully tests CE20 cryogenic engine for LVM3-M7 mission

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully completed a flight acceptance hot test of its indigenous **CE20 cryogenic engine** at an uprated thrust level of **22 tonnes (220 kN)** for the upcoming **LVM3-M7 mission** at the **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)** in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- LVM3, formerly known as **GSLV MkIII**, is **ISRO's heaviest rocket** and uses the **CE20 cryogenic engine** to power its upper stage.

Djibouti Becomes 72nd Country and 8th African Nation to Join Artemis Accords

- The **Republic of Djibouti** has become the **eighth African country** to sign the **Artemis Accords**, joining a growing coalition of nations committed to advancing a **rules-based framework for peaceful and transparent space exploration**.
- The signing ceremony took place at **NASA Headquarters** in Washington, with Djibouti's Ambassador to the United States, **Mohamed Siad Douale**, signing on behalf of the country. **Djibouti is the 72nd nation overall to join the Accords**.

ISRO to build advanced space tracking radar near Guwahati under Project NETRA

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is establishing an **Advanced Radar Research Facility** at **Chandrapur in Assam** under **Project NETRA (Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis)** to strengthen India's Space Situational

Awareness (SSA) capabilities and improve monitoring of satellites and other objects in space.

- The NETRA project is also developing an optical telescope at Hanle, Ladakh, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).

Chapter 21: Obituary

Person	About
Influential Carnatic Musician S. R. Janakiraman	S.R. Janakiraman was widely respected for his deep knowledge and ability to convey complex aspects of Carnatic music through lectures and demonstrations.
Award-winning Malayalam filmmaker and cultural researcher R. Sarath	R Sarath was regarded as a filmmaker who made a distinct contribution to Malayalam cinema while also remaining involved in Kerala's wider social and cultural sphere.
Tung Chee-hwa the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	As one of the defining figures of Hong Kong's modern political history , Tung governed through eight turbulent years that included the Asian financial crisis and the SARS epidemic, and his push for national security legislation under Article 23 of the Basic Law left a lasting imprint on the territory's political landscape that is still felt.
Veteran Tamil scholar, Orator and Padma Shri Awardee Solomon Pappaiah	Solomon Pappaiah , the legendary Tamil scholar, orator, actor and television personality who transformed the centuries-old art of Pattimandram from an academic exercise into a living-room tradition for millions of Tamil-speaking people
Former Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Health Minister Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas, popularly known as Alla Nani	He served as Deputy Chief Minister and Health and Family Welfare Minister in the Cabinet of then Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy . He handled the

	Health portfolio during the Covid-19 pandemic.
Padma Shri Awardee and Cardiologist G. Vijayaraghavan	He was instrumental in establishing India's first 2D echocardiography laboratory at Government Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram in the late 70s. The technique enabled more non-invasive imaging of the heart and helped expand the role of echocardiography in clinical cardiology.
Vir Chakra Awardee & 1965 Indo-Pak war hero Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke	Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke was known for an air engagement during the 1965 Indo-Pak War over Kalaikunda in West Bengal , where he flew a Hawker Hunter against Pakistani Sabre jets.
Soorya Krishnamoorthy, the renowned performing arts expert, playwright, screenwriter and cultural organiser	Soorya Krishnamoorthy continued his work at ISRO for 27 years . In 1999, he took voluntary retirement and devoted himself completely to the arts and cultural activities.
Veteran Actor Mushtaq Khan	His son Mohsin Khan , a filmmaker. Known for films including Hum Hain Raahi Pyar Ke, Gadar: Ek Prem Katha, Welcome and Bala, Mushtaq had continued working even while undergoing treatment.