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Famous Personalities

☐ Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal: 44th Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court

- **Oath:** On **September 7, 2026**, Governor Haribhau Bagde administered the oath of office and secrecy (under Article 219 of the Indian Constitution) to him at Lok Bhawan.
- **Transfer:** From the **Chhattisgarh High Court**.
- Following the retirement of the 43rd Chief Justice, Justice K.R. Shriram, on September 27, 2025, **Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma** had been appointed as the 'Acting Chief Justice' of the Rajasthan High Court until the appointment of a new regular Chief Justice.



☐ Appointment of Vice-Chancellors for three major universities in Rajasthan

- **Order:** Issued by Governor and Chancellor Haribhau Bagde in consultation with the state government.
- **Tenure:** 3 years from the date of assuming office or until attaining the age of 70, whichever is earlier.
 1. University of Rajasthan, Jaipur → **Dr. Bhagwati Prasad Saraswat**
 2. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University, Sikar → **Dr. Yudhveer Singh**
 3. Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner → **Prof. Narsi Ram Bishnoi**

Places in News

☐ College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Veterinary University, Bikaner [RAJUVAS]

- **In News: 24 September** - Development of technology to increase the bioavailability of Protein Hydrolysate in camel milk.
- **Achievement:** Patent granted by the Patent Office, Government of India.
- **Researchers:** Dr. Anita Tanwar, R. K. Berwal, Yogesh Kumar, Dr. Anil Harsh.
- **Main Objective:** The technology is related to enhancing the functional properties and bioactive capacity of protein hydrolysate present in camel milk through advanced food biotechnology.



☐ PBM Hospital [Prince Bijay Singh Memorial: Bikaner]

- Preparation is underway to start advanced CAR-T Cell Therapy at Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Treatment & Research Institute located in the hospital. It will become the first government hospital in Rajasthan to start this facility.
- **Financial Assistance (RGHS):** The Rajasthan Government has approved around ₹30 lakh for treatment under RGHS, enabling cancer patients to receive modern treatment at a much lower cost.
- **Indigenous 'NexCAR19' Technology:** India has developed one of the world's most affordable CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor) therapies. NexCAR19, jointly developed by IIT Bombay and Tata Memorial Hospital, received commercial approval from CDSCO in October 2023. The cost of this therapy abroad is ₹3.5 - 4 crore, whereas in India it is available for ₹30 - 40 lakh due to indigenous technology.

Schemes / Programmes / Campaigns / Events

❑ **PM-SETU Scheme: Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to enter into a tripartite shareholder agreement**

- **Background:** In the 5th National Steering Committee meeting chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, an investment of ₹241 crore was approved for Rajasthan's Bhiwadi ITI cluster under the 'Prime Minister's Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITI' scheme.
- **Tripartite MoU:** Signed between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India; Government of Rajasthan; and private-sector industry partner **H. G. Infra Engineering Limited**.
- **Multi-State Financial Allocation:** Investment proposals totaling ₹735.70 crore were approved for three ITI clusters of **Rajasthan (Bhiwadi), Uttar Pradesh (Meerut) and Telangana (Medchal)**.
- **Hub-and-Spoke Model:** Government ITI Bhiwadi will be made the main centre (hub) in Rajasthan. Government ITIs at **Alwar, Neemrana, Tijara and Kishangarh** Bas have been linked with it.

❑ **'Charu Chandra Bose Economic Empowerment Award Scheme'**

- **Implemented:** From 2025–26. Operated by Balika Shiksha Foundation, Government of Rajasthan.
- **Objective and Eligibility:** To provide financial assistance to physically disabled, deaf and hard-of-hearing, and visually impaired girls (CWSN—Children With Special Needs) studying in Classes 1 to 12 in government schools.
- **Benefit:** Merger of two separate schemes will eliminate paperwork-related complications and ensure timely financial assistance to eligible girls with disabilities.
 1. For physically disabled girls - started from 2004–05.
 2. For deaf and hard-of-hearing and visually impaired girls — started from 2005–06.
- **Financial Assistance:**
 - Eligible girls studying in Classes 1 to 8: ₹2,000 per year.
 - Eligible girls studying in Classes 9 to 12: ₹5,000 per year.
 - **Note:** Government schools must enter the details of eligible girls on the Beneficiary Scheme Portal of Shala Darpan and approve and lock them by 15 October 2026. Verification at the District Education Officer's office level should be completed by 31 October 2026.

❑ **Rajasthan Food Park Development Policy-2026; approved in cabinet meeting held on 7th Aug 2026**

- A meeting chaired by Chief Secretary V. Srinivas on 9 September reviewed the agro-processing clusters.
- Under the policy, **39 food parks are proposed in the state**, with land allotted at 35 locations.
- At present, **02 Mega Food Parks and 04 Agro-Processing Clusters are operational in the state**.
- **Major Crop Clusters:** Work is underway to develop 10 agro-processing clusters based on **moong, mustard, soybean, kinnow, pomegranate, guava, orange, isabgol, cumin and garlic**.
- **Horticulture Clusters:** Of the proposed 10 clusters, 07 are eligible under the National Horticulture Board's 'Cluster Development Programme' (CDP 2.0). Concept proposals for guava, pomegranate and cumin clusters have been submitted, while isabgol, kinnow, garlic and orange clusters will be taken up in the next phase.

❑ **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY): Rajasthan's Progress**

- Effective and technology-based implementation of PMFBY up to September 2026.
- In the ranking prepared by the Government of India, Rajasthan scored 43.5 points and **secured fourth position in the country**.
- Top States: First - Assam (55.5 points); Second - Uttar Pradesh (47.5 points).
- **Rajasthan's Technological Performance:**
 - **Online through Crop Cutting Experiment (CCE) App:** 10 out of 10 points. (Nearly 90% crop cutting experiment are done online through app. which is highest in country.)
 - **YES-TECH:** Implementation of the Technology-based Yield Estimation System - 10 out of 10 points.
 - **KCC Account Enrolment:** 7.5 points; grievance redressal — 6 points.
 - **Land Record Integration:** Rajasthan became the **third state in the country to integrate land records with the Rajasthan Crop Insurance Portal**. Land records of 89% of the state's villages have been integrated. Out of 52,946 villages, records of 47,028 villages have been integrated with the portal.

❑ **'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain-2026' Campaign Review Meeting Date: 30 September 26**

- **Venue:** Government Secretariat, Jaipur, held virtually under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.
- **National Achievement: As of 30 September 2026:**
 - **Rajasthan ranks first in the country** on the basis of water conservation and groundwater recharge works.
 - At the national level, **Churu district ranked second, Rajsamand fourth and Balotra fifth.**
 - Out of a total of 1,33,605 water conservation and groundwater recharge works in the state, 1,14,443 works have been completed.
 - Low-cost and effective water conservation structures according to local needs in each village, such as rooftop rainwater harvesting, recharge shafts and ponds, should be prioritised.

❑ **Fatty Liver Screening: Rajasthan ranks first in the country**

- **Meeting:** Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi. Director — Dr. Shiv Sarin.
- **Launch:** 'Mission Liver Smile' + 'Mission OV (Obesity Volume) Loss'.
- **W Zones (Weight, Waist, Watch) in Schools:** These will be established to identify obesity and metabolic risks among schoolchildren at an early stage. Weight, height and waist measurements will be taken.
- **Screening Figures:** In 2025-26, 2.61 crore people were screened, of whom 31.02 lakh were found suspected. In 2026-27 so far, 1.32 crore people have been screened and 17.44 lakh suspected cases were found.

❑ **Rajasthan's achievement in the Farmer Registry: By 30 September 2026**

- **Achievement:** Rajasthan has achieved 100% of the target of 90.19 lakh Farmer IDs set by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, under digital transformation in the agriculture sector.
- **National Ranking:** Rajasthan has become the first state in North India and **the sixth state in the country to achieve 100% of the Farmer ID target.**

- **Comparison with Operational Holdings:** According to the Agriculture Census 2015-16, Farmer IDs have reached about 118% compared with 76.54 lakh operational holdings in the state. On this basis, **Rajasthan ranks third** in the country.
 - About 62% of the state's total sown area is covered under Farmer ID.
 - Geo-referencing work of about 99% of villages has been completed.
 - AgriStack Commissionerate: It is being established in the Agriculture Department, and Agriculture Commissioner **Naresh Kumar Goyal** has been designated as **AgriStack Commissioner**.

❑ **Rajasthan's Major Achievement in 'TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'**

- **Major Announcement:** According to information given by Principal Secretary, Medical and Health, Gayatri Rathore, Rajasthan has achieved 100% of its target for formation of TB Mukht Bharat teams.
- **Formation at Block Level:** TB Mukht Bharat teams have been formed in all 361 blocks of the state.
- **Youth Participation:** 1,805 'My Bharat' volunteers and 1,805 NCC cadets have been associated with these teams to spread awareness about TB symptoms, testing and timely treatment.
- **National Comparison:** According to data as of 21 September 2026, 4,686 teams had been formed out of 7,026 blocks across the country, giving a **national formation average of 67%, while Rajasthan achieved 100%.**

❑ **9th Meeting of Raj UNNATI -**

- **Full Name:** Rajasthan Unified Network for New Acceleration and Timely Implementation.
- **Held:** 24 September 2026 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma at the Chief Minister's Office.
- **School Infrastructure:** (₹12,500 crore investment) : Based on the technical survey of 65,308 government schools in the state, work on dilapidated buildings and improvement of basic facilities is being undertaken. ₹2,973 crore was approved up to September 2026.
- **Higher Education (RIT Establishment):** Three engineering colleges in **Bharatpur, Bikaner and Ajmer** to be upgraded and developed as Rajasthan Institute of Technology (RIT).
- **Health (Trauma Centres):** A timeline has been fixed for construction and upgradation of 6 new trauma centres in the state – **Kolana, Dalot, Desuri, RUHS Jaipur, Sanderav and Dudu.**

❑ **11th State-Level Ayurveda Day – 23 September 2026**

- **Venue:** Constitution Club of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- **Organiser:** Department of Ayush, Government of Rajasthan.
- **Theme 2026:** 'Ayurveda for a Healthy Future'.



❑ **Viksit Bharat-Jan Seva Abhiyan – Angan Milan Seva Programme**

- Under the 'Viksit Bharat Jan Seva Abhiyan' from 17 September to 17 October 2026, '**Angan Milan Seva**' was organised from **25-27 September 2026** at all 63,000 Anganwadi centres in the state.
- **Nodal Department:** Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Government of Rajasthan.

❑ **Gyan Bharatam Mission: Manuscript Digitisation Workshop in Rajasthan**

- **Held:** 28 September 2026 at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
- **Conducted by:** Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- **Chaired by:** Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism, Art and Culture Minister Diya Kumari.
- **Four-Point Master Plan:**
 - Conservation centres will be established in every district.
 - Private collectors will be associated.
 - Universities will prepare Sanskrit glossaries.
 - Open access will be provided for researchers.

The Oldest Manuscript (Vikram Samvat 1730)

During the digitization process at RIC, the oldest manuscript-dating back to Vikram Samvat 1730-was discovered; it originated from Sodala, Jaipur. Written in Hindi-Awadhi fifty years after the time of Goswami Tulsidas, this manuscript contains the Bal-Kand (the first section) of the Ramcharitmanas.

Manuscript from Vikram Samvat 1881:

Mention of 'Ar-nari' instead of 'Shudra' or 'Nari': Another Awadhi-Hindi manuscript, also brought from Sodala, contains the phrase "Dhol ganwar pashu ar-nari" on its 26th page.

❑ **Major Progress under Gyan Bharatam Mission - Rajasthan**

- About 23 lakh manuscripts surveyed.
- About 1.24 lakh manuscripts digitised.
- **Nodal Department:** Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur.
- **State Nodal Officer:** Director, Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur.
- **Rajasthan Coordinator:** Dr. Surendra Sharma.

Here, 'ar-nari' refers to the wife of an enemy, not to women in general. Unlike the commonly known version of the chaupai (verse) which mentions Shudras and women, this manuscript does not contain the word Shudra at all.

The Smallest Manuscript (5 cm): The smallest manuscript, written in Samvat 1770, arrived from the Abhay Jain Granthalaya in Bikaner. Measuring 5 cm in length and 2.5 cm in width, this manuscript contains the Bhavani Sahasranama.

Selection of Cluster and Independent Centres for Manuscript Conservation and Digitisation- Rajasthan

Cluster Centres = 02

1. Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur
2. Vishva Gurdeep Ashram Research Institute, Jaipur

Independent Centres = 03

1. Abhay Jain Granthalaya, Bikaner
2. Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute (RORI), Jodhpur- 'Arsha Ramayana' preserved
3. Padma Shri Narayan Das Manuscript Research Institute, Jaipur

Major Awards, Publications, and Distinguished Authors

❑ **Jain Vishva Bharati-Ladnun: Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari receives the 'Acharya Shri Tulsi Krititva Award'**

- **Award:** Presented on 23 September 2026 at the 51st Annual Women's Conference held under the aegis of Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Mahila Mandal at Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun, Nagaur district.
- **Contribution:** In the fields of women's awakening, women's empowerment, social upliftment and public service.

❑ **Rajasthan University makes its first entry in QS Asia Rankings 2026**

- Rajasthan University had applied **First time in QS World University Rankings** Asia 2026 and achieved success.
- **National Level (India) Rank:** Rajasthan University secured 195th rank among 294 higher educational institutions in the country.
 - **Asia-level Rank Band:** 1001–1100 Rank Band
 - **Rank in South Asia Region:** 330th Rank



❑ **'Le Passage to India' receives 'IATO Award-2026'**

- **Award:** "IATO Award for Extraordinary Contribution in the Tourism Field – 2026"
- **Winner Institution:** 'Le Passage to India' (LPTI), Jaipur
- **Contribution:** Outstanding contribution to the development of Indian tourism and excellent work in the hospitality and tourism industry.
- **Received by:** CEO Lalit Mehra, while LPTI's Executive Director in Jaipur was Khalid Khan.
- **Presented by:** Suman Billa, Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The award was presented during the 41st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO). This national conference was held from 10-13 September 2026 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

❑ **Mission Karmayogi: Rajasthan ranks first for the second consecutive month – [August & September]**

- **Basis:** Capacity building and learning outcomes of States and Union Territories.
- **Category:** State Category 'C' (largest states in terms of population)
- **Composite Score:** 62.49, Leadership: Chief Secretary V. Srinivas
- **Guidance:** Director General of HCM RIPa, Shreya Guha
- **Nodal Department:** Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur
- **Note:** Mission Karmayogi – Started: September 2020
 - **Motto:** "Lokhitam Mama Karaniyam"
 - **Main Objective:** Capacity building of civil servants by replacing the traditional 'rule-based' training system with 'role-based' and skill-based training.
 - **iGOT Karmayogi (Integrated Government Online Training):** A digital platform has been prepared through which government employees receive online courses and training.



❑ **Two innovative educational initiatives of Rajasthan receive 'SKOCH Gold Award'**

- **Award:** Presented on 26 September during the 110th SKOCH Conference at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- **Presented by:** Additional Chief Secretary of School Education Rajesh Yadav and State Project Director and Commissioner Dr. Rashmi Sharma presented the certificate of honour to Chief Secretary V. Srinivas. [Education Category]
- Both initiatives of Rajasthan School Education Department
 1. **'Khushishala Khud Ki Khoj':** Self-awareness and mental health among students.
 2. **'AI-Based Competency Assessment':** An effort to assess learning progress and make remedial teaching effective according to requirements.

❑ **Rajasthan Local Fund Audit Department receives 'SKOCH Gold Award'**

- **Date:** 26 September at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (109th SKOCH Conference)
- **Honoured Department:** Local Fund Audit Department, Government of Rajasthan
- **Basis:** Implementation of Audit Management System (AMS) and transparency.
- **Presented by:** SKOCH Foundation Chairman Sameer Kochhar.
- **Received by:** Department Director Apoorva Joshi and departmental representatives (Om Prakash, Gaurav Gupta and Sunita Barad).
- **Benefits of AMS Software:** A transparent audit system has been developed for institutions associated with Panchayati Raj, urban local bodies, universities and the Devasthan Department.
- **Other Award:** Environmentalist and Director General of the Centre for Science and Environment, **Sunita Narain**, was presented the '**Lifetime Achievement Award**' for environmental and sustainability-related work.

पारदर्शिता और जवाबदेही बढ़ाने की दिशा में राजस्थान को राष्ट्रीय पहचान

स्थानीय निधि अंकेक्षण विभाग को मिला

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स्कोच फाउंडेशन ने विभाग को ऑडिट मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम (AMS) के सफल क्रियान्वयन पर किया सम्मानित

❑ **Solarisation of Agricultural Feeders: Jodhpur DISCOM receives 'SKOCH Gold Award'**

- **Date:** 26 September at Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (109th SKOCH Conference)
- **Award:** SKOCH Gold Award-2026 (Power & Energy Category)
- **Honoured:** Jodhpur DISCOM MD Dr. Bhanwarlal by SKOCH Foundation Chairman Sameer Kochhar.
- **Rajasthan's National Ranking:** Rajasthan ranks first in the country in the combined progress of **Component-A** and **Component-C** of **PM-KUSUM**. Among the three power distribution corporations of Rajasthan, Jodhpur DISCOM is leading this campaign.
- **Major achievements of Jodhpur DISCOM-**
 - Under Kusum-A and Kusum-C, 1,663 solar plants with a capacity of 3,821 MW have been commissioned so far.
 - More than 1.50 lakh agricultural pumps have benefited from the solarisation of agricultural feeders.
 - An 'I-DSM (Demand Side Management) Cell' has been established in the DISCOM and a GIS (Geographic Information Systems)-based land identification system has been implemented.

❑ **Yogapeeth Institution: 'Best Association Centre Engagement Award'**

- **Event:** 'Sangoshthi 2026' was organised by the Indian Yoga Association at Adhyatma Sadhana Kendra, Chhatarpur, New Delhi, in which yoga experts from across the country participated.
- **Winner:** Yogapeeth Institution, Jaipur (Founder – Yogacharya Dhyankaram)
- **Basis:** Active participation in spreading the yoga tradition and creating health awareness among the public.

❑ **Retired Engineer Damodar Sharma: Release of three books**

- **Author/Translator:** Retired Additional Chief Engineer Damodar Sharma
 1. '**Parashtish-e-Hanuman**': First poetic translation of Hanuman Chalisa into Urdu.
 2. '**Geeta Kalamat**': Hindi-Urdu poetic translation of 50 verses of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.
 3. '**Hadith**': Simple Hindi translation of the sacred messages of Islam.

❑ 8th PM Mementos E-Auction: 2026 → Achievements of Rajasthan

- **Title:** 37 distinctive memorabilia related to the art, faith and royal heritage of Rajasthan have been displayed in the 'PM Mementos E-Auction 2026' organised under the Ministry of Culture, GoI.
- **Event:** Conducted from 17 September to 31 October 2026.
- **Major Displayed Items and Features-**
 - **Wood Art:** Traditional 'Ambabari Elephant' (with howdah)
 - Silver statue of Veer Tejaji Maharaj.
 - **Painting Styles:** Shrinathji's Pichwai painting, Phad painting depicting Lakshmi and Narayan, and a Pattachitra-style artwork depicting Krishna's Rasleela.
 - **Ajmer Sharif Dargah:** Artwork and framed photograph.
 - **Religious Places:** Kaila Mata of Karauli, Sundha Mata, Khema Baba of Baytu, Brahma Temple of Pushkar, Shri Kalyan Raiji Maharaj, and Mangarh Dham of Banswara; framed versions of newspapers related to the consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and a decorative plate of BJP Rajasthan.
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Key MoUs relevant to Rajasthan

❑ Quantum Computing: Between DRDO + Rajasthan deep-tech startup 'Zero MK'

- **Subject:** Rajasthan (Alwar)-based deep-tech startup 'Zero MK' (Zero MK – founder Kapil Bansal) has been entrusted with developing the country's first indigenous 20 millikelvin dilution refrigerator. (Signed: 24 September 2026 in New Delhi).
- **Agreement:** Between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme and startup 'Zero MK India Private Limited' (Alwar, Rajasthan).
- **Monitoring:** SSPL-Solid State Physics Laboratory, New Delhi
- **Objective:** To indigenously develop a cryogenic system (dilution refrigerator) capable of generating extremely low temperature of 20 millikelvin required for quantum computing platforms.
- **20 Millikelvin Dilution Refrigerator:** An extremely advanced cryogenic refrigeration system capable of cooling any material or chip to near absolute zero temperature (-273.15°C).

❑ Urban Infrastructure Development: Between HUDCO + IIM-Udaipur

- **Signed:** On 22 September 2026, with the objective of promoting research, education and capacity building in the field of urban infrastructure development.
 - **From HUDCO:** Regional Head Sudhir Bhavnagar.
 - **From IIM Udaipur:** Prof. N. Vinathan.
- **Note:** Full form of HUDCO – Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited. It is a major Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.

❑ **Global Education: Between Biyani Group-Jaipur + Osaka College-Japan**

- **Agreement:** Signed on 22 September 2026 during the 21st Indo-Japan International Conference BICON-2026 held at Biyani Group of Colleges, Jaipur.
- **Partners:** Biyani Group of Colleges, Jaipur and Japan's Osaka College of Tourism and Business
- **Objective:** To start the 'Indo-Japan Global Course' for Indian students. Under this, a joint education and job framework called 'T2C' (Training to Career) has been prepared.
- **Benefits:** Through this scheme, students will not only receive international exposure but will also get opportunities to pursue higher education directly in Japan and work in reputed companies there.
- **Personalities present:** Dr. Rajiv Biyani; from Osaka College, Mr. Kyu and Mr. Naveen were present.

❑ **Between Central Narcotics Bureau + Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu**

- **Signed:** On 18 September 2026 at Mount Abu between the Central Narcotics Bureau (CBN), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.
 - **CBN:** Narcotics Commissioner Dr. Dinesh Bisen.
 - **Brahma Kumaris:** Secretary of the Medical Wing, Dr. Banarsilal Shah.
- **Objective:** To reduce demand for narcotic substances, promote drug-free awareness, youth empowerment and community participation. To connect Rajyoga meditation, yoga, stress management and character-building programmes through the Brahma Kumaris network with drug prevention.

❑ **Between Film and Television Institute of Rajasthan + Sunrising Cinevision Academy-Jaipur**

- **Signed:** On 16 September by FTIR Director Somendra Harsh and Sunrising Director Anmol Agrawal.
- **Objective:** To provide high-quality training, expert guidance and practical experience to the youth of Rajasthan and trainees/participants aspiring to build careers in films and television.
- **Training Format:** Includes a 4-day workshop, 6- and 12-week courses, one-month crash course, 3-month certificate and 6-month advanced certificate course.
- **Field:** Film-television education, content creation and media skill development.

❑ **Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University: Tripartite MoU**

- **Institution:** Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur
- **Presided by:** Vice-Chancellor Prof. Madan Mohan Jha
- **Objective:** Joint study of traditional Vedic methods and modern medical science to address mental stress, depression and heart diseases caused by modern lifestyle. A training centre will be opened on the university campus, where mantra therapy and cow-based therapy will be scientifically evaluated.
- **Tripartite MoU:** Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, modern medicine/research experts, and related R&D/cow-based research and development organisations.

Major Economic and Political Event

❑ **Rajas Sangh: First honey product 'Adiparag' launched under 'VanGiri' brand**

- During Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's Pratapgarh visit foundation stones were laid for development works worth more than ₹924 crore for 7 districts of Udaipur Division (26 September 2026).
- **Launch:** To promote forest products from tribal areas, the first honey product 'Adiparag' (Wild Forest Honey) under the 'VanGiri' brand was launched by the Chief Minister on 26 September.
- **Institution:** Rajasthan Tribal Area Development Cooperative Federation Limited (Rajas Sangh)
- **Initiative:** Promotion of collection, value addition and marketing of minor forest produce from tribal areas.
- **Important MoU:** An MoU was exchanged between RajSangh + CONFED with the objective of promoting the marketing and sale of products manufactured by Van Dhan Vikas Kendras of the state. This initiative will provide tribal communities with fair prices for their products, better markets and livelihood opportunities.

❑ **First onion processing units of the state to be established in Sikar-Alwar**

- Under the State Government's 'One District-One Product' (ODOP) scheme.
- **Product Manufacturing:** Onion powder and onion flakes will be prepared by processing onions.
- **Cost:** Administrative and final approval has been received for projects of ₹25 lakh each in both districts.
- **Location:** Land and layout for the unit in Yalsar village of Sikar have been finalised by Rajeevika. The unit will be operated under Rajeevika's 'Nai Umang CLF, Dhudhwa'.
- **Women's Participation:** In the first phase, 500 women farmers from each of the two districts have been included.

❑ **'Furniture Express' rail service for exporters of Jodhpur**

- **Initiative:** The Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Limited (RAJSICO), in collaboration with M/s Doon Logistics Private Limited, is operating a Furniture Express rail service from Jodhpur to Mundra Port, Gujarat.
- **Objective:** To provide reliable, competitive and regular container transportation and logistics facilities to Rajasthan's furniture, handicraft, guar gum and other exporters.
- **Achievement:** Since the service started on 28 February 2026, more than 2,100 TEU containers have been transported through 36 trains so far.

❑ **Ram Niwas Bagh: Rajasthan's first Food Truck Chaupal**

- **Location:** A Chaupal with 15 food trucks is being developed at Ram Niwas Bagh, Jaipur.
- **Developed by:** Jaipur Development Authority. Estimated cost: ₹637.50 lakh.
- **Major Features:** Approximately 1,804 sq. metres of pedestrian walkway, 1,200 sq. metres of open garden, 600 sq. metres of children's play area, and 200 sq. metres of open amphitheatre have been proposed.
- **Leadership:** Urban Development and Housing: Jaipur Development Commissioner Siddharth Mahajan.

❑ **Innovation Initiative: For Commercial and Industrial Consumers – 30 September 2026**

- **Initiative:** Development of small renewable energy parks and projects.
- **Implementing Agency:** Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited
- **First Phase Centre:** Jodhpur district (50 MW solar project)
- **Objective:** To meet the increasing green energy requirements of commercial and industrial consumers, particularly including MSME units, and facilitate their renewable energy targets.
- **Special Provisions and Model -**
 - Small RE Parks/RE Projects will be developed by the corporation at suitable locations.
 - Availability of green power on a long-term basis will be ensured, reducing the need for consumers to develop large projects themselves.

❑ **Extension of tenure of Rajasthan State Other Backward Classes (Political Representation) Commission**

- **Formation:** The Commission was constituted on 9 May 2025 with the objective of providing reservation to Other Backward Classes in local bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions.
- **Chairperson:** Retired Judge Madanlal Bhati
- **Members:** Mohan Morwal, Prof. Rajiv Saxena, Advocate Gopal Krishna, Pawan Mandaviya.
- **Extension:** The tenure of the Commission has now been extended up to 31 March 2027.
- **Progress:** The Commission recently submitted its recommendations to the State Government on 5 August regarding reservation for Other Backward Classes in local body elections, following which its tenure was extended.

❑ **Bhubaneswar (Odisha) 'Pravasi Rajasthani Meet'**

- **Interaction:** The Rajasthani diaspora + industry under the leadership of ACS Industries and Commerce Shikhar Agrawal.
- **Event:** 15 September 2026 (Hotel Mayfair, Bhubaneswar-Odisha)
- **Representatives:** BIP and Rajasthan Foundation, RIICO, Industries and Commerce Department.
- **Industry Participation:** CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) is participating as the 'Industry Partner' for 'Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas 2026' (first organised in 2025-Jaipur).

Miscellaneous

❑ **Rajasthan: Expansion of 'Automated Driving Test Track' ADTT and 'Driving Training Centre' DTT**

- In September 2026, administrative approval was given for 07 Automated Test Tracks and 11 Driving Training Centres at a cost of around ₹25 crore from the Road Safety Fund for road safety and digital governance and elimination of corruption.
- The Rajasthan Transport Department is going to make the trial process for issuing driving licences completely free from human intervention, technology-based and transparent. Licences will be issued through a computerised system.
- **Construction Agency:** The Transport Department has entrusted the responsibility to the "Rajasthan State Agricultural Marketing Board".

❑ **Progress Review Meeting of Transport and Road Safety Department – 29 September 2026**

- **Event:** Held at Secretariat, Jaipur under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.
- **Revenue Collection:** In the current financial year 2026-27, up to 27 September 2026, the Transport Department has earned revenue of ₹3,594.73 crore, which is 13.82% higher than the previous year.
- **Automated Testing Station (ATS):** At present, 55 ATS are operational in the state, and Rajasthan ranks second in the country after Gujarat in this matter.
- All 35 Driving Test Tracks in the state have been automated, of which the work has become operational at 23 locations.
- The department's Grievance Redressal Performance (GRPF) ranking on Rajasthan Sampark Portal improved from 18th rank in May 2026 to 6th rank in August 2026.
- The average time taken by the department to dispose of complaints has decreased from 23 days to 13 days.
- **Rajasthan Vehicle Scrapping Policy-2025:** Under this, a tax rebate of 16 to 26% (maximum ₹1 lakh) is provided on purchase of a new vehicle on the basis of a scrapping certificate.

❑ **'The Indian Masters-Art Camp': 15-20 September 2026**

- **Event:** Eight prominent artists of the country came together at Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur.
- **Inauguration:** By WZCC, Udaipur Director Dr. Ashwin Dalvi and RIC Director Nihal Chand Goyal.
- **Eight prominent participating artists of the country and their features -**
 - Shail Choyal (Udaipur), Sameer H (Kolkata), Akhilesh Verma (Indore), RaghuNaware (Nagpur)
 - Jayant Rabadiya (Gujarat) → Influence of mythological stories and human and animal-bird figures in art.
 - Nand Lal Thakur (Himachal Pradesh) → Village life and natural landscapes of Himachal.
 - Ajit Seal (Assam) → Known for printmaking.
 - Sanjeev Kumar Gogoi (Assam) → Figurative and abstract expression along with Assam's culture.

❑ **RajNET (Raj.NET) Connectivity in all 1,040 Police Stations of the State**

- Connectivity has been ensured in all 1,040 police stations of Rajasthan. This information came to light during the review meeting on Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), cyber security and new criminal laws held on 8 September at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.
- Rajasthan received 10/10 marks in ICJS integration on the National Dashboard regarding the new criminal laws.
- **Innovation:** Integration of 8,500 devices and the digital platform for the e-Sakshya app.

❑ **Meeting between Chief Secretary + IMF-SARTTAC Director -**

- **Meeting:** On 21 September 2026, Director of South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTAC-IMF), Harald Finger, met V. Srinivas in Jaipur.
- **Discussion Topics:** Strengthening public investment management in the state, GST reforms, SNA-Sparsh system and digitalisation of the state treasury were discussed.



- **'Public Investment Management-Indian States' Training Programme-**

- **Date:** 21-25 September 2026 in Jaipur by IMF-SARTTAC.
- **Objective:** Better management of public investment, timely implementation of projects and ensuring maximum outcomes from investment.
- **Introduction to SARTTAC:** Director Harald Finger stated that SARTTAC is a collaborative initiative of the IMF and South Asian member countries (India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka), which provides institutional capacity and technical assistance.

- **Western Zone Official Language Conference-2026**

- **Event:** Organised on 1 September at Constitution Club of Rajasthan, Jaipur by the EPFO Regional Office with Official Language Officers of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- **Focus:** Promoting the use of official language Hindi in administrative and technical work.
- **Chairmanship:** Regional Commissioner-I Paritosh Kumar; Chief Guest: Vice-Chancellor of HJU, Prof. N.K. Pandey.

- **Shekhawati Havelis: Included in UNESCO's Tentative List -**

- **Official Entry:** "The Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati"
- **14 Areas Included:** The havelis of Alsisar, Bisau, Chirawa, Churu, Dundlod, Fatehpur, Jhunjhunu, Khetri, Laxmangarh, Mandawa, Mahansar, Nawalgarh, Ramgarh and Sikar have been included in the tentative list.
- **Fresco Art:** The main identity of the havelis is their unique fresco art and architectural style, due to which the region is considered the world's richest open-air galleries.

- **Review Meeting of Animal Husbandry Department-Government of Rajasthan: 30 September 2026**

- **Event:** Held at Secretariat, Jaipur under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.
- **Direction:** Prepare a 'State Veterinary Policy' for the development of the animal husbandry sector.
- **Mobile Veterinary Units:** Daily monitoring of all 536 units currently operating in the state.
- **Chief Minister Mangla Pashu Bima Yojana -**
 - Rajasthan ranks first in the country in terms of 'highest number of animal insurance policies issued'.
 - Under this, of 43 lakh+ animals have been registered and 26 lakh+ insurance policies have been issued.

- **Prof. Ram Ahuja Memorial Lecture: Sociological Discourse**

- **Venue:** Rajasthan University, Jaipur (organised by the Department of Sociology)
- **Tradition:** This lecture has been organised annually since 2003.
- **Main Topic:** "Conceptualisation of Indian Society: Theory, Praxis and Possibilities"
- **Main Speaker:** Prof. Manoj Kumar Jena, Chairperson, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, New Delhi, described "Theory + Praxis = Possibility" as the formula of social change.
- **Award:** The 'Ram Ahuja Memorial Gold Medal' was awarded to Payal Vijayvargiya, who secured the highest marks in postgraduate Sociology during the academic session 2025-26.

❑ **Expansion of Free Dialysis Services in the State: (Up to September 2026)**

- **Title:** Under the direction of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khinvsar, a total of 1,17,258 free dialysis sessions have been provided to 16 thousand+ patients under the provision of free dialysis facilities to kidney patients in the state. Estimated Value: ₹21.11 crore
- **PM National Dialysis Programme:** 149 machines are operational in 35 district hospitals of the state.
- **Support of Hans Foundation (Gurugram):** The facility is being operated with the support of Hans Foundation at District Hospital Nadbai (Bharatpur) and Sub-District Hospital Siwana (Balotra).
- **Target for September:** Dialysis facilities will be started in 78 medical institutions.

Science and Technology

❑ **Research by IIT Jodhpur on Lesser-Known and Endangered Languages**

- **Information Shared:** 23 September 2026
- **Researcher:** Dr. Gurujegan Murugesan (School of Liberal Arts)
- **Study Areas:** Culture of the Bhil community of Osian (Thar region-Rajasthan), number system of the Mundari language (Jharkhand), and the migrant Tamil language in Switzerland.
- **Three Research Areas:** Field linguistics, theoretical linguistics and sociolinguistics.
- **Global Context:** Of the approximately 7,164 languages in the world, around 44% are spoken by fewer than 1,000 people, creating a serious risk of their extinction.
- **Major Research:** Special focus on field studies, language documentation, and conservation and revitalisation of languages.
 1. **Bhil Community of the Thar Region (Rajasthan):** Study of how traditional survival methods in harsh climates and local knowledge relate to language.
 2. **Mundari Language (Jharkhand):** Discovery of a unique and rare number system in this language belonging to the Austroasiatic language family, which is helpful in understanding grammatical development.
 3. **Heritage Language among Migrant Communities (Switzerland):** Study of language development in a multilingual environment among the second-generation migrant Tamil community in collaboration with Prof. Anita Auer of the University of Lausanne (Support: Swiss National Science Foundation and ICSSR).



❑ **Environmental Solutions Hidden in Tribal Traditions + Traditional Knowledge → Research by IIT Jodhpur**

- **Information Shared:** 01 September 2026
- **Institution:** By the School of Liberal Arts, IIT Jodhpur.
- **Researcher:** Assistant Professor Dr. Bhaskar Kumar Kakati
- **Major Dimensions of Research-**
 - **Tribal Astronomical Knowledge:** Study of tribal systems for understanding the sky, stars, seasons and cycles of nature and preparation of a dictionary of these under the 'Indian Knowledge System' (IKS).



- **Traditional Agricultural Practices and 'Spiritual Ecology':** Study of the impact of traditions related to agriculture and nature on biodiversity and management of natural resources.

Example: Nandia Kalan: Development of a 'Nakshatra Vatika' on degraded community land in this village of Rajasthan through traditional knowledge, local participation and modern restoration.

- **Rural Livelihood and Entrepreneurship:** Linking traditional knowledge with skill development and livelihood through IIT Jodhpur's Livelihood Business Incubation Centre under the Ministry of MSME's ASPIRE scheme (a scheme for promoting innovation, rural industries and entrepreneurship).

□ **Air Pollution Control through PAVITRA Software: Initiative of IIT Bombay**

- **One-Day Workshop:** 18 September 2026
- **Venue:** Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), Jaipur
- **Subject:** 'Air Pollution Management and Intervention Tool for India'
- **Objective:** Identification of sources of air pollution, scientific and data-based assessment of emissions and potential impact of pollution control measures.
 - **PAVITRA:** It is an advanced decision-support platform through which the reduction in emissions and changes in the concentration of particulate matter PM-2.5 due to proposed policy and control measures in different sectors are accurately assessed.
 - **Major Technical Components:** Information was provided about various technical components of PAVITRA, including the multi-pollutant emission inventory – SMOG India – atmospheric transport and chemistry-based model, INMAP-PAVITRA and ISRM-PAVITRA.
 - **PAVITRA :** Air Pollution Management and Intervention Tool for India



□ **Atomic Energy: Rawatbhata Atomic Power Station (RAPS-2)**

- **In News :** The second unit (RAPS-2) of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station, based on heavy water technology, on 20th September a new record of 400 days of continuous power generation.
- **Production:** The unit generated 1,795 million units (i.e. 179.5 crore units) of electricity.
- **Value:** The total value of the electricity generated is estimated at ₹590.56 crore. 100% of this electricity was received by Rajasthan at the cheapest rate (₹3.29 per unit).
 - **Background:** The first concreting of RAPS-2 took place in 1969 and commercial production started in 1981. Initially, the project had technical cooperation from Canada, but after the Pokhran nuclear test in 1974, Canada stopped cooperation and recalled its experts. Thereafter, Indian scientists completed it through self-reliance.
 - **Operating Organisation:** Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)
 - **Reactor:** Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR), commonly also called a 'CANDU'-design-based reactor.

❑ **Health + Education + Industry – Smart AI Assistant Developed → Research by IIT Jodhpur**

- **Information Shared:** 15 September 2026
- **Institution:** Machine Intelligence Lab of IIT Jodhpur (Department of Computer Science and Engineering)
- **Leadership:** Assistant Professor Dr. Divya Saxena
- **Main Objective:** To make AI faster, affordable and aligned with real needs so that it does not merely answer questions but can understand complex, multi-source data and help complete tasks.
- This research focuses on three major pillars - Multimodal Learning, Efficient AI, AI Agents.



❑ **AIIMS Jodhpur Foundation Day Ceremony – (17 September 2026) Established in 2012 -**

- **Chief Guest:** Chief Secretary V. Srinivas
- **Resolve:** To make AIIMS a global centre for medical research and clinical excellence.
- **Medical Education in the Country:** The number of government medical colleges in the country increased from 181 in 2014 to 441 in 2026, while undergraduate medical seats increased from 51,348 to 1,36,939.
- **On this occasion, V. Srinivas highlighted the major pillars of the 10-year vision framework for AIIMS Jodhpur:** Research and Technology – genomics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital therapeutics, digitisation of medical records, electronic medical records, digital hospital system, and remote patient monitoring.
- **AIIMS Jodhpur - Research and Innovation -**
 - **Extramural Research Grant:** The institution received more than ₹115 crore in 2025–26.
 - **Patents and Innovation:** Under research collaboration, 31 patents were filed, of which 5 were granted. Along with this, AIIMS Jodhpur Innovation & Entrepreneurship Foundation was established with a focus on healthcare and AI.

❑ **'Human Exosuit' (Hanumanta Exo 1.2)**

- **Development:** Engineer Gaurav (Kota)
- **Background:** Under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India (Atmanirbhar Bharat), iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) and ADITI (Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX) programmes, an indigenous advanced version of 'Human Exosuit' has been prepared, with the help of which soldiers can easily carry heavy weapons and equipment at the border.
- **Capacity:** After wearing the exosuit, soldiers will not feel fatigue or excessive load even while carrying up to 100–200 kg of heavy weapons, ammunition and equipment, and will be able to run. The new version, prepared in only one and a half months, previously weighed 11.1 kg, which has now been reduced to only 7.5 kg.
- **Testing:** Lab testing and technical improvements are carried out at Sonipat (Gaurav's 'Defence Startup' associated with Atal Incubation Centre, IIT Delhi).



❑ **AI-Based Technological Revolution in the Agricultural Sector of the State: 'Wadhwani AI'**

- To promote Artificial Intelligence (AI) and modern technologies in the agricultural sector of the state, agricultural officers from 13 districts were trained by experts from 'Wadhwani AI' on 25 September.
- **Venue:** Pant Krishi Bhawan conference hall, Jaipur.
- **Trainers:** Experts from Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Intelligence.
- **Raj Kisan Portal:** To make it more capable through AI-based technologies and ensure 'One-to-One Farmer Service Delivery'.
- **Memorandum of Understanding:** The Rajasthan Agriculture Department signed agreements with a total of 38 organisations to make agriculture modern and sustainable. These include 10 leading agri-tech startups and 20 civil society organisations, including TAFE-JFarm Services, Manipal University, Wadhwani AI, Ramshantaya Organic Agriculture and Training Centre, NIAM etc.

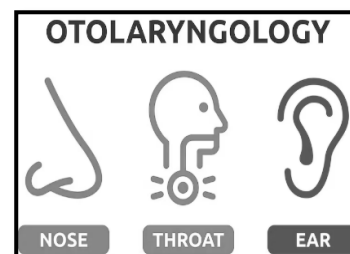


❑ **Commencement of Fuel Loading at Rawatbhata Atomic Power Station (RAPS-8)**

- The Initial fuel loading (IFL) in the indigenous 700 MW RAPS-8 unit commenced on 19 September 2026 with the target of grid integration. The first uranium fuel bundle has been successfully loaded into the core (heart of the reactor) of the eighth unit under construction (RAPS-8), with which the project has officially entered the nuclear commissioning stage.
- It is a Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor based entirely on indigenous technology. Under this, a total of 4,704 uranium fuel bundles are being loaded in 392 channels.
- **Regulatory Approval:** Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)

❑ **12th National ENT Conference: (IAOHNS-2026)**

- **Event:** Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jhalana-Jaipur
- **Organiser:** 'Indian Academy of Otolaryngology and Head Neck Surgery'
- **Duration:** 25 to 27 September 2026
- **Main Participants:** More than 800 ear-nose-throat surgery-related experts from India and abroad. Organising President: Dr. Pawan Singhal
- **Training:** Robotic 3-D Training – for the first time, doctors were trained on a 3-D model through a robot.



❑ **Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026**

- A joint press conference was organised on 25 September 2026, Jaipur, regarding the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and their effective implementation under the theme 'Not waste, but a resource'.
- **Organisers:** Joint effort of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and Press Information Bureau (PIB).
- **Rules:** Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (Effective: 1 April 2026)
- **Main Principles:**
 - **Four-stream segregation:-**
 1. Wet waste
 2. Dry waste
 3. Sanitation waste
 4. Special/ domestic hazardous waste
 - Polluter pays principle

❑ **CAZRI: Four Advanced Varieties of Moth Bean of Jodhpur (CAZRI Moth-4, 5, 6, 7)**

- **Successful Demonstration:** New varieties of moth developed by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur were successfully demonstrated at the research farm, where despite no rainfall for approximately 30 days, the crop remained green and full of pods. Leadership: CAZRI Director Dr. H.S. Jat.
- **Feature (Developmental Plasticity):** These varieties begin flowering in about 30 days and can adjust their growth duration and maturity according to the moisture available in the soil.
- **Seed Production and Commercialisation:** At present, seed production is being carried out over an area of 7 hectares. Along with this, emphasis has been placed on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for their rapid multiplication.

Important One-liners

- **Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD):** To save cattle in Rajasthan and control flies, mosquitoes and viruses, the Animal Husbandry Department distributed 'Cypermethrin and Sodium Hypochlorite' medicines free of cost.
- **Faceless and Randomised Scrutiny System:** Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to fully implement the system in the Commercial Taxes Department for transparency in the tax collection system.
- Under the new Act 'VB-G RAM-G', brought by the Union Ministry of Rural Development in place of MGNREGA, the limit of administrative expenditure for capacity building, staffing and better implementation at the field level has been increased from 6% to 9%.
- **642nd Baba Ramdevra Fair:** The inter-state annual Bhadva fair at Pokaran (Ramdevra), Jaisalmer, was formally inaugurated on Bhadva Shukla Paksha Dwitiya (Babe Ri Beej – 13 September 2026).
- The 1962 Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) system operating in Rajasthan has received the national level appreciation and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been authorised to conduct a detailed study of its model.
- On the lines of AIIMS New Delhi, the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) Hospital, Jaipur, is being upgraded and developed as the 'Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences' (RIMS).
- **The Lalit Kala Akademi announced the awards of the 65th National Art Exhibition (27 September 2026):** The artwork 'My Entire World-I' by Jaipur, Rajasthan terracotta artist Chandra Shekhar Sain (Medium: Terracotta, Category: Sculpture) was selected for this prestigious national award.
 - This time, 2,495 artists from 27 states and Union Territories of the country participated, from whom a total of 6,175 artworks were received. 270 artworks were selected for the exhibition, including painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing and mixed media. For outstanding performance, 20 artworks by 20 artists were selected for the 'Lalit Kala Akademi Award'.

- **Major Navya Shekhawat-Sikar:** The first woman officer of the Indian Army to be appointed as the Aide-de-Camp (ADC-Assistant) to the President of India. She is overall the second woman military officer to join the President's ADC team (in 2025, Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki of the Navy became the first woman ADC).
- **International Environment Conference:** Organised at Khejarli, Jodhpur, from 20-22 September on the land of 363 martyrs who sacrificed their lives for environmental protection, on the theme 'Inspired by Nature, Guided by the Philosophy of Guru Jambhoji: Climate Protection and Sustainable Future'. Its main objective was to discuss climate protection and sustainable development.
- **Filmmaker Radheshyam Peepalwa:** The writer, producer and director from Fatehpur (Shekhawati) was honoured with the 72nd National Film Award for the year 2024 for his Konkani-language feature film 'Mog Asum'. He is the only filmmaker from Rajasthan to have received five National Film Awards so far. He has also been a member of the President's Jury for the National Film Awards.
- **Samridhhi Milk and Agri Producer Company Limited:** It is a Jaipur-based company. The company has established three Milk Chilling Centres (MCCs) so far and has set a target of increasing milk collection to around 1 lakh litres per day by the end of financial year 2026-27.
- **National Spice Conference:** Organised by the World Spice Organisation on 19 and 20 September at Jaipur Convention Centre. WSO was the technical partner of the All India Spices Exporters Forum. Theme of the conference: 'Strengthening Farmers, Protecting Consumers'.
- **Meeting of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani and Israeli Deputy Ambassador:** On 25 September 2026, he met Israel's Deputy Ambassador to India Fares Saeb at the 'Haifa House Summit' organised by 'Vishwam' at IIHMR University, Jaipur.
- **ACS of Water Resources Department Abhay Kumar - State Coordinator:** The Additional Chief Secretary of the Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan, was appointed State Coordinator of the "Viksit Bharat-Jan Seva Abhiyan" (period: 17 September to 17 October 2026). Nodal Department: Planning Department, Government of Rajasthan at the state level.
- **State-level workshop of the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week-2026:** Organised at SMS Medical College, Jaipur under the joint aegis of the Department of Medical Education and SMS Medical College on the theme "Promoting rational use of medicines through pharmacovigilance – a step towards safe healthcare services".
- **Jaisalmer: Construction of Escape Channel in Indira Gandhi Canal Project Area:** Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma approved the allotment of 785.87 hectares of land for construction of the proposed escape channel at the burji of Baba Ramdev Sub Branch under the Indira Gandhi Canal Project (IGNP) area in Jaisalmer.
- **Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance - Rajasthan Study Tour:** On 23 September 2026, the two-day Rajasthan study tour of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance was held under the chairmanship of Lok Sabha MP Bhartruhari Mahtab. A high-level meeting was held with Chief Secretary V. Srinivas in Jaipur. The implementation of the Aspirational District Programme and Aspirational Block Programme in Rajasthan and the progress of various socio-economic development indicators were reviewed.

- **31st 'Indian Youth Parliament' - Session:** On the occasion of 'International Democracy Day' [15 September], it was held from 15-17 September 2026 at Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Institute, Jaipur, under the chairmanship of Governor Haribhau Bagde and Rivaba Jadeja (Minister of State in Gujarat Government), who emphasised developing a shared understanding of democracy and the importance of 'youth power' in the development of the country.
- **14th Foundation Day of Shri Karan Narendra Agriculture University:** Held in September 2026 at Shri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner-Jaipur, where the 'Agricultural Weather Portal' developed by the university was launched. **Vice-Chancellor of the University:** Prof. P.S. Chauhan.
- **110th Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jayanti and Seminar:** Held on 25 September 2026 (born on 25 September 1916 in Uttar Pradesh) at Dhanakya (Government Higher Secondary School), Jaipur under the joint aegis of the Peace and Non-Violence Department and Education Department on the theme 'Human Welfare through Integral Humanism'.
- **Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0,** the Central Government's target is to make India 'Zero Dumpsite (Garbage Free)' by September 2026. The Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) is being operated.
- **Tele-MANAS:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India: To make mental health support easily accessible, the nationwide 'Tele-MANAS' helpline operated by the medical department. It's toll-free helpline number is 14416. The name 'Tele-MANAS' stands for Tele-Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States.
- **Rajasthan and Denmark 'Green Strategic Partnership':** On 28 September 2026, Chief Secretary V. Srinivas and Denmark's Ambassador to India Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen participated prominently at the Secretariat, Jaipur. Established in 2020, the 'India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership' has recently successfully completed its first five-year term.
- **Review Meeting of 'Narcotics Control Vision 2026-29':** 25 September 2026
 - **Chairmanship:** Chief Secretary V. Srinivas (Secretariat-Jaipur)
 - **Subject:** Review of the targets and state roadmap set under the 'Narcotics Control Vision 2026-29' for preventing drug trafficking and abuse in the state.
 - **Four Major Pillars of the Vision:** Enforcement, curb on precursor chemicals and synthetic drugs, demand and harm reduction, capacity building and coordination.
- **Jasper Moller, Deputy Representative of UNICEF India:** Met Gayatri Rathore, Principal Secretary to the Government, Medical and Health Department, Rajasthan Government, on 15 September 2026.
 - **Objective:** To make maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services in the state more effective, quality-oriented and equally accessible to vulnerable/disadvantaged groups.
 - UNICEF proposed inclusion of a 'Child Rights Perspective in Pre-Service Medical Education'. Jasper Moller conducted a field visit to the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) at Kishangarh. Preliminary discussion regarding UNICEF's upcoming Country Programme 2028-2032.



➤ **Namo Bharat Rail Corridor (Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-Alwar RRTS) -**

- **Review Meeting:** Held on 2 September 2026 at Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur under the chairmanship of V. Srinivas. Detailed Project Report of the Bawal-Behror section of the RRTS corridor. The proposed rail corridor project from Sarai Kale Khan (Delhi) to Behror has a total length of 129.05 km, of which 25.16 km will fall in Rajasthan.
- **Four elevated stations proposed within Rajasthan:** Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror, Shahjahanpur, Neemrana and Behror. The estimated cost of the Bawal-Behror section is ₹7,747 crore. The cost from Bawal to the Rajasthan border will be jointly borne by Rajasthan and Haryana.

❑ **Important Panoramas and Places according to the Rajasthan Tourism Department-**

Important Panorama		Place - District
Veer Hasan Khan	-	Alwar
Raja Bharthari	-	Alwar
Krishna Bhakt Ali Baksh	-	Mundawar, Alwar (Present: Khairthal-Tijara)
National Tribal Freedom Struggle Museum	-	Mangarh, Banswara
Hadoti Panorama	-	Baran
Bhagwan Devnarayan	-	Malaseri, Bhilwara
Shri Karni Mata	-	Deshnok, Bikaner
Sant Shiromani Raidas	-	Chittaurikheda, Chittorgarh
Veer Jhala Manna	-	Bari Sadri, Chittorgarh
Sant Sunderdas	-	Dausa
Guru Govind Singh Ji	-	Narena, Jaipur
Folk Deity Baba Ramdev Ji	-	Ramdevra, Jaisalmer
Mahakavi Magha and Mathematician Brahmagupta	-	Bhinmal, Jalore
Sant Pipaji Panorama	-	Jhalawar
Military Power Memorial (War Memorial)	-	Dorasar, Jhunjhunu
Folk Deity Pabuji Panorama	-	Kolu Pabuji, Jodhpur (Present: Phalodi)
Guru Jambheshwar Ji	-	Pipasar, Nagaur
1857 Freedom Struggle	-	Auwa, Pali
Maharana Raj Singh Panorama	-	Rajsamand
Mahabalidani Pannadhay Panorama	-	Kameri, Devgarh, Rajsamand
Maharana Kumbha Panorama	-	Malyawas, Devgarh, Rajsamand
Dhanna Bhagat Panorama	-	Dhuwankala, Tonk
Bapparawal Panorama	-	Mathatha, Udaipur

9 cultural heritage sites of India included in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage

❑ Total number of sites at present: 78

Sr. No.	Site	Features
1.	Painted Havelis Towns of Shekhawati	• Location: Rajasthan
2.	Colonial Penal Settlement of the Andaman Island Group	• Location: Sri Vijaya Puram (Atlanta Point), Andaman and Nicobar Island Group. Colonial penal settlement (Cellular Jail, Viper Island , Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island/Ross Island, Chatham Island)
3.	Kamorta Harbour and Nicobarese Culture (Nicobarese Cultural Continuity, Central Group of Nicobar Islands)	• Location: Nicobar Island Group Nicobarese cultural continuity; Kamorta Harbour has been a safe port since ancient times, situated on the India-China trade route .
4.	Rangpur-Sivasagar Historical Group	• Location: Assam (Sivasagar) Historical capital of the Ahom dynasty
5.	Bagh Cave Paintings	• Madhya Pradesh - mural painting of the group of 9 Buddhist caves
6.	Udayagiri Caves of the Gupta Period	• Madhya Pradesh - Gupta-period rock-cut caves
7.	Tribal Heritage of Ginnorgarh	• Madhya Pradesh - fort of the Gond rulers
8.	Temple Group of the Chambal Valley	• Madhya Pradesh - Bateshwar, Padavali and Kakanmath temples
9.	Sites of Satyagraha: Emergence and Institutionalisation of the Non-violent Movement	• Serial transnational nomination proposal connecting India and South Africa - sites associated with Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha

Gollala Gudi Temple, Telangana

- ❑ **Location:** Palampet village, Mulugu district, Telangana
- ❑ **In News:** Declared a 'Monument of National Importance' by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, (AMASR Act) 1958.
- ❑ This is a Trikutalaya-style temple of the Kakatiya period (around 12th-13th century).

Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2026

- ❑ This Act amends the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (which was also amended in 2023).
- ❑ **Objective:** To make delayed registration stricter and to promote timely reporting of births and deaths.

- ❑ **Effective:** From 1 October 2026 (Registrar General of India, Ministry of Home Affairs - Government of India).
- ❑ **Major Provision (Amendment to Section 13):** Delayed registration has been divided into two categories:
 - ◆ **More than 1 year but within 2 years:** Registration is possible only by order of the District Magistrate (DM), Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) or an Executive Magistrate authorised by the District Magistrate.
 - ◆ **Delay of more than 2 years:** Registration is possible only by order of a Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC).

Persons in News

Actor Anant Nag, Karnataka

- ❑ Honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award-2024.

- ❑ The award was presented at the 72nd National Film Awards Ceremony.
- ❑ **Other Honours:** 5 Filmfare Awards, 5 Karnataka State Best Actor Awards, Padma Bhushan (2025).
- ❑ Began his acting career with the Kannada film Sankalpa; made his debut in Hindi cinema with Ankur.
- ❑ 300+ films in 6 languages (Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, Marathi); notable work: **Malgudi Days**.
- ❑ **Dadasaheb Phalke Award-**

Commenced	1969 (first recipient – Devika Rani)
Category	Highest honour in cinema: 'Outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema'
Form	Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus), shawl, ₹15 lakh

National Film Awards Ceremony (72nd Edition)

- **Venue/Date:** 22 September 2026, Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat (near the Statue of Unity)
- For the first time in 72 years, this ceremony was held outside New Delhi.
- **Awarded by:** President Droupadi Murmu
- **National Film Award Winners:** See detailed coverage on page number 34 of the July 2026 magazine.

Appointments

Appointment of Chief Justices in High Courts

- ❑ On 5 September 2026, President Droupadi Murmu appointed Chief Justices of eight High Courts on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

Sr. No.	New Chief Justice	New High Court	Previous Court
1.	Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao	Patna High Court	Delhi High Court
2.	Justice Ravindra Vitthalrao Ghuge	Calcutta High Court	Bombay High Court
3.	Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal	Rajasthan High Court	Chhattisgarh High Court
4.	Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi	Bombay High Court	Allahabad High Court
5.	Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra	Punjab and Haryana High Court	Punjab and Haryana High Court, (Acting Chief Justice)
6.	Justice Krushna Ram Mohapatra	Chhattisgarh High Court	Orissa High Court
7.	Justice Alpesh Yashwant Kogje	Madhya Pradesh High Court	Gujarat High Court
8.	Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court	Rajasthan High Court

Dr. Dinesh Sharma (Uttar Pradesh)

- ❑ **Appointment:** President Murmu appointed him the 15th Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ❑ He took the place of former Admiral (Retd.) D.K. Joshi, who had held this post since October 2017.

Air Marshal (Retd.) Jitendra Mishra, Uttar Pradesh

- ❑ **Appointment:** First Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir.
- ❑ **Appointing Authority:** Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.
- ❑ **Tenure:** 3 year

Mandeep K. Bhandari

- ❑ **Post:** Appointed new Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- ❑ Before this, the additional charge of the CBSE Chairperson post was held by Lokhande Prashant Sitaram.

Bhagwat Prasad Makwana

- ❑ Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis.
- ❑ The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) was established in 1994

as a statutory body by the NCSK Act, 1993. With lapsing of NCSK act, 1993 in 2004, commission is acting as a non-statutory body under the MoSJ&E (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment).

Reconstitution of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

- ❑ **Tenure:** For a period of three years, or until further orders (whichever is earlier).
- ❑ The reconstituted board includes 18 members. (Last constitution took place in August 2017.)
- ❑ This reconstitution has been carried out under the powers conferred by Section 3, sub-section (1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (read with Rule 3 of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024).
- ❑ **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❑ **Chairperson:** Shashi Shekhar Vempati.
- ❑ CBFC is a statutory body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026

- ❑ **Objective:** To recognise best practices in landscaping (beautification) and plantation management along national highways.
- ❑ **Started:** In 2025, by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Category	Type	Prize	Details
Category 1	Roadside (avenue) plantation	First Prize	• Project: Six-lane construction of the Chilakaluripet bypass on NH-16 in Andhra Pradesh, under RO-Vijayawada.
		Third Prize	• Project: Construction of the Gagaria-Bakhasar section of NH-925 and the Satta-Gandhav section of NH-925A, under RO-Jaipur.
Category 2	Median plantation	First Prize	• Project: Four-laning of the Hyderabad-Yadagiri section of NH-163. Under RO Hyderabad
Category 3	Plantation on land parcels	First Prize	• Project: Jamtha Clover Leaf, Oxygen Bird Park on NH-44. Under RO Nagpur

National Teachers' Award 2026 (5 September)

- ❑ **Ceremony:** 5 September 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Presented by:** President Droupadi Murmu
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Education.
- ❑ **Total Award Winners:** 82
- ❑ These include 48 teachers from the Department of School Education and Literacy, 21 teachers/faculty members of

Awards/Honours

ICAR Innovative Farmer Award 2025-26

- ❑ **Winner:** Praveen Dehari, Rajapara village, Kanker district, Chhattisgarh
- ❑ **Contribution:** Dehari has previously also received the Krishi Ratna and the 'Innovative Agricultural Scientist Award' for developing and commercialising a low-cost, energy-efficient egg incubator-cum-hatching machine for Kadaknath and other poultry breeds.
- ❑ **Venue:** At the ICAR National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, (on the occasion of the 'Golden Jubilee and 51st Foundation Day').
- ❑ **Note:** The Farmers Vault Portal was launched.

higher education institutions and polytechnics, and 13 skill instructors of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

5th Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award

- ❑ **Organiser:** By the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), on the occasion of the 'International Day of Clean

Air for Blue Skies' on 7 September.

- ❑ **Started:** From 2022-2023.
- ❑ **Awarded by:** Justice Prakash Shrivastava (Chairperson, National Green Tribunal - NGT).

- ❑ MoEFCC awarded the best performing cities and wards along various categories under NCAP/National clean air programme (Total cities : 130)
- ❑ Winning cities and wards in various categories:

Award	Category 1 (Cities with population above ten lakh): 48 cities	Category 2 (Population between 3 lakh and 10 lakh): 42 cities	Category 3 (Population below 3 lakh): 40 cities
First Place	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)	Rourkela (Odisha)	Kalinganagar (Odisha)
Second Place	Indore (Madhya Pradesh)	Jointly: Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh) and Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)	Angul (Odisha)
Third Place	Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)	Amravati (Maharashtra)	Talcher (Odisha)

Category	Population	First Place
Category 1	More than 30,000	Ward 70, Lucknow
Category 2	10,000-30,000	Ward 30 and 36, Bhubaneswar
Category 3	Less than 10,000	Ward 13, Rourkela

- ❑ Performance of Rajasthan's cities in Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026

Category 1 (more than 10 lakh population)	Category 2 (3-10 lakh population)
• Jaipur ranked 20th with a score of 174 • Jodhpur ranked 24th with a score of 163.2. • Kota ranked 37th with a score of 146.3.	• Alwar ranked sixth with a score of 192. • Udaipur ranked eighth with a score of 187.5.

- ❑ Three best wards honoured with state-level awards.

Category	Population	First Place
Category 1	> 30,000	Jaipur, JPWARD135
Category 2	10,000-30,000	Jaipur, JPWARD41
Category 3	< 10,000	Alwar, ward64alwar

27th National Youth Parliament Competition Award (for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas), 2025-26

- ❑ **National Winner:** PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ukhrul-1, Manipur-Shillong Region.

- ❑ **Held on:** 10 September 2026, Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- ❑ **Note:** Winner from the Jaipur region - PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Suratgarh, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

6th International Covering Climate Now (CCNow) Journalism Awards 2026

- ❑ **Announced:** 17 September 2026
- ❑ **Number of Winners:** 49
- ❑ **Special Awards:**
 - ♦ Journalist of the Year: Kim Min-wook, Roli Srivastava (Mumbai), and Sammy Roth.
 - Roli Srivastava: Founder of 'The Migration Story'
 - ♦ Lifetime Achievement Award: Fiona Harvey of 'The Guardian'
- ❑ **Note:** CC Now is a global organisation of hundreds of news outlets, established in 2019.

Platform Prize 2026 (Platform Prize 2026)

- ❑ **Winning Film:** Angh
- ❑ **Director:** Theja Rio, Nagaland, India
- ❑ **Presented by:** Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)
- ❑ **Special Fact:** For the historic first time, this year's winner of TIFF's 'Platform Prize', a non-English-language film, has been granted direct eligibility in the 'Best International Feature Film' category of the 'Academy Awards (Oscars)'.

16th Sansad Ratna Awards

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 9 September 2026, at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organising Body:** Prime Point Foundation / Sansad Ratna Award Committee
- ❑ **Recipients:** 10 MPs + 4 Parliamentary Standing Committees
- ❑ **Individual MP Award Winners**

Category	Winner
Overall Total tally - Lok Sabha	Praveen Patil P. P. Chaudhary (Rajasthan)
Questions - Lok Sabha	Bidyut Baran Mahato
Initiated Debates	Jagdambika Pal Dr. Nishikant Dubey
Private Member's Bill	Dr. Shrikant Shinde
First-Time Elected MPs - Lok Sabha	Lumbaram (Rajasthan) Hemant Vishnu Savara Naresh Ganpat Mhaske
Women MP - Lok Sabha	Smita Uday Wagh
Overall Total tally - Rajya Sabha	Medha Vishram Kulkarni Narhari Amin

Committee	Selection Criterion	Chairperson
Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing	Highest total reports presented	Charanjit Singh Channi
Finance	Highest total reports presented	Bhartuhari Mahtab
Rural Development and Panchayati Raj	Highest original reports presented	Saptagiri Shankar Ulaka
Coal, Mines and Steel	Highest original reports presented	Anurag Singh Thakur

- ❑ This award was established in 2010 by the 'Prime Point Foundation' on the suggestion of former President 'Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam'.
- ❑ Data related to parliamentary performance is used in selection, including data from 'Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and PRS Legislative Research'.

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Awards 2026

- ❑ **Theme:** Where Science Connects
- ❑ Among the 43 winners of Union medals and prizes, 2 are Indian.
 - ♦ **Devendra Lal Memorial Medal:** Dr. Neelima Satyam, Institute Chair Professor in the Civil Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore).
 - ♦ **Pavel S. Molchanov Climate Communications Prize:** Roxy Mathew Koll, Climate Scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.

Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar 2025-26 and Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar-2025

- ❑ **Venue:** CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❑ **Awarded by:** Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home affairs and Cooperation
- ❑ **Occasion:** 14 September - Hindi Diwas 2026 and the 6th All India Official Language Conference (organised in Mumbai)
- ❑ Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar is a national honour given by the Ministry of Home Affairs for effective implementation of the Official Language, 'Hindi' in institutional government work and for progressive use. This scheme has been revised for 2025-26. Six comprehensive groups are included under it-
 1. Ministries/Departments
 2. Public Sector Undertakings
 3. Boards/Autonomous Bodies/Trusts
 4. Nationalised Banks
 5. House Magazines (Hindi)
 6. Town Committees for Official Language Implementation.

Category	Position	Winner
Ministries/Departments with more than 300 personnel	First	Ministry of Defence
Ministries/Departments with fewer than 300 personnel	First	Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
Special Recognition	-	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) Rajbhasha Utkrishata Samman

Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar 2025

- ❑ The 'Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar' is mainly given to writers and individuals for high-quality original or translated Hindi works. Its objective is to encourage original knowledge creation in Hindi and high-quality writing.

Category	First Prize	Second Prize	Encouragement Prize
Knowledge-Science	Artificial Intelligence: Yantrabuddhi Author: Shri Balendu Sharma Dadhich	Diseases of Infants and Children Author: Dr. Premchandra Swarnkar	
Law and Police Research, Criminology, Police Administration and Forensic Science	—	—	Legal Education and Legal Research Methodology Authors: - Prof. Ashok Kumar Rai - Dr. Santosh Kumar
Culture, Religion, Art, Heritage	Bhartiya Kala aur Antaranushashan Author: Shri Narmada Prasad Upadhyay	Atit se Vartman tak : Nainital ka Safar aur Gothik Rajbhawan ke Nirman Ki Adbhut Gatha Author: Dr. Girish Ranjan Tiwari	Dandapani Cha Bhairavam Authors: - Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Nath Mishra - Shri Yatindra Nath Chaturvedi
Books Translated into Hindi	Robinson Crusoe Author: Dr. Ramsanehi Lal Sharma Shyayavar	—	Robert Burns: 20 Timeless Poems Author: Smt. Anju Ranjan

1st Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026

- ❑ Presented during the Sansad Ratna award Ceremony.
- ❑ **Winner:** National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
- ❑ Recipient: **Kishor Makwana**, Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
- ❑ This new award has been established "to honour organisations or individuals associated with commendable public service".

National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026

- ❑ **Winner:** Music composer Shantanu Moitra
- ❑ **Organiser:** Culture Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar on 28th September.
- ❑ **Note:** Moitra had received the National Film Award for "Best Music Direction (Background Music)" for the Telugu film 'Naa Bangaru Talli' in 2014.

FAO 100 Women Heroes Award 2026

- ❑ **Winner from India:** Lalrintangi, a strawberry farmer from Mizoram.

- ❑ **Note:** This award will be presented to her during the 'World Food Forum (WFF)', which is going to be held at the 'FAO Headquarters' in Rome from 12-16 October.

SASTRA (Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy) Ramanujan Prize, 2026

- ❑ **Winner:** Sarah Peluse, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Stanford University.
- ❑ This award is given every year by the university on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, on 22 December.
- ❑ Awarded since 2005, this prize offers US \$10,000 and a citation to world's best researchers under the age of 32.
- ❑ **Note:** SASTRA, located in Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu), is a 'Deemed University'.

First 'COOL Leaders Award'

- ❑ **Organiser:** By the 'COOL Coalition' initiative under UNEP

- ❑ **Winners:** United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore and Chinese business leader 'Ms. Dong Mingzhu'

4th Eco Warrior Award

- ❑ **Organiser:** Indian Forest Service Association (IFSA) and Indian Masterminds
- ❑ **Venue and Date:** 29 September 2026, New Delhi
- ❑ **Presided over by:** Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav
- ❑ **Lifetime Achievement Award Winner:** Shri Brij Kishore Singh, IFS officer of the 1976 batch of the Karnataka cadre, 'for tackling sandalwood smuggling'.
- ❑ The DCF (Deputy Conservator of Forest) of Barmer, **Savita Dahiya**, is winner in the Special Jury Award category.
- ❑ Along with India's Project Elephant, Rajasthan's Great Indian Bustard Conservation Project is awarded in the 'Recognition for Special Project' category.

National Conferences/Meetings

National Departmental Summit on Water Security

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 1-2 September 2026, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❑ **Presided over by:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi (closing session).
- ❑ **Significance:** First in the new series of departmental summits.

5th e-FAST India Summit

- ❑ **Full Name:** Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India
- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 7 September 2026, The Ashok, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** e-FAST India platform led by NITI Aayog
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Moving from Market Creation to Market Transformation'
- ❑ **Major Launches:**
 - ◆ PACT (Platform for Accelerating Clean Transport) platform.
 - ◆ Zero Emission Truck Marketplace (ZET).

9th National Nutrition Month 2026

- ❑ **Launch:** 9 September 2026, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- ❑ **Duration:** 9 September-8 October 2026
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Zimmedari'
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Women and Child Development
- ❑ **Launched by:** Union Minister Annapurna Devi
- ❑ **Note:** 5 Major Thematic Areas
 1. Diversity in diet and consumption of adequate protein
 2. Ensuring fresh and good quality hot cooked meals (HCM)
 3. Community ownership and accountability
 4. Nutrition and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)
 5. Maternal health and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

62nd APNIC Conference

- ❑ **Duration:** 4-10 September 2026
- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 8-10 September 2026, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❑ **Organiser:** Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC)
- ❑ **Host:** National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) + Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI)
- ❑ **Government Support:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Government of Maharashtra
- ❑ **Note:** APNIC's flagship conference returned to India after 14 years. Internet experts, policymakers and industry leaders from the Asia-Pacific region participated in it.

National Conference on Natural Farming 2026

- ❑ **Duration:** 9-11 September 2026
- ❑ **Location:** Umiam, Meghalaya
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Natural Farming: Pathways to Self-Reliant Agriculture and Rural Prosperity'
- ❑ **Organiser:** Central Agricultural University, Imphal

6th National Pharmacovigilance Week 2026

- ❑ **Duration:** 17-23 September 2026, IPC, Ghaziabad.
- ❑ **Theme:** Promoting the Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance - A Step towards Safer Healthcare.
- ❑ **Organiser:** Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❑ **Objective:** To create awareness about the reporting of Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR), pharmacovigilance, and the safe and rational use of medicines.
- ❑ **Note:** At the National Pharmacovigilance Week programme organised in New Delhi, the '7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026', 'Hospital Guidance Document for Reporting Adverse Events Related to Medical Devices', and the ADR-PvPI 2.0 mobile app for iOS were launched.

9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 22-26 September 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India
- ❑ **Inauguration:** By Vice-President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Climate Resilient Water Management'
- ❑ **Partner Countries:** Netherlands and Germany

- ❑ **Partner States/Union Territories:** 14
- ❑ The second India International WASH Conference 2026 was also organised (22-24 September) during the event.

- ❑ During IIWW 2026, two tripartite Memoranda of Understanding were signed between India and the Netherlands regarding technical cooperation and capacity building for the Kalpasar Project, Gujarat.
- ❑ **Signatories:**
 - ◆ Central Water Commission (CWC) - Kalpasar Department, Government of Gujarat - Dutch Institutions: Deltares, TU Delft (Delft University of Technology)

National Conference on Industrial Relations and Labour

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 28 September, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Employers' Federation of India (EFI)
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Reengineering Industrial Relations and Workplace participation in the Age of AI'
- ❑ **Note:** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the launch of a mega awareness campaign titled 'Shram Samvad' on Labour Codes 'from 28 September'. Under this, in the next '90 days', industrial clusters in '316 districts' of all '36 States and Union Territories' will be covered.

Conference	Details
4th India Germany Environment Forum Venue/Date: 1 September 2026, New Delhi	• Theme: "Together For More Resilience" • Organiser: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), India, and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Germany • Chaired by: Bhupender Yadav and Germany's Environment Minister Carsten Schneider • Key Outcome: Joint Declaration of Intent on the conservation and wise use of wetlands/Ramsar sites
7th Global Fintech Fest 2026 Venue/Date: 8-11 September 2026, Mumbai	• Theme: potential to Create Impact: Agentic AI Tokenisation Quantum: Trusted, Connected and Global Systems for Inclusive Finance • Organiser: Payments Council of India, NPCI and Fintech Convergence Council, with the participation of government/regulatory institutions • Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi. • Significance: A major global platform for fintech, digital payments and financial inclusion.

International Conference on the Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics Venue/Date: 19-20 September 2026, New Delhi	• Organiser: National Green Tribunal (NGT) • Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi. • Note: Participation of 17 countries • Key Point: Launch of the NGT App
INNOPROM India 2026 Venue/Date: 9-11 September 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	• Nature: India-Russia Industrial Exhibition • Co-chairs of the Main Plenary Session: Piyush Goyal and Russia's Minister of Industry and Trade Anton Alikhanov • Significance: the INNOPROM international industrial trade fair was organized First time in India; Main focus: Manufacturing, technology, investment and India-Russia industrial cooperation.
Global Dryland Congress 2026 Venue/Date: 10-12 September 2026, National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), New Delhi	• Theme: "Transforming Drylands Agriculture with South-South Cooperation" • Organiser: ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) and ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics) • Key Outcome: Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D) - on six themes: 1. Breeding 2. Climate Resilience 3. Nutrition and Markets 4. Farming Systems 5. Seed Systems 6. Gender and Youth Inclusion
World Circular Economy Forum 2026 Venue/Date: 15-18 September 2026, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	• Theme: "Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity" • Organiser: CPCB, MoEFCC, Government of Finland, Government of Gujarat and GPCB • Jointly Inaugurated by: Bhupender Yadav and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel • Significance: First WCEF hosted in South Asia.

Campaigns/Initiatives/Festivals

Special Campaign 6.0

- ❑ Nodal Department: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- ❑ **Special Campaign:** Organised every year since 2021.
- ❑ **Main Objective:** 'Institutionalising Swachhata (cleanliness)' and reducing pendency in government offices.
- ❑ **Preparatory Phase:** 16-30 September 2026
- ❑ **Main Implementation:** 2-31 October 2026
- ❑ **Coverage:** Ministries/Departments, attached/subordinate/autonomous offices, field/remote offices and Indian Missions located abroad.

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026

- ❑ **Duration:** 17 September-17 October 2026

- ❑ **Theme:** Swachhta me Sahbagh, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat.
- ❑ **Note:** Swachhata Hi Seva has been organised annually since 2017. The campaign began with the Jan Bhagidari approach of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and is organised before Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2 October.

Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar 5.0

- ❑ **Launch Date:** 1 September 2026
- ❑ **Duration:** 12-19 September 2026
- ❑ **Organiser:** Ministry of Earth Sciences
- ❑ **Launched by:** Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences
- ❑ **Main Focus:** Coastal cleanliness and ocean conservation
- ❑ **Special:** An Ocean Olympiad was also organised.

Adoption Awareness Campaign (Dattak Grahan Jagrukta Abhiyan) 2026

- ❑ **Launch:** 1 September 2026 (year-long campaign)

- ❑ **Organiser:** Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), Ministry of Women and Child Development
- ❑ **Theme:** Legal Adoption. Safe Childhood. Secure Future. Say No to Illegal Adoption!
- ❑ **Note:** CARA is a 'statutory body' under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

Nasha Mukta Yuva (Drug-Free Youth) for Viksit Bharat Campaign

- ❑ Drug-Free Youth for a Developed India - 100-Week Drug-Free Youth Campaign
 - ◆ Original Launch: 2 August 2026
 - ◆ Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
 - ◆ Platform: MY Bharat + National Service Scheme (NSS)
 - ◆ 100-Week Campaign Begins: 18 September 2026
 - ◆ Inauguration Programme: National Sankalp Samaroh (Resolve Ceremony)
 - ◆ **Four Pillars:**
 1. Prevent 2. Protect
 3. Recover 4. Lead

Programme	Ministry	Main Focus
Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (15 August, 2020)	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Reducing demand for narcotic substances
Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat (2 August, 2026)	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Mobilisation of youth
100-Week Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan (18 September 2026)	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	100-week youth campaign

Sadhana Series Initiative 2026

- ❑ Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement (SADHANA)
- ❑ **Organiser:** Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- ❑ **Nature:** Nationwide series of regional consultative partnerships. (29 September-17 November)

- ❑ **Objective:** Under Mission Karmayogi, to take forward the transformation of training institutions, developing them into strategic and competency-based capacity-building institutions.
- ❑ **Four Regional Workshops -**
 - ◆ Southern Region: Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
 - ◆ North-Eastern Region: Guwahati, Assam
 - ◆ Northern Region: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 - ◆ Western Region: Pune, Maharashtra

PRAGATI-50 Initiative

- ❑ **Launch:** 29 September, New Delhi
- ❑ **Objective:** Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, to develop 50 model cities for cleanliness through targeted KPI-based action and intensive, technology-enabled monitoring.
- ❑ **Under:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

- ❑ **CSIR - Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI)**, in collaboration with MoHUA, launched the Swachh Bharat Test Bed and Innovation Centre in Durgapur, West Bengal. This is a national facility for research in cleanliness technologies.
- ❑ Swachhata Behaviour Change Digital Kosh: A digital repository bringing ideas together.
- ❑ Under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal inaugurated the **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (RRR) Centre** at Sankalp Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Note:** Jaipur and Udaipur have been selected from Rajasthan.

17th Kathakali Mahotsav

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 18-20 September 2026, Bharat Kalakshetra Sabhagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- ❑ **Theme:** Katha Rasa Sangam - The Confluence of the Essence of Stories
- ❑ **Organiser:** Kalakshetra Foundation (established in 1936 by Rukmini Devi Arundale)

- ❑ **Ministry:** Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- ❑ **Note:** Kathakali - the classical dance-drama tradition of Kerala.

38th Pune Festival

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 18 September 2026, Shri Ganesh Kala Krida Rangmanch, Pune, Maharashtra
- ❑ **Inaugurated by:** Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- ❑ **Award:** Founder Suresh Kalmadi Pune Festival Lifetime Achievement Award
 - ◆ 2026 Award Winner: Mohan Joshi, Senior Actor
 - ◆ Honour: For contribution to Indian cinema and the performing arts

79th Hyderabad Liberation Day

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 17 September, Parade Ground, Secunderabad, Telangana
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- ❑ **Historic Date:** 17 September 1948
- ❑ **Major Event:** Merger of the then Hyderabad State into the Indian Union after Operation Polo.

Portal

Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) Platform

- ❑ **Launch:** By the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on 25 September 2026.
- ❑ It also includes an online rating platform and a field-testing mobile app for testing digital connectivity.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide customers with information on the digital connectivity ratings of various properties (buildings) and to simplify the entire process of digital connectivity rating of properties.

Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard

- ❑ **Launch:** On the occasion of World Ozone Day 2026 (16 September), by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh, in Mumbai.

Net Zero Portal

- ❑ A centralised digital platform for the

registration and disclosure of voluntary net zero commitments by institutions.

- ❑ Participating institutions can provide details of their greenhouse gas emissions, net zero targets and annual progress.
- ❑ Institutions will declare the successful achievement of their net zero targets; they will be given an Acknowledgement by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

NAPCC Dashboard

- ❑ A comprehensive digital display of the implementation and progress of the national missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC).
- ❑ Helps in inter-ministerial coordination, evidence-based evaluation and identification of regional gaps.

Environment

Country's First Port-Based e-Methanol Plant

- ❑ **Foundation Stone:** Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways), Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma (26 September).
- ❑ **Location:** Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla (Gujarat).
- ❑ **Capacity:** 150 tonnes/day (TPD)
- ❑ A joint initiative of DPA and Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited (APCL), Namrup.
 - ◆ Capital Ratio: DPA:APCL = 76:24
- ❑ **Production:** Will produce e-methanol from renewable energy, water and biogenic sources of CO₂
- ❑ **Use:** Supply to ships on the Asia-Europe trade corridor.

Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Conservation

- ❑ Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav, on 13-14 September 2026, reviewed GIB conservation, grassland restoration and Project Cheetah in Kutch, Gujarat (Bhuj, Naliya).
- ❑ 'Gujarat Action Plan' released for GIB Conservation: Prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) with the support of the Gujarat Forest Department.

- ❑ Inauguration of **GIB Soft Release Centre: Naliya, Gujarat**
 - ◆ Captive-bred birds brought here from Rajasthan will be kept temporarily for acclimatisation.

Cheetah Conservation Programme (Project Cheetah)

- ❑ On 17 September 2026, India's Project Cheetah completed four years.
- ❑ **Start:** On 17 September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released 8 cheetahs brought from Namibia into the wild at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ **Current Status (as of September 2026)**
 - ◆ **Total Number of Cheetahs:** 52 (with the birth of 4 cubs of the India-born female KGP-12, it increased to 56)
 - ◆ **Current Cheetah Sites:** Kuno National Park, Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh
 - ◆ **Future Release Sites:** Banni Grassland, Gujarat and Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ **Arrival of Cheetahs**
 - ◆ From Namibia: 8 (September 2022)
 - ◆ From South Africa: 12 (February 2023)
 - ◆ From Botswana: 9 (February 2026)

Tiger-Rich landscapes : International Workshop on 'Conservation as a Pillar of Livelihood and Income Generation, Bio-economy and Ecotourism'

- ❑ **Launch:** Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated a two-day (2-3 September) international workshop on this subject in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Organiser:** Jointly by IBCA (International Big Cat Alliance), ADB (Asian Development Bank) and NTCA (National Tiger Conservation Authority).
- ❑ **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)-Asian Development Bank Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Signed to assist in landscape conservation, sustainable development, capacity building, knowledge exchange and nature-friendly financing.
- ❑ **IBCA - A global forum of countries and organisations working for the conservation of 7 big cat species.**

Agricultural Carbon Market: First Farmer Payment for Soil Carbon

- ❑ In Ludhiana, the first DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) of carbon credits was issued to 2,550 small farmers of Punjab-Haryana.
- ❑ This payment was made under Grow Indigo's carbon programme 'Aadi' to adopt regenerative agricultural practices.
 - ◆ **Programme Start:** In 2019, with technical help from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ❑ This is the first payment in India made to farmers for carbon stored in soil.

Important Agreements (MoUs)

Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project - Agreement among 6 States

- ❑ **Presided over by:** The MoU was executed in New Delhi on 15 September 2026 under the chairmanship of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- ❑ **Signatories:** Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil and the Chief Ministers of 6 States.
- ❑ **6 States Involved:** Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi.
- ❑ **Objective:** Long-term water supply for drinking water, irrigation and other essential needs of the 6 partner states.
- ❑ **Features of the Project-**
 - ◆ Cost: Rs. 15,000 crore
 - ◆ River: Tons (Uttarakhand-Himachal border) - a tributary of the Yamuna
 - ◆ Construction of a 232.6-metre-high concrete gravity dam
 - ◆ Water Storage Capacity: 1,562 million cubic metres
 - ◆ Irrigation Area: 97 thousand hectares.
 - ◆ Power Generation Capacity: 660 MW (1476 million units).
 - ◆ Construction and Operation: By Kishau Corporation Limited, formed by Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
 - ◆ Monitoring: Upper Yamuna River Board.
 - ◆ Maximum Benefit: Delhi (about 25% of the total water will be beneficial for Delhi and the Yamuna).

- ❑ **Financing:** The project has been declared a National Project.
 - ◆ 90% share Centre; 10% share States.
- ❑ **Water Sharing Ratio**
 - ◆ Out of the 95% of the water share of Himachal Pradesh from the Kishau Dam, water will be given to Delhi and Rajasthan in the ratio 75:25.
 - ◆ 5% of the water for Himachal Pradesh will be kept safe for local use.

Son River Water Dispute: Agreement between Bihar-Jharkhand

- ❑ On 31 August, Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren signed an agreement regarding the distribution of Son River water.

❑ Son River Water Allocation

State	Allocated Son Water
Bihar	5.75 MAF (Million Acre Feet)
Jharkhand	2.00 MAF
Total	7.75 MAF

- ❑ The dispute between Bihar and Jharkhand regarding the sharing of Son River water is related to the 1973 Bansagar Agreement (a tripartite agreement among Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and undivided Bihar), under which Bihar was allocated 7.75 MAF of Son water out of the total basin production.

MoU between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Three Industry Partners

- ❑ Three Industry Partners:
 - ◆ M/s Pidilite Industries Limited.
 - ◆ M/s Venkateshwara Hatcheries Private Limited.
 - ◆ M/s Everest Instruments Private Limited.
- ❑ **Objective:** To utilise the benefit of corporate CSR for public-interest initiatives in agriculture and allied sectors.
- ❑ **Assistance in Signing:** Agrinnovate India Limited.

Joint Venture Agreement between Drydocks World and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

- ❑ At Kochi, for the operation and expansion of the International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF).
- ❑ Shareholders - 50:50 Joint Venture
- ❑ This is India's first public-private partnership of its kind in the port ship-repair sector.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and National Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries Park-Andhra Pradesh (NSHIP-AP)

- ❑ To develop a new greenfield shipyard at Dugarajapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ This project is part of the proposed Dugarajapatnam Shipbuilding-cum-Port Cluster.
 - ◆ It is being developed under the Central Shipbuilding Development Scheme.

Agreement	Partner Institution	Scheme	Objective
Third-Party Monitoring	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)	Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme	Independent monitoring of training in the southern region
Third-Party Evaluation	CUBE (Centre for Urbanization, Buildings and Environment), IIT Madras	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)	Evaluation of technical and social quality
Tripartite Agreement 1 under the Prime Minister's Minority Venture Fund (PM-MVF) Framework	FSID (Foundation for Science Innovation and Development), IISc Bengaluru, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)		Development of startup ecosystem, technology commercialisation
Tripartite Agreement 2	IIMB Innovations (NSRCEL), Entrepreneurship and Incubation Centre of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, NMDFC		Promoting skill development and capacity building, innovation and entrepreneurship

Important One Liners

- ❑ The Southern States Regional Agriculture Conference was held on 18 September 2026 in Hyderabad, Telangana, and was inaugurated by the Union Agriculture Minister.
- ❑ The 'Conference of State Finance Ministers and Finance Secretaries' was held on 18-19 September 2026 in New Delhi. Its theme was 'Financing India's journey towards viksit Bharat'.
- ❑ The UPASI Tea Research Foundation Centenary Conference was held on 21 September 2026 in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu, in the presence of the Vice-President. This conference marked 100 years of tea research that began in 1926.
- ❑ The 43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference was held on 17-19 September 2026 at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi, and was addressed by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth. This is the Coast Guard's "premier annual professional forum".
- ❑ The Global Coalition for Social Justice Annual Forum 2026 was organised virtually on 16-17 September 2026 in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO). India, led by Union Minister of Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya, assumed "co-chairmanship" in it.
- ❑ Brahma Kumaris Campaign and Global Spiritual Palace: On 23 September 2026, in Vadodara, Gujarat, President Droupadi Murmu launched the **Brahma Kumaris' spiritual awakening campaign for world renewal** and inaugurated the **Global Spiritual Palace retreat centre**. Also, in Nadiad, Gujarat, she virtually launched the Brahma Kumaris' campaign 'Youth for Viksit Bharat: Awakening of Inner Strength for Nation Building'.
- ❑ The 3rd BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine, Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) was organised in Goa on 16-17 September. It was organised by the Ministry of AYUSH, and the nodal institution was the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. BIMSTEC has 7 member countries.
- ❑ **Punjab** became the country's first state to launch the '**Pehchaan**' portal for the identification of unclaimed and unidentified bodies.
- ❑ The **Delhi Government** has approved the '**Durga Yojana**' with the aim of providing women and transgender persons in the capital with safe, clean and dignified employment opportunities. Under this scheme, 1300 pink electric autos will be given in the first phase.
- ❑ The 9th North East Students' Festival (NESt Fest) was organised on 4-5 September 2026 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, Delhi. It is organised by the NGO 'My Home India'.
 - ◆ **Theme:** "The Sound of India's Yuva Shakti"
- ❑ The release of '**Adi Darpan**' (Second), a comprehensive compilation showing the progress of the schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with the ground situation of tribal communities across the country.
- ❑ On 15 September 2026, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia released a commemorative postal stamp, issued by the Department of Posts, Government of India, in memory of **Sant Malukdas**.
- ❑ The Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958, from 1 October 2026 for six months in the notified 'disturbed areas' of some parts of Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.
- ❑ The 16th National Meeting of the State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils was held in Chandigarh on 6-7 September under the chairmanship of the Union Environment Minister.
- ❑ Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026: A 31-member Joint Parliamentary Committee of Parliament was constituted to examine the Bill, under the chairmanship of Lok Sabha MP Sanjay Jaiswal. Its objective is to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, to make the use of foreign contributions more transparent and accountable.
- ❑ 'Jan Soochna Seva': Supreme Court has started (14 September 2026) a public information initiative. Its objective is to make the justice system inclusive; simple Hindi summaries of judicial decisions and orders, and daily Hindi audio and video bulletins, will be made available to ordinary citizens. It is available in Hindi first, and will be available in other Indian languages in later phases.

Economy Current Affairs

Schemes

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)

- ❑ Under DDU-GKY 2.0, from October 2026, 70,000 rural youth in states and Union Territories will be given skill training.
- ❑ **Launch:** 25 September 2014 (birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya), under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- ❑ **Objective:** To link rural poor youth to regular employment by providing industry-relevant skill training.
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❑ **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- ❑ **Target Group:** Rural poor youth aged 15-35 years (upper age limit of 45 years for women, persons with disabilities and special vulnerable groups).
- ❑ **Mandatory Social Inclusion:** Mandatory coverage of SC/ST communities (50%), women (33%) and persons with disabilities (5%).
- ❑ **Implementation Chain:** MoRD → State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) → Project Implementing Agencies (PIA).
- ❑ **Financial Allocation:** Rs. 750 crore in Budget 2026-27.
- ❑ **Major Features**
 - ◆ Placement-linked skill training scheme.
 - ◆ Free residential/non-residential training.
 - ◆ Training Duration: 3 to 12 months.
 - ◆ Emphasis on placement guarantee (placement of at least 70% of trained candidates).
 - ◆ Post-placement support, retention support and career progression assistance.
- ❑ **Training Structure:** 576 hours (minimum) = 396 hours domain/technical training + 180 hours standardised non-domain training (in

four areas - English communication, employability skills, digital literacy, entrepreneurship).

Major Changes in DDU-GKY 2.0

- ❑ Notified in May 2025.
- ❑ **New Definition of 'Placement':** Earlier, a minimum of 3 months of continuous employment was required; now a minimum of 6 months, in which continuous/non-continuous wage work, self-employment and gig work will all be counted.
- ❑ **Monitoring for 12 months after placement;** post-placement support on remaining employed for 365 days (a maximum of 60 days' leave is permissible).
- ❑ **Migration Support Centres (MSC):** Established in both home and destination states; the annual fund for MSCs has been increased from Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh per centre.
- ❑ **Employment fairs at Gram Panchayat and block level;** tracking for one year on the Kaushal Panjee portal.
- ❑ **Fully digital life-cycle platform,** face-authentication attendance and integration with the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) 3.0

- ❑ **Launch:** Union Minister of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan formally launched the operational guidelines of DILRMP 3.0 in New Delhi.
- ❑ The scheme is a Central Sector scheme, approved with a budgetary provision of Rs. 565.50 crore for 2026-2031.
- ❑ **Management:** Through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- ❑ **Key Components of DILRMP 3.0**
 - ◆ **GIS-enabled 'Land Stack':** Will integrate geo-referenced cadastral maps, records of rights, property registration and information on related court cases on a single GIS-based digital interface.

- ◆ Universal Bhu-Aadhaar (ULPIN) → a 14-digit unique identifier for every land parcel, which will ensure clear identification of property and an end to fraud.
- ◆ Urban Land Mapping: Under the NAKSHA pilot project, GIS-based urban land records will be prepared and UrPro cards will be issued.
- ◆ Other Components: Registration Service Centres (RSK), scanning of old records, registration repository, paperless revenue courts.

Reports/Indices

2nd India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025

- ❑ **Released:** By NITI Aayog in collaboration with World Resources Institute (WRI) India.
- ❑ **Evaluation:** 28 States + 8 Union Territories (total 36) are ranked on a score of 0-100.
- ❑ **IEMI is based on three themes:**
 1. Transport Electrification Progress (weightage-50%)
 2. Charging Infrastructure Readiness (weightage-30%)
 3. EV Research and Innovation Status (weightage-20%)
 - ◆ These three themes are made up of a total of 16 indicators.
- ❑ **Performance Categories (based on overall score)**

Category	Score Range
Top Performer	≥ 65
Front Runner	50-64
Emerging Performer	35-49
Aspirant	< 35

- ❑ **Top Performers - Overall Score**

Rank	State/UT	Score
1	Delhi	84 (highest)
2	Maharashtra	78
3	Karnataka	73
4	Chandigarh	71
5	Goa	65

- ◆ Biggest improvement: Madhya Pradesh (moved from 23rd to 7th place).

- ◆ **Median score:** Increased from 36 in 2024 to 40 in 2025.

- ❑ **Three peer categories of States/UTs were included:**

Sr. No.	Categories	Top Performers
1.	Large States	Maharashtra, Karnataka
2.	Union Territories and City States	Delhi, Chandigarh
3.	Hill and North-Eastern States	Manipur (46)

- ❑ **Rajasthan - Rank and Score**

Parameter	Details
Overall Rank 2025	10 (out of 36 States/UTs)
Category Rank 2025	7 (out of 17 large states)
IEMI 2025 Score	51 (National average: 40, highest: 84)
Change from 2024	Score increased by 3 points (48 → 51), but rank fell by 2 places
Performance Category	Front Runner

- ❑ **Theme-wise Performance**

Theme	Rajasthan Score	National Highest	Change from 2024
Transport Electrification Progress	44	77	▼ 5 points decline
Charging Infrastructure Readiness	64	97	▲ 19 points increase
EV Research and Innovation Status	49	94	No change

PLFS District-Level Labour Force Indicators (Revised Sample Design)

- ❑ Released by: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❑ This is the **first release of district-level estimates** of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- ❑ It is based on the revised sampling design adopted from January 2025.
 - ◆ Since 2025, districts have been taken as the base level in the sample design, whereas previously the National Sample Survey (NSS) region was the base level.
 - ◆ From January 2025, the PLFS survey period has been **changed from the agricultural year (July-June) to the calendar year (January-December)**.

Indicator	All-India Range (15 years or above)	Position in the 100 Most Populous Districts	Position in State Capitals
LFPR (Labour Force Participation Rate)	In about 98.8% of districts: 40%–80%	Highest: Surat, Gujarat (68.6%)	Highest: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (70.0%)
WPR (Workforce Participation Rate)	In about 98.3% of districts: 40%–80%	Highest: Surat (67.8%)	Highest: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (65.1%)
UR (Unemployment Rate)	In about 77.8% of districts: 0.5%–5.5%	Lowest: South 24 Parganas, W. Bengal (0.9%)	Lowest: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (1.9%)
NEET Rate (Age 15–29 years)	In more than 75% of districts: less than 30%	Lowest: Ernakulam, Kerala (9.6%)	Lowest: Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (14.3%)

❑ **Districts with high female LFPR and WPR**

- ◆ Highest LFPR: Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh (80.9%)
- ◆ Highest WPR: Hamirpur (80.0%)
- ◆ Rajasthan (highest): Dausa (60.9% LFPR, 59.6% WPR)

● Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): Percentage of persons in the population who are in the labour force (employed or seeking/available for work). ● Workforce Participation Rate (WPR): Percentage of persons in the population who are employed (engaged in any economic activity). ● Unemployment Rate (UR): Percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force. ● NEET: Percentage of persons who are neither in employment, nor in education, nor in training.

District-Level Estimates for the Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Sector (ASUSE 2025)

- ❑ **Released:** On 10 September 2026 by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- ❑ It is based on ASUSE 2025 (Reference period: January–December 2025) data.
- ❑ First district-level estimates have been released for India's unincorporated non-agricultural sector.
- ❑ Estimates have been presented for 757 of the 770 districts available at the time of sample selection.
- ❑ Earlier, MoSPI had published a statistical profile of the unincorporated sector for large cities.

Main Theme/Category	Key Findings and Data
Geographical Concentration	• The top 10 districts (spread across Gujarat, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) account for about 10% of total establishments, workers and GVA. • The top 50 districts (spread across 12 states including Rajasthan) contribute about one-third.
Productivity (GVA)	• In 280 districts, GVA per worker is above the all-India average (₹1,56,539). • In 331 districts, GVA per worker is between ₹1–1.5 lakh.
Women's Participation	• In 237 districts, women's share in the total workforce in the unincorporated sector is at least one-third. • In 25 districts, women's share is more than 50%. • Mizoram: In every district of the state, at least 50% of establishments are women-owned.

- ❑ In nearly one-third of districts, there are more than one lakh unincorporated establishments per district.
- ❑ Within Rajasthan, top district (% contribution in total unincorporated units): Jaipur (11.70%)

Miscellaneous

WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 (48th Competition)

- ❑ **Venue/Date:** 22-27 September 2026, Shanghai, China
- ❑ WorldSkills, organised biennially, is the world's largest platform based on vocational education and skills.

India's Position

- ❑ India's largest-ever contingent so far: 70 participants (14 participants from ITIs).
- ❑ Team Skill India participated in 63 of 64 skills.
 - For the first time, India participated in 11 new skill categories.
- ❑ **Led by:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- ❑ **Results**
 - ◆ 10th Place: 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medals of Excellence
 - In Lyon 2024, India was at 13th place (4 Bronze + 12 Medals of Excellence)
 - ◆ Best of Nation: Smriti Nambiar (Bakery, Silver)
 - ◆ Silver Medal Winners

Skill	Medal Winner
Bakery	Smriti Nambiar
Dental Prosthetics	Mohammad Salam
Digital Interactive Media Design	Kovid Ajay Gangrade
Industrial Design Technology	Parth Vohra
Logistics and Freight Forwarding	Mehrunnisa Begum
Retail Sales	Saniya Joshi

- ❑ The 49th WorldSkills Competition will be held in 2028 in Aichi, Japan.

Upgrade in India's Rating by JCR

- ❑ The Japan Credit Rating (JCR) Agency upgraded India's long-term foreign and local currency rating from BBB+ to A- (one notch higher).
- ❑ **Outlook:** Stable.
- ❑ Country Ceiling also improved to 'A'.
- ❑ The upgrade reflects India's strong and conducive economic growth, better fiscal

capacity, a sound financial system and strong external reserves.

- ❑ **Importance of Country Ceiling:** Its improvement makes it easier for the country's government and private companies to raise loans from international markets at a lower interest rate.

Increase in EPFO Wage Ceiling

- ❑ Under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Ministry of Labour and Employment to increase the wage ceiling from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 per month for mandatory coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- ❑ The wage ceiling was last increased in September 2014 to Rs. 15,000.

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Fully Operational

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 8 September 2026, in Vadodara, Gujarat, inaugurated the last three sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC). India's entire 2,843 route-kilometre-long dedicated freight corridor (DFC) network - (both eastern and western corridors) - has now become fully operational.

Key Features

Aspect	Details
Corridor	Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)
Route	From Dadri (Uttar Pradesh) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT), Maharashtra
Total Length	≈1,506 km
Implementing Agency	Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), Ministry of Railways
Parallel Corridor	Eastern DFC (Sahnewal, Punjab to Sonnagar, Bihar, ≈1,337 km)

SHE-MARTs

- ❑ Self-Help Entrepreneur-Marketing Avenues for Rural Transformation
- ❑ **Launch:** 26 September 2026, from Kollam, Kerala, by Amit Shah (Union Minister of Cooperation)

- ❑ **Announcement:** Union Budget 2026-27.
- ❑ **Implementing Ministry:** Under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- ❑ To connect women Self-Help Groups and rural women entrepreneurs directly with markets and consumers, it establishes community-owned retail outlets.
- ❑ **Key Features:** Procurement, processing, branding, packaging and direct reach to retail.

Memorandum of Understanding

- ❑ NCCF (National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India) 'Jan:' brand and Bharatiya Matsya Pravartak Sangham: Integration of supply chain logistics for fish products

India's First LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)-Powered Train

- ❑ **Launch:** On 27 September 2026, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, from Sabarmati Railway Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote alternative fuel while reducing diesel consumption and emissions.
- ❑ For the first time, Indian Railways has started an LNG-based fuel system in the train's Driving Power Cars (DPCs).
- ❑ This system uses a dual-fuel combination of diesel and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).
- ❑ This, can replace up to about 40% of diesel consumption by LNG.
- ❑ **Freight Handling Capacity:** The programme also highlighted the successful trial of India's first long-distance double-stack container train between Jawaharlal Nehru Port, near Mumbai, and Vadodara.

'Mega Port'

- ❑ The Central Government, under Section 73 of the Indian Ports Act, 2025, has notified four ports as 'Mega Ports'.
- ❑ A new category recently launched by the Government of India, a special status given to high-capacity ports.
- ❑ **The Four Mega Ports are:**
 1. Deendayal Port (Kandla, Gujarat) - Major Port
 2. Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva, Maharashtra) - Major Port
 3. Paradip Port (Odisha) - Major Port
 4. Mundra Port (Gujarat) - Non-Major (Private) Port (operated by Adani Ports)

UPI Merchant Discount Rate

- ❑ **Rule:** Notified by the Ministry of Finance on 14-15 September 2026; effective from 15 October 2026.
- ❑ MDR is charged by acquiring banks/PSPs under the government imposes the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on eligible UPI person-to-merchant (P2M) payments.
- ❑ **General P2M Rate:** 0.4% on transactions above Rs. 2,000, up to a maximum of Rs. 300 (for transactions of Rs. 75,000 or above).
- ❑ **Essential Sectors:** For payments above Rs. 2,000 in sectors such as railways, telecommunications, insurance, fuel and agricultural inputs, a fixed fee of Rs. 5 per transaction will apply.
- ❑ **Capital Market Payments:** 0.02%, up to a maximum of Rs. 300.
- ❑ **Exemption:**
 - ◆ Small merchants with monthly UPI receipts of up to Rs. 1 lakh will not have to pay any MDR.
 - ◆ RuPay debit card transactions will remain within the exemption as before.
 - ◆ No MDR on person-to-person (P2P) transactions



18th BRICS Summit, New Delhi

- ❑ **Dates:** September 12–13, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- ❑ **Presidency:** India assumed the presidency from Brazil on January 1, 2026, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❑ **Theme:** "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability"
- ❑ **India's fourth presidency:** Previous instances were in 2012 (4th Summit, New Delhi), 2016 (8th, Goa), and 2021 (13th, virtual).
- ❑ **September 12:** Closed-door session for member countries only, focused on the theme "Strengthening Inclusive Global Governance and Multilateralism."
- ❑ **September 13:** Open session for partner countries, invited nations, and international organizations, focused on the theme "Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability: Shaping the Future for Inclusive Global Growth."
- ❑ This year also marked the historic occasion of the BRICS organization completing 20 years since its formation (2006–2026).

New Delhi Declaration (September 12):
Adopted unanimously.

- ❑ **Terrorism:** Unequivocal condemnation of the Pahalgam terror attack (April 22, 2025); 'zero tolerance' towards terror financing, safe havens, and the cross-border movement of terrorists.
- ❑ **West Asia:** 'Deep concern' over escalating tensions; call for 'maximum restraint', protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure, and a lasting solution through dialogue and diplomacy; support for humanitarian access in Gaza.
- ❑ **Trade:** Criticism of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures; support for a WTO-centric, rules-based multilateral trading system and its reform; opposition to unilateral punitive measures imposed without Security Council authorization.

- ❑ **Finance:** The declaration clarified that BRICS has no plans to create a single or common currency. Work continues on the interoperability of national payment systems and settlement in local currencies through the '**BRICS Payment Task Force**'.
- ❑ **Global Governance:** Support for increasing representation of Africa, Asia, and Latin America in the Security Council; realignment of IMF quotas; and review of World Bank shareholding
- ❑ **Energy and Climate:** 'Just, orderly, equitable, and inclusive' energy transition; commitment to the Paris Agreement while acknowledging the role of fossil fuels in the energy mix of developing countries
- ❑ **Health:** Endorsement of the 'BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyle' and the roadmap for promoting healthy lifestyles (2026–2029)
- ❑ **Others:** Support for China's presidency in 2027 and the 19th Summit
- ❑ **Scope of India's Presidency:** Over 350 meetings and events held across 25 cities in the country, as per the declaration

Key initiatives presented by India at the 18th Summit

1. Seafarer Emergency Assistance Network.
2. BRICS Continuity and Implementation Mechanism.
3. BRICS DPI Repository.
4. Nodal Centre of Excellence for Mental Health at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.
5. India-BRICS Centre for Industrial Competence.
6. BRICS Agricultural Information Network.
7. BRICS Science and Research Repository.
8. BRICS-NDB Knowledge Portal.
9. **10 proposals for global governance reform:** for example, a time-bound framework for UNSC expansion, reform of Multilateral Development Banks, etc.

Tangible Outcomes of India's Presidency

- ❑ **Resilience:** BRICS Integrated Early Warning System for infectious diseases; guidelines for early warning data integration for disaster management
- ❑ **Innovation & Enterprise:** BRICS Incubator Network, Startup Innovation Fund, MSME Cooperation Portal
- ❑ **Supply Chain:** Logistics Supply Chain Cooperation Framework; Global Value Chain (GVC) Action Plan 2026-2030
- ❑ **Skills:** 'BRICS CONNECT' (cooperation framework regarding capacity building, employability, and gig workers); BRICS Urban Mobility Hub
- ❑ **Energy & Agriculture:** Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart Grids and Energy Storage; Centre of Excellence for Agro-ecology (initial coordination by ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram); Digital Agriculture Network (IIT Delhi)
- ❑ **Commemorative Postage Stamps:** Two stamps issued on September 12 on the theme 'Two Decades of BRICS Cooperation, 2006-2026'
- ❑ **'India Innovates' Exhibition (September 11-12):** Organized by the Ministry of Education in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs; showcased 37 Indian deep-tech startups and enterprises
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ The term 'BRIC': Coined in 2001 in the Goldman Sachs research paper 'Building Better Global Economic BRIC'
 - ◆ **Evolution:** Formal political forum established in 2006; first summit held in 2009 in Yekaterinburg (Russia); expanded from BRIC to BRICS with the inclusion of South Africa in 2010 (participated for the first time at the 2011 Sanya Summit)
 - ◆ **11 Members:** Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE (from January 2024), and Indonesia (from January 2025)
 - ◆ **10 Partner Countries (2025):** Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam
 - ◆ **Significance:** 49.5% of the world's population, approximately 40% of global GDP, and 26% of global trade

- ◆ **NDB:** Proposal for the development bank made at the 2012 Delhi Summit; agreements on the NDB and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) signed at the 2014 Fortaleza (Brazil) Summit; Headquarters: Shanghai

BRICS Chief Justices' Forum

- ❑ **Host:** Supreme Court of India, New Delhi
- ❑ **Dates:** September 4-6, 2026
- ❑ **Presided over by:** Chief Justice Surya Kant
- ❑ **Four themes:** Mediation in commercial disputes; enforcement of cross-border arbitral awards; artificial intelligence in the judicial system; role of the judiciary in sustainable development

India-China Relations: Xi Jinping's visit to India after 7 years

- ❑ **Bilateral meeting:** Held in New Delhi on September 12, 2026, on the sidelines of the BRICS summit.
- ❑ Both countries reiterated their commitment to a strategic and long-term approach to their relationship and emphasized '**not allowing differences to become disputes.**'
- ❑ **Three 'mutuals':** The Prime Minister stated that the relationship should be guided by mutual respect, mutual sensitivity, and mutual interests.
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ The first round of Corps Commander-level talks took place at **Wacha (Arunachal Pradesh, India) - Damai (China)** on **September 6-7, 2026.**
 - ◆ The 25th round of talks between Special Representatives (NSA Ajit Doval and Foreign Minister Wang Yi) was held in Beijing on August 25, 2026, resulting in an eight-point consensus.

India-Russia relations: Visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to India.

- ❑ **Bilateral meeting:** September 11, 2026 (New Delhi).
- ❑ The Prime Minister presented a **Russian translation** of the **Thirukkural** to President Putin.
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ **Partnership:** Strategic partnership in 2000; 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' in 2010

- ◆ 23rd Annual Summit held in New Delhi in December 2025; bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030

India-Iran Relations: President Masoud Pezeshkian's first visit to India

- ❑ **Bilateral meeting:** In New Delhi on September 11, 2026
- ❑ Visit by an Iranian President to India after nearly eight years (previous visit: Hassan Rouhani, February 2018)
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ Chabahar: In May 2024, India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) signed a 10-year contract with Iran to operate the Shahid Beheshti Terminal; the project faces uncertainty due to the expiration of the waiver regarding US sanctions.
 - ◆ Chabahar, in conjunction with the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), provides India access to Afghanistan and Central Asia

India-UAE Relations

- ❑ **Bilateral meeting:** With Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed in New Delhi on September 12, 2026.
- ❑ **Major announcement:** UAE's International Holding Company (IHC) will invest \$11.5 billion in an integrated aluminium manufacturing project in Odisha – **the largest-ever integrated investment in India's aluminium sector.**

Other bilateral meetings on the sidelines of BRICS

- ❑ **Malaysia - Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim:** Malaysia approved the establishment of an Indian Consulate General in Kota Kinabalu (Sabah); Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since 2024.
- ❑ **Vietnam - Prime Minister Le Minh Hung:** 2027 to be the 'India-Vietnam Year of Friendship'.
- ❑ **Philippines - President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.:** Attended the summit as the ASEAN Chair; the Philippines joined the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

26th SCO Summit, Bishkek

- ❑ **Dates:** August 31 – September 1, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Yrys Ordo Congress Hall, Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic)
- ❑ **Chairmanship:** Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov
- ❑ **Theme:** '25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity'
- ❑ **Participation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- ❑ **Key Document:** Bishkek Declaration
- ❑ **Upcoming Chairmanship (2026-2027):** Handed over to Pakistan; Lahore declared the SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for the year 2026-27.
- ❑ **Key Institutional Reforms of 2026**
 1. Main Universal Center and Information Security Center: Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
 2. International Center for Combating Organized Crime: Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
 3. SCO Anti-Drug Center: Dushanbe (Tajikistan)
- 4. **Inclusion of English as an official language:** Through an amendment to the 2002 SCO Charter, 'English' was declared a formal official language of the SCO alongside Russian and Chinese – a long-standing diplomatic demand of India.
- ❑ **India-led initiatives included in the declaration:** Making English an official language of the SCO Charter; Civilizational Dialogue Forum; Young Scientists Forum; Young Writers Conference.
- ❑ **Announcement:** India will host the first edition of the 'Civilizational Dialogue Forum' this year.

Escalation of the Saudi Arabia-Houthi conflict

- ❑ Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, driven by the conflict in West Asia, was already disrupting global oil supplies. In September, Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels gained ground at the southern entrance of the Red Sea, and an attack also targeted an alternative route for Saudi Arabia's oil supplies – placing dual pressure on the global energy market.

❑ **Places in the news due to this:**

1. **Bab-el-Mandeb ('Gate of Tears'):** Located between Yemen and Djibouti/Eritrea; connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean; approximately 30 km wide at its narrowest point; about 12% of global trade passes through here during peacetime.
2. **Perim Island (Mayun Island):** Divides the strait into two channels; since the western coast of the strait lies in Africa, control over the Yemeni coast alone does not grant sovereign control over the entire waterway; captured by the Houthis on September 11.
3. **Mocha:** Once the world's major coffee-exporting port; the name 'Mocha' coffee is derived from this place; captured by the Houthis on September 10, 2026.
4. **Houthis (Ansar Allah):** Captured Sana'a in 2014; intervention by the Saudi-led coalition began in 2015; ceasefire in 2022.
5. **East-West (Petroline) Pipeline:** From Abqaiq to Yanbu—in the event of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, Saudi crude oil from the Eastern Province used to reach the Red Sea port of Yanbu via this approximately 1,200 km-long pipeline.

US-Denmark-Greenland Security Agreement

- ❑ **Agreement reached:** September 18–19, 2026
- ❑ **Signed:** September 22, 2026, New York (on the sidelines of the UNGA) – by US President Donald Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, and Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens Frederik Nielsen.
- ❑ **Nature:** Amendment and supplement to the 1951 US-Denmark-Greenland Defense Agreement; no expiration date.
- ❑ **Key Provisions:**
 - ◆ Modernization and expansion of Pituffik Space Base (northwest Greenland); new bases at Narsarsuaq (south) and Mestersvig (east); additional 'defense areas' subject to the consent of all three parties.
 - ◆ Rights for US aircraft to fly and land across Greenland (including territorial waters) and access to undersea areas.
 - ◆ No non-NATO country will be able to establish a military base or a 'permanent' military presence without the consensus of Denmark, Greenland, and the US; strict scrutiny of non-NATO/non-EU investments in sensitive areas.
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ **Greenland:** The world's largest island; an

autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark (Home Rule 1979, Self-Government Act 2009); capital: Nuuk; population: approximately 56,000; rich in minerals, including rare earth elements.

'Cardiff Agreement' among the leaders of Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland

- ❑ **Date and Venue:** September 14, 2026; Cardiff (Wales)
- ❑ **Subject Matter:** Shared commitment to independence for Wales and Scotland, and reunification with the Republic of Ireland for Northern Ireland; assertion that no Westminster government has the authority to obstruct democracy; call for the British government to prepare for constitutional change; cooperation on the economy, energy, and Europe.
- ❑ **Context:** For the first time following the May 2026 elections, all three devolved governments are led by pro-independence parties.

81st Session of the UNGA

- ❑ **Commencement:** September 8, 2026, New York; High-level week begins September 22.
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all'
- ❑ **President:** Khalilur Rahman (Foreign Minister of Bangladesh); defeated rival Andreas Kakouris of Cyprus.
- ❑ This is the second time Bangladesh has held this position.
- ❑ **India's representation:** External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar; He delivered his address during the General Debate on September 26.
- ❑ G4 Foreign Ministers' meeting held in New York on September 22.
 - ◆ G4: India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan—mutual supporters of permanent membership in the UNSC (UN Security Council).

India's group diplomacy on the sidelines of the UNGA

- ❑ **First meeting of V4 (Visegrád Group) + India Foreign Ministers** in New York on September 21, 2026
 - ◆ **Participants:** External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and the Foreign Ministers of Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic
 - ◆ V4 countries supported India's permanent membership in the Security Council

- ❑ **Second FIPIC Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York on September 23, 2026**
 - ◆ FIPIC (Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation): Launched during the Prime Minister's visit to Fiji in November 2014; comprises India and 14 Pacific Island nations
- ❑ **NOTE**
 - ◆ **India's candidature:** For the 2028-29 term Non-permanent membership of the Security Council; India has served as a non-permanent member eight times so far (most recently in 2021-22)

Science Summit at the 81st UN General Assembly (SSUNGA81)

- ❑ As part of the Science Summit held alongside the UN General Assembly, an online session was organized on September 16 on the theme: 'Science Policy and Communication in an Era of Global Challenges: From Boundaries to Breakthroughs'.
- ❑ **Key Point:** Central theme of SSUNGA81 - 'Science for a Revitalized and Equitable Future: From Boundaries to Breakthroughs'.

'Group of Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers'

- ❑ **Launch:** September 25, 2026, New York - on the sidelines of UNGA-81.
- ❑ **Joint initiative by India and Liberia** - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and the Foreign Minister of Liberia.
- ❑ **Members:** More than 20 countries involved in ship ownership, vessel registration, and seafarer supply.
- ❑ **Three priorities:** vessel safety and technical standards; protection against threats to commercial shipping; and the welfare of seafarers, alongside developing a collaborative mechanism with existing international maritime bodies.
- ❑ **Rationale for this partnership:** Liberia operates the world's largest ship registry ('flag') by gross tonnage, while India is a leading supplier of seafarers globally - with a large number of Indian seafarers serving on vessels flying both Indian and foreign flags.

India-Belgium Bilateral Relations

- ❑ Visit of a Belgian Prime Minister to India after twenty years
- ❑ Prime Minister Bart De Wever; paid an official visit to India from September 2 to 4, 2026
- ❑ **Key points of the joint statement -**
 - ◆ **Trade:** Goal to double bilateral trade within five years;
 - ◆ reaffirmation of the historical significance of the diamond trade linking Antwerp with Mumbai and Surat.
 - ◆ **Defence:** Visit of the Belgian frigate 'Leopold I' to India (November 5-8, 2026); posting of Defence Attachés in both capitals; proposal for a Joint Working Group on counter-terrorism.
 - ◆ **Institutional Mechanism:** First India-Belgium Strategic Dialogue (Brussels, July 15, 2026).
 - ◆ **Multilateral:** Belgium supported India's permanent membership in a reformed Security Council; India supported Belgium's candidature for a non-permanent seat for the 2037-38 term.
 - ◆ Institutionalization of the India-Belgium Business Forum; eight MoUs signed between defence companies of both nations (e.g., SIDM-BSDI, Larsen & Toubro - Exail Robotics, Kalyani Strategic Systems - FN Herstal/Thales Belgium, etc.).
 - ◆ Agreement to collaborate with IMEC (the renowned Belgium-based nanoelectronics research centre) as part of the India-Belgium partnership on semiconductors and green hydrogen.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's first visit to Sri Lanka (September 8-10, 2026)

- ❑ The Defence Minister undertook his first visit to Sri Lanka against the backdrop of ties strengthened by the 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' (launched following Cyclone Ditwah in 2025).
- ❑ **Three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs):**
 - ◆ Upgradation of six L70 air-defence guns of the Sri Lanka Air Force using a Government of India grant
 - ◆ Academic cooperation between the National Defence Colleges (NDCs) of both countries, Formalization of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) youth exchange programme
- ❑ Virtual inauguration of three Bailey bridges constructed by the Indian Army

Prince Rahim Aga Khan V's first visit to India

- ❑ **Profile:** 50th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)
- ❑ **Visit:** September 9–15, 2026, at the invitation of Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan; his first visit to India since becoming the Imam
- ❑ **NOTE:** The Aga Khan Trust for Culture played a pivotal role in the conservation of Humayun's Tomb and Sunder Nursery in Delhi; Aga Khan IV was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2015.

G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting: 'Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies'

- ❑ **Date:** September 1–2, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina (USA)
- ❑ **Chairmanship:** US G20 Presidency (2026); Hosted by the US Department of Commerce and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
- ❑ **India's Representation:** Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Commerce & Industry
- ❑ **Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies:** Investing in fundamental research, strengthening pathways to commercialization, and adopting trustworthy technology.

India endorsed the 'Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security'.

- ❑ On September 9, 2026, India joined like-minded nations committed to open, interoperable, secure, and resilient next-generation wireless networks.
- ❑ This announcement was made on the sidelines of the US-hosted G20 Innovation Ministerial Meeting (Chapel Hill, North Carolina) held on September 1–2, 2026.

G20 'Energy Abundance' Ministerial Meeting, Houston (USA)

- ❑ Union Power Minister Manohar Lal led the Indian delegation at the meeting held in Houston from September 14–16, 2026, under the US G20 Presidency.

G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting

- ❑ **Venue:** Milwaukee (USA)
- ❑ Represented by India: Shri Piyush Goyal

US-India TRUST Fellowship

- ❑ **Launch:** By US Ambassador Sergio Gor (on September 6–7) during the US Mission's 'National Day' (Freedom 250) celebration in Bengaluru, marking the 250th anniversary of US independence; supported by the US Consulate General in Chennai.
- ❑ **Nature:** Public-private partnership; private funding provided by Kris Gopalakrishnan and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Mazumdar-Shaw Philanthropy).
- ❑ **Indian Partner Institutions:** IIT Madras, IISc Bengaluru, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission

- ❑ **Departure:** Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Shaunak' set sail from Chennai to Perth (Australia) on September 25, 2026.
- ❑ **Sea Riders:** Six officers – two each from India and Japan, and one each from Australia and the US – participating in joint activities and professional exchanges on board the ship.

12th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

- ❑ **Date and Venue:** September 4–6, 2026; Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Reclaiming human rights, justice and dignity for all in turbulent times' – Human rights is the primary theme of IPU 2026.
- ❑ **Organizers:** Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliament of Uzbekistan
- ❑ **Participation:** Delegations of parliamentarians under the age of 40 (maximum of four per parliament, with gender balance); an Indian parliamentary delegation participated.

69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) 2026

- ❑ **Dates:** 13–19 September 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Cape Town, South Africa
- ❑ **Host:** Parliament of South Africa + CPA South Africa Branch

- ❑ **Organiser:** Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)
- ❑ **CPA President (2026):** Hon. Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane
- ❑ **Indian Participants:** An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Harivansh. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
- ❑ Hon. Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane: President of CPA 2026
- ❑ **Note:** The CPA is an international organisation comprising 186 Parliaments and Legislatures at the national, state, provincial and regional levels.
- ❑ **Next CPC:** 70th CPC – Canada, 2027

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Global Innovation Index (GII)

- ❑ **Released by:** World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); released on September 29.
- ❑ **Top 5:** Switzerland, Sweden, United States, South Korea, Singapore
- ❑ **India's Ranking:** 38th (out of 139); score: 40.1
- ❑ **Theme:** Powering entrepreneurs at the frontier of Science, Turning pilots into Pipelines.
- ❑ India ranks first globally in the export of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services.
- ❑ **NOTE:** India was ranked 38th in the GII 2025.

WIPO's 'Top 100 Innovation Clusters' 2026

- ❑ **Issued by:** World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advance Chapter of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026
- ❑ **Top 5:** Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou (China), Tokyo-Yokohama (Japan), San Jose-San Francisco (USA), Beijing (China), and Seoul (South Korea)
- ❑ **India:** Bengaluru (25th) is the country's top cluster; Delhi (27th), Mumbai (43rd), and Chennai (79th) improved their rankings.

Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40)

- ❑ **Published by** London-based think tank Z/Yen Partners and China Development Institute (Shenzhen); released twice a year (March and September)

- ❑ **GIFT City:** Moved from 46th (GFCI 39) to 37th (GFCI 40) position; the only Indian center among the top 15 in the Asia-Pacific region
 - ◆ India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) located in GIFT City (Gandhinagar, Gujarat); Regulator: IFSCA (2020)

20th Global Gender Gap Index 2026

- ❑ **Released by:** World Economic Forum (WEF); September 2026
- ❑ **India:** Ranked 131st out of 145 countries (same as 2025); overall parity score 64.5% (below the global average of 69.2%)
- ❑ **Sub-indices (India):** Educational Attainment – 96.6%; Health and Survival – 95.6%; Economic Participation and Opportunity – 41.2%; Political Empowerment – 24.5%
- ❑ **Top countries:** Iceland (1), Finland (2), Norway (3); Namibia in fourth place; Australia in the top 10 for the first time
- ❑ **Bottom countries:** Chad (145), Iran (144), Pakistan (143)
- ❑ According to the WEF, at the current pace, it will take approximately 120 years to achieve full global gender parity

Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026

- ❑ **Released:** 25 September 2026;
- ❑ **Released by:** World Economic Forum (WEF), in collaboration with Zurich Insurance Group
- ❑ **India:** Ranked 31st out of 110 economies – up from the 39th position (out of 119) in 2024
- ❑ **India's strengths:** Low travel costs (price competitiveness), cultural and natural resources (top 10 in the number of World Heritage cultural sites), and improvements in tourism infrastructure and business travel resources
- ❑ **Top 5:** Japan (first place for the first time), USA, Spain, Australia, France

Notable Personalities

Indian Origin

- ❑ **Karandeep Anand:** Technology executive of Indian origin; appointed as the first Chief Technology Officer (Senior Executive Vice President) of The Walt Disney Company on September 18 – a newly created position.

❑ **Dr. Vinay Prakash Singh**

- ◆ Dr. Vinay Prakash Singh, an officer of the Indian Postal Service, was elected unopposed for a second consecutive four-year term at the 14th Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) Congress held in Bangkok on September 4, 2026.
- ◆ **Second term:** January 2027 to December 2030.
- ◆ He was first elected at the 13th APPU Congress in 2022 and assumed office in January 2023.

World

- ❑ **Giorgia Meloni (Italy):** On September 4, she completed 1,413 days in office, setting the record for the longest-serving continuous government in Italy's post-war history.
- ❑ **John Ternus (USA):** Apple's new CEO, effective September 1, 2026.
- ❑ **Dario Amodei:** Co-founder and CEO of Anthropic.
- ❑ **Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner:** Special Envoys of US President Donald Trump.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ **The 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers' Meeting** was held in Manila on September 21, 2026; the 23rd India-ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting was also held concurrently. (Represented by Nitin Kumar Yadav)
- ❑ **Bhutan** became the first country in the WHO South-East Asia Region to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies as a public health problem, and the second country globally – after Mexico – to receive this recognition from the WHO.

- ❑ The 79th session of the WHO South-East Asia Regional Committee was held in Dili (Timor-Leste) from September 7–10, 2026. During the session, Thailand was certified for the elimination of rubella (as a public health problem).
- ❑ Fiji declared **HIV** a national emergency.
- ❑ IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani was elected as an 'At-Large Director' on the global board of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).
- ❑ **BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Temple:** The Prime Minister inaugurated France's first traditional-style stone Hindu temple in Paris via video conference on September 6.
- ❑ First 'Ganga Aarti' on the banks of the River Thames (September 13 in London; Organizer: Chinmaya Mission UK).
- ❑ The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement will come into effect on **October 20, 2026**.
- ❑ US President Trump signed the 'Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, 2026'.
- ❑ Israel opened its first resident embassy in Slovenia.
- ❑ Inauguration of the '**Yakov Novichenko Bridge**', the first road bridge connecting Russia and North Korea.
- ❑ **The 70th regular session of the IAEA General Conference** was held from September 14–18, 2026, at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), Austria; Timor-Leste became the 182nd member state of the IAEA.
- ❑ **An eruption occurred at Indonesia's 'Anak Krakatau' volcano. This volcano** is located in the Sunda Strait (between the islands of Java and Sumatra).



Space and Astronomy

EOS-05 (GISAT-1A) Mission

- ❑ **Launch Date:** September 4, 2026
- ❑ **Launch Site:** Second Launch Pad (SLP), Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)
- ❑ **Agency:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- ❑ **Launch Vehicle:** GSLV-F17 (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle 17); the 19th flight of the GSLV and the 13th flight featuring the indigenous Cryogenic Upper Stage (CUS).
- ❑ Heaviest satellite launched by GSLV into GTO/sub-GTO.
- ❑ **India's first imaging satellite in a geosynchronous orbit.**
- ❑ **Satellite Type:** Earth Observation
- ❑ **Mass:** Approximately 2,367 kg; the heaviest satellite launched by GSLV to date.
- ❑ Replacement for the failed GISAT-1 (EOS-03); EOS-03 was launched on August 12, 2021, via GSLV-F10 but failed to reach orbit as the cryogenic upper stage did not ignite.
- ❑ Provides near-continuous, near-real-time monitoring of the Indian subcontinent; being referred to as a '**24×7 eye-in-the-sky**'.
- ❑ Imaging of the entire Indian landmass approximately every 30 minutes; imaging of selected large areas is possible at even shorter intervals.

Satellite Payloads

- ❑ 700 mm Ritchey-Chrétien telescope, Multispectral VNIR (MX-VNIR), Hyperspectral VNIR (HyS-VNIR), Hyperspectral SWIR (HyS-SWIR)

First International Space Summit, Paris

- ❑ **Date:** September 9–10, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Grand Palais, Paris, France
- ❑ **Initiative:** French President Emmanuel Macron; announced while presenting France's national space strategy in October 2025; Germany is a co-organizer
- ❑ **Participation (according to the Élysée Palace):** Approximately 90 countries and international organizations
- ❑ **India's participation:** The Prime Minister addressed the summit via video conference on September 10
- ❑ **The TRISHNA** satellite is a joint mission between ISRO and the French space agency, expected to be launched in 2027.
- ❑ **Bengaluru Space Expo:** September 7–9

India-Europe Space Partnership

- ❑ India (ISRO) extended the term of its framework agreement with the European Space Agency (ESA) by five years (until January 8, 2032); the original agreement has been in effect since January 2002.

ESA's Vega-C (VV30) Mission

- ❑ **Launch date:** September 14, 2026
- ❑ **Launch site:** Guiana Space Centre, Kourou (French Guiana)
- ❑ **Agency:** ESA; commercial operator: Italian company Avio
- ❑ **Launch vehicle:** Vega-C (flight designation VV30); Vega-C's first dual launch, utilizing the 'Vespa' adapter.

Satellite

- ❑ **FLEX (Fluorescence Explorer):** The first dedicated mission to measure the photosynthetic activity of plants directly from space.
- ❑ **Sentinel-3C:** A satellite of the European Union's 'Copernicus' program.

NASA's Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope

- ❑ **Launch Date:** August 30, 2026
- ❑ **Launch Site:** Kennedy Space Center, Florida (USA)
- ❑ **Agency:** NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- ❑ **Launch Vehicle:** SpaceX's Falcon Heavy
- ❑ **Destination:** Halo orbit around Sun-Earth L2 (Lagrange Point-2)
- ❑ Infrared space observatory; primary mirror 2.4 meters (equivalent to Hubble)

US official admission regarding the deployment of weapons in space

- ❑ **Date:** September 14, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Air & Space Forces Association's 'Air, Space & Cyber Conference', National Harbor, Maryland (USA)
- ❑ **Significance:** First public confirmation of space-based weapons by a Pentagon official
- ❑ India conducted an ASAT (Anti-Satellite Missile) test under 'Mission Shakti' in March 2019.

Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR), Ladakh

- ❑ The **fourth edition** of the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) Star Party was held from September 7-12, 2026, at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) in Hanle, Ladakh.
- ❑ **Organizers:** Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Department of Wildlife Protection (Union Territory of Ladakh), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).
- ❑ **Participation:** Approximately 40 amateur astronomers from 12 states/Union Territories.
- ❑ **Hanle Dark Sky Reserve:** Notified by the Ladakh administration in December 2022; India's first dark sky reserve; located within the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary area.

Isar Aerospace's 'Spectrum'

- ❑ 'Spectrum', a two-stage rocket developed by the

German private company Isar Aerospace, was launched on September 5, 2026, from the Andøya Spaceport in Norway. This marks the first successful orbital flight by a European commercial company from continental European soil. Mission Name: 'Onward and Upward'.

ISRO's Advanced Radar Research Centre in Chandrapur (Assam)

- ❑ **Foundation stone laid:** September 21, 2026; by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at Chandrapur (near Guwahati).
- ❑ **Project:** Under ISRO's NETRA (Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis) project.
- ❑ **Components:** Radar for detecting and tracking space objects, an optical telescope facility, and a centralized control center – essentially a self-reliant observatory for Space Situational Awareness (SSA).
- ❑ The first cloud research radar is being installed here.

GalaxEye receives US patent for 'OptoSAR' technology; valid for 20 years.

- ❑ **Announcement:** September 8, 2026.
- ❑ **Company:** GalaxEye Space (Bengaluru), founded by IIT Madras alumni.
- ❑ **Subject of patent:** A structure to synchronize optical and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors mounted on the same satellite in terms of both time and space, enabling the acquisition of both types of images for the same location at the same instant.
- ❑ **First Indian startup to receive a US patent for satellite-imaging technology.**
- ❑ **Mission Drishti:** Hardware and payload integration phase completed in May 2026. World's first imaging satellite to combine optical and SAR sensors on a single platform. (Launch likely in 2027).
- ❑ **The Department of Science and Technology has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GalaxEye for OptoSAR technology (multi-sensor satellite technology).**

India's First Indigenous Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL)

- ❑ **Announcement:** Unveiling of OISL capability at Bengaluru Space Expo 2026
- ❑ **Space Startup:** Astrogate Labs
- ❑ **Status:** OISL terminal currently in development phase; flight readiness targeted for 2027
- ❑ **Background:** The company has previously supplied satellite-to-ground laser communication terminals to ISRO; these terminals have achieved Technology Readiness Level TRL-8 (flight-qualified status)
- ❑ **What is OISL:** Satellites transmit data directly to one another using laser beams instead of radio waves; this avoids spectrum congestion, offers higher bandwidth, and ensures better security—it is a foundational technology for large LEO satellite constellations

NIT Srinagar: The country's first NIT to feature an astronomical observatory

- ❑ **Inauguration:** September 22, 2026
- ❑ **Name:** NIT-Srinagar Observatory for Astronomy and Astrophysics (NSOAA)
- ❑ **Key Equipment:** 14-inch Celestron C14 EdgeHD Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, computerized equatorial mount, planetary and cooled deep-sky cameras
- ❑ **Scientific Guidance:** Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru

Earth Sciences, Weather, Oceans, and Mapping

India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar in Sambalpur (Odisha); Network expansion in Himachal Pradesh

- ❑ **Date:** September 17, 2026
- ❑ **Location:** Sambalpur, Odisha
- ❑ **Inaugurated by:** Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh, in the presence of Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi
- ❑ India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar (DWR)

Himachal Pradesh: Network expansion

- ❑ **Proposed:** One new DWR each in Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur

- ❑ **Significance:** Early warning for extreme events such as cloudbursts, flash floods, and landslides; target to install 81 DWRs under 'Mission Mausam'.

Launching of 'ORV Sagar Manthan'

- ❑ **Date:** 9 September 2026
- ❑ **Location:** Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata
- ❑ **Vessel:** Yard 3041; Official name 'ORV Sagar Manthan' (ORV - Ocean Research Vessel)
- ❑ **Manufacturer:** Defense PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE Garden Reach Shipbuilders-Engineers Ltd.); Design, engineering and manufacturing
- ❑ **User:** National Center for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR-National Center for Polar and Ocean Research) of MOES, Goa
- ❑ **Scheme:** Vertical-4 of Deep Ocean Mission (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration)
- ❑ **Service Period:** Approximately 30 years
- ❑ It will replace the 43 year old ORV Sagar Kanya, purchased from Germany in 1983.

19th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2026): India's Best-Ever Performance

- ❑ **Dates:** August 20–27, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Turin, Italy
- ❑ **Participation:** 39 countries

India's Performance

- ❑ **Total of 9 medals:** 4 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze

Students (School)	Medals
Soumik Mandal (DAV Model School, Durgapur, West Bengal) - Secured 3rd place in the overall global ranking	2 Gold, 1 Silver
Aron Maity (DAV Model School, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal)	1 Gold, 1 Bronze
Riddhi Ranjan (Gyan Asthali International School, Patna)	1 Gold, 1 Silver
Mohammad Ehtesham Rizvi (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Bihar)	1 Silver, 1 Bronze

History of the Indian Monsoon from 25,000-Year-Old Sediments of Bakhira Lake

- ❑ A study by the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, reconstructed the history of the Indian Summer Monsoon (ISM)—spanning from the Last Glacial Maximum (approximately 25,000

years ago) to the present – based on magnetic minerals found in the sediments of Bakhira Lake in Sant Kabir Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❑ **Lake:** An oxbow lake formed by the shifting course of the Rapti River within the Ghaghara-Rapti alluvial plain; Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary is a Ramsar site of international importance.

Industry Workshop on Deep-Sea Mining: Contract with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for a 75,000 sq. km area in the Central Indian Ocean Basin

- ❑ **Subject:** 'Deep-Sea Mining: Business Opportunities and Strategic Significance'
- ❑ **Date:** September 8, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organizers:** Ministry of Earth Sciences (MOES) and National Institute of Ocean Technology Chennai (NIOT)
- ❑ **Collaboration:** EY (Knowledge Partner) and NITI Aayog
- ❑ **Objective:** Bridge between scientific capacity and the private sector; The cornerstone of the policy framework, financially viable roadmap and white paper on deep sea mining

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 'Correct the Map' Resolution:

- ❑ **Date:** September 4, 2026
- ❑ **Resolution:** 'Correct the Map: Rebalancing Global Cartographic Representation and Promoting Equitable Representation of the World's Regions, Particularly Africa'
- ❑ **Proposer:** Togo and the African Group
- ❑ **Voting:** Supported by 164 countries; India voted in favor, while the USA voted against (the only country to do so)
- ❑ **Technical basis of the resolution:**
 - ♦ The 16th-century Mercator Projection was designed for maritime navigation; in this projection, regions near the poles (Greenland, Europe, North America) appear disproportionately large, while regions near the equator (Africa, India, South America) appear relatively small.

Defence Technology, Strategic Cooperation, and Military Exercises

India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant'

- ❑ **Edition:** 18th

- ❑ **Location:** Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand)
- ❑ **Duration:** 21 September - 3 October 2026
- ❑ The exercise commenced on 21 September 2026 at the Foreign Training Node in Pithoragarh.
- ❑ It is an annual platoon-level exercise conducted alternately between India and Mongolia; the previous (17th) edition took place in Ulaanbaatar in May-June 2025.
- ❑ **Objective:** To enhance joint capabilities for counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrains under the mandate of Chapter VII of the United Nations (UN) Charter.
- ❑ The exercise includes cordon and search operations, room intervention, special heliborne operations, cyber security training, and drone and anti-drone systems.

India-US Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' September 15-28, 2026

- ❑ **Edition:** 22nd
- ❑ **Location:** Auli (Uttarakhand) and Mahajan Field Firing Range (Bikaner)
- ❑ Inaugurated on September 15, 2026, at the Foreign Training Node in Auli; the exercise was conducted simultaneously at the Mahajan Field Firing Range (Bikaner, Rajasthan).
- ❑ **Indian Contingent:** 14th Infantry Division (Major General Amresh Gunjan)
- ❑ **US Contingent:** 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the 11th Airborne Division (Colonel Benjamin Jackman)
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen interoperability in peacekeeping and counter-terrorism operations under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.
- ❑ **Focus:** Employment of Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain; infantry-centric operations; use of drones and autonomous systems for surveillance and reconnaissance.
- ❑ 600 troops from each side
- ❑ 21st edition held in September 2025 at Fort Wainwright (Alaska)

India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Naval Exercise 'SLINEX-26'

- ❑ **Edition:** 13th
- ❑ **Location:** Visakhapatnam
- ❑ **Duration:** September 17 to 21, 2026
- ❑ The exercise commenced with the harbour phase in Visakhapatnam under the supervision of the Eastern Naval Command, followed by the sea phase.

- ❑ From the Indian side, indigenous anti-submarine warfare ship INS Kavaratti and fleet tanker INS Jyoti; SLNS (Sri Lanka Navy Ship) Sindurala from Sri Lanka
- ❑ **Port Stage:** Professional talks, cross-deck tours, yoga, sports and cultural activities; Sea Phase: Joint Operational Coordination

'Veer Guardian-2026'

- ❑ **Duration:** 9-22 September 2026 (14 days); concluded on 22 September
- ❑ **Location:** Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- ❑ **Participants:** Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF)
- ❑ **Significance:** Symbolizes the growing air dimension of the India-Japan 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership'
- ❑ **Participating Aircraft**
 - ♦ **India:** Tejas (LCA - Light Combat Aircraft), Sukhoi-30 MKI, and Rafale
 - ♦ **Japan:** F-2A fighter aircraft

India-Malaysia Naval Exercise 'Samudra Laksman'

- ❑ **Edition:** 4th
- ❑ **Location:** Lumut (Malaysia)
- ❑ **Duration:** 9-12 September
- ❑ As part of the Eastern Fleet's operational deployment, INS Mysore arrived at Lumut on 9 September and conducted exercises with the Royal Malaysian Navy
- ❑ **Key Facts**
 - ♦ Professional exchanges during the harbour phase; coordinated exercises with Malaysian ships KD Lekir and KD Gagah Samudera during the sea phase

'KAZIND-2026': India-Kazakhstan joint military exercises

- ❑ **Edition:** 9th
- ❑ **Duration:** 28 September-11 October 2026
- ❑ **Location:** Oskemen, East Kazakhstan
- ❑ **Indian Contingent:** 60 members, primarily comprising a battalion of the Garhwal Rifles, soldiers from other arms, and Indian Air Force personnel.

- ❑ **Objective:** Joint counter-terrorism operations under a UN mandate in sub-conventional scenarios, with a special focus on sub-urban and mountainous areas.

'Tarang Shakti 2026': India's multinational air exercise

- ❑ **Edition:** Second
- ❑ **Duration:** 26 September - 12 October 2026 (Operational phase starts 28 September)
- ❑ **Venue:** Air Force Station Jodhpur
- ❑ **Host:** Indian Air Force
- ❑ **Official Motto (Theme):** Power in Partnership
- ❑ **Participation:** Approximately 40 countries; 7 partner nations with their aircraft (Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, UAE, and the USA) and 33 nations as observers
- ❑ **Foreign Aircraft:** French Rafale, UAE's F-16, and US F-35 (This marks the first time US F-35 stealth fighter jets are participating in a military exercise in India)
- ❑ **Exercise Themes:** Counter-air, air defense, force integration, combat operations, reconnaissance, air transport, and aerial refueling – focusing on the planning and execution of multinational joint operations in a realistic contemporary battlefield scenario
- ❑ **Indian Aircraft:** Rafale, Su-30MKI, Tejas, AEW&C aircraft, transport aircraft, and tankers
- ❑ **Tarang Shakti 2024 (First Edition):** Held in two phases – Sulur (Tamil Nadu) and Jodhpur; the largest multinational air exercise ever hosted by India

Varuna: India-France bilateral naval exercise

- ❑ **Edition:** 24th
- ❑ **Commencement:** INS Trishul arrived at the Toulon naval base in France on September 22, 2026
- ❑ **Phases:** Harbour phase (professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports); Sea phase (tactical maneuvers and coordinated operations)
- ❑ **INS Trishul:** Talwar-class guided-missile stealth frigate

'Eager Lion 2026': Between the US and Jordan

- ❑ **Duration and Venue:** September 15–24, 2026; Fort Carson, Colorado (USA)
- ❑ **Highlights:** 12th edition of the biennial exercise; held in the US for the first time
- ❑ **Organizers:** US Central Command and Jordanian Armed Forces
- ❑ **Focus:** Command-post and cyber-defense training; counter-terrorism, air defense, maritime security, disaster response

'Operation Sohan' in Udhampur (Jammu & Kashmir)

- ❑ **Date:** September 16–17, 2026
- ❑ **Joint Force:** Army's White Knight Corps (Jammu), J&K Police (SOG), and CRPF
- ❑ **Outcome:** Two terrorists were killed during an operation launched based on intelligence inputs, amidst adverse weather, difficult terrain, and poor visibility.

'Lokayan 2026'

- ❑ The sail training ship **INS Sudarshini** reached Barcelona (Spain) and Livorno (Italy) during its trans-oceanic expedition.
- ❑ **'Lokayan':** The name given to long-range trans-oceanic training expeditions undertaken by Indian Navy sailing vessels.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide trainees with experience in traditional navigation, naval diplomacy, and the promotion of India's maritime heritage.

Defence Diplomacy Document 'Raksha'

- ❑ On September 3, 2026, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the defence diplomacy document 'Raksha' in New Delhi; it serves as a strategic roadmap for global defence partnerships over the next 10 years.
- ❑ **Its four key pillars:**
 - ◆ Strategic Partnership
 - ◆ Capacity Development
 - ◆ Indigenous exports
 - ◆ Maritime Security

INS NIPUN

- ❑ **Date:** 31 August 2026
- ❑ **Location:** Naval Dockyard, Mumbai

- ❑ **Ship:** Second DSV (Diving Support Vessel) of the Nistar class.
- ❑ **Manufacturer:** Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam
- ❑ **Deployment:** Strengthening of underwater capability of Western Naval Command.
- ❑ INS Nistar, the first ship of the class, entered service in July 2025.

Indian Air Force's 'Dronathon-2026'

- ❑ The IAF organized 'Dronathon' for the first time to test unmanned systems under actual operational conditions and to engage directly with the industry.
- ❑ **Key Facts**
 - ◆ **Edition:** First
 - ◆ **Inaugurated by:** Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
 - ◆ **Location:** Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer
 - ◆ **Event Dates:** September 14–16
 - ◆ 'IAF Unmanned Aerial System Roadmap' released
 - ◆ Demonstration of the indigenous Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) system, 'Vayu Uttam'

16th Aero India

- ❑ On September 2, 2026, the Ministry of Defence announced the dates for 'Asia's largest air show'.
- ❑ **Event Dates:** February 8–12, 2027
- ❑ **Venue:** Air Force Station Yelahanka (Bengaluru)
- ❑ **Organizer:** Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence; a five-day event
- ❑ Aero India is a biennial event; the first edition was held in 1996, and the 15th edition was held in February 2025.

Defence Acquisition Council Meeting

- ❑ On September 7, 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by the Defence Minister, granted 'Acceptance of Necessity' (AoN) – essentially in-principle

administrative approval—to proposals from the three armed services. These included the procurement of:

- ◆ Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) reconnaissance vehicles,
- ◆ Trawl tanks, and 'Sarvatra' bridge systems for the Army;
- ❑ Arudhra radars for the Navy; and Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammers (GBMPJ) for the Air Force.

Procurement of 'Javelin' ATGMs (Anti-Tank Guided Missiles) from the US and co-production in India

- ❑ **Announcement:** August 28, 2026; the Indian Army accepted the US government's 'Letter of Offer and Acceptance' (LOA) (Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route, i.e., a government-to-government agreement)
- ❑ **Cost:** Rs. 292 crore, 60 missiles
- ❑ **Co-production**
 - ◆ Agreement signed on August 31, 2026, between the Javelin Joint Venture (a partnership between RTX Corporation and Lockheed Martin) and Tata Advanced Systems Limited to establish a final assembly and integration facility for Javelin 'All-Up Rounds' (complete missiles) in India
 - ◆ Sub-assembly kits to be sourced from Lockheed Martin (Troy, Alabama) and guidance electronics from Raytheon (Tucson, Arizona); final assembly to take place in India
- ❑ **Javelin Features**
 - ◆ Shoulder-fired, third-generation, 'fire-and-forget' anti-tank guided missile
 - ◆ Effective range of over 2.5-4 Km. against tanks, armored vehicles, and bunkers; features a 'top-attack' mode that strikes the relatively vulnerable upper section of the tank

Khagantak-243

- ❑ **Test:** The Indian Air Force conducted a drop test on September 2, 2026; according to the Air Force, all test objectives were met.

- ❑ **Developer:** Developed by the Nagpur-based private company JSR Dynamics in collaboration with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- ❑ **Launch Platform:** The primary aircraft for this test was the Su-30MKI, operated from the Pokhran range.
- ❑ **Category:** Long-range glide bomb in the ~300 kg class; features an Mk-81 class explosive fragmentation warhead.
- ❑ **Strike Range:** Over 140 km when released from an altitude of approximately 12,000 meters.

Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAT-SAAW)

- ❑ **Date:** September 23, 2026, New Delhi
- ❑ **Contract:** Between the Ministry of Defence and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL); agreement worth Rs. 811 crore for the procurement of 160 Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW) and associated equipment.
- ❑ **Procurement Category:** Buy (Indian-IDDMM) – Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured (60% indigenous content mandated).
- ❑ **Weapon:** Precision-guided air-to-surface glide bomb developed by DRDO; capable of neutralizing enemy airfields, runways, and bunkers from long range.
- ❑ **Launch Platforms:** Jaguar, Hawk, and Su-30MKI.
- ❑ **Delivery:** Between 2027-28 and 2028-29.

AASHVAST Laboratory

- ❑ **For Full name:** Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware Vulnerabilities and Security Threats
- ❑ **Inauguration:** 14 August 2026, by Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth; Directorate General of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (DG EME) Headquarters, Delhi Cantonment
- ❑ **Functions:** Inspection of military drone hardware and firmware to identify hidden passwords, embedded encryption keys, remote access tools, covert command paths, and unauthorized components of Chinese origin; assessment of drone behavior during GPS spoofing/jamming.
- ❑ **Features:** Fully offline, 'air-gapped' facility; inspection is read-only.
- ❑ The laboratory was developed by **QuickPay Tech** for the **DG EME**.

Telecommunications, Posts, and Broadcasting

TRAI's 'Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026'

- ❑ To curb spam calls and messages, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) implemented the third amendment to the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCPR), 2018, on September 18, 2026.
- ❑ **Objective:** To curb Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC), protect consumers from fraud, and further strengthen the regulatory framework to prevent the misuse of telecom resources.
- ❑ **Inquiry-based communication:** A sender will be permitted to send messages for only 7 days following a customer inquiry; the inquiry must be written/digital and verifiable (primarily applicable to e-commerce).
- ❑ **Consumer Appeal Mechanism (Introduced for the first time):** Consumers dissatisfied with the resolution of a UCC complaint may approach the Appellate Authority within 15 days.
- ❑ Reduced complaint threshold: Previously, action was triggered by 5 unique complaints within 10 days; now, 3 complaints and being flagged as suspicious by an AI/ML system – are sufficient.
- ❑ It categorizes mobile numbers into three risk levels – medium, high, and very high – based on the likelihood of their involvement in financial fraud.

TRAI's Independent Drive Test (IDT)

- ❑ **Testing:** July 1, 2026;
- ❑ **Conclusion:** September 22, 2026
- ❑ **Route:** Gandhidham to Santalpur, NH-27
- ❑ **Execution:** By TRAI's designated agency; under the supervision of the Jaipur Regional Office
- ❑ **Objective:** To assess the real-time quality of voice and data services on 2G/3G/4G/5G networks; to provide information to consumers and indicators for improvement to operators.

India's first Integrated Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)

- ❑ **Location:** Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- ❑ **Nature:** A 'plug-and-play' industrial cluster for manufacturing, R&D, and innovation related to mobile devices, optical fiber, telecom equipment, and 5G/6G technology.

Foundation Stone for the Country's 7th Postal Training Centre

- ❑ Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia performed the *Bhoomi Pujan* (ground-breaking ceremony) for the country's seventh Postal Training Centre (PTC) at Kakarvaya (Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh) on September 2, 2026.
- ❑ **Existing six PTCs:** Saharanpur, Vadodara, Mysuru, Guwahati, Madurai, and Darbhanga.

Semiconductor and Electronics Manufacturing

Semicon India 2026

- ❑ **Event Dates:** September 17–19, 2026
- ❑ **Venue:** Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre), Dwarka, New Delhi
- ❑ **Edition:** Fifth (First edition held in 2022 in Bengaluru)
- ❑ **Theme:** Building the Ecosystem – From Silicon to System
- ❑ **Inauguration:** By the Prime Minister on September 17 (Vishwakarma Jayanti)
- ❑ **Nodal Ministry:** India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- ❑ **The Prime Minister** virtually inaugurated commercial production lines in Mohali (CDIL Semiconductor: Discrete Devices) and Surat (Suchi Semicon: Packaging).
- ❑ **Suchi Semicon and eInfochips India** jointly produced India's first commercial QFN (Quad Flat No-lead) chip, which was showcased at Semicon India 5.0.

Artificial Intelligence, Digital Public Infrastructure and E-Governance

Bhashini Sangam: Nepal

- ❑ **Date:** 1 September 2026; Location: Kathmandu, Nepal
- ❑ **Partners:** Embassy of India in Kathmandu and Kathmandu University
- ❑ **Basis:** MoU on Language Technology and Digital Public Infrastructure between Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and Kathmandu University
- ❑ 'Bhashini Sangam' is DIBD's international engagement initiative.

VYOMA Innovation Challenge

- ❑ **Date:** 16 September 2026;
- ❑ **Location:** IIIT-Delhi
- ❑ **Organizers:** DIBD (Digital India Bhashini Division), Current AI and Kalpa Impact

Agentic AI Skills Initiative

- ❑ **Date:** September 3, 2026; Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organizers:** National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) and Intel India
- ❑ **Event:** National Leadership Dialogue - 'Preparing the Future Workforce for the Agentic AI Era'

European Union's KIDS Act (Proposed)

- ❑ **Age-limit framework:**
 - ◆ Ban on social media accounts for those under 13
 - ◆ Ages 13–14: Limited 'mini-accounts' created and supervised by parents
 - ◆ Age 15 onwards: Full account
- ❑ Australia banned social media accounts for children under 16, effective December 2025 (the first country to do so); the UK announced a ban for those under 16, in June 2026

'AI-FunZone' in Sikkim's government schools

- ❑ **Partners:** Education Department (Government of Sikkim) and EkStep Foundation
- ❑ **Methodology:** A 60-minute AI-FunZone session during the school day; AI identifies learning difficulties by listening to the child read and adapts the next activity to their proficiency level; practice exercises tailored to specific errors in mathematics; real-time dashboard for teachers

Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

- ❑ The Department of Consumer Affairs announced amendments to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020.
- ❑ The amended rules will come into effect on January 1, 2027.
- ❑ **Objective:** To enhance consumer protection and transparency in the digital marketplace while balancing the compliance burden.

Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026

- ❑ The government notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026; these establish Indian Standard Time (IST) as the country's shared, legally valid, and traceable time reference, aligning with the vision of 'One Nation, One Time'.
- ❑ Notified by the Department of Consumer Affairs on August 27, 2026; published in the Gazette on August 29; effective 180 days after publication (i.e., from the last week of February 2027).
- ❑ Rules framed under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009; draft rules were issued in 2025.
- ❑ **Roles:**
 - ◆ Department of Legal Metrology: Regulatory and enforcement authority.
 - ◆ CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi: Scientific basis of IST and 'National Custodian'.
- ❑ **Distributed framework:** Secondary time scales located at five Regional Reference Standard Laboratories (RRSLs) in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Faridabad, and Guwahati; a joint initiative of CSIR-NPL, ISRO, and the Department of Legal Metrology; reduces reliance on a single point.

SARAL AI

- ❑ The CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NISCPR) has launched an initiative to transform research published in journals into engaging and accessible videos by adopting the 'SARAL AI' tool from the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).
- ❑ **SARAL** (Simplified And Automated Research Amplification and Learning) is a generative AI platform developed by IIIT Hyderabad under the guidance of ANRF.

Research and Innovation Ecosystem

'Bio-Nivesh'

- ❑ Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the 'Bio-Invest' platform during a joint roundtable meeting with startups and investors.
- ❑ **Nature:** A strategic, two-way platform established at the initiative of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) to facilitate the rapid flow of private capital to promising biotech innovators.

- ❑ **First Edition:** A select group comprising 20 high-potential biotech/deep-tech startups (chosen based on innovation, growth stage, market potential, and regulatory readiness) and approximately 50 investors.
- ❑ **'Five Big Companies in Five Years':** A proposal to build a few major anchor companies under whose aegis other startups can flourish.

'Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation Conclave' (ESTIC) 2026

- ❑ **Dates:** October 27-29, 2026 (Proposed)
- ❑ **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam (New Delhi)
- ❑ **Inauguration:** By the Prime Minister on October 27 (Proposed)
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Creative Minds, Catalyzed Science, Empowered Technologies'
- ❑ **Nobel Laureates:** Presence of Prof. Joachim Frank, Sir Richard J. Roberts, and Prof. Kostya (Konstantin) Novoselov proposed.
- ❑ **Organizers:** CSIR under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA); Nodal Laboratory: CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram; 13 participating ministries.
- ❑ **12 Thematic Areas:** Advanced Manufacturing, Energy, Synthetic Biology, Ocean-Marine Technology, Quantum Communication, Semiconductors, Agri-tech, Generative & Autonomous AI, Robotics, Advanced Healthcare, Immersive Technology, and Space Science.
- ❑ **First Edition:** November 3-5, 2025, Bharat Mandapam; the Prime Minister had launched the Rs 1 lakh crore RDI scheme during this event.

Materials Science, Quantum, and Fundamental Research

Peptide-based 'Piezoelectric' Biomaterial

- ❑ The Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru – an autonomous institute under the DST – collaborated with the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, and the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, to discover a simple strategy for creating highly effective piezoelectric biomaterials from peptides.
- ❑ **Discovery:** Peptide nanofibers in water typically exhibit negligible piezoelectric response; however, the addition of just 1%

of a suitable co-solvent causes their supramolecular structure to become well-ordered and non-centrosymmetric.

- ❑ **Significance:** Offers a biocompatible and biodegradable alternative to toxic, rigid materials (such as lead-based ones); enables the development of self-powered pacemakers and implantable medical devices.

Microgels

- ❑ Scientists at the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, demonstrated in a study that the internal thermal memory of 'soft glass-like materials' – such as densely packed microgels – can be erased by applying brief thermal shocks, allowing them to be restructured in a controlled manner.

Financial assistance for the commercialization of 3D-printed patient-specific bone grafts

- ❑ On September 9, 2026, the Technology Development Board (TDB) provided financial assistance to Palghar (Maharashtra)-based M/s Ceramat Pvt. Ltd. for a project to manufacture standard and patient-specific calcium phosphate-based bone grafts using 3D printing technology.
- ❑ A significant portion of advanced bone grafts used in India is currently imported; materials include hydroxyapatite (HA), beta-tricalcium phosphate, biphasic calcium phosphate, and bioactive glass; their mineral composition is similar to that of natural human bone.

World Congress on Nanomedicine 2026, New Delhi

- ❑ **Inauguration:** September 27, 2026, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology.
- ❑ **Organizers:** Institute of Nano Medical Sciences (INMS) of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi; under the aegis of the International Society of Nano Medical Sciences (ISNS) and the International Society for Nano Medicine (ISNM); over 2,000 participants.
- ❑ **Chairperson:** Nobel Laureate Prof. Roger D. Kornberg (Stanford University); Honorary Chairperson: Prof. T.M.S. Chang (McGill University, Canada).

Foundation for Quantum Computing Innovation (FQCI)

- ❑ **Nature:** A non-profit company established by IISc Bengaluru (the thematic hub for quantum computing) under the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- ❑ **Objective:** Development of indigenous quantum processors – targeting 20–50 physical qubits in 3 years, 50–100 qubits in 5 years, and medium-scale quantum computers with 50–1,000 qubits in 8 years.
- ❑ **Network:** 21 institutions across the country (IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, TIFR, IISER, etc.) and 52 researchers.

Green Infrastructure and Construction Technology

Guinness World Record for Steel Slag Road

- ❑ A 1.85 km long road (four-lane, totaling 7.4 lane-km) constructed in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, set the Guinness World Record for the 'world's longest road made of processed steel slag aggregate.'
- ❑ This achievement was jointly secured by the CSIR-Central Road Research Institute and Jindal Steel Limited; the announcement was made by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ **INS Kulish** arrived at Ream (Cambodia) on September 12, 2026, and subsequently reached Subic Bay (Philippines) on September 20, 2026, alongside INS Sahyadri, for the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) joint cooperation activity.
- ❑ **INS Trishul arrived at the port of Alexandria, Egypt, and participated in a PASSEX (Passage Exercise) with ENS Berenice (September 14–17, 2026).**
- ❑ The first meeting of the India-Morocco Joint Defence Committee was held in New Delhi on September 8, 2026.
- ❑ On September 21, 2026, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Accurate Industrial Controls Pvt. Ltd. in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh for the procurement of Auxiliary Power Units for T-72 and T-90 tanks.
- ❑ T-90 'Bhishma' and T-72 'Ajeya': Main Battle

Tanks of the Indian Army.

- ❑ **The 'Vimarsh 2026' DRDO-Industry** collaboration meeting, themed 'Development through Dialogue', was held in New Delhi on September 15, 2026.
- ❑ Indian Air Force (IAF) display teams: The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team held its first air show in Meerut (September 19–20, 2026), and the 'Sarang' helicopter team participated in the second edition of the El Alamein International Airshow in Egypt (September 8–10, 2026).
- ❑ Twenty girl cadets crossed the Parang La pass (5,578 m) – connecting Spiti (Himachal) to Changthang (Ladakh) – as part of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) expedition named 'Aparajita-Parang La 2026'.
- ❑ On September 8, 2026, the Department of Telecommunications reported that its Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) had helped prevent suspected fraud worth over Rs. 5,000 crore in the fifteen months following its launch on May 22, 2025.
- ❑ **OpenAI's frontier AI model, 'GPT-6 Astra', was launched.**
- ❑ Scientists from the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, the University of Calgary, and Louisiana State University demonstrated that a precisely timed 'flip' operation could preserve quantum entanglement for a longer duration without altering the hardware; the study was partially funded by the National Quantum Mission.
- ❑ The International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad – an autonomous institute under the DST – developed a dental implant by combining titanium alloy and zirconia into a single structure, thereby reducing surgical complexity.
- ❑ Researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, developed an improved, completely metal-free pathway for producing hydrogen from solar energy by linking the natural amino acid aspartic acid with the light-absorbing organic molecule perylene diimide.
- ❑ Researchers at JNCASR, Bengaluru, discovered unusual, wave-like heat transport in copper chalcogenides, resulting in extremely low thermal conductivity and high thermoelectric efficiency.
- ❑ **CSIR-CRRI, Oriental Structural Engineers (OSEPL), and Oms Polymer Modified Bitumen (Oms India) successfully conducted a field-level demonstration using 60% Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in the Dense**

- Bituminous Macadam layer on National Highway-716 (Chennai-Tirupati, Package-I).
- ❑ The Ministry of Textiles highlighted the role of jute geotextiles—an example of green technical textiles—within the scope of the technical diversification of India's 'Golden Fibre' (jute).
 - ❑ Under the aegis of the Ministry of Power, the BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC) organized a program on 'New and Emerging Technologies in the Power Sector' in a hybrid mode in Bengaluru from September 14-18, 2026; the BEC had commenced operations in Bengaluru on April 1, 2025.
 - ❑ On September 8, 2026, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a Cancer Day-Care Centre at the Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Medical College, Vidisha; the collaborating institution was the Tata Memorial Centre, Department of Atomic Energy.
 - ❑ Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 'Speed Seed' 'Integrated Phenotyping and Resource Optimization for Trait Analysis' (S-P-R-O-U-T) facility at the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC)-National Institute of Plant Genome Research in New Delhi.
 - ❑ **Advanced aquaculture technologies – notably Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) and Biofloc—were discussed in the context of the completion of six years of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).**
 - ❑ A three-day 'table-top exercise' of the Colombo Security Conclave was held at the Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, from September 9-12, 2026, focusing on preventing maritime terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
 - ❑ In July 2026, the ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells—approximately 1,000 meters deep—at an altitude of over 14,000 feet in the Puga Valley of Ladakh's Changthang region.
 - ❑ An agreement was signed with Chennai-based M/s Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited for financial assistance of Rs. 200 crore under the Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) fund of the Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. This will pave the way for the development of a new generation of indigenous and reusable space transportation systems.
 - ❑ China set a record by launching four rockets from three satellite launch sites within 45 hours.
 - ❑ Russia's cargo spacecraft 'Progress 96' arrived at the International Space Station (ISS).
 - ❑ Chandrayaan-1 discovered the 'Australe Basin,' the oldest known impact basin on the Moon.
 - ❑ **MG Hector Tomahawk PHEV** (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle): India's first mainstream plug-in hybrid SUV.
 - ❑ **Russia:** Test of the RS-24 'Yars' Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM).
 - ❑ The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, has signed an MoU with M/s Multi Nano Sense Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (based in Nagpur, Maharashtra) under the Technology Development Board's RDI fund for the development of an indigenous multi-gas sensor platform.
 - ❑ The second (bi-annual) Naval Commanders' Conference of 2026 was held at the Naval Headquarters (Navy House), New Delhi, from September 29 to October 1, 2026.
 - ❑ **Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma:** The first woman (non-medical) officer to attain the two-star rank in the defence services; she assumed the office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Education) on September 1, 2026.
 - ❑ **Ahuti Mk II:** India's fastest multi-rotor UAV (certified maximum speed of 498 km/h); developed by Apollyon Dynamics, a startup incubated at the BITS Pilani Hyderabad campus.



05 Sports – Current Affairs

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024

- These awards recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals in the field of adventure activities, and are presented with the aim of promoting the spirit of **'patience, risk-taking, team spirit and the ability to take quick and effective decisions'** in challenging circumstances.

Name	Category
Baljeet Kaur	Land Adventure
Skalzang Rigzin	Land Adventure
Rimo Saha	Water Adventure
Shiv Prasad Chamoli	Lifetime Achievement

- The award winners will be presented the **'National Sports Awards 2025'** along with the **"Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan"**.
- Each award winner will be given a **'statuette, certificate and prize money of Rs 15 lakh'**.

China Masters 2026

- Venue :** Shenzhen, China

Event	🏆 Winner	🥈 Runner-up
Men's Singles	• Jason Gunawan (Hong Kong)	• Lee Cheuk Yiu (Hong Kong)
Women's Singles	• An Se-young (South Korea)	• Tomoka Miyazaki (Japan)
Men's Doubles	• Satwiksairaj Rankireddy • Chirag Shetty (India)	• He Jiting • Ren Xiangyu (China)
Women's Doubles	• Sumire Nakade • Miyu Takahashi (Japan)	• Bao Lijing • Cao Zihan (China)
Mixed Doubles	• Feng Yanzhe • Huang Dongping (China)	• Hoo Pang Ron • Lai Pei Jing (Malaysia)

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy–Chirag Shetty became the first Indian pair to win the men's doubles title at the China Masters.**

ITF Men's World Tour M15–2026

- Venue:** Bali, Indonesia

Winner	Karan Singh–India
Runner-up	Isaac Becroft–New Zealand

World Archery Para Series Stage 3–2026

- Organised:** at Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 5–9 September.
- For the first time, India hosted a leg of the World Archery Para Series.
- In the medal tally, India won a total of **15 medals** (4 Gold, 3 Silver, 8 Bronze) and secured second place.

♦ Names of the Gold Medal winners–

Event	Athlete
Women's Compound Individual	Sheetal Devi
Men's Compound Doubles	Toman Kumar and Shyam Sundar Swami (Rajasthan)
Men's Recurve Doubles	Harvinder Singh and Vijay Sundi
Recurve Mixed Team	Bhavna and Harvinder Singh

♦ Names of the Silver Medal winners–

Event (Competition)	Athlete
Women's Recurve Doubles	Bhavna and Pooja
W1 Mixed Team	Swati Chaudhary and Aadil Mohammad Nazir Ansari
Visually Impaired	Tanvi Praveen Ingle

- Special factual information–**

- Sheetal Devi won her first individual World Archery Para Series title (defeated Aizada Seidan of Kazakhstan in a shoot-off after the score was tied at 144–144).
- Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar set a new world record for the compound mixed team in qualification with 1400 points.

- ◆ Dhanna Ram Godara, Rajasthan—competed in the Para Recurve men's category. 'Did not win any medal.'

6th World Nomad Games 2026

- **Venue:** Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek and Cholpon-Ata)
- **Opening Ceremony:** 31 August 2026 (Bishkek Arena)—Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in it.
- **Special factual information—**
 - ◆ Competitions were held in 43 traditional sports, which included Kok-Boru, various wrestling styles, equestrian competitions, tug of war, intellectual games, etc.

Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Total Medals
1	Kazakhstan	74
2	Kyrgyzstan	77
3	Russia	36

- **Participation**—India sent an 87-member contingent, which included athletes and cultural representatives. The Nagaland team represented India in the 'Classic Tug of War' and secured '6th place'. This was India's 'first participation' in this event at the Games.

Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026

- **Host:** UAE—Dubai (28 August–13 September)
- **Winner:** India—8th title in total
- **Runner-up:** Sri Lanka team
- **Final:** Dubai International Cricket Stadium
 - ◆ **India:** 183/5—Shafali Verma 68 runs
 - ◆ **Sri Lanka:** 111 runs all out
 - ◆ In this match, Shafali Verma scored the fastest half-century in Women's Asia Cup history (in 24 balls).

AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026

- **Venue:** Moki, China (4–13 September)
- India completed a golden double.

Men's Junior Asia Cup

- **Winner:** India defeated South Korea 4–1 in the final.

Top goal scorers:

- ◆ Ajeet Yadav, Anmol Ekka (Captain)
- ◆ Prabhdeep Singh, Ashu Maurya

Special factual information—

- ◆ India's 6th title in total (record).
- ◆ Won the title for the fourth consecutive time and qualified for the FIH Junior World Cup 2027.

Women's Junior Asia Cup

- **Winner:** India defeated China 1–0 in the final, in which the goal was scored by Sanika Chandrakant Mane.
 - ◆ India's 'third consecutive title (hat-trick)'
 - ◆ Qualified for the FIH Junior World Cup 2027 and India remained 'unbeaten' throughout the tournament.

BRICS New Delhi Declaration 2026—Sports Initiative

- **The BRICS New Delhi Declaration supported two major sports proposals by India:**
 1. Formation of a Working Group on Sports Technology
 2. Organisation of a Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave

US Open 2026

- **Venue:** USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York from 30 August–13 September.
- **Theme:** 'Celebrating Our New York Story'

Category	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 • Neal Skupski	• Kevin Krawietz • Tim Pütz
Women's Doubles	• Katerina Siniakova • Taylor Townsend	• Ashlyn Krueger • Robin Montgomery
Mixed Doubles	• Karolina Muchova • Jakub Mensik	• Belinda Bencic • Flavio Cobolli

ATP Challenger Tour–Sport Festival Challenger 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Phan Thiet, Vietnam
- ❑ **Men's Doubles Final Result**
 - ♦ **Winner:** S.D. Prajwal Dev (India) and Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine (France)
 - ♦ **Runner-up:** Yamato Sueoka and Naoki Tajima (Japan)

Japan Para Badminton International 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Tokyo, Japan
- ❑ **India:** 9 medals (2 Gold, 2 Silver, 5 Bronze)

Medal	"Player"	Event
Gold	Pramod Bhagat	Men's Singles SL3
Gold	Chirag Baretha and Wei Ming Tai (Singapore)	Men's Doubles SU5
Silver	Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam	Men's Doubles SL3-SU5
Silver	Sukant Kadam	Men's Singles SL4

Hyundai Archery World Cup Final 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Saltillo, Mexico, 12–13 September.
- ❑ **Men's Recurve Individual**
 - ♦ **Winner:** Dhiraj Bommadevara (India)
 - ♦ **Runner-up:** Junya Nakanishi (Japan)
- ❑ Dhiraj Bommadevara became the '**first Indian men's recurve archer**' to win a Gold Medal in the World Cup Final.

World Athletics Ultimate Championship 2026–Budapest

- ❑ **Edition:** First
- ❑ **Venue:** National Athletics Centre, Budapest, Hungary
- ❑ **Organiser:** By World Athletics.
- ❑ **Events:** A total of 28 finals–13 men's individual + 13 women's individual events + 2 mixed relays.
- ❑ **Key Features**
 - ♦ A total of '**28 Ultimate Champions**' were crowned.
 - ♦ A total of '**352 athletes from 65 federations**' took part in the competition.
 - ♦ The prize money at the championships was a record '**1 crore US dollars (US\$10 million)**', which is the largest prize money ever in athletics.

- ❑ The winner of each individual event received '**1,50,000 US dollars**'.
- ❑ Unlike traditional championships, '**no Gold/Silver/Bronze medals were awarded**' in this one; the winners were presented with specially designed trophies.

Connection with India

- ❑ India was not among the '**18 countries**' whose athletes won the Ultimate Champion title.
- ❑ Even so, this competition was important for India's top athletes, because the Ultimate Championship was organised as an '**invitation-based global competition**', which brought together the world's leading athletes.

2026 WSPS World Championships

- ❑ **Venue:** Changwon International Shooting Range, Changwon, South Korea, 7–16 September.
- ❑ India won a total of 5 medals, including 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze.
- ❑ This championship was the official quota-allocation competition for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.
- ❑ In the medal tally, the top host nation South Korea finished first with a total of 21 medals.

Medal	Event	Athlete
Gold	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Team) – R2	Mili Shah, Mona Agarwal, Avani Lekhara
Silver	Men's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Team) – R1	Rakesh Nidagundi, Anand Krishna, Swaroop Unhalkar
Silver	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Individual) – R2	Mona Agarwal (also secured LA 2028 quota)
Bronze	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Individual) – R2	Avani Lekhara
Bronze	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 (Individual) – P2	Bhakti Sharma

- ❑ **Rajasthan players selected in the 17-member Indian team:–**
 - ♦ **Avani Lekhara (Jaipur)**–two-time Paralympic Gold Medal winner (AR-2 and AR-8 events)
 - ♦ **Mona Agarwal**–Paralympic Bronze Medal winner (Women’s rifle)
 - ♦ **Rudransh Khandelwal (Bharatpur)**–international medal winner (P-1, P-4, P-5 events)

Indian Athletics Final Series 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organiser:** By the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and Delhi Athletics.
- ❑ **Events:** 30 finals in a single evening session
- ❑ **National Records**
 - ♦ **Tanya Choudhary–Women’s Hammer Throw:** 68.35 metres, breaking the previous national record of 65.25 metres set by Sarita Singh (2017).
 - ♦ **Nirbhay Choudhary–Men’s Hammer Throw:** 71.02 metres, breaking the national record of 70.73 metres set by Neeraj Kumar in 2016. He became the ‘**first Indian to legally cross the 71-metre mark**’.

Duleep Trophy 2026

- ❑ **Final Venue:** M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
 - ❑ **Result:** East Zone won on the basis of the first-innings lead (match drawn)
 - ❑ **Final Score**
- | Team | 1 st Innings —
“First Innings” | 2 nd Innings —
“Second Innings” |
|------------|--|---|
| East Zone | 708 | 388/7 declared
(innings declared) |
| South Zone | 336 | — |
- ❑ **Ishan Kishan (East Zone captain):** 270 and 80 runs (350 runs in total in the match – the most runs in a single match in the Duleep Trophy). **Player of the Match.**

21st National Youth Athletics Championships 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana
- ❑ **Organiser:** Athletics Federation of India.

Rajasthan’s Result:

- ♦ **Sahil (boy)–Gold Medal** in the 1000 metres, with a new meet record of 2:25.25.
- ♦ **Deepika (girl)–Bronze Medal** in the 1000 metres.

North Zone Shotgun Shooting Championship 2026

- ❑ **Venue:** OASES Shooting Range, Jagatpura, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- ❑ **Duration:** 2–9 September 2026
- ❑ **Events:** Shotgun Shooting–Trap and Skeet
- ❑ **Rajasthan’s Result:**

Category	“Athlete”	“Medal”
Senior Master Men	Ajay Sinha	Gold
Master Men	Kesari Singh Bhati	Gold
Master Men	Imran Farooqui	Silver
Master Men	Ajay Singh Rathore	Bronze
Men	Siddharth Ghuraval	Gold
Men	Jayavrat Singh Ranawat	Silver
Men	Aman Barad	Bronze
Junior Men	Dev Singh	Gold
Youth Men	Yugandhar Shekhawat	Silver
Youth Men	Bilal Mohammad	Bronze
Youth Men	Lokendra Singh	Bronze
Women	Ankita	Gold
Women	Tejasvi Parmar Sodha	Silver
Youth Women	Tejasvi Parmar Sodha	Gold

Double Trap Event

“Category”	Athlete	Gold
Men	Ravi Punia	Silver
Men	Gaurav Sikligar	Bronze
Men	Raghavendra Singh	Silver
Junior Men	Divyaditya Singh	Bronze
Junior Men	Raghavendra Singh	Silver
Youth Men	Raghavendra Singh	Gold

Skeet Event

Category	Athlete	Gold
Youth Women	Shivangi Rathore	Gold
Women	Shivangi Rathore	Silver
Women	Avikeshwari Rathore	Bronze
Women	Janhavi Soni	Gold

North Zone Badminton Championship 2026 (Jaipur)

Category	Winner	Result
Under-19 Girls Singles	Sneha Lamba (Rajasthan)	Gold
Under-19 Mixed Doubles	Bhanu Pratap Singh and Kavya Swami (Rajasthan)	Gold (by defeating Haryana)

Sports Genomics Programme

- Gujarat has become the first state of India to launch the **Sports Genomics Programme**.
- Under this programme, a **DNA database** of players will be prepared. Around **24 sports** have been included in this programme.
- **Objective:** To identify talent through DNA profiling.

Handball: Pooja Rathore (Jodhpur)

- **Achievement:** 'Became India's first international women's handball referee.' She has been appointed as a referee for the '4th World Wheelchair Handball Championship' (16–20 September) to be held in Spain.
 - ◆ Earlier too, she has been a **national-level referee, coach and physical education teacher**.
 - ◆ This is the first time an Indian woman has received an IHF (International Handball Federation) badge.

Important One-Liners

- India defeated Bangladesh 3–0 in Tashkent and qualified for the AFC U20 Asian Cup after 20 years; before this, India had participated in it in 2006.
- In the Sub-Junior State Football Championship (Final), **Jaipur defeated Hanumangarh 4–3** (via a penalty shootout).
- In the semi-final of the **Junior Boys Football Championship**, Rajasthan lost **1–3 to Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Pune will host the UCI Road World Championships in the year 2032. With this, Pune will become the first city in India to host the prestigious global Road Championships of cycling.
- 11-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan, of Indian origin (representing England), became the 'youngest woman Grandmaster in history' at the 46th Chess Olympiad held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- **Asian Games Boxing:** Dinesh Bujwasi (Ajmer) has been selected as the **coach** of the Indian boxing team for the Asian Games 2026.
- **Kabaddi:** Tejasvi of Jaipur has been elected **Secretary-General** of the IKF (International Kabaddi Federation).



Global Day

Date	Day	Theme/ IMPORTANCE
2 September	World Coconut Day	Theme: "Coconuts in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy, and Livelihoods"
6 September	International Vulture Awareness Day	In India, MoEFCC observed it at Panchkula, home to Asia's first vulture breeding facility.
7 September	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	- Theme: "Clean Air for Climate Action" - UNGA designated 7 Sept in 2019; first observed in 2020.
8 September	International Literacy Day	- Theme: "Literacy for People, the Planet and Prosperity" - UNESCO observes annually since 1967; 2026 is 60th anniversary.
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Theme: "Changing the Narrative on Suicide"
15 September	International Day of Democracy	- Theme: "When Every Voice Counts, Democracy Delivers" - Established through UNGA Resolution
16 September	World Ozone Day	- Theme: "Global Action for a Cooler Planet" - Commemorates signing of the Montreal Protocol, 1987.
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	- Theme: "Safe Care for Noncommunicable Diseases." • National Patient Safety Pledge administered in India.
18 September	World Bamboo Day	Theme: "Bamboo Beyond Borders"
21 September	International Day of Peace	Theme: "Invest in Peace - For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day"
22 September	World Rhino Day	Theme: "Keep the Five Alive"
23 september	September equinox	- Equal length of day and night as sun is directly overhead the equator . - Start of autumn in northern hemisphere and spring in southern hemisphere .
27 september	World Tourism Day	- Theme: Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism. - On this occasion, the Union Minister launched the National Digital Tourism Stack and the National Mission for Alternative Destinations -- ----Dekho Apna Desh Campaign 2.0.
28 september	World Rabies Day	- Theme: Stronger Together - Commemorates the anniversary of death of Louis Pasteur who developed first successful vaccine of rabies.

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5 September	Teachers' Day	Birth anniversary of 2nd President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (1888).
7 september	Swacha vayu diwas	Theme:"Clean air for climate action"
11 September	National Forest Martyrs Day	- Associated with Khejarli sacrifice,1730. Amrita Devi Bishnoi and other Bishnois protected Khejri trees
14 September	Hindi Diwas	14 Sept 1949: Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in Devanagari script as Official Language of the Union.
15 September	Engineers' Day	Theme:"Smart Engineering for a Sustainable Future through Innovation and Digitalization" - Birth anniversary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya (1861).
17 September	Vishwakarma Jayanti/ Puja	Dedicated to Lord ViSHWAKARMA.
23 september	11th Ayurveda Day	Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow" - Main national celebration at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

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Important Books

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Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug	Authored by:Ghanshyam Tiwari - Released by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan [27 august]; discusses India's governance/development journey over the past 12 years.
Bhupen Hazarika: Hundred Years of a Wandering Songs	- Edited by Ankuran Dutta & Nani Gopal Mahanta - Released by Vice president in Assam{7 sept}; linked to the birth centenary of Bhupen Hazarika, the "Bard of Brahmaputra."
Bharat innovates	Released by:Union Minister of Education, Shri Pralhad Joshi{9 sept} documenting the first edition of Bharat Innovates held in Nice, France, from 14 to 16 June 2026 under the aegis of the India-France Year of Innovation.
Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Work, Life, and Leadership	- Authored by:Arundhati Bhattacharya - Memoir of the former SBI Chairperson;Hindi version launched in Mumbai {10 Sept} with title Aparajita.
75 Years of the Constitution of India: Ambivalences, Agency, Extensions, Reclamations	- Edited by Kalpana Kannabiran - Released in Hyderabad{12 Sept} significant for 75 years of the Indian Constitution and constitutional/social movements.
Yatra: From Sorrow to Joy	Launched by Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh at Lok Bhavan, Dehradun.{14 Sept}
Tarangini sara sangraha Integrative healthcare for better outcomes	Launched by All India Institute Of Ayurveda to commemorate the 11th ayurveda day{23 sept}
The Disappears	- Authored by Marlon James listed for the Booker Prize 2026.{1 September 2026}