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Rajasthan Affairs

Major Programmes, Schemes, Campaigns

Rajasthan's new land allotment policy

- The Rajasthan government has implemented a new policy on land allotment in urban areas.
- For the first time, the area and rate of concessional land has been clearly fixed so that there is no arbitrary allotment of land.
- The policy covers public, social, religious, charitable institutions, trusts and private investors.
- Its primary focus will be on educational, health, social and tourism facilities.
- If there is only partial use of the allotted land, the remaining portion will be cancelled.
 - **Note:** Earlier, many cases were stuck due to the lack of such a system.

Hotel and Resort Investment Provisions:

- The minimum investment limit in the hotel sector has been reduced from Rs 100 crore to Rs 50 crore.
- The minimum area of land for hotel projects was increased from 2000 sqm to 3000 sqm.
- The resort projects will start with an investment of Rs 50 crore and will get a maximum of 10,000 square meters of land (when the project is actually grounded).

Concessional Land Allotment:

- Registered social, religious, charitable institutions, trusts and investors will be able to take land only at a maximum of 40% concessional rate.
- The decision on more concessions will be taken only at the government and chief minister level.
- In this, the scope of arbitrary concessions at the municipal level has been completely eliminated.

Submits interim report of 7th State Finance Commission to Governor

- The Chairman, 7th State Finance Commission, Dr. Arun Chaturvedi presented the interim report of the State Finance Commission to Governor Shri Haribhau Bagde on 2nd September at Raj Bhavan, Jaipur.

7th State Finance Commission

- **Chairman:** Arun Chaturvedi (Cabinet Minister's Status)
- **Member Secretary of the Commission:** Naresh Kumar Thakral.
- This commission will work to determine the financial share of the panchayats and urban bodies out of the taxes and other revenues of the state government.

State Finance Commission

- It is a constitutional institution. (Mentions: in Article 243I and Article 243Y)
- The Governor of the State constitutes a Finance Commission to review the financial position of the Panchayats after every 5 years.
- Rajasthan has so far constituted 7 Finance Commissions.

Major decisions taken in the Rajasthan Cabinet meeting

- The following decisions were taken in the Cabinet meeting held on September 19 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma:

Maharana Pratap Sports University Bill - 2025

- In this meeting, the draft of 'The Maharana Pratap Sports University Jaipur Bill-2025' was approved.
- This university was announced in the budget for the year 2024-25.
- Its purpose is to promote sports and physical education in the state.
- Here the players will be provided scientific training with modern equipment.
- The institute will produce high-quality coaches and sports experts and promote research on sports science, technology and performance analytics.
- The University will also act as a Centre of Excellence for the development of sports.

Land Allotment for Solar Power Projects

- Conditional land allotment for solar power projects of 5,200 MW capacity was approved.
- These projects will boost renewable energy generation in the state.

Amendments to the Civil Services (Pension) Rules

- o It was decided to remove Rule 62(IV) of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules-1996. Now the parents of the deceased worker will also get the benefit of pension up to a maximum of 50% as per Rule 62(III).
- o By amending Rule 67, it was also provided that a mentally or physically handicapped child will be able to get family pension even after marriage.

Municipal Corporations in Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota

- The Rajasthan Government has now approved one municipal corporation (Nagar Nigam) each in Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota, instead of the multiple corporations previously established.
- Rajasthan will now have a total of 309 municipal corporations and municipalities (earlier there were 312).
- Jaipur will have 150 wards and the Greater and Heritage Corporation will be abolished by the upcoming elections.
- Instead of 2-2 in Jodhpur and Kota, now there will be one corporation each with 100 wards.

The Rajasthan Prohibition of Religious Conversion Bill, 2025

- The bill was passed by a voice vote in the Rajasthan Assembly on September 9.
- Purpose: To prevent religious conversions through fraud, deceit, deception or illegal means.

Key Provisions

- 1. Conversion by simple trickery**
 - Punishment: 7 to 14 years imprisonment
 - Penalty: Maximum ₹5 lakh
- 2. Conversion of Minor Male, Female, SC/ST, Divyangjan**
 - Punishment: 10 to 20 years imprisonment
 - Penalty: Minimum ₹10 lakh
- 3. Mass Conversion**
 - Punishment: 20 years to life imprisonment
 - Penalty: Minimum ₹25 lakh
- 4. Conversion by receiving money from foreign/illegal entities**
 - Punishment: 10 to 20 years rigorous imprisonment
 - Penalty: Minimum ₹20 lakh
- 5. Marriage, abuse or other methods by threatening, bluffing**
 - Punishment: 20 years to life imprisonment
 - Penalty: Minimum ₹30 lakh

6. On re-offending (after the first conviction)

- Punishment: 20 years to life imprisonment
- Penalty: Minimum ₹50 lakh

Other Important Provisions

- o Properties used in forced conversions will be confiscated.
- o A marriage solemnized for such a purpose can be annulled by a family court or a competent court.
- o The person converting will give written notice to the District Magistrate/ADM 90 days in advance.
- o Non-intimation: 7 to 10 years imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹3 lakh.
- o The religious leader who converts will give notice 2 months in advance. Violation will result in 10 to 14 years of imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹5 lakh.

The Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025

- The Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025 was passed in the Assembly on September 10.
- The bill will simplify the process of management, regulation, land conversion and deregulation of plots under the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO).
- By this amendment, changes have been made in the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, 1956.
- The plots given to RIICO by the State Government before or after the enactment of the Bill will now be treated as subject to RIICO and shall be deemed valid for all purposes.
- Under this, RIICO will be able to regulate the land under its control.
- The provisions shall not apply to land allotted for industrial purposes on or before September 18, 1979, the lease of which has been terminated by the State Government or RIICO.

The Rajasthan Ground Water (Conservation and Management) Authority Bill, 2024

- The Rajasthan Ground Water (Conservation and Management) Authority Bill, 2024 was passed by voice vote in the Assembly on September 10.
- It aims to maintain and raise ground water levels, ensure water recharge, proper utilization, conservation and management.

- For this, the authority will be formed at the state level and the District Groundwater Conservation and Management Committee will be formed in the districts.
- The committee will prepare groundwater conservation and management plans according to local conditions.

Structure and Methodology

- The Chairman and members of the Authority will be elected on the basis of technical proficiency.
- It will also have two MLAs as members so that the interests of the common people can be given priority.
- The other members shall be qualified and eminent persons having at least 20 years of experience in science, technology, engineering or water resources management.
- The Authority will publish scientific data and reports and recommend systems for monitoring ground water use and quality.
- It will also be able to suggest to the government to fix a tariff on groundwater use.
- Every year, the Authority will submit its work report to the Government, which will be presented to the Assembly.

Penal Provisions

- The Authority will take action in cases of construction of ground water structures without permission, violation of conditions, extraction of ground water by drilling/digging, damage to water infrastructure etc.
- Violation is punishable with imprisonment of up to 6 months and a fine of up to Rs 1 lakh or both.
- The first offence will attract a fine of up to Rs 50,000 and a fine of up to Rs 1 lakh or both.
- In case of repeated violations, the fine can be increased up to five times.

The Rajasthan Fisheries Area (Amendment) Bill, 2025

- The bill was passed by the Assembly by voice vote on September 8.
- Under the amendment, the amount of penalties for fish-related offences (such as unlicensed fishing, use of explosives or poisons) has been increased substantially.
- Till now, there was a provision of a fine of ₹500 or imprisonment of 3 months or both for the first time offence, which has been increased to ₹25,000.
- The previous fine for re-offending was ₹1,000, which has been increased to ₹50,000.
 - Along with this, there will be a provision of 6 months imprisonment or both.
- Even after this, the same penalty or imprisonment will apply every time the crime is committed.
- The Director of Fisheries has been authorized to take action on these offences.
- Section 11 of the original Act previously had a fine of ₹100, which has now been increased to ₹25,000.

Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur Bill, 2025

- The bill was passed by the Assembly by voice vote on September 8.
- In the budget for the year 2024-25, it was announced that RUHS (Rajasthan University of Health Sciences) would be upgraded and RIMS would be established on the lines of Delhi AIIMS.
- ₹750 crore will be spent on this project in a phased manner.

Features of RIMS:

- It will have super speciality medical services.
- The Institute will function as an autonomous university and will award degrees, diplomas etc. under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- It will have super speciality services like cardiology, neurology, gastroenterology, urology, plastic surgery, endocrinology, nephrology, CTVS, transplant unit.
- Various departments will be set up and colleges affiliated to RUHS will be added to it.
- In the governance structure, the Chief Secretary of the State will be the Chairman and a Governing Body and Financial Committee will be constituted to ensure that the financial management is transparent.

The Factories (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2025

- The Rajasthan Assembly on Thursday passed the Factories (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2025 by voice vote.

Key Provisions

- **Duration of work:**
 - Workers will now be able to be present in the factory for a maximum of 10 hours and 30 minutes per day.
 - The limit of working without a gap has been fixed at 6 hours.
 - The limit of quarterly overtime has been increased from 75 hours to 144 hours.

- **Participation of Women Workers:**
 - Women will also be able to work in night shifts if they give their written consent.
 - This will promote their participation and empowerment in the workplace.
- **Other benefits:**
 - Industrial investment will be encouraged.
 - There will be massive employment generation.
 - Production and productivity will increase in the state.
- **Note:** The Minister of Food and Civil Supplies of Rajasthan is Sumit Godara.

The Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025

- The bill was passed by voice vote in the Assembly on 3 September 2025.

Key Provisions:

- The minimum number of students for registration was increased from 50 to 100.
- Penalty revised in case of irregularity by entities:
 - Reduced from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 50,000 in the first time
 - For the second time, it was reduced from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.
- In case of repeated violations, a provision was made for cancellation of registration.
- **Steps to prevent suicide and mental stress in students:**
 - Appointment of Psychological Counsellor in every Institute
 - Stress management sessions are mandatory.
 - Arrangements for regular communication with family members
- Helpline numbers will be made available in every district.
- It will be mandatory for all coaching institutes to get government registration.
- The Rajasthan Coaching Centre Control and Regulation Authority will be set up to control the state level.

Key decisions taken in Rajasthan Council of Ministers

- The following important decisions were taken in a meeting held in Rajasthan on 31st August 2025 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma:

“PM Suryaghar 150 units free electricity scheme”

- In Rajasthan, 150 units of free electricity per month will be implemented under the PM Suryaghar Yojana.
- This will benefit 1 crore 4 lakh domestic consumers.
- Under the Chief Minister’s Free Power Scheme, 27 lakh registered families, whose consumption is more than 150 units, will be installed free solar panels of 1.1 KW capacity on their homes.
- In this, 150 units per month will be given free of cost in place of 100 units of free electricity available earlier.

Financial Assistance:

- Central Government: ₹33,000 per plant
- State Government: ₹17,000 per plant
- This will create an additional solar capacity of about 3,000 MW.

Consumers consuming less than 150 units

- **Category I:** Free solar plants will be installed for 11 lakh families who have access to a roof.
- **Category II:** For those who do not have a roof, DISCOMs will set up community solar plants.

Incentive (DBT)

- To promote this social contribution, an amount of ₹1100 will be transferred by DISCOMs through DBT to the accounts of the first 5 lakh consumers in each of both categories.

Street lights in urban areas

- In the budget for the year 2025-26, it was announced to install 1 lakh LED street lights in Rajasthan.
- Now in view of the need to replace the old lights, this number has been increased to 2 lakh.

Amendments to Sewerage and Wastewater Policy-2016

- The Rajasthan government has changed the policy and made it in line with the concept of Swachh Bharat Mission.
- **Under this policy:**
 - A well-organized sewerage system will be created in all urban bodies.
 - While working on a circular economy, reuse of treated water, manure, gas etc. will be ensured.

- According to the HAM model, there will be a payment arrangement — 40% of the amount will be given on completion of the work and 60% will be given in the operation-sustainment period.

Rajasthan Law Against Prohibition of Religious Conversion Bill-2025

- This bill will be brought to stop illegal religious conversions in Rajasthan.
- It will include more stringent provisions than before.

Key Provisions:

- Severe punishment for conversion by false representation, force, deceit or undue influence.
- Marriages only for the purpose of religious conversion will be considered void.
- The offences will be non-bailable and cognizable.
- The minimum sentence is 7 years, up to a maximum of life imprisonment, and a fine ranging from ₹5 lakh to ₹50 lakh.
- Offences against minors, disabled, women, SC-ST category with a punishment of 10 to 20 years and a fine of more.
- Mass conversion is punishable with life imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹25 lakh.
- Imprisonment of 10 to 20 years and a fine of ₹20 lakh for taking money from foreign/illegal institutions.
- Life imprisonment and a minimum ₹50 lakh fine on repetition.
- The registration of the organization involved in illegal conversion will be canceled and the grant will be stopped.
- Confiscation or demolition of the property of the conversion site will be possible.
- The burden of proof will be on the accused that the conversion was legal.

Rajasthan Staff Selection Board Service Rules

- The Rajasthan Council of Ministers approved two new rules for this:
 1. Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (Gazetted Staff) Service Rules, 2025
 2. Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (Ministerial and Subordinate Services) Rules, 2025
- **Note:** The service rules for the Rajasthan Staff Selection Board, formed in the year 2014, were not yet framed.

- Apart from this, amendments to the Rajasthan Subordinate and Ministerial Services (Common Eligibility Test) Rules, 2022 were also approved.
- These rules will pave the way for regular recruitment to the Board and the functioning will be more effective.

Gramin Seva Shivir

- In Rajasthan, it was started from 17 September 2025 by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma from the Community Center of Malviya Nagar in Jaipur.
- Their objective is to provide benefits of various government schemes to the general public and to resolve their cases quickly.
- **Note:** In Rajasthan, the name of 'Gaon Chalo Abhiyan' has now been changed to 'Gramin Seva Shivir'.
- In the first week (17th, 18th, 19th and 20th September), camps were held in 2 Gram Panchayats every day.
- In the weeks that followed, camps were held in 2 Gram Panchayats every day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- The campaign went on to cover all the Gram Panchayats of each Panchayat Samiti.

Main functions:

- Application and approval of government schemes.
- Health camps.
- Application, sanction and disbursement of leases under SVAMITVA Scheme.
- 10,000 new surveys under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Garibi Mukta Yojana.
- Survey of BPL households.
- Improvement of electric wires/poles and cleanliness and tree plantation.

Urban Service Camp

- It will be organized in Rajasthan from September 15 to October 15, 2025.
- Objective: Sanitation in urban areas and speedy disposal of public problems.
- The camp was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Bassi (Jaipur).

Main functions:

- Repair of drains, sewer lines, manholes, and ferry covers.
- Beautification of major squares, parks, community centers, and public spaces.
- Strengthening the sanitation system.

- o In this, applications related to flagship schemes will be accepted and accepted in the camps.
- o It will be jointly attended by various departments of the State Government - Autonomous Governance, Social Justice and Empowerment, Water Engineering, Power, Public Works, Revenue, Women and Child Development and Medical and Health Departments.

Pilot Project of Ayushman Adarsh Gram Yojana

- Ayushman Adarsh Gram Yojana will be launched as a pilot project through 210 Ayushman Arogya Mandir in 5 Panchayats in each district of Rajasthan.
- The objective of this scheme is to improve health services using traditional medicine practices (Ayurveda).
- This project is the first such project in Rajasthan in which medicines and dietary suggestions will be made available for the prevention of diseases based on the nature of the patient (Vata-Pitta-Kapha).
- The Department of Panchayati Raj, Department of AYUSH, Department of Medical Health and Family Welfare, Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Education, Department of Information and Public Relations, and Forest Department will collaborate to make it a success under inter-departmental coordination.
- 18 indicators have been fixed for Gram Panchayats, which will be provided by the state government to the panchayats that complete them.

Vishwakarma Yuva Udyami Protsahan Yojana

- The Rajasthan government has approved this scheme with the aim of promoting the spirit of self-employment among the youth and opening new avenues of employment generation by promoting entrepreneurship.
- Under the scheme, loans will be made available to youth in the age group of 18 to 45 years at low interest rates through financial institutions.
- This will enable the beneficiaries to set up new enterprises or expand, diversify or modernize the existing enterprise.
- Under this, interest subvention of up to 8% will be given on loans up to a maximum of Rs 2 crore.
- Women, SC, ST, Divyang category entrepreneurs, enterprises established in rural areas and card holder weavers and craftsmen will be given an additional interest subvention of 1% on loans above Rs. 1 crore and up to Rs. 2 crore.

- Margin money subsidy of 25% or up to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh will also be given on the loan provided by the financial institution.

Azim Premji Scholarship to be given to 35,000 girls

- The Rajasthan government has announced to give scholarships of ₹30,000 per year to 35,000 girls from the 2025-26 academic session.
- It aims to help girl students access higher education.

Azim Premji Scholarship

- o This scholarship given by the Azim Premji Foundation is to encourage girls coming from economically weaker backgrounds to pursue higher education.
- o This scholarship is for those students who have studied in classes 10 and 12 from government schools and they have enrolled in recognized universities or diploma courses.

Scholarship

- o Amount: ₹30,000 per year
- o Time Frame: 2 to 5 years, as per the duration of the course
- o The amount will be disbursed ₹15,000 twice per year, directly to the student's bank account.

3200 MW power project approved in Rajasthan

- The Empowered Committee of the Central Government has approved a 3200 MW coal-based power generation project in Rajasthan.
- The project will entail an investment of around ₹40,000 crore.
- This will help in the economic, social and technological benefits of the state.

6,000 MW Energy Storage Project

- A 6,000 MW capacity battery energy storage system will be set up in Rajasthan in collaboration with the central government.
- The system will conserve electricity generated from renewable energy sources during the day and be used at night.
- Keeping in view the future energy requirements of the state, MoUs worth ₹2,00,800 crore have been signed with central undertakings for the development of 4,895 MW conventional and 38,343 MW renewable energy projects.
- The Budget 2024-25 announced a battery storage system with a capacity of 1,000 MWh.

- Under its implementation, Viability Gap Funding (₹27 lakh per MWh) is being provided by the Government of India for installation of 500 MW and 1,000 MWh.

Jaipur Greater Corporation's Scholarship Scheme

- Jaipur Greater Corporation has taken the initiative to give scholarships to the meritorious children of Swachhta Warriors.
- This scheme has been started by Mayor Dr. Soumya Gurjar.
- This is the first time such an initiative has been taken in India.
- This year, 50 children are being selected and given scholarships.
- Each eligible student will be given an amount ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.
- The selection process will be based on the number of students who have scored 70 per cent or more marks in class 10 and 12.
- A maximum of two children of a cleanliness warrior will be given this benefit.
- The scheme will be applicable only to the children of permanent sanitation warriors working in Jaipur Greater Corporation.

Launch of AI solution for Tuberculosis (TB) elimination

- The TB Artificial Intelligence (AI) solution was launched at the state level on 19th September 2025 in Rajasthan.
- Earlier it was implemented as a pilot project in the Kota division (Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar).
- Now it has been extended to all 42 districts of Rajasthan.
- This initiative is a significant step towards widespread use of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare services in Rajasthan.

Green India Campaign

- The Green India campaign was launched on 2nd September 2025 by the Chairman of the State Finance Commission, Dr. Arun Chaturvedi.
- Under this campaign, the PM Suryaghar Yojana will be taken to every household in the state.
- The upcoming exhibition will be held in the following areas:**
 - Jodhpur: 16–18 November 2025
 - Jaipur: 21–23 January 2026
- Note:** Rajasthan is the top state in the country in solar power generation.

Person in News

Rajeshwar Singh appointed as State Election Commissioner of Rajasthan

- Rajeshwar Singh, a retired Indian Administrative Service officer, has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner.
- He replaced Madhukar Gupta.
- He was the Chairman of the Board of Revenue, Ajmer for 3 years from July 2021 to July 2024.
- Governor Haribhau Bagde issued an order for the appointment of Rajeshwar Singh on 16 September 2025.

State Election Commission

- It is a one-member Constitutional Commission.
- Established under the 73rd 74th Constitutional Amendment – July, 1994. (Order: 17 June 1994, the Commission began its work on 1 July 1994).
- Appointment - by the Governor on the recommendation of the Chief Minister.
- Resignation letter - to the Governor.
- Conditions of Service: By the Governor (State Election Commission Conditions of Service Act passed by the Government of Rajasthan, 1994)
- Tenure - 5 or 65 years
- Article 243 K(2) of the Constitution of India seeks to impeach the President as a Judge of a High Court under Article 124(4).
- Salary Allowances - Weighted on the Consolidated Fund of the State (similar to that of a High Court Judge)
- First State Election Commissioner - Amar Singh Rathore
- Main task: To conduct elections to Panchayati Raj and Urban Bodies.

State Election Commissioner of Rajasthan

S.	Name of the Commissioner	Tenure of Office
1.	Amar Singh Rathore	July 1, 1994 to March 30, 2000
2.	N.R. Bhasin	July 1, 2000 to August 10, 2002
3.	Indrajit Khanna	December 26, 2002 to December 26, 2007

4.	Ashok Kumar Pandey	October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2013
5.	Ram Lubhaya	October 1, 2013 to April 2, 2017
6.	Prem Singh Mehra	July 3, 2017 to July 3, 2022
7.	Madhukar Gupta	14th August 2022 to 16th September 2025
8.	Rajeshwar Singh	Continued from 16 September 2025

Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) appoints 3 new members

- Rajasthan Public Service Commission has appointed 3 new members:
 - Hemant Priyadarshi – Former Indian Police Service officer
 - Dr. Ashok Kumar Kalwar – Physician
 - Dr. Sushil Kumar Bissu – Educationist
- A total of 10 member posts are scheduled in RPSC. Now 7 posts have been filled after 3 new appointments.
- Recently former DGP Utkal Ranjan (U.R.) Sahu has been appointed as the Chairman.
- After the appointment of Hemant Priyadarshi, there are now two former IPS officers in the commission.

Hemant Priyadarshi

- Former IPS officer
- He served in the positions of DG-SSCRB, DG of Cyber Crime, ACB DG and FSL Director.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Kalwar MD

- Senior Consultant & Oncologist (Medical & HematoOncology)
- Published more than 30 international and more than 70 national research papers.

Dr. Sushil Kumar Bissu MD

- MSc and PhD in Mathematics
- 35 Research Papers Published
- He was a member of the academic committees and boards of various universities.

RPSC member Dr. Manju Sharma resigns

- Dr. Manju Sharma, a member of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission, resigned from Governor Haribhau Bagde on 1 September 2025.
- Note:** He resigned after the High Court's observations in the 2021 Police Sub-Inspector recruitment case.

- He has resigned on moral grounds.
- Dr. Manju Sharma was appointed as Member to the Commission on 15th October 2020.

Miss Teen International 2025

- Spain's Lorena Ruiz became the winner of the Miss Teen International 2025 pageant held in Jaipur.
- India's Kaziah Liz Mejo was the first runner-up and Valeria Morales of Colombia was the second runner-up.
- Note:** In October 2025, India will host the Miss Teen Universe pageant.

Dr. Sumant Vyas and Prof. B.L. Verma appointed Vice-Chancellor

- Governor and Chancellor Haribhau Bagde has appointed new Vice Chancellors in 2 Universities on the recommendation of the state government.
- Dr. Sumant Vyas has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Bikaner.
- Prof. B.L. Verma has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Vardhman Mahavir Open University, Kota.
- The term of appointment will be for a period of three years or till the attainment of the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

Rajasthan's Lalit Kumar becomes President of Indian Ring Tennis Federation

- The following office bearers were elected unopposed in the election of the Ring Tennis Federation of India.
 - Chairman: Lalit Kumar Kalal (Rajasthan)
 - Secretary General: K.R.V. Shyam Sundar (Telangana)
 - Treasurer: Rimjhim Kumari (Bihar)
 - Chairman: Mukul Yadav (Haryana) – Appointed unanimously by the executive.

Former Nawalgarh MLA Navrang Jakhar passes away

- Former Nawalgarh MLA Navrang Singh Jakhar passed away on 19 September 2025.
- He was a two-time MLA from Nawalgarh (in 1977 from the Janata Party and in 1985 from the Lok Dal).
- He served as Chairman of the Privileges Committee of the Assembly, the Government Assurance Committee and the House Committee.
- He was also the Chief Whip of the Legislative Assembly in the year 1979-80.

Places in News

Pushkar: Rajasthan's first tertiary treatment plant pilot project

- In Rajasthan, treated water from sewerage treatment plants will now be used in agricultural and industrial areas.
- For this, Pushkar Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) has been selected as a model project.

Project Features

- The wastewater from the 3.5 MLD STP will be reused.
- A 4 MCFT reserve reservoir will be built on 37.50 hectares of land on Kharekhari Road.
- This water will be treated through a tertiary treatment plant by drip irrigation method.
- The project will cost Rs 50 crore.
- The Water Resources Department will also develop it as a tourist center, in which greenery and parks will be built.
- This will be the first such project in the state, where STP water will be treated in high quality from a tertiary treatment plant. If it succeeds, it will be implemented in other districts.

SMS Hospital: The World's First Polymer Mitral Valve Implant

- The world's first polymer mitral valve transplant has been successfully performed at SMS Medical College, Jaipur.
- This new valve is especially useful for young patients suffering from rheumatic heart disease.
- The research on this valve was done at SMS Medical College and its results were published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.
- It is a better option than conventional valves because mechanical valves require lifelong blood thinners and tissue valves wear out over time.

Auditoriums will be built in Anupgarh, Shahpura and Gangapur City

- Under the budget announcements of the Chief Minister, the Finance Department has given financial sanction to the Autonomous Government Department for new projects.
- Under this, one auditorium each will be constructed in Anupgarh (Sriganganagar), Shahpura (Bhilwara) and Gangapur City (Sawai Madhopur).
- Apart from this, a city park will also be developed in Kuchaman City.

2450 MW Solar Park to be set up in Pugal

- In the field of renewable energy in Rajasthan, a 2450 MW solar park will be built on 4770 hectares of land in Pugal area of Bikaner district.
- It will cost around ₹12,250 crore.
- This solar park will generate about 4.16 crore units of electricity annually.
- This will provide electricity to 10-12 lakh consumers.
- A battery storage system will also be installed at its site.
- The central government will provide a subsidy of about ₹350 crore for this project.

Lithium reserves from Degana, Nagaur

- After confirmation of large reserves of lithium in the sandy hills of Degana area of Nagaur district, the Ministry of Mines has started the auction process.
- With the start of mining, both revenue and employment will increase in the state and the country's dependence on China will be reduced.
- Critical minerals (such as lithium, rare earth, tungsten, rock phosphate) are auctioned by the Ministry of Mines.
- For this, the sale of tender documents will start from September 23 and will run till November 24.

Other Lithium reserves in the country:

- Chhattisgarh (Korba): The auction of the first lithium mine is complete, the mining process is about to begin.
- Jammu and Kashmir (Reasi, Salal-Haimana): About 5.9 million tonnes of lithium stock.
- Karnataka (Mandya District): Approximately 14,100 tonnes of lithium reserves.

World's first Ayurvedic Excellence Centre to be set up in Jaipur

- The world's first Ayurvedic Centre of Excellence for Ayurvedic medicines will be set up in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- For this, the responsibility has been given to the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur by the Union Ministry of AYUSH.

Project Features

- Under this, a large database of the actual identity and properties of medicinal plants will be prepared.
- State-of-the-art technology such as genome sequencing and DNA barcoding will check the quality of medicinal plants.

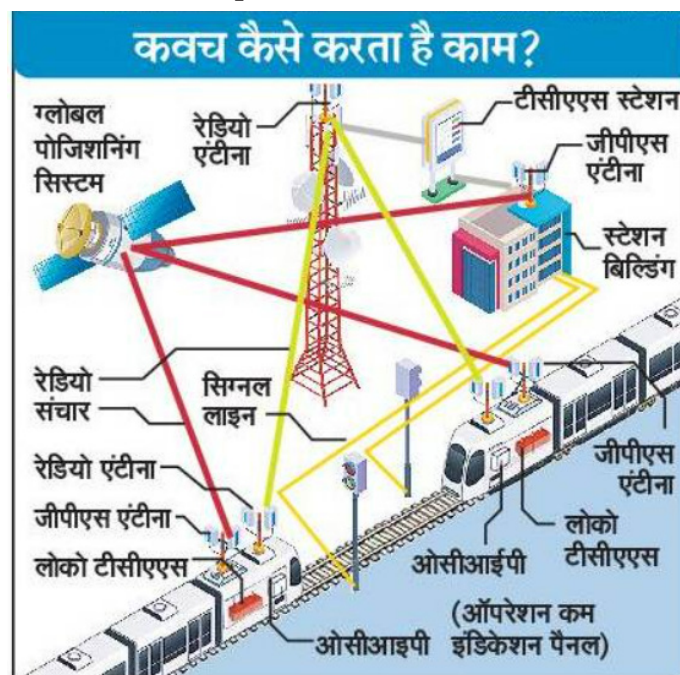
- This will be the first such centre in India and the world where research, academic development and quality standards will be established in the field of medicinal plants.
- For this, a budget of Rs 9.32 crore has been approved for the first phase.
- This project will curb substandard drugs, and provide verified and quality medicines to consumers.

Kota-Mathura Rail Section: Semi High Speed Corridor

- A semi-high speed track has now been built in Rajasthan for train operations at a speed of 160 km/h on the Delhi-Mumbai route.
- The track passes through the districts of Bharatpur, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Bundi, Kota and Jhalawar.
- Under this, the Kavach 4.0 system has been implemented on the Kota-Mathura (324 km) rail section.
- Now trains from Mathura to Kota will be able to run at a speed of 160 km/h.
- In the future, the track from Delhi to Mumbai (1380 km) will be converted into this category.

Kavach Technique (Automatic Train Protection System):

- It is a security system based on indigenous technology.
- If the loco pilot does not brake in time, the armor automatically brakes.
- Ensures safe operation even in bad weather.



Country's First Government Cosmetic Laser Institute

- The Institute of Dermatology has been set up at a cost of Rs. 7 crore at Charak Bhawan of SMS Hospital, Jaipur.
- The institute is India's first at the government level and the second after London at the global level.
- All modern machines for laser and cosmetic procedures will be available here.
- In this institute, the excimer technique will be used to regrow hair loss, remove warts on the face, eliminate unwanted hair and treat white spots (vitiligo).
- Apart from this, platelet-rich plasma (PRP) will also be used to increase hair growth, wound healing, birth stains, tattoos and pigmentation.

London-like hop-on hop-off bus service in Jaipur

- Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari flagged off the FlixBus from Albert Hall, Jaipur on September 10.
- Under this, a partnership was made between the Department of Tourism and FlixBus.
- FlixBus will take the heritage themed tourist destinations of the state and the stories related to them to the passengers through these special buses.
- The branding of these buses will give a glimpse of the heritage and stories of Rajasthan.
- In the UK, the service will run daily on the London-Cambridge route and in India on routes like Dehradun-Haridwar-Delhi-Jaipur.
- The Deputy Chief Minister announced that soon a hop-on hop-off bus service will be started in Jaipur under the PPP model on the lines of London.

'Model Corridors' to be set up in 19 districts of Rajasthan

- 19 'Model Corridor' routes of 7 km length will be developed in 19 districts of Rajasthan.
- These will be developed by the Public Works Department under the Safe Road Drive.
- This 'model corridor' will be prepared for safe travel.
- The corridor will develop facilities like road signages, road markings, standard speed breakers, pothole-free roads, cleanliness, drainage systems, footpaths and emergency service access.

Inauguration of Shri Parshuram Jnanpith

- Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma inaugurated Shri Parshuram Gyanpeeth (Center for Excellence and Research) building constructed by Vipra Foundation at Shipra Path, Mansarovar (Jaipur) on 06 September.
- Coaching classes for RAS and IAS will be conducted in it, in which 500 children will be able to study in it.
- In this, only a 50 percent fee will be charged from the children preparing for the competitive examination.
- 50 such children will be selected from Rajasthan who want to prepare for the Civil Services Examination, but the financial condition is weak. They will be given free coaching.

Leopard Safari Project in Ajmer

- Leopard Safari will be developed in the Ganga-Bhairav valley spread over Kazipura, Kharekhari, Ajaysar and nearby villages of Ajmer.
- The valley will be opened for tourists on the lines of Ranthambore, Sariska, Rawli-Todgarh and Jawai Dam.
- With the construction of Leopard Safari, Ajmer will get a new identity as an eco-tourism destination.
- The project proposes an expenditure of about Rs 19 crore.
- To facilitate the movement of tourists, 7.5 km of old damaged track will be reconstructed and 11.5 km of new track will be constructed.

Constituting Legal Services Authorities in 8 new districts approved

- The Rajasthan government, in consultation with the Rajasthan High Court, has approved the setting up of Legal Services Authorities in eight new districts.
- These authorities will cover the entire revenue area of the concerned district.
- 8 Districts: Phalodi, Didwana, Khairthal, Beawar, Barmer, Deeg, Kotputli and Salumbar.

Soil mapping will be done in 12 districts of Rajasthan

- Soil mapping will be done by the State Remote Sensing Centre (SRSC) of Rajasthan.
- A proposal for 12 districts of Rajasthan has been sent to the central government.
- In the first phase, the survey will be conducted in Tonk, Ajmer and Kota districts.

- This work will be done under the National Soil Mapping Programme (NSMP), which is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Lok Sabha Speaker launches Toy Bank

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the 'NaMo Toy Bank' on 18th September 2025 at the Apparel Gift Centre at Gumanpura, Kotri Road, Kota.
- The objective of this initiative is to provide toys of their choice to children in need.
- For this, students will collect toys in schools. The team of Toy Bank will deposit these toys from schools to the bank and later they will be given free of cost to needy children.

'Thai Medicine Study - Research Centre' to be set up at National Institute of Ayurveda

- The agreement was signed between the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur and the Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (Ministry of Public Health) on 27 February 2025.
- Under this agreement, a **Thai Medicine Study and Research Center** will be established in the institute.
- Apart from this, education and research centers related to Ayurveda will also be set up in Thailand.
- The traditional systems of medicine of both India and Thailand – Ayurveda of India and Thai Traditional Medicine of Thailand – are regarded as ancient and rich heritage of life sciences.

Awards & Honors

National Award to Teachers 2025



- On National Teachers' Day (5th September 2025), the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu presented the National Teachers' Award to 45 outstanding teachers selected from across the country at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- Among them was Mrs. Neelam Yadav, Principal of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Tapukra (Alwar) of Rajasthan.

- This award was given to him for his outstanding contribution to enhancing the quality of education and academic development of students.
- The award consists of a cash prize of ₹50,000, a medal and a citation.

Alwar and Udaipur awarded for Swachh Vayu Survekshan and Wetland City

- Alwar and Udaipur in Rajasthan were awarded on September 10 in the Swachh Vayu Survey 2025 conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
- Out of 130 cities, 11 cities were awarded.
- Among them, Alwar received the award for outstanding work towards the goal of “Clean Air for All”.
- Udaipur got a place in the **Wetland City Accreditation Scheme under the Ramsar Convention** and was among the first two wetland cities in India.

Mathuradas Mathur Annual Awards 2025

- The Cricketer of the Year awards were presented at a ceremony organised by the Rajasthan Blues Cricket Club.

Honored Players:

- Mahipal Lomror – Senior Category (Ranji Captain).
- Kartik Sharma – Junior Category.
- Yatharth Bhardwaj – Sub-Junior Category.
- These players were presented with cash prizes, trophies and cricket kit bags.
- Mahipal Lomror received this honor for the second time (first time in 2017).
- Earlier, Pankaj Singh, Ashok Mainaria and Aniket Chaudhary have also been honored with this award twice.

SMS Medical College gets National Award in Neuro Trauma Sector

- The Neurotrauma Society of India presented the Institutional Award-2025 to SMS Medical College, Jaipur.
- The award was given to the college for its outstanding contribution to emergency treatment and research at the Neurotrauma and Trauma Centre.
- In SMS, the treatment of seriously injured people in an emergency is started in just 6 to 8 minutes, which is better than the standards of the National Health Mission (NHM).

Rajasthan Film Festival (RFF): ‘Hukum’ wins Best Rajasthani Film

- The awards were distributed in various categories at the Rajasthan Film Festival (RFF) held in Jaipur.
- ‘Hukum’ won the Best Rajasthani Film award.
- Pankaj Singh Tanwar was awarded as the Best Director for ‘Hukum’.
- Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni won the Best Writer Award for the film ‘Bharkhama’.
- Shravan Sagar Kalyan won the Best Actor (Male) award for “Bharkhama” and Sushmita Rana won the Best Actress award for “Sapna Ek Udaan”.
- The song from the film ‘Bairan’ is ‘Beti Tu Kyun Jaye... G. Nataraj was adjudged the best lyricist for the film.
- The film ‘Sala’ won the Best Film award, while Dheeran was awarded the Best Actor for this film.
- **Dilip Sen** was awarded the “Lifetime Achievement Award”.

Various Agreements/MoUs

MoU between RECO and NBCC for construction of Rajasthan Mandapam

- The MoU was signed between RIICO and National Building Construction Company (NBCC) on September 10.
- According to the agreement, Rajasthan Mandapam, Global Capability Centre, IT Tower, 5-star and 4-star hotels, residential and commercial towers will be developed in Jaipur.
- Rajasthan Mandapam will be designed as a major destination for conferences, exhibitions and seminars of MNCs and corporates.
- The Mandapam, built on the theme ‘Virasat Se Vikas’, will connect the art and culture of Rajasthan with modern technology with world-class arrangements like conference hall, expo hall, commercial center.

MoU between Government of Rajasthan and Punjab National Bank

- The MoU was signed between the Government of Rajasthan and Punjab National Bank on September 6 at the Chief Minister’s residence.
- Under this agreement, the bank will ensure financial availability of Rs. 21,000 crore over the next 5 years.
- This amount will be spent on development projects like energy, roads, drinking water and sanitation.
- This will give financial strength and impetus to the infrastructure projects of the state.

MoU signed between Veterinary University, Jobner and BITS, Pilani

- The MoU was signed between Rajasthan Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Jobner and BITS, Pilani on 15th September 2025.
- Under this agreement, there will be cooperation between BITS, Regional Technology Enabling Centre established at Pilani and Veterinary University in various aspects.

Key areas of cooperation:

- Innovation Management and Promotion
- Technology Developments
- Commercialization capacity development
- Skills and Training
- Cluster Development

RTO signs MoU with Maruti Suzuki to conduct computer-based driving license trial

- The Transport and Road Safety Department (RTO) of Rajasthan has signed a three-year MoU with Maruti Suzuki.
- For the process of getting a driving license in Rajasthan, applicants will have to take a test on the automated driving track at the RTO office.
- It is through this that the ability to drive the car will be checked by the computer.
- Initially, this system will be implemented in 20 RTO and DTO offices of the state.
- Under this, the company will install cameras, sensors and technical equipment on the track and provide software, while the operation will be done by the RTO.

Sports

Para Badminton: Krishna Nagar wins silver medal

- India's para badminton player Krishna Nagar won a silver medal at the Para Badminton International Championships held in China.
- Krishna Nagar won the medal in the men's SH-6 event.
- In the final, Krishna was defeated by Thailand's Nathapong Meechai 20-22, 21-7, 21-17.
- Apart from Krishna Nagar, India's Pramod Bhagat won the gold medal in the men's SLW-3 category.
- India's Sukant Kadam won 2 silver medals.

National Para Throwball Championship

- It was held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Men's Category	Women's section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champions: Andhra Pradesh • Runner-up: Jharkhand • In this, the Rajasthan team secured third place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion: Karnataka • Runner-up: Jharkhand • Third place: Tamil Nadu

Rajasthan players win 25 medals in 16th Asian Shooting Championship

- It was held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- The shooters from Rajasthan won a total of 25 medals, including 13 gold, 8 silver and 4 bronze medals .
- The most successful player from Isman Rajasthan was **Abhinav Chaudhary** (3 gold + 1 silver).
- 2-2 Gold medalists: Anushka Singh Bhati, Girish Gupta.

Gold Medalists

Name of the Player	Competitions/Events
Yashasvi Rathod	Skeet Junior Mixed Team
Uddhav Singh Rathore	Trap Junior Team
Abhinav Choudhury	50m Free Pistol Junior Team, 25m Sports Pistol Junior Team, 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Junior Team
Umesh Chaudhary	50m Free Pistol Junior Team
Kushagra Singh Rajawat	50m Rifle Prone Junior Team
Anushka Singh Bhati	Shotgun Double Trap Individual, Shotgun Double Trap Senior Team
Girish Gupta	10m Air Pistol Mixed Junior Team, 10m Air Pistol Individual Junior
Dhirendra Singh Bhati	10m Air Rifle Youth Man
Mohini Singh	10m Air Pistol Junior Team

Silver Medal Winners

Name of the Player	Competitions/Events
Yashasvi Rathod	Skeet Individual Junior
Rajveer Rathore	Skeet Individual Youth
Yogesh Kumar	50m Free Pistol Individual Senior
Abhinav Choudhury	25m Sports Pistol Individual Junior
Manini Kaushik	50m Rifle Prone Senior Team
Mo. Hatim Khan	Double Trap Individual Junior
Girish Gupta	10m Air Pistol Junior Team
Pankaj Jat	10m Air Pistol Junior Team

Silver Medal Winners

Name of the Player	Competitions/Events
Manini Kaushik	50m Rifle Prone Individual Senior
Harshvardhan Singh Kaviya	Double Trap Senior Team
Bhanu Pratap Singh	Double Trap Senior Team
Yadavendra Chundawat	Double Trap Individual Junior

3 players from Rajasthan to participate in World Para Athletic Championship

- The championship will be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi from September 27 to October 5.
- 73 athletes from India will participate in this World Athletics Championship. 21 players from Haryana will participate in it.
- 3 players from Rajasthan will participate in this championship . All three are javelin throw players.
 - Sundar Singh Gurjar (F-46)
 - Mahendra Singh Gurjar (F-42)
 - Sandeep Chaudhary (F-44)
- For this, Mahavir Saini of Rajasthan has been made the head coach of the Indian team.

Badminton: Jangjit, Anvi selected in Indian squad

- Rajasthan's Anvi Rathod and Jangjit Singh Kajla were the runners-up at the Ashwini Gupta Memorial All India Sub Junior Badminton Tournament held in Panchkula, Haryana.
- Anvi Rathore, who was the runner-up in the girls' under-15 category, was defeated by Odisha's Tanvi Patra in the final.
- Jangjit Singh Kajla finished runners-up in the mixed doubles U-17 category.
- Both players have been selected in the Indian squad for the international badminton tournament to be held in China from 21 to 26 October 2025.

State Level Under-19 Cricket Tournament

- Jodhpur won the title by defeating Bikaner in the final on September 17 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.
- The winning team was given a cash prize of ₹31,000 and the runner-up team was given ₹21,000.

Major Awards:

- Best Batsman – Kushagra Ojha (Bhilwara)
- Best Bowler – Gaurav (Jodhpur)
- Best Player – Sachin Lakhesara (Bikaner)
- Best Player of the Final – Jagdish Chaudhary

Shubham Punia selected in India U-17 squad

- Shubham Poonia is a resident of Dholipal village in Nohar area of Hanumangarh district.
- He has been selected in India's Under-17 football team.
- He will represent India in the U-17 tournament to be held in Sri Lanka.
- Shubham is currently playing for North East United Football Club, Sikkim.
- Before Shubham, Munni Bhambhu, Mohammad Kaif and Amit Kumar have also been part of the Indian team.
- President of Rajasthan Football Association:** Manvendra Singh Jasol.

25th Summer Deaflympics: 7 athletes from Rajasthan

- 7 players from Rajasthan will participate in the 25th Summer Deaflympics to be held from 15th to 26th November 2025 in Tokyo, Japan.

Name	District	Sport
Ramesh Kumar	Churu	Javelin Throw
Virendra Singh	Karauli	10 km Walk
Piyush	Jodhpur	Badminton
Abhinav Sharma	Jaipur	Badminton
Arshit	Sriganganagar	Tennis
Maina Gurjar	Tonk	800m Race
Ghanshyam	Bharatpur	Wrestling

Rugby U-18 Asia Cup: Rajasthan Squad selects 3 players

- Three players from Rajasthan - Muskan Piplod, Vijayshree and Sushila - have been selected in the Indian Under-18 rugby team.
- Muskan Piplod has been appointed as the vice-captain of the Indian team.
- Muskan Piplod recently contributed to India's bronze medal in the Under-20 Asia Rugby Championship held in Bihar.
- Note:** The President of Rajasthan Rugby Association is Pandit Suresh Mishra.

Sushila selected for U-18 Girls Rugby Asia Cup

- Sushila, who hails from Bhurtia village in Barmer district, has been selected for the Indian U-18 girls rugby football team.
- She will represent the country in the Asia Cup to be held in China.
- The tournament will be played from September 13-14.

Tannishtha Jodha – Gold Medal in Taekwondo

- Rajasthan's Tannishtha Jodha won the gold medal at the CBSE Taekwondo Championship (Under-17, 38 kg weight category).
- The competition was held in Etawah (Uttar Pradesh) from September 3 to 7.
- Apart from India, players from many countries including Iraq, UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Yemen participated.
- Tannishtha has won her second gold medal in CBSE Taekwondo.

Jaipur Open FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament

- It was organized under the joint auspices of Jaipur District Chess Association and Royal Jaipur Chess Club.

- The winners of Under-16, U-14, Under-12, Under-10 and Under-8 categories were felicitated in this competition.
- Winner:** Gujarat's Kartavya Anandkant.
- Runner-up:** Maharashtra's Shrine Majumdar.
- Third place:** Haryana's FM Gaurav Gaur.

Different ratings and category winners

- 1401-1650: Siddhanta Chaturvedi (Rajasthan)
- 1651-1900: Prakhar Tripathi (Uttar Pradesh)
- Unrated: Daksha Jain (Rajasthan)
- Women: Yashika Choudhary (Rajasthan)
- Best Rajasthan Player: Rudradaman Mertia (Jaipur)

Indian Junior Open Squash Championships

- It was organized at the Squash Academy, Jaipur, Sawai Mansingh Stadium.
- In this, the players of Rajasthan won a total of 6 medals including 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze.

Medal winners:

- Amay Mahajan – Gold medal in Boys Under-9.
- Subhash Chaudhary–Gold medal in Boys U-17.
- Lakshanya Rajawat – Silver medal in Girls U-9.
- Harvin Sethia – Bronze medal.
- Navika Soni – Bronze medal.
- Image Saran – Bronze medal.

Alka Batra selected for Badminton World Championships

- Jaipur's Alka Batra has been selected for the Badminton World Championships 2025 (55-60 age group) to be held in Pattaya, Thailand from September 7 to 14.
- She has also participated in the 47th Indian Masters National Badminton Championship 2025 held in India.
- Earlier, he represented India at the 2024 Pan American Masters tournament in Cleveland, USA and won 3 gold medals.

Rajasthan State Senior Archery Championship

- The competition was organized by the Alwar Archery Association under the aegis of Rajasthan Archery Association at Rafael University Ground, Neemrana.
- More than 40 national and international level players participated.

Winning Players:

- Recurve Men's Category – Krish Kumar (Barmer)
- Recurve Women: Khushi Kumawat
- Compound Men's Category – Rajat Chauhan

- o Compound Women's Category – Priya Gurjar
- o Indian Round Men's Category: Naveen Kumar (Hanumangarh)
- o Indian Round Women's Category – Priyanka (CST Foundation)

Divyam Cricket Awards: Awarded to 2 Rajasthan players

- The Divyam Cricket Awards were given by the Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) in Jaipur by the Rajasthan Disabled Cricket Association (RDCA).
- In this, Surendra Khorwal of Rajasthan was given the title of Best Emerging Player.
- Apart from this, former Ranji captain of Rajasthan Rohit Jhalani (JCA) was awarded the Leadership and Motivation Award.

Among the other winners:

- o Ravindra Patil (Mumbai) – Lifetime Achievement Award
- o Gurudas Raut (Vidarbha) – Special Contribution Award

Miscellaneous

Rajasthan: First state to auction pre-embedded blocks

- Before the auction of mines in Rajasthan, NOC (No Objection Certificate) will be obtained from all the concerned departments, so that the mining operations can start immediately after the auction.
- Rajasthan will be the first state in the country to have such a pre-embedded model.
- **Pre-embedded Model:** Obtaining necessary permissions before the auction of mines.
- In the first phase, 5 major mines will be auctioned.
- The responsibility of obtaining permission for these mine blocks has been entrusted to the Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust (RSMET).
- Under the current regime, it may take up to three years to start mining operations after the auction of mines, affecting investment, employment and revenue.

On Demand Examination System Launched

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the On Demand Examination System from Jaipur on 5 September 2025.
- The first exam will be held in October in Jaipur, Udaipur and Bikaner.

- It will be extended to all divisions in January 2026 and examination centres will be set up in 41 districts from the next session.
- In this, students who failed in 10th and 12th of 75 boards of the country will be included, so that their year is not wasted.
- Applications will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The application process has started, the last date has been fixed as September 16.

Operation “Urja Prahar”

- “Operation Urja Prahar” was jointly conducted by Police and DISCOMs in Jhalawar.
- In this, members of joint teams of both the departments raided the locations of power theft.

B.Tech. in Hindi Medium: IIT Jodhpur's “Matribhasha Hindi Model”

- IIT Jodhpur has started teaching B.Tech. in Hindi medium under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The initiative was named ‘Matribhasha Hindi Model’.
- The result of the students of the Hindi medium batch of the year 2024 was at par with the students of English medium.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has directed all IITs to adopt this model.

The assistance centers of the Chief Minister's Ayushman Accident Insurance Scheme will become the district offices of the SIPP department

- The objective of the Mukhyamantri Ayushman Accident Insurance Scheme is to provide financial assistance in the event of death or permanent disability due to accidents.
- This scheme is being implemented for insured/registered families under the Chief Minister's Ayushman Arogya Yojana and Rajasthan Government Health Scheme.
- In case of death or disability due to accident, assistance up to Rs 10 lakh per family will be given.
- **Accidents include:** Rail/Air/Road accidents, falls from heights, house collapses, accidents with thresher and grinding machine, electric shock, burns, drowning and spraying of chemical substances.
- The benefits of this scheme can be availed through an online claim on the MADBY portal, which the claimants can do on their own or through e-Mitra.

“Voices of Bharat: Youth for Sustainability” campaign

- Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa released the third newsletter of this campaign in Jaipur on 2nd September.
- This one-year campaign was launched by Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma on 5th June 2025, World Environment Day.
- Objective: To inspire and train young people to address the challenges of environment and climate change through storytelling, podcasts, videos and digital media.

87% of farmers in Rajasthan have Farmer ID

- Under the Farmer Registry Scheme, the work of linking the Aadhaar number of farmers with the revenue records is going on across the state.
- So far, 87% of the farmers have been made a farmer ID.
- Geo Reference Sheet files of 48,463 villages have been uploaded on the Bhu-Naksha portal.
- A total of 4.49 crore Unique Land Parcel Identification Numbers (ULPINs) have been issued in Rajasthan so far.

Open gyms and stadiums to be set up in 3,500 gram panchayats of Rajasthan

- Open gyms and sports stadiums are being set up in 3,500 gram panchayats with a population of more than 5,000 to encourage rural youth towards sports.
- The Panchayati Raj Department is setting up these gyms by fixing priority on the basis of population.
- Under the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium Scheme, if the support amount is received from the people's representatives, then the state government will also share the same amount.

e-Payment Incentive Scheme now included in Krishak Uphaar Yojana

- The Rajasthan government approved the inclusion of 'e-Payment Incentive Scheme' in the 'Krishak Uphaar Yojana'.
- This will promote e-payment in APMCs.
- Earlier, only farmers were given cash prizes through lottery on receipt of payment through e-NAM.
- After its inclusion, this benefit will also be available to the merchants, who will pay through e-NAM.

Organ donation campaign 'Jivanjali' launched

- Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Shri Vasudev Devnani launched the organ donation campaign 'Jivanjali' organized by Sach Bedhadaq Media Group on 15th September 2025 at Abu Road, Sirohi.
- The campaign will start from Abu and will also cover 15 major cities in the next phase.
- This campaign will spread awareness about organ donation in the society.

“Swachhata hi Seva Campaign”

- The “Swachhata hi Seva Campaign” is being organized in Rajasthan from September 17 to October 2.
- The campaign aims to empower the Swachh Bharat Mission, make the masses aware of cleanliness and make public places clean and plastic free.

Main Activities:

- **Swachhta Shramdaan** – in Gram Panchayats, schools, hospitals, government offices.
- **Plastic Free Rajasthan Resolution** – Public awareness rallies, pledges and workshops to remove single use plastic.
- **Jan Bhagidari Programme** – Active participation of students, voluntary organisations, women's groups and public representatives.
- Cultural and awareness programs.

8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025

- The 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah will be celebrated from 17th September to 16th October 2025.
- The objective of the event is to spread public awareness about health and nutrition, promote community participation, and make it a Jan Andolan in collaboration with various departments and ministries.
- **Note:** Rajasthan had secured the No. 1 position in the country in the Poshan Pakhwada last year.

Sur Taal Art Festival

- The festival was held in Jaipur from September 16 to September 25.
- It was organized under the joint aegis of Jawahar Kala Kendra and Anjana Welfare Society.

Main Activities:

- Puppet and Theatre Performances
- Dance and concerts
- Painting Exhibit
- Tomorrow Dialogues and Seminars

The book “Abhyudaya ki Ore”

- On the completion of 1 year of the tenure of Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagde, his book “Abhyudaya Ki Ore” was released.
- The book was released by Somti Devi of Ramdevra.
- It has been dedicated to tribal, rural and deprived sections.

Hamara Vidyalaya – Hamara Swabhiman Sankalp Abhiyan

- On September 1, 2025, “Hamara Vidyalaya – Hamara Swabhiman Sankalp Abhiyan” was organized in government and private schools of Rajasthan.
- The aim was to motivate students and teachers collectively for moral values, educational upliftment and nation building.
- It is an initiative of the Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM).
- More than one crore students of the state participated in this campaign.

Rajasthan govt issues notification to impose 16 types of punishments for crimes

- Following the advice of the Rajasthan High Court, the state government issued a notification of 16 new punishments, which came into effect with immediate effect.
- These punishments also include community service, the duration of which can range from 1 to 31 days or 8 to 244 hours.
- These sentences will be used as an alternative to or in conjunction with traditional imprisonment.
- According to the Home Department, it aims to rehabilitate offenders and give them an opportunity to contribute to society.
- Officers have been appointed for monitoring, and the court may also impose other community services as punishment as needed.
- These punishments have been fixed for offences like irregularities of public servants, contempt of court, public misconduct, theft of less than Rs 5,000, attempt to commit suicide and defamation.

Examples of Community Service:

- Cleanliness in Public Places
- Watering plants
- Planting trees
- Roadside weed removal

Amendments to Rajasthan Civil Services Rules

- The Finance Department of Rajasthan notified the Rajasthan Civil Services (Revised 1 Pay – Third Amendment) Rules, 2025, which will come into effect from 1 September 2025.
- New pay scale of Investigator (Assistant Statistical Officer) under amendment:
- Under this, the new pay scale will now be Pay-Band-2 - 9300 to 34800, Grade Pay - 3600 and Level-11.
- The “general entry” in the prison department was removed, which will be effective from June 4, 2019.
- Ward Boy, Helper, Beldar (Grade Pay ₹1700, Pay Band 5200–20200, Level-1) and Jamadar, Daftari, Record Lifter, Laboratory Boy (Same Pay Band, Level-3) have been placed in the same category.
- This provision will not apply to the employees of the Secretariat, Governor’s Secretariat, Rajasthan High Court, RPSC and Lokayukta Secretariat.

Conferences, Meetings, Festivals

“Rajasthan Millet and Mustard Conclave 2025”

- It was organized in Jaipur on 17-18 September 2025.
- The theme of the conclave is “Resilient Crops with Innovative Technologies”.
- It was organized by FICCI Rajasthan in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DOA).
- **Note:** A Centre of Excellence of Artificial Intelligence will be set up to promote new technologies in the agriculture sector in the state.
- **Note:** The next Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) will take place at JECC from 10th to 12th January 2026.

Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart 2025

- It was organized on 13th and 14th September 2025 at M. Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- It was organized under the joint aegis of the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR) and the Rajasthan Tourism Department.
- In this, products made by Rajivika Self Help Groups were exhibited and sold.
- In this, 6 special stalls were provided by the Department of Tourism under the Lakhpati Didi initiative for women self-help groups under Rajeevika.

Rajasthan Masala Conclave – 2025

- It was organized by the Department of Agricultural Marketing on 8th September at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- It was attended by progressive spice farmers, processors, exporters, scientists and spice experts from the state.
- Stalls and exhibitions were set up by cooperatives, spice FPOs, businessmen and processors doing excellent work in the spice sector.
- **Note:** The Raj-Spice App, developed by the Rajasthan Agricultural Marketing Board, will connect spice farmers, traders, processors, exporters and other stakeholders on one platform.

Ghoomar Festival 2025

- On the initiative of Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, the Ghoomar Festival will be organized for the first time in Jaipur on November 15.
- Objective: To give a new identity to the rich folk culture and women empowerment of Rajasthan at the national and international level.
- Groups of different institutions (maximum 20 participants) will be able to register.
- Apart from this, an incentive of ₹ 500 will be provided to the registered institutions.

National Convention of Urban Co-operative Banks

- A two-day National Convention of Urban Co-operative Bank was held on 10-11 September 2025 at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- It was organized under the joint aegis of Sahakar Bharati and Department of Cooperation.
- At present, 236 branches of these banks are operating in Rajasthan.
- Urban Co-operative Banks have played an important role in providing easy credit to small entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, artisans and middle class families.

Science & Technology

New Barley variety developed in Rajasthan

- Scientists at the Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute in Durgapura, Jaipur have developed a new variety of barley.
- The variety has been approved by the National Variety Selection Committee. Now it will be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, and after the gazette notification, its production will start in the state.

- This development will reduce the dependence of barley on foreign countries for products such as beer, chocolate, baby food and health drinks.
- The name of the variety is R.D. 3064, on which tests were carried out for about 10 years.

Key features:

- Maximum Yield: 91.67 Quintals per hectare
- Plant height: Up to 100 centimeters
- Length of the earrings: 9 to 10 centimeters

'Jodhpur Jeera-1'

- Jodhpur Agricultural University has developed its indigenous cumin variety 'Jodhpur Jeera-1' for the first time in Rajasthan.
- The Government of India has given official approval to this variety and has issued a gazette notification.
- After this, its seed production and commercial sowing can be started.

Features

- Yield 22.7% higher than the existing variety GC-4.
- Protection against diseases such as Fusarium wilt and blight.
- Better oil quality, suitable for export to the international market.
- Successful trials at 5 agricultural centres in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

IIT Jodhpur develops generative AI

- IIT Jodhpur has achieved remarkable success on Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI).
- The research was led by a team led by Dr. Debashish Das, Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.
- This research focuses on three key areas:

Road Safety & Traffic Management

- AI is now able to predict traffic patterns.
- It anticipates potential accidents.
- Traffic flow management is more simple and effective.

Healthcare Sector

- Mainly focused on diseases and neurological problems associated with the brain.
- Improvement in the diagnosis and treatment processes of these diseases is possible.

Land Records Protection

- Developed a secure platform combining AI and blockchain.
- This system protects sensitive data from tampering.
- Helpful in making government processes more transparent and simple.

- **Generative AI:** It is a type of artificial intelligence that is capable of not only understanding and analyzing data, but can also generate new information, content, or creations.

Reports & Indices

Rajasthan got first place in the country in e-prosecution

- Rajasthan has secured the first position in the country in the field of e-prosecution.
- This prestigious award was given by the SKOCH institution.
- Ravi Sharma, Secretary and Director of Prosecution, Home Department, Rajasthan received the award.
- The prosecution department of Rajasthan made over 8 lakh entries in 2024 and over 6.50 lakh till August 2025, the highest in the country.

Karauli wins first position in Susma campaign

- During the Safe Road Campaign, 4.18 lakh students of 1097 schools and colleges of the state were made aware about road safety.
- The duration of this campaign was from 9 August to 15 September.
- Karauli stood first in this campaign where 41,031 students from 112 institutes were trained.
- Sikar was second and Dungarpur third.

Rajasthan in National Institutional Ranking Framework 2025 Rankings

- In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 released by the Union Ministry of Education, no university in Rajasthan could make it to the top-100.
- Four institutions from Rajasthan made it to the overall category:
 1. BITS Pilani – 16th rank
 2. IIT Jodhpur – 66th rank
 3. MNIT Jaipur – 77th Rank
 4. Manipal University – 98th Rank
- The condition of these four institutions has improved as compared to last year.

Ranking of major categories

Engineering

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| o BITS | 11 |
| o IIT Jodhpur | 27 |

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| o MNIT Jaipur | 42 |
| o Gyan Vihar University | 58 |
| o Laxmi Devi Institute | 71 |

Medical Institutions

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| o Jodhpur AIIMS | 19 |
| o SMS Medical College | 39 |

Management Institutions

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|-------------------------------------------|----|
| o IIM Jaipur | 21 |
| o MNIT Jaipur | 62 |
| o Jaipuria Institute of Management Jaipur | 74 |
| o Manipaal University Jaipur | 81 |
| o Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur | 98 |

Research Institutions

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|----------------|----|
| o BITS, Pilani | 18 |
| o MNIT Jaipur | 50 |

Universities

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| o BITS, Pilani | 07 |
| o Manipal University | 58 |
| o Banasthali Vidyapeeth | 66 |
| o Central University, Kishangarh | 89 |

Pharmacy

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|-----------------------------------------|----|
| o BITS, Pilani | 02 |
| o Banasthali Vidyapeeth | 22 |
| o Central University Kishangarh | 27 |
| o Suresh Gyaan Vihar University, Jaipur | 39 |
| o Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur | 64 |
| o NIMS University | 79 |

Law

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|-----------------------------------------|----|
| o Manipal University, Jaipur | 32 |
| o Architecture and Planning MNIT Jaipur | 12 |
| o Manipal University, Jaipur | 21 |

Rajasthan's position in the Gender Parity Index (GPI)

- According to the Central Government's Gender Parity Index (GPI) in terms of the status of higher secondary education of girls, Rajasthan is among the weakest states in the country in higher education.

GPI data of Rajasthan

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| o 2021-22: 0.90 |
| o 2022-23: 0.92 |
| o 2023-24: 0.96 |

- According to this figure, only 96 girls are enrolled in higher secondary education against 100 boys in the state.
- The country's average GPI stood at 1.07 in 2023-24, putting Rajasthan behind the national average.
- Only Uttarakhand (0.95) and Lakshadweep (0.92) are behind Rajasthan.
- The participation of girls in elementary classes is better in Rajasthan, as the GPI up to Class 5 shows 1.03, i.e. more than 100 girls per 100 boys are in school.
- In Rajasthan, the enrolment of girls in higher classes is declining.
- In conclusion, Rajasthan has progressed faster than the national average due to consistent improvement.
- The institutional delivery figure in Rajasthan is 94.9%, which is much better than other states.

Digital Crop Survey (DCS) of more than 1.11 crore Khasras completed

Maternal Mortality Rate decreases under SRS Survey in Rajasthan

- According to the latest SRS survey, Rajasthan's maternal mortality rate has come down to 86 per one lakh births.
- This rate is lower than the national average of 93.
- During the year 2014-16, the maternal mortality rate of the state was 199, while the national average was 130.
- So far, a photo-based and location-based survey of more than 1.11 crore Khasras has been conducted in more than 42,000 villages in Rajasthan, fulfilling about 32% of the target.
- Through the Rajkisan Girdawari app, more than 10 lakh Khasars were recorded online by the farmers alone.
- Farmers can download the Rajkisan Girdawari app and perform Girdawari on their own from their mobile phones.

2. National Affairs

India's First National Geothermal Energy Policy

- The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy notified India's first National Geothermal Energy Policy on 15th September 2025.
- **Objective:** To create a framework for exploration, resource assessment, and project development of geothermal energy.

Salient features of the policy:

- The policy supports high enthalpy (electrical) and low/medium enthalpy (heating, cooling, agriculture, industry) uses.
- Resource assessment, including hybrid systems, storage, and reuse of oil/gas wells for geothermal energy, has been covered.
- The process of single-window clearance will be established through State Nodal Agencies.
- The policy proposes to provide tax/GST exemptions, tax holidays, accelerated depreciation, and property tax relief.
- Exploration leases will be given for 3-5 years while development leases will be given for 30+ years with concessional land.
- A centralized geothermal data repository will be set up, which will require mandatory data presentation.

Geothermal Energy

- Geothermal energy is the heat received from the earth and is obtained from natural or man-made reserves of hot water or steam at different depths.

Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan

- The Central Government launched the 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan' on September 17, 2025.
- The campaign will continue till 2nd October 2025.
- It will be implemented under the joint leadership of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- The campaign aims to strengthen healthcare and nutrition services for women, adolescent girls, and children.
- More than one lakh health camps were organized under this campaign, which is the largest ever health campaign for women and children in the country.

Approval for Oju Hydropower Project

- The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Union Environment Ministry gave **environmental clearance to the proposed 2,220 MW Oju hydroelectric project** on the Subansiri River in Arunachal Pradesh.
- This project will be the uppermost and largest project of the Subansiri Basin.
- It is owned by Ozu Subansiri Hydro Power Corporation Pvt. Ltd. It will be developed by the Ministry of Education.
- It will be set up in Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Subansiri River

- Origin: From Tibet.
- It is the largest tributary of the Brahmaputra.
- It enters Arunachal Pradesh in India, flows through Assam and finally joins the Brahmaputra River.

Demand of Ladakh State

- Four people were killed and over 50 injured in protests in the Union Territory of Ladakh on 24 September 2025 demanding statehood and the Sixth Schedule.
- The movement was led by climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who has been demanding cultural and economic protection of Ladakh's tribal population.
- Local organisations Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) are demanding statehood, Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats and reservation in employment.
- **Reason for Demand for Sixth Schedule:** 90% of Ladakh's population is from Scheduled Tribes, and it provides the tribes with the right to protect their land and resources.
- Ladakh officially became a Union Territory on 31 October 2019.
- At present, its Lieutenant Governor is Shri Kavinder Gupta.
- Ladakh currently has 1 Lok Sabha seat.

Bairabi-Sairang railway line project

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bairabi-Sairang railway line project in Mizoram.
- The project has been built at a cost of around ₹8,000 crore.

- The project connected Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram state, to the Indian Rail network for the first time.
- The total length of the project is 51 km and runs from Bairabi (near the Assam-Mizoram border) to Sairang (20 km from Aizawl).
- Aizawl has become the fourth North Eastern capital after Guwahati, Agartala and Itanagar to be connected by a railway network.
- With the inauguration of this project, 3 new train services were launched:
 1. Aizawl (Sairang) – Delhi Rajdhani Express.
 2. Sairang-Kolkata Express.
 3. Sairang – Guwahati Express.



- The total estimated cost of the project will be around ₹72,000 crore.
- The entire project will be implemented in a phased manner over a period of 30 years.
- It is just 150 km from Indira Point to Indonesia, making it easier to monitor the Strait of Malacca and the IOR.
- It has the potential to balance China's growing presence in the Indian Ocean region.

Assam – First state in India to launch vulture conservation portal

- Assam launched **India's first vulture conservation portal named "The Vulture Network" on 2 September 2025.**
- The portal was developed by V Foundation India and supported by the Department of Zoology, University of Guwahati.
- Objective: To connect individuals and organizations working in the conservation of vulture species and raise awareness.
- The special focus of this portal is on the thin-billed vulture, which has been reduced to about 800 adults.
- The web address of this portal is thevulturenetwork.org.

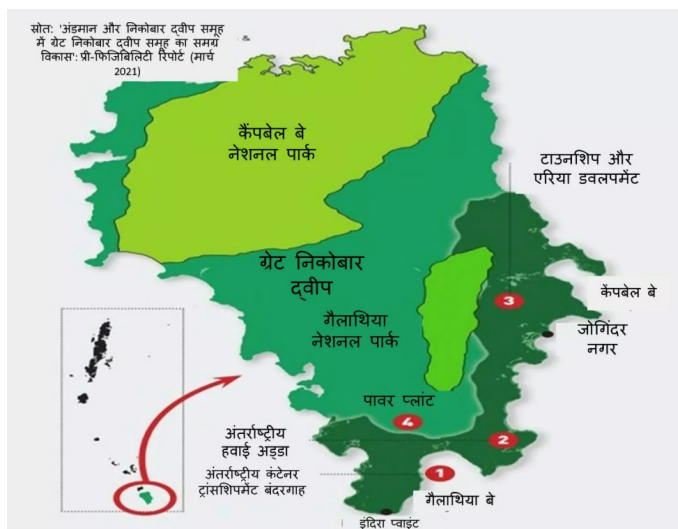
Features of the portal

- o The portal is cloud-based and user-friendly.
- o It has scientific data, awareness materials and downloadable outreach materials on vulture species.
- o It will first provide information in the Assamese language so that the local community can understand the importance of vulture conservation.
- o **Note:** Recently the world's first conservation and breeding centre for the Red-headed Vulture (Asian Royal Vulture) has been established in the Campierganj range of Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh.
- o The centre has been named as Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.

'Adi Vani' – India's first AI powered translator for tribal languages

- The Central Government launched the beta version of the Artificial Intelligence-based translation model 'Adi Vani' for tribal languages in India on 1st September 2025.
- The beta version of 'Adi Vani' is the first AI powered translator for tribal languages.
- This initiative has been developed under the 'Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh'.

Great Nicobar Island Project



- The project will make the island a major hub for maritime and air connectivity in the Indian Ocean Region.
- It emphasizes both economic growth and ecological conservation in line with the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047".
- This International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) will have a capacity of 14.2 million TEU, making it one of the largest terminals in Asia.
- The Greenfield International Airport will be developed for both civil and military uses.
- Under the energy project, a gas and solar energy based plant of 450 MVA capacity will be set up.
- Under the township development, economic and residential activities will be encouraged in an area of 16,610 hectares.

- 'Aadi Vani' aims to preserve the vast tribal linguistic diversity of India.
- The project combines advanced AI technologies to protect and promote tribal culture across India.
- **Languages included in the beta phase:** Santhali (Odisha), Bhili (Madhya Pradesh), Mundari (Jharkhand) and Gondi (Chhattisgarh).
- IIT Delhi (leadership), BITS Pilani, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT Nava Raipur and Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) of 5 states have contributed to its development.

Features

- o Advanced AI language models based on Indic-Trans2 and No Language Left Behind (NLLB).
- o Convenience of text-to-text and speech-to-speech translation.
- o Ability for text-to-speech and speech-to-text translation.
- o Digitization of traditional manuscripts by OCR (Optical Character Recognition) technology.

The country's highest High-Altitude National Centre of Excellence (HANCe)

- This center is being built at an altitude of about 11 thousand feet in Ladakh, which will be the highest sports training center in the country.
- It is being developed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Ladakh administration.
 - It will accommodate about 250 players.
- Here players of 5 major sports Boxing, Athletics, Archery, Ice Hockey and Football will be given advanced training with modern facilities.
- **India's First Ice Hockey Training Centre**
- Ladakh will have the country's first advanced ice hockey training center, where players will be trained at high-altitude.
- According to experts, training at altitude increases the oxygen carrying capacity of the players.

OpenAI's 1-gigawatt data center to be established in India

- OpenAI, the company that makes ChatGPT, plans to set up a data center of at least 1 gigawatt capacity in India.
- Open AI will launch its first office in New Delhi by the end of the year 2025.
- Along with increasing its presence in India, Open AI also plans to contribute to the local education sector.
- Under this, the company will provide Artificial Intelligence related training to more than 5,000 students and teachers.
- The scheme will cover students and teachers of government schools, especially students from classes 6 to 12.

Chief Minister's Women Employment Scheme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Chief Minister's Mahila Rojgar Yojana of Bihar on 26 September 2025.
- The main goal of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to one woman from every family of the state to start employment of her choice.
- The scheme will be implemented by the Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar through the Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (BRLPS).
- Under this, an amount of ₹10,000 will be given as the first installment of financial assistance to one woman of each family to get employment of her choice.
- After women start employment, additional financial assistance up to ₹ 2 lakh will be given as per requirement.

Eligibility:

- o The age of the applicant should be 18-60 years.
- o The applicant herself or her husband should not be in the category of income tax payer.
- o The applicant himself or his spouse is in government service (regular, not contractual).

Inauguration of redeveloped Tripura Sundari Temple

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Tripura Sundari Temple complex at Udaipur in Gomti district of Tripura on 22nd September 2025.
- This temple is one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and its redevelopment was completed under the Prasad scheme.
- The temple site has a three-storey building with an area of 6,784 square meters with lobbies, 86 stalls, multi-purpose hall, offering hall, hostel and residential quarters for volunteers/monks.
- Modern facilities like ramps and lifts have been added for the convenience of Divyang devotees.

SHORE project approved for Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

- The World Bank has approved the SHORE project to support coastal communities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, India.
- It has a budget of \$212.64 million.
- The SHORE project will help Tamil Nadu and Karnataka implement coastal zone management plans.
- The project will address the challenges faced by India's coastal areas.

SHORE Project

- o The project will provide habitat for 18,000 known species of beach flora and fauna.

- o This will help in the conservation of 30,000 hectares of marine landscapes.
- o The project will also help in coral conservation, conservation of species such as dugongs, turtles and birds.

“Adi Sanskriti” Digital Learning Platform

- The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the “Adi Sanskriti” (Beta Version) on the occasion of the National Conference – Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan on 10th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- It was inaugurated by Shri Durgadas Uikey, Minister of State, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It is the world’s first digital university for tribal culture.
- It aims to preserve tribal traditions as well as ensure livelihood by connecting tribal artisans to global markets.
- The initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with State Level Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs).

The Three Pillars of Primitive Culture

Adi Vishwavidyalaya

- 45 Digital Courses (Dance, Music, Painting, Handicrafts, Folklore).
- Experience online tribal traditions for students from all over the world.

Adi Sampada

- 5,000+ digital documents, across five themes: Dance, Painting, Textiles, Artifacts, and Livelihood.
- Digital archive preserving and showcasing India’s tribal heritage.

Adi Haat

- Initially associated with TRIFED, it will become an independent e-marketplace in the future.
- It will provide products of tribal artisans directly to the consumers, thereby generating sustainable income.

‘Never Alone’: An AI-Based Mental Health Program

- The programme was launched by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on September 10 in New Delhi.
- Objective: To prevent student suicides and raise mental health awareness.

Features of the program:

- o Round-the-clock mental health counselling through a WhatsApp-enabled app.

- o Personalized and secure mental health check-ups for just 70 paise per student per day.
- o Institutions with more than 5,000 students are the major target.
- o Reduce suicides and raise awareness.

NaMo Bharat Train: India’s Fastest Train

- NaMo Bharat has become the fastest train in the country.
- It runs at a speed of 160 km/h on the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor.
- It uses modern security technologies such as ATP, ATC, and ATO.
- Previously, Gatimaan Express and Vande Bharat were the fastest trains (from 2024, the speed was reduced to 130 km/h for safety reasons)

Delhi-Meerut Corridor

- o Total length: 82.15 km.
- o Currently operating on a 55 km stretch.
- o Train service every 15 minutes, a total of 36 six-coach trains.
- o It is neither a complete metro nor a conventional train, but a hybrid rapid transit system.



3. Economy

Foundation stone of PM Mitra Park in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the country's first and largest PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) Park at Bhainsola village in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.
- The park will be built with the objective of providing a single platform for India's textile value chain.
- This includes spinning, weaving, processing, designing, and garment production.
- It will have facilities for spinning, dyeing, designing, processing and export of yarn.

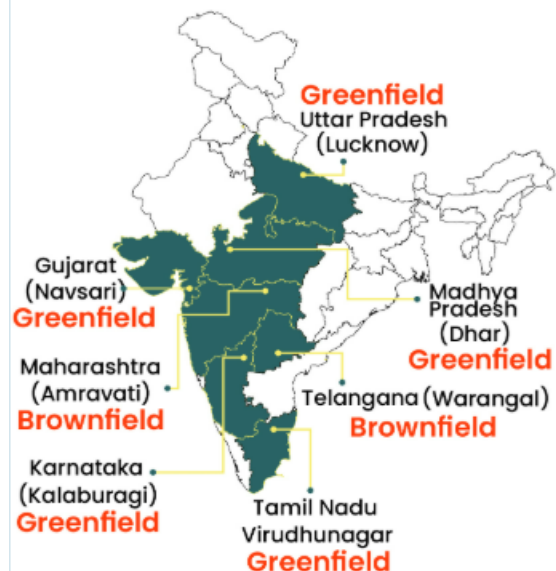
PM MITRA Scheme

- o PM MITRA: PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel.
- o Announcement: October 2021
- o Duration: 2021-22 से 2027-28
- o Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Textiles
- o Total Budget: ₹4,445 crore
- o Objective: To integrate the entire range of textile production (such as spinning, weaving, processing, garment manufacturing, etc.), reduce logistics costs, and create a globally competitive textile industry.
- o The scheme is based on the Prime Minister's '5F Vision' — Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign — which integrates the entire textile value chain from agriculture to global exports.
- o Parks will be set up in 7 states of the country:
 1. Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)
 2. Warangal (Telangana)
 3. Navsari (Gujarat)
 4. Kalaburagi (Karnataka)
 5. Dhar (Madhya Pradesh)
 6. Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
 7. Amravati (Maharashtra)
- The selection process of the park is based on the challenge method, which includes parameters such as connectivity, existing ecosystem, policy support and infrastructure.

Key features:

- Both Greenfield and Brownfield Projects.
- Maximum assistance of ₹500 crore for greenfield parks and ₹200 crore for brownfields.
- Competitive incentive of ₹300 crore for each park.
- The SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) will be formed in partnership with the Centre and the State (State 51%, Centre 49%).

7 PM MITRA Parks



Capacity Building and Human Resource Development (CBHRD) Scheme

‘क्षमता निर्माण और मानव संसाधन विकास’ पर डीएसआईआर* /सीएसआईआर# योजना को स्वीकृति

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इसमें शामिल हैं :

- देश भर के सभी अनुसंधान एवं विकास संस्थान
- राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाएं
- राष्ट्रीय महत्व के संस्थान
- प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान
- देश भर के सभी विश्वविद्यालय



- The Union Cabinet on 24th September 2025 approved the “Capacity Building and Human Resource Development” scheme of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- An allocation of Rs. 2,277.397 crore was approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 for this scheme.
- The scheme will cover R&D institutions, national laboratories, universities and institutions of repute, across the country.
- It aims to provide a platform to young researchers who are willing to contribute to academia and industry and strengthen India’s scientific workforce.
- This scheme will empower young scientists and promote excellence in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Medical, Mathematical) fields.
- It aims to create a world-class R&D workforce and foster academic-industrial partnerships.
- In this, the researchers will get guidance from eminent scientists and professors.
- **Note:** According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), India ranks 39th in the Global Innovation Index in 2024 and ranks among the top three countries in scientific research paper publications.
- **The scheme will run under four sub-schemes:**
 1. Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships
 2. External Research
 3. Emeritus Scientist Program
 4. Bhatnagar Fellowship
- It will also include initiatives such as awards, travel and seminar grants.

Centre approves Shipbuilding and Maritime Industry Package

पोत निर्माण, समुद्री वित्तपोषण और घरेलू क्षमता को सशक्त करने के लिए 4-स्तंभीय दृष्टिकोण



- भारत के पोत निर्माण और समुद्री क्षेत्र को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए कैबिनेट ने ₹69,725 करोड़ के व्यापक पैकेज को मंजूरी दी
- पोत निर्माण वित्तीय सहायता योजना (SBFAS) को 31 मार्च 2036 तक बढ़ाया गया, कुल आवंटन ₹24,736 करोड़
- इस योजना का उद्देश्य भारत में पोत निर्माण को प्रोत्साहन देना है, इसमें शिपब्रेकिंग क्रेडिट नोट भी शामिल है, जिसके लिए ₹4,001 करोड़ आवंटित किए गए हैं
- समुद्री क्षेत्र को दीर्घकालिक वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु कुल ₹25,000 करोड़ की समुद्री विकास निधि को मंजूरी



पोत निर्माण, समुद्री वित्तपोषण और घरेलू क्षमता को सशक्त करने के लिए 4-स्तंभीय दृष्टिकोण



- पोत निर्माण विकास योजना (SbDS)- कुल बजटीय प्रावधान ₹19,989 करोड़ देश की पोत निर्माण क्षमता को बढ़ाकर 4.5 मिलियन ग्रांस टन तक ले जाने का लक्ष्य
- पैकेज से अपेक्षित लाभ:
 - 4.5 मिलियन ग्रांस टन की पोत निर्माण क्षमता
 - लगभग 30 लाख रोजगार के अवसर
 - भारत के समुद्री क्षेत्र में लगभग ₹4.5 लाख करोड़ के निवेश का प्रवाह
- महत्वपूर्ण आपूर्ति श्रृंखलाओं एवं समुद्री मार्गों को अधिक लचीला बनाकर राष्ट्रीय, ऊर्जा और खाद्य सुरक्षा सुदृढ़ करने का प्रयास



- The Union Cabinet on 24th September 2025 approved a package of Rs 69,725 crore to boost India’s shipbuilding and maritime industries.
- The initiative aims to revitalize the sector through financial support, infrastructure development, technological improvements, and policy changes.
- The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) has been extended till March 2036, with an investment of Rs 24,736 crore.

- Under this, a Maritime Development Fund (MDF) of Rs 25,000 crore and a Marine Investment Fund of Rs 20,000 crore have been created, in which the government will have a 49% stake.
- An interest subsidy fund of Rs 5,000 crore has also been approved which will reduce the cost of borrowing for projects.
- The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SBDS) focuses on enhancing domestic capacity, building large clusters, upgrading infrastructure, and establishing a Ship Technology Centre at the Indian Maritime University.
- The plan also includes risk mitigation and insurance support.

56th GST Council Meeting

 रोजमर्रा की चीजें सस्ती पहले ▶ अब हेयर ऑयल, शैम्पू, टूथपेस्ट, टॉयलेट साबुन, टूथ ब्रश, शेविंग क्रीम 18% ▶ 05% मक्खन, घी, चीज़ व डेयरी स्प्रिड्स, पैकड नमकीन, भुजिया व मिश्रण, बर्तन, फीडिंग बोतल, बच्चों के नैपकिन व डायपर, सिलाई मशीन व उसके पुर्जे 12% ▶ 05%	 शिक्षा किफायती पहले ▶ अब नक्शे, चार्ट व ग्लोब, पेंसिल, शार्पनर, क्रेयॉन्स, पेस्टल, कॉपी-किताबें 12% ▶ 00% रबर (इरेजर) 05% ▶ 00%
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- The meeting was held on 3rd September 2025 in New Delhi.
- In this, the Council approved just two main tax slabs (5% and 18%).
- In addition, the special slab of 40% will only apply to luxury and harmful items (cigarettes, alcohol, etc.).
- The 12% and 28% slabs of GST were abolished.

- The new rates will be effective from September 22 (the first day of Navratri).
- Under this, most of the food and everyday items will now be in the 5% tax slab.
- There will be no GST on health and life insurance (earlier 18%). They have been placed in the tax exemption category, which will provide relief to those who take insurance.

Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman formally launched the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in New Delhi on 24th September 2025.
- GSTAT aims to ensure timely and equitable dispute resolution, ensure uniform interpretation of tax laws, enhance taxpayer confidence, and encourage ease of doing business.
- The composition of GSTAT consists of a Principal Bench and 31 State Benches in New Delhi, which will be set up at 45 locations.
- Each Bench will consist of 2 Judicial Members, 1 Technical Member (Centre) and 1 Technical Member (State).
- The institution provides a uniform, transparent and effective appellate mechanism to the taxpayers.
- The GSTAT e-Courts Portal has been developed by GSTN and NIC, with features such as e-filing, digital hearing, online case tracking, and case management tools.
- GSTAT will lead to uniformity of tax decisions across states, speedy disposal of appeals, and reduced legal uncertainty for businesses, benefiting MSMEs, exporters, and startups.

Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched LDB 2.0 in New Delhi on 20th September 2025.
- It has been developed by NICDC Logistics Data Services (NLDSL).
- The system facilitates real-time data tracking, multi-modal visibility, and high-sea container monitoring.
- This will improve supply chain efficiency and export competitiveness, especially benefiting MSMEs and exporters.

Critical Minerals Recycling Scheme

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the ₹1,500 crore scheme.
- Objective: Recovery of critical minerals from e-waste, old batteries, scrap and catalytic converters of vehicles.
- This initiative is part of the National Mission for Critical Minerals (NCMM), which aims to strengthen supply chains and reduce dependence on imports.

- Duration of the scheme: from 2025-26 to 2030-31 (6 years).
- Eligible Units: Large companies, start-ups and new recyclers.
- Only those units that carry out actual mineral extraction will be eligible, those doing black mass processing will not be included.
- One-third of its funds will be for small and emerging players.
- It will provide subsidies up to 20% of the capital expenditure incurred on plant, machinery, equipment and related utilities for starting production within the stipulated time frame.
- If production starts after the deadline, this subsidy will be reduced sequentially.
- Under this, 40% of the eligible subsidy will be disbursed in the second year and the remaining 60% in the fifth year.

Maximum limit of incentives

- In order to extend the benefits of the scheme to more and more beneficiaries, the total incentives (both capital and operating expenditure subsidy) have been capped below:
 - Maximum Rs 50 crore for large units.
 - Maximum Rs 25 crore for small units.
- Out of these, the maximum limit of Operating Expense Subsidy is as follows:
 - Rs 10 crore for large units,
 - And for small units, there will be Rs 5 crore.

'BHARATI' Initiative

- BHARATI stands for: Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement
- The initiative was launched by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to promote agri-food exports globally.

Aim

- Empowering 100 agri-food and agri-tech startups.
- To create new export opportunities for the youth by promoting innovation.
- Agri-food exports target \$50 billion by 2030.

Major Activities

- **Pilot Program:** 3-month Accelerator Program for 100 startups from September 2025.
- **Training Areas:** Product Development, Export Readiness, Regulatory Compliance and Market Access.
- **Technological Focus:** AI based quality control, blockchain traceability, IoT cold chain, agri-fintech, and new packaging.
- This initiative is in line with schemes such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Vocal for Local, Digital

India and Start-up India.

- The selection and application process of startups will be done through APEDA's website and awareness campaigns.

APEDA

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
- Founded: 1985, by the Government of India.
- Status: Central Authority under the Ministry of Commerce.
- Main functions: To promote exports of agricultural and processed food products, ensure quality and provide new opportunities for exporters.

'Niveshak Didi' Phase-II launched

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) launched the second phase of the 'Niveshak Didi' program on 1st September 2025 from Patelguda Panchayat in Hyderabad.
- This initiative promotes women-led financial literacy in rural India, with trained women imparting financial knowledge to other women.
- Objective: To enable women to make informed financial decisions, protect against fraud and fraud, and inspire them to embrace digital banking and safe investments.
- The programme is in line with the national priorities of Digital India and Women-led Development.
- It contributes to inclusive economic growth by promoting financial inclusion.

100% FDI Scheme in Insurance Sector notified

- The central government has issued a notification to allow 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector.
- This will increase the flow of foreign capital into the insurance industry and promote innovation and competition.

Key Points

- This provision has been incorporated in the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2025.
- Under this, 100% FDI will be allowed through the automatic route.
- It will be verified by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- This is estimated to drive the Indian insurance sector to grow at 7.1% per annum.
- This will increase the attractiveness of global insurance companies and promote new products and technology-based solutions.
- Capital adequacy will improve which will strengthen access to rural and small towns.

4. International Affairs

'Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement' between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan

- Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif signed the "Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement" in Riyadh on 17 September 2025.
- **According to this agreement:**
 - An attack on one country would be considered an attack on both.
 - Together, the two countries will combat all kinds of aggression.
- The agreement will affect the geopolitical order of West Asia and South Asia.

Impact on Pakistan	Impact on Saudi Arabia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopes for financial aid, investment and subsidized oil from Saudi Arabia. • Strengthening the strategic and diplomatic position in the Gulf region. • Saudi support at international forums (UN, OIC, etc.). • Deals and training opportunities for the Pakistani military and defense industry. • A strong ally to put indirect pressure on India. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan's nuclear capability to be safeguarded, sending a message to Israel. • Benefit from the Pak-China alliance by reducing defence dependence on the US. • The benefit of training and military technology of the Pakistan Army. • To further strengthen its leadership role in the Islamic world. • Strategic edge over regional rivals (Iran, Yemen, etc.).

Challenges and Solutions for India

Challenges	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan's nuclear capability and Saudi partnership. • Regional Imbalances: New Poles in the Gulf Region, Impacting Iran and India. • The Saudi-Pak alliance could be anti-Iran, affecting India's Chabahar project. • If Pakistan gets financial and military help, the pressure on the Indo-Pak border may increase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing energy, diaspora and defense cooperation with Saudi. • Synergy with Iran – Chabahar Port and enhancing energy partnership. • Enhancing dialogue with Saudi Arabia in multilateral forums (BRICS+, SCO, G20). • Defence Exports: Providing weapons and technology to Saudi and Gulf countries. • Playing a balancing role as a trusted partner.

25th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

- The 25th Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) was held in Tianjin, China, from August 31-September 1, 2025.
- It was attended by more than 20 global leaders and heads of 10 international organizations.
- It was chaired by Chinese President Xi Jinping.
- The theme of the conference was "Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: Dynamics of SCO".
- **Note:** China has declared the year 2025 as the "SCO Year of Sustainable Development".

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

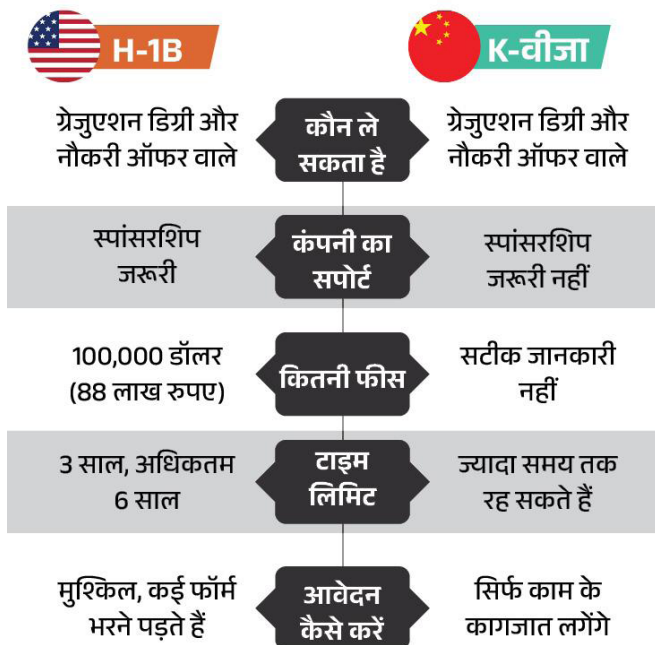


- o The SCO is a permanent intergovernmental organization, founded in June 2001 in Shanghai.
- o Its foundation was laid on the "Shanghai Five".
- o This included Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan.
- o Uzbekistan joined in 2001 and the organization was renamed SCO.
- o India and Pakistan became members in 2017.
- o Iran joined in 2023, and Belarus became the 10th member in 2024.
- o Its official languages are Russian and Mandarin.
- o It is chaired by an annual rotation in member countries.
- o The SCO represents about 40% of the world's population and 30% of the global GDP.

China's K-Visa Offer

- China will introduce K-visas for global young STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) professionals from 1 October 2025.
- It aims to attract talented youth from across the globe and promote academic, cultural, research and entrepreneurial exchanges.
- K-visa holders will have the flexibility to apply independently and participate in research, education, cultural events, and business activities.
- The K-visa has been announced after the US tightened its H-1B visa policy.

H-1B वीजा और K-वीजा में अंतर



H-1B Visa

- The H-1B visa is a long-enforced work visa of the US, which is granted to foreign professionals working in specific occupations.
- It requires at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification.
- Sectors such as IT, engineering, healthcare and finance come under its main purview.
- The H-1B visa is initially granted for three years and can be extended up to a maximum of six years.

Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Meeting

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar held a meeting with the Foreign Ministers of FIPIC countries on the sidelines of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.
- This action plan was presented during the FIPIC-III summit.
- India and the Pacific Island nations will continue to work together as development partners.
- The main focus of the collaboration is on areas such as healthcare, technology, training, and capacity building.
- FIPIC is a multilateral forum, initiated by Prime Minister Modi during his visit to Fiji in 2014.
- It aims to strengthen ties between India and 14 Pacific Island countries.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visits Morocco

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh is on an official visit to Morocco from 22 to 23 September 2025.
- This was the first ever visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Morocco.
- It aims to strengthen strategic and defence cooperation between India and Morocco.
- The Tata Advanced Systems plant was set up in Berechid, Morocco
- The Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) 8x8 will be produced here. It is **India's first defence production plant abroad** and the first Indian defence manufacturing plant in Africa.
- MoUs on cooperation, training and industrial relations in the defence sector were signed during the visit.
- Morocco is located in North Africa, bordered by Algeria to the east, Western Sahara to the south, and the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean to the northwest, and its capital is Rabat.

Visit of Prime Minister of Mauritius to India

- The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam paid a visit to India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam **held bilateral talks in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.**
- 7 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Mauritius.
- **Areas of Cooperation:** Science and Technology, Ocean Studies, Public Service Reform, Energy, Small Development Projects, Hydrography and Space.

Important Initiatives:

- o Establishment of Telemetry, Tracking and Telecommunication Centre in Mauritius.
- o Academic collaboration between IIT Madras and the University of Mauritius.
- o India's cooperation in the floating solar project at Tamarind Falls (17.5 MW).
- o The visit strengthens India's presence in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), the SAGAR initiative, sustainable development, and regional security cooperation.

First country to appoint AI Minister 'Diella'

- Albania appointed Artificial Intelligence-generated (A.I.) minister 'Diella' to tackle corruption, becoming the first country to do so.
- 'Diella' is the world's first AI minister, who will manage and allocate all public tenders for government projects.
- It aims to increase transparency and reduce corruption.
- Diella's name symbolizes "sun" in the Albanian language and the prime minister launched it into the cabinet after his Socialist Party's electoral victory.
- 'Diella' was introduced in January as an AI-powered digital assistant, designed in traditional Albanian attire.
- **Note:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine had appointed an AI-generated avatar named "Victoria She" as its digital spokesperson.

Africa's largest hydropower project 'Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam' (GERD) inaugurated

- Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated Africa's largest hydroelectric project 'Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam' (GERD) on the Blue Nile on 9th September 2025.
- The dam is located on the Blue Nile River in the Benishangul-Gumuz region of Ethiopia.
- It has a power generation capacity of 5,150 MW.

- The cost of the project is \$4 billion.
- This is to meet Ethiopia's electricity needs and export regional electricity.
- It is the largest dam in Africa from the point of view of power generation.

Nile River

- The Nile River is the longest river in the world.
- Its length is about 4,132 miles (6,650 kilometers).
- The river covers an area of approximately 1,293,000 square miles (3,349,000 square kilometers).
- The Nile basin covers the arable areas of Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt.

India-Iran-Armenia Trilateral Dialogue held in Tehran

- The third round of trilateral consultations between India, Iran and Armenia concluded on September 09, 2025 in Tehran (Iran).
- **Objective: To enhance cooperation on the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and Armenia's Crossroads of Peace project.**
- This was the third meeting of this draft.
 - o First meeting: April 2023, Yerevan (Armenia)
 - o 2nd Meeting: December 2024, New Delhi (India)
- Next round: Will be held in Armenia in 2026.

International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)



- **Length:** Approximately 7,200 km (total distance of both land and sea routes).
- **Transportation:** Combination of ship, rail, and road.
- **Route:** Iran → the Caspian Sea through the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf, Russia → St. Petersburg → Northern Europe.
- **Establishment:** By tripartite agreement between India, Iran and Russia on 12 September 2000 in St. Petersburg.

- **Membership:** A total of 13 members now with the original 3 countries (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Syria, Belarus, Oman).
- The objective of the INSTC is to provide an alternative and more effective route for trade between India, Russia, Central Asia, and Europe.
- It offers the convenience of doing business in less time and cost than the traditional Suez Canal route.

Main Corridors:

1. Central Corridor – Mumbai (JNPT) → Bandar Abbas (Iran) → Caspian Sea → Russia.
2. Western Corridor – Astara (Iran-Azerbaijan) → Azerbaijan rail network → India by sea.
3. Eastern Corridor – Russia to India via Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan.

India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement

- India and Israel signed the Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) in New Delhi.
- The agreement was signed by India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich.

Key Objectives

- Promote bilateral investments.
- To provide investors with legal certainty and protection from acquisitions.
- Guaranteeing fair compensation in the event of losses.
- Introduction of an independent arbitration mechanism for dispute resolution.
- To ensure smooth transfer of capital and dividends.

The G-20 Summit 2026 will take place in the United States

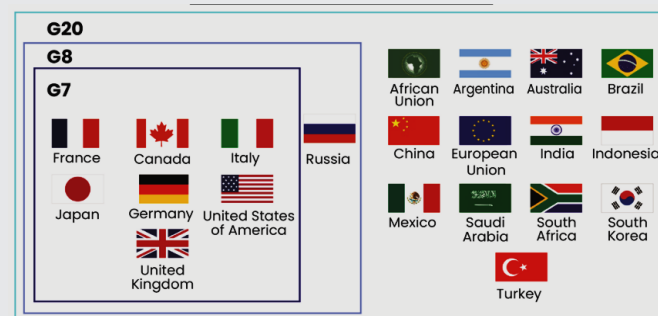
- The 2026 G-20 Summit will be held at their Doral Golf Club located near Miami in South Florida.
- In the year 2024, the summit took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- The 2025 summit will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa on November 22-23.
 - This will be the first G-20 summit to be held on the African continent.
- The theme of the G-20 summit for 2025 is "Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability".
- **Note:** India first chaired the G-20 summit in 2023.

G-20

- It was formed in 1999 in the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis (1997-98).
- Initially, the forum was only for finance ministers and central bank governors.
- After the global financial crisis of 2008, it began to be held at the level of Heads of State/Government.
- Objective: To establish a strong, balanced and stable global economic system by deliberating on key issues affecting the world economy.
- Every year the G-20 summit is held under the chairmanship of one of the member countries.
- It does not have a permanent secretariat.
- Its presidency is supported by a mechanism called the Troika.
- The Troika consists of three countries: the previous president, the current president, and the incoming president.

Members

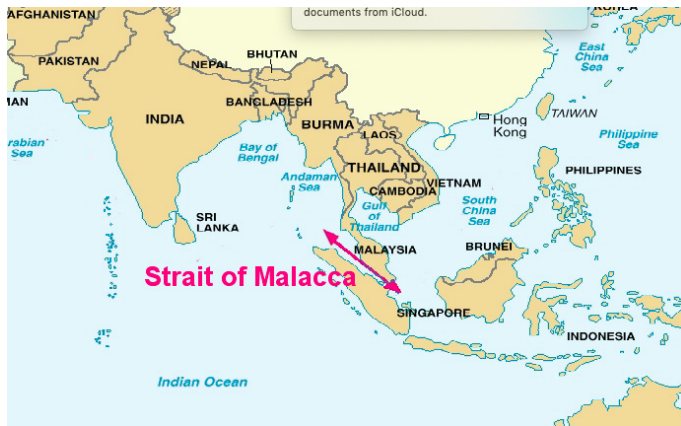
- **19 Countries:** Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA.
- **Organizations:** European Union (EU) and African Union (AU).



- Year 2025 Troika: Brazil – South Africa- United States.
- 18th Conference: 2023, India (for the first time).
- 20th Conference: 2025, South Africa.
- 21st Conference: 2026, USA.

Malacca Strait Patrol Plan

- Recently, Singapore formally endorsed India's Malacca Strait Patrol Plan during Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's visit to India.
- This step is important towards strengthening strategic partnership and maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.



Strait of Malacca

- It is located between Indonesia's Sumatra island (west) and Malaysia and southern Thailand (east).
- It connects the Andaman Sea (Indian Ocean) to the South China Sea (Pacific Ocean).

Strategic importance

- This strait connects the Indian Ocean with the South China Sea.
- More than 60% of the world's maritime trade passes through this route.
- This route is of utmost importance to India's energy security and trade interests.
- With Singapore's support, India's patrol plan will have three major benefits:
 - Regional maritime surveillance will be strengthened.
 - There will be a balance of concerns related to Chinese naval activities.
 - India's Act East policy and Indo-Pacific strategy will be strengthened.

Russia: Enteromix cancer vaccine

- Russia has developed an mRNA-based cancer vaccine called Enteromix.
- It has shown 100% efficacy and safety in early clinical trials.
- This vaccine is primarily for the treatment of colorectal cancer.
- Enteromix has been developed by Russia's National Medical Research Radiological Center and the Engelhardt Institute of Molecular Biology.

Attributes

- This vaccine uses mRNA technology, which is similar to the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Each dose of this vaccine is customized according to the genetics of the patient's tumor.
- Due to mRNA, it can be adapted rapidly to other types of cancers and a vaccine can be developed.

- It was tested on 48 volunteers and the results showed tumor reduction and no serious side effects were confirmed.

Colorectal Cancer

- Colorectal cancer develops in the large intestine or rectum and often begins with the growth of abnormal cells (polyps).

Wangchu Hydroelectric Project

- India's Adani Power and Bhutan's state-owned Druk Green Power Corp Limited (DGPC) have entered into an agreement to set up a 570 MW Wangchu hydroelectric project in Bhutan.
- The project will entail an investment of around Rs 6,000 crore.
- It will be applied to the BOOT (Build, Own, Operate, Transfer) model.
- **Note:** Recently the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II hydroelectric project has been completed with the support of India.
 - Its final unit is connected to the national electricity grid, increasing Bhutan's power generation capacity by nearly 40% to over 3,500 MW.

Visit of Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong to India

- Delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Lawrence Wong took place in New Delhi on 4 September 2025.
- 5 agreements were signed between the two countries:
 1. Civil Aviation
 2. outer and interplanetary space
 3. Skill Development
 4. Digital Asset Innovation
 5. Green and Digital Shipping Corridors
- Prime Minister Wong's visit coincided with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of India-Singapore diplomatic relations.
- The 16th India-Singapore Defence Working Group meeting was also held in New Delhi.
- **Note:** Singapore is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy.
- It is important not only in economic and cultural but also in strategic and security cooperation.

'Power of Siberia-2': Russia-China gas pipeline agreement

- Russia and China signed a legally binding agreement for the Power of Siberia-2 pipeline.
- The pipeline will go from Russia's Yamal region to China via Mongolia.
- This will increase the capacity of the existing

- Power of Siberia line (38 bcm) to 44 bcm.
- The pipeline will help Russia offset the steep decline in gas exports to Europe.

Technical Details

- Approximate length: 2,600 km.
- Capacity: 50 billion cubic meters of gas per year.
- Supply Contract: Up to 30 years.

India-EFTA Trade Agreement

- The free-trade agreement between India and the Group EFTA of four countries in Europe (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) will come into force from 1st October 2025.
- Under this agreement, India is expected to get an investment of USD 100 billion over 15 years.
- The agreement will provide new export markets to India and attract foreign investment.
- The 13th round of FTA negotiations between India and the European Union will be held in Delhi.
- The agreement will benefit the textiles, apparel, gem-jewellery, automobile, engineering goods and pharma sectors.
- Currently, Indian exporters have to pay 9-12% import duty in the European market. These duties will be reduced to zero or very low once the FTA comes into force.
- Amid 50% tariff pressure from the US and global economic uncertainty, India aims to boost exports and attract foreign investment, especially in regions such as Europe, Australia, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

IIM Ahmedabad's first International Campus in Dubai begins

- The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) launched its first international campus in Dubai on 11th September 2025.
- It was jointly inaugurated by Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed and India's Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- It will encourage innovation, leadership, and global talent mobility in the India-UAE education partnership.
- In the first phase, academic activities will be conducted from Dubai International Academic City.
- In the second phase, the permanent campus of IIM-A will be set up on land allotted by the UAE government by 2029.

28th Universal Postal Congress

- The 28th Universal Postal Congress was held for the first time in the United Arab Emirates (Dubai World Trade Centre) on 8-19 September 2025.

- India was represented by Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.
- In this, the UPI-UPU Integration Project was launched.

UPI-UPU Integration Project

- The Department of Posts of India, NPCI International Payments Limited and UPU together launched the UPI-UPU Integration Project.
- Under this, international remittances will be made less costly and safer.
- This will benefit the Indian diaspora in financial inclusion.

7th Future Food Forum 2025

- The Future Food Forum 2025 was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 23-25 September 2025.
- It aims to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of the global food system and strengthen partnerships, especially among the countries of the Global South.
- This year's theme is "Building Resilient Food Systems".

India becomes member of Interpol Asian Committee

- India was elected as a member of the Interpol Asian Committee on 19th September 2025 at the 25th Interpol Asian Regional Conference held in Singapore.
- The committee guides the INTERPOL Asian Regional Conference and discusses key security issues – organised crime, cyber crime, terrorism, human trafficking and drug trafficking etc. at the annual meeting.
- India will be represented by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
 - It is the National Nodal Agency (NCB) for Interpol-related matters.

Pakistan hosted the SCO summit in the year 2027

- Pakistan will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in 2027.
- Note:** The SCO summit will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in 2026.
- The SCO was founded in 2001 in Shanghai, China, and is headquartered in Beijing, China.
- In addition, India chaired the SCO in 2023 and hosted the summit.
- SCO members (10):** China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Belarus.

Super Typhoon Ragasa

- Recently, Super Typhoon Ragasa was the most intense tropical cyclone of the year 2025 in Southeast Asia, with maximum sustained wind speeds reaching 280 km/h.
- The storm formed in the Pacific Ocean and gradually reached Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and southern China.
- Ragasa was considered a Category 5 super typhoon and is considered one of the most powerful cyclones to date.

Brazil becomes first investor in Global Forest Fund

- Brazil has become the first country to invest \$1 billion in a global forest fund called the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFF).
- The announcement was made by Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva at the United Nations on September 24, 2025.
- The TFFF is a multilateral financing mechanism for the conservation of endangered tropical forests worldwide.
- It aims to raise funds to ensure the survival of forests in tropical countries by generating a return on investment in the financial markets.
- Brazil aims to make it a key agenda at the United Nations Climate Summit (COP-30) to be held in Belém, Amazon, in November 2025.
- It has also been supported by countries like the UK, France, Germany, Norway, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.
- Under this, a target has been set to create a fund of \$ 125 billion.

India supports two-state solution of Palestine

- The United Nations General Assembly passed the “New York Declaration” on 12 September 2025.
- The resolution endorsed a two-state policy for a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue.
- India voted in favour of the resolution.
- India argues that an independent and sovereign Palestine should coexist within the recognized borders with a secure Israel.
- The proposal was introduced by France and Saudi Arabia.
- There were 142 countries including India in support of it, while 10 countries including the US were in opposition. In addition, 12 countries were absent/neutral.

India's first Interpol Purple Notice

- India's Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a purple notice through Interpol for the first time.
- This move is linked to a complex case of trade-based money laundering.

- According to the ED, domestic and foreign fake entities were laundering money under the guise of international trade.
- Purple Notice is one of the eight types of alerts issued by Interpol.
 - It shares information on the modus operandi, tools, and methods of hiding of criminals.

Interpol

- It is the International Criminal Police Organization.
- It was founded in 1923. It is headquartered in Lyon, France and has 196 member countries.

e-Scholarship for Afghan Students

- India has announced 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan nationals for the academic year 2025-26.
- This initiative is part of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)'s Special Scholarship Scheme (SSSAN).
 - Under this, students can pursue undergraduate and postgraduate courses online from the e-Vidya Bharati (e-VB) i-Learn portal.
- Under this scheme, Afghan students in the age group of 18 to 35 years can apply to nine Indian universities including Jamia Millia Islamia, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Anna University and Kurukshetra University.

89th IEC General Meeting to be held in India

- India will host the 89th General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) from 15th to 19th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The conference will be organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and will be attended by over 2,000 experts from over 100 countries.
- The meeting will deliberate on international electrotechnical standards for a sustainable, all-electric and connected future.
- This is the fourth time India is hosting this meeting, the earlier being in 1960, 1997 and 2013.

IEC GM Exhibition (16-19 September 2025)

- This is India's largest electrotechnical exhibition till date. The exhibition will feature 75 leading industries, associations and start-ups.
- It will showcase smart lighting, electric mobility, electronics and IT manufacturing.

SAJEX 2025

- India launched SAJEX 2025 to enhance jewellery trade with Saudi Arabia and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. It was organized in collaboration with the GJEPC, the Embassy of India (Riyadh), the Consulate General of India (Jeddah) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The exhibition was held from 11th to 13th September 2025 at the Jeddah Superdome.

5. Space and Defence Technology

Space Technology

NASA and NOAA 's Three New Space Missions

- NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) launched 3 missions to investigate the Sun's influence in the solar system via the SpaceX Falcon 9 from Florida on 24 September 2025:
- 1. IMAP (Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe):** It will study the boundary of the heliosphere and solar wind particles, revealing how this bubble protects our planet from cosmic rays.
- 2. Carruthers Geocorona Observatory:** The first mission to study the Earth's exosphere and its response to solar storms.
- 3. SWFO-L1 (NOAA):** Provides fast and accurate forecasts by monitoring space weather 24x7.
- They aim to better understand the Sun's movements and the impact of space weather on Earth.

ISRO to launch Japan's ISSA-J1 satellite

- Japan's ISSA-J1 (In-Situ Space Situational Awareness-Japan 1) mission will be launched by ISRO's PSLV.
- For the first time, the Japanese agency has entered into an agreement to reserve and launch an Indian PSLV rocket completely.
- Developer: Astroscale Japan, a Japanese company that works on orbital debris management, inspection, and servicing techniques in space.
- It will be launched in the spring of 2027 from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The satellite developed under Japan's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, which is run by the ministries of education, culture, sports, science and technology.
- Purpose: Large, defunct satellites/satellites in space. Inspecting and analysing the condition of the wreckage, taking pictures and knowing what their physical condition is (damage, degradation, etc.)

Defense Technology

Successful flight test firing of 'Agni-Prime Missile' from Rail-Based Mobile Launcher System for the first time in India



- DRDO in collaboration with the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) successfully test-fired the Agni-Prime missile from a rail-based mobile launcher system on 24 September 2025.
- This Agni-Prime (Agni-P) is a medium-range ballistic missile, designed to cover a range of up to 2000 km.
- The missile was launched from a rail-based mobile launcher for the first time after the road mobile Agni-P.
- The system is self-sustaining and includes state-of-the-art communication systems and security mechanisms.
- Agni-Prime (Agni-P)**
- Agni Prime is an upgraded version of a nuclear-capable new generation of Agni class missiles.
- Range of Agni Missiles:**
 - Agni I: 700-800 km
 - Agni II: Over 2000 km
 - Agni III: Over 2500 km
 - Agni IV: Over 3500 km (from Road Mobile Launcher)
 - Agni V: Over 5000 km (ICBM)

Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP):

- The idea of establishing IGMDP was given by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- The aim was to achieve self-sufficiency in missile technology.
- The 5 major missiles developed under this program are:

1. **Prithvi:** Surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile.
2. **Agni:** Surface-to-surface medium-range ballistic missile.
3. **Trishul:** A short-range surface-to-air missile.
4. **NAG:** Third generation anti-tank missile.
5. **Akash:** A medium-range surface-to-air missile.

3 new Joint Military Stations and Tri-Service Education Corps to be formed in India

- The Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025 held in Kolkata announced the integrated Tri-Services Education Corps and 3 joint military stations merging the education branches of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Integrated Tri-Services Education Corps

- The Corps will be responsible for enhancing the educational standards of military personnel, staffing training centres and military schools and supporting literacy and officer education.
- The merger aims to reduce duplication between services, share of educational resources, promote joint mindset and bring efficiency in curriculum and language training.
- This initiative will strengthen joint military doctrine and combat capability.

3 Combined Military Stations

- The objective of these stations is to keep personnel and equipment of the three Services in one place, enable joint training and logistics and enhance combat preparedness.
- These bases will also have infrastructure for military-civilian cooperation.
- This step will make India's defence structure more organised, helpful towards a theatre command structure.
- This will lead to better coordination between the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Technology Transfer Agreement of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)

- The agreement was signed between NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Objective: To increase India's share in the fast-growing global market for small satellite launches.
- The agreement is an important step towards commercialization and space sector reforms.
- This will meet the demand for small satellite launch services domestically and internationally and strengthen India's space ecosystem.

SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle)

- Developed: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- Objective: To put small satellites (Microsatellites, CubeSats) into orbit with low cost and fast launch.
- Capacity: Delivering up to 500 kg of satellites to Low Earth Orbit (200–500 km).

Tata-made Spanish 3D radar inducted into navy

- The Indian Navy commissioned the first Lanza-N 3D Air Surveillance Radar.
- This radar is the naval version of the Lanza 3D system of the Spanish company Indra.
- It was built in India by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) under a 2020 deal worth USD 145 million.

Features of the Lanza-N Radar

- Range: Ability to detect aircraft from 9 km to 474 km.
- Altitude Coverage: Up to 1,00,000 feet.
- Rotation Speed: One full rotation every 10 seconds, enabling continuous monitoring.
- Specially modified according to the humidity and heat of the Indian Ocean region.
- This radar provides timely warning against aircraft, drones and missiles.

Radar Agreement between India and Spain

- India and Spain had a radar agreement in 2020, with a total value of around USD 145 million.
- Under this agreement, three radars were supplied directly from Spain to India.
- The integration of the core systems of its 20 radars was carried out by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in India.
- For this purpose, TASL set up an assembly, integration, and testing facility in Karnataka.
- TASL became the first Indian company to domestically manufacture and integrate the next generation of naval surveillance radars.

MiG-21 retired from Indian Air Force

- The Indian Air Force decommissioned its iconic fighter aircraft MiG-21 with a ceremonial flypast at Chandigarh on 26 September 2025.
- This aircraft was inducted into the Indian Air Force in 1963.
- The last operational unit of the MiG-21, 23 Squadron "Panthers", is now retired.
- It has been India's most used fighter aircraft.
- It was part of the front line in the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971.
- Apart from playing a key role in the 1999 Kargil war, he also played a role in the 2019 Balakot airstrike.
- The MiG-21 was developed by the Soviet Union in the 1950s.

Iron Beam: Israel's Laser Anti-Missile System

- Israel has recently successfully tested the high-powered laser system 'Iron Beam'.
- The system has been developed by Elbit Systems and Rafale.
- It complements the existing air defence systems such as the Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow.
- The purpose of the Iron Beam is to destroy small missiles and drones that come at a low cost.
- Rocket interceptors currently cost around \$50,000 per unit, while lasers cost much less.
- It is the world's first high-powered laser system, which has achieved full operational maturity.

Iron Dome

- The Iron Dome is a short-range air defense system.
- It destroys rockets and missiles with the help of radar and Tamir interceptor missiles.
- It is used in dealing with rockets, mortars, artillery, aircraft, helicopters and drones.

Commissioning of INS Aravalli

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Aravalli at Gurugram on 12 September 2025.
- It is named after the Aravalli mountain range.
- It is designed to enhance the Navy's digital infrastructure.
- It will act as a major hub for communication and information systems.
- It will have multiple communication and information centers that are essential for the command and control system.
- It will improve maritime surveillance and operational coordination.

ACTCM Barge – LSAM 25 Launch

- The Indian Navy commissioned its 11th ACTCM (Ammunition Torpedo Missile) Barge LSAM 25 (Yard 135) at M/s Suryadipta Projects Private Limited, Thane on 8 September 2025.
- The contract for construction of 11 ACTCM Barges was awarded by the Indian Navy to M/s Suryadipta Projects Private Limited (MSME Shipyard) on 5 Mar 2021.
- These barges are based on a completely indigenous design, with a collaboration between a domestic ship design company and the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- The model test of their seaworthiness was done at NSTL, Visakhapatnam.

Characteristics and role

- ACTCM barges are specifically built for the transport and handling of naval weapons:
 - Ammunition
 - Torpedoes
 - Missiles

- They are used to provide logistic support between naval arsenals and warships.
- These ensure mission readiness and increased efficiency of the naval fleet.

"Ghost Shark" XL-AUV and MQ-28A "Ghost Bat" drones

- Australia launched 2 state-of-the-art indigenous defence systems, the AI-based XL-AUV "Ghost Shark" and the MQ-28A "Ghost Bat" drone developed in partnership with Boeing.

Ghost Shark: Autonomous Submarines (XL-AUV)

- Australia is investing 1.7 billion Australian dollars (about 1.1 billion US dollars) in the "Ghost Shark" XL-AUV project.
- These extra-large submarines will be developed in collaboration with Anduril Australia and the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG).

Highlights:

- These are bus-shaped unmanned submarines.
- It does not have a traditional pressure hull and has a high endurance and depth capacity due to the fluid interior.
- They can carry out intelligence (ISR), surveillance, reconnaissance and attack missions undersea for a long time.
- They can be launched from the coast or from surface ships.
- The AI-based lattice system controls navigation, propulsion, and mission decisions.
- It is quite affordable compared to crewed submarines.

MQ-28A "Ghost Bat" drone

- It is Australia's first indigenous military aircraft developed in collaboration with Boeing.
- The drone measures 38 feet in length and is built on the concept of a "robot wingman".
- It has a range of about 2,300 miles.

'Circumambulation of the Sea' Campaign

- It was virtually launched by India's Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on 11 September 2025 from the Gateway of India, Mumbai.
- It is the world's first all-women tri-service sailing circumnavigation expedition.
- The expedition is being led by Lt. Col. Anuja Varudkar.
- This includes 10 women officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

- The team will return to Mumbai by May 2026.
- These officers will be embarked on board the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni vessel, which has been built with indigenous technology in Puducherry.
- IASV Triveni is a 50-foot-long Class A sailing yacht.
- The voyage will be nine months long and cover approximately 26,000 nautical miles.
- The crew will pass through major oceans and circle Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn and Cape of Good Hope.

Technology

India's first indigenous semiconductor chip – 'Vikram 3201'

- The central government launched the first-ever indigenously made semiconductor chip 'Vikram' on 2 September 2025.
- This 32-bit microprocessor is completely based on indigenous technology.
- The chip was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav during the 'Semicon India-2025' conference held at Yashobhoomi Auditorium in Delhi.
- It has been developed in collaboration with the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center at ISRO's Chandigarh-based laboratory.
- It is designed to perform in difficult conditions, such as in a launch vehicle, and was successfully tested in the PSLV-C60 mission in 2024.

Country's first EMI-based RuPay Credit Card

- BharatPe and Unity Small Finance Bank have launched the country's first EMI-based RuPay credit card.
- This card allows customers to pay the expense in full or convert it into easy Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs).
- This card has been developed in collaboration with NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) and is integrated with UPI.
- Its application process is completely digital.
 - In this, users can activate the card by completing onboarding, KYC and credit eligibility check on the BharatPe app.
- This card is available for both salaried and self-employed.

World's First Sodium-Ion Based Portable Power Station

- China has introduced the world's first sodium-ion based portable power station.
- It has been named 'Pioneer Na'.
- It has been developed by Bluetti, a Chinese energy storage and portable power system manufacturer.
- It is a large rechargeable battery, which can provide both AC and DC output.
- It uses sodium-ion technology in place of conventional lithium-ion or LFP batteries.
- It can charge at minus 15°C and is able to operate smoothly up to minus 25°C.

Indian scientists make new discoveries on breast cancer

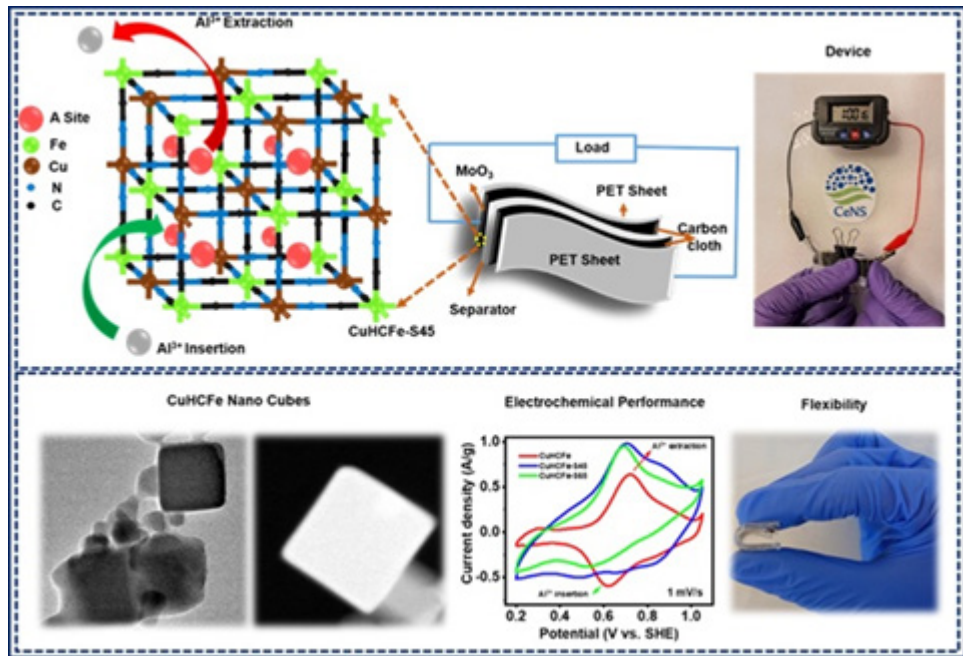
- Indian scientists have developed a new compound to combat aggressive triple-negative breast cancer.
- The research was conducted by Dr. Ashish Bala (Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology) and Dr. Krishna P. Bhabak (IIT Guwahati).
- This compound has been identified as 4-nitro-substituted benzylic diselenide (diselenide 7).
- This compound is prepared from the selenium derivative and nucleophilic substitution of benzylic halides.
- Laboratory studies found that this compound blocks the Akt/mTOR and ERK pathways.
- This compound generates reactive oxygen species and reduces inflammation.
- This compound has been found to be helpful in reducing the aggressiveness of cancer cells.

Gemini 2.5 Flash Image (Nano Banana) - Google's new AI tool

- Google has launched its next-generation AI image editing tool.
- It was previously known by the codename "Nano Banana" and has now been released under the name Gemini 2.5 Flash Image.
- This tool has been developed by Google DeepMind and it provides a completely new and creative way to edit photos.
- With this, users can change, mix and remix the photo by simply typing a natural language prompt.

Indian scientists develop flexible aluminum-ion battery

- The Bengaluru-based Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS) has developed a flexible aqueous aluminium-ion battery.
- It is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.
- This battery is a safe, cheap, and eco-friendly alternative to lithium-ion batteries used in phones, laptops, and electric vehicles.
- It uses aluminum and water-based electrolytes, making it explosion-free and durable.
- The battery is fitted with a copper hexacyanoferrate (CuHCFe) cathode and molybdenum trioxide (MoO₃) anode.



International Seabed Authority (ISA) License to India at Carlsberg Ridge



- They are formed when hot and mineral-rich fluids from the Earth's mantle are released into the ocean and solidify as metal sulfides.
- India has received the first global license from the International Seabed Authority (ISA), Kingston (Jamaica) for exploration of polymetallic sulphide (PMS) in the Carlsberg Ridge of the Indian Ocean.
- The Carlsberg Ridge is the region of the Arabian Sea in the northwest Indian Ocean and forms the boundary of the Indian and Arabian tectonic plates.
- India had earlier also applied for the Afanasy-Nikitin Sea (ANS) mountain region of the Central Indian Ocean, which is still pending approval and which has been claimed by Sri Lanka.

Polymetallic Sulfide (PMS)

- They are rich sources of metals such as copper, zinc, gold and silver found on the seafloor.

Exercises

Pacific Reach 2025 Exercise

- It was held in Singapore.
- It is a biennial multinational exercise.
- It was attended by 40+ countries.
- India's INS Nistar, the Indian Navy's latest indigenously built Diving Support Vessel (DSV) participated in it.
- It was conducted in 2 phases:
 1. Harbor Phase - Changi Naval Base
 2. Sea Phase - South China Sea

Freedom Edge Military Exercise

- It is a joint air and naval exercise between the United States, South Korea and Japan.
- It was held from 15-19 September 2025 near Jeju Island, South Korea.
- The aim of this exercise is to strengthen trilateral defense cooperation against North Korea's growing nuclear and ballistic missile threats.

Yudh Kaushal 3.0

- It is a multi-domain military exercise of the Indian Army.

- It was organised by the Indian Army in the Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The exercise showcased multi-domain combat readiness, integration of emerging technologies and cooperation of indigenous defence industries.

ZAPAD 2025'

- From 10th to 16th September 2025, a multilateral military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2025' is being held at Mulino in Nizhny, Russia.
- The aim of this exercise is to strengthen military cooperation, enhance the interoperability of the partner countries.

'Yudh Abhyas 2025'

- It is a joint military exercise between India and the US.
- Its 21st edition is being held at Fort Wainwright in Alaska, USA.
- The exercise will run from 1 to 14 September 2025.

Partner Units:

- India: A battalion of the Madras Regiment.
- US: 5th Infantry Regiment (Bobcats).

Maitri-2025'

- It is a joint military exercise between India and Thailand.
- The 14th edition of Exercise 'Maitri' is being conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya from 01 to 14 September 2025.
- The main aim of the exercise is to enhance the tactical and operational capabilities of both armies in joint counter-terrorism operations at company level in semi-urban areas.

6. Sports

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025

- The FIDE Grand Swiss and Women's Grand Swiss held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan from 4-15 September 2025.
- Grandmaster Anish Giri of the Netherlands and Grandmaster Vaishali Rameshbabu of India became the champions.
- Both of these players qualified for the prestigious 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- Anish Giri defeated GM Hans Niemann to win first place and the top prize of \$90,000.
- Vaishali Rameshbabu won the title for the second time in a row at the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament.
- Vaishali played out a draw against Tan Zhongyi in the last round. She scored 11 points in 8 rounds and became the first player to win the title for the second time in a row in the women's category.
- She has become the third Indian woman to qualify for the Candidates Tournament after Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh.



Asia Cup 2025

- India won the 9th Asia Cup title by defeating Pakistan by 5 wickets in the final of the Asia Cup held at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025.
- Batting first, Pakistan scored 146 runs in 19.1 overs and India won the match by scoring 150 runs for 5 wickets.

Major Awards: Asia Cup 2025

- Player of the match (final): Tilak Varma
- Game Changer of the Match (Final): Shivam Dube
- Player of the tournament: Abhishek Sharma
- Most Valuable Player of the Tournament: Kuldeep Yadav
- Most runs: Abhishek Sharma
- Most wickets: Kuldeep Yadav
- Most sixes: Abhishek Sharma
- The Asia Cup was introduced in 1984 by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- The tournament is played in ODI and T20I formats alternately.
- So far, India has won 9, Sri Lanka 6 and Pakistan 2 times.

US Open 2025 Tennis Championships



- It was held at Arthur Ashe Stadium, Flushing Meadows, New York (USA).
- It was the last Grand Slam on the tennis calendar.

Category	Winner (Country)	Runner-up (country)
Men's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Jannik Sinner (Italy)
Women's Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Amanda Anisimova (USA)
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers/ Horacio Zeballos (Spain/ Argentina)	Joe Salisbury/ Neil Skupsky (Great Britain/ Great Britain)
Women's Doubles	Gabriela Dabrowski/Erin Routliffe (Canada/ New Zealand)	Katerina Siniakova/ Taylor Townsend (Czech Republic/ US)
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani/ Andrea Vavassori (Italy/ Italy)	Iga Swiatek Casper Ruud (Poland/ Norway)

- Alcaraz won his second US Open and sixth Grand Slam title overall.
 - He became the youngest player (22 years old) to achieve this feat after Bjorn Borg.
- Aryna Sabalenka won the US Open for the second time in a row.

Anandkumar Velkumar won India's first gold medal in the Speed Skating World

- India's Anandkumar Velkumar won the country's first gold medal at the 2025 Speed Skating World Championships held in Beidaihe, China.
- Apart from this, India's Krish Sharma won the gold medal in the 1000 meter sprint in the junior category.

Anandakumar Velkumar:

- Senior Men 's 1000m Sprint
- Time: 1:24.924 sec
- In addition, he also won a bronze medal in the 500m sprint.
- Anandkumar became India's first medallist at the World Championships in the senior category.

Anandakumar's Achievements

- Junior World Championships 2021:** Silver medal in 15km elimination race
- Hangzhou Asian Games 2023:** Bronze medal in 3000m relay
- World Games 2025, Chengdu:** Bronze (1000m Sprint)
- World Championships 2025:** Bronze (500m Sprint)
- World Championships 2025:** Gold (1000m Sprint)

Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2025

- The Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 was held in Hangzhou, China from September 5 to 14.
- India was the runner-up. In the final, China defeated India 4-1.
- Navneet Kaur was India's only goal scorer.
- Zixia Ou, Hong Li, Mirong Xu and Jiaqi Zhong scored for China.
- With this victory, China qualified directly for the 2026 FIH Women's Hockey World Cup.
- Note:** Earlier India won the Asia Cup by defeating China in 2017.

Becomes first Indian Judo player to reach first place in junior world rankings

- Himanshi Tokas has become the first Indian judoka to become the world's No. 1 player in judo.
- Himanshi achieved the world No. 1 ranking in the junior women's 63kg weight category.
- Recently he has won a gold medal at the Asian Junior Championships.
- Gujarat's Shaheen Darzada finished fourth in the world in the junior women's 57kg category.
- This is the first time that two Indian judokas are in the top five in the world rankings.

- Himanshi has won 5 gold medals so far, including a Continental Championship, three Continental Cups, and a Continental Open Championship.

Abhimanyu Mishra becomes youngest Grand-master to beat World Champion

- American chess player Abhimanyu Mishra (16 years) defeated the reigning world champion D. Gukesh of India in the fifth round of the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- With this win, Mishra became the youngest player to beat the reigning world champion in chess.
- He broke the 33-year-old record of Gata Kamsky, who defeated Garry Kasparov at the age of 17.
- Abhimanyu became the youngest International Master at the age of 10 years, 9 months, 20 days in the year 2019.

Smriti Mandhana became the fastest Indian player to score a century in ODI cricket

- Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana scored a century off 50 balls in the third ODI against Australia (20 September 2025, Delhi).
- He broke Virat Kohli's record of 52-ball century made in 2013.
- This is the second-fastest century in women's ODI history after Meg Lanning (45 balls, 2012).

Sarvesh Anil Kusare became the first Indian to reach the final of the World Athletics High Jump

- Sarvesh Anil Kusare has qualified for the final of the World Athletics High Jump.
- He has become the first Indian high jumper to make it to the final of this prestigious tournament.
- In the qualification round, the 30-year-old Sarvesh jumped 2.25 meters.
- With this performance, they jointly placed seventh overall and ninth when combining both groups.

World Boxing Championships 2025

- It was held in Liverpool.
- In this, India won a total of 4 medals including 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.
- Gold: Jasmine Lamboria (57 kg)
- Gold: Meenakshi Hooda (48 kg)
- Silver: Nupur Sheoran (80+ kg)
- Bronze: Pooja Rani (Middleweight)
- Three Indians reached the finals in this championship.
- Nupur Sheoran won the silver medal after losing 3-2 split decision to Poland's Agata Kaczmarek in the final.

Asia Cup 2025 Hockey

- The final was held on 7 September 2025 at the Rajgir Sports Complex (Bihar).
- In this, India won the title by defeating South Korea 4-1.
- With this, India qualified directly for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 (Belgium and the Netherlands).
- Sukhjeet Singh (1), Dilpreet Singh (2) and Amit Rohidas (1) scored for India.
- This is India's fourth Asia Cup title.
- India had earlier won the title in 2003, 2007 and 2017.

Madhav Gopal Kamath becomes the first Indian to win the World Youth Scrabble Championship 2025 title

- India's Madhav Gopal Kamath won the title of the World Youth Scrabble Championship 2025 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- He became the first Indian to win this title.
- In this, Suyash Manchali (15 years) of Bengaluru got the fifth place with 17 wins.
- Madhav also became the youngest national champion by winning the 25th National Scrabble Championship held in Mumbai this year.
- Madhav is currently ranked 8th in the global rankings of all age groups.

Scrabble Game

- Scrabble was invented in 1931 by American architect Alfred Mosher Butts, initially called Lexiko and later Crosswords.
- This is a board game in which 2-4 players form words from letter tiles on a 15x15 grid and earn points.

25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships 2025

- **Event:** 24-30 August 2025 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Organizer:** Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation (CWF), founded in 1947.
- The championship was a qualifier event for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- India secured the first position in the medal tally in the 25th Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championship.
- India won a total of 13 medals, including 3 gold, 7 silver and 3 bronze.

Indian Medal Winners

Gold Medal

1. Ajit Narayan (71kg)
2. Ajay Babu Valluri (79kg)
3. Mirabai Chanu (48kg)

Silver medal

1. Muthupandi Raja (65kg)
2. Dilbag Singh (94kg)
3. Soumya Sunil Dalvi (48kg)
4. Sneha Soren (53kg)
5. Bindyarani Devi (58kg)
6. Nirupama Devi (63kg)
7. Mehak Sharma (86kg+)

Bronze medal

1. Harjinder Kaur (69kg)
2. Vanshitha Verma (86kg)
3. Lovepreet Singh (110kg+)

India ranks first in 16th Asian Shooting Championships 2025

- India won a total of 99 medals, winning 50 gold, 26 silver and 23 bronze medals at the 16th Asian Shooting Championships held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- India topped the medal tally for the first time.
- In this, the host country Kazakhstan was in second place and China was in third place.
- In the last 15th Asian Championships (Changwon, South Korea), India had won a total of 64 medals.

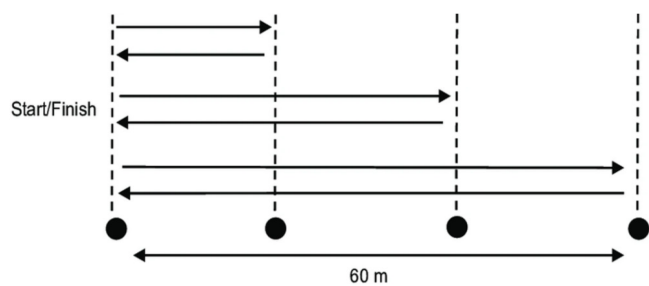
Satwik-Chirag win World Championship medal

- India's top men's doubles badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated Malaysian duo Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik to win the bronze medal at the BWF World Championships 2025.
- **Note:** The BWF World Championships 2025 was held in Paris, France.
- This is Satwik and Chirag's second World Championship medal.
- Earlier, he had won a bronze medal in 2022.
- Satwik and Chirag have joined the list of Indian athletes to win more than one medal at the World Championships.
- Earlier, Saina Nehwal has won 2 medals in the World Championship, while PV Sindhu has won 5 medals.

India gets to host World Badminton Championships 2026

- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has announced that New Delhi will host the 2026 World Badminton Championships.
- India will host it for the second time after 17 years. The championship was held in Hyderabad in the year 2009.

Bronco Test



- The 'Bronco Test' has been started to maintain the fitness of the players of the Indian cricket team at a high level and increase their aerobic capacity.
- The Bronco Test is a fitness test inspired by the sport of rugby, in which the player has to complete multiple shuttle runs of 20 meters, 40 meters, and 60 meters.
- These three-distance races are considered one set and a player must complete five sets without stopping, bringing the total distance to 1,200 meters.
- Indian players have been given the target to complete this Test within 6 minutes.

ICC and Google partner to promote women's cricket

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced a strategic partnership with Google to promote women's cricket globally.
- This collaboration aims to promote women's cricket, increase fan participation and expand the digital reach of cricket.
- Under this, a personalized digital ecosystem will be created for fans through products like Android, Google Gemini, Google Pay and Google Pixel.

Asian Cadet Cup 2025

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the Asian Cadet Cup 2025 in Haldwani on 19 September 2025.
- The competition was organized by the Fencing Association of India. So far, India's Prachi Saini has won the gold medal by defeating the Uzbekistan player in the final match.
- This is Prachi's first international gold medal.

India wins bronze medal at CAFA Nations Cup 2025

- The Indian football team won the bronze medal by defeating Oman 3-2 (penalty shootout) in the third-place match played at the Hisor Central Stadium in Tajikistan.
- The Indian team has defeated Oman for the first time in an international football match.
- In the football rankings, Oman is ranked 79th and India is ranked 133rd.

Bihar's first woman FIDE master: Maryam Fatima

- Chess player Maryam Fatima from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has won the title of Woman FIDE Master (WFM).
- This title is awarded by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) based on the rating of players and performance in recognized competitions.
- This title falls in the category below Woman International Master (WIM) and Woman Grandmaster (WGM).

Arshdeep Singh – First Indian to take 100 wickets in T20 Internationals

- Indian fast bowler Arshdeep Singh has become the first Indian to take 100 wickets in T20 International cricket.
- He achieved this feat in India's final group match against Oman in the 2025 Asia Cup.
- Arshdeep achieved this feat in 64 matches.

India wins Gold Medal in Men's Compound Archery at World Archery Championships 2025

- India won the first-ever gold medal of the men's compound team event at the World Archery Championships held in Gwangju, South Korea on 7th September 2025.
- The Indian team consisted of Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini and Prithmesh Phuge.
- They defeated France 235-233 in the final.
- Rishabh Yadav also won a silver medal in the mixed team event.
- In the mixed team event, Rishabh Yadav and Jyothi Surekha Vennam won silver medals.

ICC August 2025 Player of the Month

- Ireland's Orla Prendergast was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2025.
- India's fast bowler Mohammed Siraj was awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025.

Atiqa Mir finished fourth in the European Karting Championships.

- 11-year-old karting player Atiqa Mir from Jammu and Kashmir finished fourth in the European Karting Championship.
- She has been the first Indian and Asian girl to be selected for the Formula 1 Academy's 'Discover Your Drive' program.
- In the year 2024, she became the first Indian female driver to qualify for the final of the Rotax Euro Trophy in South Garda, Italy.
- Atiqa Mir is also the only Asian driver to be selected in the Iron Dames Young Talent Program.

Anish Raj wins bronze medal at 73rd Inline Speed World Championships

- Indian junior speed skater Anish Raj won the bronze medal in the junior men's one-lap road sprint at **the 73rd Inline Speed World Championships**.
- He finished the race in 39.714 seconds.
- He became the first Indian to win a medal in this championship.
- The championship was held in Beidaihe, China from 13th to 21st September 2025.

Central Zone won the Duleep Trophy title for the 7th time.

- Central Zone won the title in the 2025 Duleep Trophy by defeating South Zone by 6 wickets.
- The match was played at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- Yash Rathore was given the 'Man of the Match' award.
- Under the captaincy of Rajat Patidar, Central Zone won the title for the first time since 2014-15.
- Central Zone has won 6 Duleep Trophy titles so far.

ISSF Junior World Cup 2025

- For the first time in India, it is being organized at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.
- This is the 11th edition of the competition which was held from 24th September to 2nd October 2025.
- India's Anushka Thokur won the gold medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3-Positions event at the Junior Shooting World Cup yesterday.
- Earlier, Anushka also won the gold medal in the 50m rifle prone event.
- In the men's 50m three-position event, Adrian Karmakar won the silver medal.
- As of now, India is at the top of the table with four gold, six silver and three bronze medals.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Mascot Launched

- FIFA launched 3 mascots of the 2026 World Cup on 25 September 2025.
 1. **Maple the Moose – Canada**
 2. **Zayu de Jaguar – Mexico**
 3. **Clutch the Bald Eagle – United States**
- For the first time, more than one mascot was introduced by FIFA in the men's senior FIFA World Cup.
- These mascots represent the cultural heritage of these countries. It underlines the "unity, innovation and diversity" of the World Cup.
- The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be held from June 11 to July 19, 2026, in 16 cities across the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- This will be the first World Cup in which 48 teams will participate.



Apollo Tyres becomes the main sponsor of India's national cricket teams

- Apollo Tyres has become the main sponsor of the Indian national cricket teams, which include men's, women's, senior and junior teams.
- Apollo Tyres won by bidding ₹579 crore.
- The BCCI had set a base price of ₹3.5 crore for bilateral matches and ₹1.5 crore for ICC tournament matches.
- The agreement will begin with the Women's ODI World Cup on 30 September 2025.

India to host 28th Asian Table Tennis Team Championships 2025

- India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships from 11th to 15th October 2025 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The competition will feature men's and women's team matches.
- It will take place as a qualifier for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships.
- For the first time, Odisha will host the Asian Level Table Tennis Championship.

ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the schedule for the Women's ODI World Cup 2025.
- The tournament will be held from 30 September to 2 November 2025 across five venues in India and Sri Lanka.

- Eight teams will participate: India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan.
- Reigning champions Australia have won the title 7 times so far.

Venues:

- India: Guwahati, Indore, Visakhapatnam, Navi Mumbai
- Sri Lanka: Colombo (R. Premadasa Stadium) – All matches of Pakistan will be organized here.

Amit Mishra retires from cricket

- Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra has announced his retirement from professional cricket.
- In 2008, he made his debut in the Mohali Test against Australia and took 5 wickets in the first innings.
- He was a member of the ICC Champions Trophy-winning team in 2013.
- He is the only bowler to take three hat-tricks in the IPL.

Italian Grand Prix 2025

- Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen won the match.
- This is his first win and only the third of this season.
- In this, Lando Norris was in second place and Oscar Piastri was in third place.

2025 Dutch Grand Prix: Oscar Piastri was the winner

- It was held in Zandvoort (Netherlands).
- Isman Oscar Piastri (McLaren) finished first.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull) was second and Isak Hadar (Racing Bull) was third.

7. Awards & Honors

Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025 to Educate Girls

- The Indian NGO Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls) has been awarded the 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The felicitation ceremony will be held on November 7, 2025, at the Metropolitan Theatre, Manila (Philippines).

Respected Organizations/Individuals:

- **Educate Girls (India)** – Girls' education.
- Shahina Ali (Maldives) – Environment Conservation.
- Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva (Philippines) – Environmental Protection.
- Educate Girls is the first Indian organization to receive this honor.
- It provides global recognition to the efforts of girls' education in rural areas of India.
- The award was given to the organization for promoting girls' education in rural and disadvantaged areas and for connecting community and government resources.

Educate Girls Foundation

- Founded: 2007
- Founder: Safina Hussain
- **Objective:** To identify and connect out-of-school girls with education and ensure continuity in education.

Mohanlal to be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Malayalam actor Mohanlal has been announced to be given the Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- The award will be presented to him at the 71st National Film Awards ceremony on 23rd September 2025.
- Mohanlal was born on 21 May 1960 in Kerala, India.
- He has acted in more than 400 films so far.
- He has been awarded the National Film Award (Best Actor) twice.



Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- It is the highest honour of Indian cinema which is also known as the “Bharat Ratna of the film industry”.
- It was founded in 1969 and named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, the father of Indian cinema.
- Dadasaheb Phalke made India's first feature film “Raja Harishchandra” in 1913.
- The award is presented by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at the National Film Awards ceremony.
- The award aims to honour artists who have made exceptional and lifelong contributions to Indian cinema.
- The first Dadasaheb Phalke Award was given to actress Devika Rani in 1969.

Swachh Vayu Survekshan Awards 2025

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav felicitated the top performing cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
- Indore and Udaipur were especially appreciated for getting wetland city recognition under the Ramsar Convention.

Clean Air Champions (NCAP Top Performing Cities)

Category 1 (Population > 10 million):

- Indore – Score: 200/200; Prize: ₹1.5 crore
- Jabalpur – Score: 199/200; Award ₹1 crore
- Agra & Surat – Score: 196/200; Prize: ₹25 lakh each

Category 2 (Population 3–10 lakh):

- Amravati – Score: 200/200; Award ₹75 lakh
- Jhansi and Moradabad – Score: 198.5/200; Prize: ₹25 lakh each
- Alwar – Score: 197.6/200; Prize: ₹25 lakh

Category 3 (Population < 3 lakh):

- Devas – Score: 193/200; Prize: ₹37.5 lakh
- Parvanu – Score: 191.5/200; Prize: ₹25 lakh
- Angula – Score: 191/200; Prize: ₹12.5 lakh

Wetland City Recognition (Ramsar Convention)

- Indore – For Excellent Urban Wetland Management
- Udaipur – For lake protection and eco-tourism
- India now has 91 Ramsar sites (25 in 2014). Their total area is 13.6 lakh hectares.
- India has the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia and the third largest in the world.

Homebound Film Gets Official Entry to the Oscars 2026

- Hindi film **Homebound** has been chosen as India's official entry for the Best International Feature Film category at the Oscars 2026 (98th Academy Awards).
- Neeraj Ghaywan is the Director of this film.
- It was the second runner-up in the People's Choice category at the Toronto International Film Festival and won the Best Film and Best Director awards at the IFFM (Melbourne Indian Film Festival).
- Producers: Karan Johar and Aadar Poonawalla.
- The film's lead cast: Ishaan Khatter, Vishal Jethwa, Janhvi Kapoor.

Jinali Modi receives UNEP Young Champions of the Earth Award, 2025

- India's Jinali Modi, (Mumbai, Maharashtra) was awarded the **2025 Young Champion of the Earth Award by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Planet A**.
- Jinoli Modi has taken on the innovative task of transforming banana stems into Banofi leather, a sustainable, plant-based alternative to traditional leather.
- The award is given to promote the bold ideas of young environmental innovators.
- Banofi Leather aims to revolutionize the fast fashion industry, creating a leather substitute from banana stems.
- Banofi leather is formulated with natural binder and starch, reducing water usage, toxic waste, and CO₂ emissions by up to 90%.

Other winners:

- **Joseph Nguthiru (Kenya)** – Founder of Hayapa: Converts aggressive hyacinths into biodegradable packaging and seedling wrappers.
- **Noemi Floria (USA)** – Founder of Cyclo: Developed the greywater reuse system, which converts wastewater into drinking water with low energy consumption.

Young Champions of the Earth Initiative:

- UENP has a flagship youth engagement program, which honors young entrepreneurs under the age of 30 for environmental solutions.
- Winners receive an initial funding of USD 20,000 and funding of up to USD 1 million.

National Geoscience Awards (NGA) 2024

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu presented the National Geoscience Awards on 26th September 2025.
- **The awards were given in three categories:**
 1. Lifetime Achievement Award
 2. National Geoscience Award
 3. National Young Geoscientist Award
- This year, 20 eminent geologists were conferred with 12 awards under three categories.
- These include the National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement (01 Award), National Young Geoscientist Award (01 Award) and National Geoscience Award (10 awards in different fields of Geosciences).
- **Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai** received the Lifetime Achievement Award and **Shri Sushobhan Niyogi** received the Young Geoscientist Award.
- These Awards were instituted by the Ministry of Mines in 1966.
- It is one of the most prestigious awards in the field of geology in India.

National e-Governance Awards 2025

- National Awards 2025 were conferred on Gram Panchayats during the 28th National e-Governance Conference held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The award was given to Gram Panchayats under the new category for digital service delivery at grassroots level.
- Each award was accompanied by a trophy, certificate and financial incentive — gold (Rs 10 lakh) and silver (Rs 5 lakh).

Winning Gram Panchayats:

Award	Gram Panchayat	District	State	Sarpanch	Notable Achievement
Gold	Rohini	Dhule	Maharashtra	Dr. Anandrao Pawara	The first Gram Panchayat in Maharashtra to adopt a completely paperless e-office system.

Silver	West Majlishpur	West Tripura	Tripura	Mrs. Anita Deb Das	Introduced digital monitoring of births, deaths, marriages and estate services.
Jury	Palsana	Surat	Gujarat	Shri Praveenbhai Purushottambhai Aheer	Tax payments, grievance redressal and welfare services linked to Digital Gujarat and Gram Suvidha.
Jury	Suakati	Kendujhar	Odisha	Mrs. Kautuka Naik	Ensured 24/7 digital services and women-led service delivery.

69th Ballon d'Or

- The 69th Ballon d'Or ceremony was held on 22 September 2025 at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, France.

Category	Winner
Men's Ballon d'Or	Ousmane Dembele
Women's Ballon d'Or	Aitana Bonmati
Men's Club of the Year	Paris Saint-Germain (PSG)
Women's Club of the Year	Arsenal
Men's Coach of the Year	Luis Enrique
Women's Coach of the Year	Sarina Wiegman
Men's Striker of the Year	Victor Gyokeres
Women's Striker of the Year	Ewa Pajor
Men's Goalkeeper of the Year	Gianluigi Donnarumma
Women's Goalkeeper of the Year	Hannah Hampton
Best Men's Youth Player	Lamine Yamal
Best Women's Young Player	Vicky Lopez
Socrates Prize	The Xana Foundation

- It also saw Ousmane Dembele named the 2025 Men's Ballon d'Or as well as the UEFA Champions League Player of the Season.
- Aitana Bonmati became the first female player to win the Ballon d'Or award for the third consecutive time.

Ballon d'Or

- Began in 1956.

- This award is given to the best footballers in the world for their achievements.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer honoured with 'Living Bridge'

- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer was awarded the 'Living Bridge' award.
- The award was given for his role in deepening India-UK relations and successfully concluding the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- On his behalf, the award was received by the UK's Indian-origin Minister Seema Malhotra (in charge of Indo-Pacific Affairs, FCDO).
- The 'Living Bridge Awards' are organized annually by the India Business Group (IBG).
- It aims to honour contributors who have connected India and the UK in education, trade, culture and diplomacy.



Other Honorees/Institutions (2025):

- GMR Group (India-based multinational conglomerate)
- G.P. Hinduja (British-Indian industrialist)
- Bina Mehta (Chair, KPMG UK)
- University of Southampton

Dr. Manmohan Singh posthumously awarded P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award

- Former Prime Minister and eminent economist Dr. Manmohan Singh was posthumously awarded the P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award (Economics).
- The award was received by his wife Gursharan Kaur at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Note:** P.V. Narasimha Rao and Dr. Manmohan Singh are considered to be the architects of the economic reforms of 1991.

P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award

- **Award Presenter:** P. V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Foundation (Hyderabad).
- The award recognizes individuals who have made transformational contributions to India's economy.

Anuparna Roy wins Best Director Award in Orizzonti Category at 82nd Venice Film Festival

- India's Anuparna Roy won the Best Director Award in the Orizzonti category at the 82nd Venice Film Festival.
- Her film "Songs of Forgotten Trees" (the only Indian entry) is based on the story of two migrant women from Mumbai.
- The Orizzonti category is known for new and independent films from around the world.

Other major award winners

- Golden Lion (Best Film): "Father Mother Sister Brother" – Jim Jarmusch (USA)
- Silver Lion (Runner-up): "The Voice of Hind Rajab" – Couthen Ben Hania (Tunisia)
- Best Actor: Tony Servillo – "La Grazia" (Italy)
- Best Actress: Xin Xilei – "The Sun Rises on Us All" (China)

Vikas Kumar and Sarthak Mittal get Ig Nobel Prize 2025

- Vikas Kumar and Sarthak Mittal were awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2025.
- The award was given for making a shoe-rack equipped with UV lamps to combat odour.
- Vikas Kumar, assistant professor at Shiv Nadar University, and Sarthak Mittal, a student researcher, have designed UV shoe-racks, which neutralize bacteria and eliminate shoe odors.

Ig Nobel Prize

- The Ig Nobel was started in 1991.
- The award is given by the Science Humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research.
- Its purpose is to reward research work that may sound strange but highlight issues related to many disciplines like psychology, biology.
- This is the 22nd Ig Nobel for India.

Yunus Ahmed wins Camel International Award 2025

- Indian NRI entrepreneur Yunus Ahmed, who serves as the Executive Director of Dotspace Coworking in the Middle East, was awarded the Camel International Award 2025.
- The award was presented to him by Sheikh Matar bin Huwaiden Al Ketbi, Chairman of Sharjah Camel Racing Club, at a formal ceremony held in Dubai.
- The award is given by the Arabian World Records, which recognizes excellence and leadership in business internationally.
- Yunus Ahmed was given this honor for his exceptional business acumen and his leadership in the coworking sector in the Middle East.

Anand V. Patil V.K. Gokak Award

- Prof. V.K. Gokak Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Literature will be presented to Anand V. Patil on 7th September 2025 in Bengaluru.
- The award has been instituted to honour writers who have made special contributions to Kannada literature.
- Anand V. Patil is also a recipient of the Central Sahitya Akademi's Children's Literature Award.
- This award is dedicated to the memory of Jnanpith Award recipient Prof. Vinayak Krishna Gokak.

National Award to Teachers 2025

- The Union Ministry of Education has announced the winners of the National Award to Teachers 2025.
- This year, a total of 45 teachers from across the country have been selected for their outstanding contributions.
- The awards will be presented on the occasion of Teachers' Day celebrations on 5th September 2025.
- Total Selected Teachers: 45
 - Male Teachers: 24
 - Female teachers: 21
- Note: Neelam Yadav (GGSSS Tapukra) from Rajasthan is among the teachers who received the award.

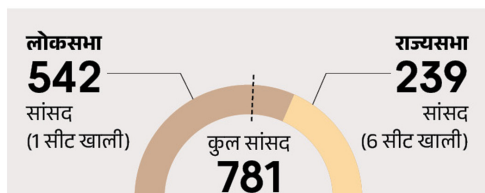
8. Person in News

C. P. Radhakrishnan sworn in as 15th Vice President of India

- C. P. Radhakrishnan was elected as the 15th Vice President of India on 9 September 2025.
- He defeated the opposition candidate B. Sudarshan Reddy (senior advocate and former Supreme Court judge).
- The voter turnout in this election was 98.2%.

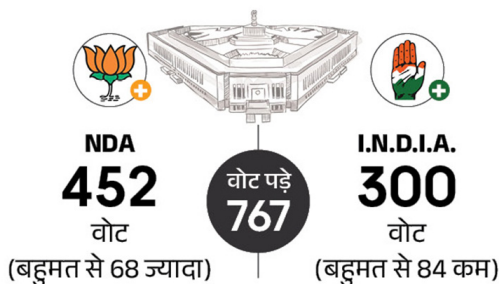
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- C.P. Radhakrishnan is the third Vice President to be elected from Tamil Nadu.
- Before him, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and R. Venkataraman (former President and former Vice President) held this post.

- C.P. Radhakrishnan was part of the National Democratic Alliance.

C.P. Radhakrishnan

- His full name is Chandrapuram Ponnuswamy Radhakrishnan.
- He was born on 20 October 1957 in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.
- He belongs to the Vella OBC caste of Tamil Nadu.
- He won the Lok Sabha elections from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu in 1998 and 1999.
- He has been the Governor of Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

CDS General Anil Chauhan's tenure extended by 8 months

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- The Central Government has extended the tenure of Chief of Defense Staff General Anil Chauhan by 8 months.
- Before him, General Bipin Rawat held the post (India's first CDS), who died in a helicopter crash in December 2021.

2 new judges appointed in Supreme Court

- Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court on August 29.
- After this, the number of judges in the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice, has gone up to 34.
- Justice Aradhe was earlier the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- Justice Pancholi is a former Chief Justice of the Patna High Court.

Indian-origin Kiran Desai's book shortlisted for Booker Prize

- Indian-origin Booker-winning author Kiran Desai's book 'The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny' has been shortlisted for the 2025 Booker Prize.
- Kiran Desai won the Booker Prize in 2006 for her novel 'The Inheritance of Loss'.
- She may win this prestigious award for the second time.
- The winners of the Booker Prize will be announced on November 10.
- India's Banu Mushtaq and translator Deepa Bhasi won the International Booker Prize for 'Heart Lamp' in May 2025.

Praveen Kumar becomes Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet (ACC) appointed Praveen Kumar as the Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- Praveen Kumar is a 1993 batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre.
- His term will be till September 30, 2030.
- He replaced Rahul Rasgotra.

Pravir Ranjan appointed as Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet (ACC) appointed Praveer Ranjan as the Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- Praveer Ranjan is a 1993 batch IPS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) cadre.
- His term will be till July 31, 2029.
- He replaced Rajwinder Singh Bhatti.

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- **Establishment:** Under the CISF Act of 1968.

- **Objective:** To protect industrial establishments and government undertakings.

Dr. Sima Bahous becomes Executive Director of UN Women for the second time

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres recently appointed Dr. Sima Sami Bahous as the Executive Director of UN Women for the second time.
- In her second term, UN Women will implement its new Strategic Plan for 2026-2029.
- Dr. Sima Sami is from Bahous, Jordan.
- She has been an academic, diplomat and senior official of the United Nations.
- Her work focuses primarily on gender equality and women empowerment.

Acharya Devvrat gets additional charge of Governor of Maharashtra

- President Droupadi Murmu assigned additional charge of Maharashtra to Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat.
- This appointment occurred because the Governor of Maharashtra, C.P. Radhakrishnan, was elected Vice President.
- After being elected Vice President, Radhakrishnan resigned as Governor of Maharashtra on 11 September 2025.

Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam becomes NIScPR Director

- Dr. Geetha Vani Raysam took charge as the Director of CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) on 9th September 2025.

CSIR-NIScPR:

- CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research is the premier centre of science communication and policy research in India.

Key Functions:

- Publication of Indian scientific journals.
- Science-Technology-Innovation (STI) Policy Research.
- Promote science literacy and public relations.

Amit Khare appointed Secretary of Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan

- Retired IAS officer Amit Khare has been appointed as the Secretary of the Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan.
- Khare has been an advisor in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) since October 2021.

- He has also been a member of the core team that formulated and implemented the National Education Policy 2020.
- He had exposed Bihar's infamous 'fodder scam'.

Justice M. Sundar sworn in as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court

- Justice M. Sundar was sworn in as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court on 15th September 2025.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath of office to him.
- He replaced Justice Kempaiah Somashekar.
- Prior to this, he was the second senior-most judge of the Madras High Court.
- **Note:** The High Court Judges are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

Srinivas Injeti appointed as chairman of NSE's governing board

- The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) appointed Srinivas Injeti as the new chairman of its governing board.
- He has been inducted on the board as Director of Public Interest.
- Srinivas is a retired IAS officer of the Odisha cadre of the 1983 batch.
- Injeti has over four decades of experience in regulation, governance, financial services, and public policy.

National Stock Exchange (NSE)

- NSE was established in 1992 and received recognition from SEBI in 1993.
- NSE is based in Mumbai and is India's second-largest exchange in terms of market capitalization.
- Based on total equity trading volumes in 2020, the NSE remained the third largest exchange in the world (after the NYSE and NASDAQ).
- In 1995, NSE launched India's first fully automated screen-based trading system.
- By 1999, it became the first exchange in the country to completely replace manual trading.

Gauranglal Das appointed as India's new ambassador to South Korea

- Gauranglal Das has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to South Korea.
- He is a 1999 batch IFS officer.
- Prior to this, he was serving as Joint Secretary in the East Asia Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.
- The official name of South Korea is the Republic of

Korea and its capital is Seoul.

Mithun Manhas becomes BCCI's 37th president

- Former Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir cricketer Mithun Manhas was elected unopposed as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at its 94th Annual General Meeting on 28th September 2025.
- He succeeds Roger Binney, who resigned from the position in August 2025.

New BCCI leadership team

- Chairman: Mithun Manhas
- Vice-President: Rajeesh Shukla
- Secretary: Devjit Saikia
- **Treasurer:** Raghuram Bhatt (former Indian spinner)
- Joint Secretary: Prabhtej Singh Bhatia
- Mithun Manhas has not played any international match in his career, although he played 157 first-class matches from 1997-98 to 2016-17, scoring 9,714 runs.
- Apart from this, **Pragyan Ojha and RP Singh** were included in the selection committee of Indian cricket headed by Ajit Agarkar.

Dr. Deepak Mittal – New Indian Ambassador to UAE

- India appointed senior diplomat Dr Deepak Mittal as the new ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- He succeeded Ambassador Sanjay Sudhir, who retired in September 2025.
- Mittal (IFS, 1998 batch) established the first official contact with the Taliban in the year 2021.
- He was previously India's Ambassador to Qatar (2020-2022).

Pratyay Amrit – new Chief Secretary of Bihar

- Senior IAS officer Pratyay Amrit has become the Chief Secretary of Bihar.
- He is a 1991 batch (Bihar cadre) officer of the Indian Administrative Service.
- He succeeds Amrit Lal Meena (1989 batch), who retired on 31st August 2025.
- The Chief Secretary is the senior-most administrative officer of the state.

TCA Kalyani appointed as new Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

- TCA Kalyani has recently become the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in the Centre's Department of Expenditure.
- She is an ICAS 1991 batch officer and has become the 29th woman officer to hold the post.

Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

- Chief Accounting Adviser to the Government of India.
- Working under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- **Work:**
 - Maintenance of Central Government Accounts.
 - Preparation of monthly and annual financial statements.
 - Promoting financial reforms and digital innovation.
 - Monitoring expenditure and receipts.
 - Ensuring transparency and efficiency in the accounting system.

Vandana Gupta appointed as Controller General of Communications Accounts (CGCA)

- Ms. Vandana Gupta was appointed as the Controller General of Communications Accounts (CGCA) on 22nd September 2025 by the Central Government.
- She is a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Post and Telecommunication Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS).
- Prior to this, he has worked in Maharashtra, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat Divisions as well as Department of Telecommunications and Department of Posts.

Sushila Karki: Nepal's first woman Prime Minister

- Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki was made the first woman Prime Minister of Nepal on 12 September 2025.
- She has been unanimously formed as interim leader after the Gen-Z movement.
- This movement was led by the youth against corruption and failures of governance.
- **Sushila Karki** is the first woman Chief Justice of Nepal.

Sébastien Lecornu becomes Prime Minister of France

- President Emmanuel Macron appointed Sébastien Lecornu as the new Prime Minister.
- He replaced François Bayrou.
- He was previously a former defense minister, a longtime close ally of Macron.
- He was associated with conservative politics with Nicolas Sarkozy, later with Macron's centrist movement.

Irfaan Ali re-elected as President of Guyana

- President Irfaan Ali has been elected to a second term as the President of Guyana.
- His party, the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C), won a majority in Parliament.
- The PPP/C won 36 out of 65 seats. (Better than previous performance)

Larry Ellison becomes the richest person in the world

- Oracle co-founder and chairman Larry Ellison has become the world's richest person for the first time, surpassing Elon Musk.
- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the sudden surge in Oracle shares increased Ellison's net worth by \$101 billion to \$393 billion.
- This is the largest single-day gain ever.
- Most of Larry Ellison's assets are invested in Oracle. They own about 40% of the company's shares.

Jonas Gahr Støre to be re-elected as Prime Minister of Norway

- In the recent parliamentary election in Norway, the Labour Party of incumbent Prime Minister Jonas Günter Støre won a second consecutive victory.
- The Labour Party won 87 seats out of a total of 169 seats (majority: 85 seats).
- Apart from this, the right-wing Populist Progress Party (leader: Sylvie Listhog) got 48 seats.

Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigns

- Japan's PM Shigeru Ishiba resigned to avoid internal splits in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).
- The LDP suffered its worst defeat in decades in the July 2025 upper house elections.
- Ishiba became the Prime Minister of Japan in October 2024.

David Lammy becomes Britain's new Deputy Prime Minister

- British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer announces cabinet reshuffle.

New Appointments

- David Lammy: Deputy Prime Minister, Justice Secretary and Lord Chancellor
- Yvette Cooper: Secretary of State/Minister
- Shabana Mahmood: Home Secretary/Minister (Pakistan origin)

Andrew Holness re-elected as Prime Minister of Jamaica

- Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness was elected to a third term after the victory of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) in the general elections.
- His party won 34 seats, while the opposition People's National Party (PNP) got 29 seats.
- Holness has been the Prime Minister of Jamaica since 2016.

Jamaica

- This island country is located in the Caribbean.
- It is the third most populous Anglophone country in North America and the fourth most populous country in the Caribbean.
- Its capital and largest city is Kingston.

Kaustubh Kulkarni–Citibank Asia-Pacific IB Co-Head

- Citibank has appointed India's Kaustubh Kulkarni as its co-head of investment banking for the Asia-Pacific region.
- The region encompasses major markets such as Japan, North Asia, Australia, and South Asia.
- He will join Citigroup following regulatory approval in December 2025 and will work from Singapore.
- His role at Citibank will focus on corporate advisory, capital raising and strategic transactions.

Anutin Charnvirakul sworn in as Thailand's new Prime Minister

- Thailand has got a new prime minister for the fourth time in a year.
- The Parliament of Thailand elected Bhumjaithai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul as the country's new Prime Minister on 5 September 2025.
- Anutin has been the Health Minister of Thailand.
- In 2022, he supported the decriminalization of marijuana, after which he is also known as the 'Cannabis King' in Thailand.

Amit Kshatriya appointed as Associate Administrator of space agency NASA

- Indian-origin scientist Amit Kshatriya has been appointed as the Associate Administrator of the US space agency NASA.
- Amit will lead NASA's Artemis moon mission and upcoming Mars missions.
- In this, he will lead a team of 10 NASA Center Directors and Mission Directorates.
- Amit was previously the Deputy Associate Administrator in NASA's Moon to Mars program.
- He made a notable contribution to the robotic assembly of the International Space Station (ISS).

Rajit Punhani: Becomes CEO of FSSAI

- Rajit Punhani has become the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
 - He is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar cadre of the 1991 batch.
 - He has previously served as Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Secretary to Rajya Sabha, and CEO of Sansad TV.
- #### FSSAI
- It is a statutory body which functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - It was constituted on 5th September 2008 under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
 - It is headquartered in New Delhi.

Demises

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa passes away

- Renowned Kannada novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa passed away on 24th September 2025.
 - He wrote more than 25 novels, many of which were translated into Indian and foreign languages.
 - Major works: Banamvriksha, Parva, Daatu, Grihabhanga, Avara, Nayi Neralu, Sartha.
- #### Awards & Honors
- Padma Bhushan (2023) – India's highest civilian honour.
 - Saraswati Samman (2010) – for the novel Mandra.
 - Sahitya Akademi Fellowship (2015) – Rashtriya Sahitya Akademi's highest honour.

DD Lapang passes away

- DD Lapang, former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, passed away on September 12, 2025.
- He was the Chief Minister of Meghalaya 4 times.
 - 1992–1993: Became Chief Minister for the first time.
 - 2003–2006: Became the Chief Minister under the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA).
 - 2007–2008: After the assembly elections, he became the Chief Minister for the third time with the support of the Congress party.
 - 2009–2010: Became Chief Minister for the fourth time, after President's rule.

9. Places in News

India's First Private Strategic Petroleum Reserve at Padur (Karnataka)

- Megha Engineering has received approval to build and manage India's first private strategic petroleum reserve at Padur in Karnataka.
- It will have a storage capacity of 2.5 million metric tonnes.
- The cost of filling crude oil in it will be around \$1.25 billion (Rs 11,020 crore), which is the largest private investment in the country's energy security framework.
- There is already a strategic reserve in Padur. The new reserves will add to India's existing capacity of 5.33 million metric tonnes, which currently has only 8–9 days of crude oil supply.
- The existing strategic reserves in India (Visakhapatnam, Mangaluru and Padur) have about 39 million barrels of underground capacity.
- **Note:** The United States has reserves of 727 million barrels and China has reserves of about 1200 million barrels.
- In 2018, the Cabinet had given preliminary approval to two PPP projects –
 1. Padur in Karnataka (2.5 million metric tonnes)
 2. Chandikhole in Odisha (4 million metric tonnes)

Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL)

- ISPRL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) and operates under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

7 sites in India included in UNESCO's tentative list

- Recently, UNESCO included 7 new sites of India in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites.
- There are now a total of 69 sites (49 cultural, 3 mixed, 17 natural) in India's tentative list.

Key New Sites:

- **Natural Category (4)** – Panchgani & Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra), Erra Mitti Dibbalu (Andhra Pradesh), Tirumala Hills (Andhra Pradesh), Varkala (Kerala)

- **Geological Heritage (3)** – Deccan Trap, St. Mary's Island (Karnataka), Caves of Meghalaya Age (Meghalaya), Naga Hill Ophiolite (Nagaland)
- India currently has 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which recently included the Maratha military landscape.

India's First and Largest AI-Powered City/Township

- The country's first AI township is named Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT City), which is being developed in the Bidadi area (about 30 km away) near Bengaluru.
- The project will cover around 9,000 acres of land, out of which 2,000 acres will be reserved exclusively for AI industries and allied sectors.
- It will be based on a "work-live-play" model.
- In this, the city will be made zero-carbon, zero-waste and zero-traffic.
- It will use traffic, water, waste, energy management and digital twin technology through AI-driven systems.
- The estimated cost on this project will be around ₹20,000 crore.
- **Note:** Earlier, Lucknow was also announced to build India's first AI city, but it is still in the planning stage.
- **Note:** The AI Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is being prepared in Chhattisgarh (Nava Raipur).

Inauguration of India's largest and modern sports complex

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest and modern 'Veer Savarkar Sports Complex' at Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 15 September 2025.
- It is built at a cost of Rs 825 crore.
- The campus features a world-class aquatic complex, state-of-the-art facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, and training and residential facilities for athletes.
- The complex is spread over 1,19,000 square meters and has seven gates, parking for 900 vehicles, a 275 KW solar power plant and a 60 KLD sewage treatment plant.
- **Note:** Ahmedabad will host the World Police and Fire Games in 2029.

India's First Bamboo-based Ethanol Plant

- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated India's and the world's first bamboo-based ethanol plant in Golaghat district of Assam on 14th September 2025.
- It aims to promote energy self-sufficiency and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.
- The plant is built in a joint venture of Assam Bio-Ethanol Private Limited (ABEL), Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Finland's Fortum and Chempolis OY.
- It is a zero-waste facility, where by-products such as ethanol, acetic acid, and food-grade carbon dioxide will also be made from bamboo.
- The project aims to promote energy self-sufficiency, clean energy, rural development and industrial growth.
- The plant has an annual production capacity of 48,900 metric tons of ethanol, and it will generate 11,000 tons of acetic acid, 19,000 tons of furfural, and 31,000 tons of food-grade CO₂ by-products.

3 world-class Blue Ports to come up in India with FAO assistance

- India and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations partnered to make three pilot ports **Vanakbara (Diu), Karaikal (Puducherry) and Jakhau (Gujarat)** world-class blue ports.
- A total investment of Rs. 369.8 crore has been approved for this project.
- The Department of Fisheries (under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying) and FAO signed the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) agreement.
- FAO's TCP will help India address the environmental, social and economic challenges associated with the aquatic value chain.
- The Blue Port framework focuses on the development of smart and integrated fishing ports, combining technological innovation and environmental protection.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations, headquartered in Rome (Italy).
- It was founded in 1945 and World Food Day is celebrated every year on October 16.
- This organization works on agriculture, forestry, fisheries and resource management.

VOC Port – India's First Green Hydrogen Pilot Project

- Union Minister of Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated India's first port-based green hydrogen pilot project at the VOC port (Tuticorin) in Tamil Nadu.
- The foundation stone of Green Methanol Bunkering Facility was also laid on the occasion.
- The VOC port is named after freedom fighter V.O. Chidambaram.
- The Green Hydrogen Project aims to produce clean fuels and reduce carbon emissions.
- The plant has been set up at a cost of Rs 3.87 crore and has a capacity of 10 Nm³ per hour.
- The green hydrogen generated from this will be used to operate the port colony's street lights and an EV charging station.
- The Green Methanol Facility will promote the green transition in maritime transport and provide alternative fuel supply to the shipping industry.
- Projects worth over ₹150 crore were launched on the occasion which include solar energy, wind power, development of multi-cargo berths, road infrastructure and maritime heritage museum.
- With this project, the port has become the first green hydrogen producing port in the country.

First Foreign Atal Innovation Centre

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Centre (AIC) at the IIT Delhi-Abu Dhabi campus in the UAE.
- The initiative has been set up under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- Through this, India's innovation ecosystem will now expand globally.
- The Centre will become a hub for research, entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange and encourage collaboration between academic institutions of India and UAE.

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- Atal Innovation Mission is a flagship initiative of the Government of India.
- **Objective:** To promote innovation, research and entrepreneurship.
- Atal Tinkering Labs, Atal Incubation Centres and Regional Innovation Hubs have been set up.

School of Drone Warfare

- The Border Security Force (BSF) launched a state-of-the-art 'Drone Warfare School' at its Officers Training Academy in Tekanpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- The aim of this school is to train border guards in modern warfare skills so that they can face new challenges such as drones.

- The school will offer five specialized courses, including UAV operations, anti-drone warfare, surveillance and intelligence, the use of RF jammers and kinetic interceptors, and the integration of AI and ML tools.
- The “Drone Commandos” and “Drone Warriors” trained from these courses will play a crucial role in future battles.

Himachal Pradesh becomes a fully literate state

- Himachal Pradesh was declared a fully literate state on 8th September 2025 on International Literacy Day.
- The state has achieved a literacy rate of 99.3%, higher than the national standard of 95%.
- Apart from this, Himachal Pradesh has also secured the first position in the country in the student-teacher ratio.
- Himachal Pradesh has been declared the fourth fully literate state in the country under the ULLAS (New India Literacy Programme).
- Earlier, only Tripura, Mizoram and Lakshadweep were included in this category under this program.
- Himachal has secured the first position in the country by achieving a literacy rate of 99.30%.
- Now, Mizoram is in second place with a rate of 98.02%, while Lakshadweep and Tripura are tied for third place at 97.3%.

Standards of Full Literacy

- According to the rules of the central government, when 95% or more of the population of a state becomes literate, it is considered a “fully literate state”.
- literacy**
- The Ministry of Education sets the standard that a person will be considered literate if he can read and write simple words and perform simple mathematical operations.

Space City and Defence Hub in Andhra Pradesh

- The Andhra Pradesh government announced to set up a Space City in Tirupati and two defence manufacturing centres at Madakasira.
- These projects will entail a total investment of ₹3,400 crore.

Space City

- Hyderabad-based private space startup Skyroot Aerospace has partnered with the space city to be built in Tirupati.
- The project will entail an investment of ₹400 crore.
- Its focus will be on private satellite launches and developing small launch vehicles.

Madakasira Defence Manufacturing Centre

- This defence hub will entail an investment of ₹3,000 crore.
- It will manufacture aerospace components, defence electronics and weapon systems.

India's First Tempered Glass Unit

- India's first tempered glass manufacturing unit was inaugurated in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- The facility is being developed by Optimus Electronics in the U.S. from Corning Inc. It has been established in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.
- High-quality tempered glass will be produced here and these products will be supplied to both domestic and international markets.
- An investment of Rs 70 crore has been made in this unit and the raw material will be completely tempered and molded into high-quality glass.
- The first phase of the plant has an annual capacity of 2.5 crore units.
- **Note:** Electronics manufacturing in India has grown 6 times in the last 11 years to reach ₹11.5 lakh crore.

India's First Multi-Lane Free Flow Tolling (MLFF)

- India's first multi-lane free flow (MLFF) tolling system has recently been launched.
- This system eliminates toll bottlenecks and will help passengers in seamless travel.
- It will first be implemented at the Choryasi Fee Plaza on National Highway-48 (NH-48) in Gujarat.
- Indian Highway Management Company Limited (IHMCL) and ICICI Bank have partnered in implementing this system.
- MLFF is a high-tech and barrier-free toll system.
- In this system, electronic toll collection is done on the basis of FASTag and Vehicle Registration Number (VRN).
- After the implementation of this system, vehicles will not need to stop at toll plazas.

IIT-Madras designated as United Nations AI Centre of Excellence

- India has designated IIT-Madras as a United Nations AI Centre of Excellence (COE).
- The nomination was made by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and announced at a high-level event of the United Nations in New York.
- IIT-Madras is India's leading institute in AI research, skill development, and innovation.

- This nomination has been made in the context of the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technology (ODIT) Global AI Centre Network.
- ODIT aims to address rapidly evolving opportunities and challenges in AI governance and related fields.
- An institution will be designated under ODIT by the countries, creating a network of COEs.
- **Note:** India will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026.

Tirumala: India's first AI-based command centre

- Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has launched India's first AI-powered Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC).
- The centre will revolutionise the traffic, security and darshan management of pilgrims.
- It was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu on 25th September 2025.
- It is equipped with over 6,000 AI cameras and smart administration with high-performance computing.
- It will provide the ability to do real-time density tracking, anomaly detection, and protect against misinformation.

Country's first Central Tissue Bank

- The country's first Central Tissue Bank was started at Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences in Delhi.
- Now patients will not be required to buy tissue or bone graft from the market if they need it, as these materials will be available from the bank.
- This will reduce the cost of treatment and save time.
- **Note:** The Delhi Dental Council has become the first State Dental Council to implement a cashless 'V-Office' system, making all services for dentists completely online.

Sohna (Haryana): Inauguration of TDK's Lithium-Ion Battery Plant

- Union Minister of Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated the lithium-ion battery plant of Japan's TDK Corporation in Sohnā, Haryana on 4th September 2025.
- The plant has been set up under the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme.

Key characteristics of the plant

- **Production Capacity:** Manufacture about 200 million battery packs every year.
- It will meet about 40% of India's total annual requirement (50 crore packs).

- These batteries will be used in mobiles, watches, earbuds, laptops and other electronic devices.

First state in the country to introduce 'AI screening' for cancer and eyes

- Punjab launched the country's first AI-based screening for cancer and vision related care.
- Under this, cancer and eye problems will be investigated through AI technology.
- This initiative has been implemented in collaboration with ACT Grants.
- Portable, radiation-free and AI-powered devices will be installed in 8 districts of Punjab.
- These devices include Thermalytix for breast cancer screening, Smart Scopes for cervical cancer screening, and portable auto-refractometers for vision testing.

Inauguration of Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple

- The Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple was inaugurated on 4 September 2025 at Rajgir in Nalanda district of Bihar.
- It was led by Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and India's Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju.
- The temple is a symbol of the shared Buddhist heritage and spiritual friendship of India and Bhutan.
- The first Buddhist concerts were also held here, making the place even more sacred to Buddhism.

Miscellaneous

India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve gets IUCN recognition

- The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) has recognized India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve located in Palk Bay, Tamil Nadu.
- This accreditation was proposed by the Omkar Foundation and approved at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi.

Dugong Conservation Reserve

- The Dugong Conservation Reserve was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu on 21st September 2022 under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- The reserve is spread over 448.34 sq km and has more than 12,250 hectares of seagrasslands.
- The dugong is listed as a species vulnerable to extinction on the IUCN Red List.

Dugong (Sea Cow)

- It is the only marine herbivorous mammal that relies on seagrass.
- In India, it is found in Palk Bay, Gulf of Mannar, and Gulf of Kutch.
- Dugongs can weigh more than 300 kg and range from 3.0 to 3.5 meters in length.

MoU for Kedardham and Hemkund Sahib Yatra

- An agreement (MoU) was signed between the Uttarakhand government and the National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) for two major ropeway projects in Uttarakhand.
 - NHLML is a specialized unit of the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Details of the projects

- The total cost will be around Rs 7,000 crore.
- Equity Partnership: 51% stake of NHLML and 49% stake of the Government of Uttarakhand.
- **First ropeway:** Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib (12.4 km), cost ~Rs 2,700 crore.
- **Second ropeway:** Sonprayag to Kedarnath (12.9 km), cost ~Rs 4,100 crore.
- The project will be based on tri-cable detachable gondola (3S) technology, which is considered extremely safe.
- This will make travel easier and faster for the passengers and will boost tourism and create new employment opportunities.

Tamil Nadu: First state to issue identity cards to SHG women

- Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to issue identity cards to women Self Help Group (SHG) members.
- The initiative was launched at Karuppur in Salem district of Tamil Nadu.
- It aims to provide institutional support to SHG members, give them access to financial and social benefits, and legitimize their role in women's economic activities.
- More than five lakh SHGs in the state of Tamil Nadu will benefit from this scheme.

Tamil Nadu's 'Ambu Karangal Scheme'

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the 'Ambu Karangal' scheme on 16th September 2025.
- Under this scheme, orphaned children or children who have only one parent alive and are unable to take care will be given a monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000.

- This assistance will be available until the child completes school education or turns 18, whichever is earlier.

Da Vinci Surgical Robot inaugurated for training at AIIMS, New Delhi

- AIIMS, New Delhi became the first government medical college in India where doctors and healthcare workers will get training on the da Vinci robotic surgical system.
- This system has been installed at the SET (Skills, E-learning and Telemedicine) facilitation center.

Da Vinci Robotic Surgical System

- Development: By Intuitive Surgical.
- It is the world's most advanced robotic platform for minimally invasive surgery.

Main characteristics

- 3D, high-definition visualization.
- More accuracy, efficiency and control to the surgeon.

'Gyan Bharatam Portal' launched

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Portal' on 12th September 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The portal aims to digitize, preserve and ensure public availability of ancient manuscripts of India.
- The platform will act as a centralized digital library, accessible to both scholars and the general public.
- It has been provided with AI based search, translation and vaccination.
- The portal will encourage research, translation and publication on rare manuscripts.

'Angikaar 2025' campaign

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal launched the 'Angikaar 2025' campaign.
- Objective: To raise awareness about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0, faster verification of applications and faster construction of sanctioned houses.
- So far, 1.20 crore houses have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0, out of which more than 94 lakh houses have been completed and delivered. The Angikaar campaign will expedite the construction of the remaining houses.
- Under this, people will be made aware by going door to door in 5,000+ urban bodies by October 2025 through campaigns, camps, loan fairs and cultural programs.

MY Bharat Aapda Mitra

- The central government has deployed more than 1,000 trained 'MY Bharat Aapda Mitra' in the flood-affected areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.
- The 'My Bharat' platform is a nationwide phygital initiative.
- It aims to connect the youth with volunteerism and experiential learning, organize and empower them and make them active in disaster management and social work.
- 'MY Bharat Aapda Mitra' are specially trained volunteers.
- It has been prepared for disaster management and rescue operations.

NITI Aayog's Strategy for Doubling Pulses Production

- NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive strategy on pulses production to propel India towards agricultural self-sufficiency.

Aim:

- Self-sufficiency in pulses production by 2030.
- Doubling production by 2047.

Current Situation

- Current production (2022): 26.06 million tonnes.
- Target by 2030: 34.45 million tons.
- Target by 2047: 51.57 million tons.

OIL and HCL sign for cooperation on strategic minerals

- Oil India Limited (OIL) and Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 19 September 2025 for the exploration and development of copper and associated critical and strategic minerals.
- It aims to promote mineral security and self-reliance of the country.
- This will ensure availability of strategic minerals and strengthen the supply chain of mineral resources including copper.
- HCL is a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Mines, active in the mining, processing, and marketing of copper.
- OIL is a Maharatna company under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, specializing in oil and gas exploration.

Central Government and Zepto's Partnership

- The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

with Zepto (a leading quick-commerce platform) on 24th September 2025 in September 2025.

- The objective of this agreement is to create more employment opportunities for the youth and increase their employability.
- Zepto will provide 10,000 job opportunities during the period of the MoU, creating a structured range of urban employment opportunities.
- Under this initiative, the government's National Career Service (NCS) portal will be used, which connects job seekers with verified employers.

National Career Service (NCS) Portal

- Launched: 20 July 2015.
- Ministry: Union Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- Objectives: Employment matching, career guidance, vocational training, job fairs and grievance redressal.

IIT Kanpur-Vietnam University Agreement

- IIT Kanpur and Vietnam National University (VNU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote research collaborations and academic exchanges on 18th September 2025.
- The agreement focuses on India-Vietnam educational relations, particularly in the areas of artificial intelligence, smart city development and drone innovation.
- The partnership will foster knowledge exchange, joint research initiatives, and capacity building among students, faculty, and researchers.
- The agreement will facilitate joint research and academic exchanges and promote innovation through shared infrastructure and resources.

NCMRWF and NSIL sign agreement

- The National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with New Space India Limited (NSIL) in New Delhi.
- This partnership is part of the Mission Mausam initiative, which was approved by the government on 11th September 2024.
- Under this agreement, 2 Direct Broadcast Network Stations will be set up.
- One station will be set up in the Delhi-NCR region and the other station will be in Chennai.
- These stations will receive data in real time from Indian and International Earth observation satellites.
- Mission Mausam aims to make India "Weather Ready" and "Climate Smart" at par with global standards.

SAI and IIT Delhi sign MoU for innovation in sports

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) National Centre for Research in Sports Sciences (NCSSR) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.
- Objective: To incorporate cutting-edge science and indigenous innovation into sports performance, enabling Indian athletes to become more competitive on the global stage.
- Focus: Development of indigenous sports equipment, reducing import dependency and promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat approach.
- Apart from this, the state-of-the-art Biomechanics Laboratory was inaugurated at IIT Delhi.
- This feature aims to provide a high-precision assessment of players' speed.

Department of Posts and MapmyIndia partner for DIGIPIN System

- The Department of Posts signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MapmyIndia-Mappls under the Ministry of Communications on 29th August 2025.
- This partnership aims to develop and implement the DIGIPIN system, giving every Indian address a digital identity through a unique geocode.
- DigiPIN will be developed as a geo-referenced digital address system separate from the traditional pincode.

Key Features of DIGIPIN

- DigiPIN will provide a unique digital geocode to each property or location.
- This system will enable users to easily find, verify, and navigate any address with precision.
- The initiative aims to improve service delivery, increase logistics efficiency, and strengthen e-governance.

Bhupen Hazarika Birth Centenary Celebrations

- The central government has started the celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of the great singer, poet and musician Bhupen Hazarika.
- The aim of this centenary celebration is to honour his contribution to music, cinema, and social change, and to pass on his legacy to future generations.
- Bhupen Hazarika was born on 8 September 1926 in Sadiya Nagar, Assam.
- He gave a national platform to the folk traditions of Assam and the Northeast and gave the message of communal harmony and world brotherhood through his songs.

- Bhupen Hazarika died on 5 November 2011 at the age of 85.
- He was a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly and also the President of the Sangeet Natak Akademi from 1998 to 2003.
- **Honours & Awards:** Bharat Ratna (2019, posthumous), Padma Vibhushan (2012, posthumous), Padma Shri (1977) and Padma Bhushan (2001)

100 Years of Self-Respect Movement

- This movement belongs to the State of Tamil Nadu.
- In the year 1925, E.V. Ramaswamy (Periyar) started the Self-Respect Movement (Suyamariyathai Iyakkam) in Tamil Nadu.
- Objective: To promote social equality, oppose the caste system, and instill pride in their Dravidian identity among non-Brahmins.
- This movement challenged Hindu mythology and Brahmanical dominance.
- Women leaders Vimal and Annai Meenambal carried forward the rights of Dalit women and the feminist movement.
- The self-respect movement later laid the foundation of the Dravidian movement. This led to the formation of major political parties such as the DMK and AIADMK.

DPIIT and ICICI Bank sign MoU for startups

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and ICICI Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 4th September 2025.
- The agreement will provide targeted support to startups under the Startup India initiative.
- ICICI Bank will launch a startup engagement program, which will be linked to the Startup India portal.
- This initiative will provide startups with real-time feedback, recognition of early market fit, and opportunities to gain investor confidence.

"The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath"

- India's popular myth-based author Amish Tripathi released his new work "The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath".
- The book is the second installment in his Indic Chronicles series, which aims to present the medieval history of India in an interesting and impactful style.
- The book focuses on the saga of the Chola dynasty and the historical incident of the invasion and revenge of the Somnath temple.

10. Conferences, Summit

Fourth edition of World Food India

- It was held on 25-28 September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Its theme was: "Prosperity through processing".

Highlights:

- The event was attended by more than 1800 exhibitors and more than 500 international buyers.
- It featured the Global Food Regulators Summit 2025, India International Seafood Exhibition, CEO Roundtable, Startup Exhibition, and various thematic sessions.
- It ensured the participation of 20+ countries and 25+ Indian states.

28th National e-Governance Conference 2025

- The conference was held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 22-23 September 2025.
- It was organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The theme of the conference is "Viksit Bharat: Civil Services and Digital Transformation".

First Tri-Service Academic Technology Symposium (T-SATS)

- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan inaugurated the first Tri-Services Academic Technology Symposium (T-SATS) at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on 22nd September 2025.
- It is a joint initiative of the Indian Armed Forces, academic institutions and R&D organisations.
- It aims to develop next generation indigenous technologies for national security.

Aim:

- To enhance synergy in research and development (R&D) between the armies and academia and to encourage researchers and students to contribute to military requirements.

World Teak Conference 2025

- The first-ever World Teak Conference (5th edition)

in India began on 17-20 September 2025 in Kochi, Kerala.

- The last World Teak Conference was held in September 2022 in Accra, Ghana.
- Main theme: "Sustainable Development of the Global Teak Sector – Adaptable to Future Markets and Environment."
- Organizer: Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), under the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.
 - Collaborators: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (India), Ticknet and ITTO (Japan).
- It was attended by 350+ delegates (scientists, policy makers, researchers, business representatives) from 40+ countries.

International Tea Conference

- Event: 18 to 20 September 2025, in Kochi.
- Organizers: Tea Board of India and United Tea Growers Association of Southern India.
- Theme: "Innovation of the Tea Ecosystem for the Future." "

International Conference on Jnana Bharatam and Manuscripts

- The first Gyan Bharatam International Conference was held from 11th to 13th September 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- The conference was attended by more than 1,100 participants.
- The conference aims to create a collaborative platform towards conservation, digitization and global sharing of India's manuscript heritage.

India hosts 5th Coast Guard Global Summit

- The 5th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) will be held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu in India in 2027.
- The event will be held to mark the 50th anniversary of the Indian Coast Guard.
- It aims to strengthen international maritime cooperation and address emerging challenges at sea.

AI Impact Conference 2026

- The Government of India will organize the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi in February 2026.
- **Objective:** To make AI technology accessible to everyone and to support AI adoption by the Global South.

National Conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Women Empowerment

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the 2-day National Conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Women Empowerment in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 14th September 2025.
- It outlined a detailed plan to promote women empowerment under the 'Tirupati Proposal'.
- The proposal seeks to institutionalize gender-sensitive budgeting and expand digital literacy programmes for women to ensure cyber security.

Inauguration of 5th Official Language Conference

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 5th All India Official Language Conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 14 September 2025.
- During this time, the Sarathi platform and the Hindi Shabd Sindhu Kosh were announced:
- **Sarathi Platform:** A digital platform that aims to promote the use of Hindi in government services and training.
- **Hindi Shabd Sindhu Kosh:** An ambitious project to create a digital Hindi encyclopedia, aiming to make it the world's largest linguistic encyclopedia by 2029.
 - **Objective:** To provide standardized Hindi terminology in technical and scientific fields.

16th Combined Commanders' Conference

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference held at the Eastern Command Headquarters in Kolkata, West Bengal on September 15.
- The conference is the premier forum for discussions on India's military preparedness, national security and defence strategy.
- The theme of the conference was "The Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future".
- Top defence and security officials, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and Chief of Defence Staff

(CDS) General Anil Chauhan, were present at the meeting.

- This is the first time that the conference has been held at the Eastern Command Headquarters.

Second National Conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Chiefs

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 2nd National Conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Chiefs in New Delhi on 16 September 2025.
- The conference is an important platform to reinforce the commitment to a "Nasha Mukh Bharat" and to craft a solid strategic roadmap.
- The main theme of the conference was "United Resolve, Shared Responsibility".
- The conference witnessed the release of the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Annual Report 2024.
- In addition, an **online drug disposal drive** was launched.
- It was attended by ANTF heads of 36 States and UTs, representatives of other government departments and key stakeholders dealing with drugs.

Sarpanch Samvaad National Quality Conclave 2025

- The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj organized 'Sarpanch Samvad National Quality Conclave' on 15-17 September 2025 in New Delhi.
- Its central theme was "Viksit Gram se Viksit Bharat".
- The conference saw discussions on local Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 75 eminent sarpanches from 22 states shared their experiences and best practices.
- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil inaugurated the conference.
- **Note:** The "Sarpanch Samvaad App" helps Sarpanches to share solutions at the grassroots level by connecting them on a technological platform.

100-Day Good Governance Challenge:

- It was started on 17 September 2025 and will run till 25 December 2025 (Good Governance Day).
- **Objective:** To encourage good governance and best practices in villages led by Sarpanches, strengthen the role of Panchayats, and promote the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals at the local level.

Semicon India 2025

- It was organized on 2-4 September 2025 at Yashobhoomi (IICC) in New Delhi.
- It is India's largest semiconductor and electronics programme.
- **Objective:** To position India as a global hub in semiconductor and electronics manufacturing.
- Semicon India is part of the SEMI Global Network and is powered by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) of India.
- Theme: "Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse".

Hathei Chilli Festival

- The 14th Sirarakhong Hathei Chilli Festival was held at Sirarakhong village in Ukhrul district of Manipur.
- The celebration is dedicated to Hathai chilli, which is GI tagged and is renowned for its distinctive aroma, flavor, and bright red color.
- The festival aims to promote agro-tourism in Manipur and provide an opportunity to the chilli farmers to connect directly with the market.
- Hathai chilli is produced in Sirarakhong village, Manipur, and is used in spices, pickles, and food processing.

National VRDL Conclave-2025

- The National Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) Conclave was held in New Delhi on 11-12 September 2025.
- It consisted of three major entities — the Department of Health Research (DHR), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and the VRDL network.
- The conclave provided a common platform for scientists, researchers and industry.
- It discussed collaboration, deliberation and innovation.

17th BioFach India 2025

- The Organic Trade Fair was held from 30th August to 1st September 2025 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.
- It is considered to be the largest organic trade fair in the country.
- Major products displayed: cardamom, ginger, king chilli, turmeric, millet, fruit, rice and GI products.
- The event is an effort to connect farmers to national and international markets and strengthen their presence.

India Buildcon 2026

- The India Buildcon International Trade Fair will be held in New Delhi from 29th April to 2nd May, 2026.
- The fair focuses on building materials and technology.
- It will include 30,000+ Indian visitors and around 1,000 international buyers from 100 countries.
- The exhibition will bring together global buyers, domestic participants and government agencies.

19th National Jamboree

- The 19th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides will be held in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh from 23rd to 29th November 2025.
- It will be attended by more than 35,000 participants from India and abroad.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has constructed a world-class tent city for the safety and convenience of the participants.
- Adventure sports, science exhibitions and cultural activities will be organized at this jamboree.
- **Note:** The 18th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides was held from 4th to 10th January 2023 at Rohat in Pali District of Rajasthan on the theme "Progress with Peace".
- The first Jamboree in India took place in Hyderabad in 1953.

International Space Conference 2025

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the International Space Conference 2025 on 8th September.
- The theme of this year's conference was "Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy and Development".
- Organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the conference was attended by over 500 delegates, including policymakers, academicians, industry leaders, and startup entrepreneurs.

Swachhotsav 2025

- The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, announced the Swachhotsav 2025 campaign.
- The campaign ran from 17th September to 2nd October 2025.
- Objective: To inspire citizens to celebrate a clean and green festival.
- This year's theme: "Swachhotsav"

Shilp Samagam Mela 2025

- The Shilp Samagam Mela 2025 was inaugurated at Freedom Park, Bengaluru.
- The fair was held from 5th to 14th September 2025.
- **Organizer:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in collaboration with TULIP.
- It aims to encourage India's rich art and cultural heritage and provide a national and international platform to artisans from SC, OBC, and Safai Mitras.
- It showcased metallurgical art, wooden artefacts, cane and bamboo products, pottery, textiles and handmade products.

"Mother Mary Comes to Me" Book: Arundhati Roy

- Author Arundhati Roy launched the new book "Mother Mary Comes to Me".
- The memoir is based on his mother, Mary Roy, an honest portrayal of the mother-daughter relationship, emotional wounds, and strained relationships.
- Arundhati Roy won the Booker Prize for her debut novel "The God of Small Things", published in 1997.
- Arundhati Roy was awarded the PEN Pinter Award by English PEN in 2024.

SAMHiTA Conference

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the SAMHiTA conference in New Delhi.
- SAMHiTA Full Form: South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive.

- The initiative aims to preserve and propagate the manuscript traditions of India and South Asia.
- Under this, a database of manuscripts preserved in libraries, archives and institutions of different countries will be prepared.
- These manuscripts will be stored in digital form to provide easy access to researchers and scholars.

Mela Pat Utsav

- The three-day annual Mela Pat Utsav was held on August 29-31 at Bhaderwah (Doda district) in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The festival is dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, the presiding deity of the Bhaderwah Valley.
- This tradition is considered a symbol of the cultural identity, peace and social harmony of Bhaderwah.

20th Global Sustainability Summit

- The conference was held in New Delhi on 2-3 September 2025.
- **Organizer:** CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CII-ITC CoE) |
- Theme: "Reimagining Sustainability: Resilient. Regenerative. Responsible."

Key Announcements Policy Initiatives

1. **Environment Audit Rules, 2025**
 - Launch: 29 August 2025
 - Two-tier audit and monitoring system
2. **Revised Green Credit Programme**
 - Involvement of Private Entities
 - Ecological Restoration and Investment Incentives
3. **Amendment in Forest Rules (Conservation & Augmentation), 2023**
 - Simplicity of Procedures for Critical Mineral Mission
 - Identification of 4 important minerals and 29 others

11. Indices & Reports

Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025

- It was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- India has been ranked 38th in the Global Innovation Index in 2025. (2015) It was ranked 81st.)
- Switzerland is in first place and Sweden is in second place, while China is in 10th place.

Top 5 Most Innovative Countries in the World

1. Switzerland
2. Sweden
3. United States
4. Republic of Korea
5. Singapore

India's Performance:

- Best – Knowledge & Technology Production (22nd) and Market Sophistication (38th).
- The weakest – Business Sophistication (64th), Infrastructure (61st) and Institutions (58th).
- Europe is the most innovative region, with 15 countries in the top 25.
- The global R&D growth rate is projected to decline from 2.9% in 2024 to 2.3% in 2025.
- **Top Innovation Clusters** – Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou (China and Hong Kong), Tokyo-Yokohama (Japan) and San Jose-San Francisco (US).
- Globally, 4 cities of India are included in the top 100.

Top Clusters of India

1. Bengaluru (21st)
2. Delhi (26th)
3. Mumbai (46th)
4. Chennai (84th)

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2025

- Issuer: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, New Delhi.

Overall Top 3 Institutions:

1. IIT Madras
2. IISc Bengaluru
3. IIT Bombay

- There has been a significant increase in higher education as the total student strength was less than 3.5 crore in 2014-15, while it has gone up to 4.5 crore at present, and the government aims to double it by 2030.
- The international rankings have also improved as only 11 institutions were in the top 500 in 2014 in the QS World University Rankings, while the number has currently gone up to 54.

Category-wise Top Institutions:

- Engineering: IIT Madras
- Management: IIM Ahmedabad
- Medical: AIIMS Delhi
- Method: NLSIU Bengaluru

Financial Times Masters in Management (FT MiM) 2025 Rankings



- The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore has been adjudged the best management institute in the country in the Financial Times Masters in Management (FT MiM) 2025 rankings.
- IIM Bangalore's two-year full-time MBA program – Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) – was ranked 28th globally and first in India.
- It is the only Indian B-school to make it to the top 30 in this list.
- **Note:** IIM Ahmedabad was ranked as the best management institute in the country as per the NIRF 2025 rankings.
- This ranking of the Financial Times is based on 19 criteria.
- In this, 56% of the weightage is given to the feedback of the alumni, while the contribution of data provided by the institution is 44%.

Indian Business Schools

Rank	Institute	Place
28	IIM Bangalore	Bengaluru
34	IIM Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad
35	S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research	Mumbai
41	IIM Calcutta	Kolkata
57	IIM Lucknow	Lucknow
58	XLRI – Xavier School of Management	Jamshedpur
69	IIM Kozhikode	Kozhikode
72	Management Development Institute (MDI)	Gurgaon
81	IIM Indore	Indore
98	IIM Udaipur	Udaipur

Top 5 Business Schools in the World (FT MiM 2025)

Rank	Institute	Country
1	University of St. Gallen	Switzerland
2	HEC Paris	France
3	INSEAD	France/ Singapore
4	Tsinghua University – School of Economics and Management	China
5	Nova School of Business and Economics	Portugal

“Environmental Accounts on Forests 2025” report

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the report “Environment Accounts on Forests-2025” at the inaugural session of the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations (CoCSSO) in Chandigarh on 25-26 September 2025.
- The report is the first dedicated publication on forest accounting based on the United Nations Environmental Economic Accounts (SEEA) framework and is published for the 8th time.

Key findings:

- **Physical Assets Account:** Forest cover increased by 2.4% (17,444.61 sq km) from 2010-11 to 2021-

22, reaching a total area of 7.15 lakh sq km.

- **State-wise major increases:** Kerala (4,137 sq km), Karnataka (3,122 sq km), and Tamil Nadu (2,606 sq km).
- **Expansion Account:** A net increase of 3,356 sq km in forest expansion in 2013-2023.
 - **State-wise major increases:** Uttarakhand (6.3%), Odisha (1.97%), and Jharkhand (1.9%).
- **Position Account:** An increase of 7.32% (305.53 million cubic meters) in growing stock in 2013-23.
 - **State-wise major increases:** Madhya Pradesh (136 million cubic meters), Chhattisgarh (51 million cubic meters), and Telangana (28 million cubic meters); Among the Union Territories, Andaman and Nicobar Islands (77 million cubic meters).
- **Service Accounts:**
 - Provisioning Services:** Between 2011-12 and 2021-22, the provision of forest services (timber and non-timber products) increased from ₹30.72 thousand crore to ₹37.93 thousand crore.
 - Top states: Maharashtra (23.78 thousand crore), Gujarat (14.15 thousand crore), and Kerala (8.55 thousand crore).
 - Regulation Services (Carbon Retention):** Carbon retention services increased by 51.82% from 2015-16 to 2021-22, from ₹409.1 to ₹620.97 thousand crore.
 - Major contributors: Arunachal Pradesh (Rs 296,000 crore), Uttarakhand (Rs 156.6 thousand crore) and Assam (Rs 129.96 thousand crore).

• **COCSSO Conference:**

- The 29th COCSSO Conference was held in Chandigarh on 25-26 September 2025.
- Its theme was “Strengthening Local Level Governance”.

CAG Report on Public Debt of States

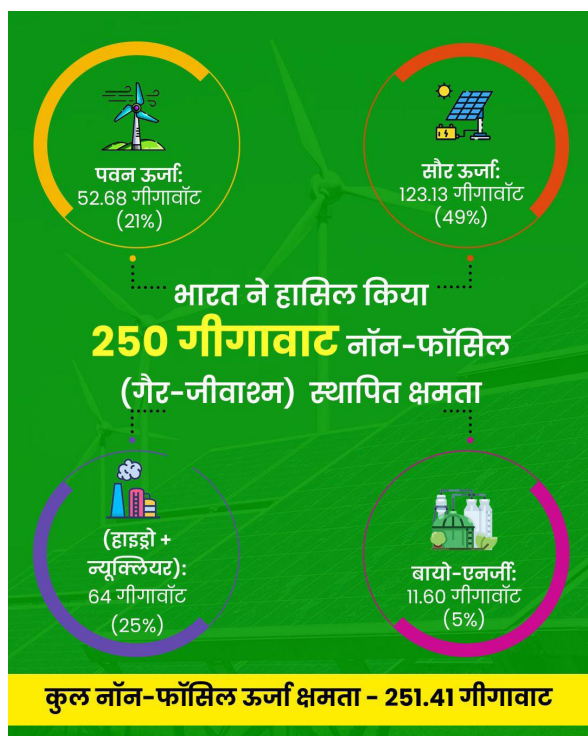
- According to the recently released Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report, the total public debt of 28 states has increased 3 times in the last 10 years.
- The total debt was Rs 17.57 lakh crore in 2013-14, which increased to Rs 59.60 lakh crore in 2022-23.
- This debt is 22.96% of the GSDP of the states in 2022-23, compared to 16.66% in 2013-14.

- **Highest debt:** Punjab (40.35% of GSDP), Nagaland (37.15%) and West Bengal (33.70%).
- **Lowest debt:** Odisha (8.45%), Maharashtra (14.64%) and Gujarat (16.37%).

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

- It is a constitutional post, which is mentioned in Articles 148 to 151 of the Constitution.
- The CAG submits the report of the Government of India to the President and the report of the State Government to the Governor.

India achieves 250 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity



- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi announced on 11th September 2025 that India has achieved 250 GW of non-fossil energy capacity.
- This includes solar, wind, hydropower, biomass and nuclear energy.
- India aims to achieve 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030.

India's Infant Mortality Rate and Demographic Statistics: SRS 2023 Report

- Recently, the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2023 was released.
- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** Decreased to 25 in 2023, marking the lowest level ever. This was a decline of 37.5% compared to 2013.
 - o It has come down from 44 to 28 in rural areas,

from 27 to 18 in urban areas.

- o **Most:** Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (37)
- o **Lowest:** Kerala (5).
- **Total Fertility Rate (TFR):** 1.9 nationally (below replacement level 2.1).
 - o Most buses: Bihar (2.8), Lowest: Delhi (1.2).
- **Under 5 years of age mortality rate (U5MR):** Decreased from 30 in 2022 to 29 in 2023
- **Crude Birth Rate (CBR):** 18.4 nationally
 - o **Highest:** Bihar (25.8)
 - o **Lowest:** Andaman & Nicobar (10.1).
- **Crude Mortality Rate (CDR):** 6.4 nationally
 - o **Highest:** Chhattisgarh (8.3)
 - o **Lowest:** Chandigarh (4).
- **Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB):** Increased from 914 (2020-22) to 917 (2021-23).
 - o **Highest:** Chhattisgarh (974)
 - o **Lowest:** Uttarakhand (868)
 - o **In rural areas:** 914
 - o **In urban areas:** 925
- **Birth Mortality Rate:** Decreased from 129 in 1971 to 80% in 2023.
 - o **Highest:** Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh Uttar Pradesh (37)
 - o **Lowest:** Manipur (3)
- **Elderly population (60+ years):** proportion increased to 9.7%.
 - o **Highest:** Kerala (15%)
 - o **Lowest:** Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand (approx. 7.6-7.7%)

Registrar General and Census Commissioner (RGI)

- This office was established in 1961 under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- It is responsible for the implementation of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

NARI-2025 Report

- The National Commission for Women (NCW) released the 'NARI-2025 report' based on women's safety.
- The report is based on a survey of 12,770 women conducted in 31 major cities.
- It was developed by Pvalue Analytics.
- Kohima in Nagaland is considered to be the safest city in India.
- Chairperson of National Commission for Women: Vijaya Rahatkar.

The safest cities	The most unsafe cities
1. Kohima (Nagaland)	1. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
2. Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	2. Patna (Bihar)
3. Bhubaneswar (Odisha)	3. Faridabad (Haryana)
4. Aizawl (Mizoram)	4. Delhi
5. Gangtok (Sikkim)	5. Kolkata (West Bengal)
6. Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)	6. Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir)
7. Mumbai (Maharashtra)	7. Ranchi (Jharkhand)

Report on Unified District Information System for Education Plus 2024-25 on School Education

- The Union Ministry of Education released a detailed report on the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2024-25 on school education in India.
- According to this report, for the first time, the number of school teachers in India has crossed 1 crore.
- This figure represents a 6.7% increase compared to the 2022-23 season.
- At present, more than 24 crore students are studying in about 15 lakh schools.
- Nearly half of these are enrolled in government schools, 41% in private institutions and the rest in government-aided schools.
- The proportion of female teachers has now reached 54.2%.
- Girls account for 48.3% of the total enrolment.
- It has made positive progress in indicators such as enrolment, retention, and dropout rates.

12. Important Days

Date	Day	Purpose/Significance	Theme for 2025	Special Facts
September 2	World Coconut Day	Awareness about the benefits of coconut cultivation and consumption	Uncovering Coconut's Power, Inspiring Global Action	It is celebrated annually on 2nd September
September 5	Teacher's Day (India)	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's Birthday Honours Contribution of Teachers	–	First Vice President (1952-62), Second President (1962-67)
September 8	International Literacy Day	Awareness on the importance of education and literacy	Promoting Literacy in the Digital Age	Declared by UNESCO in 1966
September 8	World Physiotherapy Day	Recognition of the role of physiotherapists in health improvement and mobility	Healthy Aging: Preventing Weakness and Falls	By the World Physiotherapy Organization since 1996
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Suicide Prevention and Awareness	Changing the Narrative on Suicide	In collaboration with the IASP and WHO since 2003
September 11	National Forest Martyrs Day	Remembering the sacrifices to protect the natural heritage	–	Announced by MoEFCC in 2013
September 13	World First Aid Day	First Aid and Awareness on Climate Emergencies	First Aid and Climate Change	By IFRC, Second Saturday of September
September 14	Hindi Day	To promote Hindi language and establish it as the official language	–	On September 14, 1949, Hindi got the status of official language
September 15	National Engineer's Day	Honouring the contribution of the engineering sector	–	Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary
September 16	World Ozone Day	Protection and Awareness of the Ozone Layer	Global Action from Science	In memory of the Montreal Protocol (1987)
September 17	World Patient Safety Day	Promoting the security of healthcare	Safe care for every newborn and every baby	Established in 2019 by WHO
September 18	World Bamboo Day	Promoting Bamboo as a Sustainable and Multi-Functional Resource	Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design	It is celebrated annually on 18 September

September 21	International Day of Peace	Strengthening the ideals of global peace	–	Established by the UN
September 21	World Alzheimer's Day	Awareness of Alzheimer's disease	–	The first description of the disease was Dr. Alois Alzheimer's (1906).
September 22	World Rhino Day	Awareness on rhino conservation	–	Indian Rhino: Rhinoceros unicornis
September 22	World Rose Day	Respect for Cancer Patients and Caregivers	–	It is celebrated annually on 22 September
September 23	Sign Language Day	Awareness of the importance of sign language	No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights	It is celebrated annually on 23 September
September 23	Ayurveda Day	Promoting Ayurveda	Ayurveda for People & Planet	Fixed date from 2025 September 23rd September, AIIA to be held at Goa
September 24	World Gorilla Day	Awareness on the conservation of gorillas and their natural habitat	–	It is celebrated annually on 24 September
September 25	World Lung Day	Awareness on Lung Health	Healthy Lungs, Healthy Life	On 25th September every year
September 25	World Pharmacists Day	Recognition of the Role of Pharmacists in Healthcare	Think Health, Think Pharmacist	By FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation)
September 25	Antyodaya Diwas	Honoring the idea of upliftment of the last person in society	–	Birth Anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
September 26	European Language Day	Promotion of Multilingualism and Cultural Exchange	–	Launched by the Council of Europe in 2001
September 27	World Tourism Day	Awareness on Sustainable Tourism	Tourism and Sustainable Transformation	UNWTO, 2025 Event Malacca (Malaysia)
September 29	World Heart Day	Awareness on Heart Disease and Stroke	Don't Miss a Beat	On 29th September every year