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Important Personalities

- Who has been given another three-month extension as Interim MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank? **Ketan Merchant.**
- Who has been appointed OpenAI's Vice-President for Southeast Asia and Australia? **Sandhya Devanathan.**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of TVS Motor Company? **Peyman Kargar.**
- Whom will Peyman Kargar succeed as CEO of TVS Motor? **K. N. Radhakrishnan.**
- Who has been appointed as Directors in the National Testing Agency? **Ravi Kumar Singh and Prasanna Venkatesh V.**
- Who has been appointed as Joint Director in the NTA? **Amit Samdariya.**
- Who has become the new King of Norway? **Haakon VIII.**
- Which company appointed George Kovoor as its first-ever Chief Executive Officer? **Parle Biscuits.**
- Which SAI official has been appointed Regional Director of the Gandhinagar centre? **Prashant Singh.**
- Who was appointed the first CEO of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust? **Air Marshal (Retd.) Jeetendra Mishra.**
- Who has been approved by RBI as the Interim CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank? **Carol Kripanayana Furtado.**
- Who has been named the next CEO of Adobe? **Anil Chakravarthy.**
- Who has been elected as the next President of Estonia? **Ülle Madise.**
- Who has been appointed the new Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands? **Dr. Dinesh Sharma.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of NCSK? **Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana.**
- Who was appointed Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court? **Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi.**
- Who has been re-elected as Secretary-General of APPU for 2027–2030? **Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh.**
- Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi, who was recently sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of which High Court? **Bombay High Court.**
- Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC)? **Tavengwa Mukuhlani.**
- Who has been approved for a fresh five-year term as Executive Chairman of Tata Sons? **N. Chandrasekaran.**
- Who has been appointed as the World Bank Group's Chief Economist? **Michael Kremer.**
- Who has become the first woman to head the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)'s elite CoBRA unit? **Sanjukta Parashar**
- Who has been reappointed as a Whole-Time Member (WTM) of SEBI? **Kamlesh Chandra Varshney.**
- Who has been given the additional charge of IBBI Chairperson? **Jayanti Prasad.**
- Who has been re-elected unopposed as President of the ICA Youth Committee for 2026–2030? **Harsh Sanghani.**
- Which Japanese artist, known as the "Queen of Polka Dots", died at the age of 97 in August 2026? **Yayoi Kusama.**
- Gaurang Vyas, who passed away recently, was prominently associated with which music industry? **Gujarati music and cinema.**
- Who was the renowned Carnatic musicologist who passed away at 98 in September 2026? **S.R. Janakiraman.**
- Who was Tung Chee-hwa, who recently passed away at the age of 89? **Hong Kong's first Chief Executive after the 1997 handover.**
- Who was the veteran Tamil scholar and Pattimandram moderator who passed away in September 2026? **Solomon Pappaiah**
- What position did Princess Astrid hold from 1954 to 1968, who passed away recently? **Norway's First Lady.**
- For which medical technology was Dr G. Vijayaraghavan, who passed away recently, known as a pioneer in India? **Two-dimensional (2D) echocardiography.**
- Mark Wood, who passed away recently, represented which country in international cricket? **England.**
- Who was Mushtaq Khan, who passed away recently? **A veteran Hindi film and television actor.**

National & International News

- Which authority issued the Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements, 2022? **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).**
- Under which Act are the CCPA's advertising guidelines issued? **Consumer Protection Act, 2019.**
- Which section provides penalties for misleading advertisements under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019? **Section 21.**



- Under which Act has the Mediation Council of India been established? **Mediation Act, 2023.**
- Under which section of the Mediation Act, 2023 is the Council established? **Section 31(1).**
- Which rules establish Indian Standard Time as the common reference for legal, administrative, commercial and official purposes across India? **Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026.**
- Which U.S. legislation was unanimously passed by the House to strengthen enforcement against international trade crimes? **PAIL Act (Protecting American Industry and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act).**
- Which Ministry prescribes minimum standards for mortuaries? **MoHFW**
- How many members are there in the JPC constituted to examine the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026? **31 members.**
- Which institution is hosting the BRICS Chief Justices' Forum 2026? **The Supreme Court of India.**
- How is the "prior price" defined under the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020? **The lowest price at which a product was offered during the preceding 30 days.**
- Which new constitutional provision has been proposed for Ladakh? **Article 371(K)**
- Which legislation will be replaced by the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026? **Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.**
- Which Drugs Rules are proposed to be amended to strengthen oversight of prescription drugs? **Drugs Rules, 1945.**
- Which rules have been amended by the Passports (Amendment) Rules, 2026? **Passports Rules, 1980.**
- Under which Article of the Constitution are High Court judges appointed? **Article 217.**
- Which state launched the Startup Mission portal and Startup Policy-2026? **Uttar Pradesh.**
- What major examination-system reform is being implemented at NTA? **A four-tier paper-checking process.**
- CISF comes under which Union Ministry? **Ministry of Home Affairs.**
- Which statutory body has recently been established under the Mediation Act, 2023? **Mediation Council of India.**
- Which state announced its first ozone-based drinking water treatment project? **Himachal Pradesh.**
- What is the name of India's first AI-powered industrial safety platform? **Agni Kawach.**
- Which state announced the establishment of a Motor Sports City? **Tamil Nadu.**
- Which two tiger reserves have emerged as India's most successful sites for vulture reintroduction as per Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)? **Melghat and Pench Tiger Reserves.**

- Which three states are covered under the latest approved ITI cluster investment plans under PM-SETU? **Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana.**
- UIDAI recently launched which tools to simplify Aadhaar-based digital onboarding? **Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox.**
- Which organisation released the first-ever district-level estimates for India's unincorporated non-agricultural sector? **National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).**
- What is the name of India's first independent photonics industry body? **India Photonics Association (IPA)**
- Where were the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields inaugurated? **Leh, Ladakh.**
- Where is Asia's first dedicated Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) proposed to be established? **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.**
- Which state became the first to offer free registration of rural properties under the initiative? **Madhya Pradesh.**
- How many States/UTs signed MoUs with the Civil Aviation Ministry for the next phase of UDAN? **21 States/UTs.**
- Who represented India at the 25th Special Representatives' Talks on the India-China Boundary Question? **Ajit Doval.**
- Which country entered a major oil-development agreement with the United States involving more than 65 billion barrels of proven reserves in August 2026? **Venezuela**
- In which sixth-generation fighter programme has India received 'Dialogue Partner' status? **Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP).**
- Which three countries jointly lead the GCAP? **United Kingdom, Japan and Italy.**
- What is the sixth-generation fighter under GCAP popularly known as? **Tempest.**
- What status has India received in the GCAP? **Dialogue Partner.**
- Which country became the 71st signatory to the Artemis Accords? **Türkiye**
- Which country will India appoint a Defence Attaché to? **Belgium, with the Defence Attaché based in Brussels.**
- With which country, India signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on wetland conservation? **Germany.**
- Which organisation adopted the "Correct the Map" resolution? **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).**
- How many countries are participating in the global 6G initiative joined by India? **26 countries.**
- Israel recently opened its first resident embassy in which country? **Slovenia.**
- The IAEA recently referred which country to the UN Security Council over nuclear non-compliance? **Iran.**
- What carbon-pricing scheme of India has been recognised by the UK under its CBAM? **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS).**
- Which countries/organisation were involved in the proposed regional talks on the Strait of Hormuz? **Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries**
- Which country has India approved to export electricity for 18 hours a day until December 31, 2026? **Nepal.**
- What is the major facility to be established in India under the NIXI–APNIC partnership? **APNIC RPKI Repository Mirror.**
- Which year will India and Vietnam observe as the "Year of India-Vietnam Friendship"? **2027.**
- Which agreement is central to India's objection to the Pakistan-China boundary arrangement? **The 1963 China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement.**
- Which country's Parliament passed legislation to implement the India–New Zealand FTA? **New Zealand.**
- Which two countries have reached a deal to expand the US military presence in Greenland? **The United States and Denmark.**
- Which country held the G20 Presidency in 2026? **United States.**
- Who led India's delegation at the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting 2026? **Manohar Lal.**
- On the sidelines of which UN event was OneSCD – A Global Partnership to Advance Equity and Transform Sickle Cell Care launched? **UNGA 81**
- Which Bangladesh airline signed a deal with Boeing to purchase 11 new aircraft? **Biman Bangladesh Airlines.**



Book: Switzy
Author: Emma Cline
About: An ageing businessman travels worldwide while facing loneliness, fading memories, and approaching death.

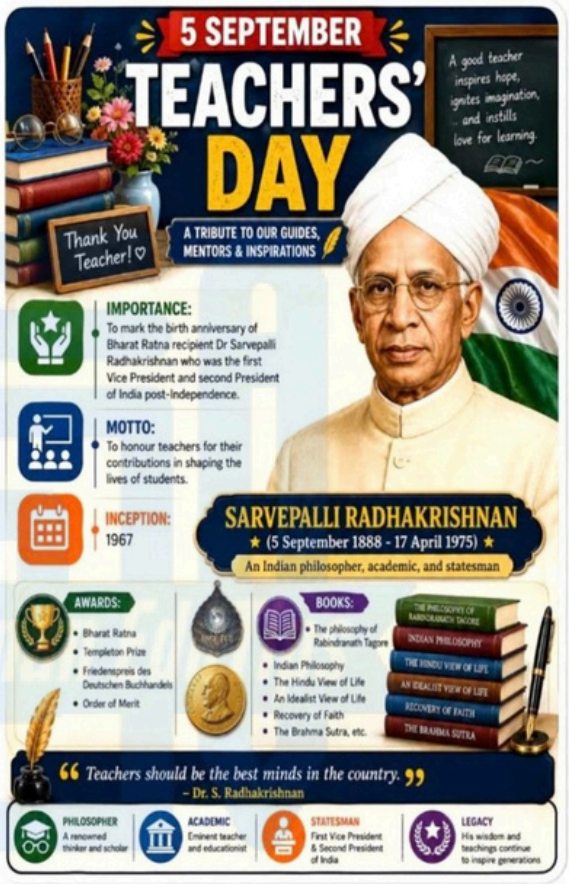
Important Projects & Schemes

- What is the name of the Tamil Nadu scheme that provides reimbursement for three LPG cylinders annually? **Annapoorani Super Six Scheme.**
- What is the primary objective of Mission Samriddh Gaon? **To develop poverty-free, employment-rich villages with basic amenities.**
- What is the total outlay of the GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme? **₹23,731 crore.**
- Where was Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031 released? **Agatti, Lakshadweep.**
- What is the name of the AI-based tea plantation monitoring project launched by NIT Rourkela, ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), and the Tea Board of India? **CHAAYANKAN.**
- What is the name of Chhattisgarh's ₹500-crore initiative for startups and skill development? **Mukhyamantri Startup and NIPUN Mission.**
- What is the eligible entry age under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) ? **18–40 years.**
- What is the total financial outlay of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme? **₹13,000 crore.**
- Which scheme provides LPG connections to eligible poor households? **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).**
- What is the total outlay of the new GOBARdhan framework? **₹23,731 crore.**
- What is the eligible age group under the DURGA Scheme? **20–40 years.**



Banking & Economy

- Which two banks have partnered to leverage NRI foreign-currency deposits? **Citigroup and Axis Bank.**
- Which company launched UPI 123Pay for feature-phone users? **PhonePe.**
- Which organisation received RBI approval to acquire up to 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank? **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).**
- Which bank recently received Scheduled Bank status from the RBI? **Coastal Local Area Bank Limited.**
- What is the theme of Sparsh Week 2026 by Axis Bank? **"Act with Speed"**
- Which company received Payment Aggregator authorisation from the RBI in 2026? **Pluxee India**
- What is the new EPFO mandatory coverage wage ceiling? **₹25,000 per month.**
- Which bank signed an Escrow Agreement for the sale of its stake in PNB MetLife? **Jammu & Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank).**
- What is the new name of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited? **ICICI Life Insurance Limited.**
- Which Indian port emerged as the world's fastest-growing container port in the first half of 2026? **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA).**
- Which country will host the 18th BRICS Summit in September 2026? **India.**
- What was the theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026? **"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"**
- What is the theme of WCEF 2026? **"Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity"**
- What export value limit has been exempted from the registration requirement as per Ministry of Commerce and Industry? **Export consignments up to ₹3 lakh.**
- What trade agreement are India and Canada negotiating to strengthen bilateral trade and investment? **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).**
- When was the e-Shram Portal launched? **26 August 2021.**
- Which regulator introduced the IT Resilience Index (ITRI)? **SEBI.**
- Which organisation launched RAINCHNNAI, a Chennai rainfall-based weather futures contract? **National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX).**
- Up to what amount will UPI payments remain free of bank charges? **Up to ₹2,000.**
- India signed the First Additional Protocol to the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with which regional bloc? **MERCOSUR.**



- What was the theme of SEMICON India 2026? **"Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem."**
- Which Indian IT company partnered with DGCX to modernise derivatives-market infrastructure? **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**
- Which organisation released district-level labour market indicators for the first time? **National Statistical Office (NSO).**
- Which network powers the co-branded credit card launched by novio and IOB? **RuPay.**
- Which institution approved a $200 million loan to modernise Bangladesh's power distribution network? **Asian Development Bank (ADB).**

- Which company commissioned India's largest 7 GW solar cell manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh? **Premier Energies Limited.**
- What is the name of the B2B bill-payment facility launched by TBX? **B2B Bill Payments on TrustHub.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen pharmaceutical exports and prevent product diversion? **CBIC and Pharmexcil.**
- Which institution partnered with Netflix to offer scholarships to 100 creative-technology students? **Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT).**
- Which company joined the UN Global Compact Network India in August 2026? **WAE Limited.**
- Which Japanese bank signed an MoU with Tata Capital in August 2026? **Resona Bank.**
- Which two institutions signed an MoU to strengthen financing for rural infrastructure projects in August 2026? **NABARD and NaBFID.**
- Which two organisations signed an agreement to establish an End-to-End Optical Network Test Bed? **DoT and C-DOT.**
- Which organisation has signed an MoU with the Drone Federation of India to strengthen counter-drone capabilities? **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).**
- What is the primary objective of the CISF-DFI MoU? **To enhance counter-drone skills and operational preparedness.**
- Which two States signed an MoU to resolve the long-pending Sone River water-sharing dispute? **Bihar and Jharkhand.**
- Which two countries elevated their bilateral relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in August 2026? **India and Uzbekistan.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to strengthen the culinary ecosystem in Eastern India? **— Forum of Indian Food Importers (FIFI) and Eastern India Culinary Association (EICA).**
- Which two organisations recently signed an MoU to strengthen climate-resilient agriculture? **NABARD and the India Meteorological Department (IMD).**
- India and Belgium are strengthening cooperation in which sector? **Maritime sector.**
- Which two regulatory bodies signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation on clearing houses? **SEBI and ESMA.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to modernise foodgrain management in India? **Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) and Food Corporation of India (FCI).**
- Which company signed a five-year ammunition supply agreement with IRRPL? **Adani Defence & Aerospace.**
- NALCO recently signed a Technology Licensing Agreement with which UAE-based company? **Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA).**
- Which Russian company is partnering with HAL in the civil aircraft production project? **United Aircraft Corporation (UAC).**
- Which two space agencies are key partners in India–France space cooperation? **ISRO and CNES**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU for developing a Food Processing Park in Bihar? **Bihar Industries Department and AIM Global Foundation, Dubai.**
- Which two organisations partnered to expand UPI acceptance across Singapore? **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and FOMO Pay.**
- Which organisations signed a tripartite MoU to support energy-sector startups? **MC^{2+} Foundation, IIT Bombay and SINE, IIT Bombay.**
- Which two institutions signed a five-year MoU to promote Ayurveda, holistic healthcare and ecological sustainability? **Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and Heartfulness Institute (HFI).**
- Which state has signed an agreement for implementing the Amended BharatNet Programme under the State-led model? **Jharkhand**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to expand pension coverage in rural areas? **Department of Rural Development and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).**
- Which six states/UTs signed an agreement for the rejuvenation and management of the Yamuna river basin? **Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi**
- Which company has signed an MoU with NSHIP-AP to develop a greenfield shipyard at Dugarajapatnam? **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).**
- Which two organisations have entered into twin partnerships to strengthen cybersecurity and counter-drone capabilities? **CISF and IIT Kanpur.**
- Which Indian company partnered with Pratt & Whitney Canada for the HALE UAV programme? **Bharat Forge Ltd.**
- India signed two MoUs with which country for technical cooperation on the Kalpasar Project? **The Netherlands.**

Awards & Recognitions

- Which three individuals received the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award? **Tommy Koh, Runa Khan and Bo Kyi.**
- Who was conferred with the Kalinga Ratna Award recently? **Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Dipak Misra.**
- Who has been selected for the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026? **Kishor Makwana.**
- Who has been selected for the 2026 Borlaug CAST Communication Award? **Dr. Karimbhai M. Maredia.**
- Who received the Sansad Ratna Award for the fourth time in 2026? **P.P. Chaudhary**
- Which department won the First Prize in the Rajbhasha Kirti Awards for 2025–26? **Department of Financial Services (DFS).**
- Who has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024? **Veteran Kannada actor Anant Nag.**
- Who has been named the recipient of the 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award? **Sethuraman Panchanathan.**
- At which film festival did Indian Film "Angh" win the Platform Prize 2026? **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).**
- Which film was selected as India's official entry for the Oscars 2027? **Gondhal.**
- Which film won the Best Feature Film award at the 72nd National Film Awards? **Article 370**
- Who will receive the National Lata Mangeshkar Samman 2026? **Music composer Shantanu Moitra.**



Sports

- Which Indian chess player became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour in 2026? **R Praggnanandhaa.**
- Which Indian squash player won the PSA Budapest Open 2026 title? **Velavan Senthilkumar.**
- Which Sikkim shooter won the first-ever North East Zonal medal for the state? **Laxuman Adhikari.**
- Which country won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026? **Germany**
- Which Argentine footballer announced his retirement from international football at the age of 39? **Lionel Messi.**
- Who won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026? **Germany**
- Who received the International Tennis Hall of Fame ring at the 2026 US Open? **Roger Federer**
- Which country will host the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027? **India.**
- Who won the men's doubles title at the China Masters 2026? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty of India.**
- Which Indian student secured 3rd position in the overall global ranking at IESO 2026? **Soumik Mandal.**
- Who won the 2026 Italian Grand Prix from P19? **Kimi Antonelli.**
- Who won the 2026 ITF M15 Bali men's singles title? **Karan Singh.**
- How many medals did India win at Stage III of the World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad? **Five medals — 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.**
- Marcos Llorente, who recently retired from international football, represented which country? **Spain.**
- Which Indian para archer won gold in the para compound women's individual event at the World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad? **Sheetal Devi.**
- India, which finished fourth in the 2026 Pickleball World Cup medal tally, won how many medals? **41 medals.**
- How many gold medals did India win at the 2026 Pickleball World Cup? **7 gold medals.**
- Who won the Women's Asia Cup 2026? **India**
- Which country does Alexander Zverev represent, who recently won the 2026 US Open men's singles title? **Germany**
- Which country won both the men's and women's Junior Asia Cup Hockey titles in 2026? **India**
- Who became the first Indian male recurve archer to win an individual Archery World Cup Final gold? **Dhiraj Bommadevara**
- Which city will host the 2029 World Athletics Championships? **Nairobi, Kenya.**
- Which organisation announced the Raja Randhir Singh and Jaspal Rana Memorial Trophies? **Indian Olympic Association (IOA).**
- Which country did James Rodríguez represent in international football before announcing his retirement? **Colombia**
- Who was initially named as India's male flagbearer along with Manu Bhaker for the Asian Games 2026 opening ceremony? **Tajinderpal Singh Toor.**
- Who won India's first-ever Asian Games medal in Mixed Martial Arts? **Suchika Tariyal.**
- Which Indian trio won bronze in the women's team skeet event at the Asian Games 2026? **Maheshwari Chauhan, Parinaaz Dhaliwal and Raiza Dhillon.**
- Who won the silver medal in the Women's 60 kg Sanda event at the 2026 Asian Games? **Roshibina Devi.**
- Which company has become the new title sponsor for BCCI's international matches? **Muthoot FinCorp.**
- Which medal did India win in the mixed 4×400m relay at the 2026 Asian Games? **Silver medal.**



Book: The Shadow of the Object
Author: Chloe Aridjis
About: A strange meeting and friendship change a woman's life in Mexico City forever.

Science & Technology

- Which NASA space telescope was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy on August 30, 2026? **Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope.**
- Which launch vehicle carried ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite EOS-05? **GSLV-F17.**
- Which US aerospace company delivered three more F404-IN20 engines to HAL? **GE Aerospace.**
- Which two institutions secured a patent for a next-generation solid rocket propellant? **DRDO and the University of Hyderabad (UoH).**
- Under which broader NASA programme is the US pursuing renewed lunar exploration? **Artemis Programme.**
- Which company became the first European Launcher Challenge (ELC) startup to reach orbit? **Isar Aerospace**
- What is the scientific name of the new amphibian species discovered in the Western Ghats? **Gegeneophis chandgadi.**
- What is the name of the massive newly discovered lunar crater? **McGetchin Crater.**
- Where was India's first 100% indigenous AK-203 'Sher' test-fired? **Korwa facility, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.**
- Which is the first Multi-Purpose Vessel delivered to the Indian Navy under the L&T MPV project? **Samarthak.**
- Which anti-tank guided missile system did India agree to procure from the United States through the Foreign Military Sales route in August 2026? **FGM-148 Javelin.**
- Which Indian company's defence subsidiary signed a strategic alliance with Thales for 70-mm rocket systems? **Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited (KSSL)**
- Where is DRDO setting up a new missile testing range? **Junput, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal**
- Which organisation handed over Tejas twin-seater and HTT-40 trainer aircraft to the Indian Air Force? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).**
- What is the maximum operating altitude of India's Indigenous Long-Range Attack Drone 'KAL' Tested at Pokhran? **Up to 5,000 metres above mean sea level**
- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth over ₹810 crore with which company for 160 SAT-SAAW systems? **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).**





Miscellaneous

- Which two countries participate in Exercise SAHYOG-HOPTAC? **India and Vietnam.**
- What is surrogate advertising? **Indirect promotion of a restricted or prohibited product through a legal product using the same brand identity.**
- What does FQCI stand for? **Foundation for QC Innovation.**
- Which authority imposed a ₹10 lakh penalty for the online sale of ammonium nitrate without mandatory safeguards? **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA).**
- Which four countries are part of the Quad Critical Minerals Initiative? **India, the US, Japan and Australia.**
- Which company achieved the highest ESG score globally in the Utilities sector? **Adani Energy Solutions Ltd. (AESL).**
- What is BIO-NIVESH? **A strategic platform connecting biotechnology innovators with the investment community.**
- Which foreign university has received UGC approval to establish a campus in Bengaluru? **Birkbeck, University of London.**
- Which three countries participate in Freedom Edge 2026? **The United States, South Korea and Japan.**
- Who won the Miss World 2026 title? **Joheirry Mola Dominguez of the Dominican Republic.**
- Under which institution does the Nehru Planetarium function? **Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML).**
- Which countries participate in Exercise Yudh Abhyas? **India and the United States**
- Which four countries participated in the Quad Tabletop Exercise 2026? **India, Australia, Japan and the United States.**
- Which bilateral naval exercise between India and Malaysia was recently concluded? **Exercise Samudra Laksamana.**
- Which two countries are participating in the 22nd edition of the military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026'? **India and the United States.**
- Which category has India been placed in the Academic Freedom Index 2026? **Severely restricted.**
- Which report placed India in the "severely restricted" academic freedom category? **Free to Think 2026 report.**
- Which State/UT topped the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025? **Delhi.**
- Which organisation conducted the Global Business Climate Survey 2026? **Business Sweden.**
- Which Indian fighter aircraft are participating in Veer Guardian 2026? **LCA Tejas, Su-30MKI and Rafale.**
- The Nomadic Elephant exercise is conducted between which two countries? **India and Mongolia.**
- Which company was fined €403 million by Ireland's Data Protection Commission? **Google Ireland Limited.**
- Which multinational air exercise is being hosted by the Indian Air Force in 2026? **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026.**
- What is the theme of the International Day of Sign Languages 2026? **"Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights."**
- Exercise VARUNA is conducted between which two countries? **India and France.**
- Which Kakatiya-era temple has been declared a Monument of National Importance? **Gollala Gudi Temple.**

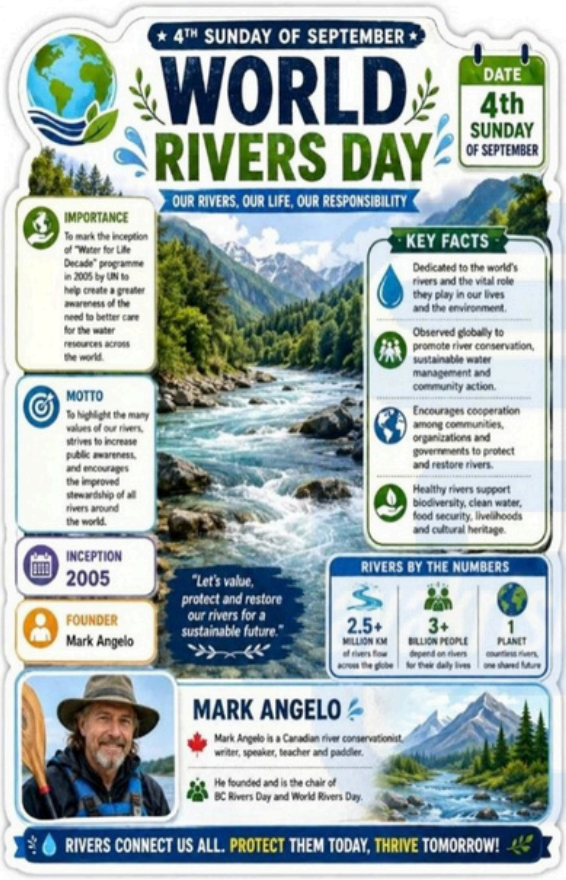


Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Theme/Importance
1 October	International Day of the Older Persons	The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives
2 October	International Day of Non-Violence	To mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement
4 October	World Animal Welfare Day	This day was started in 1931 to highlight the plight of endangered species.
5 October	World Teacher's Day	Protecting and advancing the status of the teaching profession in a rapidly changing world
8 October	Indian Air Force Day	To mark the foundation of the Indian Air Force on 8 October 1932
9 October	World Post Day	To Mark the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
10 October	World Mental Health Day	To raise awareness of mental health issues around the world
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	To highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face
12-October	World Arthritis Day	To bring awareness to the growing prevalence of arthritis
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	To raise awareness of how people are taking action to reduce their risk to disasters.
14 October	World Standards Day	SHARED VISION FOR A BETTER WORLD
15 October	World Students' Day	To mark the birth anniversary of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
16 October	World Food Day	Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.
17 October	International Poverty Eradication Day	To acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty
20 October	World Statistics day	Driving change with quality statistics and data for everyone
24 October	United Nations Day	To mark the establishment of United Nations which officially came into existence on 24 October 1945.
31 October	National Unity Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also known as Iron Man of India.

Let's Recap

- Who won the Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix 2026? **Lando Norris.**
- Which state signed an MoU with HCLTech to establish its first AI Data Centre? **Odisha.**
- What is India's rank in the July 2026 Henley Passport Index? **81st.**
- Which Argentine footballer announced his retirement from international football in July 2026? **Nicolás Otamendi.**



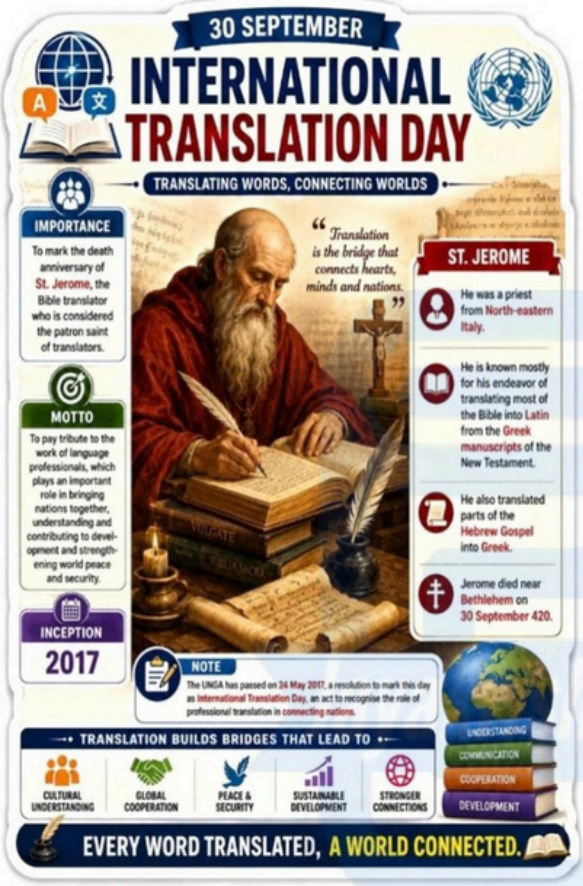
- In which year was the Indus Waters Treaty signed? **1960.**
- Which three rivers are allocated to India under the Indus Waters Treaty? **Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej.**
- In which event did Sharmila Dhankar win gold at the Commonwealth Games 2026? **Women's Shot Put F57.**
- During which session were four new international sites added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2026? **48th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.**
- Through which pass will India and China resume border trade from 1 August 2026? **Nathu La Pass.**
- Which organisation proposed the introduction of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer banknotes for field trials? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Swiggy Instamart in 2026? **Nandita Sinha.**
- Which country has launched an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) system for eligible Indian travellers in 2026? **South Africa.**
- Which NBFC launched the 'Drishti' digital lending platform in 2026? **Axis Finance Limited.**
- Mundkur Krishna Shetty, who passed away recently, was associated with which traditional performing art? **Yakshagana.**
- Which two countries recently exchanged proposals on the future management of the Strait of Hormuz? **Iran and Oman.**
- Which ministry launched the Daanveer Initiative? **Ministry of Panchayati Raj.**
- Ajinkya Rahane, who recently announced his retirement, is related to which sport? **Cricket**
- Which bank was named the World's Best Corporate Bank at the Global Finance 2026 Global Bank Awards? **DBS Bank (Development Bank of Singapore**
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Novartis India? **Dr. Vikas Gupta.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Procter & Gamble (P&G)? **Shailesh Jejurikar**
- Which state has launched the DWEEPTI Yojana? **Chhattisgarh.**
- What is the name of India's first sovereign-backed maritime insurance product? **Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP).**
- What is the total insurance capacity of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP)? **USD 1.5 billion.**
- Where was the U17 World Wrestling Championships 2026 held? **Baku, Azerbaijan.**
- Which city hosted the Commonwealth Games 2026? **Glasgow, Scotland.**
- Which city will host the Commonwealth Games 2030? **Ahmedabad (Amdavad), India.**
- How many countries are part of the Saudi-led Multinational Maritime Defence Coalition? **14 countries (Saudi Arabia + 13 others).**
- Which proposed US legislation seeks to impose tariffs on countries buying Russian energy? **Sanctioning Russia Act, 2026.**
- Which company received a general insurance licence from IRDAI in July 2026? **Protec General Insurance Ltd.**
- What is the full form of NCDEX? **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange.**
- Who manages Mutual Funds in India? **Asset Management Companies (AMCs).**

- What is the primary role of INS Machilipatnam? **To detect, track, and neutralise enemy submarines operating in shallow coastal waters.**
- Which organisation designed INS Machilipatnam? **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).**
- Which is the highest international honour in the field of mathematics? **Fields Medal.**
- Which organisation awards the Fields Medal? **International Mathematical Union (IMU).**
- What is the maximum age limit for receiving the Fields Medal? **Below 40 years of age.**
- In which year was the Fields Medal established? **1936.**
- Which country did Yu Deng represent while receiving the Fields Medal 2026? **China.**
- Which two Fields Medal 2026 recipients are from the United States? **John Pardon and Hong Wang.**
- Why did Nauru change its name to Naoero? **To restore its traditional indigenous name and strengthen its cultural identity and heritage.**
- What is the currency of the Republic of Naoero? **Australian Dollar (AUD).**
- Which Oscar-winning song was co-written and performed by Glen Hansard? **"Falling Slowly."**
- What is the name of the indigenous fuel recently launched by the Indian Army for extreme climatic conditions? **Xtreme Weather Grade (XWG) Diesel.**
- Which new international airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Andhra Pradesh? **Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport.**
- Which scheme has been extended till FY 2030–31 by the Union Cabinet? **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN).**
- Which traditional tribal art form of Gujarat has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Pithora Painting.**
- Which new scheme has been approved to promote offshore oil and gas exploration in India? **Samudra Manthan – National Offshore Exploration Scheme (NOES).**
- Which section of society is the main target of the Nasha Mukta Yuva Campaign? **Youth and students.**
- What is the full form of NAPDDR? **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction.**
- What is the total financial outlay approved for the expanded Khelo India Scheme and Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSFs)? **₹36,441 crore.**
- Which Indian organisation partnered in launching the Favara–UPI payment corridor? **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL).**
- Who has become the first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)? **Varsha Ashok Aglawe.**
- Who has taken charge as the new CEO of IndiGo? **Willie (William) Walsh.**
- Which colonial-era law is proposed to be replaced by the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026? **Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.**
- Which company built the indigenous Diving Support Craft (DSC A24) recently launched by the Ministry of Defence? **Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.**
- Which wetland has recently been designated as India's 101st Ramsar Site? **Glaw Lake.**
- Which Arunachal Pradesh para shuttler recently won double medals at the BWF Para World Circuit? **Biri Takar.**
- Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India to oversee the Department of Supervision? **Monisha Chakraborty.**



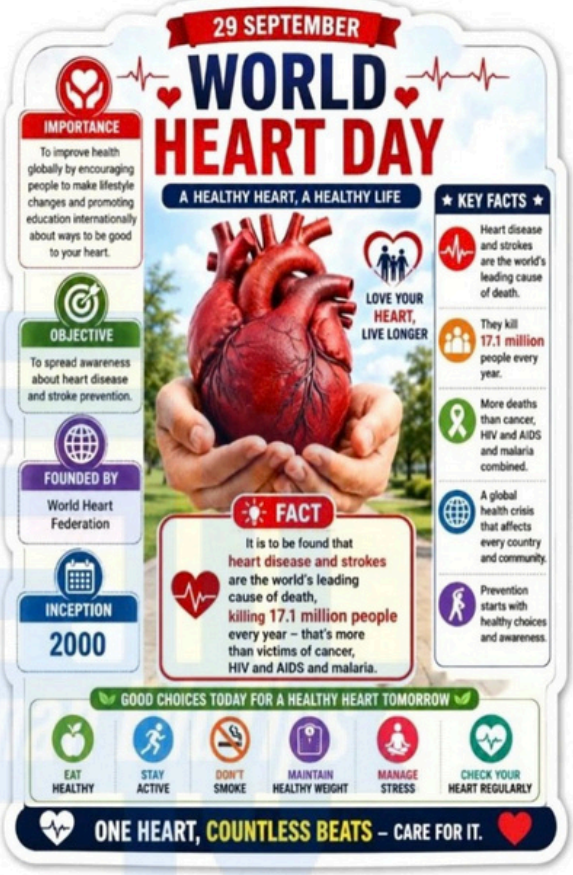
- Which renowned educationist and former Governor of Bihar, Tripura, and West Bengal recently passed away? **Dr. D. Y. Patil.**
- At what rate has the RBI retained the policy repo rate in its latest Monetary Policy Committee meeting? **5.25%.**
- Which Bill was recently introduced to provide a legal framework for Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on digital payments? **Payment and Settlement Systems (Amendment) Bill, 2026.**
- Which veteran actor known for Ghajini and Lagaan recently passed away? **Pradeep Singh Rawat.**
- Which Indian city recently signed an MoU with the Government of Moscow to promote smart mobility? **Visakhapatnam (Vizag).**

- Which two organisations have signed an MoU to develop GIS and GeoAI solutions for India's defence sector? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Esri India.**
- What does GIS stand for? **Geographic Information System.**
- Which airline did Tewolde Gebremariam lead before joining Air India? **Ethiopian Airlines.**
- Which business group owns Air India? **Tata Group.**
- What does NavIC stand for? **Navigation with Indian Constellation.**



- What is the coverage area of NavIC? **India and up to 1,500 km beyond its borders.**
- Which two countries have agreed on a new shipping route through the Strait of Hormuz? **Iran and Oman.**
- Who is the current Cabinet Secretary of India? **T.V. Somanathan.**
- Which body approved the one-year extension of T.V. Somanathan and Govind Mohan? **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).**
- Which organisation has appointed Madhu Nair as its CEO? **Baroda BNP Paribas Mutual Fund.**
- Baroda BNP Paribas Mutual Fund is a joint venture between which two organisations? **Bank of Baroda and BNP Paribas Asset Management.**
- Where is the telescope used under the SUN Project located? **Maui Island, Hawaii (USA).**
- Which two major solar phenomena are monitored under the SUN Project? **Solar Flares and Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs).**
- Which scheme has been approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore? **GOBARdhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) Scheme.**
- What does GOBARdhan stand for? **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.**
- What does SATAT stand for? **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation.**
- Which Act does the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026 seek to amend? **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010.**
- When was the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act enacted? **2010.**
- How many Rafale fighter aircraft are proposed to be purchased under the new deal? **114 aircraft.**
- How many Rafale aircraft did India purchase under the first Rafale deal? **36 Rafale fighter aircraft.**
- Which country is India's major source of polysilicon imports? **China.**
- When was the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme launched? **2020.**
- Which organisation did Ashok Gautam head before his resignation? **India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX).**
- What does IFSC stand for? **International Financial Services Centre.**
- What is birthright citizenship? **The principle under which a person automatically becomes a citizen by being born in a country's territory.**
- Which principle of citizenship does the US traditionally follow? **Jus Soli (Right of the Soil).**
- Why was the Liberhan Commission constituted? **To investigate the Babri Masjid demolition.**
- Which two institutions were established under the Bretton Woods system? **International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.**
- Who has been awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026? **Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam.**
- What does COSPAR stand for? **Committee on Space Research.**
- Agni-4 belongs to which category of missiles? **Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM).**
- Recenlty, NUCFDC signed an MoU with which institution for cybersecurity and technological capacity building? **National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU).**
- Which platform has been made central to the new mechanism for settling MSME procurement invoices? **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS).**
- Who won the Allan Border Medal 2026? **Travis Head.**
- When was the Allan Border Medal first awarded? **2000.**

- Which three countries signed the trilateral defence agreement in 2026? **Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan**
- Who has been sworn in as the new President of Colombia? **Abelardo de la Espriella.**
- Who launched 'AAERI Verify'? **The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and the Association of Australian Education Representatives in India (AAERI).**
- Under which Article of the Constitution is the Finance Commission constituted? **Article 280.**
- How frequently is the Finance Commission generally constituted? **Every five years or earlier, if necessary.**
- When was the 16th Finance Commission constituted? **2023.**
- Where is the India–US Navy EOD Exercise 2026 being conducted? **Southern Naval Command, Kochi.**
- Who launched 'Bank in a Box' for Urban Cooperative Banks? **Amit Shah.**
- Who was the five-time NBA champion player and three-time NBA Coach of the Year who died in August 2026? **Don Nelson.**
- Who has been appointed as the Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council in August 2026? **Mohsen Rezaei.**
- Which Bill proposes the establishment of the National Tribunals Commission? **Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026.**
- What is the minimum experience proposed for technical members of the NTC? **25 years.**
- Where were the World Athletics U20 Championships 2026 held? **Eugene, Oregon, USA.**
- Which airline appointed Aswin K. as its India General Manager? **Singapore Airlines.**
- Who presented the President's Colours to Puducherry Police? **Union Home Minister Amit Shah.**
- Recently, the United States launched a $201 million fund to promote private investment across which broader trade region? **The Trans-Caspian Trade Route (Middle Corridor).**
- Recently, who was awarded the 2026 Dirac Medal by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)? **Deepak Dhar.**
- Recently, who won the gold medal for India at the International Linguistics Olympiad 2026? **Shrilakshmi Venkatraman.**
- Recently, which organisation will develop the desktop-based software tool for GDP Nowcasting under MoSPI's MoU? **Institute of Data Engineering, Analytics and Science Foundation (IDEAS).**
- Recently, who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences? **Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala.**
- Which organisation has invited ISRO to participate in its Moon Base programme? **NASA.**
- Who has been elected as the new President of Hungary in August 2026? **András Baka.**
- Who is the outgoing Chairman of Tata Sons? **N. Chandrasekaran.**
- Which Act is proposed to be amended by the Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, 2026? **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.**
- Under which constitutional provision is the State directed to promote the voluntary formation, autonomous functioning and democratic control of cooperative societies? **Article 43B**



- Shruti, recently launched by the Indian Navy, is what type of vessel? **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV).**
- Name the former BARC scientist, science communicator and people's science advocate, who passed away recently? **M.P. Parameswaran**
- Which state has received CZA approval for Asia's first desert-themed drive-through night safari and zoological park at Juna Deesa? **Gujarat.**
- Who became the first woman officer of the IAF to qualify as a Fighter Combat Leader? **Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth.**
- Which two organisations signed the Statement of Intent for multilingual AI-based inclusive governance? **Digital India BHASHINI Division and NITI Aayog.**

- Recently, the Ministry of Defence signed ₹1,577 crore contracts for which equipment? **Loiter Munition Systems.**
- SEMIRI, recently associated with medical manuscript digitisation, is located in which state? **Kerala.**
- Which is India's highest peacetime gallantry award? **Ashoka Chakra.**
- Where will the 12th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting be held? **New Delhi, India**
- What is the theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026? **"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"**



- Which department organises the National Anubhav Awards? **Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW).**
- What is the full form of FAST-DS? **Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers–Disclosure Scheme.**
- Who won the Esports World Cup 2026 Chess title? **Magnus Carlsen**
- Where was the 2026 EWC Chess competition held? **Paris, France**
- Which regulator proposed the Credit Risk-o-Meter for debt securities? **SEBI**
- Which credit-rating range will be mapped to the Credit Risk-o-Meter? **AAA to D**
- Who was Major General Sunil Kumar Razdan? **A decorated Indian Army officer and Kirti Chakra awardee who became the Army's first wheelchair-borne General.**
- What made Major General Sunil Razdan's military career historic? **He became the Indian Army's first wheelchair-borne General.**
- Under which Act are the Draft SHANTI Rules, 2026 being framed? **SHANTI Act, 2025.**
- What is a cess? **A tax imposed for a specific, designated purpose.**
- What is BOCW Cess? **A 1% cess on construction costs, excluding land cost, for the welfare of construction workers.**
- Which sector is expected to receive particular attention from the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat.? **Public Sector Banks (PSBs).**
- Who won the UFC 330 main event? **Islam Makhachev**
- Who has been conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army in 2026? **General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff of India.**
- Who has been re-elected as President of Zambia for a second five-year term? **Hakainde Hichilema.**
- Who will succeed Sunil Bharti Mittal as Chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank? **Shabnam Sinha.**
- Which unmanned aircraft system is at the centre of the latest India–US defence cooperation? **MQ-9B.**
- Which institution imposed a total penalty of ₹71.20 lakh on IndusInd Bank and three NBFCs? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**
- Which programme is being implemented in Chhattisgarh with financial support from Digital Bharat Nidhi to strengthen rural broadband connectivity? **Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP).**
- Who became the first Indian and fourth player in the world to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket? **Rishabh Pant.**
- What percentage of reservation has Karnataka announced for rural government-school students under Vidyarthi Sahayahasta? **7.5%, within the existing 15% rural reservation quota.**
- Who has been appointed as a director on the board of Air New Zealand? **Campbell Wilson, former CEO and Managing Director of Air India.**
- Which credit card did YES BANK recently launch specifically for women? **YES Essence**
- Which companies have developed the personalised mRNA-based cancer vaccine Intismeran? **Moderna and Merck.**
- What technology is used in Intismeran? **Personalised mRNA vaccine technology.**
- J&K Bank has entered into a Corporate Agency Agreement with which insurer to expand insurance choices for customers? **HDFC Life Insurance Company.**
- Who founded ESPN, the world's first 24-hour all-sports television network? **Bill Rasmussen.**

- What major naval cooperation will India and Japan explore? **Joint development in naval shipbuilding and design.**
- Which body has proposed the "One Nation, One Licence" system for doctors? **National Medical Commission (NMC).**
- What is India's UNSC campaign theme? **SHANTI — Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity.**
- Who has been elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh? **Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.**
- Which High Court will have a Bench established in Ladakh under the Union Cabinet's recent decision? **High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.**
- Which three organisations have partnered to advance refugee inclusion in Tamil Nadu? **UNHCR, SICCI and Ethiraj College for Women.**
- Up to what percentage can LIC increase its aggregate holding in HDFC Bank following RBI approval? **9.99%.**
- What is the name of the communiqué adopted by BRICS Tourism Ministers under India's 2026 chairship? **Jaipur Declaration (BRICS Tourism Ministers' Communiqué 2026).**
- Which lunar regions are of particular interest to Chang'e-7? **Permanently shadowed regions (PSRs)**
- Who has been appointed as a part-time, non-official Director on the RBI Central Board in 2026? **Dr. S. Somanath Sreedhara Panicker.**
- Who won the Group A title at the Kanizsa Open 2026? **Indian Grandmaster Pranesh M.**



- Which Japanese prefecture announced a ₹600-crore fund to support its MSMEs investing in Uttar Pradesh? **Yamanashi Prefecture.**
- INS Mangrol, recently delivered to the Indian Navy, belongs to which category of vessel? **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).**
- Which Indian company will meet Mauritius' entire import requirement of petrol, diesel and ATF under the new five-year agreement? **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).**
- India's first non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid seed was launched in which state? **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Udara Shakti is a bilateral air exercise between India and which country? **Malaysia.**
- Which country announced "Operation Economic Outcast"? **United States**
- Who have been appointed as part-time, non-official directors on the RBI Central Board in August 2026? **Annie George Mathew, Janmejaya Kumar Sinha and Syed Akbaruddin**
- Which team won the Durand Cup 2026? **East Bengal FC.**
- Which organisation developed India's first soil texture map using remote sensing and satellite data? **NBSS & LUP.**
- Who won Miss Universe India 2026? **Kaziah Liz Mejo of Kerala.**
- Where will the 75th Miss Universe pageant be held? **Puerto Rico, in November 2026.**



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- Tata Elxsi and Sarla Aviation Sign MoU to Develop Six-Seater Shunya Electric Air Taxi Platform

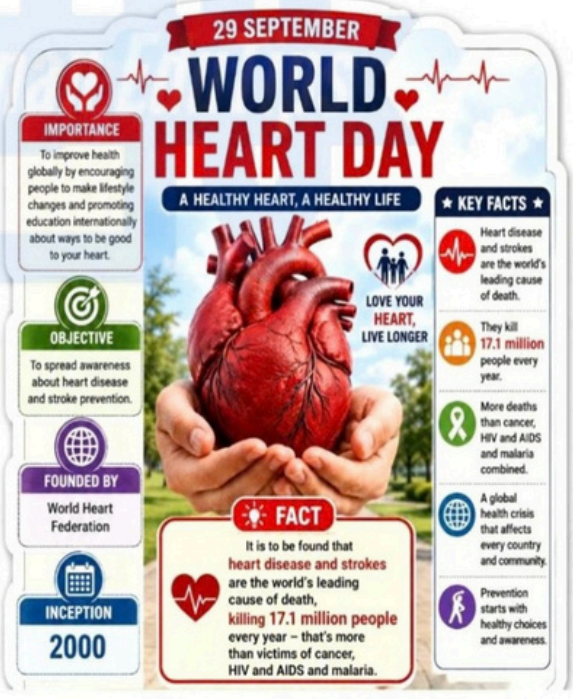
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- KSSL and Thales Sign Strategic Pact to Produce Advanced 70-mm Rocket Systems in India
- Jitendra Singh Launches BIO-NIVESH Platform to Connect Biotechnology Startups with Investors and Private Capital
- 26th SCO Summit in Bishkek Adopts Declaration and 28 Documents, with Pakistan Assuming Presidency for 2026-27
- Ülle Madise Elected Estonia's President for Five-Year Term, Becoming Country's Second Woman President
- Retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra Appointed First CEO of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust
- ICICI Bank Acquires Additional 2% Stake in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for ₹1,470 Crore
- ISRO Successfully Launches EOS-05, India's First Geosynchronous Imaging Satellite, Aboard GSLV-F17 from Sriharikota
- Legendary Gujarati Composer Gaurang Vyas Dies at 87 After Distinguished Career in Film, Folk and Light Music
- Two-Time Grammy Winner and Jazz Singer Cassandra Wilson Dies at 70 in Mississippi
- 31-Member JPC Constituted to Examine FCRA Amendment Bill 2026, with Sanjay Jaiswal Appointed Committee Chairperson
- Government Appoints Bhagwat Prasad Makwana as NCSK Chairperson Alongside Vice-Chairperson and Three Members Until March 2028
- Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Succeeding Admiral D K Joshi
- India Supports UN Map Resolution While Reaffirming Official Position on Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Territories
- Karnataka Introduces 'Tr' Prefix for Teachers to Recognise Their Professional Contribution on Teachers' Day 2026
- Census 2027 House-Listing Exercise Temporarily Postponed in Manipur Until Further Orders by Central Government
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- India Finishes Strongly at Pickleball World Cup with Kids' Team Winning Silver Medal in Vietnam
- Kimi Antonelli Wins Italian Grand Prix After Starting 19th, Becoming First Italian Winner Since 1966
- Lucknow Tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 Among Cities Exceeding Ten Lakh Population, Scoring 198 Points
- Goa Police Receives President's Colour from Amit Shah Recognising Eight Decades of Dedicated Service and Professionalism
- BAPS Hindu Temple Near Paris Inaugurated as France's First Traditionally Designed Stone Hindu Temple and Europe's Largest
- Coastal Local Area Bank Receives Scheduled Bank Status After Inclusion in Second Schedule of RBI Act
- Asian Paints Appoints Leo Puri Chairman-Designate, With Leadership Transition Scheduled for January 23, 2027
- Karim Maredia Selected for Prestigious Borlaug CAST Communication Award for Advancing Agricultural Research Communication Globally
- Malayalam Filmmaker and Cultural Researcher R Sarath Dies at 65 After Distinguished Contributions to Indian Cinema
- Australia and India Announce Five Space Partnerships Covering Satellite Infrastructure, Spacecraft Recovery, Spaceports, Education and Advanced Manufacturing
- Germany Tests Israeli LORA Ballistic Missile in North Atlantic, Demonstrating Mobile Precision-Strike Capability with Reported 280-Kilometre Range

- Centre Approves Appointment of Santosh Sharma, Sushma Sawant and Sudhir Kumar as Judges of Chhattisgarh High Court
- Gina Uika Appointed India's Next High Commissioner to Botswana, Strengthening Bilateral Diplomatic and Economic Engagement Between Both Countries
- NCSC Chairman Kishor Makwana to Receive Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026 During 16th Sansad Ratna Awards Ceremony
- India Finishes Fourth Among 82 Nations at 2026 Pickleball World Cup with 41 Medals Including Seven Gold Medals
- Chhattisgarh Approves ₹500 Crore NIPUN Mission to Promote Youth Skills, Entrepreneurship, Industry Readiness, Emerging Technologies and Employment Opportunities
- India and Sri Lanka Sign Three Defence MoUs Covering L70 Gun Upgrades, NCC Cooperation, Defence Education Exchanges and Maritime Surveillance
- N Franklin Jayakumar Assumes Charge as NCL Chairman and CMD, Bringing Over Three Decades of Experience in Coal Mining Operations
- Vipul Misra Appointed Acting CEO of SriLankan Airlines, Continuing Engineering Leadership While Managing Interim Responsibilities at the National Carrier
- Former Chief Justice Dipak Misra Receives Kalinga Ratna Award for Contributions to Constitutional Values, Fraternity, Justice and Public Life
- Sheetal Devi Wins Maiden Individual Gold in Para Archery World Series, Securing Compound Women's Title Through Shoot-Off Victory in Ahmedabad
- HONOHON Mascot Unveiled for Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Combining Athletic Spirit with Traditional Shachihoko Symbolism and Japanese Cultural Elements
- TRISHNA Mission by ISRO and CNES to Monitor Earth's Water Stress, Surface Temperature, Glaciers, Coastal Waters and Thermal Resources
- Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's First Chief Executive, Dies at 89
- Centre Proposes Article 371(K) Constitutional Safeguards for Ladakh Covering Land, Culture, Language, Environment and Natural Resources
- RBI Introduces New UPI Features Including Tap-to-Pay, MyUPI, Safety Switch and Automated Chargebacks for Safer Digital Payments
- HSBC CFO Pam Kaur to Step Down in 2027 After Becoming Bank's First Female Group Finance Chief
- JNV Ukhrul-1 of Manipur Wins 27th National Youth Parliament Competition 2025-26, Securing Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Running Parliamentary Shield
- Maharashtra State Film Awards Honour Salim Khan, Rani Mukerji and Hridaynath Mangeshkar for Lifetime Achievement and Special Contributions
- INS Mysore Participates in Exercise Samudra Laksamana 4/26 with Royal Malaysian Navy to Strengthen Maritime Interoperability and Cooperation
- East Zone Wins 2026-27 Duleep Trophy After Drawn Final Against South Zone, Securing Title Through First-Innings Lead
- Gujarat Assembly Passes Ease of Doing Business Bill 2026 to Simplify Regulations, Promote 24/7 Operations and Strengthen MSME Facilitation
- PM Modi Gifts Russian Edition of Thirukkural to Putin, Highlighting Tamil Literary Heritage and Ancient Indian Ethical and Governance Thought
- Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 Comes into Force October 1, Modernising Legal Recognition of Physical, Electronic, Digital and Cloud Banking Records
- Princess Astrid of Norway Dies at 94 After Decades of Public Service as Senior Member of Norwegian Royal Family
- Dryland Congress 2026 Adopts Delhi Declaration to Transform Dryland Agriculture Through Scientific Innovation, Data and South-South Cooperation
- Quad Members Conduct Tokyo Tabletop Exercise to Strengthen Indo-Pacific Logistics Network, Disaster Response and Humanitarian Assistance Coordination
- China to Host 19th BRICS Summit in 2027 as Prime Minister Modi Calls for Greater Participation from Global South Stakeholders
- India and Malaysia Conduct Fourth Samudra Laksamana Naval Exercise at Lumut to Strengthen Maritime Cooperation and Operational Interoperability
- India Completes Golden Double at Junior Asia Cup 2026 by Winning Both Men's and Women's Titles in China
- Alexander Zverev Wins 2026 US Open Men's Singles Title, Defeating Ben Shelton in Four Sets at Arthur Ashe Stadium
- India Wins Record-Eighth Women's Asia Cup Title After Defeating Sri Lanka in Final and Remaining Unbeaten Throughout Tournament

- Elena Rybakina Wins 2026 US Open Women's Singles Title, Defeating Defending Champion Aryna Sabalenka to Become World Number One
- Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Sign Self-Determination Pact Calling for Democratic Rights, Constitutional Cooperation, Economic Coordination and Future EU Relations
- Dhiraj Bommadevara Makes History as First Indian Man to Win Archery World Cup Final After Shoot-Off Victory in Mexico
- Gujarat Introduces State Child Protection Policy 2026 to Strengthen Safeguards Against Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect, Violence and Discrimination
- New Zealand Parliament Passes India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Bill by 93–29 Votes to Expand Bilateral Trade and Investment
- European Commission Proposes Digital Restrictions for Children Under 13 on Social Media, Online Games and Chatbots Across European Union
- European Commission Proposes Canada as European Union's First Associate Member to Strengthen Economic, Technology, Defence and Strategic Cooperation
- Kamlesh Chandra Varshney Reappointed SEBI Whole-Time Member Until August 2029
- New UPI Framework Keeps Person-to-Person Transactions Free and Maintains Zero MDR for Merchant Payments up to ₹2,000
- Bharatanatyam Exponent Dr Vasundhara Doraswamy to Receive Padmabhushan Guru Dr Saroja Vaidyanathan Excellence Award 2026 in Visakhapatnam
- Bharat Forge and Pratt & Whitney Canada Collaborate to Evaluate Advanced Turboprop Engines for DRDO High-Altitude Long-Endurance UAV Platform
- Sanjukta Parashar Becomes First Woman to Lead CRPF CoBRA Unit Specialising in Jungle Warfare and Counter-Insurgency Operations
- Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor Surpasses Sachin Tendulkar to Become Cricketer with Longest ODI Career Spanning 22 Years and 148 Days
- Health Ministry Proposes Mandatory CCTV Surveillance at Licensed Premises Supplying Prescription Medicines to Strengthen Drug Dispensing and Prevent Misuse
- US House Passes Russia-Iran Sanctions Bill Giving Trump Authority to Impose Tariffs Up to 100% on Countries Buying Russian Energy
- Oman Promotes Sohar Port as Alternative Gateway for India's Energy and Trade Flows Amid Strategic Importance of Strait of Hormuz
- Nobel Laureate Michael Kremer Appointed World Bank Group Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics by Ajay Banga
- Sethuraman Panchanathan Receives 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award, Becoming First Indian American and First Arizonan to Receive Prestigious Honour
- Veteran Kannada Actor Anant Nag Selected for Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 for Outstanding Contribution to Indian Cinema
- US-Jordan Exercise Eager Lion 2026 Begins at Fort Carson, Marking First US-Hosted Edition of the Biennial Military Exercise
- Delhi Tops India Electric Mobility Index 2025 with 84 Points, Leading States and Union Territories in Transport Electrification and Charging Readiness
- Academic Freedom Index 2026 Places India in Severely Restricted Category, According to Scholars at Risk's Free to Think Report
- Wagh Bakri Tea Group Chairman Piyush Desai Dies at 87 After More Than Six Decades of Contribution to India's Tea Industry
- Gondhal Selected as India's Official Entry for Best International Feature Film at the 99th Academy Awards Scheduled for 2027
- ByteDance Founder Zhang Yiming Becomes Asia's Richest Person with Estimated Net Worth Reaching Around 105 Billion Dollars
- N Chandrasekaran Reappointed Tata Sons Chairman for Another Five Years Despite Opposition from Tata Trusts Chairman Noel Tata
- HAL Set to Hand Over Tejas, HTT-40 and Dhruv NG Aircraft and Helicopters in Bengaluru to Strengthen Indigenous Defence Capabilities
- Astronomers Confirm Elias 2-24 b as Youngest Known Planet, Less Than One Million Years Old and Comparable to Jupiter
- Manu Bhaker and Tajinderpal Singh Toor Named India's Flag-Bearers for Opening Ceremony of 2026 Asian Games in Japan
- Tavengwa Mukuhlani Becomes First Zimbabwean Appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson, Serving in the Position Until November 2027
- Trump Announces Proposed Permanent US Security Agreement with Denmark and Greenland Covering Military Access, Basing and Strategic Arctic Security

- Luke J. Lindberg Appointed New World Food Programme Executive Director by United Nations to Lead Global Food Assistance Organisation
- Warren Buffett Steps Down as Berkshire Hathaway Chairman After More Than Five Decades, While Howard Buffett Becomes Chairman
- Hansraj Singh Verma Appointed India's Next Ambassador to Cuba, Succeeding Outgoing Diplomat T Armstrong Changsan
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Plans ₹15,000-Crore Greenfield Shipyard in Andhra Pradesh with Annual Capacity of 1.2 Million Gross Tonnes
- Tamil Nadu to Launch One-Gram Gold Ring Scheme for Eligible Newborns Delivered at Government Hospitals Across the State
- Djibouti Becomes 72nd Country and Eighth African Nation to Sign NASA's Artemis Accords for Responsible Civil Space Exploration
- 1965 Indo-Pak War Hero and Vir Chakra Awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke Dies at Base Hospital in New Delhi
- Nagaland Filmmaker Theja Rio's Konyak-Language Film Angh Wins TIFF 2026 Platform Prize
- India and Sri Lanka Conduct 13th Bilateral Naval Exercise SLINEX-26 in Visakhapatnam
- Karan Yadav Appointed First Chief Executive Officer of Indian Super League
- Padma Shri Cardiologist G. Vijayaraghavan Dies at 84
- Government Dissolves Digital Communications Commission After Nearly 37 Years of Operation
- Jayanti Prasad Given Additional Charge as IBBI Chairperson Effective September 13, 2026
- RBI Issues Basel III-Aligned Market Risk Directions 2026 for Commercial Banks
- 18th India-Mongolia Exercise Nomadic Elephant Begins in Pithoragarh for Joint Counter-Insurgency Training
- India Wins Asian Games 2026 Women's Cricket Gold After Defeating Sri Lanka by 147 Runs
- England Fast Bowler Mark Wood Retires from International Cricket After 11-Year Career
- Smriti Mandhana Becomes First Woman Cricketer to Reach 11,000 International Runs, Surpassing Mithali Raj
- World Rhino Day 2026 Highlights Rhino Conservation Under Theme 'Keep the Five Alive'
- India's First Indigenous Long-Range OWA Drone 'KAL' Completes Successful Flight Tests at Pokhran
- Citigroup and Axis Bank Partner to Finance NRI Investments in FCNR Deposits Through Cross-Border Financing Framework
- Kerala's Kaziah Liz Mejo Wins Miss Universe India 2026, Becoming First Woman from State to Claim Title
- TCS Acquires Porsche's IT Consulting Arm MHP for EUR 320 Million Under Five-Year Strategic Partnership
- India Test-Fires First Fully Indigenous AK-203 'Sher' Assault Rifle at Amethi Facility in Uttar Pradesh
- US Navy Unveils AIM-424 Malice Long-Range Air-to-Air Missile with Strike Range Exceeding 463 km
- Indian Leg-Spinner Karn Sharma Retires from All Formats After Nearly Two Decades of Competitive Cricket
- Odisha Launches Bidesh Sikhyabruti Scholarship Scheme for SC/ST Students Pursuing Higher Education Abroad
- Uttar Pradesh and Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture Sign Five MoUs to Strengthen Cooperation Across Multiple Sectors
- UNDP and HUL Expand Seven-Year Partnership to Strengthen Plastic Circular Economy Across 50 Indian Cities by 2028
- VP C. P. Radhakrishnan Launches India's First Indigenous Non-GMO High-Expansion Popcorn Maize Hybrid Seed in Andhra Pradesh
- ICG Hosts Second India-Vietnam Joint Exercise Sahyog HOP TAC in Chennai to Strengthen Maritime Cooperation
- Tata Capital Signs MoU with Japan's Resona Bank to Support Japanese Companies Exploring Business Opportunities in India
- Goa Shipyard Limited Hands Over Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Ajit to Indian Coast Guard
- Country Music Legend Dolly Parton Dies at 80 After Seven-Decade Career in Music, Cinema and Philanthropy
- World Water Week 2026 Held from August 23–27 Under Theme "Water for People and Progress"
- Tamil Nadu CM Vijay Announces Three Free LPG Cylinders and Expanded Free Bus Travel for Women and Transgenders
- SHDS Inaugurates India's First Public-Private Defence Avionics Facility in Gurugram for Indigenous Fighter Aircraft Displays
- IICT and Netflix Announce Scholarships for 100 Students and Professionals to Promote India's Creative AVGC-XR Talent

- Air India and Drukair Sign Interline Partnership to Strengthen Seamless India-Bhutan and International Air Connectivity
- SpaceX Announces $100 Billion Starbase Louisiana Rocket Launch Complex with First Starship Launch Targeted for 2029
- Lando Norris Wins 2026 Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort After Overtaking Championship Leader Kimi Antonelli
- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Launches Yugul Joshi's Biographical Novel 'Kaho Kalidasa!' Exploring Poet's Life and Works
- Andhra Pradesh and UK Sign MoU to Develop Amaravati as Smart, Sustainable and World-Class Capital
- UP Cabinet Approves Lokmata Ahilyabai Matrushakti Yojana for Lifelong Free Bus Travel for Women Aged 60
- Banas Bio-CNG Model Plant Inaugurated in Gujarat to Promote Clean Energy, Circular Economy and Farmer Income
- RBI Relaxes FCNR(B) Swap Facility Access for Transactions Above $100 Million to Improve Forex Liquidity Management
- Bajaj General Launches 'My Family Complete' Health Insurance Cover Including Pet Dogs and Cats Under Single Plan
- Japan's Yuko Keicho Appointed World Bank Group Vice President and Auditor General to Strengthen Internal Governance
- L&T Delivers Indian Navy's First Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel 'Samarthak' Under Samarthak-Class Vessel Project
- CSIR-IHBT Researchers Discover New Sunflower Species 'Doronicum Sanctum' in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang District
- R Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Grand Chess Tour Finals, Defeating Fabiano Caruana in St. Louis
- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan Releases Ghanshyam Tiwari's Book 'Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug'
- Meghalaya Launches CM-IMPACT Read & Rise Programme to Strengthen Foundational Literacy Among Schoolchildren
- Andhra Pradesh Approves India's First Dedicated Quantum and AI University Campus in Amaravati
- Indian Army Signs $93 Million Deal with USA for Nearly 100 FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile Systems
- CISF and Drone Federation of India Sign MoU to Strengthen Critical Infrastructure Protection Against Emerging Drone Threats
- India Secures Dialogue Partner Status in GCAP Sixth-Generation Fighter Jet Programme Led by UK, Italy and Japan
- DARPG Selected for Special Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025–26 for Excellence in Official Language Implementation
- Crown Prince Haakon Becomes King Haakon VIII of Norway Following Death of King Harald V
- TVS Motor Appoints Peyman Kargar as CEO and Director Effective January 27, 2027, Succeeding K.N. Radhakrishnan
- Indian Coast Guard Decommissions ICGS Meera Behn and Subhadra Kumari Chauhan After Two Decades of Service
- China Tests Stealth-Coated YJ-18A Anti-Ship Missile Variant Designed to Reduce Radar Detection and Enhance Penetration
- Scientists Discover First Subterranean Fish Gangaichthys Indonepalicus in Indo-Gangetic Basin Near India-Nepal Border
- Uganda's King Oyo Nyimba, World's Youngest Monarch, Dies at 34 After Three Decades on Tooro Throne



Trending Topics of the Month

18th BRICS Summit 2026: A Comprehensive Analysis



Introduction and Background

The 18th BRICS Summit was held on 12-13 September 2026 in New Delhi, India. This summit holds special significance as the BRICS group completed 20 years since its establishment. India hosted the summit for the fourth time, and this year's theme was "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".

History and Expansion of BRICS

BRICS began in 2006 with four countries—Brazil, Russia, India, and China. South Africa joined in 2011, after which it was named BRICS. At the 2023 Johannesburg Summit, the group announced its first expansion, and from 1 January 2024, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates became full members. Indonesia became the 11th member in January 2025. Thus, by 2026, BRICS has 11 member countries.

Participating Countries

All 11 member countries' leaders participated in the 2026 summit:

Brazil, Russia, India (Host), China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Indonesia & Saudi Arabia

Additionally, leaders from several developing countries participated in the BRICS Plus/Outreach Dialogue session.

Main Themes and Discussion Topics

Under India's presidency, discussions focused on the following key themes:

1. Resilience: Capacity to face global challenges such as trade tensions, geopolitical conflicts, and climate change.
2. Innovation: Technology, artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and start-up cooperation.
3. Cooperation: Trade, investment, energy, and food security among Global South countries.
4. Sustainability: Green energy, climate finance, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

New Delhi Declaration 2026: Key Agreements and Outcomes

The most significant outcome of the summit was the New Delhi Declaration, which contained 140 paragraphs and was adopted by consensus. This was considered a major diplomatic achievement, especially since there were deep differences between Iran and UAE over the West Asia conflict.

Key Agreements:

1. Condemnation of Terrorism: The declaration strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir in April 2025 and emphasized zero tolerance towards terrorism.
2. United Nations Reform: Support was expressed for India and Brazil's aspirations for a larger role in the United Nations, particularly the Security Council.
3. Multilateralism: Emphasis was placed on reforms in multilateral institutions like WTO, IMF, and World Bank, and better participation of developing countries.
4. Trade and Supply Chains: The need for cooperation to maintain global trade, supply chains, and energy flows was stressed.
5. Middle East Conflict: The declaration called for restraint in the Middle East, although it did not directly condemn the US-Israel attacks on Iran or Iran's actions against Gulf countries.
6. Narcotics: Concerns were expressed about illegal drug production, trafficking, and abuse worldwide.
7. 2027 Presidency: China was handed over the next BRICS presidency for 2027.

Challenges and Differences

Several challenges also emerged during the summit:

1. Iran-UAE Tensions: There were deep differences between the two countries over the West Asia conflict, which India resolved through back-channel negotiations.
2. US-Israel War: The 11-nation bloc avoided condemning the US-Israel war on Iran, showing divisions among members.
3. Trade Policies: Concerns were expressed about unilateral trade measures and tariffs.

Important Bilateral Meetings

Several important bilateral meetings also took place during the summit:

Modi-Xi Talks: Bilateral talks were held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, emphasizing promoting business linkages and expanding cooperation on regional and global issues.

Modi-Putin Talks: Talks also took place between the Indian Prime Minister and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Significance for India

This summit was important for India for several reasons:

Diplomatic Success: Adopting the declaration by consensus despite differences was considered India's diplomatic success.

Voice of Global South: India highlighted the concerns of Global South countries and strengthened multilateralism.

Atmanirbhar Bharat: This summit reflects India's growing global role and leadership capability.

Conclusion

The 18th BRICS Summit 2026 proved to be an important milestone, marking the group's 20-year journey and setting the future direction. The New Delhi Declaration outlined collective positions on issues like trade, terrorism, climate, and global governance. Although some challenges remained, the consensus achieved under India's presidency demonstrates BRICS's strength and resilience. China was handed the 2027 presidency, indicating the group's continuity and development.

Asian Games 2026: India's Performance Amid Organizational Chaos



History of Asian Games

The Asian Games, also known as Asiad, is a multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Asia. The first edition was held in 1951 in New Delhi, India. The Games are regulated by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and are the second-largest multi-sport event after the Olympic Games.

2026 Edition Details

The 2026 Asian Games (XX Asian Games), officially known as Aichi-Nagoya 2026, is an ongoing multi-sport event being held in Aichi Prefecture, Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026. This is the fourth time Japan has hosted the Asian Games. Nearly 500 Indian athletes are competing for medals at this edition.

India's Medal Winners

As of 25 September 2026, India has won 19 medals (2 gold, 8 silver, 9 bronze) and is placed 12th in the medal tally.

Gold Medal Winners (2):

1. Women's Cricket Team (defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs in final)
2. Kamaljeet and Suruchi Inder Singh (Shooting - 10m air pistol mixed team)

Silver Medal Winners (8)

1. Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Maskar, Vidarsa Vinod - Shooting - Women's 10m Air Rifle Team
2. Elavenil Valarivan - Shooting - Women's 10m Air Rifle Individual
3. Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon, Parth Mane - Shooting - Men's 10m Air Rifle Team
4. Himanshu Dhillon - Shooting - Men's 10m Air Rifle Individual
5. Mirabai Chanu - Weightlifting - Women's 49kg
6. Naorem Roshibina Devi - Wushu - Women's SANDA 60kg
7. Mixed 4x400m Relay Team - Athletics
8. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Rudrankksh Patil, Niraj Kumar - Shooting - Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions Team

Bronze Medal Winners (10)

1. Anantjeet Naruka & Parinaaz Dhaliwal - Shooting - Mixed Team Skeet
2. Satnam Singh and Salman Khan - Rowing - Men's Doubles Sculls
3. Seema Kumari - Athletics - Women's 10,000m
4. India Men's Badminton Team - Badminton - Men's Team Event
5. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were the lone winners as Lakshya Sen, Ayush Shetty and the pair of Arjun-Hariharan lost in the semifinal
6. Jay Meena - Soft Tennis - Men's Singles

7. Raiza Dhillon, Parinaaz Dhaliwal, Maheshwari Chauhan - Shooting - Women's Skeet Team
8. Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Bhavtegh Singh Gill - Shooting - Men's Skeet Team
9. Rudrankksh Patil - Shooting - Men's 10m Air Rifle Individual
10. Suchika Tariyal - MMA - Women's Traditional 60kg

Medal Table (Top 3)

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	85	30	20	135
2	Japan	21	36	38	95
3	South Korea	11	14	29	54
12	India	2	8	9	19

Controversies and Organizational Issues

The 2026 Asian Games have been marred by significant organizational controversies:

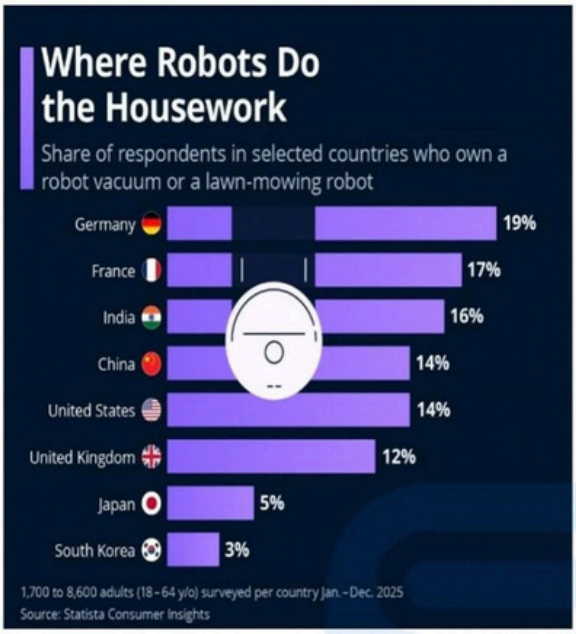
- Accommodation Problems: Athletes reported cramped rooms, shortage of beds, and poor quality container house accommodations. India's chef de mission Sahdev Yadav stated that 30-35 Indian athletes had not been assigned rooms, forcing IOA to independently book 18 hotel rooms.
- Transportation Issues: Late buses, buses taking athletes to wrong venues, and some teams reporting shuttle buses not showing up at all.
- Accreditation Delays: Long queues at airports during immigration and missing accreditation records.
- National Anthem Blunder: South Korea's men's hockey team was upset when North Korea's national anthem was played instead of theirs.
- Japanese Warlord Controversy: South Korea filed a complaint for featuring a Japanese warlord at a welcoming ceremony.
- Food Quality: Complaints about poor meal quality and substandard dining facilities.
- Score Misrecording: Operational blunders including misrecorded scores.
- The South Korean Olympic boss gave organizers an 'F' grade, and Japanese media expressed fears this could be the "worst Asian Games in history." Organizers publicly apologized and blamed a French firm for organizational woes.

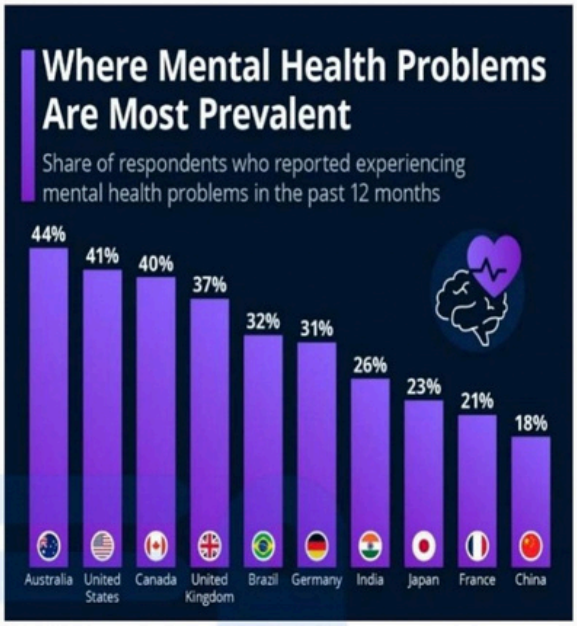
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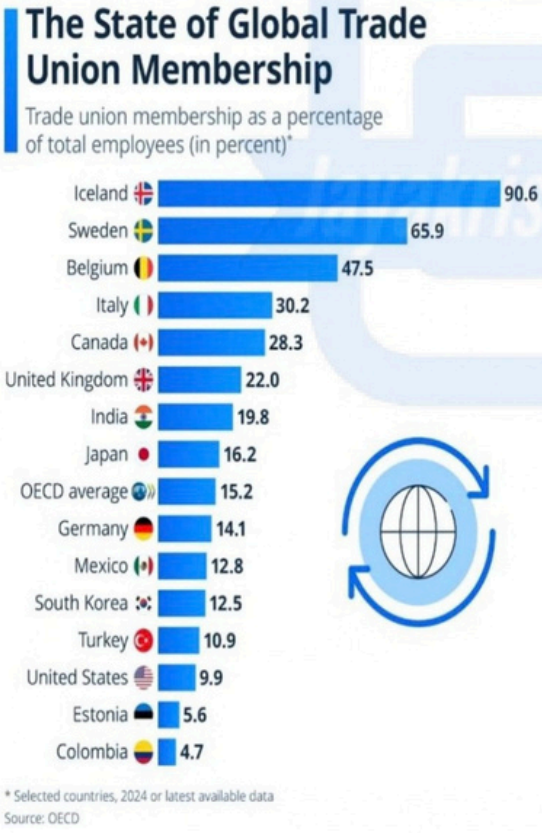
India aims to surpass its record 107 medals from Hangzhou 2023. Shooting, cricket, hockey, kabaddi, athletics, and wrestling are expected to contribute significantly to India's medal tally. Despite organizational challenges, Indian athletes continue to compete and win medals.



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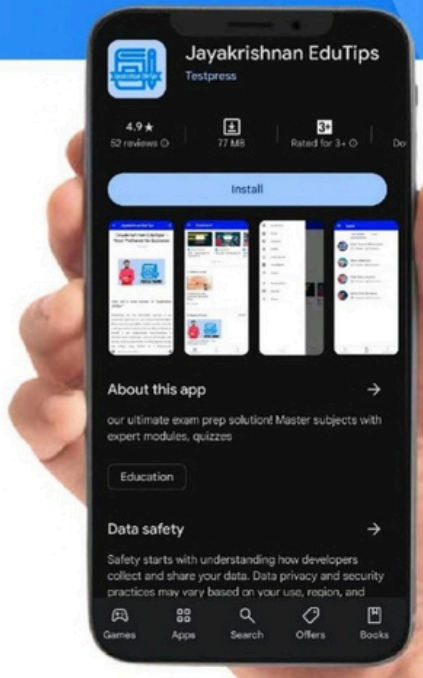




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