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1. What is the main objective of Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0)?

A - Reduce exam fees

B - Make exams Secure-by-Design

C - Reduce exam duration

D - Digitise only results

Public Examination Reform 2.0 (PER 2.0) is an End-to-End Examination Security Framework for high-stakes recruitment and entrance examinations. Its objective is to ensure security and accountability at every stage, from question creation to the declaration of results. It includes Chain of Custody, Role-Based Access and Biometric Authentication.



2. When will HDFC Bank MD & CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan retire?

A - 26 October 2026

B - 30 August 2026

C - 31 December 2026

D - 15 November 2026

HDFC Bank MD & CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan has decided not to renew his next term and will retire on 26 October 2026. He assumed the position of MD & CEO of HDFC Bank in October 2020, succeeding Aditya Puri. The merger of HDFC Ltd. with HDFC Bank was a major development during his tenure. Following his decision, the bank's Board of Directors will accelerate the selection of a new CEO. The development highlights the importance of Succession Planning and Leadership Transition.



3. Which country won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title for the second consecutive time?

A - Spain

B - Germany

C - Argentina

D - Netherlands

Germany defeated Spain 1-0 at the Belfius Hockey Arena to win the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup title for the second consecutive time. Michel Struithof scored the decisive goal in the 44th minute. With this victory, Germany secured its fourth World Cup title. Germany thus equalled Pakistan among the teams with the most Men's Hockey World Cup titles. Pakistan has also won the tournament four times.



4. Which is the highest honour of Uzbekistan conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

A - Order of Merit

B - Oliy Darajali Do'stlik

C - Order of Friendship

D - National Honour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred Uzbekistan's highest honour, 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik', during his Tashkent visit on 30 August 2026. The honour means the 'Highest Order of Friendship'. India and Uzbekistan decided to elevate their bilateral relations to the level of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



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5. What position did the Indian men's hockey team secure in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup?

A - Sixth

B - Seventh

C - Eighth

D - Ninth

The Indian men's hockey team finished eighth in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. India drew 3-3 with Belgium in regular time and subsequently lost 4-3 in the penalty shootout. Captain Harmanpreet Singh scored two goals for India. His late equaliser helped take the match to the shootout. Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh and Abhishek scored for India in the shootout.



6. How many digits are there in the Universal Account Number (UAN) provided to each registered e-Shram worker?

A - 10

B - 11

C - 12

D - 14

The e-Shram Portal is the national database of workers in the unorganised sector and was launched on 26 August 2021. Every registered worker receives a 12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN). It serves as the worker's digital identity and facilitates access to government services and social security schemes. The portal covers agricultural workers, construction workers, domestic workers, street vendors, migrants and Gig/Platform Workers.



7. The FGM-148 Javelin being procured by the Indian Army is which type of missile?

A - Air Defence Missile

B - Anti-Tank Guided Missile

C - Ballistic Missile

D - Cruise Missile

The Indian Army is procuring a limited number of US-made FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM). The procurement is being undertaken through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process and Emergency Procurement Powers. Javelin uses an Imaging Infrared (IIR) Seeker and Fire-and-Forget technology. Its Top-Attack capability allows it to target the relatively vulnerable upper portion of tanks.



8. When is National Small Industry Day observed in India?

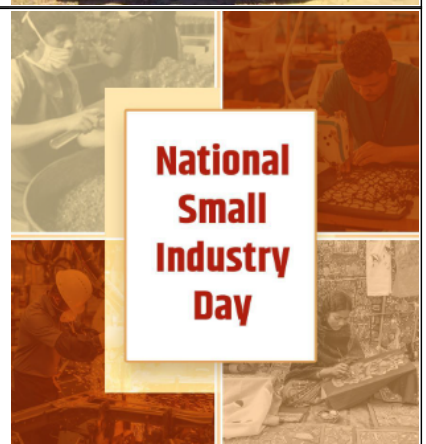
A - 15 August

B - 30 August

C - 5 September

D - 2 October

National Small Industry Day is observed in India on 30 August. The day highlights the contribution of small industries to entrepreneurship, employment generation and regional industrialisation. The MSMED Act, 2006 provided a comprehensive statutory framework for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. MSMEs play an important role in manufacturing, services, agriculture-based activities, exports and supply chains.



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9. Which country has withdrawn the hosting of ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027?

A - India

B - Sri Lanka

C - Pakistan

D - Bangladesh

Sri Lanka's bid to host the ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 has been withdrawn due to ICC's concerns over government interference and the autonomy of Sri Lankan cricket. According to the ICC, independent, democratic and well-governed governance is essential among national cricket boards, while withdrawing hosting rights could affect Sri Lanka's automatic qualification.



10. Who won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 title?

A - Spain

B - Germany

C - Argentina

D - Netherlands

Germany defeated Spain 1-0 in the final of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup to win the title for the second consecutive time and equal Pakistan by becoming the World Cup winner for the fourth time. In the final, Michel Struthoff scored the decisive goal in the 44th minute, while Argentina defeated the Netherlands 2-1 in the bronze medal match.



11. Which highest honor of Uzbekistan was given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

A - Nishan-e-Pakistan

B - Oli Darazli Dostlik

C - Order of the Nile

D - Order of Merit

During his visit to Tashkent on 30 August 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Uzbekistan's highest honor 'Oli Darazli Dostlik' and India-Uzbekistan relations were elevated to comprehensive strategic partnership. Both countries emphasized on enhancing defence, energy, trade, digital and nuclear cooperation and strengthening energy security through long-term uranium supply to India.



12. How long will HDFC Bank MD and CEO Shashidhar Jagadeesan remain in office?

A - 26 October 2026

B - 30 September 2026

C - 31 December 2026

D - 15 November 2026

HDFC Bank MD and CEO Shashidhar Jagadeesan has decided not to extend his tenure and will remain in office till 26 October 2026; During his tenure HDFC Bank – HDFC Ltd. The merger was a major achievement. The bank will now speed up the process of selecting a new CEO, while the internal audit highlighted the importance of corporate governance, transparency, accountability and risk management.



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13. Where was Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water purification project launched?

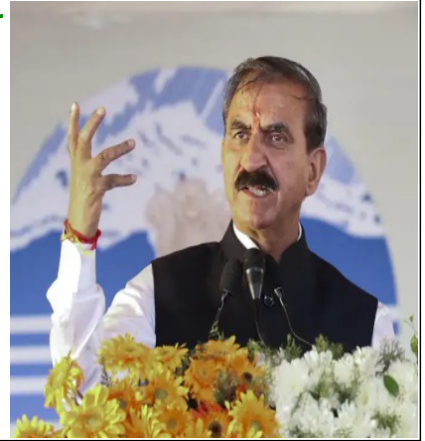
A - Shimla

B - Dehra

C - Mandi

D - Kullu

The state's first ozone-based drinking water purification project was launched in Dehra, Himachal Pradesh, with an allocation of approximately ₹46 crore; the project utilizes the oxidizing properties of ozone to neutralize microorganisms in the water.



14. Where was UNCCD COP17 held?

A - New Delhi

B - Ulaanbaatar

C - Beijing

D - Tokyo

UNCCD COP17 was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from August 17–28, 2026, under the theme "Restoring Land, Restoring Hope," focusing on land degradation, desertification, drought management, and sustainable rangeland management. India released its first set of guidelines for grasslands and other open natural ecosystems (ONEs), aiming to strengthen biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and the livelihoods of pastoralists.



15. Which country issued a nationwide Red Alert due to the potential impacts of El Niño?

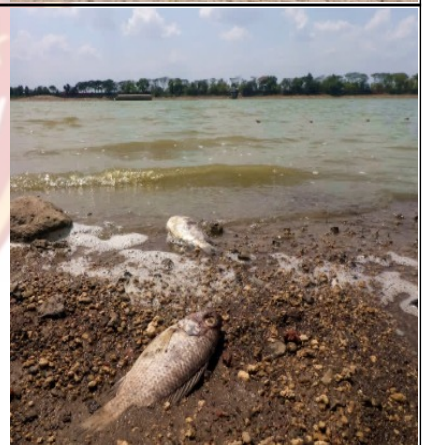
A - Peru

B - Ecuador

C - Brazil

D - Chile

Ecuador issued a nationwide Red Alert on August 29, 2026, due to the potential impacts of El Niño, raising concerns about drought, forest fires, and water shortages. El Niño can trigger adverse weather conditions globally—such as droughts, heatwaves, heavy rainfall, and floods—which is why emphasis is being placed on early warning systems and disaster management measures.



16. World Coconut Day is observed to commemorate the establishment of which organization?

A - FAO

B - APCC

C - WTO

D - UNEP

World Coconut Day is observed on September 2nd to commemorate the establishment of the APCC and to highlight the economic, nutritional, social, and environmental significance of the coconut. The coconut is known as the "Tree of Life"; in India, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh are the major producing regions, while climate change, sea-level rise, and pests and diseases pose significant challenges.



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17. How many international goals did Messi score for Argentina?

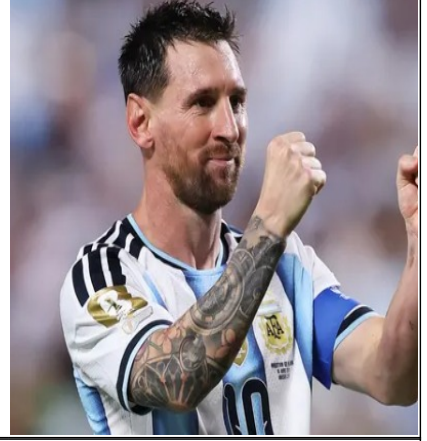
A - 115

B - 120

C - 125

D - 130

Lionel Messi retired from the Argentine national team after an international career spanning approximately 21 years, having scored 125 goals in 207 matches. With Argentina, he won the 2021 and 2024 Copa América, the 2022 Finalissima, and the 2022 FIFA World Cup, and claimed 8 Ballon d'Or awards.



18. How many winners were selected for the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award?

A - 2

B - 3

C - 4

D - 5

Tommy Koh, Runa Khan, and Bo Kyi were honored with the 2026 Ramon Magsaysay Award for their contributions to international law, social development, human rights, and democracy. Presented since 1958, this award honors outstanding contributions to public service, social justice, democratic values, and human dignity in Asia.



19. Which QR code will Indian users utilize for UPI payments in Uzbekistan?

A - BharatQR

B - UZQR

C - HUMO QR

D - EuroQR

Indian users will be able to make P2M (Person-to-Merchant) payments from their Indian bank accounts via UPI apps by scanning UZQR codes in Uzbekistan, thereby reducing reliance on cash and international cards. The NIPL-HUMO partnership will strengthen India's digital-economic ties with Central Asia, alongside advancing UPI's international expansion, Digital Public Infrastructure, and FinTech diplomacy.



20. Who became the CEO of Apple starting September 1, 2026?

A - Tim Cook

B - John Ternus

C - Craig Federighi

D - Jeff Williams

John Ternus assumed the role of Apple's CEO starting September 1, 2026, while Tim Cook became Executive Chairman after 15 years of leadership. Ternus faces key challenges such as AI competition, product innovation, and supply chain diversification amidst US-China tensions.



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21. What type of vessel is INS Nipun?

A - Destroyer

B - Diving Support Vessel

C - Aircraft Carrier

D - Frigate

INS Nipun is an indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) that strengthens the Indian Navy with state-of-the-art capabilities for missions such as deep-sea diving, underwater intervention, salvage, and submarine rescue. Along with INS Nistar, it enhances India's submarine rescue capabilities and contributes significantly to *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* (Self-Reliant India), maritime security, and HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief) operations.



22. What were the total receipts of the Central Government during April–July 2026?

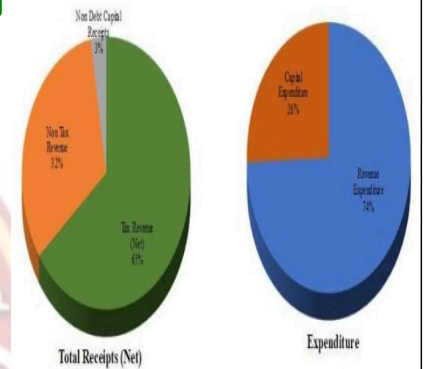
A - ₹10.06 lakh crore

B - ₹12.06 lakh crore

C - ₹13.06 lakh crore

D - ₹15.06 lakh crore

During April–July 2026, the Central Government's total receipts stood at ₹13.06 lakh crore and total expenditure at ₹17.61 lakh crore, with tax revenue being the primary source at ₹8.44 lakh crore. Tax transfers to states amounted to ₹3.72 lakh crore, while ₹4.26 lakh crore was spent on interest and ₹1.53 lakh crore on subsidies, highlighting the challenge of fiscal consolidation.



23. What annual growth was recorded in gross GST collections in August 2026?

A - 10.8%

B - 12.8%

C - 14.8%

D - 16.8%

In August 2026, gross GST collections stood at approximately ₹2 trillion, marking an annual growth of 14.8%, while import GST rose by 29% to reach ₹62,604 crore. Net GST collection stood at ₹1.68 trillion after refunds, and gross GST collection reached ₹10.43 trillion during April–August 2026.



24. The Merchant Navy is a significant part of which sector of India's economy?

A - Blue Economy

B - Green Economy

C - Digital Economy

D - Circular Economy

Merchant Navy Day honors the seafarers who contribute to commercial maritime transport and highlights the role of the Merchant Navy in India's foreign trade, supply chain security, and the Blue Economy. The Sagarmala Programme, Maritime India Vision 2030, and Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 focus on strengthening India's maritime infrastructure, trade, logistics, and maritime security.



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25. Who has been appointed as the first CEO of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust?

A - Jitendra Mishra

B - Suman Ray

C - Shakti Sharma

D - Mehmet Kasir

Retired Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra has been appointed as the first CEO of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust; he was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force in 1986 and possesses over 3,000 hours of flying experience.



26. To which position has Suman Ray been appointed at the RBI?

A - Deputy Governor

B - Executive Director

C - Regional Director

D - Chief Economic Advisor

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Suman Ray as Executive Director, effective September 1, 2026, assigning him charge of the DICGC and the Premises Department; previously, he served as the Regional Director for Maharashtra. With over 30 years of experience at the RBI, Suman Ray has worked in areas such as currency management, financial inclusion, payment and settlement systems, and consumer protection; the RBI is governed by a Central Board of Directors under the RBI Act, 1934.



27. In August 2026, UPI transactions reached an all-time high of how many billion?

A - 21.51 billion

B - 22.51 billion

C - 24.51 billion

D - 26.51 billion

According to the NPCI, UPI transactions reached a record level of 24.51 billion in August 2026, with a total value of approximately ₹29.82 trillion and an average of 791 million daily transactions. The growing use of UPI is boosting the digital economy, financial inclusion, and the formalization of small merchants, while mixed trends were observed in IMPS, FASTag, and AePS.



28. Who became the first female officer from a non-medical cadre to attain a two-star rank?

A - Suman Ray

B - Shakti Sharma

C - Bhawana Kanth

D - Avani Chaturvedi

Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma became the first female officer in the Indian Armed Forces from a non-medical cadre to attain a two-star rank and was appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education) effective September 1, 2026.



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29. An agreement regarding the water sharing of which river was reached between Bihar and Jharkhand?

A - Ganga

B - Son

C - Kosi

D - Damodar

Bihar and Jharkhand have signed an agreement to resolve the long-standing dispute over the sharing of the Son River's water, which will improve the availability of irrigation and drinking water in both states. This agreement exemplifies cooperative federalism and underscores the significance of Article 262 and the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, in the context of inter-state river water disputes.



30. Which country has become the 71st signatory to the Artemis Accords?

A - India

B - Japan

C - Turkey

D - Italy

Turkey has become the 71st signatory to the Artemis Accords; launched in 2020, this is a non-binding international framework that promotes peaceful and responsible space exploration. Its key principles include transparency, scientific data sharing, interoperability, emergency assistance, preservation of space heritage, and responsible use of space resources; India has been a signatory since 2023.



31. Approximately how much amount will the government spend under Semicon 2.0?

A - ₹75,000 crore

B - ₹1 lakh crore

C - ₹1.27 lakh crore

D - ₹1.50 lakh crore

The Government of India announced the launch of Semicon 2.0 on August 31, 2026, under which approximately ₹1.27 lakh crore will be spent on developing the semiconductor ecosystem, fostering wafer fabrication, chip design, packaging, R&D, and skill development.



32. What is the primary objective of National Wildlife Day?

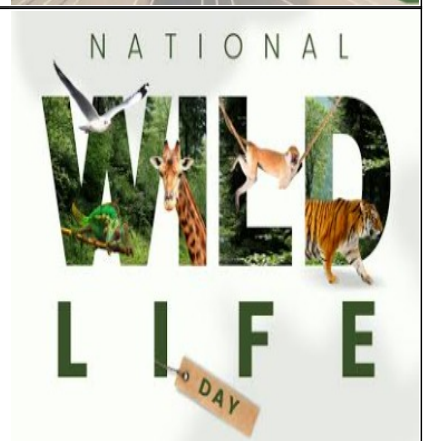
A - Agricultural development

B - Awareness regarding wildlife and biodiversity conservation

C - Industrial development

D - Mineral conservation

National Wildlife Day raises awareness about the conservation of wildlife, natural habitats, and biodiversity, and highlights the role of wildlife in ecological balance, water security, and climate resilience. In India, the Wildlife Protection Act (1972), NTCA, NBWL, and WII play a crucial role in addressing challenges such as habitat fragmentation, poaching, wildlife trade, climate change, and human-wildlife conflict.



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33. Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the Women's Champions Trophy 2027?

A - Sri Lanka

B - India

C - Australia

D - England

The ICC has shifted the hosting rights for the Women's Champions Trophy 2027 from Sri Lanka to India; the tournament will be held from February 14–28, 2027, featuring a six-team round-robin format. The hosting rights were changed due to concerns regarding government interference, and the matches will take place at the CCI in Mumbai and in Vadodara.



34. How many winners have been approved for the TNNAA 2024?

A - 2

B - 3

C - 4

D - 5

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has approved four winners for the TNNAA 2024; Baljeet Kaur and Skalzang Rigzin were selected in the 'Land' category, Rimo Saha in 'Water', and Shiv Prasad Chamoli for 'Lifetime Achievement'. Named after the renowned mountaineer Tenzing Norgay, the award includes a cash prize of ₹15 lakh, a statuette, and a certificate for each winner, with the honor being conferred by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.



35. With which airline has Abhinandan Varthaman begun his career in civil aviation?

A - IndiGo

B - Air India

C - FLY91

D - Akasa Air

Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman entered civil aviation as a pilot with FLY91 after nearly 22 years of military service; he had received the Vir Chakra for his role in the 2019 aerial conflict. Goa-based FLY91 commenced operations in March 2024; by September 2026, it aims to have a fleet of six ATR 72-600 aircraft and key bases in Goa and Hyderabad.



36. Scientists from DRDO and the University of Houston have obtained a patent for technology related to which compound?

A - BAM-H12

B - BAM-H18

C - BAM-H24

D - BAM-H30

Scientists from DRDO and the University of Houston have secured a patent for the technology behind the high-energy compound BAM-H24, which holds potential for use in future solid rocket propulsion systems. Composed of boron, hydrogen, and nitrogen, this compound offers the prospect of superior specific impulse and reduced ignition delay, combined with high stability and safety.



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37. In which city will the 'Tamil Nadu Olympic City' be developed?

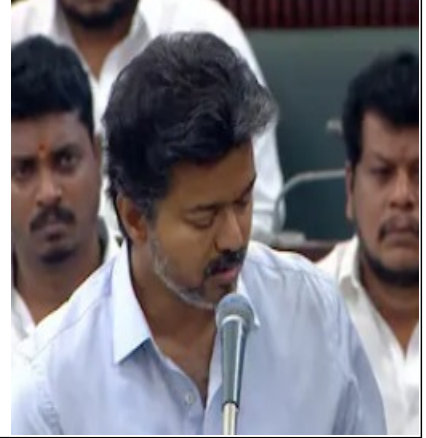
A - Madurai

B - Chennai

C - Coimbatore

D - Tiruchirappalli

The Tamil Nadu government has initiated a plan to develop an international-standard 'Tamil Nadu Olympic City' in Chennai, which will be executed by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT). This integrated sports complex will feature facilities such as a High-Performance Training Centre, a Sports Science Centre, and a Sports Medicine Centre, aiding in scientific training, performance enhancement, and injury prevention.



38. Which city has been designated as the SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27?

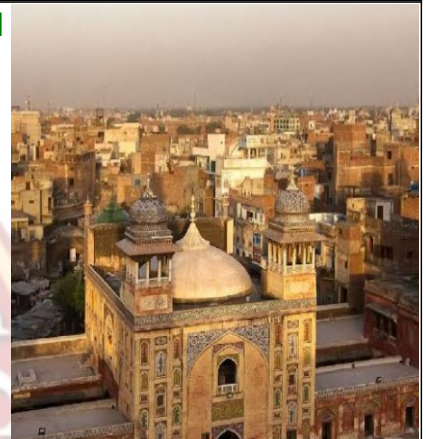
A - Islamabad

B - Lahore

C - Karachi

D - Peshawar

Lahore has been designated as the SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27, with the aim of promoting tourism, cultural exchange, heritage conservation, and people-to-people contact among member nations. Pakistan has assumed the SCO presidency for this period; the SCO was established in 2001, and India became a full member in 2017.



39. Which state government has announced the establishment of a 'Coconut Park'?

A - Tamil Nadu

B - Karnataka

C - Kerala

D - Andhra Pradesh

The Kerala government, in collaboration with the Coconut Development Board, has announced the establishment of a 'Coconut Park' aimed at promoting coconut processing, value addition, packaging, branding, and exports. This initiative will boost the production of high-quality coconut-based products, farmers' income, rural employment, and entrepreneurship, while strengthening access to global markets through export-oriented projects.



40. Teachers' Day is celebrated on the occasion of the birth anniversary of which great personality?

A - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

B - Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

C - Dr. Rajendra Prasad

D - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

Teachers' Day is celebrated in India every year on September 5th to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan; this tradition began in 1962. Teachers play a crucial role in human capital formation, while the NEP 2020 emphasizes teacher training, continuous professional development, and student-centric education.



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41. How many runs did Smriti Mandhana score against Hong Kong?

A - 112 runs

B - 119 runs

C - 124 runs

D - 128 runs

On September 3, 2026, Smriti Mandhana scored 124 runs against Hong Kong, taking her total international run tally to 10,880 and breaking Mithali Raj's record of 10,868 runs. She achieved the highest score in the Women's T20 Asia Cup and became the first Indian female player to score two T20 International centuries.



42. How many school teachers will be honored with the National Teachers' Award 2026?

A - 40

B - 48

C - 50

D - 52

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers' Award 2026 upon 48 school teachers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on September 5, 2026; they were selected through a three-stage online process. Among the 48 winners, 26 are men and 22 are women; Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.



43. Anil Chakravarthy has been appointed as the next President and CEO of which company?

A - Informatica

B - Adobe

C - Symantec

D - VeriSign

Adobe has appointed Anil Chakravarthy as the company's President and CEO, effective December 1, 2026, while Shantanu Narayen will become Executive Chairman. Chakravarthy has been with Adobe since 2020 and previously served as the CEO of Informatica; he possesses experience in the fields of AI, enterprise software, and digital experience.



44. To which sector does the 'Raksha' document pertain?

A - Agricultural Policy

B - Defence Diplomacy

C - Education Policy

D - Health Policy

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a 'Defence' strategic document that will guide India's defence diplomacy and security partnerships over the next decade. Its key pillars include strategic partnerships, capacity building, the indigenous defence industry and exports, and strengthening India's role as a security provider and first responder in the Indian Ocean Region.



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45. As what type of AI has ChatGPT 6 Astra been presented?

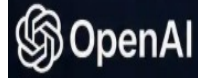
A - Generative AI

B - Agentic AI

C - Reactive AI

D - Rule-based AI

OpenAI developed ChatGPT 6 Astra on September 3, 2026, with the aim of autonomously completing complex computer tasks via Agentic AI. Astra can work on local files, while challenges such as data privacy, cybersecurity, and human oversight are also significant aspects of its usage.



GPT-6 ASTRA

46. Which rocket was used to launch the EOS-05 satellite?

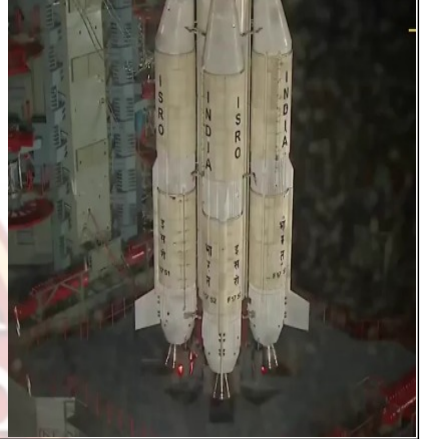
A - PSLV-C60

B - GSLV-F17

C - SSLV-D4

D - GSLV-F15

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the EOS-05 Earth-imaging satellite using the GSLV-F17 rocket and placed it into its designated orbit. EOS-05 will observe Earth from an altitude of approximately 36,000 km, and its data will be useful for agriculture, the environment, resource assessment, and disaster management.



47. On what occasion was the commemorative coin issued?

A - America's 200th anniversary

B - America's 250th anniversary

C - America's 300th anniversary

D - 100 years of independence

The US Mint issued a \$1 commemorative coin in honor of President Donald Trump to mark America's 250th anniversary; the coin features his image and the inscription "1776–2026." On July 4, 250,000 special coins were issued; coins featuring the image of a living president are considered extremely rare in the history of US currency.



48. Which organization approved the 'Correct the Map' resolution?

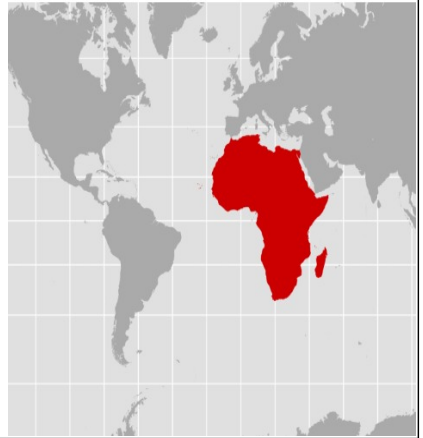
A - World Bank

B - United Nations General Assembly

C - UNESCO

D - IMF

The United Nations General Assembly approved the 'Correct the Map' resolution, which aims to promote world maps that more accurately depict the actual surface area of continents. The proposal from Togo received support from 164 countries; the Equal Earth Projection represents actual surface area better than the Mercator projection.



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49. Where was the 36th Ig Nobel Prize ceremony held in 2026?

A - Zurich

B - Paris

C - London

D - Geneva

The 36th Ig Nobel Prize ceremony was held on September 3 in Zurich, Switzerland, honoring unusual yet thought-provoking scientific research. Researchers, including Indian scientists, conducted unique studies on topics such as cockroach protein crystals, 3D printing using mosquito mouthparts, cotton underwear in soil, and splash-free urinals.



50. Who won the Miss World 2026 title?

A - Nikita Porwal

B - Johery Mola

C - Elizabeth Reynes

D - Tanusia Chetty

Johery Mola of the Dominican Republic won the 73rd Miss World pageant held in Vietnam on September 5, 2026, which saw participation from 111 contestants. Her 'Beauty With a Purpose' project focuses on providing English education to underprivileged youth; India's Nikita Porwal made it to the top 40, and this marks the Dominican Republic's second Miss World title.



51. What was India's foreign exchange reserve as of August 28, 2026?

A - \$729.328 billion

B - \$728.494 billion

C - \$740.803 billion

D - \$750.803 billion

According to the RBI, India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$11.475 billion to reach a record high of \$740.803 billion on August 28, 2026, driven primarily by increases in Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) and gold reserves. Meanwhile, marginal declines were recorded in SDRs and the IMF reserve position; high foreign exchange reserves strengthen India's external payment capacity and the stability of the rupee.



52. Which AI platform has NVIDIA struck a deal to acquire?

A - OpenAI

B - Hugging Face

C - DeepMind

D - Anthropic

NVIDIA has entered into a deal to acquire the AI platform Hugging Face for approximately \$12.93 billion, with the transaction expected to close in the first half of 2027. This move will expand NVIDIA's reach from AI hardware to software and model ecosystems and could boost open-source AI, although vertical integration raises concerns regarding competition and platform neutrality.



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53. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

A - Dinesh Sharma

B - D.K. Joshi

C - Rajiv Kumar

D - Manoj Sinha

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Dinesh Sharma as the new Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; he will succeed retired Admiral D.K. Joshi. Located near the Strait of Malacca, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are strategically significant for India's maritime security, the Indo-Pacific, the blue economy, connectivity, and the 'Act East Policy'.



54. In which list has the Rangpur–Sivasagar historical complex been included?

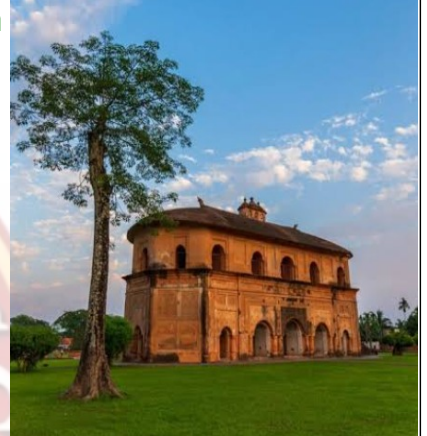
A - World Heritage List

B - Tentative List

C - Ramsar List

D - Red List

The Rangpur–Sivasagar historical complex in Assam has been included in UNESCO's Tentative List; it reflects the cultural and architectural heritage of the Ahom dynasty, spanning approximately 600 years. Developed by Swargadeo Rudra Singha.



55. In which district of Malaysia was a state of emergency declared due to haze?

A - Serian

B - Kuching

C - Miri

D - Sibul

Malaysia declared a state of emergency in the Serian district of Sarawak due to transboundary haze caused by forest and peatland fires in Indonesia; an API (Air Pollutant Index) reading of 519 was recorded there. Malaysia implemented measures such as cloud seeding, school closures, and health safeguards; this event highlights issues related to transboundary air pollution, PM2.5, forest fires, and the importance of peatland conservation.



56. Which program related to adult literacy is significant in India?

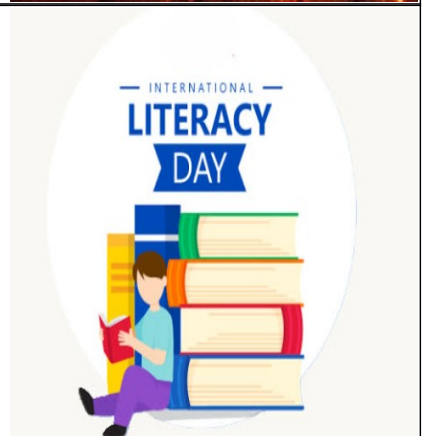
A - ULLAS

B - PM-KISAN

C - PMAY

D - Ujjwala

International Literacy Day is observed annually on September 8 under the aegis of UNESCO; it was proclaimed in 1966 and has been celebrated since 1967. Modern literacy encompasses digital, financial, health, and media literacy, while in India, NEP 2020 and ULLAS are aligned with the SDG-4 goal of quality education.



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57. Which Indian pair won the China Masters Super 750 2026 title?

A - Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty

B - Rohan Kapoor and Dhruv Kapila

C - Arjun Madathil and Dhruv Kapila

D - Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy

The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won their maiden China Masters Super 750 title in Shenzhen. In the final, they defeated the Chinese pair of He Jiting and Ren Xiangyu 11-21, 21-13, 21-17. This marks their second Super 750 title of the 2026 season and their first title victory at the China Masters, following runner-up finishes in 2023 and 2025.



58. What is the maximum stake in ICICI Bank that the RBI has approved LIC to acquire?

A - 5.00%

B - 7.50%

C - 9.99%

D - 12.00%

The RBI has approved LIC to acquire a stake of up to 9.99% in the paid-up share capital or voting rights of ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank. This approval is significant from the perspectives of banking regulation, institutional investment, and financial stability; as of August 19, 2026, LIC held a 4.11% stake in HDFC Bank.



59. 'Veer Guardian 2026' is an aerial military exercise between India and which country?

A - USA

B - Japan

C - France

D - Australia

'Veer Guardian 2026' is the second edition of the India-Japan bilateral air military exercise, scheduled to be held at Jodhpur Air Force Station from September 9–22, 2026. The IAF and JASDF will participate in it, and the objective is to strengthen India-Japan defense cooperation by enhancing interoperability, operational coordination, and mutual understanding.



60. When was the door-to-door listing drive for the 2027 Census in Manipur postponed?

A - September 5, 2026

B - January 7, 2026

C - August 15, 2026

D - October 2, 2026

The Ministry of Home Affairs postponed the door-to-door listing drive for the 2027 Census in Manipur on September 5, 2026, until further notice; a new date has not yet been announced. This decision was taken under the Census Act, 1948, and the Census Rules, 1990, but the census process has not been permanently cancelled.



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61. Which volcano experienced a powerful eruption on September 6, 2026?

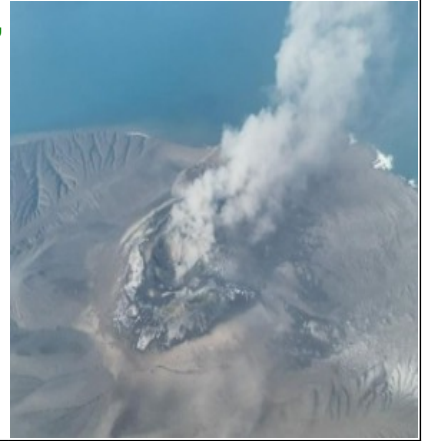
A - Mount Etna

B - Mount Anak Krakatau

C - Mount Fuji

D - Mount Merapi

On September 6, 2026, a powerful eruption at Indonesia's Mount Anak Krakatau sent an ash plume reaching approximately 50,000 feet, disrupting aviation services. Anak Krakatau is located in the Sunda Strait, and its volcanic activity is linked to the Pacific Ring of Fire and the subduction of the Indo-Australian Plate.



62. Which country introduced the "Map the Map" proposal?

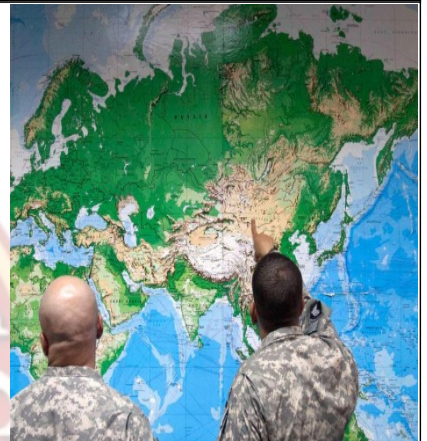
A - India

B - Togo

C - USA

D - France

India supported Togo's "Map the Map" proposal at the UN General Assembly, which aims to provide a more equitable representation of the relative surface area of regions on world maps. The proposal passed with 164 votes, while the USA opposed it; India clarified that its support did not imply acceptance of any specific political map or boundary and maintained that J&K and Ladakh should be depicted according to the official map.



63. New Chief Justices were appointed to how many High Courts on September 5, 2026?

A - 6

B - 7

C - 8

D - 9

On September 5, 2026, the Central Government appointed new Chief Justices to eight High Courts, with the President granting approval based on the recommendations of the Supreme Court Collegium. The constitutional basis for these appointments is primarily Article 217; Chief Justices are responsible for judicial functions as well as the constitution of benches, the allocation of cases, and court administration.



64. What is its theme for 2024–2026?

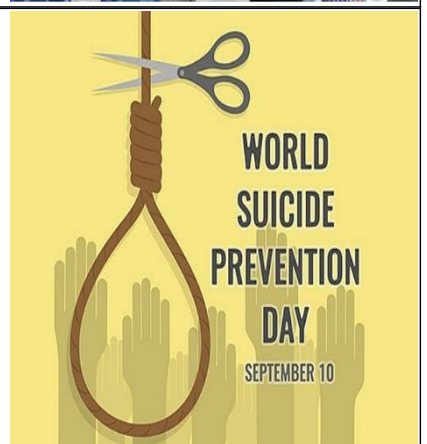
A - Mental Health for All

B - Hope for Humanity

C - Changing the Narrative on Suicide

D - Save Every Life

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10, aiming to raise global awareness regarding suicide prevention and mental health. The theme for 2024–2026 is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide"; the IASP and WHO are key global partners, while initiatives like Tele-MANAS are significant in India.



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65. What position did India secure in the Pickleball World Cup 2026?

A - Fifth

B - Fourth

C - Third

D - Seventh

India achieved its best-ever performance at the Pickleball World Cup 2026, held in Da Nang, Vietnam, by securing the fourth position among 82 teams and winning a total of 41 medals with a squad of 48 players. India's medal tally included 7 gold, 17 silver, and 17 bronze medals, marking a significant improvement over the seventh-place finish in the previous World Cup.



66. How many members are in India's contingent for the 2026 Asian Games?

A - 403

B - 453

C - 503

D - 553

India's 503-member contingent for the 2026 Asian Games was given a send-off in New Delhi; over 300 athletes in the squad will be participating in the Asian Games for the first time. The government linked the Games to national pride and India's soft power, emphasizing investments in sports infrastructure exceeding ₹36,000 crore and the vision for the 2036 Olympics.



67. Which award will the NCSC be honored with in 2026?

A - Gandhi Peace Prize

B - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Public Service Award

C - National Service Award

D - Social Justice Award

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) will be honored with the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Public Service Award 2026 for its contributions to social justice and public service. The award is scheduled to be presented at the 16th Sansad Ratna Awards ceremony in New Delhi on September 9, 2026. The NCSC safeguards the rights of Scheduled Castes under Article 338.



68. Who presented the 'President's Colour' to the Goa Police?

A - Rajnath Singh

B - Amit Shah

C - Mansukh Mandaviya

D - Piyush Goyal

Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the 'President's Colour' to the Goa Police in Panaji on September 7, 2026; the police force has strengthened technology-driven policing through the AI-powered '1930' cyber helpline and the '112' emergency service. With 93.38% progress in the implementation of new criminal laws and a conviction rate that has risen from 23% to 53%, the Goa Police is set to play a crucial role in the 'Drug-Free India 2029' initiative, as well as in coastal and internal security.



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69. How many countries, including the USA, are part of the Global 6G Initiative?

A - 20

B - 22

C - 25

D - 28

India joined the Global 6G Initiative—comprising 25 countries, including the USA—on September 7, 2026. The initiative aims to foster collaboration in the development of secure, competitive, and innovation-driven 6G networks. 6G is expected to provide enhanced connectivity for AI, IoT, and smart systems through faster data transfer and lower latency; for India, it is significant in terms of setting technical standards, cybersecurity, and achieving self-reliance.



70. Which edition of the World Knowledge Forum (WKF) is being held in 2026?

A - 25th

B - 26th

C - 27th

D - 28th

The 27th edition of the World Knowledge Forum (WKF) is being held in Seoul, South Korea, from September 8–10, 2026, under the theme "Promethean Moment: Building a Co-Intelligence Order." The forum featured discussions on human-machine collaboration and the employment and ethical implications of AI, alongside emerging technologies such as quantum computing, cybersecurity, AI glasses, and augmented reality.



71. How many major cities of the Shekhawati region are included in the UNESCO list?

A - 10

B - 12

C - 14

D - 16

Rajasthan's famous Shekhawati *havelis* (mansions) and historical heritage sites have been included in the UNESCO Tentative List; this inclusion encompasses 14 major cities, with their mural art and architecture being particularly noteworthy. It does not hold the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but it is likely to boost heritage conservation, restoration, heritage tourism, and local employment.



72. With which historical event is 'National Forest Martyrs Day' associated?

A - Chipko Movement

B - Khejarli Sacrifice

C - Appiko Movement

D - Narmada Bachao Andolan

National Forest Martyrs Day is observed in India every year on September 11 to pay tribute to forest personnel who sacrificed their lives for forest and wildlife conservation. It is associated with the Khejarli sacrifice of 1730, where Amrita Devi Bishnoi and other Bishnoi people laid down their lives to protect Khejri trees.



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73. Who won the 2026-27 Duleep Trophy title?

A - South Zone

B - East Zone

C - North Zone

D - West Zone

The final of the 2026-27 Duleep Trophy, held at Chepauk, Chennai, on September 10, 2026, ended in a draw; however, East Zone won the title based on a first-innings lead. Kaunain Qureshi scored an unbeaten 116 on his debut, while captain Ishan Kishan scored 270 and 80 runs, amassing a tournament-high total of 409 runs.



74. In which event did Sheetal Devi win a gold medal at the Hyundai World Archery Para Series?

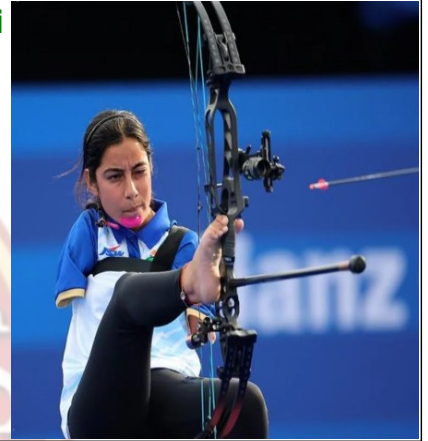
A - Recurve Women's Individual

B - Compound Women's Individual

C - Compound Mixed Team

D - Recurve Women's Team

Indian para-archer Sheetal Devi won her first individual gold medal in the Compound Women's Individual event at the Hyundai World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad, defeating Kazakhstan's Aizada Sedan in a shoot-off. India's Sarita won bronze, while Harvinder Singh and Bhavana won gold in the Recurve Mixed Team event; Harvinder also secured gold in the Recurve Men's category.



75. Which company's trading ban was lifted by SEBI?

A - Mansi Share & Stock Broking

B - Copthall Mauritius Investment Ltd.

C - JPMorgan India Pvt. Ltd.

D - BSE Ltd.

SEBI lifted the trading ban imposed on Copthall Mauritius Investment Ltd., a subsidiary of JPMorgan, after the deposit of ₹2.96 crore; however, the investigation into allegations of market manipulation continues. Copthall and Mansi Share & Stock Broking are accused of influencing the Sensex value during the BSE closing auction, highlighting the importance of market transparency and investor protection.



76. What type of vessel is 'Sagar Manthan'?

A - Warship

B - Submarine

C - Oceanographic Research Vessel

D - Cargo vessel

On September 9, 2026, 'Sagar Manthan'—a state-of-the-art Oceanographic Research Vessel built by GRSE for NCPOR at a cost of ₹840 crore—was unveiled in Kolkata; it will be instrumental in marine and climate research. Under the Deep Ocean Mission, it will assist in surveying the Mid-Oceanic Ridge of the Indian Ocean and marine mineral resources, while also strengthening climate studies, tsunami forecasting, and the Blue Economy.



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77. What percentage of incentive will be provided for investments in 'most backward' taluks?

- A - 5% B - 10%
C - 15% D - 20%

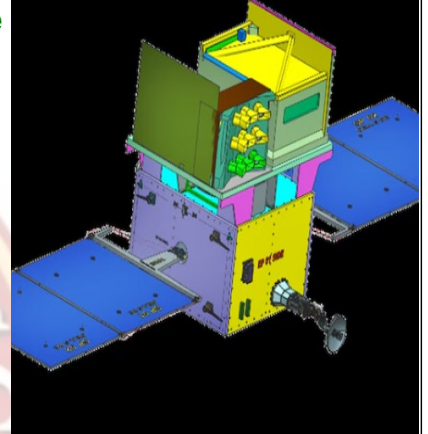
The Karnataka Cabinet approved the Aerospace Policy 2026-31, which includes provisions for industrial incentives of up to 10% in backward taluks and 20% in most backward taluks, as well as the construction of 10,000 worker housing units. ₹40.5 crore was sanctioned for the digitization of taluk hospitals, with an emphasis on employment and health facilities alongside sectors like aerospace, defense, EV, electronics, and semiconductors.



78. The TRISHNA mission is a joint mission between which two space agencies?

- A - ISRO and NASA B - ISRO and ESA
C - ISRO and CNES D - CNES and JAXA

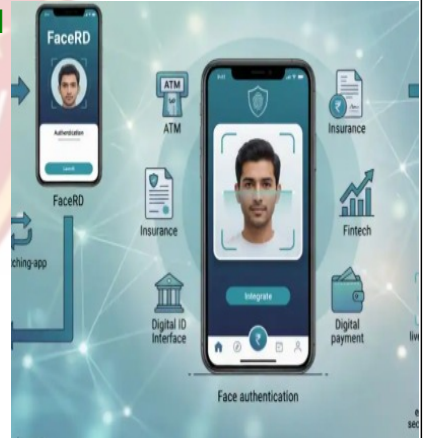
TRISHNA is a joint India-France Earth observation mission being developed by ISRO and CNES; it will conduct high-resolution studies of Earth's surface temperature, emissivity, and environmental changes. It will be useful for monitoring water scarcity, agriculture, drought, urban heat islands, and glaciers, and will operate for 5 years in a Sun-Synchronous Orbit at an altitude of approximately 761 km.



79. Where did UIDAI launch the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox?

- A - India Mobile Congress B - Global Fintech Fest 2026
C - Digital India Summit D - India AI Summit

UIDAI launched the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox at the Global Fintech Fest 2026, enabling banks, insurance companies, and FinTech entities to directly integrate face authentication into Android and iOS applications. Since its inception in 2021, this technology has facilitated over 5 billion (500 crore) authentications and is being utilized in services such as DBT, e-KYC, Jeevan Pramaan, and PM-KISAN.



80. When is World First Aid Day observed every year?

- A - First Saturday of September B - Second Saturday of September
C - Third Saturday of September D - Last Saturday of September

World First Aid Day is observed annually on the second Saturday of September; in 2026, it will be celebrated on September 12. The day aims to train people to provide immediate assistance during emergencies. First Aid and BLS are instrumental in saving lives and mitigating the severity of injuries during disasters, while training in these areas strengthens public health, disaster preparedness, and community resilience in India.



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81. Which technology will be used in UPI Tap-to-Pay?

A - GPS

B - NFC

C - Bluetooth

D - RFID

The RBI has introduced features such as UPI Tap-to-Pay, MyUPI, and biometric authentication; Tap-to-Pay utilizes NFC technology, while MyUPI consolidates UPI transactions and AutoPay mandates in one place. Multi-currency Forex facilities on Bharat Connect now include USD, EUR, GBP, CAD, CHF, and UAE Dirham, and over 6.29 billion transactions have been conducted via biometric methods.



82. Stanzin Tsangyang became the first female officer from which district?

A - Leh

B - Kargil

C - Bikaner

D - Chamoli

Stanzin Tsangyang achieved the distinction of becoming the first female officer from Kargil district after being commissioned into the Indian Army from the OTA in Chennai on September 5, 2026. Hailing from the Zaskar Valley, Tsangyang pursued Mechanical Engineering at Tezpur University and underwent military training through the NCC, serving as an inspiring example of women's empowerment.



83. Which special constitutional provision has been proposed for Ladakh?

A - Article 370

B - Article 371(K)

C - Article 371-A

D - Article 371-G

The Central Government has proposed granting special constitutional protection to land, culture, language, environment, and natural resources under the proposed Article 371(K) for Ladakh. Ladakh does not have a Legislative Assembly, and the Leh-Kargil Autonomous Hill Councils do not enjoy the protection of the Sixth Schedule. Under the proposed arrangement, legislative powers could be granted to the directly elected body.



84. Which literary work's Russian translation did Prime Minister Narendra Modi present to Vladimir Putin?

A - Sangam Literature

B - Thirukkural

C - Arthashastra

D - Natyashastra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a Russian translation of the *Thirukkural* to Russian President Vladimir Putin; this serves as an example of India's cultural diplomacy and soft power. Attributed to Thiruvalluvar, this work comprises 133 chapters and 1,330 couplets, divided into three sections: *Aram* (Virtue), *Porul* (Wealth), and *Inbam* (Love/Pleasure).



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85. Where is the Rajasthan phase of 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' being conducted?

A - Pokhran

B - Mahajan Field Firing Range

C - Jaisalmer Airbase

D - Suratgarh

The 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' between India and the US is being held from September 9–28, 2026, featuring training for desert and high-altitude warfare at Rajasthan's Mahajan Field Firing Range and Auli in Uttarakhand. The exercise emphasizes interoperability, long-range precision firing, air mobility, and counter-drone operations, with both nations utilizing modern weapon systems.



86. Where is the BRICS Summit 2026 being organized?

A - Mumbai

B - New Delhi

C - Bengaluru

D - Hyderabad

India is hosting the BRICS Summit 2026 in New Delhi on September 12–13, 2026, where issues such as the Global South, food and energy security, health, disaster management, and supply chain resilience will be discussed. BRICS serves as a crucial platform for India to promote strategic autonomy, the interests of the Global South, and a multipolar world order.



87. Cocoa production primarily takes place in which type of regions?

A - Arid and cold

B - Hot and humid

C - Polar and icy

D - Semi-arid and cold

International Chocolate Day raises awareness about the global economic significance of the cocoa-based chocolate industry; major cocoa-producing countries include Ivory Coast, Ghana, Indonesia, Nigeria, Ecuador, and Cameroon. Challenges such as climate change, deforestation, child labor, and low farmer incomes are affecting the cocoa sector; therefore, sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture is essential.



88. How many languages are currently included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

A - 18

B - 20

C - 22

D - 24

On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Union; hence, Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on September 14. Articles 343–351 contain provisions regarding the official language, while the Eighth Schedule lists 22 languages, and the official use of English alongside Hindi continues under the Official Languages Act, 1963.



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89. Who won the 2026 US Open Women's Singles title?

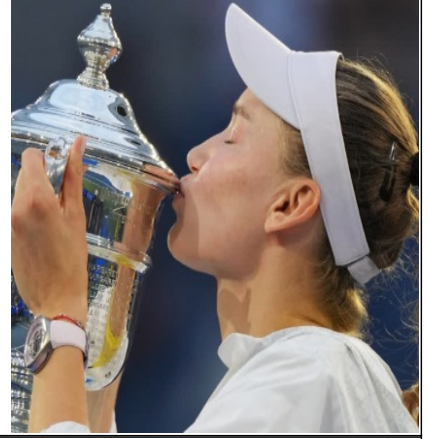
A - Aryna Sabalenka

B - Elena Rybakina

C - Iga Świątek

D - Coco Gauff

Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina won her third Grand Slam title by defeating Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 in the 2026 US Open Women's Singles final. With this victory, Rybakina became the WTA World No. 1, ending Sabalenka's 99-week reign; she further solidified her standing on hard courts.



90. How many programs were honored at the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026?

A - Four

B - Five

C - Six

D - Eight

UNESCO honored six programs from six countries with the 2026 International Literacy Prizes; the King Sejong Prize focuses on mother-language-based education, while the Confucius Prize focuses on innovation and digital literacy. Each winner received US\$30,000, a medal, and a certificate/diploma; globally, over 739 million youth and adults lack basic literacy skills, with women accounting for approximately 63% of this group.



91. How many state acts were amended under the Gujarat Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026?

A - 3

B - 5

C - 7

D - 9

The Gujarat Legislative Assembly passed the Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026, amending 12 provisions across 5 state acts to promote 24x7 business operations, self-declaration, and risk-based fire safety. The Bill includes provisions for expanding the MSME facilitation mechanism and enabling automatic appeals regarding delays in public services, which is expected to reduce the regulatory burden and foster good governance.



92. How many doses were administered within six months under India's HPV vaccination campaign?

A - 50 lakh

B - 60 lakh

C - 80 lakh

D - 1 crore

More than 80 lakh doses have been administered within six months of India's national HPV vaccination campaign, which aims to prevent cervical cancer. Under the program, the vaccine is being provided free of cost to 14-year-old girls, with Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Mizoram achieving 100% target coverage.



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93. Which temple's backdrop was used to welcome the BRICS leaders?

- A - Somnath Temple
C - Kedarnath Temple

- B - Ramanathaswamy Temple
D - Mahakaleshwar Temple

India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12–13, 2026, discussing global governance, multilateralism, trade, technology, energy, and security. The use of the Ramanathaswamy Temple as a backdrop for welcoming BRICS leaders reflects India's cultural diplomacy and soft power; furthermore, BRICS serves as a crucial platform for India regarding the Global South and a multipolar world order.

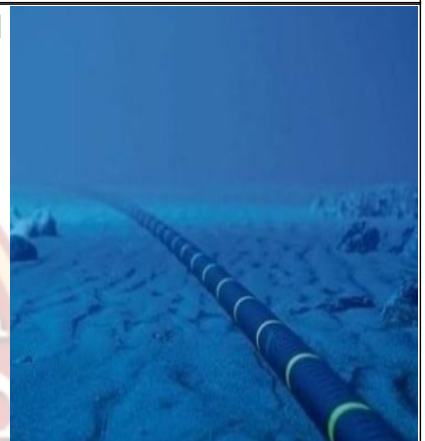


94. What is the India-US undersea cable cooperation primarily related to?

- A - Agricultural development
C - Tourism

- B - Digital infrastructure
D - Defense production

India and the US have advanced technical cooperation to enhance the security, resilience, and diversity of global undersea cable networks, thereby strengthening digital connectivity and data security. India's geographical location positions it to become a global hub for submarine digital infrastructure; this cooperation also fosters strategic partnerships in AI, semiconductors, and quantum technology under the TRUST initiative.



95. Southern Railway completed the 100% electrification of a broad-gauge network spanning how many kilometers?

- A - 4,568 km
C - 5,680 km

- B - 5,068 km
D - 6,068 km

Southern Railway has completed the 100% electrification of its entire 5,068 km broad-gauge network, including the final 71 km stretch of the Pattukottai–Karaikudi section. 25 kV AC traction will help reduce diesel dependency and emissions, enhance operational efficiency, and advance India's Net-Zero 2070 goal.



96. What is the primary objective of the International Day of Democracy?

- A - To boost economic growth
C - To enhance military cooperation

- B - To raise awareness about democratic values and human rights

- D - To strengthen trade relations

The International Day of Democracy is observed annually on September 15; it was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. Its objective is to promote democratic values, public participation, and human rights.



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97. Who won the 2026 US Open Men's Singles title?

A - Ben Shelton

B - Alexander Zverev

C - Andy Roddick

D - Jannik Sinner

Germany's Alexander Zverev won the 2026 US Open Men's Singles title by defeating Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-2. With this victory, Zverev secured his second Grand Slam title of 2026, while Andy Roddick remains the last American male US Open champion (from 2003).



98. How many times has India won the Women's Asia Cup title?

A - Sixth time

B - Seventh time

C - Eighth time

D - Ninth time

India won the Women's Asia Cup title for a record eighth time by defeating Sri Lanka and remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. Following the fastest half-century by Shafali Verma and a 59-run innings by Smriti Mandhana, Indian spinners delivered a brilliant performance to seal the victory.



99. In how many categories did India win the title at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026?

A - One

B - Two

C - Three

D - Four

India achieved a double championship by winning titles in both the men's and women's categories at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026 held in Moki, China. The women's team defeated China 1-0 and the men's team defeated South Korea 4-1; Anmol Ekka was the top scorer with 17 goals.



100. Representatives from more than how many countries are participating in WCEF 2026?

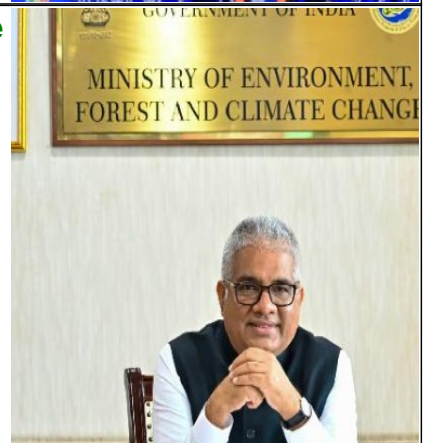
A - 25

B - 40

C - 50

D - 65

The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 is being organized in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from September 15–18, 2026; this marks the event's first edition in South Asia. Centered on the theme "Circular Economy: Transformation for People and Prosperity," the forum will promote sustainable production, recycling, innovation, and Global South cooperation, bringing together over 2,000 delegates from more than 65 countries.



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101. What was India's WPI inflation in August 2026?

A - 7.76%

B - 8.37%

C - 9.92%

D - 22.93%

India's WPI inflation rose to 9.92% in August 2026, up from 9.78% in July; the highest inflation of 22.93% was recorded in the fuel and power sector. The base year for WPI is 2022-23, and it measures wholesale prices, whereas CPI measures retail prices and serves as the key indicator for the RBI's monetary policy.



102. Where is the SST-1 Tokamak located?

A - Maharashtra

B - Gujarat

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Rajasthan

An 82.6 GHz, 400 kW gyrotron has been installed on the SST-1 Tokamak at the Institute for Plasma Research in Gujarat; this will aid in plasma heating and controlled nuclear fusion research. Controlled nuclear fusion is considered a potential future clean and low-carbon energy technology that could play a crucial role in India's energy security.



103. Who will host the 19th BRICS Summit?

A - India

B - China

C - Russia

D - Brazil

At the conclusion of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India handed over the presidency for the 2027 19th BRICS Summit to China, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized concrete and result-oriented cooperation. Xi Jinping spoke about strengthening the interests and international role of the Global South within BRICS, and a bilateral meeting between India and China also took place during the summit.



104. When was the Montreal Protocol signed?

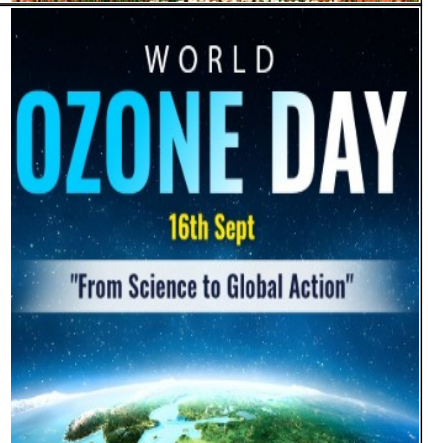
A - 1972

B - 1985

C - 1987

D - 1994

World Ozone Day is observed on September 16; the Montreal Protocol was signed on this day in 1987, and the United Nations declared it World Ozone Day in 1994. CFCs and other ozone-depleting substances damage the ozone layer, whereas the Montreal Protocol and the 2016 Kigali Amendment have played a significant role in its preservation.



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105. In which category did Dhiraj Bommadevara win the Archery World Cup Final title?

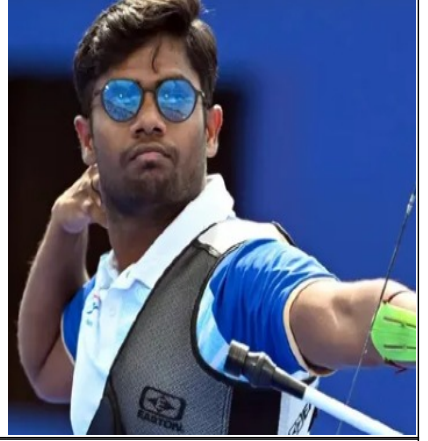
A - Women's Recurve

B - Men's Recurve

C - Men's Compound

D - Mixed Team Recurve

Indian recurve archer Dhiraj Bommadevara won the Men's Recurve Archery World Cup Final title by defeating Japan's Junya Nakanishi 10-9 in a shoot-off in Saltillo, Mexico. He became the first Indian man to win gold in this event; previously, Jayanta Talukdar had won bronze in 2010, and Dola Banerjee had won the women's individual title in 2007.



106. Who became the champion of GCL 2026?

A - Alpine APL Pipers

B - Ganges Grandmasters

C - Mumbai Masters

D - American Gambits

In the fourth edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) 2026, Ganges Grandmasters won the title for the first time, defeating Alpine APL Pipers 7-5 in the final. Victories by Ian Nepomniachtchi and Stavroula Tsolakidou in the second leg proved decisive; the winning team received a prize money of US\$ 250,000.



107. Where were the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards 2026 held?

A - New York

B - Los Angeles

C - London

D - Chicago

The 78th Primetime Emmy Awards were held in Los Angeles on September 14, 2026, where 'The Pit' won the award for Best Drama and 'Widows Bay' won the award for Best Comedy Series. Matthew Rice won two awards, while 'DTF St. Louis' secured awards for directing and writing, in addition to the Limited Series category.



108. Which department secured the first position in the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for the year 2025-26?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - Department of Financial Services

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

D - Department of Official Language

The Department of Financial Services (DFS) secured the first position in the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for 2025-26, awarded for the outstanding implementation of Hindi in the category of ministries/departments with fewer than 300 employees.



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109. Which new digital medium has the EPFO launched for members and pensioners?

A - Telegram channel

B - WhatsApp channel

C - SMS portal

D - Mobile website

The EPFO has launched an official WhatsApp channel for members and pensioners; currently, it serves as a medium for disseminating information regarding schemes, services, and important notices, and may incorporate features like PF balance checks, transaction details, and claim status in the future.



110. To which of the following will the zero-charge arrangement for UPI payments up to ₹2,000 also apply?

A - Visa cards

B - Mastercard

C - RuPay debit cards

D - Credit cards

No charges will be levied on the payer or the payee for UPI payments up to ₹2,000, and this same arrangement will apply to RuPay debit card transactions. This zero-charge system will help promote digital payments and financial inclusion for small merchants and consumers.



111. Where was the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on September 14, 2026?

A - London

B - Edinburgh

C - Cardiff

D - Belfast

On September 14, 2026, pro-independence leaders from Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Cardiff in support of self-determination and constitutional change. The agreement emphasized the right to democratically determine their political future, regional cooperation, and a shared vision for future relations with the European Union.



112. What has the WHO emphasized strengthening for the safe treatment of NCDs?

A - Primary health care

B - Tertiary health services only

C - Private hospitals only

D - Emergency services only

World Patient Safety Day is observed annually on September 17; the theme for 2026 is "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases" and the slogan is "Safe care for life!". The WHO has emphasized strengthening primary health care, safe diagnosis, medication safety, and patient-community engagement for the safe and continuous treatment of NCDs.



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113. From whom did Brendan Taylor snatch the record for the longest career in men's ODI cricket?

- A - Virat Kohli
B - Sachin Tendulkar
C - Sanath Jayasuriya
D - Ricky Ponting

Zimbabwe's wicketkeeper-batsman Brendan Taylor set the record for the longest career in men's ODI cricket—spanning 22 years and 148 days—by playing an ODI against Australia on September 15, 2026, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record of 22 years and 91 days. Taylor made his ODI debut in 2004 and returned to international cricket in 2025 following an ICC ban in 2022; Tendulkar's records of 18,426 runs and 463 matches remain intact.



114. With which award will Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy be honored?

- A - Shantala Award
B - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
C - Padma Bhushan Guru Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan Excellence Award 2026
D - Kalidas Samman

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be honored with the Padma Bhushan Guru Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan Excellence Award 2026 for her contributions to Bharatanatyam spanning over five decades. She has conducted research on the connection between Bharatanatyam and Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga and has choreographed productions such as 'Panchali', 'Ganga Lahari', and 'Sama Veda'.



115. With which award will Anant Nag be honored for the year 2024?

- A - Padma Vibhushan
B - Dadasaheb Phalke Award
C - National Film Award
D - Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

Veteran actor Anant Nag will be conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024 in recognition of his contributions to Indian cinema spanning over five decades. This honor will be presented on September 22, 2026, at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony in Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat. A prominent actor in Kannada cinema, Anant Nag has also contributed to theatre, parallel cinema, and television; the Dadasaheb Phalke Award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus), a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.



116. What is the new monthly wage limit set for mandatory social security coverage under the EPFO?

- A - ₹20,000
B - ₹22,000
C - ₹25,000
D - ₹30,000

The Union Cabinet approved raising the monthly wage limit for mandatory social security coverage under the EPFO from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000, a move expected to benefit over 51 lakh additional workers. The estimated annual financial requirement for this change is ₹11,339 crore, with a total expenditure of ₹56,696 crore over five years; the key schemes under the EPFO are EPF, EPS, and EDLI.



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117. How many artisans have been registered under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana?

A - 20 lakh

B - 25 lakh

C - 30 lakh

D - 35 lakh

The Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana completed one year on September 17, 2024 (launched on September 17, 2023); under this scheme, 30 lakh artisans have been registered, 24.50 lakh have received skill training, and 18.15 lakh have been provided with modern toolkits.



118. Dr. Sanjukta Parashar has been appointed as the Inspector General of which unit?

A - BSF

B - ITBP

C - CoBRA unit of CRPF

D - CISF

Dr. Sanjukta Parashar, a 2006-batch IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been appointed as the Inspector General of the CoBRA unit of the CRPF, making her the first female IPS officer to lead CoBRA. CoBRA is the specialized commando unit of the CRPF, trained for jungle warfare and counter-insurgency operations, with 10 of its battalions deployed in Naxal-affected and other challenging regions.



119. The Karnataka government has decided to observe September 15 as which day?

A - National Science Day

B - Engineers' Day

C - Technology Day

D - Youth Day

The Government of Karnataka has decided to observe September 15 as the official 'Engineers' Day' and to permit engineers to use the prefix 'Er.' before their names; this day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya.



120. Which organization announced World Bamboo Day?

A - UNEP

B - FAO

C - World Bamboo Organization

D - WWF

World Bamboo Day is celebrated annually on September 18; the World Bamboo Organization (WBO) announced it on September 18, 2009, at the 8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok. Bamboo is a fast-growing perennial grass that plays a crucial role in soil conservation, land restoration, and carbon sequestration; in India, its cultivation and processing are being promoted through the National Bamboo Mission.



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121. In how many balls did Abhishek Sharma complete his T20I century against Afghanistan?

A - 27 balls

B - 29 balls

C - 30 balls

D - 34 balls

On September 17, 2026, Abhishek Sharma set the record for the fastest T20I century in Indian men's cricket by scoring a century off 30 balls in the third T20I against Afghanistan. He scored 108 runs off 34 balls, and India won the series 3-0.



122. Which award was conferred upon Sethuraman Panchanathan in 2026?

A - Turing Award

B - Arthur M. Bueche Award

C - Marconi Prize

D - Kyoto Prize

Indian-origin computer scientist Sethuraman Panchanathan has been honored with the US National Academy of Engineering's 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award. In addition to his contributions to computer science, machine learning, and human-centered computing, he has served as the 15th Director of the NSF.



123. To which position has Michael Kremer been appointed within the World Bank Group?

A - Managing Director

B - Chief Economist

C - President

D - Chief Financial Officer

Nobel Prize-winning economist Michael Kremer has been appointed as the Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics at the World Bank Group; his tenure is effective from October 1, 2026. Kremer is known for his work on evidence-based development and the use of Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) in areas such as global poverty alleviation, education, health, and agriculture; he received the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2019.



124. Who has been reappointed as the Executive Chairman of Tata Sons for the next five years?

A - Ratan Tata

B - Noel Tata

C - N. Chandrasekaran

D - Venu Srinivasan

On September 17, 2026, the board of Tata Sons reappointed N. Chandrasekaran as Executive Chairman for the next five years, even though his current term was due to end in February 2027. While Noel Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, opposed this move, the RBI's rejection of the demand to cancel Tata Sons' NBFC registration brought the issues of the company's potential listing and corporate governance into sharp focus.



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125. What was India's rank in the Global Gender Gap Report 2026?

A - 121st

B - 126th

C - 131st

D - 136th

In the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2026, India ranked 131st out of 145 economies, with a Gender Parity Score of 64.5%. India's education score stood at 96.6% and the health and survival score at 95.6%, while economic participation was 41.2% and political empowerment was 24.5%.



126. In which category has India been placed in the 'Free to Think 2026' report?

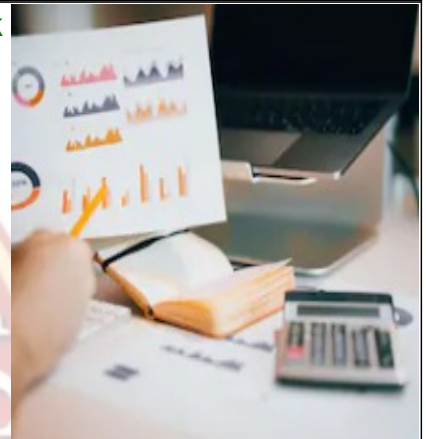
A - Free

B - Partially Restricted

C - Highly Restricted

D - Fully Restricted

In the 'Free to Think 2026' report by Scholars at Risk (SAR), India has been placed in the "Highly Restricted" category; the report documents 382 attacks on higher education communities across 59 countries. The report assesses dimensions such as research and teaching, academic expression, institutional autonomy, campus integrity, and the dissemination of knowledge under the Academic Freedom Index.



127. How many Indian institutions were included in the QS Global Full-Time MBA Ranking 2027?

A - 15

B - 17

C - 19

D - 21

19 Indian institutions were included in the QS Global Full-Time MBA Ranking 2027, with IIM Bangalore ranking 64th, IIM Ahmedabad ranking joint 70th, and IIM Calcutta ranking 95th. Key criteria in the QS rankings include Employability, Value for Money, Alumni Outcomes, Thought Leadership, and Diversity, with Employability carrying a 40% weightage; MIT Sloan ranked first globally.



128. By how much did the US Federal Reserve raise the Federal Funds Rate on September 16, 2026?

A - 10 basis points

B - 15 basis points

C - 25 basis points

D - 50 basis points

On September 16, 2026, the US Federal Reserve's FOMC raised the Federal Funds Rate by 25 basis points to a range of 3.75%–4.00%, aiming to bring inflation closer to the long-term target of 2%. The Fed's rate hike could impact foreign capital inflows, the rupee's exchange rate, and financial markets in India, although the RBI determines its monetary policy independently based on domestic economic conditions.



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129. Who has been elected as the new Deputy Chairman of the ICC?

A - Imran Khwaja

B - Tavengwa Mukuhani

C - Jay Shah

D - Roger Binny

The ICC has elected Tavengwa Mukuhani, the Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, as the new Deputy Chairman until November 2027, making him the first ICC Deputy Chairman of Zimbabwean origin. This appointment comes ahead of the 2027 Men's Cricket World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.



130. Who is India's female flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games?

A - P. V. Sindhu

B - Manu Bhaker

C - Mirabai Chanu

D - Sift Kaur Samra

India has selected shooter Manu Bhaker and shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor as flag-bearers for the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games. The Asian Games will be held in Nagoya, Japan; Bhaker is a double medalist from the Paris Olympics 2024, while Toor is a two-time consecutive Asian Games gold medalist in shot put.



131. How many total medals has India won in athletics up to the Hangzhou 2022 Games?

A - 183

B - 283

C - 383

D - 203

India's major medal-winning sports at the Asian Games include athletics, shooting, wrestling, kabaddi, and tennis, with athletics accounting for the highest tally of 283 medals. Up to the Hangzhou 2022 Games, the tally includes 11 gold medals out of 13 total medals in kabaddi and a total of 34 medals in tennis. India will place special emphasis on these games—Aichi-Nagoya 2026.



132. What is Moody's Ratings' projection for India's GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year?

A - 5%

B - 6%

C - 7%

D - 8%

Moody's Ratings has raised its projection for India's real GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year from 6% to 7%, while GDP growth stood at 7.8% during the April-June 2026 period. Amidst risks of inflation driven by the West Asia crisis, rising oil prices, and El Niño, the government faces the challenge of balancing growth, subsidies, capital expenditure, and fiscal consolidation.



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133. At what altitude have the floriculture zones in Ladakh been developed?

A - 8,500 feet

B - 9,200 feet

C - 10,600 feet

D - 12,000 feet

Floriculture zones spanning 40 acres have been developed at Choglamsar and Stakna in the Leh district of Ladakh at an altitude of 10,600 feet, with over 2.5 million plants cultivated. The project aims to diversify farmers' income, promote employment and entrepreneurship, and link Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperative societies with commercial flower cultivation and marketing.



134. Which film is India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards?

A - Homebound

B - Gondhal

C - Dorothy

D - Ang

On September 18, 2026, the Film Federation of India selected the Marathi film 'Gondhal', directed by Santosh Davkhar, as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards; it will represent India in the 'Best International Feature Film' category. The film blends Maharashtra's traditional 'Gondhal' folk and religious performance art with a modern narrative; it features actors such as Kishore Kadam and Ishita Deshmukh, with music composed by Ilaiyaraaja.



135. What is the new validity period for passports issued to children under the age of 15?

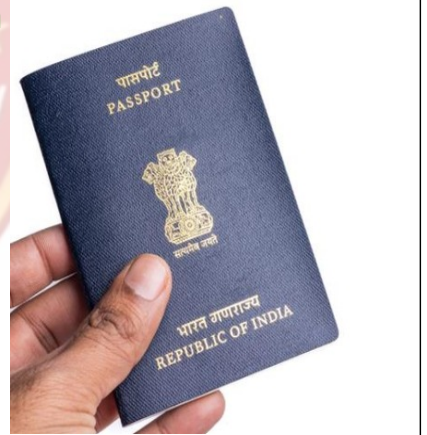
A - 2 years

B - 3 years

C - 5 years or until the age of 18

D - 10 years

Under the Passport (Amendment) Rules, 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs has fixed the validity of ordinary passports for children under the age of 15 at either 5 years or up to the age of 18, whichever is earlier. This change pertains to Rule 12(1A) of the Passport Rules, 1980, and applies only to ordinary passports issued to children under 15 years of age.



136. What type of disease is Alzheimer's?

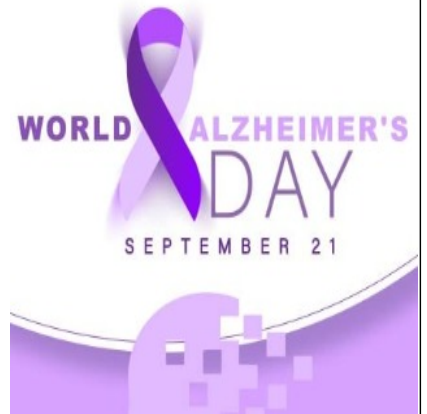
A - Infectious disease

B - Genetic disease

C - Neurodegenerative disease

D - Skin disease

World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on September 21st, aiming to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia and to provide support to patients and their families. Alzheimer's is a progressive neurodegenerative disease and a leading cause of dementia; modifiable risk factors include physical inactivity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity.



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137. Who won the gold medal in the Men's Trap event at the 2026 ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun?

A - Francesco Tanfoglio

B - Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar

C - Arjun

D - Udhav Singh Rathore

On September 18, 2026, at the ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun in Porpetto, Italy, Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar won gold in the Men's Trap event, while Sabira Haris won bronze in the Women's Trap event. Prior to this, India had secured a total of 16 medals—including 5 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze—at the Cairo leg.



138. Who won two silver medals in shooting for India at the 2026 Asian Games?

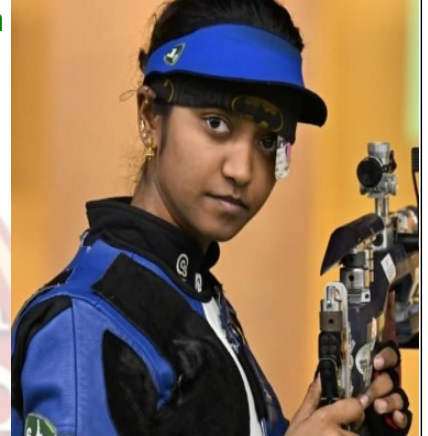
A - Hinata Taichi

B - Suchika Tariyal

C - Elavenil Valarivan

D - Sonam Maskar

At the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, Elavenil Valarivan kicked off India's medal campaign by winning two silver medals in the 10m air rifle event—one in the individual category and one in the team event. Suchika Tariyal secured India's first MMA medal by reaching the semi-finals of the women's Traditional MMA 60kg event, while the women's hockey team defeated Uzbekistan 19-0.



139. What was the theme of the NGT's International Conference 2026?

A - Climate Justice for All

B - The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics

C - Global Environment Protection

D - Sustainable Development and Ecology

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) organized an international conference on the theme "The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics" in New Delhi on September 19–20, 2026, with representatives from 17 countries participating.



140. The 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam' scheme is an initiative of which state government?

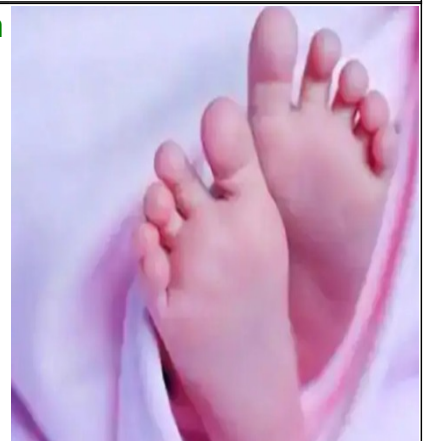
A - Kerala

B - Tamil Nadu

C - Karnataka

D - Andhra Pradesh

Under Tamil Nadu's 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam' scheme, eligible newborns delivered in government hospitals will be given a 1-gram gold ring; the scheme has been implemented retrospectively from June 22, 2026. In the first phase, 1.28 lakh rings have been prepared, and the scheme links the 'Thaimaman Seer' tradition with maternal and child welfare.



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141. Which position did Warren Buffett assume at Berkshire Hathaway on September 18, 2026?

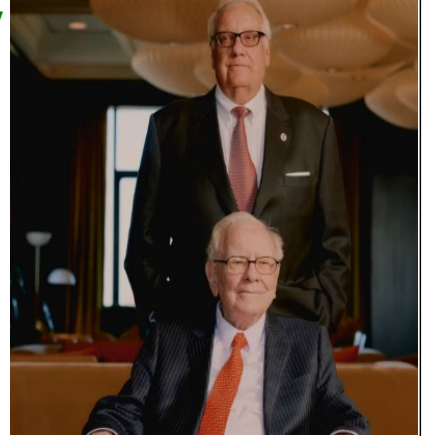
A - CEO

B - Non-Executive Chairman

C - Chairman Emeritus

D - Managing Director

On September 18, 2026, Warren Buffett stepped down as Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway to assume the role of Chairman Emeritus, while his son, Howard G. Buffett, was appointed Non-Executive Chairman. Greg Abel will continue to oversee day-to-day operations as CEO; this leadership transition is part of Buffett's long-term succession plan, building upon an investment legacy rooted in value investing and disciplined capital allocation.



142. In which war did Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke gain renown for his valour?

A - 1947-48 Indo-Pak War

B - 1962 Indo-China War

C - 1965 Indo-Pak War

D - 1971 Indo-Pak War

Vir Chakra awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke passed away in New Delhi; during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan War, he shot down an F-86 Sabre jet over Kalaikunda. He was awarded the Vir Chakra—India's third-highest wartime gallantry award—for his valour, and this incident stands as a significant example of the Indian Air Force's courage and strategic capability.



143. How many global markets were assessed in the SCCI Global Business Climate Survey 2026?

A - 31

B - 41

C - 51

D - 61

In the SCCI Global Business Climate Survey 2026, which assessed 41 global markets, Swedish companies identified India as a top market for the business environment and highlighted it as a key market with high growth and investment potential. An India-Sweden Strategic Partnership was established on May 17, 2026, emphasizing enhanced cooperation in trade, investment, innovation, green transition, and supply chains.



144. How many living species of rhinoceros are found in the world?

A - 3

B - 4

C - 5

D - 6

World Rhino Day is observed annually on September 22 to raise awareness about rhino conservation and issues such as poaching, wildlife trafficking, and habitat loss. There are 5 living species of rhinoceros in the world, while Kaziranga National Park in Assam is the primary habitat for the one-horned rhinoceros in India.



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145. How many senior international matches did Savita Punia complete on September 21, 2026?

A - 300

B - 310

C - 321

D - 325

Indian women's hockey goalkeeper Savita Punia surpassed Vandana Katariya's record of 320 matches by playing her 321st senior international match on September 21, 2026. Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹10 lakh to honor this achievement, attained against Indonesia at the 2026 Asian Games; Savita had made her international debut in 2009.



146. How many medals in total did India win on the second day of the 2026 Asian Games?

A - 2

B - 3

C - 4

D - 5

On the second day of the 2026 Asian Games, India won 4 medals—including 2 silver and 2 bronze—bringing the total medal count to 6; Himanshu Dhillon, Rudranksh Patil, and Parth Mane secured medals in shooting. Suchika Tariyal won a bronze medal in the Traditional MMA 60kg category, marking India's first-ever MMA medal at the Asian Games, while India also registered victories in hockey, kabaddi, badminton, and table tennis.



147. Who will be awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024?

A - Mammooty

B - Anant Nag

C - Kartik Aaryan

D - Rajkumar Periasamy

The National Film Awards were instituted in 1954; the 72nd National Film Awards honor films released in 2024. The awards were announced on July 18, 2026, and the ceremony was held on September 22, 2026, at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.



148. Which award did 'Angh' win at TIFF 2026?

A - Golden Peacock

B - Platform Prize

C - Jury Grand Prix

D - Audience Award

'Angh', a Konyak-language film by Nagaland filmmaker Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize at TIFF 2026, receiving a trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 Canadian dollars. Set against the backdrop of tribal culture in 1960s Nagaland, the film gains a new pathway to eligibility for the International Feature Film category at the 99th Academy Awards through the Platform Prize.



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149. SLINEX-26 is a naval exercise conducted between India and which country?

A - Bangladesh

B - Sri Lanka

C - Maldives

D - Indonesia

The 13th edition of the SLINEX-26 bilateral naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka is being held in Visakhapatnam from September 17–21, 2026, focusing on maritime cooperation, operational coordination, and interoperability. India's INS Kavaratti and INS Jyoti, along with Sri Lanka's SLNS Sindurata, participated in the exercise; launched in 2005.



150. In which area is Delhi's historic Town Hall located?

A - Karol Bagh

B - Chandni Chowk

C - Connaught Place

D - Lajpat Nagar

On September 20, 2026, the Delhi Government and the MCD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the historic Town Hall in Chandni Chowk into a global heritage center. Built between 1860 and 1866, the building will house a museum as well as cultural and tourism facilities through a process of adaptive reuse; the DTTDC will prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the approximately 12,180-square-meter complex.



151. Where is the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) being developed?

A - Bhopal

B - Indore

C - Gwalior

D - Jabalpur

The development of the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior is expected to attract an investment of approximately ₹5,500 crore and generate over 18,000 direct jobs; it will be developed as an industrial cluster for 24–25 telecom manufacturers across an area of about 170 acres.



152. What is the theme for the International Day of Sign Languages 2026?

A - Sign Language for All

B - Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights

C - Inclusive Communication for All

D - Deaf Rights and Social Justice

The International Day of Sign Languages is observed annually on September 23; it was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2017 under resolution A/RES/72/161. The theme for 2026 is "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights."



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153. How many total wickets did Mark Wood take in his international career?

A - 235

B - 243

C - 253

D - 263

England fast bowler Mark Wood announced his retirement from international cricket on September 22, 2026, at the age of 36; he took 253 wickets in 146 matches. Wood was a member of the 2019 ODI and 2022 T20 World Cup-winning teams and, despite persistent knee injuries, will continue to play for Durham and in franchise cricket.



154. Jayanti Prasad is a Whole-Time Member of which institution?

A - RBI

B - SEBI

C - IBBI

D - IRDAI

Jayanti Prasad, a Whole-Time Member of IBBI, has been given the additional charge of IBBI Chairperson effective from September 13, 2026; this will continue until November 20, 2026, or until a new Chairperson is appointed, whichever is earlier. IBBI is the apex regulator for India's insolvency regime under the IBC 2016; it regulates insolvency professionals, agencies, and information utilities, and plays a crucial role in credit discipline and NPA recovery.



155. With which international standard do the RBI's Market Risk Directions 2026 align?

A - Basel I

B - Basel II

C - Basel III

D - Basel IV

The RBI has issued the 'Market Risk—Minimum Capital Requirements Directions, 2026' for commercial banks; these align with the revised Basel III standards and will come into effect on April 1, 2027. Emphasis has been placed on strengthening the banking system's risk management capabilities by introducing changes to the capital treatment of the trading book.



156. Where was the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting 2026 held?

A - New York

B - Houston

C - Washington D.C.

D - Chicago

The G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting, held in Houston from September 14–16, 2026, emphasized energy security, affordable energy, clean cooking, and improved permitting processes for energy infrastructure. Under the G20 Water Reuse Initiative, a consensus was reached to promote the reuse of treated water and to foster cooperation, recycling, investment, and local value addition for resilient critical mineral supply chains.



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157. Where will Starbucks establish its first Global Capability Centre (GCC) in India?

A - Mumbai

B - Bengaluru

C - Chennai

D - Hyderabad

Starbucks has announced the establishment of its first Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Chennai, India, following an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government; the first phase is expected to create approximately 800 high-skilled technical jobs.



158. Until which date has the cooperation agreement between ISRO and ESA been extended?

A - January 8, 2030

B - January 8, 2031

C - January 8, 2032

D - January 8, 2033

ISRO and ESA have extended their long-term cooperation agreement until January 8, 2032, covering areas such as Earth observation, satellite navigation, space science, and human and robotic exploration. The collaboration emphasizes the safe and responsible use of space, incorporating areas like space weather, satellite data calibration-validation, space debris, and orbital congestion.



159. How many flowering plant species were recorded in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve?

A - 2,961

B - 3,161

C - 3,261

D - 3,361

A new checklist by JNTBGRI recorded 3,261 flowering plant species in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve, including 1,018 endemic and 245 steno-endemic taxa. In this Western Ghats region spanning Kerala and Tamil Nadu, Fabaceae has been the most species-rich plant family, and emphasis has been placed on seed banks, *ex-situ* conservation, habitat restoration, and climate adaptation for its preservation.



160. On what percentage of tariff lines for Indian exports will New Zealand offer zero duty?

A - 75%

B - 85%

C - 90%

D - 100%

The India-New Zealand FTA will come into effect on October 20, 2026; under this agreement, New Zealand will offer zero duty on 100% of tariff lines for Indian exports, with sectors such as textiles, leather, footwear, engineering, and MSMEs likely to benefit. The agreement includes provisions for a \$20 billion investment commitment by New Zealand over 15 years, work visas for 5,000 Indian professionals, and 1,000 'Working Holiday Visas' annually.



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161. In which weight category did Mirabai Chanu win a silver medal at the 2026 Asian Games?

A - 48 kg

B - 49 kg

C - 50 kg

D - 53 kg

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Mirabai Chanu won a silver medal in the women's 49 kg category by lifting a total weight of 198 kg, thereby ending India's 28-year medal drought in weightlifting at the Asian Games. Prior to this, Karnam Malleswari had won silver in 1998; meanwhile, Jai Meena secured India's first Asian Games medal in soft tennis.



162. Who was re-elected as the President of NBDA for 2026-27?

A - Jayant Mammen Mathew

B - Rajat Sharma

C - Rachna Barman

D - Kshipra Jatana

Rajat Sharma was unanimously re-elected as the President of NBDA for 2026-27; the NBDA comprises India's TV and digital broadcasters of news and current affairs. At the 19th AGM, Jayant Mammen Mathew of MM TV was inducted into the board, while Rachna Barman and Kshipra Jatana were appointed as permanent directors.



163. How many novels have been shortlisted for the 2026 Booker Prize?

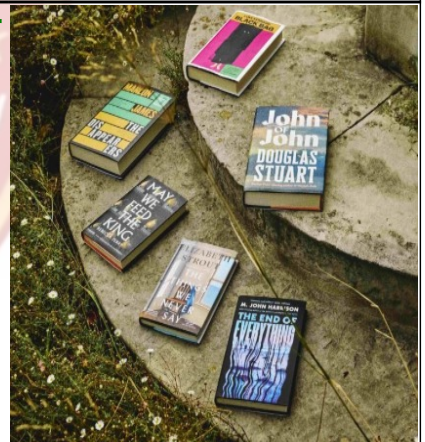
A - 4

B - 5

C - 6

D - 8

Six novels have been shortlisted from 163 books for the 2026 Booker Prize, including works by former winners Marlon James and Douglas Stuart, as well as Rebecca Perry, who has been shortlisted for the first time. The Chair of the 2026 judging panel is historian Mary Beard; the winner will receive £50,000, and each shortlisted author will receive a prize of £2,500.



164. For which institutions has the RBI amended the regulations concerning InvITs and REITs?

A - NBFC

B - AIFI

C - SEBI

D - Public Sector Banks

The RBI has amended the rules regarding the classification and valuation of InvIT and REIT units within the investment portfolios of AIFIs. RBI's rules for 'listed securities' will apply to listed units. Unlisted units will be valued based on their respective NAVs; however, if the NAV is unavailable or prescribed conditions are not met, the unit's value will be considered ₹1.



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165. What is the annual health cover provided per family under Ayushman Bharat–PM-JAY?

A - ₹2 lakh

B - ₹3 lakh

C - ₹5 lakh

D - ₹10 lakh

Ayushman Bharat–PM-JAY was launched from Ranchi in September 2018, providing eligible families with a cashless and paperless health cover of up to ₹5 lakh per year. The scheme encompasses over 60 crore people, more than 48.54 crore Ayushman cards, and over 38,000 empanelled hospitals; senior citizens aged above 70 years have also been brought under its ambit.



166. What is the WEF's projected GDP growth rate for India for 2026-27?

A - 5.9%

B - 6.2%

C - 6.7%

D - 7.1%

In the WEF's 'Chief Economists' Outlook' (September 2026), India's economic growth was viewed as robust, with the GDP growth projection for 2026-27 set at 6.7%, primarily driven by strong domestic demand. However, high energy prices, geopolitical tensions, and economic fragmentation remain key risks, with 97% of economists identifying geopolitical conflicts as a major source of global uncertainty.



167. When did the Andhra Pradesh Police launch the CDMP and SafeStay AP platforms?

A - 20 September 2026

B - 21 September 2026

C - 22 September 2026

D - 25 September 2026

On 22 September 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Police launched the CDMP and SafeStay AP digital platforms in Guntur for crime prevention and surveillance, utilizing AI, drones, and data-driven policing. CDMP centralizes live drone feeds and AI analysis, while SafeStay AP strengthens security and police coordination through occupancy information from hotels and PGs.



168. Which organization initiated World Pharmacists Day?

A - WHO

B - UNICEF

C - FIP

D - UNESCO

World Pharmacists Day is observed annually on 25 September, aiming to promote the contribution of pharmacists to healthcare services and the safe and rational use of medicines. The theme for 2026 is "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," focusing on the role of pharmacists in addressing global health requirements.



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169. In which event did Satnam Singh and Salman Khan win a bronze medal?

A - Men's Single Sculls

B - Men's Double Sculls

C - Men's Quadruple Sculls

D - Men's Kayak Four

India won medals in Wushu, Rowing, Shooting, and Athletics at the 20th Asian Games 2026 held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Roshibina Devi won silver in Wushu; Satnam Singh-Salman Khan and Parinaz Dhaliwal-Anantjeet Singh Naruka won bronze; while Seema and the mixed 4x400m relay team won bronze and silver medals, respectively.



170. Lalrithangi has been selected for the '100 Women Heroes' initiative of which organization?

A - UNESCO

B - FAO

C - UNDP

D - UNICEF

Lalrithangi from Mizoram has been selected for the FAO's '100 Women Heroes' initiative for her contributions to agri-food systems and rural development. A former teacher, Lalrithangi earned an income of over ₹10 lakh from strawberry farming in 2025, and this honor is associated with the International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026.



171. Who has been selected for the National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026?

A - A. R. Rahman

B - Shantanu Moitra

C - Amit Trivedi

D - Vishal Bhardwaj

The Madhya Pradesh government has announced the National Lata Mangeshkar Award 2026 for music director Shantanu Moitra in recognition of his contributions to the field of music; the award includes a tax-free cash prize of ₹5 lakh and a citation. The award will be presented in Indore on September 28, 2026; Moitra previously received a National Film Award in 2014 for *Na Bangaru Talli*, and the Lata Mangeshkar Award was instituted in 1984.



172. How many pink e-autos will be provided in the first phase of the DURGA scheme?

A - 1,000

B - 1,300

C - 1,500

D - 2,000

The Delhi Cabinet approved the DURGA scheme for women and transgender individuals on September 23, 2026, with 1,300 pink e-autos to be provided in the first phase. The scheme aims to promote self-employment, women's safety, last-mile connectivity, and clean urban transport, and will also incorporate EV charging facilities at 70 DMRC metro stations.



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173. What is the maximum assistance available through the combined subsidy from the Central and Delhi governments?

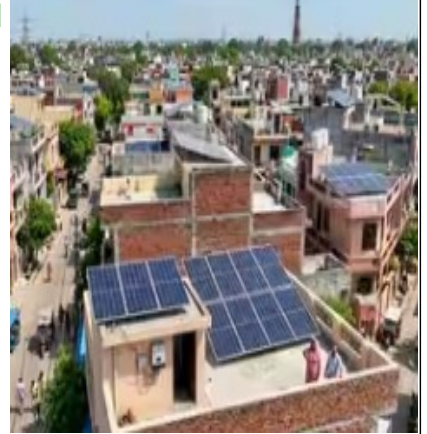
A - ₹78,000

B - ₹1 lakh

C - ₹1.25 lakh

D - ₹1.56 lakh

The Delhi government launched the 'Delhi PM Surya Ghar' portal on September 21, 2026, under which eligible families can receive assistance of up to ₹1.56 lakh through the combined subsidy from the Central and Delhi governments. The total outlay for the PM Surya Ghar scheme is ₹75,021 crore, and it aims to promote clean energy, energy security, and sustainable development by installing rooftop solar systems in 1 crore households.



174. What type of astronomical system is eRASSU J0608?

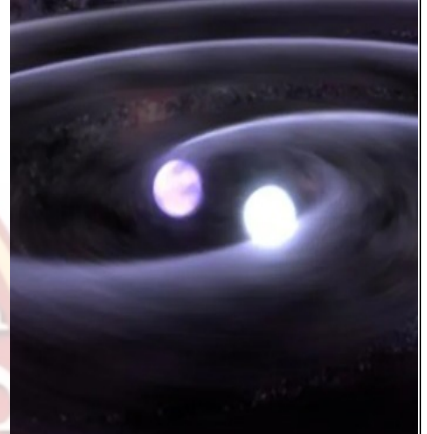
A - Neutron star

B - Double-white-dwarf binary

C - Black hole binary

D - Exoplanet system

A team led by Indian researchers studied an ultracompact double-white-dwarf binary named eRASSU J0608, which has an orbital period of approximately 6.24 minutes and exhibits X-ray emission due to direct-impact accretion. Its orbital period is decreasing due to gravitational radiation, and this system—with a chirp mass of approximately 0.43 solar masses—could become a potential verification source for the future LISA mission.



175. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India?

A - M. Riaz Hamidullah

B - Asad Alam Siam

C - Mohammad Tauhid

D - Sheikh Hasan

Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam has been appointed as the next High Commissioner to India, and India has granted formal *agrément* for his appointment. Siam, an officer of the 1995 batch, has previously served as an ambassador to the US, while the current High Commissioner, M. Riaz Hamidullah, will assume the role of Permanent Representative to the United Nations office in Geneva.



176. World Environmental Health Day is associated with the initiative of which organization?

A - WHO

B - UNEP

C - IFEH

D - UNDP

World Environmental Health Day is observed annually on September 26 to raise awareness about the relationship between human health and the environment and to promote a clean and sustainable environment. This day is associated with the IFEH and focuses on issues such as air and water pollution, sanitation, waste management, food safety, and climate change; significant initiatives in India include the Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, and NCAP.



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177. Who won the gold medal for India in the 10m air pistol mixed team event?

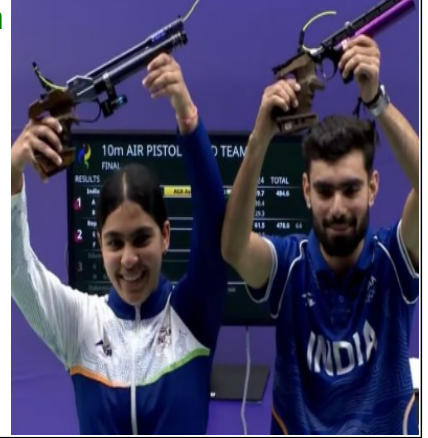
A - Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet

B - Manpreet Kaur and Gulveer Singh

C - Baranika Elangovan and Neeraj Kumar

D - Seema Kumari and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar

By September 25, India had won 23 medals—2 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze—at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026. In shooting, Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet won gold, while in athletics, Gulveer Singh and the mixed 4×400m relay team, among other Indian athletes, secured medals.



178. Whom has the BCCI appointed as the title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028?

A - IDFC First Bank

B - Muthoot Fincorp

C - SBI Life

D - Campa

The BCCI has appointed Muthoot Fincorp as the title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028; the total deal is worth ₹150 crore, with a payment of approximately ₹4.3 crore per match. Campa, SBI Life, and ChatGPT have become Associate Partners for domestic cricket, while cricket accounted for an 89% share of India's sports sponsorship market in 2025.



179. To what percentage has the Punjab government raised the Dearness Allowance (DA) for employees?

A - 45%

B - 48%

C - 50%

D - 52%

The Punjab government has increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) for state employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners from 42% to 50%, effective from September 1, 2026. This move will benefit approximately 4 lakh employees and 3.5 lakh pensioners, entailing a financial impact of around ₹250 crore, which could increase pressure on the state's fiscal space.



180. With which film did Mushtaq Khan begin his film career?

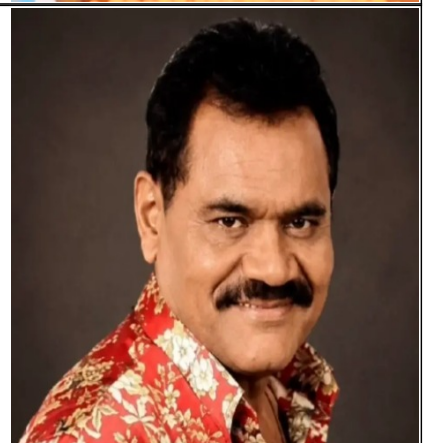
A - Aashiqui

B - Welcome

C - Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai

D - Hera Pheri

Mushtaq Khan, a renowned character and supporting actor in Hindi cinema, passed away in Mumbai on September 24, 2026, at the age of 56. He began his career in 1980 with Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai and acted in over 500 films, notable among which are Welcome, Hera Pheri, Gadar, and Stree 2.



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181. What was India's rank in the TTDI 2026?

A - 21st

B - 31st

C - 41st

D - 51st

In the WEF's Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026, India ranked 31st out of 110 economies, while Japan secured the top spot; 92% of the economies saw an improvement in their scores between 2024 and 2026. India's natural and cultural resources are key strengths, whereas improvements are needed in tourism infrastructure, human resources, the business environment, and environmental sustainability.



182. FSSAI has proposed banning the use of which name for non-dairy-based products?

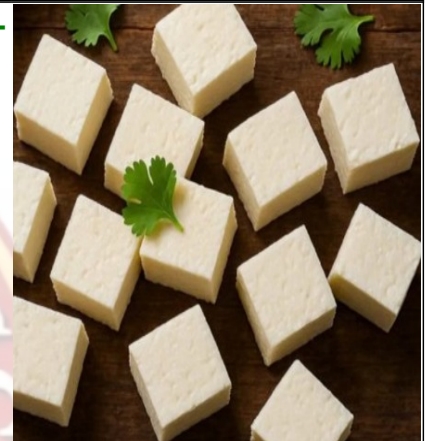
A - Dahi (Curd/Yogurt)

B - Paneer (Cottage Cheese)

C - Butter

D - Ghee

FSSAI has issued a draft proposal to ban the sale of non-dairy 'Dairy Analogue' products under the name 'Paneer' to prevent consumer confusion regarding food labeling. Objections and suggestions regarding this proposal have been invited within a 60-day period, and it is not yet a final rule; this initiative relates to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



183. With which state is the Kalpasar Project associated?

A - Maharashtra

B - Gujarat

C - Rajasthan

D - Madhya Pradesh

On September 24, 2026, during the India International Water Week, India and the Netherlands signed two tripartite MoUs for Gujarat's Kalpasar Project; the project aims to meet the water requirements of the Saurashtra region by creating a freshwater reservoir in the Gulf of Khambhat. The collaboration encompasses coastal engineering, salinity management, and climate-resilient infrastructure, while the project also envisages a highway-rail corridor and approximately 2,470 MW of hybrid renewable energy capacity.



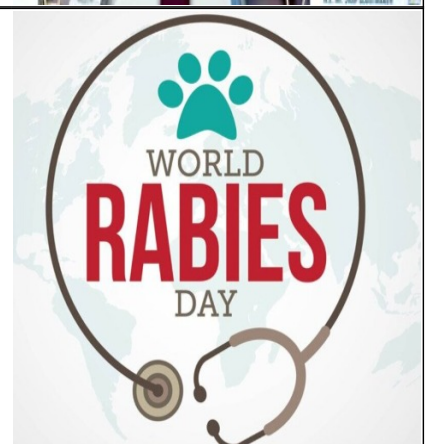
184. What type of disease is rabies?

A - Bacterial and non-communicable

B - Viral and zoonotic

C - Fungal and non-communicable D - Parasitic and genetic

World Rabies Day is observed annually on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies and promote efforts towards its elimination; the theme for 2026 is "Act Now: You, Me, Communities." Rabies is a nearly 100% fatal yet preventable zoonotic disease; India's National Rabies Control Programme, animal vaccination, timely PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis), and scientific dog population management play crucial roles in its control.



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185. How many medals in total did India win at the Asian Games on September 26, 2026?

A - 5

B - 6

C - 7

D - 8

On September 26, 2026, India won a total of 7 medals—comprising 2 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze—at the Asian Games, bringing its total medal tally to 30. In addition to gold medals in men's and women's kabaddi, Sawan Barwal, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, and the women's 50m rifle 3P team won silver medals.



186. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of CBSE?

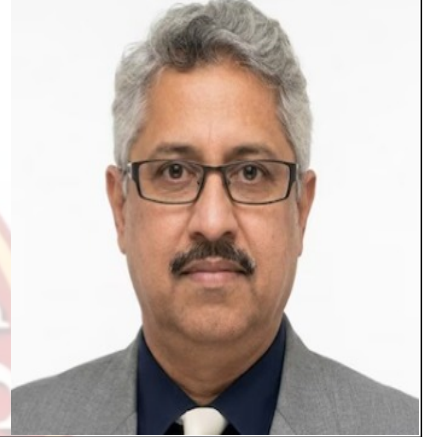
A - Sanjay Kumar

B - Mandeep K. Bhandari

C - Rajesh Kumar

D - Amit Verma

On September 25, 2026, the Central Government appointed Mandeep K. Bhandari, a 2001-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, as the new Chairman of CBSE; he has been granted the rank and pay scale of Additional Secretary. CBSE handles significant tasks related to board examinations, school affiliation, curriculum development, and teacher training, alongside NEP 2020 implementation, digital evaluation, and examination reforms.



187. Under which section of AFSPA can an area be declared a 'disturbed area'?

A - Section 2

B - Section 3

C - Section 4

D - Section 6

The Central Government has extended AFSPA for six months—from October 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027—in certain areas of Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh, while excluding 13 police station areas across five districts of Manipur from its ambit. Under Section 3 of AFSPA, an area is declared a 'disturbed area,' and Section 4 grants special powers to the armed forces, making the Act significant in the context of internal security and human rights.



188. Which city ranked first in the Global Cities Index 2026?

A - London

B - Paris

C - New York

D - Tokyo

In the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026, New York ranked first, London second, and Paris third among 1,000 cities, while Delhi was the highest-ranked Indian city at the 268th position. The cities were evaluated based on economy, human capital, quality of life, environment, and governance.



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189. Which ports have been declared as mega ports?

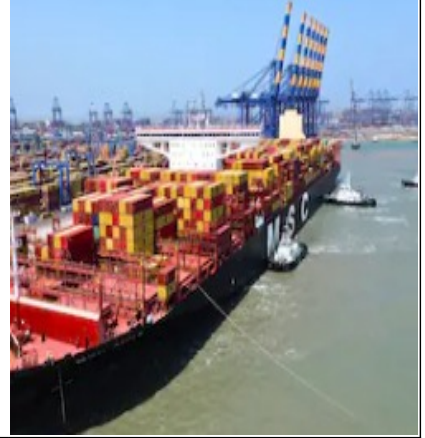
A - Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi and Visakhapatnam

C - Kandla, Kochi, Tuticorin and Haldia

B - Deendayal, Jawaharlal Nehru, Paradeep and Mundra

D - Chennai, Paradip, Kolkata and Mumbai

Under Section 73 of the Indian Ports Act, 2025, Deendayal, Jawaharlal Nehru, Paradip and Mundra Ports have been declared Mega Ports, while their original Major or Non-Major Port status will remain. This classification is important for promoting EXIM trade, logistics, coastal shipping, port infrastructure and maritime economy of India.



190. Who signed the United Nations Cyber Crime Convention on behalf of India?

A - Amit Shah

C - Rajnath Singh

B - S. Jaishankar

D - Piyush Goyal

Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar signed the United Nations Cybercrime Convention on behalf of India on 25 September 2026, which aims to strengthen international cooperation and exchange of electronic evidence to combat cybercrime. This convention was adopted by UNGA resolution 79/243 on 24 December 2024 and will enter into force 90 days after the 40th ratification in accordance with Article 65.



191. How many taluks have been declared drought affected in Maharashtra?

A - 235

C - 265

B - 245

D - 285

Maharashtra government has declared 265 out of 358 taluks as drought-hit due to inadequate monsoon rainfall, which is about 74% of the taluks in the state. The affected farmers will be given facilities like exemption in land revenue, agricultural loan rescheduling, relief in electricity charges and drinking water.



192. Who leads World Heart Day?

A - WHO

C - UNICEF

B - World Heart Federation

D - UNESCO

World Heart Day is celebrated every year on 29 September under the leadership of World Heart Federation to raise awareness about heart diseases and stroke. Unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, tobacco, obesity and high blood pressure are major risk factors, so emphasis is placed on regular exercise, balanced diet and health checkups.



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193. Who won the silver medal in women's singles squash at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026?

A - Anahat Singh

B - Esha Singh

C - Vithya Ramraj

D - Gulveer Singh

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won silver medals in squash singles, while Yash Veer Singh, Gulveer Singh, Murali Sreeshankar, and Rohit Yadav secured medals in athletics. Vithya Ramraj broke P.T. Usha's 42-year-old national record in the 400m hurdles with a time of 54.75 seconds, while Esha Singh won a silver medal in the 25m pistol event.



194. Which medal did India win in the Open category of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026?

A - Gold

B - Silver

C - Bronze

D - No medal

India won the silver medal with 18 match points in the Open category of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad held in Samarkand on September 27, 2026, while Uzbekistan won gold with 20 points and Germany secured the bronze medal. In the final round, the match between India and Hungary ended in a 2-2 draw; Arjun Erigaisi recorded a win, D. Gukesh suffered a defeat, and the matches involving Praggnanandhaa and Nihal Sarin ended in draws.



195. Which countries were awarded the inaugural 'Cool Leaders Awards'?

A - India and UAE

B - Singapore and UAE

C - Singapore and India

D - UAE and Japan

Singapore and UAE were honored with the 'Cool Leaders Awards' for the first time at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly held in Singapore in September 2026; the Cool Coalition promotes sustainable and energy-efficient cooling. Launched at COP28 (2023), the Global Cooling Pledge aims to reduce cooling-related emissions by 68% by 2050 and improve the average energy efficiency of new air conditioners by 50% by 2030.



196. What position did India secure in the WorldSkills Competition 2026?

A - 8th

B - 9th

C - 10th

D - 11th

India achieved its best-ever performance by securing the 10th position at the WorldSkills Competition 2026 held in Shanghai, winning 6 silver medals and 20 Medals of Excellence. India participated in 11 new skill categories for the first time, reflecting a growing focus on digital technology and Industry 4.0-based skills.



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197. How many artists were awarded the Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 65th National Exhibition of Art in 2026?

A - 15

B - 18

C - 20

D - 25

Awards were presented to 20 artists at the Lalit Kala Akademi's 65th National Exhibition of Art in 2026, while 270 artworks were selected for display out of 6,175 entries submitted by 2,495 artists from 27 states and Union Territories. Established in 1954, the Lalit Kala Akademi promotes Indian visual arts and cultural diversity through painting, sculpture, printmaking, and mixed media.



198. What is the capacity of the proposed e-methanol plant at Deendayal Port?

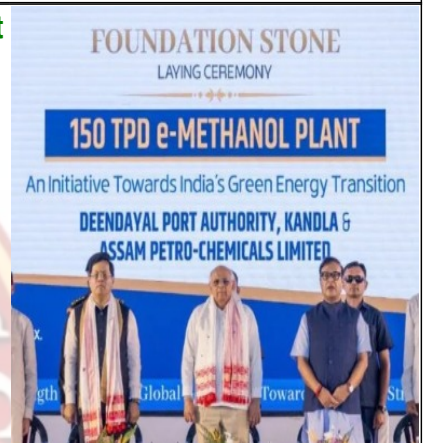
A - 100 TPD

B - 150 TPD

C - 200 TPD

D - 250 TPD

An e-methanol plant with a capacity of 150 TPD will be set up at Deendayal Port in Kandla, Gujarat, at a cost of ₹2,300 crore; it will be jointly developed by DPA and APCL. E-methanol is a low-carbon fuel produced from green hydrogen and CO₂ that will help promote green shipping under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.



199. Which department launched the Livestock Insurance Portal?

A - Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

B - Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

C - Department of Rural Development

D - Department of Fisheries

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Livestock Insurance Portal on September 28, 2026, making insurance services—such as policy issuance, claims, tracking, monitoring, and reporting—digitally accessible.



200. In whose honor was the date for International Translation Day chosen?

A - Saint Peter

B - Saint Jerome

C - Saint Paul

D - Saint Augustine

International Translation Day is observed annually on September 30; the United Nations General Assembly declared it an official day on May 24, 2017, and it is celebrated in honor of Saint Jerome. In a multilingual country like India, translation plays a vital role in linguistic-cultural dialogue, education, administration, and the judiciary, while AI, machine translation, and NLP are enhancing digital linguistic accessibility.



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