

# THE HINDU REVIEW



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National News

Most Important News of the Month

Asia Cup 2025

In a match that lived up to the fierce rivalry, India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025. Chasing 147 in a tense final, India recovered from a shaky 20 for 3 to reach the target at 150 for 5, thanks to a match-winning knock from Tilak Varma. Varma’s calm and calculated 69 not out, supported by Shivam Dube’s 33 off 22 balls, ensured India lifted the trophy in a game that will be remembered as one of the most gripping India-Pakistan encounters in recent history.

Awards List of Asia Cup 2025

- **Man of the Match:** Tilak Verma
- **Most Valuable Player of Tournament:** Kuldeep Yadav
- **Player of the Tournament:** Abhisek Sharma

Atmosphere & Rivalry

- The clash was more than cricket, layered with political tension between India and Pakistan earlier this year.
- Gestures, crowd emotions, and coaching instructions all reflected the charged atmosphere.
- This was also the first India-Pakistan Asia Cup final in 41 years, adding historic weight to the contest.

Static GK Facts

- **Asia Cup founded:** 1984, governed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- **Formats:** Played in ODI and T20I formats, alternating depending on the upcoming ICC tournament.
- **India’s record:** With this win, India now has 9 Asia Cup titles—the most by any team.
- **Other winners:** Sri Lanka (6 titles), Pakistan (2 titles).
- **2025 final venue:** Dubai International Stadium, UAE.
- **Notable Indian performers:** Tilak Varma (final’s hero), Kuldeep Yadav (4/30), Shivam Dube (all-round cameo).

GST Rate Cuts 2025: What’s Cheaper, What’s Costlier for Consumers

The government has announced major **GST rate cuts in 2025**, making essentials, healthcare, education, and even automobiles more affordable. From daily-use goods to farming equipment and electronics, here’s a quick look at **what’s cheaper and what’s costlier for consumers**.

Save Big on Daily Essentials

Items	From	To
Hair Oil, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Soap Bar, Tooth Brushes, Shaving Cream	18%	5%
Butter, Ghee, Cheese & Dairy Spreads	12%	5%
Pre-packaged Namkeens, Bhujia & Mixtures	12%	5%
Utensils	12%	5%
Feeding Bottles, Napkins for Babies & Clinical Diapers	12%	5%
Sewing Machines & Parts	12%	5%

Uplifting Farmers & Agriculture

Items	From	To
Tractor Tyres & Parts	18%	5%
Tractors	12%	5%
Specified Bio-Pesticides, Micro-Nutrients	12%	5%
Drip Irrigation System & Sprinklers	12%	5%
Agricultural, Horticultural or Forestry Machines for Soil Preparation, Cultivation, Harvesting & Threshing	12%	5%

Relief in Healthcare Sector

Items	From	To
Individual Health & Life Insurance	18%	Nil
Thermometer	18%	5%
Medical Grade Oxygen	12%	5%
All Diagnostic Kits & Reagents	12%	5%
Glucometer & Test Strips	12%	5%
Corrective Spectacles	12%	5%

Automobiles made affordable

Items	From	To
Petrol & Petrol Hybrid, LPG, CNG Cars (not exceeding - 1200 CC & 4000mm)	28%	18%
Diesel & Diesel Hybrid Cars (not exceeding - 1500 CC & 4000mm)	28%	18%
3 Wheeled Vehicles	28%	18%
Motor Cycles (350 CC & below)	28%	18%
Motor Vehicles for transport of goods	28%	18%

**Affordable Education**

Items	From	To
Maps, Charts & Globes	12%	Nil
Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons & Pastels	12%	Nil
Exercise Books & Notebooks	12%	Nil
Eraser	12%	Nil

**Save on Electronic Appliances**

Items	From	To
Air Conditioners	28%	18%
Television (above 32") (including LED & LCD TVs)	28%	18%
Monitors & Projectors	28%	18%
Dish Washing Machines	28%	18%

**PROCESS REFORMS**

**Registration**

- Automatic registration within 3 working days for applicants: identified by the system based on data analysis.
- Who determines that he would not pass Input Tax Credit exceeding ₹2.5 Lakh per month and opts for the Scheme.

**Refund**

- Sanction of Provisional Refunds by proper officer, through system based risk evaluation for:
- Zero Rated Supplies
- Supplies with Inverted Duty Structure

**2025 Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025**

On **August 31, 2025**, Educate Girls, officially known as the **Foundation to Educate Girls Globally**, achieved a historic feat by becoming the **first Indian organisation** to win the **Ramon Magsaysay Award**, one of Asia’s most prestigious honours. The award recognises the NGO’s relentless efforts in transforming the educational landscape for out-of-school girls in India’s remotest regions.

This year’s other awardees include **Shaahina Ali** from the Maldives for her work in environmental conservation and **Flaviano Antonio L Villanueva** of the Philippines for supporting marginalised communities.

**About Educate Girls: Vision and Achievements**

Founded in **2007** by **Safeena Husain**, a graduate of the London School of Economics, Educate Girls was born out of a mission to tackle **female illiteracy** in India. Husain left her corporate career in San Francisco and returned to India with a single-minded focus: to bring every girl child into school.

**Impact at Scale**

Starting in the desert villages of Rajasthan, Educate Girls identified communities most resistant to girls' education. The NGO's grassroots model led to:

- **Enrolment and retention** of over **2 million girls**
- Expansion to **30,000+ villages** across India
- **School retention rate exceeding 90%**

**Innovation: Development Impact Bond (DIB)**

In **2015**, the NGO pioneered the **world’s first Development Impact Bond in education**, linking investor funds to measurable educational outcomes. This model attracted global attention and catalysed scalable interventions in India’s rural education sector.

**Pragati: Empowering Young Women**

Recognising the educational gap among adolescent girls and young women, Educate Girls launched **Pragati**, an open-schooling programme aimed at learners aged 15–29. Starting with 300 participants, the programme now supports **over 31,500 learners**, helping them resume education and access better life opportunities.

**Why the Organisation Was Awarded**

According to the **Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)**, Educate Girls was selected for its **"commitment to addressing cultural stereotyping through the education of girls and young women, liberating them from the bondage of illiteracy and infusing them with skills, courage, and agency to achieve their full human potential."**

This recognition reflects the power of grassroots movements and innovative education financing to enact long-lasting social change.

**Understanding the Ramon Magsaysay Award**

**Origins and Prestige**

Established in **1957** by the **Rockefeller Brothers Fund** and the **Philippine government**, the **Ramon Magsaysay Award** is often dubbed the **"Asian Nobel Prize."** It celebrates exemplary **leadership, integrity, and public service.**

Over the years, more than **300 individuals and organisations** across Asia have been honoured. Notable past Indian recipients include:

- **Arvind Kejriwal** (former Delhi CM, 2006)
- **Ravish Kumar** (journalist, 2019)
- **Bezwada Wilson** (activist, 2016)
- **Sonam Wangchuk** (environmentalist, 2018)

**The Ceremony and Legacy**

The award is formally presented each year on **November 7** at the **Metropolitan Theatre in Manila**, Philippines, and commemorates the birth of **Ramon del Fierro Magsaysay**, former President of the Philippines (born **August 31, 1907**). He was a WWII guerrilla leader, automobile mechanic, and a leader who rose from humble beginnings to become a symbol of people-centric governance.

His presidency was marked by anti-corruption reforms and a deep trust in the common citizen's dignity. His untimely death in a plane crash in 1957 gave rise to the award in his memory, celebrating "greatness of spirit" in public service.

**CP Radhakrishnan Elected as India's 15th Vice President**

On September 9, 2025, CP Radhakrishnan, the former Tamil Nadu BJP president and Maharashtra Governor, was elected as the 15th Vice President of India, defeating opposition candidate B Sudershan Reddy, a senior advocate and former Supreme Court judge. The election witnessed a high turnout of 98.3%, showcasing the unity and participation of parliamentarians.

**Election Results and Turnout**

Radhakrishnan secured 452 first preference votes, while Justice Reddy received 300 votes. Fifteen votes were declared invalid. Out of 781 eligible MPs, 767 cast their votes, marking an impressive 98.20% turnout. Thirteen MPs abstained, including members from the Biju Janata Dal, Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Shiromani Akali Dal, and one independent.

His victory margin of 152 votes not only affirmed NDA's legislative strength but also pointed to potential cross-voting within opposition ranks—an indication of internal dissent or strategic shifts among INDIA bloc constituents.

**Background of the Vacancy**

The Vice Presidential post had remained vacant since July 21, 2025, after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned due to health concerns. The early election ensured constitutional continuity and reinforced the NDA's emphasis on stabilizing key parliamentary roles.

**Who is CP Radhakrishnan?**

Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan was born on October 20, 1957, in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and has had a long-standing association with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

**His political career includes,**

- Serving as a two-time Lok Sabha MP from Coimbatore (1998 and 1999)
- Becoming Tamil Nadu BJP president
- Holding positions on various parliamentary committees
- Chairing the Coir Board from 2016 to 2020, during which coir exports hit record highs
- Acting as BJP's Kerala in-charge from 2020 to 2022

Radhakrishnan also served as Governor of Jharkhand, and later held additional charge of Telangana and Puducherry. Most recently, he was appointed Governor of Maharashtra in July 2024 before being nominated for the Vice Presidency.

**His Broader Contributions**

Beyond politics, Radhakrishnan is known for his engagement in sports like table tennis, cricket, and volleyball. He has represented India in multiple international delegations across Asia, Europe, and North America, highlighting his diplomatic acumen.

His career reflects a mix of administrative efficiency and political loyalty, making him a strong fit for the Vice President's constitutional responsibilities, particularly as the Rajya Sabha's presiding officer.

**Why This Election Matters**

- **Strategic win for NDA:** The result demonstrated NDA's command in Parliament and the opposition's ongoing struggle to consolidate.
- **Stability and experience:** Radhakrishnan brings decades of administrative and political experience, a valuable asset for managing parliamentary proceedings.
- **Electoral insight:** The pattern of abstentions and invalid votes raises questions about alliance discipline and internal negotiations ahead of the next general elections.
- **Role continuity:** With this appointment, India ensures a seamless transition in one of its top constitutional posts amid an evolving political landscape.

**Key Takeaways**

- **Election Date:** September 9, 2025
- **Winner:** CP Radhakrishnan (452 votes)
- **Runner-up:** Justice B Sudershan Reddy (300 votes)
- **Invalid Votes:** 15
- **Total Turnout:** 767 out of 781 MPs (98.20%)

**Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2025: Larry Ellison Briefly Surpasses Elon Musk as World's Richest**

In a dramatic turn of events, Oracle co-founder and Chief Technology Officer Larry Ellison briefly overtook Tesla CEO Elon Musk to become the world's richest person, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (September 11, 2025). Ellison's wealth skyrocketed by a record \$89 billion in a single day, driven by Oracle's stellar quarterly earnings report. Although Musk reclaimed the top spot the next morning by a slim margin, Ellison's meteoric rise has reshaped the billionaire rankings landscape.

**Key Highlights of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (September 2025)**

**Larry Ellison's Surge**

- Net worth surged to \$383.2 billion after Oracle's stock price jumped on positive earnings.
- Achieved the largest single-day wealth gain ever recorded (\$89 billion).
- Momentarily surpassed Elon Musk to become the world's richest.

**Elon Musk's Status**

- Maintained his long-held position as world's richest person, with a net worth of \$384 billion.
- First crossed the \$400 billion mark last year.
- Has held the top spot for 16 consecutive months.

**Other Top Contenders**

- Mark Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos trail at #3 and #4.
- Bernard Arnault, the top non-tech billionaire, is now #8.

**Top 10 Richest People in the World (Bloomberg Billionaires Index — Sept 11, 2025)**

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Last Daily Change	Country	Industry
1	Elon Musk	\$384B	+\$573M	USA	Technology
2	Larry Ellison	\$383B	+\$88.5B	USA	Technology
3	Mark Zuckerberg	\$264B	-\$4.68B	USA	Technology
4	Jeff Bezos	\$252B	-\$6.91B	USA	Technology
5	Larry Page	\$210B	-\$273M	USA	Technology
6	Sergey Brin	\$196B	-\$249M	USA	Technology
7	Steve Ballmer	\$172B	+\$651M	USA	Technology
8	Bernard Arnault	\$162B	-\$717M	France	Consumer
9	Jensen Huang	\$154B	+\$5.58B	USA	Technology

**Indian Billionaires on the Global Stage**

**Mukesh Ambani (Reliance Industries)**

- **Global Rank:** #18
- **Net Worth:** \$97.9 billion
- **Daily Change:** +\$143 million
- **Year-to-Date Gain:** +\$7.26 billion

**Gautam Adani (Adani Group)**

- **Global Rank:** #21
- **Net Worth:** \$80.9 billion
- **Daily Change:** +\$555 million
- **Year-to-Date Gain:** +\$2.19 billion

Both industrialists continue to be India’s most prominent faces on the world billionaire map, strengthening their positions in energy, infrastructure, and telecom sectors.

**Nepal Gets its First Woman Prime Minister as Sushila Karki as Interim Leader**

In a historic political shift, **Sushila Karki, Nepal’s first female Chief Justice**, is set to become the country’s first woman Prime Minister after being chosen as the interim leader by Gen-Z protest groups. The decision follows a youth-led uprising that forced the resignation of former PM KP Sharma Oli and dismantled Nepal’s entrenched political order.

Karki, 73, was sworn in on 12th September 2025, following an agreement between President Ran Chandra Paudel, the Nepali Army leadership, and Gen-Z representatives.

**The Gen-Z Revolt**

- The uprising, largely led by young Nepalis frustrated with corruption and governance failures, escalated after the government attempted to impose a ban on social media platforms.
- Protests turned violent, resulting in over 30 deaths and 1,000+ injuries.
- The revolt forced widespread resignations from older political leaders, marking a generational shift in Nepalese politics.
- Key alternative names considered for leadership included Kathmandu Mayor Balendra Shah (Balen) and Kulman Ghising, former chief of Nepal Electricity Authority.
- Ultimately, Sushila Karki emerged as a consensus choice due to her clean image, anti-corruption record, and public credibility.

**Who is Sushila Karki?**

**Born:** 7 June 1952, Biratnagar, Nepal.

**Education**

- BA, Mahendra Morang Campus, Nepal (1972)
- MA (Political Science), Banaras Hindu University, India (1975)
- LLB, Tribhuvan University, Nepal (1978)
- **Legal Career:** Began in 1979; became Senior Advocate in 2007.

**Judiciary**

- Appointed ad-hoc Supreme Court Judge in 2009, permanent judge in 2010.
- Served as Nepal’s first female Chief Justice (July 2016 – June 2017).
- Known for zero-tolerance against corruption, which brought her into conflict with political elites.
- Faced impeachment attempts in 2017 but completed her tenure.
- Her fearless stance against corruption and reputation for judicial independence made her the ideal figure for Nepal’s current transition.





**Her Role as Interim Prime Minister**

**Karki will primarily focus on,**

- Stabilising Nepal after weeks of unrest.
- Conducting free and fair elections within the next 6–12 months.
- Restoring public trust in governance by prioritising transparency and accountability.
- She assumes office with broad popular support, though challenges remain in navigating Nepal’s deep political divisions, economic slowdown, and fragile democratic institutions.

**Regional and International Significance**

- Nepal, located between India and China, holds a strategic geopolitical position in South Asia.
- Karki’s leadership signals a generational and gender milestone, potentially inspiring greater women’s political participation in South Asia.
- The shift may also affect India–Nepal relations, as Karki studied in India and maintains academic ties, which could strengthen bilateral cultural diplomacy.

**Emmy Awards 2025: Full List of Winners and Highlights**

**Major Series Awards**

Category	Winner
Drama Series	Severance
Comedy Series	The Studio
Limited Series	Adolescence
Television Movie	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy
Talk Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
Reality Competition Program	The Traitors
Scripted Variety Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver

**Acting Awards**

Category	Winner
Lead Actress – Drama	Britt Lower, Severance
Lead Actor – Drama	Sterling K. Brown, Paradise
Supporting Actress – Drama	Katherine LaNasa, The Pitt
Supporting Actor – Drama	Tramell Tillman, Severance
Lead Actress – Comedy	Jean Smart, Hacks
Lead Actor – Comedy	Seth Rogen, The Studio
Supporting Actress – Comedy	Hannah Einbinder, Hacks
Supporting Actor – Comedy	Jeff Hiller, Somebody Somewhere
Lead Actress – Limited Series	Cristin Milioti, The Penguin

Category	Winner
Lead Actor – Limited Series	Stephen Graham, Adolescence
Supporting Actress – Limited Series	Erin Doherty, Adolescence
Supporting Actor – Limited Series	Owen Cooper, Adolescence

**Writing Awards**

Category	Winner
Writing – Drama Series	Dan Gilroy, Andor
Writing – Comedy Series	Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg, The Studio
Writing – Limited Series	Jack Thorne & Stephen Graham, Adolescence
Writing – Variety Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver

**Directing Awards**

Category	Winner
Directing – Drama Series	Adam Randall, Slow Horses
Directing – Comedy Series	Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg, The Studio
Directing – Limited Series	Philip Barantini, Adolescence

**Variety & Specials**

Category	Winner
Variety Special (Live)	SNL50: The Anniversary Special

**Ballon d’Or 2025: Full List of Winners, Awards & Key Takeaways**

**Winners List Category Wise**

- **Men’s Ballon d’Or:** Ousmane Dembélé (Paris Saint-Germain / France)
- **Women’s Ballon d’Or:** Aitana Bonmatí (Barcelona / Spain) – Third consecutive win
- **Men’s Kopa Trophy (Best Young Player):** Lamine Yamal (Barcelona / Spain)
- **Women’s Kopa Trophy:** Vicky López (Barcelona / Spain)
- **Men’s Yashin Trophy (Best Goalkeeper):** Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)
- **Women’s Yashin Trophy:** Hannah Hampton (England)
- **Men’s Gerd Müller Trophy (Top Scorer):** Viktor Gyökeres (Sweden)
- **Women’s Gerd Müller Trophy:** Ewa Pajor (Poland / Barcelona)
- **Men’s Club of the Year:** Paris Saint-Germain
- **Women’s Club of the Year:** Arsenal
- **Men’s Coach of the Year:** Luis Enrique (Paris Saint-Germain)
- **Women’s Coach of the Year:** Sarina Wiegman (England)
- **Socrates Award:** Xana Foundation (for humanitarian efforts)

**Static Facts**

- The 69th Ballon d’Or Ceremony was held on 22 September 2025 in Paris.
- Awards were based on performances in the 2024–25 season, not calendar year.
- Nominees for Ballon d’Or, Kopa, Yashin, and Gerd Müller trophies were revealed on 7 August 2025.
- Lionel Messi remains the record-holder with 8 Ballon d’Or wins.
- For the first time, dedicated women-specific awards like the Women’s Yashin and Women’s Gerd Müller Trophies were presented.

**Complete Men’s Ballon d’Or Top Ten (2025)**

- Ousmane Dembélé (France, PSG)
- Lamine Yamal (Spain, Barcelona)
- Vitinha (Portugal, PSG)
- Mohamed Salah (Egypt, Liverpool)
- Raphinha (Brazil, Barcelona)
- Achraf Hakimi (Morocco, PSG)
- Kylian Mbappé (France, Real Madrid)
- Cole Palmer (England, Chelsea)
- Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy, PSG)
- Nuno Mendes (Portugal, PSG)

**President Murmu Felicitates Winners at the 71st National Film Awards Ceremony**

The 71st National Film Awards ceremony took place on September 23, 2025, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, with President Droupadi Murmu honouring the winners. The evening celebrated the finest achievements in Indian cinema for the year 2023, bringing together veteran legends and contemporary performers. The awards marked a special moment as Malayalam superstar Mohanlal received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, while films like 12th Fail, Jawan, Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway, and Kathal – A Jackfruit Mystery secured major honours.

**(Best Actor/Actress) Category Winner List**

Category	Winner	Film
<b>Best Actor (Leading Role)</b>	Shah Rukh Khan	Jawan
	Rani Mukerji	Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway
	Vikrant Massey	12th Fail
<b>Best Actress (Supporting Role)</b>	Urvashi	Ullozhukku
	Janki Bodiwala	Vash
	Vijayaraghavan	Pookalam
	Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar	Parking

**Regional Film Winner List**

Category	Winner
<b>Best Hindi Film</b>	Kathal
<b>Best Telugu Film</b>	Bhagavanth Kesari
<b>Best Tamil Film</b>	Parking
<b>Best Malayalam Film</b>	Ullozhukku
<b>Best Marathi Film</b>	Shyamchi Aai
<b>Best Kannada Film</b>	Kandeelu
<b>Best Punjabi Film</b>	Godday Godday Chaa
<b>Best Assamese Film</b>	Rongatapu 1982
<b>Best Bengali Film</b>	Deep Fridge
<b>Best Gujarati Film</b>	Vash
<b>Best Odia Film</b>	Pushkara

**Technical Awards Category Winners List**

Category	Winner	Film
<b>Best Action Direction</b>	Nandu-Prudhvi	HanuMan
<b>Best Choreography</b>	Vaibhavi Merchant	Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani
<b>Best Lyrics</b>	Kasarla Shyam	Ooru Palleturu – Balagam
<b>Best Music Direction</b>	GV Prakash Kumar	Vaathi
	Harshavardhan Rameshwar	Animal
<b>Best Makeup</b>	Shrikanth Desai	Sam Bahadur
<b>Best Costume Design</b>	Sachin, Divya, Nidhhi	Sam Bahadur
<b>Best Production Design</b>	Mohandas	2018
<b>Best Editing</b>	Midhun Murali	Pookkaalam
<b>Best Sound Design</b>	Sachin Sudhakaran, Hariharan	Animal
<b>Best Screenplay</b>	Sai Rajesh	Baby
	Ramkumar Balakrishnan	Parking
<b>Best Dialogue</b>	Deepak Kingrani Sirf	Ek Bandha Kaafi Hai
<b>Best Cinematography</b>	Prasanthanu Mohapatra	The Kerala Story
<b>Best Playback Singer (Female)</b>	Shilpa Rao	Chaliya – Jawan
<b>Best Playback Singer (Male)</b>	Rohit	Premisthunna – Baby
<b>Best Child Artist</b>	Sukriti Bandireddi Gandhi	Thatha Chettu
	Kabir Khandare	Gypsy
	Treesha Toshar, Shrinivas Pokale, Bhargav	Naal 2
<b>Best Direction</b>	Sudipto Sen	The Kerala Story



Best Film Category Winners List

Category	Winner
Best Film in AVGC	HanuMan
Best Children’s Film	Naal 2
Best Film Promoting National, Social Values	Sam Bahadur
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani
Best Debut Film	Aatmapamphlet
Best Film	12th Fail
Best Documentary Film	God Vulture and Human
Best Short Film	Giddh The Scavenger
Best Non-Fiction Film	Flowering Man

Non-Feature Film Awards

- The non-feature film category highlighted social, cultural, and environmental storytelling.
- Best Documentary Film went to God Vulture and Human.
- The Silent Epidemic was honored for Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values.
- Best Short Film went to Giddh The Scavenger.
- The Spirit Dreams of Cheraw was recognized as Best Debut Film in the non-feature section.

Cabinet Approvals

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a Rs.1,500 crore Incentive Scheme to promote critical mineral recycling under the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM). The scheme, with a tenure of six years (FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31), will support recycling of e-waste, Lithium-ion battery scrap, and catalytic converters from end-of-life vehicles. It offers 20% Capex subsidy on plant & machinery and an Opex subsidy linked to incremental sales. Benefits are capped at Rs.50 crore for large entities and Rs.25 crore for small units, encouraging both established players and start-ups. The scheme aims to create 270 kilo ton annual recycling capacity, yielding 40 kilo ton of critical minerals, attracting Rs.8,000 crore investment and generating 70,000 jobs.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the doubling of the Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat railway line section (177 km) in Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal at a cost of Rs.3,169 crore. The project will enhance railway mobility, efficiency, and service reliability, reduce congestion, and support multi-modal connectivity under PM-Gati Shakti. It will connect important destinations like Deoghar (Baba Baidyanath Dham) and Tarapith (Shakti Peeth), benefitting 441 villages and 28.72 lakh people including three Aspirational Districts (Banka, Godda, Dumka). The project will enable 15 MTPA additional freight traffic, reduce oil imports by 5 crore litres, and cut 24 crore kg of CO2 emissions, equivalent to planting 1 crore trees.

- The CCEA approved the construction of the Mokama–Munger 4-lane greenfield access-controlled section (82.4 km) of the Buxar–Bhagalpur High-Speed Corridor in Bihar on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) with an outlay of Rs.4,447.38 crore. The corridor will connect Mokama, Barahiya, Lakhisarai, Jamalpur, Munger, and Bhagalpur, boosting regional industries such as ordnance factories, locomotive workshops, food processing, logistics hubs, and Bhagalpuri silk textiles. With design speeds of 100 km/h, the project will reduce travel time to 1.5 hours, while enhancing safety and freight movement. It is expected to generate 14.83 lakh man-days of direct employment and 18.46 lakh man-days of indirect jobs, further driving economic growth in Eastern Bihar.
- The Union Cabinet approved Phase-III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to add 5,000 PG seats and 5,023 MBBS seats in government medical institutions with a cost ceiling of ₹1.50 crore per seat, involving a total outlay of ₹15,034.50 crore (Centre: ₹10,303.20 crore, States: ₹4,731.30 crore). This move will increase doctors and specialists, improve healthcare access in underserved areas, generate employment, and enhance India’s health system resilience.
- The Cabinet approved the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) / CSIR Scheme on Capacity Building and Human Resource Development with an outlay of ₹2,277.397 crore for 2021-26. The scheme will support R&D institutions, universities, and national labs, nurturing young researchers in STEMM fields. It strengthens India’s innovation ecosystem, boosts research publications, and aids progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The Cabinet approved Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days’ wages worth ₹1,865.68 crore for 10.91 lakh non-gazetted railway employees before Durga Puja/Dussehra. The bonus, with a maximum amount of ₹17,951 per employee, recognizes the excellent performance of Railways, which achieved record 1614.90 MT freight loading and carried 7.3 billion passengers in 2024-25.
- The Cabinet approved the construction of a 78.94 km four-lane Sahebganj–Areraj–Bettiah section of NH-139W in Bihar under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at a cost of ₹3,822.31 crore. The project will improve connectivity from Patna to Bettiah, boost cross-border trade with Nepal, support agriculture and tourism, and reduce travel time from 2.5 hours to 1 hour. It will generate 14.22 lakh direct and 17.69 lakh indirect man-days of employment.
- The Cabinet approved the doubling of the 104 km Bakhtiyarpur–Rajgir–Tilaiya railway section in Bihar at a cost of ₹2,192 crore. Covering four districts and connecting Rajgir, Nalanda, Pawapuri, the project will enhance passenger and freight capacity (26 MTPA), benefit 13.46 lakh people across 1,434 villages, and reduce CO2 emissions by 24 crore kg. It supports the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan, improving multi-modal connectivity and regional development.

**State-wise September Month Important Events**

**Andhra Pradesh**

- State announced **₹3,400 crore investment**: ₹400 crore **Space City (Tirupati)** & ₹3,000 crore **Defence Hubs (Madakasira)**.

**Arunachal Pradesh**

- **PM Modi launched ₹5,100 crore projects** incl. **hydropower & convention centre**, boosting Northeast development.

**Assam**

- **India's first Vulture Portal** launched by Gauhati University students on Sept 2, 2025.
- **PM Modi inaugurated Bioethanol Plant & Polypropylene Unit (₹18,000 crore)** in Golaghat.

**Bihar**

- Cabinet cleared **₹4,447 crore Mokama–Munger greenfield highway (82.4 km)**.
- **APEDA office** inaugurated; first **GI-tagged Mithila Makhana consignment** flagged off.
- **Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple** inaugurated at Rajgir by Bhutan PM & Union Minister Kiren Rijiju (Sept 4).
- **PM Modi inaugurated Purnia Airport** and launched **₹36,000 crore projects** incl. thermal power & river-linking.
- **Cabinet approved ₹3,822 crore NH-139W highway project** reducing travel time from 2.5 hrs to 1 hr.
- **₹2,192 crore railway doubling** approved for **Bakhtiyarpur–Rajgir–Tilaiya (104 km)** line.
- **Justice P.B. Bajanthri sworn in as Chief Justice** of Patna High Court.

**Goa**

- **First fixed-date Ayurveda Day** hosted on Sept 23, 2025; theme: *Ayurveda for People & Planet*.

**Gujarat**

- **PM Modi inaugurated ₹34,200 crore maritime projects** at Bhavnagar (*Samudra se Samridhhi* event).
- **India's first MLFF toll system** launched at Choryasi, enabling barrier-free FASTag tolling.
- **Dhordo village in Kutch** declared **India's 4th Solar Village** with 81 solarized homes (177 kW).

**Himachal Pradesh**

- State achieved **99.3% literacy rate**, announced at Ullas Mela 2025, Shimla.
- **₹1,500 crore flood relief package** announced by PM Modi (rehousing, highways, ex-gratia support).

**Maharashtra**

- **Governor Acharya Devvrat** given additional charge after C.P. Radhakrishnan became Vice President.
- Cabinet approved **10–12 hr private sector shifts**, aligning with Karnataka & Tamil Nadu.
- **Ahmednagar Railway Station** renamed '**Ahilyanagar**' to honor Queen Ahilyabai Holkar.
- Pimpri-Chinchwad hosted **largest Dhol-Tasha event** honoring 180-ft **Sambhaji Maharaj statue**.

**Manipur**

- **Justice M. Sundar** sworn in as **10th Chief Justice** of Manipur High Court (Sept 15).
- **Manipur Zoo** achieved **India's first artificial incubation of Asian Giant Tortoise** – 28 hatchlings.
- **14th Hathei Chilli Festival** celebrated with GI-tagged chilli promotion & plantation drive.

**Madhya Pradesh**

- **PM Modi launched ₹1.22 lakh crore projects** in Banswara incl. nuclear, solar, irrigation, rail & road.
- **PM Mitra Park** inaugurated in Dhar to boost textiles, exports & women empowerment.

**Odisha**

- Odisha ranked **5th with 450 e-buses**; CRUT to expand to **1,000+ with smart ticketing & QR/NCMC**.

**Tamil Nadu**

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched **₹59 crore green hydrogen pilot plant** & port infra projects at **Tuticorin Port**.
- **5 lakh SHG women issued ID cards** ensuring loans & travel concessions.
- State launched '**Anbu Karangal**' scheme for orphaned children.

**Tripura**

- **PM Modi inaugurated redeveloped Tripura Sundari Temple (₹7 crore)** featuring replicas of 51 Shaktipeethas.

**Uttarakhand**

- **₹1,200 crore flood relief package** announced by PM Modi.
- **India & ADB signed \$126.4 million loan** for sustainable tourism in Tehri Garhwal (benefiting 87,000).

**Punjab**

- **₹1,600 crore relief package** announced for flood-hit Punjab by PM Modi (supplement to ₹12,000 crore earlier aid).

**Jammu & Kashmir**

- **NITI Aayog announced ₹100 crore for 500 Atal Tinkering Labs** to boost student innovation.

**Andhra Pradesh (extra)**

- **India's first AI Command Centre** inaugurated at Tirumala by CM Chandrababu Naidu for pilgrim management.

**North-East (Regional)**

- **PM Modi to inaugurate ₹8,000 crore Aizawl rail line** connecting Mizoram to Indian Railways for the first time.

**September Month Launches & Inaugurations:**

- India's **first tempered glass facility** inaugurated in **Noida** (Optimus & Corning), ₹70 crore investment, 25 million units/year Phase 1 capacity.
- India's **first MLFF tolling system** launched at **Choryasi, Gujarat** for barrier-free FASTag tolling.
- **Adi Vaani AI Translator** launched for **Santali, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi** tribal languages.
- **NCERT celebrated 65th Foundation Day** with **Bal Vatika TV Channel, DIKSHA 2.0, PRASHAST 2.0**.
- India unveiled **Vikram-3201**, its first indigenously developed **32-bit microprocessor** for space use.
- PM Modi & Singapore PM inaugurated **PSA Mumbai Terminal Phase-II**, India's **largest container terminal** with 4.8M TEU capacity.
- **Swacchotsav 2025**: Govt launched a fortnight-long cleanliness drive (Sept 17–Oct 2) focusing on clean festivities & SafaiMitra protection.
- **Power Testing Lab**: Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated CPRI's Regional Testing Lab in Nashik.
- **Adi Sanskriti Platform**: Tribal Affairs Ministry launched digital learning platform with 45+ courses & 5,000+ cultural assets.
- **Atal Innovation Centre Abroad**: Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Centre at IIT Delhi–Abu Dhabi campus.
- **IIM Ahmedabad Global Campus**: IIMA opened its first international campus in Dubai with a 35-student MBA programme.
- **SAJEX 2025**: Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition launched in Jeddah with 200+ exhibitors targeting GCC markets.
- **Gyan Bharatam Portal**: PM Modi launched portal to digitize manuscripts & promote global research collaboration.
- **Shri Vivekanand Gupta** becomes first Indian in **World Bank-Milken PFAM Program 2025-26** at Bayes Business School, London.
- **India & Mauritius** to build **satellite tracking station** near **Diego Garcia** with **₹680 crore package**.
- **IRCTC reserves first 15 minutes** of ticket booking for **Aadhaar-verified users** from **Oct 1, 2025**.
- **Amit Shah** inaugurates **India's largest ₹825 crore sports complex** in **Ahmedabad**.
- **Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025** launched to improve **airport passenger experience**.

- **India & FAO** launch **Smart Blue Ports project** to modernize **fishing harbours**.
- **NaMo App** launches **Seva Parv 2025 campaign** for **PM Modi's birthday**.
- **MNRE** unveils **India's first National Geothermal Policy** to tap **10 GW potential**.
- **IRDAI** to launch **Bima Sugam** (digital insurance platform) in **Dec 2025**.
- **GST Reforms 2025**: PM Modi announces simplified GST with only 5% & 18% slabs, essentials at 0–5%.
- **Industrial Park Rating System 3.0**: New benchmarks on sustainability, digitalization & logistics.
- **LEADS 2025**: Logistics benchmarking system to make India globally competitive by 2047.
- **LDB 2.0**: Advanced digital platform for real-time container tracking with high-seas monitoring.
- **Ocean Exploration Rights**: India secures 15-year contracts for Polymetallic Sulphides in Carlsberg Ridge.
- **Adi Karmayogi Chapters**: Tribal Affairs Ministry launches student leadership initiative at IITs, IIMs & AIIMS.
- **GST Appellate Tribunal**: GSTAT launched with Principal Bench in Delhi & 31 State Benches.
- **EV Truck Fleet at JNPA**: India's first electric heavy truck fleet with swappable batteries flagged off.
- **Ayurveda Food Portal**: FSSAI launches licensing window for 91 standardized Ayurvedic recipes.
- **Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative**: MoHUA pairs **72 mentor cities** with **200 mentee cities** for structured sanitation mentorship.
- **India's First Integrative Oncology Centre**: Ministry of Ayush inaugurates **IORCC at AIIA Goa** on 10th National Ayurveda Day, blending Ayurveda, Yoga & modern oncology.
- **World Food India 2025**: Attracts **₹1 lakh crore investments** from 26 companies, creating **64,000+ jobs** in food processing sector.

**Miscellaneous National News**

- India-Japan signed a **Critical Minerals Pact** to boost exploration and supply chain resilience.
- **1,938 e-Government services** integrated across all states/UTs via **DigiLocker & e-District**.
- **IEPFA launched Niveshak Didi Phase II** in Hyderabad for rural women's financial literacy.
- PM Modi launched **Rajya Jeevika Nidhi** with **₹105 crore** for women entrepreneurs in Bihar.
- **Kapas Kisan App** launched to streamline **MSP cotton procurement**.
- **Coconut Development Board** raised sapling aid from ₹4→₹45 and replanting aid from ₹40→₹350.
- **APEDA launched BHARATI Startup Initiative** to support 100 agri-food startups, target \$50B exports by 2030.



- Cabinet approved ₹1,500 crore **Critical Mineral Recycling Scheme** targeting 270 KT capacity by 2030-31.
- **UPSC Centre of Excellence** announced as knowledge hub for UPSC & State PSCs.
- **SC Collegium** recommended **26 judges** for Allahabad High Court.
- India introduced **HUID-based silver hallmarking** from September 1, 2025, with new BIS standard.
- Centre notified **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) rules** under NPS, reducing service to 20 years.
- President **Droupadi Murmu** conferred **National Awards to Teachers 2025**.
- Govt launched **Angikaar 2025 campaign** under PMAY-U 2.0, running till Oct 31 across 5,000+ cities.
- **NITI Aayog** set target to **double pulses production** to 51.57 MT by 2047.
- **Coal Imports:** Fell 16.4% to 21.08 MT in July 2025 due to monsoon slowdown & high stock availability.
- **Road Infrastructure Push:** India unveiled ₹11 lakh crore plan to expand expressways to 17,000 km by 2033.
- **Railway Project:** Cabinet approved ₹3,169 crore Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat rail line doubling.
- **Namo Bharat Train:** Delhi–Meerut RRTS became India's fastest train at 160 km/h, covering 55 km in under an hour.
- **Great Nicobar Project:** ₹72,000 crore plan to develop strategic maritime & aviation hub.
- **NE & Eastern Projects:** PM Modi launched ₹71,000 crore development projects in Northeast & eastern states.
- **NHPC Chief:** Bhupender Gupta appointed CMD of NHPC Limited.
- **Vice President:** CP Radhakrishnan sworn in as India's 15th Vice President on Sept 12, 2025.
- **Literacy Rate:** India's literacy rose to 80.9% in 2023-24 from 74% in 2011.
- **Army Flood Rescue:** Operation Rahat evacuated 6,000+ people & gave medical aid to 13,000+.
- **Army SAMBHAV System:** Indigenous 5G system with encryption replaced WhatsApp in Operation Sindoor.
- **India–Mauritius Ties:** 7 MoUs signed in Science, Tech, Oceanography & Space cooperation.
- **Immigration Fast Track:** FTI-TTP expanded to 13 airports enabling 30-second clearance.
- **Purple Fest 2025:** Celebrated disability inclusion on Sept 10–11 by ISLRTC & Amity University.
- **Renewable Milestone:** India achieved 250 GW non-fossil capacity; target 500 GW by 2030.
- **National Surveys:** NSO to conduct AIDIS & SAS surveys (July 2026–June 2027) on finance & agriculture.
- **Seven Indian sites** including **Deccan Traps, Tirumala Hills, Meghalayan Age Caves** added to **UNESCO Tentative List** (total 69).
- **Shankar, India's only African elephant**, dies after **13 years** of isolation.
- First **Hilsa consignment** from **Bangladesh** reaches India, **lowest since 2019**.
- India records **1% drop in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** from **power sector** in **early 2025**.
- **EC updates EVM ballot** with **colour photos, uniform font, NOTA last**; rollout begins in **Bihar**.
- **Tirumala Hills & Erra Matti Dibbalu** enter **UNESCO Tentative List** for protection.
- **Prof. Pradeep Kumar Prajapati** appointed **Director of AIIA** (All India Institute of Ayurveda).
- **Centre** appoints **35 Joint Secretaries**; **Pawan Kumar Sharma** becomes **Deputy Election Commissioner**.
- **Vishakha Mulye** named **MD & CEO** of **Aditya Birla Capital** for **5 years** from **Sept 1, 2025**.
- **EC de-lists 474 political parties**, probes **359** for **non-compliance**.
- **India** commemorates **60 years of 1965 Indo-Pak War**, honouring **veterans**.
- **Neo-Middle Class Defined:** PM Modi identifies 25 crore citizens as aspirational "Neo-Middle Class."
- **Core Industries Growth:** Eight core sectors grow 6.3% in Aug 2025, led by Steel & Coal.
- **PRAGATI Meeting:** PM reviews 8 infra projects worth ₹65,000 crore in 49th PRAGATI session.
- **Railway Bonus:** Cabinet approves 78-day PLB worth ₹1,865.68 crore for 10.91 lakh staff.
- **Silver Import Curbs:** Govt restricts silver & unstudded jewellery imports till March 2026.
- **Make in India @11:** Initiative completes 11 years since its 2014 launch, boosting self-reliance.
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve, Himachal Pradesh:** Joins **UNESCO World Network**, India's 13th Biosphere Reserve; Bihar adds **2 new Ramsar sites** (total 93).
- **Cheetah Milestone at Kuno:** Mukhi becomes first **India-born cheetah to reach adulthood**, with 61% cub survival; population expands to **27 cheetahs**.
- **UNESCO Recognition for Sacred Theatres:** Kutiyattam, Mudiyyettu, Ramman & Ramlila inscribed as **Intangible Cultural Heritage** of Humanity.
- **EV Safety Regulation:** **Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS)** mandatory for EVs from **Oct 1, 2027**; new models from Oct 2026.

**GOVT SCHEMES**

**Central Govt Schemes**

Name of Initiative	Ministry	Year	Purpose
<b>Make in India</b>	Ministry of Commerce & Industry	<b>2014</b>	Boost FDI, manufacturing, exports, and job creation; aligned with <b>Aatmanirbhar Bharat &amp; PLI schemes</b> ; expanded presence of global majors (Apple, Samsung, Boeing, Tesla).
<b>CBHRD Scheme (Capacity Building &amp; Human Resource Development)</b>	Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) / CSIR	<b>2021-26</b>	Support doctoral & postdoctoral fellowships, Bhatnagar Fellowships, research grants & awards; strengthen <b>STEMM workforce</b> and improve innovation ranking.
<b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (Blue Revolution)</b>	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying	<b>2020</b>	Transform fisheries sector: <b>195 lakh tonnes production</b> , ₹21,274 cr project approvals; aims to double fishers' income & boost exports.

**State Govt Schemes**

Name of Initiative	State	Year	Purpose
<b>Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana</b>	Bihar	<b>2025</b>	Direct cash transfer of ₹10,000 to <b>75 lakh women</b> via DBT; scope of ₹2 lakh support via SHGs & Jeevika Nidhi; complements <b>Lakhpati Didi campaign</b> for women entrepreneurs.
<b>Bihar Women Empowerment Scheme</b>	Bihar	<b>2025</b>	Direct cash transfer of ₹10,000 to <b>75 lakh women</b> to promote <b>self-employment opportunities</b> . ( <i>overlaps with Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana</i> )
<b>Anbu Karangal Scheme</b>	Tamil Nadu	<b>2025</b>	Comprehensive welfare program for <b>orphaned children</b> covering education, health & social support.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- **China Pledges \$2 Billion at SCO Summit:** At 2025 SCO Summit, China announced \$2 billion in grants and loans, 100 local projects, expanded scholarships, and Tianjin Declaration on responsible AI development.
- **PM Modi Outlines India's Vision at SCO Summit:** At 25th SCO Summit in Tianjin, PM Modi emphasized three pillars - Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity - while proposing Civilizational Dialogue Forum and supporting global governance reforms.
- **SCO Declaration Condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack:** Tianjin Declaration strongly condemned April 22, 2025 Pahalgam terror attack, reaffirming united stance against terrorism and calling for enhanced intelligence sharing.
- **Afghan Student Scholarships:** India announces 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan students aged 18-35 for academic year 2025-26 through ICCR's e-VidyaBharati portal covering nine Indian universities.
- **WHO Suicide Warning:** World Health Organization reports suicide accounts for 1 in 100 deaths globally with 7.27 lakh cases in 2021, calling for urgent action to protect young people.
- **India-Singapore Defence Cooperation:** During Singapore PM Lawrence Wong's first official visit, both nations agree to deepen defence cooperation focusing on technology co-development while celebrating 60 years of diplomatic ties.
- **Nepal Social Media Ban:** Nepal bans 26 unregistered social media platforms including Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, X, YouTube, and Viber following Supreme Court directive requiring formal registration.
- **Singapore backs India's plan** to patrol the **Malacca Strait**, strengthening **maritime security** under the **Act East policy**.
- **Anutin Charnvirakul won Thailand's PM election with 63% votes**, defeating the ruling party amid political unrest.
- **26 countries**, including **France, US, and UK**, pledged **postwar security** to **Ukraine** during the **Kyiv Allies Summit** in Paris.
- After **Angela Rayner's resignation**, **David Lammy** became **UK Deputy PM**, Justice Secretary, and Lord Chancellor in a major **cabinet reshuffle**.
- **102-Year-Old Conquers Mount Fuji:** Kokichi Akuzawa becomes oldest man to summit Japan's tallest mountain at 3,776 meters, confirmed by Guinness World Records.
- **Japanese PM Resigns After Electoral Defeat:** Shigeru Ishiba stepped down on September 7, 2025, following LDP's historic defeat, triggering leadership contest.
- **India-Israel Sign Bilateral Investment Pact:** Finance Ministers **Nirmala Sitharaman** and **Bezalel Smotrich** sign agreement in New Delhi to boost investments and ensure investor protection with current bilateral investments at \$800 million.

- **Nepal Lifts Social Media Ban After Deadly Protests:** Government reverses nationwide social media ban following violent Gen Z-led protests that resulted in 19 deaths and hundreds injured across major cities.
- **François Bayrou Ousted as French PM:** Prime Minister loses confidence vote 364-194 on September 8, 2025, marking the second PM resignation in less than a year under Macron's minority government.
- **Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli Resigns:** Prime Minister quits on September 9, 2025, after massive Gen Z protests against social media ban turn violent, leaving 20 dead and 250+ injured with Parliament set ablaze.
- **HIRE Act 2025 Threatens India's IT Exports:** Proposed US Senate bill seeks 25% excise tax on outsourcing payments to foreign providers, potentially impacting India's \$100 billion IT export sector with compliance burdens.
- **Irfaan Ali Wins Second Term as Guyana President:** People's Progressive Party secures 36 out of 65 National Assembly seats in September 1 election, granting stronger mandate amid oil-driven economic growth.
- **Macron Names Lecornu as New French Prime Minister:** 39-year-old loyalist and former Defence Minister replaces Francois Bayrou, signaling continuation of pro-business agenda despite parliamentary challenges.
- **Norway PM Secures Second Term:** Jonas Gahr Stoere's Labour Party wins majority with 87 seats despite Progress Party achieving record 48 seats amid rising cost concerns.
- **Larry Ellison Becomes World's Richest:** Oracle co-founder surpasses Elon Musk with \$395.7 billion net worth following 41% surge in Oracle shares driven by AI technology growth.
- **Fitch Upgrades India's Growth Forecast:** Rating agency raises India's FY25 economic growth projection from 6.5% to 6.9% citing strong domestic demand and consumer spending.
- **India-Mauritius Special Economic Package Worth \$680 Million:** During Mauritian PM's visit, India announced comprehensive economic package including grant-based projects and Line of Credit for infrastructure development.
- India supported the UN resolution endorsing a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine; US opposed the move.
- **US-Korea-Japan Military Exercise Begins:** Freedom Edge joint air and naval exercise launched near Jeju Island on September 15 to counter North Korean nuclear threats.
- **Albania Appoints AI Cabinet Minister:** Country becomes first globally to unveil "Diella", an AI-powered virtual minister overseeing public procurement and digital services.
- **US Fed cuts interest rate by 25 bps, signaling start of easing cycle.**
- **Saudi Arabia and Pakistan sign mutual defence pact amid West Asia tensions.**
- **Australia raises emissions reduction target to 62% by 2035.**
- **South Korea and the US commit to a three-stage denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula** despite North Korea's resistance.
- **India-Norway Maritime Security Dialogue:** First-ever Maritime Security, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation Dialogue held in Oslo focusing on secure maritime environment and economic growth.
- India and Canada agreed to **resume trade talks and enhance cooperation** in areas like **defence, energy, and critical minerals**.
- **US Introduces India Shrimp Tariff Act:** American Senators Bill Cassidy and Cindy Hyde-Smith propose tariffs on Indian shrimp imports on September 20, 2025, to protect Louisiana's seafood industry from alleged dumping practices.
- **India Re-elected to UN Postal Councils:** Country secures positions in Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council at 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai, reflecting global confidence in India Post's leadership.
- **India-Brazil Launch Agricultural Innovation Partnership:** Maitri 2.0 cross-incubation programme launched to strengthen agritech cooperation and sustainable agriculture development between both nations.
- **India Gains Strategic Position in Interpol:** India elected to Interpol Asian Committee during 25th Asian Regional Conference in Singapore, enhancing regional security cooperation against organized crime and terrorism.
- **Historic Ocean Conservation Treaty Takes Effect:** BBNJ treaty reaches 60 ratifications and will enter force January 17, 2026, aiming to protect marine biodiversity beyond 200 nautical miles from coastal countries.
- **China Launches K Visa to Attract Global Talent:** New K visa launching October 1, 2025, targets young STEM professionals amid US H-1B restrictions, offering flexible entry and participation in academic activities.
- **India-Australia Organic MRA:** India and Australia signed Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Organic Products on September 24, 2025, strengthening strategic partnership under ECTA.
- **Super Typhoon Devastates Asia:** Super Typhoon Ragasa, 2025's strongest storm, causes 17 deaths in Taiwan, 4 in Philippines with nearly 2 million evacuated in southern China.
- **IIT-Madras Nominated for UN AI Centre:** India nominates IIT-Madras as UN Centre of Excellence for AI capacity building under ODET initiative, aiming to skill 10 million people annually through India AI Mission.
- **US-Turkey Nuclear Deal:** United States and Turkey sign comprehensive nuclear cooperation agreement for building large power plants and small modular reactors.



- Dubai's Driverless Transport Revolution:** Dubai launches 15-kilometer autonomous transport corridor featuring RoboTaxis, buses and bots, targeting 25% autonomous trips by 2030.
- India-Bhutan Approve First Rail Projects:** India and Bhutan have approved historic rail connectivity projects worth ₹4,033 crore—Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse lines—to boost bilateral trade and enhance Bhutan's access to Indian ports under India's ₹10,000 crore support commitment.
- India's EFTA Free Trade Agreement Effective October 1:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the FTA with EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) will be operational from October 1, 2025, as India continues negotiations with US, EU, and other nations while rising as the 4th largest economy.

## BANKING & FINANCE

### Banking Updates – September 2025

S. No.	Bank Name	Purpose / Key Update (Detailed)
1	CSB Bank	RBI approved overseas Dubai representative office (awaiting Dubai regulator nod) to serve NRIs and boost NRI deposits.
2	SBI Card × Flipkart	Launched co-branded Flipkart SBI Credit Card offering curated cashback rewards to enhance online shopping experience.
3	Bank of Baroda (BoB)	Introduced bob Digi Udyam, collateral-free digital working capital loans of ₹10–50 lakh for MSEs (CC/OD, 12-month tenure, under CGTMSE scheme).
4	Karnataka Grameena Bank (KGB)	Adopted common logo for 11 amalgamated RRBs symbolizing finance/trust (dark blue) & life/growth (dark green).
5	Unity SFB × BharatPe	Rolled out Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card (RuPay, UPI linkable, EMI up to 12 months) to promote merchant digital payments.
6	BoB	Declared Reliance Communications & Anil Ambani Group loan accounts as fraud; exposure worth ₹1,656 crore.
7	Indian Bank	Migrated website to indianbank.bank.in domain per RBI directive for cybersecurity and anti-fraud protection.
8	SBI	BRSR FY25 report: 6.87 lakh customer complaints, highest among banks; 1.05 lakh pending, largely on unauthorised e-debits.
9	PNB	Signed ₹21,000 crore MoU with Rajasthan under Rising Rajasthan Summit for socio-economic development projects.
10	SBI	Hosted 'Dream2Demo' startup pitch fest to connect entrepreneurs with investors and showcase startup financing solutions.
11	Axis Max Life × IPPB	Partnership to expand affordable life insurance beyond Tier-1 cities using IPPB's rural post office network.
12	APGB × NABARD × AquaExchange	Launched shrimp crop loans (₹25 cr pilot, scaling to ₹100 cr FY25 & ₹250 cr FY26) for aquaculture sector.
13	Suryoday SFB	Launched FD-backed secured credit cards – RuPay Platinum (min FD ₹1,000) & RuPay Select (min FD ₹1.11 lakh); UPI integrated.
14	SBI	Raised \$500 million via 5-year senior unsecured notes (coupon 4.5%); listed on SGX & NSE-IX (GIFT City).
15	IPPB	Celebrated 8th anniversary – serving 12+ crore customers with last-mile services via 1.64 lakh post offices & 1.9 lakh GDS/postmen.
16	Yes Bank	RBI approved R. Gandhi's reappointment as Chairman till May 2027 ensuring leadership continuity.
17	IndusInd Bank	Appointed <b>Viral Damania</b> as Chief Financial Officer effective Sept 22, 2025; brings 27 years' experience incl. CFO of Bank of America India.

RBI Updates – September 2025

S. No.	Name / Initiative	Purpose / Detailed Notes
1	RBI Bulletin – Private Capex Outlook	Projected 21.5% rise in FY26 private capex to ₹2.67 lakh crore; driven by rate cuts, disinflation, liquidity, capacity utilisation, and infra investments (power sector led).
2	Governor Sanjay Malhotra’s Address (Santripati Shivir)	Said India poised to be 3rd largest economy; highlighted 7.8% GDP Q1 FY26, 55 crore PMJDY accounts, and push for KYC, anti-mule accounts, UPI/digital literacy.
3	Penalty on Bandhan Bank	RBI fined ₹44.7 lakh for lapses in commission-based pay, data changes without approval, and weak audit trails.
4	FSDC Sub-Committee Meeting	Reviewed macro & financial stability, discussed NSFI 2025–30, and stressed inter-regulatory coordination.
5	BSR-2 (Deposits)	June 2025 data: deposits grew 11.3% YoY; large deposits 45.7%; households 59.9%; seniors 20.4%; private banks outpaced PSBs.
6	Nariman Point Land Purchase	RBI bought 4.16-acre land from MMRCL for ₹3,472 cr (+₹208.3 cr stamp duty); freehold ownership for self & commercial use.
7	Bhupen Hazarika Commemorative Coin	To release coin on Sept 13, 2025 for centenary celebration in Guwahati with PM’s presence.
8	Yes Bank Leadership Approval	Confirmed R. Gandhi reappointed as Chairman till 2027.
9	Currency Education Portal	Launched microsite indiancurrency.rbi.org.in with 360° views, multimedia resources & games for public currency awareness.
10	Regulatory Review Cell (RRC)	New advisory group to periodically revise banking regulations for better governance.
11	Banking Liquidity Deficit	Liquidity deficit widened to ₹87,183 crore on Sept 23 due to advance tax & GST outflows; RBI conducted VRR auction injecting ₹1.50 lakh crore.
12	RBI Allows Working Capital Loans Using Gold	<b>RBI Allows Working Capital Loans Using Gold as Raw Material:</b> In a major reform effective October 1, 2025, RBI permits banks to provide working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as raw material, previously limited only to jewellers, aimed at boosting industrial growth and banking sector resilience.
13	RBI Mandates Two-Factor Authentication	<b>RBI Mandates Two-Factor Authentication from April 2026:</b> Reserve Bank of India makes 2FA mandatory for all digital payments starting April 1, 2026, replacing SMS OTPs with flexible authentication methods including biometrics, tokens, and risk-based authentication to reduce fraud risks.

Regulatory Authorities – September 2025

S. No.	Authority / Org	Purpose / Key Update
1	IDRBT	Migrated Indian Bank to .bank.in domain to strengthen cybersecurity & anti-fraud confidence.
2	IRDAI Vision 2047	Axis Max Life x IPPB partnership supports IRDAI’s mission: “Insurance for All by 2047.”
3	ADB–Gol	Signed \$126.42 mn loan for Uttarakhand Tehri Lake climate-resilient tourism, sanitation & disaster-preparedness benefiting 87k residents & 2.7M visitors.
4	World Bank SHORE	Approved \$212.64 mn loan for coastal resilience, job creation & plastic waste reduction in Tamil Nadu & Karnataka.
5	EPFO	Launched ‘Passbook Lite’ app for faster, simplified member account access.
6	UPI (NPCI)	Increased daily P2M limit to ₹10 lakh for select merchant categories (P2P stays at ₹1 lakh).
7	PhonePe	RBI approved PhonePe as online payment aggregator, expanding SME and underserved business reach.
8	UPI in Qatar	UPI went live in <b>Qatar (Hamad Airport)</b> , making it the <b>8th country</b> to adopt UPI for Indian travelers.
9	SIDBI	SIDBI’s Net Profit Surges 19.5% to Record High: Small Industries Development Bank of India reported an all-time high net profit of ₹4,811 crore in FY25, a 19.5% increase, with balance sheet exceeding ₹5.6 lakh crore and maintaining excellent asset quality with Gross NPA at 0.04%.

SEBI Updates – September 2025

S. No.	Announcement	Key Details	Effective Date
1	Intraday Derivatives Rule	Raised index options intraday net position limit to ₹5,000 cr/entity (from ₹1,500 cr) via FutEq; real-time surveillance; SOP in 15 days.	Sept 2025
2	Bandhan AMC – SIF	Approved launch of Arudha SIF platform (equity, debt, hybrid; incl. unhedged short derivatives).	Sept 2025
3	ESOP Flexibility	Allowed promoters to retain ESOPs/SARs granted ≥1 yr before draft IPO filing (earlier barred).	Sept 2025
4	PSU Voluntary Delisting	For ≥90% govt stake: relaxed 2/3rd public nod, fixed-price delisting ≥15% above floor, 7-yr escrow for unpaid dues.	Sept 2025
5	Co-Investment Window (AIFs)	Cat I/II AIFs may offer direct co-investment schemes to accredited investors (no leverage, up to 3× AIF contribution).	Sept 2025
6	Enforcement Actions	SEBI took action against 886 entities (Apr 2024–Jun 2025) for fraudulent/unfair practices.	Period noted
7	SWAGAT-FI	Introduced SWAGAT-FI portal to simplify long-term foreign investment onboarding through digital KYC.	Sept 2025
8	Smartphone Export Surge	India's smartphone exports to US grew 148% YoY in Aug 2025, hitting \$965 million milestone.	Aug–Sept 2025
9	Future Food Forum Dubai	7th Future Food Forum 2025 held in Dubai focusing on food security, trade, and innovation.	Sept 2025

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

ECONOMY NEWS

- **Insurance Sector Reform:** Govt proposes 100% FDI in insurance via automatic route (replacing 74% cap) to attract global players, boost capital adequacy & penetration under IRDAI oversight.
- **Private Capex Outlook:** RBI's Aug 2025 bulletin projects private corporate capex to grow 21.5% to ₹2.67 lakh crore in FY26, led by infra & power, aided by lower rates & easing inflation.
- **RBI Governor Statement:** RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra says India is on track to become world's 3rd-largest economy, citing 7.8% Q1 FY26 GDP growth and 55 crore Jan Dhan accounts.
- **India's GST Collection:** GST revenue hit ₹1.86 trillion in Aug 2025, up 6.5% YoY; GST Council to discuss reforms.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** India's CAD narrowed to \$2.4 billion (0.2% of GDP) in Q1 FY26 from 0.9% in Q1 FY25, aided by higher services receipts & 18% rise in remittances.
- **GDP Growth Forecast:** Morgan Stanley upgraded India's FY26 GDP forecast to 6.7% (from 6.2%), citing strong Q1 growth & GST cuts.
- **Services PMI:** India's services PMI hit 62.9 in Aug 2025, a 15-year high, though leading to fastest price rise in a decade.
- **FDI Growth:** FDI rose 15% in Q1 FY26 to USD 18.62 bn, with US inflows tripling to USD 5.61 bn despite tariff issues.

- **Aadhaar Authentication Milestone:** UIDAI recorded 221 crore transactions in Aug 2025, including 18.6 crore face authentications using AI-based tech.
- **UPI Transaction Limit Boost:** NPCI raised UPI limits to ₹5 lakh per transaction & ₹10 lakh daily for verified merchants in capital markets, insurance & govt sectors (effective Sept 15).
- **Agriculture's Role in GDP:** Principal Scientific Advisor Ajay Kumar Sood stated agriculture contributes 15–20% of India's GDP, supporting 60% workforce; announced launch of National Plant Health Mission.
- **Moody's on GST Reform:** Moody's warned that the proposed two-slab GST structure may cost the govt ₹48,000 crore revenue loss, while boosting household spending.
- **Retail Inflation:** Rose to 2.07% in August 2025, still below RBI's target; food inflation remained negative.
- **Harshavardhan Chitale Named Hero MotoCorp CEO:** To take charge on Jan 5, 2026; IIT Delhi gold medalist with 30+ years experience in Signify, Philips & Honeywell.
- **Dell CFO Yvonne McGill Resigns:** Will step down on Sept 9, 2025 after nearly 30 years; David Kennedy appointed interim CFO.
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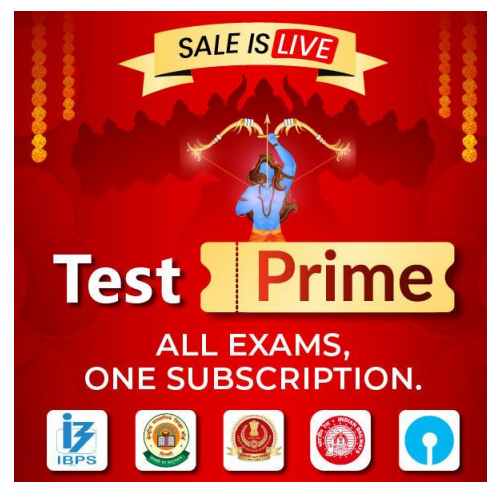


- **Insurance Surety Bonds for NHAI:** Crossed ₹10,000 crore milestone; 12 insurers issued 1,600 ISBs worth ₹10,369 crore, offering cost-effective alternatives to bank guarantees.
- **IEPFA Foundation Day:** Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority marked its 9th Foundation Day with a round table on unclaimed financial assets attended by SEBI, RBI, PFRDA, and IRDAI officials.
- **India's GDP growth FY25** projected at 6.5% (fastest among major economies) – S&P.
- **India's WPI inflation** turned positive at 0.52% (Aug 2025) vs -0.58% last year, led by food & manufacturing.
- **India's trade deficit** narrowed to \$26.49 bn (Aug 2025) from \$27.35 bn in July; exports \$35.1 bn, imports \$61.59 bn.
- **Unemployment rate** fell to 5.1% (Aug 2025); male 5.0%, female participation rising.
- **India's Logistics Costs Assessed at 7.97% of GDP:** NCAER report for DPIIT reveals comprehensive logistics cost analysis on Make in India's 10th anniversary, correcting earlier inflated estimates of 13-14%.
- **India's GDP Growth Forecast:** S&P Global Ratings retains India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for FY26, citing strong domestic demand and benign monsoon despite global headwinds.
- **India's Industrial Output Grows 4% in August:** Industrial production rose 4% in August 2025 with mining rebounding strongly at 6% and electricity at 4.1%, but manufacturing slowed to 3.8% and consumer non-durables slumped 6.3%, indicating subdued private investment and patchy consumption.

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- **Tata-Merck Partnership:** Tata Electronics signed MoU with Merck to accelerate India's semiconductor ecosystem supporting the upcoming ₹91,000 crore Fab facility in Dholera, Gujarat.
- **DPIIT-ICICI Partnership:** DPIIT signed MoU with ICICI Bank to launch a Startup Engagement Programme, offering accelerators & mentorship to DPIIT-recognized startups.
- **Citibank Appointment:** Kaustubh Kulkarni appointed Co-head of Asia-Pacific Investment Banking at Citibank, reflecting regional expansion.
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- **Kotak811** ranked 3rd globally in banking app downloads (H1 2025), with 250% YoY growth & 2.6 cr users.
- **SBI sold 13.18% stake in Yes Bank** to Japan's SMBC for ₹8,889 crore.
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- **Apollo Tyres** bagged ₹579 cr BCCI deal as Team India lead sponsor (121 bilaterals + 21 ICC matches).
- **Myntra x Sourav Ganguly** launched 'Souragya' ethnic wear brand for Durga Puja season.
- **Japan's R&I upgraded India's credit rating to BBB+**, citing strong domestic demand & fiscal discipline.
- **India Leads Global Dairy Production:** India contributes nearly 25% of global milk supply, employing over 8 crore farmers with milk production increasing 63.56% in the past decade, supported by schemes like Rashtriya Gokul Mission and White Revolution 2.0 for nutrition and rural income security.



**MoU's & AGREEMENTS**

Organization / Country / State	MoU / Agreement With	Field / Purpose	Key Details / Significance
India	Japan	Climate Partnership – Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM)	Signed under <b>Paris Agreement Article 6.2</b> to enable <b>carbon credit trading</b> between the two countries. Aims to <b>mobilize green investments worth ₹10 trillion (approx. ₹5.5 lakh crore)</b> in sectors like <b>renewable energy, hydrogen, energy efficiency, and carbon capture</b> . Strengthens India's role in global <b>climate action and net-zero goals</b> .
India	European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein	Free Trade Agreement (FTA)	Effective from <b>October 1, 2025</b> , this is India's first FTA with EFTA nations. Includes <b>legally binding sustainability clauses</b> (a first for India), ensuring trade is aligned with <b>environmental and labor standards</b> . Expected to boost bilateral trade, increase <b>FDI inflows</b> , create <b>job opportunities</b> , and expand India's access to <b>European markets</b> .
Coal India	NSTFDC (National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation)	Tribal Education & CSR support	Empower tribal students in Eklavya schools via <b>digital education, career mentorship, and sanitary napkin vending machines</b> .
iDEX-DIO (Defence Innovation Organisation)	EdCIL (India) Ltd	Defence & Ed-Tech Innovation	Launched <b>ASPIRE Program</b> ; aims to develop <b>dual-use solutions</b> leveraging <b>650+ start-ups</b> with <b>₹1,652 crore procurement orders</b> under indigenous innovation model.
SAI (Sports Authority of India)	IIT Delhi	Sports Science & Innovation	MoU for <b>sports science research, indigenous equipment development, and biomechanics lab</b> to boost athlete performance under <i>Atmanirbhar Bharat</i> .
TCIL (Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd.)	Punjab National Bank (PNB)	Digital Banking & IT Transformation	Signed on <b>Sept 3, 2025</b> ; partnership to <b>enhance IT infrastructure and accelerate digital banking solutions</b> .
India & ILO	International Labour Organization	Skills Recognition	Develop <b>International Reference Classification of Occupations</b> to improve <b>global skill comparability &amp; enhance employment opportunities for Indian youth</b> .
IIT Kanpur (India)	Vietnam National University	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research	Collaboration to boost <b>AI research, innovation &amp; academic exchange</b> .
India Post	BSNL	Telecom services	India Post to sell <b>BSNL SIMs &amp; recharges</b> through <b>1.65 lakh post offices</b> nationwide.
Oil India Ltd.	Hindustan Copper Ltd. & RVUNL (Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.)	Critical Minerals & Renewable Energy	MoUs for <b>critical mineral exploration and 1.2 GW renewable energy projects</b> in Rajasthan.
Government of India	Zepto (via National Career Service Portal)	Employment generation	Partnership to offer <b>10,000 job postings</b> focusing on <b>youth, women, and first-time job seekers</b> .
UAE-India Business Council (UIBC)	Multiple Indian stakeholders	Bilateral trade & investment	Strategic MoUs signed to boost trade in <b>logistics, healthcare, IT/ITES, education, and tourism sectors</b> .

**APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

Person Name	Appointed As	Entity / Place	Key Notes
<b>Dr. Deepak Mittal</b> (1998-batch IFS)	Ambassador	<b>India's Ambassador to UAE</b>	Succeeds <b>Sunjay Sudhir</b> ; experienced diplomat with prior postings in key missions.
<b>Shri Rajit Punhani</b> (1991-batch IAS, Bihar cadre)	CEO	<b>Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)</b>	Took charge from <b>Sept 1, 2025</b> ; will oversee food safety regulations and standards nationwide.
<b>Piyush Goyal</b> (1994-batch IAS, Nagaland cadre)	Secretary	<b>Ministry of Mines</b>	Former <b>NATGRID CEO</b> ; assumed charge <b>Sept 4, 2025</b> , succeeding <b>V.L. Kantha Rao</b> .
<b>Justice Shree Chandrashekhar</b>	Chief Justice	<b>Bombay High Court</b>	Took oath, replacing <b>Justice Alok Aradhe</b> .
<b>Mohammed Siraj</b>	Brand Ambassador	<b>Skechers India</b>	Endorses cricket footwear line; strengthens brand's entry into Indian cricket market.
<b>Alia Bhatt</b>	Global Brand Ambassador	<b>Levi's</b>	To connect with <b>style-forward new generation consumers</b> .
<b>Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam</b>	Director	<b>CSIR-NIScPR</b>	Focus on <b>agile STI policies, future-ready science communication, and global collaborations</b> in AI & digital challenges.
<b>Srinivas Injeti</b>	Chairperson	<b>NSE Governing Board</b>	Retired IAS officer with <b>40+ years' experience</b> ; expertise in <b>insolvency &amp; corporate governance reforms</b> ; approved by <b>SEBI</b> .
<b>Ravi Ranjan</b>	(Recommended) MD	<b>State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	Recommended by <b>FSIB</b> ; final approval pending with <b>Appointments Committee</b> .
<b>Justice M. Sundar</b>	<b>10th Chief Justice</b>	<b>Manipur High Court</b>	Sworn in on <b>Sept 15, 2025</b> by <b>Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla</b> .
<b>Acharya Devvrat</b>	<b>Governor (Additional Charge)</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	Former <b>Gujarat Governor</b> ; succeeds <b>C.P. Radhakrishnan</b> after he became <b>Vice-President</b> .
<b>Amit Khare</b>	<b>Secretary to Vice-President</b>	<b>Vice-President's Office</b>	Retired <b>IAS officer &amp; former PM advisor</b> ; appointed for <b>3-year contract</b> under VP <b>C.P. Radhakrishnan</b> .
<b>Carlos Felipe Jaramillo</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>World Bank – East Asia &amp; Pacific (EAP)</b>	Oversees <b>US\$32 billion portfolio</b> from <b>Singapore hub</b> .
<b>Dr. Sima Bahous</b>	<b>Executive Director (2nd Term)</b>	<b>UN Women</b>	Begins new term; focuses on <b>gender equality &amp; Strategic Plan 2026–2029</b> .
<b>Shashank Srowthy</b>	<b>Chief Financial Officer (CFO)</b>	<b>P&amp;G Health</b>	Effective <b>Oct 1, 2025</b> ; brings <b>14 years of global finance experience</b> .
<b>Daniel Katz (Proposed)</b>	<b>First Deputy Managing Director</b>	<b>IMF</b>	Proposed by <b>IMF Chief Kristalina Georgieva</b> ; known for <b>US Treasury expertise</b> .
<b>Dr. Kanad Das</b>	13th Director	<b>Botanical Survey of India (BSI)</b>	First <b>mycologist</b> to head BSI; discovered <b>165 new mushroom species</b> ; aims to digitize herbarium data & document fungi diversity.
<b>Sudhanshu Vats</b>	President (2025)	<b>Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)</b>	MD of Pidilite Industries; ASCI to launch <b>AdWise literacy program</b> for 1M students; expand operations to Delhi & Bengaluru.
<b>S Subramanyeswar</b>	Vice Chairman	<b>ASCI</b>	Part of new leadership team announced in <b>Sept 2025</b> .
<b>Paritosh Joshi</b>	Treasurer	<b>ASCI</b>	To support <b>AdWise program &amp; governance expansion</b> .
<b>Anand Piramal</b>	Chairman	<b>Piramal Finance</b>	Took charge after <b>NCLT merger approval</b> ; <b>Ajay Piramal stepped down</b> ; new board includes <b>Shikha Sharma</b> (former Axis Bank MD).

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Jairam Sridharan	MD & CEO	Piramal Finance	Part of the new leadership team after merger.
Vandana Gupta	Controller General of Communication Accounts (CGCA)	Department of Telecommunications (DoT)	1990 batch IP&TAFS officer; 30+ years' experience across <b>DoT, DoP, MoWCD, NCW, and GASAB (CAG)</b> .
Kanwar Singh Tanwar	Member	Rehabilitation Council of India	Appointed for <b>two-year tenure</b> (2025–27).
Dr. Jashvantsinh Parmar	Member	Rehabilitation Council of India	Appointed for <b>two-year tenure</b> (2025–27).
Rajeev Verma	Chief Secretary	Delhi	1992-batch IAS (AGMUT cadre); effective <b>Oct 1, 2025</b> ; succeeds Dharmendra; earlier Finance & Revenue Secy, Principal Commissioner of Housing & Urban Affairs.
Gaurav Banerjee	MD & CEO	Sony Pictures Networks India (Culver Max Entertainment)	Five-year term till <b>Aug 2029</b> ; company runs 28 TV channels + SonyLIV; FY24 revenue ₹6,511 cr, profit ₹840 cr.
Shirish Chandra Murmu	Deputy Governor	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Currently Executive Director; succeeds Rajeshwar Rao; <b>3-year term from Oct 9, 2025</b> ; strengthens RBI leadership.
Shailesh Chandra	MD & CEO	Tata Motors Limited	<b>3-year appointment from Oct 1, 2025</b> ; continues as MD of Tata Passenger Electric Mobility; part of TML leadership restructuring.

**AWARDS**

Award / Appointment / Ranking	Award Winner / Appointee	Field / Category	Key Notes
Controller General of Accounts (CGA)	T.C.A. Kalyani (1991-batch ICAS officer)	Finance / Governance	Assumed charge as <b>29th CGA</b> ; 34 years of experience; milestone in <b>women's leadership in fiscal roles</b> .
High Court Judges Appointment	Arun Kumar & others	Judiciary	President appointed new judges to <b>Allahabad &amp; Kerala High Courts</b> ; includes <b>permanent elevation of Additional Judges</b> .
NIRF Rankings 2025	IIT-Madras	Education / Rankings	IIT-Madras retains <b>top spot for 7th consecutive year</b> ; followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT-Mumbai across <b>17 categories</b> .
Prof. V.K. Gokak Award	Anand V. Patil	Literature	Bal Sahitya awardee (Kendra Sahitya Academy); to receive award on <b>Sept 7, 2025 in Bengaluru</b> by <b>Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan</b> .
National Awards for Teachers 2025	Outstanding Teachers	Education	Celebrated on <b>Teacher's Day (Sept 5, 2025)</b> ; theme: <i>"Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners"</i> ; awards presented by <b>President of India</b> .
Best Director – 82nd Venice Film Festival (Orizzonti Section)	Anuparna Roy	Cinema / International Film	Won for film <i>"Songs of Forgotten Trees"</i> .
Camel International Award (Arabian World Records)	Younus Ahamed	Business Leadership	Palakkad-based NRI businessman; Executive Director, Middle East Dotspace Coworking; honoured in Dubai.
Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards 2025	Cities: Indore, Jabalpur, Agra, Surat	Environment / Air Quality	Recognized under <b>National Clean Air Programme</b> ; ₹1.55 lakh crore mobilized for clean air initiatives.



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PV Narasimha Rao Award (Posthumous)	Dr. Manmohan Singh	Politics / Economic Reforms	Honoured for his role in <b>India's economic transformation</b> ; award received by wife Gursharan Kaur.
Inspire Award 2025 – Innovation Contest	Muzaffarpur (Bihar)	Education / Student Innovation	Ranked <b>1st nationally</b> with <b>7,403 student submissions</b> , surpassing <b>Bengaluru &amp; Lucknow</b> .
ASME Holley Medal 2025	Baba Kalyani (Chairman, Bharat Forge)	Engineering / Manufacturing	Honoured for <b>advanced manufacturing &amp; supply chain resilience</b> innovations.
NECA 2025 (National Energy Conservation Award – Influencer Category)	BEE Initiative	Energy Efficiency / Digital Content	New award launched for <b>influencers promoting energy efficiency</b> .
77th Primetime Emmy Awards (2025)	Seth Rogen, Cristin Milioti, Jean Smart & shows Severance, The Studio	Television / Entertainment	Held on <b>Sept 14, 2025</b> ; recognised excellence in <b>acting &amp; series</b> .
India's Official Oscar Entry (2025)	Neeraj Ghaywan's "Homebound"	Film / Best International Feature	Selected as India's <b>Oscar entry</b> ; backed by <b>Martin Scorsese (EP)</b> ; received <b>global acclaim</b> .
Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2025)	Mohanlal	Indian Cinema	Malayalam superstar honored for <b>4-decade career</b> , 400+ films; award to be presented on <b>Sept 23, 2025</b> , during 71st National Film Awards.
National e-Governance Awards	Gram Panchayats (Village Councils)	Digital Governance	Recognized at <b>28th National Conference (Visakhapatnam)</b> for <b>paperless offices, online services, QR/UPI-based systems</b> .
Kalaimamani Awards (2021–23)	Sai Pallavi, S.J. Suryah, Anirudh Ravichander & others	Arts & Culture (Tamil Nadu State Award)	Tamil Nadu govt honored <b>90 artists</b> across cinema, music, dance, theatre.
Lifetime Achievement Award	Prof. Shyam S. Rai	Seismology	Felicitated by <b>President Droupadi Murmu</b> for pioneering contributions in <b>earthquake studies</b> .
National Honor for Scientists	20 Geoscientists	Science & Research	Recognized for outstanding contributions in <b>geosciences</b> , enhancing India's research excellence.
Agricultural Journalism Excellence Award	Amshi Prasannakumar	Journalism (Agriculture)	To be awarded on <b>Oct 11, 2025, in Bangalore</b> for impactful reporting on <b>farm sector &amp; rural issues</b> .
BusinessLine Changemaker Award 2025	DRDO	Strategic Technologies / Defence	Won <b>Changemaker of the Year</b> for leadership in indigenous strategic technologies.
BusinessLine Iconic Changemaker Award 2025	Azim Premji Foundation	Social Work / Philanthropy	Honoured for long-term impactful contributions in education and social development.
International Emmy Awards 2025 (Nomination)	Diljit Dosanjh	Best Actor – Entertainment	Nominated for role in <i>Amar Singh Chamkila</i> (Imtiaz Ali film); only <b>Indian entry</b> ; winners on <b>Nov 24, 2025 (New York)</b> .

**SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE**

Category	Event	Venue	Key Points
Summits	India–China SCO Meeting	Tianjin, China	PM Modi & President Xi met after 10 months; agreed on <b>resumption of direct flights, border trade, Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, tourism visas</b> ; pledged to <b>rebuild trust &amp; cooperate</b> on terrorism, trade & Global South.
Events	Semicon India 2025	New Delhi, India	Inaugurated by PM Modi; showcased India’s <b>semiconductor ambitions</b> with <b>10 projects worth ₹1.5 lakh crore</b> ; participation from <b>48+ countries</b> .
Summit / Conference	AI Impact Summit 2026	India (Exact city TBA)	<b>India to host in 2026; focus on AI infrastructure, digital innovation; linked with finalized DPDP (Digital Personal Data Protection) rules.</b>
Food & Sustainability	7th Future Food Forum 2025	Dubai, UAE	Hosted by UAE Food & Beverage Business Group; focus on <b>food security, sustainability, CEPA trade, agri-tech innovation</b> ; UAE targets <b>\$10.9 bn food sector</b> .
Digital Governance	28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCEG)	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Adopted <b>Visakhapatnam Declaration 2025</b> ; stressed <b>AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion, civil service reforms</b> ; aligns with <b>Viksit Bharat 2047</b> .
Food Processing & Trade	World Food India 2025 (25–28 Sept)	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	Inaugurated by <b>PM Modi</b> ; features <b>1700+ exhibitors, 500+ global buyers, 100+ countries</b> ; promotes <b>sustainability, innovation &amp; inclusivity</b> in food systems.

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Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- India ranked <b>38th</b> (score: ~40.5), up from 48 in 2020. - <b>#1 among lower-middle-income economies</b> &amp; in Central &amp; Southern Asia region.</li> <li>- <b>Top 10 Countries:</b> Switzerland (66), Sweden (62.6), USA (61.7), Korea (60), Singapore (59.8), UK (59.1), Finland (57.7), Netherlands (57), Denmark (56.9), China (56.6).</li> <li>- <b>India’s strengths:</b> Knowledge &amp; Technology Outputs (#22), Market Sophistication (#38), Human Capital &amp; Research (Top 40).</li> <li>- <b>India’s weaker areas:</b> Business Sophistication (#64), Infrastructure (#61), Institutions (#58).</li> <li>- Covers 139 countries, 80+ indicators across <b>7 pillars</b> (Institutions, Human Capital, Infrastructure, Market sophistication, Business sophistication, Knowledge &amp; technology outputs, Creative outputs).</li> </ul>
Bloomberg Billionaires Index (Sept 11, 2025)	Bloomberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Larry Ellison</b> (Oracle co-founder &amp; CTO) briefly overtook <b>Elon Musk</b> as world’s richest.</li> <li>- Ellison’s net worth: <b>\$383.2B</b> (+\$89B in one day, biggest single-day gain ever).</li> <li>- Musk reclaimed top spot: <b>\$384B</b> (held top spot 16 months, crossed \$400B in 2024).</li> <li>- <b>Top 10 Richest (Sept 2025):</b> 1. Musk \$384B, 2. Ellison \$383B, 3. Zuckerberg \$264B, 4. Bezos \$252B, 5. Larry Page \$210B, 6. Sergey Brin \$196B, 7. Ballmer \$172B, 8. Arnault \$162B, 9. Jensen Huang \$154B.</li> <li>- <b>Indian Billionaires:</b> Mukesh Ambani (#18, \$97.9B, +\$7.26B YTD); Gautam Adani (#21, \$80.9B, +\$2.19B YTD).</li> </ul>

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<b>NIRF Rankings 2025 (10th Edition)</b>	<b>Ministry of Education (India)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Released on <b>4 Sept 2025</b>. - <b>Overall Top 10</b>: 1. IIT Madras, 2. IISc Bengaluru, 3. IIT Bombay, 4. IIT Delhi, 5. IIT Kanpur, 6. IIT Kharagpur, 7. IIT Roorkee, 8. AIIMS Delhi, 9. JNU Delhi, 10. BHU Varanasi.</li> <li>- <b>Engineering (Top 10)</b>: IIT Madras, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Roorkee, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Guwahati, NIT Trichy, IIT (BHU) Varanasi.</li> <li>- <b>Management (Top 10)</b>: IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Kozhikode, IIT Delhi, IIM Lucknow, IIM Mumbai, IIM Calcutta, IIM Indore, MDI Gurugram, XLRI Jamshedpur.</li> <li>- <b>Other Categories</b>: Architecture &amp; Planning (IIT Roorkee #1), Pharmacy (Jamia Hamdard #1), Colleges (Hindu College #1), Law (NLSIU Bengaluru #1), Universities (IISc #1), Medical (AIIMS Delhi #1), Dental (AIIMS Delhi #1), Agriculture (IARI Delhi #1), Research (IISc #1), Innovation (IIT Madras #1), Open Universities (IGNOU #1), SDG Institutions (IIT Madras #1), Skill Universities (Symbiosis Skills Pune #1).</li> <li>- <b>Key Statements</b>: Edu Minister Dharmendra Pradhan linked to <i>Viksit Bharat 2047</i>, proposed <b>One Nation, One Data</b> policy, suggested <b>entrepreneurship as ranking parameter</b>. - <b>Parameters</b>: Teaching &amp; Resources, Research, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach &amp; Inclusivity, Perception.</li> </ul>
<b>Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025</b>	<b>Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19th edition; ranked <b>163 countries</b>. - <b>India's Rank: 115th</b> (score: 2.229), unchanged from 2024.</li> <li>- <b>Top Global 10</b>: 1. Iceland (1.095), 2. Ireland, 3. New Zealand, 4. Austria, 5. Switzerland, 6. Singapore, 7. Portugal, 8. Denmark, 9. Slovenia, 10. Finland.</li> <li>- <b>Asia Top 10</b>: Singapore (1.357), Japan (1.440), Malaysia (1.469), Bhutan (1.536), Mongolia (1.719), Vietnam (1.721), Taiwan (1.730), South Korea (1.736), Timor-Leste (1.758), Laos (1.783).</li> <li>- <b>Highlights</b>: Singapore #6 globally, safest in Asia. India struggles with <b>border tensions, urban safety, internal security challenges</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>UDISE+ Report 2024–25</b>	<b>Ministry of Education (India)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launched in 2018–19, tracks school education.</li> <li>- <b>Teachers</b>: Crossed <b>1 crore teachers</b> (+6.7% vs 2022–23); improved PTR – Foundational 10:1, Preparatory 13:1, Middle 17:1, Secondary 21:1 (all within NEP 2020 target of 30:1).</li> <li>- <b>Dropouts</b>: Preparatory 3.7%→2.3%; Middle 5.2%→3.5%; Secondary 10.9%→8.2%. - <b>Enrolment</b>: GER – Middle 90.3%, Secondary 68.5%; transition rates improved.</li> <li>- <b>Schools</b>: Single-teacher schools reduced from 110,971 → 104,125; Zero-enrolment schools reduced from 12,954 → 7,993.</li> <li>- <b>Infrastructure</b>: Electricity 93.6%, Water 99.3%, Handwashing 95.9%, Computers 64.7%, Internet 63.5%, Accessibility ramps/rails 54.9%.</li> <li>- <b>Gender Equity</b>: Female teachers 54.2%, Girls enrolment 48.3%. Shows progress towards <b>inclusive education under NEP 2020 goals</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Forest Accounts 2025</b>	<b>MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics &amp; Programme Implementation), released during 29th CoCSSO, Chandigarh</b>	<p>Based on <b>UN SEEA framework</b>; India's <b>forest cover rose by 17,444.61 sq. km (2010–11 to 2021–22)</b>, now <b>21.76% of land area</b>. Highest gains in <b>Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu</b>. Usable wood stock rose <b>7.32% (305.53 MCM)</b> led by MP, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andaman &amp; Nicobar. <b>Provisioning services value ₹37,930 cr; regulating services ₹6.20 lakh cr (51.82% rise) = 2.63% of GDP</b>. Supports <b>Net-Zero 2070 goal</b>.</p>
<b>Children in India 2025 (4th Edition)</b>	<b>MoSPI, released at CoCSSO, Chandigarh</b>	<p>Covers <b>health, nutrition, education, protection, SDGs</b>; new indicators on <b>digital usage, adoption, child deaths</b>. Infant Mortality Rate fell from <b>44 (2011) → 25 (2023)</b>. <b>Dropout rates declined</b> (secondary = 8.2% in 2024–25). <b>Gender parity achieved (GPI 1.1)</b> at secondary level. <b>Child marriage declined</b> (26.8% → 23.3%). <b>4,515 adoptions in 2024–25</b>, mostly in-country &amp; female. Provides <b>QR-linked datasets</b> for evidence-based policy.</p>

**DEFENCE**

**Military Exercises – September 2025**

Exercise Name	Venue / Participants	Key Notes
<b>Yudh Kaushal 3.0</b>	Kameng region, Arunachal Pradesh (India)	Large-scale Indian Army drill with drones, AI tactics, precision strikes, indigenous weapons under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
<b>Yudh Abhyas 2025</b>	Fort Wainwright, Alaska (India-US)	21st edition (Sept 1–14, 2025); focus on arctic warfare, interoperability, multi-domain ops; Indian contingent from Madras Regiment.
<b>MAITREE-XIV</b>	Meghalaya, India (India-Thailand)	120 Indian Army (Madras Regiment) & 53 Royal Thai Army; runs till Sept 14, 2025.
<b>ZAPAD 2025</b>	Mulino Training Ground, Russia (Multilateral)	India sent 65-member KUMAON Regiment (Sept 10–16); focus on interoperability.
<b>All India Thal Sainik Camp 2025</b>	Delhi Cantt, India	12-day NCC camp with 1,547 cadets from 17 directorates; included weapon firing, map reading; Punjab & Karnataka won top honors.
<b>CGGS 2025 (Coast Guard Global Summit)</b>	Hosted by India	Showcased maritime safety; India proposed to host next summit in 2027 (Chennai).
<b>INS Nistar – Pacific Reach 2025</b>	Singapore	India’s indigenously designed Diving Support Vessel joined multinational naval exercise.
<b>India–Greece Naval Exercise</b>	Mediterranean Sea (INS Trikand & HS Themistokles)	First-ever bilateral maritime exercise (Sept 18, 2025), included harbor & sea phases.

**Deals & MoUs – September 2025**

Organization	With	Purpose / Key Notes
<b>DRDO</b>	BHEL, JSPL, SAIL & others	Transferred advanced material technologies to industries, boosting defence self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat).
<b>India–Morocco</b>	Defence Cooperation MoU	Signed Sept 22, 2025; framework for <b>military training, joint exercises, counter-terrorism &amp; maritime security collaboration.</b>
<b>L&amp;T–BEL Consortium</b>	Joint bid for AMCA program	Formed 50:50 consortium to bid for India’s <b>₹15,000 crore Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft program</b> , challenging HAL’s monopoly.

**Army, Navy & Air Force News – September 2025**

- **Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0** conducted in Arunachal showcasing AI-enabled tactics & indigenous weapons.
- **Indian Army contingent** participated in **Yudh Abhyas 2025 (Alaska)** with US Army.
- **Exercise MAITREE-XIV** with Thailand Army began in Meghalaya.
- **Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia (AVSM VSM)** assumed charge as **Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance** at IAF HQ.
- **Indian Navy commissioned INS Aravali**, a major communications & MDA base to boost maritime ops.
- **TASL installed first indigenously integrated Lanza-N 3D radar** on a warship under \$145M deal.
- **INS Androth (ASW craft)** delivered to Navy on Sept 13, 2025; >80% indigenous content.
- **DSC A22 Diving Support Craft** launched at Titagarh, Kolkata – 3rd in 5-ship project.
- **All-Women Tri-Service Sailing Voyage ‘Samudra Pradakshina’** flagged off – world’s first circumnavigation (26,000 nautical miles).
- **PM Modi inaugurated 16th Combined Commanders’ Conference (Kolkata)** – focus on modernization & joint ops.
- **IAF reviewed ₹2 lakh crore Rafale Deal** – 114 Made-in-India jets, 60% local content, Hyderabad MRO hub.
- **Military Education Reform** – Govt to merge tri-services education branches into a unified corps.
- **IDSE celebrated 76th Raising Day**, highlighted defence infra development.
- **First Defence Manufacturing Plant in Morocco** – Tata Advanced Systems Maroc facility inaugurated.
- **First Tri-Services Technology Symposium (T-SATS)** launched by CDS Anil Chauhan with 62 institutes.
- **Project Vijayak** celebrated 15 years – BRO milestone for connectivity in Kargil & Zaskar.
- **CDS Tenure Extended** – Gen. Anil Chauhan to serve till May 30, 2026.
- **Agni-Prime Missile Test** successful from rail-based mobile launcher (range 2,000 km).
- **MiG-21’s Final Flight** – IAF’s iconic fighter retired on Sept 24, farewell ceremony Sept 26 at Chandigarh.
- **Indian Army Celebrates 199th Gunners Day:** Artillery Regiment observed **Sept 28** with wreath-laying at National War Memorial, marking service since 1827.
- **BSF AI-Powered Command Centre:** BSF launched **AI & GIS-based Decision Support System** to integrate sensor feeds, predict smuggling hotspots, and strengthen **Pakistan & Bangladesh border security.**



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Science, Technology & Space

- **India hosts 89th IEC General Meeting** (Sept 15–19, 2025) at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** with **2,000+ experts from 100+ countries**.
- **Sentient AI** launches **open AGI network** for **2 million users**, enabling **decentralized AI collaboration**.
- **ISRO** to launch **AI robot Vyommitra** on **uncrewed Gaganyaan mission** for **space exploration**.
- **CAG** to deploy **AI-based audit system** for **modern oversight & accountability**.
- **Tiny Computer** for **PRATUSH Cosmic Dawn Mission** built by **Raman Research Institute** to detect **21-cm hydrogen signals** from early universe on **Moon’s far side**.
- **IIT Jodhpur AI tools project** for **13 Indian languages** under **Vision, Language & Learning Group** for cultural heritage preservation.
- **ISRO’s new spaceport** in **Tamil Nadu** to be operational by **Dec 2026** for **small satellite launches**.
- **India achieves 9 new space world records**; future targets: **Mars mission & lunar South Pole landing**.
- **ISRO transfers SSLV tech to HAL** – its **100th tech transfer deal**, enabling **independent SSLV production in 24 months**.
- **NASA Perseverance Rover** finds **strongest signs of ancient life on Mars** – **organic carbon + mineral deposits**.

National Affairs

- **India leads Global Postal Congress (Dubai)** – **Jyotiraditya Scindia** represented India at **28th UPU Congress**, promoting **UPI–UPU integration** for remittances.
- **AIIMS Delhi** becomes **first govt medical college** to train doctors on **da Vinci robotic surgery platform**.
- **National Forest Martyrs Day** (Sept 11) observed – theme: *“Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests”*; commemorates **Khejarli Massacre**.
- **Digvijay Diwas** celebrated to honor **Swami Vivekananda’s 1893 Chicago speech** on universal brotherhood.

- **Rare Dragonfly Rediscovery: *Crocothemis erythraea***, usually seen in Europe and Himalayas, reconfirmed in Western Ghats (Kerala & Tamil Nadu) above 550m; likely a relic species from the Ice Age, highlighting biodiversity richness and fragility of Shola-grassland ecosystems.
- **Rare Bird Species Spotted in Tamil Nadu:** Red-necked Phalarope, a small shorebird known for unique spinning behavior on water, documented in India with circumpolar distribution across boreal and tundra zones.
- **R&D Capacity Building Scheme:** Cabinet approves DSIR/CSIR scheme with ₹2277.397 crore outlay for 2021-26 period fostering young researchers in STEM fields.
- **Forest Cover Expansion:** India’s forest coverage increases by 22.5% over 12-year period, MoSPI releases comprehensive report including services, condition and asset accounts.

International Affairs

- **Rare 82-min Total Lunar Eclipse (Blood Moon)** occurred **Sept 7–8, 2025**, visible in **Asia, Africa, Europe**.
- **Russia’s Colon Cancer Vaccine trials** – showed **80% tumor reduction** & improved survival.
- **Russia’s Enteromix mRNA Cancer Vaccine** – early trials on **48 patients, 100% efficacy with tumor shrinkage**.
- **World First Aid Day (Sept 13, 2025)** – theme: *“First Aid and Climate Change”*.
- **Patriot Day (USA, Sept 11)** – remembrance of **2001 terror attacks**, honoring **first responders**.
- **New Eel Species Discovered:** Scientists discover *Apterichtus kanniyakumari*, a new finless snake eel species off Tamil Nadu’s Colachel coast, distinguished by its golden-yellow body and unique black blotches.
- **Google’s 27th Anniversary:** Google celebrates 27 years with nostalgic Doodle featuring original logo design, expressing gratitude to billions of global users.

SPORTS

CRICKET

- **India Wins 9th Asia Cup Title:** Tilak Varma’s unbeaten 69\* powers India past Pakistan; **₹21 crore prize** announced by BCCI.
- **ICC–UNICEF Campaign: *Promise to Children*** launched at Women’s World Cup 2025, supported by Ayushmann Khurrana & Smriti Mandhana.
- **Smriti Mandhana Record Century:** Smashed **50-ball ODI century vs Australia**, breaking Virat Kohli’s 52-ball record.

- **ICC Women’s World Cup 2025:** Anthem *“Bring it Home”* by Shreya Ghoshal launched; hosted by **India & Sri Lanka (Sept 30–Nov 2)**.
- **ICC–Google Partnership:** Announced to digitally enhance women’s cricket ahead of **2025 WWC & 2026 WT20**.
- **WWC 2025 Prize Money:** Record **₹40 crore** declared for winners (+239% vs 2022).
- **ICC “Will to Win” Campaign:** Featuring Indian stars ahead of WWC 2025.

- **Retirements:** Chris Woakes (England, all formats), Mitchell Starc (T20Is), Amit Mishra (India, 25-year career, 3 IPL hat-tricks).
- **Ashwin to BBL:** Becomes first Indian international male cricketer to join **Sydney Thunder** in Big Bash League.
- **USA Cricket Suspended by ICC:** For governance failures & lack of recognition by USOPC.

**BADMINTON & TENNIS**

- **Satwik-Chirag** assured at least **bronze at 2025 World Championships (Paris)**.
- **India to Host 2026 Badminton World Championships** in New Delhi (return after 17 years; last in 2009).
- **Carlos Alcaraz** wins **2nd US Open title** vs Jannik Sinner → 6th Grand Slam; regains World No.1.
- **Aryna Sabalenka** defends US Open crown → first woman since Serena Williams with back-to-back titles.

**ARCHERY & SHOOTING**

- **Sheetal Devi** wins **maiden World Championship gold** at Gwangju 2025 (Women's Compound Open); also wins **silver (team) & bronze (mixed)**.
- **India Men's Compound Team** wins **historic gold** vs France (235–233).
- **ISSF Junior World Cup (New Delhi):** India sweeps **women's 50m prone rifle** (gold, silver, bronze); men's team wins silver & bronze; 69 Indian participants.
- **Anti-Doping Breakthrough:** NIPER Guwahati & NDTL develop **Methandienone reference material** aiding global anti-doping.

**ATHLETICS, FOOTBALL & HOCKEY**

- **India Clinches 7th SAFF U-17 Football Title:** Beats Bangladesh 4-1 on penalties after 2-2 draw in Colombo.

- **12th World Para Athletics Championship:** Held at JLN Stadium, New Delhi with **1,000+ athletes (100+ nations)**; India fields **70+ athletes**.
- **India Wins 4th Asia Cup Hockey Title:** Beats South Korea 4–1 at Rajgir, ends 8-year drought; books World Cup berth.
- **India Wins Bronze at CAFA Nations Cup:** Defeats Oman on penalties (3–2) after 1–1 draw.
- **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone** clocks **47.78s in 400m** → fastest in 40 years, 2nd-fastest ever by a woman.
- **Chess:** 16-year-old **Abhimanyu Mishra** defeats World Champion **D. Gukesh** at FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (Samarkand).
- **Skating:** Anandkumar Velkumar wins **gold in 42km marathon** → India's **first speed skating world champion**; Anish Raj takes **bronze in sprint**.
- **FIFA 2026 Mascots:** Clutch (USA), Maple (Canada), Zayu (Mexico).
- **Retirements:** Jerome Boateng (Germany), Sergio Busquets (Spain).
- **11th Asian Aquatics Championship 2025:** Held in Ahmedabad (Sept 28–Oct 11) with **900+ athletes from 29 nations**.

**OTHER SPORTS**

- **Formula 1:** Oscar Piastri wins **Dutch GP 2025 (Zandvoort)**; Verstappen wins **Italian GP 2025**, sets **fastest lap in F1 history** in qualifying.
- **World Boxing Championships 2025:** Kicked off in Liverpool under new body *World Boxing*; India represented by **Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain, Sumit Kundu**.
- **Asian Table Tennis Championships 2025:** To be hosted in **Bhubaneswar (Oct 11–15, 2025)**.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

Book Name	Author	Key Notes
Rocket Dreams	Christian Davenport	Explores billionaire rivalries between <b>Elon Musk's SpaceX &amp; Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin</b> , shaping the <b>modern space race</b> .
Dapaan	Ipsita Chakravarty	Collection of stories based on <b>oral memory &amp; folklore</b> , reflecting <b>Kashmiri survival under conflict</b> .
The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath	Amish Tripathi	<b>Second book</b> in the <i>Indic Chronicles</i> series; launched at <b>Crossword Kemps Corner</b> ; attended by celebs <b>Ravi Dubey &amp; Jimmy Shergill</b> .
Different But No Less	Anupam Kher	<b>Fourth book</b> (releasing <b>June 2025</b> ); focuses on <b>resilience &amp; self-belief</b> , inspired by his <b>film journey</b> .
Mother Mary Comes to Me	Arundhati Roy	<b>Memoir (2025 release)</b> ; marks her <b>return to publishing</b> after <i>The God of Small Things</i> ; deeply <b>personal account</b> .
Why the Constitution Matters	<b>Former CJI</b> DY Chandrachud's	DY Chandrachud's "Why the Constitution Matters" published by Penguin Random House explores constitutional values and their impact on everyday Indian lives through 25+ years judicial experience.

## OBITUARY

- **Fashion Icon Passes Away:** Legendary Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani dies at 91, known globally as "Re Giorgio" for building a €2.3 billion fashion empire with signature modern Italian elegance.
- **Bharatanatyam Legend Passes Away:** Sarada Hoffman, foundational Kalakshetra guru and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, dies at 96 in California on September 14.
- Legendary actor-director **Robert Redford** dies at **89**, remembered for contributions to **cinema and activism**.
- **Former Meghalaya CM D.D. Lapang Dies:** Respected political leader who served as Chief Minister four times between 1992-2008 passes away at 91 in Shillong, remembered for consensus-building.
- **Boxing Legend Ricky Hatton Dies:** British world champion boxer "The Hitman" dies at 46 with legacy of 45 wins in 48 bouts, remembered for mental health advocacy.
- **Zubeen Garg**, Assamese music legend, died at **52** in a **scuba diving accident**, remembered for hits like "Ya Ali" and his massive **cultural legacy**.
- **Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa Passes Away:** Renowned Kannada novelist and Padma Bhushan recipient Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa dies at 94 in Bengaluru due to cardiac arrest.
- The cricketing world mourns the death of **Harold Dennis "Dickie" Bird**, one of the most respected and beloved umpires in the history of the sport.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Important Days & Observances (September 2025)

Date	Day / Observance	Theme / Description
Sept 1-7	National Nutrition Week (India)	Theme: "Eat Right for a Better Life"; promotes balanced diets, mindful eating & tackling malnutrition.
Sept 2	World Coconut Day	Celebrates founding of <b>Asian Pacific Coconut Community</b> ; India is world's <b>3rd-largest coconut producer</b> .
Sept 3	Skyscraper Day	Marks birth anniversary of <b>Louis H. Sullivan</b> , "father of skyscrapers" & <i>form follows function</i> principle.
Sept 5	Teacher's Day (India)	Honours <b>Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan</b> , 2nd President of India, philosopher & academician.
Sept 7	Brazil Independence Day	Marks <b>203rd anniversary</b> of independence from Portuguese rule.
Sept 7	Grandparents Day (US, Canada, India)	Celebrates grandparents' <b>love, wisdom &amp; contributions</b> .
Sept 8	International Literacy Day	Theme: "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era"; focuses on bridging the digital divide.
Sept 8	World Physiotherapy Day	Theme: "Healthy Ageing"; preventing frailty among older adults.
Sept 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Theme: "Changing the Narrative on Suicide"; India implements <b>Tele-MANAS &amp; DMHP initiatives</b> .
Sept 11	National Forest Martyrs Day (India)	Theme: "Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests"; commemorates sacrifices like <b>Khejarli Massacre</b> .
Sept 11	Patriot Day (USA)	Observes <b>9/11 terror attack victims</b> ; honors first responders with community service.
Sept 11	Digvijay Diwas (India)	Marks <b>Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago speech</b> promoting universal brotherhood.
Sept 13	World First Aid Day	Theme: "First Aid and Climate Change"; promotes emergency preparedness & climate disaster response.
Sept 15	<b>Engineers' Day (India)</b>	Theme: "Deep Tech & Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade"; honors <b>Sir M. Visvesvaraya</b> .
Sept 15	<b>International Day of Democracy</b>	Theme: "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action"; focus on <b>inclusive democratic governance</b> .
Sept 16	<b>World Ozone Day</b>	Theme: "From Science to Global Action"; marks <b>40 years of Vienna Convention &amp; Montreal Protocol</b> success.
Sept 17	<b>World Patient Safety Day</b>	Theme: "Safe Care for Every Newborn and Child"; focus on <b>pediatric healthcare &amp; reducing medical errors</b> .
Sept 17	<b>Vishwakarma Puja</b>	Celebrates <b>divine engineer Vishwakarma</b> ; artisans & workers worship <b>tools &amp; craftsmanship</b> .
Sept 18	<b>World Bamboo Day</b>	Theme: "Next Generation Bamboo"; highlights <b>design, innovation &amp; sustainability</b> .
Sept 18	<b>International Equal Pay Day</b>	Observed to address <b>global gender pay gap</b> and promote <b>pay equity</b> .
Sept 19	<b>International Talk Like a Pirate Day</b>	Celebrates <b>pirate-speak tradition</b> worldwide in a <b>fun &amp; playful way</b> .

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Sept 20	International Red Panda Day	Focus on <b>conservation of endangered Himalayan red panda</b> (fewer than <b>10,000 left</b> ).
21 Sept	International Day of Peace 2025	Theme: <i>"Act Now for a Peaceful World"</i> – promotes unity, non-violence & global harmony.
21 Sept	World Alzheimer's Day 2025	Theme: <i>"Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer's"</i> – awareness on early diagnosis, caregiver support & stigma reduction.
22 Sept	World Rose Day 2025	Honors cancer patients & caregivers, inspired by <b>Melinda Rose</b> , symbolizing hope & solidarity.
22 Sept	World Rhino Day 2025	Focus on rhino conservation – highlights <b>Project Rhino</b> & protection at <b>Kaziranga National Park</b> .
23 Sept	International Day of Sign Languages 2025	Theme: <i>"Sign Language Unites Us"</i> – promotes awareness of sign languages for deaf & hard-of-hearing communities.
23 Sept	Ayurveda Day 2025	First time celebrated on <b>autumnal equinox</b> (instead of Dhanteras). Theme: <i>"Ayurveda for People and Planet"</i> .
25 Sept	World Pharmacists Day 2025	Theme: <i>"Think Health, Think Pharmacist"</i> – recognizes pharmacists' role in healthcare.
25 Sept	Antyodaya Diwas 2025	Birth anniversary of <b>Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya</b> , focus on inclusive growth & uplifting poorest sections.
26 Sept	World Contraception Day 2025	Theme: <i>"A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose"</i> – promotes reproductive health rights.
26 Sept	European Day of Languages	Promotes <b>linguistic diversity &amp; intercultural understanding</b> across Europe's <b>225+ languages</b> .
26 Sept	World Environmental Health Day 2025	Theme: <i>"Clean Air, Healthy People"</i> – awareness on air quality & human health.
27 Sept	World Tourism Day 2025	Theme: <i>"Tourism and Sustainable Transformation"</i> – promotes responsible & inclusive tourism.
29 Sept	World Heart Day	Theme: <i>"Small Lifestyle Changes, Big Health Benefits"</i> – promoting heart health through diet, exercise, stress management & avoiding harmful habits.
30 Sept	International Translation Day	Honors translators, interpreters & language professionals; established in 1991 by International Federation of Translators; observed on feast day of St. Jerome, patron saint of translators; highlights role in multilingualism & UN's six official languages.

### Static Takeaways

#### Indian Organisations / Bodies / States (Static GK – 2025)

Acronym / Organisation	Category	HQ / Capital	Founded / Established	Key Function / Role	Current Head (2025)
EPFO	Statutory Body	New Delhi	1952	Manages PF, pension & insurance	Neelam Shami Rao (CPFC)
IRDAI	Insurance Regulator	Hyderabad	1999	Regulates insurance & protects policyholders	Ajay Seth (Chairperson)
MNRE	Ministry	New Delhi	1992	Nodal ministry for renewable energy	Pralhad Joshi (Minister)
SEBI	Regulator	Mumbai	1988 (Statutory 1992)	Stock markets regulation & investor protection	Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Chairperson)
WPI	Inflation Index	–	1942	Measures wholesale inflation (Base: 2011–12)	OEA (MoCI)
UPI	Digital Payments	Mumbai	2016	Real-time digital payments (NPCI)	Dilip Asbe (NPCI CEO)
ISRO	Space Agency	Bengaluru	1969	Space & satellite launches	Dr. V. Narayanan (Chairman)



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NITI Aayog	Policy Think Tank	New Delhi	2015	Govt policy & strategy body	PM Narendra Modi (Chairperson), BVR Subrahmanyam (CEO)
FSSAI	Regulator	New Delhi	2008	Food safety & standards	Punya Salila Srivastava (Chair), Rajit Punhani (CEO)
DRDO	Defence R&D	New Delhi	1958	Defence research organisation	Dr. Samir V. Kamat (Chairman)
RBI	Central Bank	Mumbai	1935	Monetary policy & banking	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor)
HAL	PSU (Aerospace)	Bengaluru	1940	Aircraft & aerospace mfg.	Dr. D.K. Sunil (CMD)
CPRI	Research Institute	Bengaluru	1960	Power R&D & testing	Asit Singh (DG, Addl. Charge)
Indian Army	Armed Forces	New Delhi	1895	Land defence	Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (COAS)
Indian Navy	Armed Forces	New Delhi	1612 (heritage)	Maritime defence	Adm. Dinesh K. Tripathi (CNS)
NCC	Youth Organisation	New Delhi	1948	Youth cadet training	Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh (DG)
CSIR-NIScPR	Research Institute	New Delhi	2021	Policy & science comms.	Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam (Director)
AIIMS Delhi	Medical Institute	New Delhi	1956	Premier govt medical hospital	Dr. M. Srinivas (Director)
Atal Innovation Mission	Innovation	New Delhi	2016	Promotes startups & innovation	Deepak Bagla (Director)
IIM Ahmedabad	Institute	Ahmedabad	1961	Premier B-school	Prof. Bharat Bhasker (Director)
Raman Research Inst.	Research	Bengaluru	1948	Cosmic, astronomy, physics	Prof. Tarun Souradeep (Director)
IEPFA	Authority (MCA)	New Delhi	2016	Investor education	Anita Shah Akella (CEO)
NSE	Stock Exchange	Mumbai	1992	Securities & derivatives	Ashish Chauhan (MD & CEO)
SBI	Public Bank	Mumbai	1955	Largest PSB	Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (Chairman)
PNB	Public Bank	New Delhi	1894	Oldest PSB	Ashok Chandra (MD & CEO)
Yes Bank	Private Bank	Mumbai	2004	Banking	R. Gandhi (Chairman), Prashant Kumar (MD & CEO)
NHPC Ltd.	PSU (Power)	Faridabad	1975	Hydropower	Bhupender Gupta (CMD)
TCIL	PSU (Telecom)	New Delhi	1978	Telecom consultancy	Sanjeev Kumar (CMD)
Hero MotoCorp	Auto	New Delhi	1984	Two-wheeler giant	Vikram Kasbekar (Acting CEO), Harshvardhan Chitale (CEO from Jan 2026)
Coir Board	Statutory Body	Kochi	1953	Coir industry promotion	Vipul Goel (Chairman, Addl. Charge)
BRO	Defence Infra	New Delhi	1960	Border road infra	Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan (DG)
CSIR	R&D Body	New Delhi	1942	Scientific research	Dr. N. Kalaiselvi (DG)
DSIR	Govt Dept	New Delhi	1985	Scientific research policy	Under MoS&T

States (India)

State	Capital	Known For	Current Leadership (2025)
Odisha	Bhubaneswar	Minerals, temples	CM Mohan Charan Majhi; Gov. Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	“Rice Bowl of India”	CM Vishnu Deo Sai; Gov. Ramen Deka
Meghalaya	Shillong	Rainfall, root bridges	CM Conrad Sangma; Gov. C.H. Vijayashankar
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Financial capital	CM Devendra Fadnavis; Gov. C.P. Radhakrishnan
Bihar	Patna	Agriculture, heritage	CM Nitish Kumar; Gov. Arif Mohammed Khan
Assam	Dispur	Tea, oil, culture	CM Himanta Biswa Sarma; Gov. L.P. Acharya
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Industry, Dravidian culture	CM M.K. Stalin; Gov. R.N. Ravi

International Bodies & Global Corporates

Organisation / Company	Category	HQ	Founded	Function / Role	Current Chief (2025)
UNESCO	UN Agency	Paris	1945	Education, culture	Audrey Azoulay (DG)
FIDE	Sports (Chess)	Lausanne	1924	Governs chess	Arkady Dvorkovich (President)
ICC	Sports (Cricket)	Dubai	1909	Governs cricket	Jay Shah (Chair), Sanjog Gupta (CEO)
Oracle	Tech	Austin, USA	1977	Cloud & software	Safra Catz (CEO), Larry Ellison (Exec. Chair)
Tesla	EVs	Austin, USA	2003	Electric cars	Elon Musk (CEO)
Meta (FB)	Tech	Menlo Park	2004	Social media	Mark Zuckerberg (CEO)
Amazon	Tech & Retail	Seattle	1994	E-commerce, AWS	Andy Jassy (CEO)
Alphabet (Google)	Holding	Mountain View	2015 (Google 1998)	Search, ads, cloud	Sundar Pichai (CEO)
Microsoft	Tech	Redmond	1975	Software	Satya Nadella (CEO & Chair)
LVMH	Conglomerate	Paris	1987	Luxury goods	Bernard Arnault (CEO & Chair)
NVIDIA	Semiconductor	Santa Clara	1993	AI & GPUs	Jensen Huang (CEO)
Intel	Semiconductor	Santa Clara	1968	Chips & processors	Lip-Bu Tan (CEO, from Mar 2025)
Dell	Tech	Texas	1984	Computers	Michael Dell (CEO)
Honeywell	Industrial	Charlotte	1906	Aerospace, automation	Vimal Kapur (CEO)
Philips	Healthcare	Amsterdam	1891	Med devices	Roy Jakobs (CEO)
Signify	Lighting	Eindhoven	2016	Smart lighting	Eric Rondolat (CEO)
Reliance Industries	Conglomerate	Mumbai	1973	Energy, retail, telecom	Mukesh Ambani (Chairman)
Adani Group	Conglomerate	Ahmedabad	1988	Infra, logistics, power	Gautam Adani (Chairman)
Nepal	Nation	Kathmandu	–	South Asian country	PM Sushila Karki; Pres. Ram Chandra Paudel
Singapore	Nation	Singapore	–	Asian hub	PM Lawrence Wong; Pres. Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Thailand	Nation	Bangkok	–	SE Asian nation	PM Anutin Charnvirakul; King Rama X
Tata Electronics	Subsidiary	India	–	Electronics & semiconductors	N. Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons)