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CURRENT AFFAIRS CAPSULE (OCTOBER 2025)

INTERNATIONAL

Protests Resume in Madagascar Capital

In Madagascar, police fired tear gas as hundreds of young protesters returned to the streets of the capital, Antananarivo, despite President Andry Rajoelina agreeing to dissolve his government.

US Government Shuts Down Amid Funding Deadlock

The US government has shut down after Congress failed to agree on a funding deal, with Republicans and Democrats at odds over subsidies for Obamacare. The deadlock is expected to cause federal worker layoffs, though essential services will continue.

Death toll rises to 72 in Cebu earthquake

The death toll from the magnitude 6.9 earthquake that struck Cebu province in the central Philippines has risen to 72.

ANO Party Wins Czech Parliamentary Elections

Populist billionaire Andrej Babiš's ANO party has secured a decisive victory in the Czech parliamentary elections, winning 35.5% of the vote with nearly all ballots counted.

Japan Declares Nationwide Flu Epidemic

Japan has declared a nationwide flu epidemic after over 4,000 cases were reported across the country. Around 3,000 hospitals recorded a total of 4,030 flu patients.

Clashes Escalate Along Pakistan-Afghanistan Border

Intense clashes erupted along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border after Taliban forces attacked Pakistani military posts, following a recent Pakistani airstrike in Kabul.

North Korea Unveils Hwasong-20, Its Most Powerful ICBM

North Korea unveiled its latest and most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), Hwasong-20, at a military parade led by Kim Jong Un.

International Peace Summit in Egypt to End Gaza War

An international peace summit was convened in Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh to finalise an agreement aimed at ending the war in Gaza. US President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi co-chaired the meeting.

Seychelles opposition leader wins presidential race

Seychelles opposition leader, Patrick Herminie, has won the country's presidential race, defeating incumbent leader Wavel Ramkalawan in a run-off vote.

US and Egypt, Qatar and Turkey Sign Declaration to End War and Bring Peace to Gaza

US President Donald Trump and the leaders of Egypt, Qatar and Turkey have signed a declaration for bringing peace to Gaza at a summit in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

First Release of Israeli Hostages from Gaza Begins Under Ceasefire Plan

The first release of living Israeli hostages from Gaza has begun as part of the first phase of the ceasefire plan in the Israel-Hamas war. Hamas has released seven hostages to the Red Cross. 20 living hostages will be exchanged for more than 1,900 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

EU Launches New Entry/Exit System for Non-EU Travellers

Travellers from non-EU countries, including India, must now comply with the European Union's new Entry/Exit System (EES), which mandates fingerprinting, facial recognition, and digital passport scans at borders across the Schengen Zone.

India Elected Unopposed to UN Human Rights Council for 2026-28 Term

India has been elected unopposed to the Human Rights Council for the seventh time for a three-year term (2026-28) starting next year. The Human Rights Council is the main UN body with 47 members.

Floods in South Sudan Affect 8.9 Lakh People

Nearly 8 lakh 90 thousand people have been affected by floods in South Sudan. Widespread flooding in the country has killed 19 people so far.

European Commission President survives two no-confidence votes in European Parliament

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has survived two vote of no-confidence motions as centrist parties backed her presidency. The motions, filed by the far-right and the far-left groups in the European Parliament, were debated on Monday and voted.

Madagascar Military Announces Seizure of State Power

Madagascar's military has announced seizure of state power. A Malagasy military officer Colonel Michael Randrianirina announced that state power in Madagascar has been taken over by a military council.

IUCN World Conservation Congress concludes

The IUCN World Conservation Congress was concluded in Abu Dhabi after a week of high-level deliberations that shaped a renewed global conservation agenda. The congress unveiled the Abu Dhabi Call to Action, outlining IUCN's 20-year vision and four-year program centered on climate resilience, biodiversity recovery, and nature-positive innovation.

Pakistan, Afghanistan Announce Immediate Ceasefire

Pakistan and Afghanistan have reached an immediate ceasefire agreement following Doha negotiations mediated by Qatar and Turkey.

Brazil Announces Strategic Alliance with India

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has announced plans to establish a strategic alliance with India to enhance political, economic, and technological collaboration.

Thieves Steal Priceless Items from Louvre Museum

In France, Thieves stole items from the Louvre museum, one of Paris' most iconic attractions. Thieves broke into the museum using a crane to smash an upstairs window, then stealing priceless objects from an area that houses the French crown jewels before escaping on motorbikes.

EU to Ban All Russian Energy Imports from January 2028

European Union countries have agreed to ban all Russian energy imports from January 2028. Energy ministers of EU countries have voted in favour of a draft regulation, which applies to both pipeline oil and liquefied natural gas supplied by Russia to EU countries.

US, Australia Sign \$8.5 Billion Agreements on Minerals and Defence

The United States and Australia have signed landmark agreements worth 8.5 billion US dollars, focused on critical minerals and defence cooperation.

India Re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of COP10 Bureau for International Anti-Doping Convention

India has been re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of Conference of Parties (COP10) Bureau to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

PM Narendra Modi Join 47th ASEAN Summit Virtually
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has joined the ASEAN Summit virtually. The 47th ASEAN Summit, along with other Summits, was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 26 to 28 of this month.

Lassa Fever Death Toll in Nigeria Rises to 172 in 2025
In Nigeria, the death toll from the Lassa fever outbreak has risen to 172 since the beginning of this year. 924 confirmed cases out of 8,041 suspected cases were reported from January to October this year.

Global Leaders Convened for ASEAN Summit
Global leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump, gathered in Kuala Lumpur as the annual ASEAN Summit commenced.

Timor-Leste Joins ASEAN as 11th Member
Timor-Leste became the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) during the 47th ASEAN Summit in Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur. This is the first expansion in the group since 1999.

Putin Announces Successful Test of Nuclear-Powered 'Burevestnik' Missile

Russian President Vladimir Putin has announced the successful test of a unique nuclear-powered 'Burevestnik' cruise missile with unlimited range and ordered the armed forces to prepare infrastructure for its deployment.

20th East Asia Summit Adopts Kuala Lumpur Declaration

The 20th East Asia Summit has adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration, reaffirming its commitment to peace and stability. The declaration was adopted during the Summit held in Kuala Lumpur.

Sixty-five nations sign first UN treaty to fight cybercrime

Sixty-five nations have signed a landmark United Nations treaty in Hanoi aimed at tackling cybercrime – a move Secretary-General António Guterres hailed as a historic step toward a safer digital world.

US, South Korea Seal \$350B Trade and Investment Deal

The US and South Korea have reached a broad trade deal. South Korea will also invest 350 billion dollar in the US, including 200 billion dollar in cash investment and 150 billion dollar in shipbuilding.

Russia Tests Nuclear-Powered Underwater Drone

Russia has successfully tested its new atomic-powered and nuclear-capable underwater drone, Poseidon, declaring it impossible to intercept.

Over 2,000 Civilians Killed by RSF in El Fasher, Sudan Government Says

The Sudanese government said that more than 2,000 civilians have been killed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in western Sudan's El Fasher since it entered the city on Sunday.

Hurricane Melissa kills nearly 50 in Caribbean

The death toll from Hurricane Melissa rose to nearly 50 people, after the ferocious storm devastated Caribbean islands and was bearing down on Bermuda.

India Re-Elected to Part II of ICAO Council for Major Air Navigation Contributors

India has been re-elected to the Part II of the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which is a specialized UN agency.

NATIONAL

Indian Army Hosts UN Troop Contributing Countries' Chiefs Conclave

The Indian Army hosted the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries' (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave in New Delhi from October 14 to 16.

Centre Raises MSP for Rabi Crops for 2026-27

The Centre has increased Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Rabi crops for the 2026-27 marketing season. The highest hike is for safflower (+₹600/quintal), followed by lentil (+₹300).

Ashwini Vaishnaw launches NIELIT Digital University

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Digital University (NDU) Platform in New Delhi.

India and China agree to resume direct air services

India and China have agreed to resume direct air services connecting designated points in both countries by late October.

Centre Issues Advisory on Use of Cough Syrups for Children

The Union Health Ministry has issued an advisory to all States and UTs on the rational use of cough syrups in children. It has cautioned that cough and cold medicines should not be given to children below two years and are generally not recommended below five years.

BRO Builds World's Highest Motorable Road in Ladakh

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed the world's highest motorable road at Mig La Pass, Ladakh, situated at 19,400 feet above sea level, surpassing its own 2021 record at Umling La.

Indian Coast Guard Commissions Ship Akshar

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned Ship Akshar, the second of eight Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), at Karaikal, Puducherry.

ICG Conducts 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise Off Chennai Coast

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) hosted the 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) off the Chennai coast, Tamil Nadu.

Ministry of Mines Launches Critical Mineral Recycling Incentive Scheme

The Ministry of Mines has released guidelines for a Rs 1,500 crore incentive scheme to promote critical mineral recycling in India. The scheme focuses on enhancing recycling capacity for minerals from secondary sources such as e-waste, spent lithium-ion batteries, and scrap materials.

India-UK Exercise KONKAN-2025 held

The bilateral Exercise KONKAN-2025 between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of UK was held at the western coast of India. The exercise was conducted in two phases from 5 to 12 October 2025.

Balod, country's first child marriage-free district

The Chhattisgarh government has claimed that Balod in the state has become the first child marriage-free district in the country. No cases of child marriage were reported from Balod over the past two years.

Navi Mumbai airport to be renamed 'Loknete DB Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport'

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has announced that Navi Mumbai International Airport will be officially renamed 'Loknete DB Patil Navi Mumbai International Airport' to honour the late politician and social activist.

Indian Navy to commission ASW ship 'Androth'

The Indian Navy is set to commission Androth, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) in Visakhapatnam. Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata,

India's First Cooperative Multi-Feed Biogas Plant started in Ahilyanagar

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, has inaugurated India's first cooperative multi-feed Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant at the Maharshi Shankarrao Kolhe Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana in Kopergaon, Ahilyanagar district, Maharashtra.

NCRB names Kolkata India's safest city

Kolkata has once again emerged as the safest city in India for the fourth year running, recording the lowest rate of cognisable crimes in 2023, as per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

EC to Conduct Pan-India SIR of Voter Rolls

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has said that the Election Commission has decided to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise throughout the country.

Global Fintech Fest 2025 held in Mumbai

The 6th edition of Global Fintech Fest (GFF) was held in Mumbai. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the inaugural session of the festival. 'Empowering Finance for a Better World Powered by AI' is the theme for this year's festival.

Indian Railways get ₹24,634 crore boost for expansion

The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved four railway projects worth 24 thousand 634 crore rupees. These projects include Bhusaval – Wardha 3rd and 4th line, Gondia – Dongargarh 4th line, Vadodara – Ratlam 3rd and 4th line and Itarsi – Bhopal – Bina 4th line.

India Hosted 8th ISA Assembly in New Delhi

India hosted the 8th Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly from 27th to 30th October at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The event brought the global community together to deepen cooperation and accelerate solar adoption for a brighter and sustainable future.

Centre Directs States to Ensure Batch Testing of All Pharma Products

Centre has asked Drug Controllers of all states and UTs to take measures to ensure testing before the manufacture and release of each batch of pharmaceutical formulations to the market.

PM Modi Inaugurates India Mobile Congress 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Asia's Premier Telecom & Tech Event, India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, in New Delhi. The four-day mega event was held from October 8 to 11 at New Delhi's Yashobhoomi Convention Centre. The theme of the event is "Innovate to Transform."

Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates India's First Electric Truck Battery Swapping Station in Sonipat

Union Minister of Roads, Transport and Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated India's first commercial electric truck battery swapping and charging station at the Delhi International Cargo Terminal Private Limited (DICT) in Panchi Gujran village on the GT Road near Ganaur in Sonipat.

Third International Purple Festival begins in Panaji

The third edition of the International Purple Festival began in Panaji, Goa. Known as India's first international and inclusive festival celebrating Persons with Disabilities, the event aims to highlight empowerment, accessibility, and social integration.

NITI proposes Digital ShramSetu mission

NITI Aayog has proposed a national mission "Digital ShramSetu" to empower India's over 490 million informal workforce through frontier technologies.

AIIMS New Delhi Performs India's First Robot-Assisted Kidney Transplant Surgery

AIIMS New Delhi has successfully conducted India's first Robot-Assisted Kidney Transplant Surgery, marking a major milestone in medical innovation.

Three Major Indian Ports Designated as Green Hydrogen Hubs

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has recognised Deendayal Port (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tamil Nadu), and Paradip Port (Odisha) as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana & Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses launched

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, with a combined outlay of over ₹35,000 crore.

India-Australia Joint Military Exercise 'AUSTRALIND 2025' Begins in Perth

The 4th edition of India-Australia joint military Exercise AUSTRALIND 2025 begins in Perth, Australia. An Indian Army contingent comprising 120 personnel departed to participate in the annual exercise that will conclude on 26th of this month.

India partners UK for critical mineral, climate change and defence deals

India and UK have announced major deals across sectors ranging from education and critical minerals to climate change and defence cooperation. These include a \$468 million (350 million pound) contract under which the UK will supply lightweight multirole missiles to India.

India's Largest School Hackathon 'Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025' held

India's largest school hackathon, 'Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025', was held on October 13 between 10 AM and 11 PM. It is a nationwide initiative inviting schools and teachers to empower students from classes 6 to 12 to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Indian Army Hosts UN Troop Contributing Countries' Chiefs' Conclave

The Indian Army hosted the Conclave of Chiefs of United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) in New Delhi from the 14th of this month.

Five Maharashtra Beaches Receive Prestigious International Blue Flag Certification

Five beaches in Maharashtra have received the international Blue Flag certification. The list includes Shrivardhan and Nagaon beaches in Raigad district, Parnaka in Palghar, and Guhagar and Ladghar beaches in Ratnagiri district.

Gurugram gets 'India's first' QR-based kiosk to pay traffic fines

Gurugram has become the first city in India to deploy a QR code-based kiosk system for paying traffic challans, marking a milestone in the country's digital governance and smart city efforts.

India's GalaxEye to launch Mission Drishti satellite constellation in 2026

India's Space-tech startup GalaxEyewill launch the world's first multi-sensor Earth observation (EO) satellite 'Mission Drishti' in the first quarter of next year.

TechBharat Research Foundation Partners with Google

The TechBharat Research Foundation - a social enterprise advancing real-world AI solutions for public governance has unveiled a trailblazing collaboration with Google Cloud as India's first AI Center of Excellence (CoE) for Public Good. The CoE will function from Visakhapatnam.

India, Kyrgyz Republic Agree to Strengthen Cooperation on Counterterrorism

India and Kyrgyz Republic have agreed to enhance existing collaboration on countering terrorism, radicalisation, extremism and drug trafficking. They reviewed bilateral defence cooperation and discussed regional security issues.

61 Senior Naxal Cadres Surrender in Gadchiroli

In Maharashtra, 61 Senior Naxal Cadres have surrendered before Gadchiroli Police and in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition held in New Delhi

Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated the 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition-2025, Asia's largest and the world's second-largest railway exhibition at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

India hosts Asia Pacific aircraft accident investigators meet from October 28-31

India hosted the meeting of the Asia Pacific region's aircraft accident investigators for the first time from October 28-31 2025 in the national capital.

India, Panama form 20-member inter-parliamentary group to boost ties

India and Panama have entered a new phase in their bilateral ties with the establishment of a 20-member inter-parliamentary friendship group.

DRDO-developed Military Combat Parachute System successfully tested

A military combat parachute system, indigenously developed by the DRDO, has been "successfully" tested at an altitude of 32,000 ft, opening doors for induction of indigenous parachute systems.

India, Indonesia begin 5th edition of bilateral naval exercise in Visakhapatnam

The Indian Navy is hosting the fifth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Shakti with the Indonesian Navy from October 14 to 17, at Visakhapatnam.

MoD Signs ₹659 Crore Deal for Advanced Night Sight for SIG716 Assault Rifle

Ministry of Defence has signed 659 crore rupees deal for procurement of Advanced Night Sight for Indian Army's 7.62 x 51mm Assault Rifle.

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Signs MoUs to Establish Three New Chairs in Indian Universities

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has organised the MoU signing ceremony for the establishment of three new Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in New Delhi.

India, Brazil agree to expand scope of existing trade pact between India-Mercosur bloc

India and Brazil have agreed to expand the scope of the existing preferential trade pact between New Delhi and four South American nation bloc Mercosur to boost economic ties.

UIDAI Invites Creative Minds to Design Aadhaar Mascot

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has invited country's creative minds to design Aadhaar's Mascot.

11th India International Science Festival to Be Held in Chandigarh

The 11th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held in Chandigarh in December. The four-day event will begin on 6th December and continue till 9th.

SC expresses 'grave concern' over rising 'digital arrests' scams, seeks responses from Centre and CBI

The Supreme Court of India has taken suo motu cognisance of the growing menace of "digital arrest" scams, an organised cyber-fraud in which criminals impersonate law enforcement or judicial officers to extort money using forged court orders.

Indian Navy Signs MoU with IIT-Delhi to Enhance Shipboard Quality of Life

Indian Navy has signed a MoU with IIT-Delhi to improve the Quality-of-Life onboard Indian Naval Ships through design interventions.

Rajnath Singh, CM Yogi Flag Off First BrahMos Missile Batch From Lucknow Unit

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flag off the first batch of BrahMos missiles manufactured at the BrahMos Aerospace unit in Lucknow.

India Develops First Indigenous Antibiotic 'Nafithromycin'

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced the development of India's first indigenous antibiotic, Nafithromycin, marking a major step toward pharmaceutical self-reliance.

India Becomes World's Second-Largest 5G Network, Says Minister Vaishnaw

Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that India now hosts the world's second-largest 5G network, with 90% of the country covered by high-speed connectivity.

UIDAI launches SITAA to boost Aadhaar-linked innovation

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched the Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar (SITAA) to foster innovation and collaboration in the digital identity domain.

Centre upgrades status of Technical Mission of India in Kabul to that of Embassy

The Government of India has restored the status of the Technical Mission of India in Kabul to that of Embassy of India in Afghanistan with immediate effect.

SC terms pendency of over 8.82 lakh execution petitions alarming

The Supreme Court of India has described as "highly disappointing" and "alarming" the pendency of more than 8.82 lakh execution petitions before various courts across the country.

Chennai gets India's first real-time flood forecast system

For the first time ever in India, a comprehensive urban flood management system has now become fully operational in Chennai

SC Seeks Central Government's Assistance to Curb Celebrity-Endorsed Online Gambling

The Supreme Court of India has sought the Central government's assistance on a public interest litigation plea seeking a nationwide prohibition on online gambling and betting platforms operating as esports or social games.

Centre Notifies Amendments to IT Rules, 2025

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2025. Under this Rule, intermediaries are required to remove unlawful information upon receiving actual knowledge either through a court order or notification from the Appropriate Government.

DAC Clears ₹79,000 Crore Proposals to Boost Armed Forces Capability

The Defence Acquisition Council has cleared proposals worth nearly 79 thousand crore rupees, to enhance the capability of the Armed Forces.

Coal India, IIT Madras Sign MoU

Coal India Limited (CIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to establish the Centre for Sustainable Energy.

India to Install 100 Million Smart Electricity Meters

Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has said that the goal is to install 100 million smart electricity meters across the country, of which 10 million have already been installed.

NHAI to Deploy 3D Survey Vehicles in 23 States

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will deploy Network Survey Vehicles(NSV) in 23 states covering 20 thousand 933 km for the collection, processing and analysis of Road inventory and Pavement condition data of National Highway stretches

Gaganyaan G1 Launch Set for December

ISRO Chairman Dr V Narayanan has informed that 90 percent of the work on Gaganyaan uncrewed test flight mission G1 is over and they are set for launch in December first week.

India Launches Advanced Fast Patrol Vessels

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has launched two advanced Fast Patrol Vessels ICG Ship Ajit and ICG Ship Aparajit at Goa Shipyard Limited. These vessels are the seventh and eighth in a series of eight indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessels

Governor Devvrat and CM Fadnavis Launch Book 'Modi's Mission' in Mumbai

Governor of Maharashtra Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis has launched a book titled 'Modi's Mission' in Mumbai. The book is authored by renowned lawyer Berjis Desai.

Second Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 Concludes in New Delhi

The second biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 concluded in New Delhi, providing a key platform for deliberations on operational readiness, maritime security, capability development, and Tri-Service integration.

EAM S. Jaishankar Represents India at 20th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represented India at the 20th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The East Asia Summit will provide an opportunity to deliberate on the challenges to peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

Home Minister Inaugurates India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India Maritime Week (IMW) 2025 in Mumbai. The five-day event organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in partnership with the Indian Ports Association.

EC to Conduct Special Intensive Revision in 12 States, UTs

The Election Commission has announced that the second phase of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls will be conducted in 12 states and Union Territories. The states and union territories are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on High Alert Ahead of Cyclone Montha Landfall

Andhra Pradesh and Odisha are bracing for cyclone Montha's landfall on October 28. It is likely to make landfall on Andhra's coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam near Kakinada.

Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous Survey Vessel Ikshak in Kochi

Indian Navy will commission its indigenously built Survey Vessel Ikshak at Naval Base Kochi on the 6th of next month. Defence Ministry said that Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi will preside over the ceremony.

Govt Approves ₹5,532 Crore Investment for 7 Electronics Component Plants Under ECMS

The Union government has approved the first tranche of seven applications under the Electronic Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS). Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said that these all applications entailed a total investment of five thousand 532 crore rupees.

Maha MedTech Mission launched

Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Gates Foundation, has launched the Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas (MAHA) – Medical Technology, or Maha MedTech.

HAL Signs MoU with Russian Firm to Produce SJ-100 Civil Aircraft in India

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has signed an MoU with a Russian public Joint Stock Company United Aircraft Corporation for the production of SJ-100 civil commuter aircraft in India.

NCERT Signs MoU with IIT-Madras to Boost EdTech and Research Initiatives

National Council for Educational Research and Training has signed a MoU with IIT-Madras in New Delhi to strengthen educational research, development, training and technology integration.

Gyan Bharatam Mission to sign MoUs with institutes for conservation of manuscripts

The Gyan Bharatam Mission on manuscripts under the Union Culture Ministry signed MoUs with around 20 institutes across the country for conservation, upkeep and digitisation of manuscripts.

Over ₹3,000 Crore Donated for Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple

The Ram devotees across the world have donated more than three thousand crore rupees for the construction of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya. So far 1500 crore rupees have been spent on the Ram Temple construction,

Cabinet approves the Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for Rabi Season 2025- 26

The Union Cabinet has approved the Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for Rabi Season 2025- 26 on Phosphatic and Potassic fertilisers of about 37 thousand 952 crore rupees for Rabi 2025..

India Granted US Sanctions Waiver for Chabahar Port

India has received a waiver on the United States' sanctions against Iran's Chabahar port for a period of six months.

India, Nepal Sign Agreements to Boost Power

India and Nepal signed two major agreements to boost power cooperation and develop new cross-border transmission lines for enhanced regional energy trade and connectivity.

BANKING & ECONOMY

ADB projects India growth at 6.5% for two fiscal years

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected India's economic growth at 6.5% each for this fiscal year and the next.

India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement Comes into Effect

The India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement came into effect on 1st October, marking India's first free trade pact with Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

PhonePe, Mastercard roll out tap-and-pay contactless payments in India

PhonePe and Mastercard have jointly launched a feature enabling cardholders on the Mastercard network to make in-store transactions via tap-and-pay.

Axis launches India's first gold-backed credit on UPI

Axis Bank has partnered with Freecharge to launch India's first-ever gold-backed credit line through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The innovative product is targeted at MSMEs, self-employed individuals, and merchants.

RBI eases small business loan rules

The RBI has announced new guidelines for small business loans, giving banks greater flexibility in adjusting the additional interest or spread charged over the loan term. Previously, banks could revise the spread linked to a borrower's credit risk only once every three years.

India's Milk Production Rises Over 63% in Last Decade

Over the past decade, India's dairy sector has shown a remarkable growth. Milk production rose by 63.56% from 146.30 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 239.30 million tonnes in 2023-24. India continues to hold 1st position in global milk production and contributes nearly a quarter of the world's supply.

Govt appoints Asheesh Pandey as MD of Union Bank, Kalyan Kumar as head of Central Bank of India

The Central government has appointed Asheesh Pandey as Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Union Bank of India and Kalyan Kumar as head of Central Bank of India for a period of three years.

RBI permits banks to grant working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as raw material

The RBI has allowed banks to grant need-based working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as raw material, extending the provision currently available only to jewellers.

Elon Musk Becomes First Person Worth \$500 Billion

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, has become the first person in history to amass a net worth of \$500 billion.

His fortune crossed the half-trillion-dollar mark driven by Tesla's soaring valuation and SpaceX's rapid global expansion.

Muse Wearables partners with NPCI to launch India's first wearable payments ecosystem

Muse Wearables, which got incubated from IIT-Madras, has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch India's first wearable payments ecosystem, powered by Muse Wallet and NPCI's trusted RuPay network.

RBI Introduces Measures to Promote Cross-Border Transactions in Indian Rupees

The RBI, in its latest 'Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies,' announced measures to promote cross-border transactions in Indian Rupees.

Indian banks and their overseas branches can now lend in INR to residents of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

RBI Announces Measures to Ease Challenges for Exporters Amid Global Trade Uncertainties

The RBI has unveiled several measures to support exporters facing hurdles due to global trade uncertainties. RBI said it will extend the forex outlay period for Merchancing Trade Transactions from four to six months.

RBI Monetary Policy Highlights

The RBI released its Monetary Policy Report (October 2025). Repo rate unchanged at 5.50% with a neutral stance. Bank Rate remained unchanged at 5.75% . Marginal standing facility (MSF) rate remained unchanged at 5.75%.

Standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remained unchanged at 5.25%. Liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) remained unchanged at 5.25%. It revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2025-26 upwards to 6.8% .

It has lowered its CPI inflation forecast for FY 2025-26 to 2.6%.

Centre Releases ₹1,01,603 Crore as Advance Tax Devolution to States

The Central Government has released tax devolution of one lakh one thousand 603 crore rupees to State Governments, as one advance instalment of tax devolution.

RBI Launches One-Year Scheme to Facilitate Payout of Inoperative Accounts and Unclaimed Deposits

The Reserve Bank of India has announced a scheme for 'Facilitating Accelerated Payout – Inoperative Accounts and Unclaimed Deposits'. The one-year tenure scheme is starting on October 1 and will end on September 30, 2026. This has encouraged the public to activate their inactive accounts and claim their unclaimed deposits from the banks.

RBI's Digital Payments Intelligence Platform to flag risky transactions

The RBI is preparing to operationalise a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP) that will leverage artificial intelligence (AI) to flag risky transactions and curb fraud.

Amazon Pay launches 'Payments ka A to Z'

Amazon Pay has introduced a new unified payment interface, "Payments ka A to Z," bringing together multiple payment modes into a single platform.

SIDBI launches new scheme to strengthen MSME clusters

SIDBI has rolled out the Development of Industry Associations (DIA) scheme to create stronger and financially sustainable industry associations for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Mukesh Ambani was named India's richest

Mukesh Ambani was named India's richest as he regained the top spot in the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025 with a net worth of ₹9.55 lakh crore. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, of HCL Technologies, was named India's richest woman.

The total number of billionaires in the country has crossed 350, a sixfold increase since the list debuted 13 years ago. 31 year-old Aravind Srinivas, founder of Perplexity, was named India's youngest billionaire with a net worth of ₹21,900 crore. Mumbai, home to 451 of the wealthiest individuals, still leads the list of cities with the most billionaires.

RBI allows local lenders to bankroll mergers & acquisitions

RBI has proposed a comprehensive framework that would allow banks to finance acquisitions by Indian corporates. This was a long-standing demand by domestic banks.

RBI proposes BSBDA as a standard service

The RBI announced that Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) holders will now gain access to digital banking services, including mobile and internet banking.

Sitharaman launches the nationwide 'Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar' campaign in Gujarat

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the nationwide 'Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar' campaign from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The campaign aims to facilitate the speedy settlement of unclaimed financial assets lying across various sectors of the financial system.

RBI grants self-regulatory body status to FIDC

The RBI has granted "self-regulatory organisation" status to the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) to help ensure regulatory compliance in the non-banking lending sector

Tamil Nadu to launch first sports-tech incubation centre

Startup TN, the nodal agency for Tamil Nadu's Startup and Innovation Policy, in partnership with German football team Borussia Dortmund, will set up India's first Sports Tech Incubation Centre.

Financial assets worth Rs 1.84 lakh crore lying unclaimed with banks, regulators: Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said financial assets worth Rs 1.84 lakh crore were lying unclaimed with banks and regulators in the form of bank deposits, insurance, provident fund or shares.

IndusInd promoter IIHL Mauritius buys 100% stake in Sterling Bank, Bahamas

IndusInd Bank Limited's promoter, IIHL Mauritius has acquired 100% stake in Sterling Bank, Bahamas. Previously, the promoter had acquired 51% stake in the Sterling Bank, Bahamas, in September 2022.

WB raises India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.5%

The World Bank in its latest South Asia Development Update, has raised India's growth forecast to 6.5 per cent for the financial year 2026 from its earlier projection of 6.3 per cent in June.

PSBs sanction over 5 lakh loans worth ₹10,907 crore under PM's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

The Central government has said that over five lakh loan applications amounting to 10 thousand nine hundred seven crore rupees have been sanctioned by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) under the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

SEBI operationalises Validated UPI Handles, SEBI Check

SEBI has operationalised two new security measures — validated UPI handles with the "@valid" suffix and a verification tool named "SEBI Check" to protect investors from fraudulent money transfers and unauthorised entities.

Piyush Goyal Launches UPI in Qatar

Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has launched India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the Lulu Mall in Doha, marking a new milestone in digital and financial cooperation between India and Qatar.

RBI launches pilot for deposit tokenisation

The RBI launched a pilot on deposit tokenisation. It will use the wholesale leg of its central bank digital currency (CBDC) as the underlying layer for the exercise. Digital tokenisation is known to make transactions faster, cheaper and safer.

RBI launches digital currency retail sandbox

The RBI has launched a retail sandbox for its central bank digital currency (CBDC), allowing fintech firms to build and test solutions as part of the ongoing pilot. The pilot will employ the wholesale segment of its central bank digital currency (CBDC) as the underlying layer for the exercise. The RBI is collaborating with a few banks on the project.

Pay10 names Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma as global brand ambassadors

Pay10 has announced the appointment of cricketer Virat Kohli and actress-producer Anushka Sharma as its new global brand ambassadors, part of its push ahead of the company's launch of its UPI-enabled payments app in India.

UK's Revolut to launch its payment platform in India

London-based digital finance firm Revolut will launch its payment platform in India, its first foray into one of the world's largest digital payments markets, as part of a planned global expansion.

Sitharaman launches foreign currency settlement system in GIFT City

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched a foreign currency settlement system in GIFT City to facilitate seamless, real-time transactions, boosting international trade and investment.

RBI links Bharat Connect, FX-Retail to facilitate dollar transactions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the Bharat Connect bill payment system has been linked with the foreign exchange (forex) retail platform to allow customers to buy US dollars for outward remittances, forex card loads, or as currency notes at competitive rates.

NPCI launches new tech subsidiary to boost payments innovation in India

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has set up a new subsidiary, NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL), to drive experimentation and breakthrough innovations in the fintech sector. NTSL joins a list of three other subsidiaries under the NPCI umbrella.

Bajaj Finserv rebrands its general, life insurance businesses

Bajaj Finserv announced a rebranding of its insurance businesses as Bajaj General Insurance and Bajaj Life Insurance with immediate effect.

RBI cancels licence of Satara-based Jijamata Mahila Sahakari Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Jijamata Mahila Sahakari Bank, Satara (Maharashtra) citing inadequate capital and poor earning prospects.

IMF Projects 3% Global Economic Growth for FY26

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that the global economy is projected to grow by 3 per cent this year.

RBI issues draft on ECL framework

The RBI has issued a draft circular on the expected credit loss (ECL) framework. The proposed guidelines will replace the incurred-loss-based provisioning framework with an ECL-based provisioning, where they have to classify financial assets into different stages depending on the assessed credit losses at the time of initial recognition and on the further reporting dates.

New lending platform to expand credit access, inclusion: RBI Guv Sanjay Malhotra

Governor of the RBI Sanjay Malhotra has stated that the RBI has conceptualised a Unified Market Interface (UMI) aiming to strengthen the country's financial infrastructure. He also said that the proposed Unified Lending Interface (ULI) will enable lenders to use data to build alternative credit models, similar to how the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) revolutionised the payments landscape.

Centre Sets Target of Worth 3 Lakh Crore Rupees Defence Manufacturing by 2029

The Central government has set a target to achieve defence manufacturing worth three lakh crore rupees and defence exports worth 50 thousand crore rupees by the year 2029.

NPCI launches slew of UPI-focused products

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a slew of initiatives centred around its flagship unified payments interface (UPI), including an on-device biometric authentication. Apart from this, it also launched an Aadhaar-based Face Authentication in UPI to enable Aadhaar-linked biometric authentication for setting or resetting UPI PIN.

PayPal Partners With NPCI International To Bring UPI On Global Platform

In a major step towards strengthening cross-border digital payments, PayPal and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) on announced a partnership to integrate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on PayPal World.

HSBC commits \$1 billion to fund Indian start-ups under innovation banking platform

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Ltd (HSBC) has committed \$1 billion to fund start ups through loans in India under its so called innovation banking platform.

India rolls out pilot for e-commerce payments via ChatGPT

NPCI has teamed up with Razorpay and OpenAI to introduce AI-driven payments on ChatGPT. Currently in a pilot phase, the initiative will enable users to make purchases through ChatGPT, powered by India's homegrown Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

Anthropic to open first India office next year

Anthropic, the artificial intelligence startup backed by Alphabet's Google and Amazon.com, said it will open its first office in India next year, as it looks to tap into the country's growing appetite for AI tools.

RBI imposes restrictions on Solan-based The Baghat Urban Co-op Bank

The Reserve Bank has imposed several restrictions on Solan-based The Baghat Urban Co-operative Bank, including a Rs 10,000 cap on withdrawal per customer.

Three Indian companies among 40 AI startups chosen for AWS 2025 Generative AI Accelerator

Amazon Web Services has announced 40 global startups that have been selected to take part in the third cohort of the AWS Generative AI Accelerator, including three companies from India.

KYC a challenge, have to simplify norms: SBI chief

State Bank of India Chairman CS Setty has urged policymakers and tech developers to simplify the Know Your Customer (KYC) process, identifying it as a major hurdle for both banks and customers.

US Imposes 100% Additional Tariff on Chinese Goods Amid Rare-Earth Export Curbs

US President Donald Trump announced a 100% additional tariff on imports from China, effective next month, in response to Beijing's new restrictions on rare-earth mineral exports. The move adds to the existing 30% duties on Chinese goods.

RBI Consolidates Regulatory Instructions into 238 Master Directions

The RBI has consolidated its regulatory instructions into 238 Master Directions covering 11 types of regulated entities across 30 areas.

Shirish Chandra Murmu Appointed Deputy Governor of RBI

Shirish Chandra Murmu assumed charge as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a three-year term. Murmu will now oversee key departments, including the Department of Communication, Department of Government and Bank Accounts, and the Department of Regulation and Enforcement.

SBI aims to enhance gender diversity, increase female workforce to 30% by 2030

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has devised a strategy to boost gender diversity, aiming to increase its women workforce to 30% within five years. Currently, they account for 27% of the total workforce.

Google launches Gemini Enterprise AI platform

Alphabet's Google has launched a new AI platform for business customers called Gemini Enterprise, as the tech giant ramps up efforts to capture more corporate clients with its artificial intelligence tools.

Sachin unveils his sportswear brand TEN x YOU

Cricketing icon and Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar has launched TEN x YOU, a sportswear and athleisure brand which has been developed through his insights and on-ground experience as an ace sports person.

Education Ministry encourages States, UTs to adopt UPI, mobile payments

The Ministry of Education has written to States and Union Territories, encouraging the adoption of Unified Payments Interface (UPI), mobile payments, and net banking, for school-related financial transactions.

Fraud monitoring guidelines for insurers to come into force on April 1, 2026

A set of guidelines as part of an updated insurance fraud monitoring framework for all insurers and distribution channels, including a board approved anti-fraud policy, will come into force on April 1, 2026.

RBI appoints Sonali Sen Gupta as new ED

The RBI has appointed Sonali Sen Gupta as its new Executive Director, effective October 9, 2025. Sen Gupta will now lead crucial departments including Consumer Education and Protection, and Financial Inclusion.

SBI grants loans of Rs 74,434 cr to 2.25 lakh MSMEs via digital means

State Bank of India has provided loans worth Rs 74,434 crore to 2.25 lakh MSMEs in less than one hour through SME Digital Business Loans platform in the last 15 months.

Rural India contributes 80% of microfinance book,

Rural contribution to the microfinance business of non-bank lenders increased to about 80% in 2024-25, its largest share since 2011 when the Reserve Bank of India started regulating the market

Retail inflation eases to 1.54% in September

Retail inflation fell to a 99-month low of 1.54% in September 2025 on falling food and fuel prices. This is once again below the Reserve Bank of India's lower comfort bound of 2%.

DBS Recognised as Safest Bank in Asia for 17th consecutive year

DBS has once again been named "Safest Bank in Asia" in 2025, marking its 17th consecutive year receiving this distinguished recognition. The bank also retained its position at 2nd in the 'World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks' list.

IMF projects India to grow 6.6% in 2025

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the October outlook increased India's growth projections by 20 basis points to 6.6% for 2025 whilst projecting a decline of the same intensity to 6.2% in 2026.

WPI inflation eases to 0.13% in September

Wholesale price index (WPI) inflation softened to 0.13% in September on easing in prices of food articles, fuel and manufactured items.

Jio Payments Bank wins contract for MLFF project at 2 toll plazas

Jio Payments Bank has secured a contract to implement the FASTag Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)-based Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll collection system at two plazas on the Gurugram-Jaipur highway.

HSBC launches digital merchant services in India

HSBC has announced the launch of HSBC Digital Merchant Services (DMS) in India, a digital payment management solution designed to streamline payment processes for e-commerce merchants.

Tata Trusts recommends third term for Chandrasekaran

Tata Trusts has recommended a third term for N. Chandrasekaran as the chairman of Tata Sons, the principal investment holding company and promoter of Tata group companies.

Gold hits ₹1.3 lakh/10 g, breaches \$4,100/ounce in global markets

Gold prices has surged by ₹2,850 to reach an all-time high of ₹1,30,800 per 10 grams in the national capital, driven by heavy festive buying by retailers and jewellers ahead of 'Dhanteras'.

FICCI announces Anant Goenka as president-elect for 2025-26

Industry chamber FICCI has announced RPG Group vice chairman Anant Goenka as president-elect for 2025-26. Mr. Goenka is currently the senior vice president of the chamber. He will succeed Harsha Vardhan Agarwal

NPCI International signs MoU with NTT DATA Japan for UPI acceptance in Japan

NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with NTT DATA Japan to enable UPI acceptance in the Japanese market. This collaboration will allow Indian tourists to make seamless QR code payments at merchant locations acquired by NTT DATA.

Google Announces AI Hub In India

Google said it would invest \$15 billion in India over the next five years as it announced a giant data centre and artificial intelligence base in Andhra Pradesh, its largest AI hub outside the US. The US tech giant will build a 1-gigawatt data centre campus in the port city of Visakhapatnam

AIBI re-elects Mahavir Lunawat as Chairman

The Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBA) has re-elected Mahavir Lunawat, Founder and Chairman of Pantomath Capital Advisors, as its Chairman for two years from October.

Infosys bags £1.2 bn contract from NHS of U.K.

Infosys has been awarded a £1.2 billion (₹14,000 crore), 15-year contract by the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to deliver Future NHS Workforce Solution.

Hyundai Motor names Tarun Garg as the first Indian MD and CEO

Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) has announced the appointment of Tarun Garg as the next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company. Mr. Garg becomes the first Indian national to take on this leadership role within HMIL

India's GIFT City climbs 3 places in GFCI rankings, now 43rd globally

GIFT City, an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) has climbed three places to 43rd in the 38th edition of the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38) rankings. New York leads the index, with London second. Hong Kong retains third position ahead of Singapore.

Airtel partners with IBM to add AI capabilities to cloud product

Bharti Airtel has entered into a strategic partnership with IBM to augment its recently launched Airtel Cloud. The partnership is expected to bring together the telco-grade reliability, high security, and data residency of Airtel Cloud with IBM's leadership in cloud solutions.

Canara Bank divests stake in Canara HSBC Life to 36.5%

Canara Bank has reduced its holding in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited from 51% to 36.5% through an Initial Public Offering (IPO), as the insurer made its debut on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and BSE Limited

Lxme Launches India's First UPI for Women

Lxme, India's leading financial platform for women, has announced the launch of LxmePay, the country's first Unified Payments Interface (UPI) exclusively for women.

Zepto raises \$450 million

Zepto has raised \$450 million (about ₹3,757.5 crore) in a funding round led by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) at a valuation of \$7 billion.

Ola Electric forays into battery energy storage systems for homes

Ola Electric has announced its foray into Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) market, a segment that is expected to cross ₹3 lakh crore in value by 2030 from ₹1 lakh crore currently.

HDFC Bank Q2 Net Profit Rises 11% to ₹18,641 Crore

HDFC Bank reported a 10.8% year-on-year (YoY) rise in standalone net profit to ₹18,641 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 (Q2FY26).

Emirates NBD to Acquire 60% Stake in RBL Bank

Dubai-based Emirates NBD is set to acquire a 60% stake in India's RBL Bank through a \$3.05 billion (₹26,853 crore) investment via a preferential share issue, according to an exchange filing by the bank.

ADB, WB Sign \$3 Billion Exposure Exchange Deal

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a three-billion-US-dollar sovereign exposure exchange agreement (EEA) with the World Bank to increase the ADB's lending capacity for its developing members.

India rapidly emerging as global hub for services exports: NSE

India is rapidly emerging as a global hub for services exports with a compound annual growth rate of 14.8% outpacing goods exports, which grew at 9.8%," National Stock Exchange (NSE) officials stated. India now ranks seventh globally in services exports.

Netherlands, Iceland, Denmark Named World's Best Pension Systems

The Netherlands has retained its title as the world's top-ranked pension system for 2025. Meanwhile, India's pension system ranked the lowest among 52 countries in the 2025 Mercer-CFA Institute Global Pension Index.

Juspay partners with HSBC to build a Full-Stack, Future-Ready Acquiring Solution

HSBC, and Juspay, a leading payments infrastructure company, have announced a strategic partnership to launch a first-of-its-kind acquiring platform tailored to the needs of digital-first, global merchants.

DoT grants third extension to Ravi A Robert Jerard as CMD of BSNL

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had granted a third extension to Ravi A Robert Jerard to hold additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BSNL, MTNL, and BBNL.

India's Core Sector Output Rises 3% in September

According to the provisional data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's eight key infrastructure industries grew 3% year-on-year in September 2025, easing from a 6.5% expansion in August.

Net FDI fell 159% in August 2025

Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India fell 159% in August 2025, with more money leaving the country than entering it that month. This is the second time this financial year that outflows have exceeded inflows.

PNB expects \$1 billion hit in transition to new credit rules, CEO says

Punjab National Bank anticipates a 90 billion rupee impact from new credit loss rules by 2031. The RBI's expected credit loss framework requires banks to set aside funds for potential defaults. This transition will affect the bank's capital to risk assets ratio.

Karur Vysya Bank reaches milestone with over Rs 2 lakh crore in business: MD & CEO

Karur Vysya Bank achieved a significant milestone, crossing Rs 2 lakh crore in total business by the end of the July-September 2025 quarter.

Belgian Court Clears Mehul Choksi's Extradition to India in PNB Fraud Case

A Belgian court in Antwerp has approved the extradition of fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi to India in connection with the 13,500-crore rupees Punjab National Bank fraud case.

Tata Trusts reappoints Venu Srinivasan for life

Tata Trusts has unanimously reappointed Venu Srinivasan as a trustee for life, ahead of his term expiring on October 23. Venu Srinivasan is the chairman emeritus of two-wheeler manufacturer TVS Motor Company and auto components manufacturer TVS Holdings.

India's Retail Sector Hits Record Festive Sales of ₹5.4 Lakh Crore in Goods

India's retail sector has recorded its highest-ever festive season sales this year between Navratri to Diwali, with trade touching an unprecedented 5.4 lakh crore rupees in goods and 65 thousand crore rupees in services.

Banking Laws Amendment Act: Key Nomination Provisions Effective from 1st November

The Key Provisions relating to Nomination under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 will come into effect from 1st November 2025. The provisions will give depositors the flexibility to make nominations as per their preference, allowing the Customers to nominate up to four persons, simplifying claim settlement for depositors and their nominees.

Digital Payments Account For 99.8% Of Transactions

According to RBI report, digital payment transactions accounted for 99.7 per cent in terms of volume and 97.5 per cent in value in the payments system during calendar year 2024, and the trend continued in the first half of 2025. In terms of volume, UPI accounted for the largest share at 85 per cent during the first half of 2025.

UCO Bank to add another 150 branches by March

State-owned UCO Bank plans to add another 150 branches in the next five months in a bid to expand its presence and business.

India's Forex Reserves Jump by \$4.5 Billion to Cross \$702 Billion Mark

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by 4.5 billion dollars to over 702 billion for the week ending October 17, mainly driven by a surge in gold reserves.

RBI proposes to mandate UTI for all OTC derivative transactions

The Reserve Bank of India has proposed to mandate a Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for all transactions in OTC markets for rupee interest rate and foreign currency derivatives from the next financial year, beginning April 1.

SBI and Bank of Baroda to launch Indian digital payment intelligence corporation

SBI, along with Bank of Baroda (BoB), will spearhead the creation of a digital payments intelligence platform designed to detect and prevent fraudulent transactions across banks in real time. All 12 state-run banks will hold equity in the proposed entity, named Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation

RBI proposes new infrastructure risk weights for NBFCs

RBI has proposed revised risk-weight guidelines for non-banking financial companies' infrastructure loans, a move that could lower capital requirements for lenders financing established projects.

WazirX to restart on October 24

The WazirX crypto exchange will restart operations on October 24, 2025, with the news coming over a year after a debilitating security breach of a digital wallet in July 2024 led to more than \$230 million in losses.

RBI approves reappointment of C S Rajan as part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank till 2027

The RBI has approved the reappointment of C S Rajan as Part-Time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited for a further period from January 1, 2026, to October 21, 2027.

RBI draft norms say acquisition finance only for listed entities

The RBI has released draft guidelines for acquisition finance by banks to Indian companies, requiring target entities to be listed with a three-year profit history and satisfactory net worth.

Federal Bank to sell minority stake to Blackstone affiliate for Rs 6,200 crore

The Board members of Federal Bank has approved the sale of 9.99% stake to an affiliate of U.S. private equity firm Blackstone for ₹6,196.5 crore.

Kyrgyzstan launches national stablecoin

Kyrgyzstan has launched a national stablecoin and a central bank digital currency in partnership with cryptocurrency exchange Binance.

SoftBank approves remaining \$22.5 billion of OpenAI investment

Japan's SoftBank has approved a second installment of \$22.5 billion to complete its \$30 billion investment in OpenAI.

SBI to hire 3,500 officers in next 5 months to drive business growth

State Bank of India (SBI), plans to hire around 3,500 officers to bolster its operations and enhance service delivery nationwide.

Reliance, Meta announce AI joint venture in India

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has announced the incorporation of a new joint venture company, Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL), in partnership with Facebook Overseas Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Meta Platforms, Inc., to develop, market, and distribute enterprise artificial intelligence (AI) services in India.

Ramco Systems partners with ePlane Company to power India's first electric air taxi fleet

Ramco Systems has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ePlane Company, a startup aiming to revolutionise urban mobility through its flagship product, the ePlane e200X.

India's Industrial Output Rises 4% in September

India's industrial production growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 4 percent on an annual basis in September this year, led by manufacturing sector.

Japan sees world's first yen-pegged stablecoin debut

The world's first stablecoin pegged to the yen was launched in Japan. A Japanese startup, JPYC will begin issuing stablecoins

RBI returns Jana Small Finance Bank's universal bank application

Jana Small Finance Bank's plan to transition into a universal bank has hit a setback after the RBI returned its application citing non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria.

Amazon to cut 30,000 office jobs

Amazon will lay off tens of thousands of office workers as the e-commerce and tech giant trims costs amid ramped-up investments in artificial intelligence. Some 30,000 positions will be cut in a belt-tightening move expected to begin on October 28, 2025.

Paytm enables UPI payments for NRIs

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) can now use Paytm UPI in India with their international mobile numbers, thanks to a new feature rolled out by fintech giant Paytm. This development eliminates the need for a local Indian SIM card, offering seamless transactions via NRE or NRO accounts.

Citi Elevates CEO Jane Fraser to Chair

Citigroup has appointed CEO Jane Fraser as Chair. Since becoming CEO in 2021, Fraser has led operational streamlining, international consumer business exits, and executive recruitment.

SEBI may ease high value debt-listed entity compliance

SEBI has proposed a framework to reduce the compliance burden of companies with large debts, by raising the threshold for identifying High Value Debt Listed Entities (HVDLEs) to ₹5,000 crore from the current ₹1,000 crore.

PayPal signs deal with OpenAI

PayPal has signed a deal with OpenAI to have its digital wallet embedded into ChatGPT so users can pay for items found through the leading consumer AI tool.

RBI rejects Dia Vikas Capital holding more than 5% in ESAF Small Finance Bank

The RBI has rejected an arrangement between ESAF Financial Holdings and its investors which would have led to Dia Vikas Capital holding more than 12% in the ESAF Small Finance Bank.

VFS Capital withdraws application for small finance bank licence, says RBI

Kolkata-based VFS Capital Ltd has withdrawn its application for a small finance bank license. The central bank had received an application from VFS Capital under the guidelines for "on tap" licensing of small finance banks in the private sector.

India Exports First-Ever GI-Tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi Limes to UK

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, APEDA has facilitated the first-ever air shipment of GI tagged Indi and Puliyanakudi Limes from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to the United Kingdom.

Bank deposit growth slows to 9.5%: RBI data

Bank's deposits mobilisation slowed further with the latest print as on October 17 showing 9.5% yearly growth, 40 basis points lower as compared with 9.9% seen a fortnight back, Reserve Bank of India said. Yearly credit growth remained at 11.5% zone for the period.

UPI tops festive season payments

According to a report by Bank of Baroda, UPI has emerged as the most preferred mode of payment during the festive season. The value of UPI transactions rose sharply to Rs 17.8 lakh crore during the festive period.

Federal Reserve Cuts Key Lending Rate

The US Federal Reserve has lowered the target for its key lending rate by 0.25 percentage points, putting it in a range of 3.75 percent to 4 percent.

Banks told to double micro card rollout for faster MSME credit

The Centre has asked banks to double this year's target for rolling out Micro Enterprise Cards (ME-Cards) to ensure that all eligible micro units get faster access to working capital credit. The Centre had initially set a goal for banks to issue one million ME-Cards this fiscal year.

AWARDS

Vanuatu Law Students and Lawyer Julian Aguon Win Right Livelihood Award

A group of Vanuatu law students, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change (PISFCC), along with human rights lawyer Julian Aguon, have won the Right Livelihood Award for advancing climate justice. The award, often called the alternative Nobel, also recognised initiatives from Sudan, Myanmar, and Taiwan for their contributions to social and environmental justice.

Ministry of Ayush confers the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025

The Ministry of Ayush has conferred the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2025 on Prof. Banwari Lal Gaur, Vaidya Neelakandhan Mooss E.T., and Vaidya Bhavana Prasher, recognising their outstanding contributions to the field of Ayurveda across academic, traditional, and scientific domains.

India conferred with international ISSA award for outstanding social security achievement

India was conferred with the prestigious International Social Security Association (ISSA) award 2025 for 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security'.

US and Japanese Scientists Win 2025 Nobel Prize for Breakthrough in Immune Tolerance

US scientists Mary E. Brunkow and Fred Ramsdell, along with Japan's Shimon Sakaguchi, have been awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their groundbreaking discovery on peripheral immune tolerance.

Three U.S. scientists win 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics

Three scientists John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis from the United States have won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics for groundbreaking experiments that showcased quantum physics in action using a chip.

Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, M. Yaghi Win 2025 Nobel in Chemistry

Three scientists Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi from the US, Japan, and Australia have been conferred with the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the metal-organic frameworks.

László wins 2025 Nobel Prize for Literature

Hungarian novelist and screenwriter László Krasznahorkai has won the 2025 Nobel Prize for Literature. He was the second Hungarian to win the prestigious literary award.

Maria Corina Machado Wins 2025 Nobel Peace Prize

Maria Corina Machado, a prominent Venezuelan opposition leader, has been awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize for her unwavering efforts to promote democracy and human rights in Venezuela.

Forest Rangers Worldwide Honored for Ultimate Sacrifice in Protecting Wildlife and Forests

The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) presented 13 rangers and ranger teams with the 2025 International Ranger Awards, recognizing their exceptional courage and dedication to nature conservation. This year's recipients represent 13 countries, including Ukraine, Burkina Faso, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt won the 2025 Nobel economics prize

Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt won the 2025 Nobel economics prize for their work on how innovation and the forces of creative destruction can drive economic growth and lift living standards across the globe.

Israel to Award US President Donald Trump Highest Civilian Honor for Gaza Ceasefire Efforts

Israel will confer upon US President Donald Trump with its highest civilian honour Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor for his instrumental role in brokering a Gaza ceasefire and securing the release of Israeli hostages.

Belarusian and Georgian journalists win EU's 2025 Sakharov freedom prize

Imprisoned journalists Andrzej Poczobut of Belarus and Mzia Amaglobeli of Georgia have been awarded the European Union's 2025 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought.

Sunil Amrith wins British Academy Book Prize

'The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years' by Indian-origin historian Sunil Amrith has been named the winner of this year's British Academy Book Prize, a prestigious 25,000-pound award that celebrates the world's best works of non-fiction.

SBI receives 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025' awards from Global Finance
State Bank of India (SBI) received two prestigious accolades World's Best Consumer Bank 2025 and Best Bank in India 2025 from Global Finance, New York at the Global Finance Award Ceremony.

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 announced

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 were announced. The awards are given in recognition for exceptional contributions in science, technology, and innovation under four categories – Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shree, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar and Vigyan Team.

Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar will be given the Vigyan Ratna award posthumously. Eight scientists have been selected for the Vigyan Shree award.

Chef Sanjeev Kapoor Named "Top Agri-Food Pioneer" By World Food Prize Foundation

Celebrated chef, author and Padma Shri awardee Sanjeev Kapoor has been honoured as a Top Agri-Food Pioneer by the World Food Prize Foundation. The ceremony was held in Des Moines, Iowa in October month.

James Anderson receives knighthood

James Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, has received his knighthood from Princess Anne during a ceremony at Windsor Castle. He finished with 704 Test wickets, the most ever taken by a pace bowler.

WCD Ministry awarded for outstanding contribution to implementation of PMJANMAN

For outstanding contribution to the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PMJANMAN), the Ministry of Women and Child Development was conferred an award by President Droupadi Murmu.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Dame Sarah Mullally

Dame Sarah Mullally has been named the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, becoming the first woman to be chosen for the role.

Catherine Connolly

Independent left-wing politician Catherine Connolly has been elected as Ireland's 10th President after a landslide victory, defeating her rival Heather Humphreys.

Patrick Herminie

Patrick Herminie was sworn in as Seychelles' sixth president after defeating incumbent Wavel Ramkalawan in a run-off election earlier in the month.

Javier Milei

Argentina's President Javier Milei has led his party to a landslide victory in midterm elections, after defining the first two years of his presidency with radical spending cuts and free-market reforms.

Sebastien Lecornu

French President Emmanuel Macron has re-appointed Sebastien Lecornu as Prime Minister, following a brief period of political uncertainty after Lecornu's resignation last week.

Bharath Thammineni

Bharath Thammineni, a 36-year old mountaineer from Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, has become the first Indian to summit all nine of the world's 14 highest peaks, after successfully climbing Mt Cho Oyu (8,188m), the sixth-highest mountain.

Prince Andrew

King Charles III has started the formal process to remove his younger brother, Prince Andrew, from his royal titles. This decision follows increased public focus on the 65-year-old Duke of York's connection to the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein

Justice Surya Kant

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice Surya Kant as the next Chief Justice of India. Justice Surya Kant will be the 53rd Chief Justice. He will succeed Chief Justice BR Gavai, whose tenure will end on the 23rd of next month.

Michael Randrianirina

Madagascar's military leader Michael Randrianirina sworn in as president after leading a coup that ousted President Andry Rajoelina.

Harini Aamarasuriya

Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Dr. Harini Aamarasuriya was on a three-day visit to India. This was her first visit to India after assuming office.

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak

Members of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have elected the Union's leadership team for the next four years. Her Excellency Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak will serve a second term as IUCN President.

Zandanshatar Gombojav

Mongolian lawmakers have voted to remove the Prime Minister and Parliament speaker, throwing the resource-rich nation into renewed political turmoil. Mr Zandanshatar Gombojav stepped down as Prime Minister after losing the confidence vote just four months after taking office.

Rodrigo Paz

Rodrigo Paz, a centrist senator, has won Bolivia's presidential election, securing 54.5% of the vote against conservative rival Jorge Tuto Quiroga.

Deepika Padukone

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has appointed renowned actor Deepika Padukone as India's first-ever Mental Health Ambassador.

Shubhanshu Shukla

Shubhanshu Shukla, who became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), is the brand ambassador of "Viksit Bharat Buildathon", a nationwide innovation movement set to engage students from schools having classes 6-12.

Nicolas Sarkozy

Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy has become the first ex-leader since the Second World War to go to jail. He will serve a five-year sentence for using funds from Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi to finance his 2007 campaign.

Sanae Takaichi

Sanae Takaichi has become the Japan's first female Prime Minister. The Upper House has elected Ms Takaichi as Prime Minister. She received 125 votes in the Upper House, just one vote above the simple majority necessary for victory.

Prathiba M Singh

In a historic first for India, Prathiba M Singh, a judge of the Delhi High Court, has been named Chair of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges for its 2025-27 term.

Paul Kapur

Indian-American security expert Paul Kapur was officially sworn in as the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs in the Trump administration.

Chen Ning Yang

Chen Ning Yang, Nobel laureate and one of the world's most influential physicists, has died. Yang and fellow theoretical physicist, Lee Tsung-Dao, were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1957 for their work in parity laws.

Joseph Kabila

Former Democratic Republic of Congo President Joseph Kabila has been sentenced to death in absentia for war crimes and treason.

Pandit Chhannulal Mishra

Padma Vibhushan vocalist and a towering figure in Hindustani classical music Pandit Chhannulal Mishra died. He was conferred with Padma Vibhushan in 2020 and Padma Bhushan in 2010.

G.G. Parikh

Veteran Gandhian, socialist and freedom fighter G.G. Parikh passed away in Mumbai at the age of 100. Parikh was imprisoned twice in his lifetime, first during the Quit India movement in 1942 and later during the Emergency.

Ravi Naik

Goa's minister for agriculture and former chief minister Ravi Naik passed away following a sudden cardiac arrest. He served as chief minister on two occasions — in 1991 and again in 1994 — for a combined total of 850 days in office.

Pankaj Dheer

Veteran actor Pankaj Dheer, best remembered for his unforgettable portrayal of Karna in BR Chopra's Mahabharat, has passed away. He went on to take powerful roles in landmark TV shows like Chandrakanta.

Eknath Chitnis

Veteran space scientist and Padma Bhushan awardee Professor Eknath Vasant Chitnis, one of the earliest architects of India's space programme, passed away at the age of 100.

Govardhan Asrani

Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani passed away in Mumbai at the age of 84. Best known for his role as the jailer in Sholay, he also starred in hits like Chupke Chupke, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, Dhamaal and Bunty Aur Babli 2.

Yogendra Makwana

Former Union minister and Congress leader Yogendra Makwana passed away in Ahmedabad. He was a member of the Union cabinets under Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi between 1980 and 1988.

Piyush Pandey

Advertising industry veteran, and Padmasri awardee Piyush Pandey, passed away in Mumbai owing to illness. He was 70. Under him Ogilvy became India's top ad agency and earned a prime position in creativity.

T.T. Jagannathan

T.T. Jagannathan, chairman emeritus of T.T.K. Prestige, passed away in Bengaluru. He was 77. He was on the board of TTK Prestige for the past 50 years, the business founded by his grandfather and former Union finance minister TT Krishnamachari.

Satish Shah

Renowned actor Satish Shah passed away at the age of 74. His career spanned over four decades in theater, films, and television, with iconic roles in Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro, Sarabhai vs Sarabhai, Hum Aapke Hain Kaun, Main Hoon Na, and Om Shanti Om.

Mathangi Ramakrishnan

Dr K Mathangi Ramakrishnan, eminent plastic surgeon and pioneer in burn care, passed away in Chennai due to age-related ailments. She received numerous honours, including the Padma Shri, Dr BC Roy Award, and the Avvaiyar Award.

Prunella Scales

British actress Prunella Scales, best known as Sybil Fawcett in the classic sitcom Fawlty Towers, has died in London aged 93.

Diane Keaton

Legendary Hollywood actress Diane Keaton passed away at the age of 79 in California. She won the 1978 Academy Award for Best Actress for Annie Hall, along with Golden Globe and BAFTA Awards.

Sandhya Shantaram

Veteran actress and renowned classical dancer Sandhya Shantaram passed away. She gained nationwide fame with V. Shantaram's iconic film Navrang, particularly for the popular song "Are Ja Re Hat Natkhat."

Raila Odinga

Raila Odinga, former Prime Minister of Kenya, died at a private hospital in Koothattukulam in Ernakulam district of Kerala. He had come to Kerala for Ayurvedic treatment after receiving initial care for a minor stroke in Mumbai.

SPORTS**ISSF Junior World Cup: India Wins Mixed Team Gold in 10m Air Rifle**

Isha Anil Taksale and Himanshu staged a thrilling fightback to win the 10m air rifle mixed team gold against country-mates Shambhavi Kshirsagar and Naraen Pranav.

England's Chris Woakes Retires from International Cricket

England's Chris Woakes has announced his retirement from international cricket. Having featured in 217 games for England across all formats of the game, Woakes took a total of 396 wickets, in addition to 3,705 runs with the bat.

Atiqa Mir produces stellar drive for podium finish in UAE

Young Indian racer Atiqa Mir secured a well deserved podium in the final of RMC Invitational karting event at Al Ain Raceway.

P Inian Wins 62nd National Chess Championship

Grandmaster P Inian of Tamil Nadu won the 62nd National Chess Championship in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, remaining unbeaten over 11 rounds with 7 wins and 4 draws.

Abhishek Sharma Creates History in ICC Men's T20I Rankings

India's Abhishek Sharma has set a new benchmark in the ICC Men's T20I Batter Rankings, reaching an all-time high of 931 points after a classy half-century against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup.

ISSF Junior World Cup, Mukesh Nelavalli Wins Gold

Mukesh Nelavalli won gold in the men's 25m pistol, while Tejaswani Singh secured silver in the women's category at the ISSF Junior World Cup in New Delhi.

Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver in Women's 48kg Category at World Championships in Norway

Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has won silver in the women's 48kg category at the World Championships in Fårde, Norway. Chanu lifted a total of 199kg including 84kg snatch + 115kg clean and jerk to secure second place overall.

Nishad Kumar Wins Maiden Gold in Men's High Jump T47 at World Para Athletics Championships

Indian para-athlete Nishad Kumar won his maiden gold medal in the men's high jump T47 event at the World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi.

In the women's 100m T12 sprint, Simran Sharma delivered a historic performance, clocking a personal best of 11.95 seconds to win gold.

India Crush West Indies in Ahmedabad Test

India registered a comprehensive victory over the West Indies by an innings and 140 runs in the first Test at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.

India Achieves Historic 18-Medal Tally at World Para Athletics Championships 2025

India recorded its best-ever performance at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025 in New Delhi, securing 18 medals — six gold, seven silver, and five bronze.

Shubman Gill Appointed as India's New ODI Captain for Australia Tour

Shubman Gill has been named India's new ODI captain, replacing Rohit Sharma for the upcoming three-match series against Australia. This will be Gill's first ODI series as captain, after previously leading India in Tests and T20Is.

Shriyanshi Valishetty Wins Women's Singles at Al Ain Masters 2025

Indian shuttler Shriyanshi Valishetty has won the Women's Singles Trophy at Al Ain Masters 2025 at the Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

BWF World Junior Championships Return to India After 17 Years

The 2025 BWF World Junior Championships return to India after 17 years and will take place in Guwahati from October 6 to 19.

India ends World Para Athletics Championships with 22 medals, including 6 gold

India wrapped up its campaign with 22 medals, which include 6 Gold, 9 Silver and 7 Bronze in the World Para Athletics Championships, held in New Delhi.

F1 Singapore Grand Prix 2025: Russell wins the title.

George Russell has claimed the 2025 Singapore Grand Prix at the Marina Bay circuit. He finished over five seconds ahead of Max Verstappen.

Linthoi Chanambam Wins India's First-Ever Medal at Judo Junior World Championships

Judo player Linthoi Chanambam has created history by winning India's first-ever medal at the Judo Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru. She has won the bronze medal in women's 63 kilogram category.

ISSF World Championship 2025 Shotgun Kicks Off in Athens

The ISSF World Championship 2025 Shotgun started in Athens, Greece. A 12-member Indian team will represent India at the championship.

Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes First Billionaire Footballer

Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first footballer in the world to be designated a 'billionaire'. Putting the various sources of his net worth together, Ronaldo's net worth has grown to USD 1.4 billion.

India claims Bronze at BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships 2025

The Indian Badminton team secured a historic first-ever bronze medal in the Mixed Team event at the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships 2025 in Guwahati.

Women's ODI World Cup: Australia Script Historic Run Chase to Defeat India

In the ICC Women's ODI Cricket World Cup, India suffered defeat in a thrilling high-scoring match against Australia in Visakhapatnam. India could not defend their massive total of 330 runs as Australia pulled off the highest-ever successful run chase in Women's ODI history.

China wins BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships

China beat Indonesia to win the Suhandinata Cup for the 15th time. China beat the defending champions 45-30, 45-44 in the final in Guwahati.

Rajputana Royals win first ever Archery Premier League title

The Rajputana Royals were victorious at the climax of the inaugural season of the Archery Premier League in New Delhi, defeating the Prithviraaj Yodhas 5-4 after a shoot-off.

India Beat West Indies By 7 Wickets In Second Test

India defeated West Indies by 7 wickets in the second Test Match at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. With this victory, India registered a big clean sweep over the West Indies with 2-0.

Ahmedabad to host 2030 Commonwealth Games

India is set to hold the Commonwealth Games (CWG) in 2030 with Ahmedabad as the venue for the centenary edition of the event.

2025 Para Powerlifting World Championships: India's Joby Mathew Wins Bronze

India's para powerlifter Joby Mathew has won a bronze medal at the Para Powerlifting World Championships 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.

Manipur wins '30th Senior Women's National Football Championship

In Football, Manipur won the 30th Senior Women's National Football Championship – Rajmata Jijabai Trophy by defeating West Bengal 1-0 in the final match at the RKM Ashrama Ground in Narainpur, Chhattisgarh.

5th Khelo India University Games to Be Held Across 7 Cities in Rajasthan

The fifth Khelo India University Games (KIUG) will be held in 7 cities of Rajasthan from November 24. The host cities are Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota and Bharatpur.

Jyothi Surekha Creates History with Archery World Cup Bronze

Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Archery World Cup Final, securing bronze in Nanjing, China.

Zoravar Singh Sandhu wins Bronze at ISSF Shotgun Worlds 2025

Indian shooter Zoravar Singh Sandhu etched his name in history by winning the bronze medal in men's trap at the ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2025 held in Athens, Greece.

India Secures Silver at Sultan of Johor Cup 2025

Team India claimed the silver medal after a close 2-1 defeat to Australia in the Sultan of Johor Cup 2025 final held in Malaysia.

Tanvi Sharma Wins Silver at BWF World Junior Championships 2025

India's Tanvi Sharma secured the silver medal at the BWF World Junior Championships 2025, finishing runner-up in the girls' singles final.

US Grand Prix 2025: Verstappen wins,

Red Bull's Max Verstappen raced to his third victory in four races at the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix, while McLaren's Lando

Goa CM Pramod Sawant Unveils Official Logo and Anthem for FIDE

Goa's Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant has launched the official logo and anthem of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025. The official anthem, sung by popular singer Daler Mehndi, titled 'It's Your Move'.

4th South Asian Athletics Championship 2025 held in Ranchi

The 4th South Asian (SAAF) Athletics Championship 2025 was held from 24th of this month in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Neeraj Chopra Conferred Honorary Lt Colonel Rank in Territorial Army

Two time Olympic medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army.

Shantha Rangaswamy named Indian Cricketers Association president

Shantha Rangaswamy, former captain of the India women's cricket team, has been elected president of the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA).

Abhinav Bindra selected as torchbearer for Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics

Shooter Abhinav Bindra, India's first-ever individual Olympic gold medallist, has been selected as a torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics Torch Relay.

U-23 Wrestling World Championships: Vishvajit More Wins Bronze

In the Under-23 Wrestling World Championship, Indian Greco-Roman wrestler Vishvajit More won the bronze medal in the 55 kg category.

SAAF Senior Athletics, Ranchi: India Bags 14 Medals

Hosts India won a total of fourteen medals including five gold, six silver and three bronze on the opening day of the 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Senior Athletics Championships in Ranchi.

Asian Youth Games 2025: India wins Double Gold in Kabaddi

India completed a dominant kabaddi double at the 2025 Asian Youth Games in Bahrain, with both Under-18 teams winning gold while remaining unbeaten.

India Wins Two Silvers as Hansika and Sarika Shine

India delivered a strong performance at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Serbia, securing two silver medals through Hansika Lamba and Sarika Malik.

Virat Kohli Becomes Second-Highest Run-Getter in ODI History

Virat Kohli surpassed Kumar Sangakkara to become the second-highest run-scorer in ODI cricket, scoring an unbeaten 74 against Australia at the SCG. Kohli now has 14,255 runs from 305 matches, trailing only Sachin Tendulkar's 18,426 in 463 games.

Mexico City Grand Prix: Lando Norris wins

Lando Norris has reclaimed the championship lead from teammate Oscar Piastri by winning in Mexico City to snap a five-race losing streak, creating a tense final push for the Formula 1 title.

Priteesmita Bhoi Sets World Record, Wins Gold

Indian lifter Priteesmita Bhoi has established a new Youth World Record at the Asian Youth Games in Bahrain. Competing in the girls' 44kg event, she successfully lifted 92kg in the Clean & Jerk.

India wins Two Golds at Badminton Asia U17 & U15 Championships

India swept two gold medals in the girls' singles events at the Badminton Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Championships 2025 in Chengdu, China, with Shaina Manimuthu and Diksha Sudhakar winning their respective age groups.

Gukesh, Divya Deshmukh Win Big at European Chess Club Cup

In Chess, Indian grandmasters Gukesh Dommaraju and Divya Deshmukh starred at the recently held 2025 European Chess Club Cup, winning two gold medal apiece

Badminton: Anders Antonsen beats Popov to win French Open

Anders Antonsen has won the French Open by beating local favorite Christo Popov in the final 21-12, 21-19.

An Se Young collected her third French Open title, defeating Wang Zhi.

India Edge Past Argentina 10-9 to Win KogniVera International Polo Cup

Hosts India edged past Argentina 10-9 in the KogniVera International Polo Cup at the iconic Jaipur Polo Ground in New Delhi. India were led by Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur.

India's Sujeet Kalkal Wins Gold at U-23 World Wrestling Championships

In wrestling, India's Sujeet Kalkal has claimed gold at the Under-23 World Championships. Competing in the men's freestyle 65-kilogram category, Kalkal dominated Uzbekistan's Umidjon Jalolov with a 10-0 win.

Smriti Mandhana Tops Women's ODI Batting

Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana has secured the top spot among batters in the world in Women's ODI rankings. She achieved the rating of 828 points.

Punjab's Namitbir Singh Walia Becomes International Master in Chess

Punjab's Namitbir Singh Walia from Jalandhar has become an International Master (IM) in Chess by securing the fourth overall position at the 3rd Annemasse International Masters Tournament in France, recently.

India Enter Final of ICC Women's ODI World Cup

In the ICC Women's ODI World Cup, India entered into the final, defeating Australia by 5 wickets in a thrilling semifinal match.

Ilamparathi AR becomes India's 90th Chess Grandmaster

Ilamparathi AR became Tamil Nadu state's 35th and overall India's 90th chess Grandmaster. He achieved his final Grandmaster norm at the Bijeljina Open 2025 in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

MISCELLANEOUS

Maldives Becomes First to Eliminate Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, Hep B & Syphilis

The World Health Organization (WHO) has validated the Maldives for eliminating mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of hepatitis B, while maintaining its earlier validation (in 2019) for EMTCT of HIV and syphilis. This makes the Maldives the first country in the world to achieve 'triple elimination'.

UAE Pledges \$10M to Boost Disaster Resilience

The UAE has announced a 10 million US dollars contribution to strengthen community resilience against natural disasters across Asia and the Pacific.

45th GITEX Global Kicks Off in Dubai

The 45th edition of GITEX Global, the world's largest technology and AI showcase, opened at the Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Harbour, featuring over 6,800 exhibitors and 2,000 startups from more than 180 countries.

WHO Flags 3 Adulterated Cough Syrups Manufactured In India

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified three adulterated cough syrups manufactured in India, including the Coldrif cough syrup. It has warned that the identified syrups could cause severe and potentially life-threatening illnesses.

India at 85th rank in the 2025 Henley Passport Index

India has fallen to the 85th rank in the 2025 Henley Passport Index, offering visa-free access to 57 countries. Last year, India's passport was ranked 80th on the list with visa-free travel to 62 destinations. Singapore continues to be the most powerful passport with visa-free access to 193 countries

SpaceX 11th Starship Rocket Successfully Lands In Indian Ocean

Elon Musk's space company SpaceX has launched its 11th Starship rocket from Texas, which successfully landed in the Indian Ocean. This was the last test flight of the current version.

India Elected Co-Chair of UN-GGIM Asia-Pacific Committee

India has been elected as Co-Chair of the Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) for a three-year term till 2028.

391 million hectares of world's tropical forest at high risk of loss: UN report

Tropical forests comprising 391 million of the world's total 1.6 billion hectares forestland are at high risk of loss, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a new report.

Global Village Dubai Kicks Off 30th Season

Global Village, Dubai's flagship multicultural entertainment destination, opened its milestone 30th season with a vibrant celebration that lit up the night sky with performances and fireworks.

Slovenian Town of Bled Named World's Best Tourism Village 2025 by UN

The United Nations Tourism Agency has named Bled, a scenic Slovenian town, among the Best Tourism Villages 2025, honoring its dedication to sustainable and community-driven tourism.

Chandrayaan-2 Records First-Ever Effects of Solar Eruptions on the Moon

In a historic scientific milestone, ISRO announced that Chandrayaan-2's orbiter has made the first-ever observation of the Sun's Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) affecting the Moon's exosphere.

India overtakes China to become third most powerful Air force in the world,

According to the latest rankings by the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA), the Indian Air Force (IAF) has now become the third most powerful air force in the world, moving ahead of China. The United States Air Force continues to hold the top spot, followed by Russia in second place.

India Rises to 9th Position Globally in Total Forest Area: FAO Report

India has achieved a significant milestone in global environmental conservation, moving up to the 9th position in terms of total forest area globally. It was revealed in the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025, released by the FAO. Russia(832.6 million hectares) had the highest forest area globally, followed by Brazil.

IUCN Adopts Historic Motion on Global Soil Security

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has adopted Motion 007 on Soil Security Law, marking the first time that a global conservation body formally recognised soil security as central to food systems, water supply, biodiversity protection, and climate resilience.

Pakistan: Lahore Tops World Pollution Charts with AQI of 424

Lahore has ranked as the world's most polluted city for the past three days, with air quality plummeting to hazardous levels as smog blanketed the city and the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) hit 412, prompting health warnings and a province-wide crackdown on pollution sources

Historic Asia Pacific Cities Summit Opens in Dubai

More than 15,000 urban leaders, policymakers, and innovators from over 600 cities worldwide have converged Expo city Dubai as the 2025 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum officially opened, marking a historic first for the event in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia region.

Elon Musk's xAI launches AI-powered Grokipedia

Elon Musk's AI company xAI has rolled out an AI-powered online knowledge database Grokipedia, that is being pitched as a Wikipedia replacement.

Palau hosts world's first live underwater interview to raise ocean awareness

Palau, a Pacific island nation has successfully hosted the world's first-ever live underwater interview. In a bid to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the ocean, President of Palau Surangel Whipps Jr, has conducted the interview with Estonian Olympic swimmer and activist Merle Liivand.

India Launches National Red List Roadmap to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation

India has unveiled its National Red List Roadmap and Vision 2025-2030 at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025, marking a significant milestone in establishing a comprehensive framework for species assessment and conservation.

Global Research shows 54% of 2023 heatwave deaths caused by Climate Change

More than one lakh deaths during the 2023 heatwaves were linked to human-induced climate change, according to a new global study led by Australia.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 Begins Nationwide with Theme "Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility"

The Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 is being observed across the country from October 27 to promote probity in public life and achieve a corruption-free society. The theme of the week is "Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility".

11th World Green Economy Summit Kicks Off in Dubai

The 11th World Green Economy Summit (WGES) began in Dubai at the World Trade Centre, with over 3,300 participants from 30+ countries. Held under the theme "Innovating for Impact: Accelerating the Future of the Green Economy".

California Declares Diwali a State Holiday

California has officially recognised the Diwali festival as a state holiday. It has now become the third state in the United States of America, after Pennsylvania and Connecticut, which declare Diwali as a state holiday.

IUCN and IRENA Sign MoU to Promote Renewable Energy

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) signed a MoU to Promote Renewable Energy at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi.

Armenia Joins IUCN as Newest Member

Armenia has become the newest State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), announced during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi.

Climate Change Poses Greatest Threat to Natural World Heritage Sites: IUCN

Climate change has emerged as the single greatest threat to the world's natural World Heritage sites, affecting nearly half of them, according to the IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4 released at the IUCN Congress in Abu Dhabi.

International Day of Non-Violence: 2nd October

The world observes the International Day of Non-Violence to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. In June 2007, the UNGA has adopted a resolution recognizing non-violence as a universal principle, promoting global peace and tolerance, with support from over 140 countries.

World Animal Day 2025: October 4

World Animal Day 2025, observed on October 4, marks the 100th anniversary of the global movement advocating animal rights, welfare, and compassion. The theme this year, "Save Animals, Save the Planet!",

World Teachers' Day: 5th October

World Teachers' Day is observed annually on 5 October to honour teachers worldwide. The 2025 theme, "Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession",

World Mental Health Day: 10th October

World Mental Health Day, observed on 10 October, aims to raise global awareness about mental health issues and mobilize efforts to improve mental well-being.

International Day of the Girl Child: 11th October

International Day of the Girl Child, observed on 11 October, aims to highlight and address the challenges girls face globally while promoting their empowerment and human rights.

World Observes International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 13

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is being observed on October 13 globally. The theme for this year is "Fund Resilience, Not Disasters".

Police Commemoration Day observed on October 21

To honour the ever lasting memory of gallant Policemen, who have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, October 21 every year is observed as 'Commemoration Day' by the Police forces all over India.

UN Day observed on October 24

United Nations (UN) Day is observed annually on October 24th to commemorate the 1945 entry into force of the UN Charter.

Indian Army Celebrates 79th Infantry Day Honouring 1947 Kashmir Operation

The Indian Army is celebrating the 79th Infantry Day on 27th October. The day is observed as a remembrance of the first military event of independent India, when the Indian Army repelled the first attack on Indian soil on 27th October, 1947, in the Kashmir valley.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day observed annually on October 31

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, also known as National Unity Day, is observed every year on October 31, honours Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy in unifying India, promoting unity in diversity amid ongoing national challenges.