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INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi Meets World Leaders at SCO Summit in Tianjin

On the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the world leaders including Presidents of Maldives, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Belarus and the Prime Ministers of Egypt, and Nepal.

UNSC To End Peacekeeping Operations In Lebanon

The UN Security Council has decided to end the peacekeeping operations in Lebanon, in which nearly one thousand Indian troops are deployed.

SCO 'strongly condemns' Pahalgam attack in Tianjin declaration

The member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) unequivocally condemned the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack on India, extended condolences to the victims, and called for justice against those responsible.

At least 1,000 killed in Sudan landslide

A landslide has killed at least 1,000 people in the remote Marra Mountains in western Sudan. Many residents from North Darfur state had sought refuge in the Marra Mountains region.

Earthquake in Eastern Afghanistan Kills Over 1,400

The death toll from the powerful earthquake that struck eastern Afghanistan has crossed 1,400, with thousands injured as rescue operations continue.

China Unveils Advanced Military Technology in Beijing Parade

In a historic first, China has publicly unveiled some of its most advanced military technology, including hypersonic missiles, electronic warfare systems, and unmanned combat platforms, during a massive military parade in central Beijing.

S.Korea Pledges \$350 Billion Investment in Strategic U.S. Industries

South Korea's pledge to invest \$350 billion in strategic U.S. industries as part of a trade deal with Washington is likely to be led by state policy institutions that will provide funding on a case-by-case basis.

Nepal : Several dead as Gen Z protests turn violent

In Nepal, the death toll from the Gen Z protests against corruption and the government's social media ban has climbed to 19, while more than 340 people have been injured across the country in clashes between protesters and police. The protest erupted following a nationwide ban on unregistered social media platforms.

Nepal Withdraws Ban on Social Media After Violent Youth Protests

The Nepal government has withdrawn its earlier decision to ban social media sites after violent protests by youths that left at least 19 people dead and over 300 injured.

Norway's Labour Party wins the 2025 elections.

The Norwegian Labour Party has won the parliamentary election and will remain in power for another four years. After counting about 99% of the votes, the Labour Party won 89 seats in Parliament, while the opposition right-wing bloc had 80 seats.

Sri Lanka passes bill abolishing special privileges to former Presidents

Sri Lanka's Supreme Court has cleared a bill that seeks to abolish special privileges enjoyed by former presidents. The legislation, titled the Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Bill, repeals the 1986 Act under which ex-presidents and their widows received state-funded housing, transport, staff and secretarial allowances.

India Votes in Favour of UN Resolution Backing Two-State Solution for Palestine

India has voted in favour of a resolution in the UN General Assembly that endorses the 'New York Declaration' on the peaceful settlement of the Palestine issue and implementation of the two-state solution. The resolution was introduced by France.

US President Trump Urges NATO to Stop Russian Oil Purchases

US President Donald Trump has called on all NATO countries to halt purchases of Russian oil, while warning of 50–100% tariffs on China due to its ties with Russia. He stated that the tariffs would be lifted once the Ukraine war ends.

U.S., South Korea, Japan open joint air and naval exercise

The United States, South Korea and Japan opened an air and naval exercise named "Freedom Edge" off a South Korean island on September 15, 2025.

North Korea declares nuclear statehood 'enshrined permanently'

North Korea has stated that its status as a nuclear-armed state is "permanently enshrined" in its law and "irreversible", condemning the United States for demanding its denuclearisation.

UK and US Announce Major Nuclear Power Deals

The governments of the UK and the US have announced a wide-ranging series of nuclear power deals in which multiple leading US-based companies will build projects overseas. As part of the nuclear renaissance, the deals are specifically designed to accelerate advanced reactor deployment and reduce reliance on Russian nuclear fuel.

Russia, Belarus conduct tactical nuclear launch drills

Russia has practised launching cruise missiles over the Barents Sea during joint military exercises with Belarus codenamed Zapad (West). About 7,000 soldiers, including 6,000 Belarusians, have participated in the exercises held in Belarus and Russia.

Israel launches ground assault on Gaza City

Thousands of Palestinians are fleeing Gaza City as Israel launches a ground invasion, escalating the conflict in one of the world's most densely populated regions.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia Sign Strategic Defence Deal

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have signed a major defence pact named "Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement" under which any aggression against either country shall be considered as an act of aggression against both.

Trump signs proclamation imposing \$1,00,000 fee for H-1B visa applications

U.S., President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation that will raise the fee for H-1B visas to a staggering \$1,00,000 annually, the latest in the administration's efforts to crack down on immigration.

Nations ratify the world's first treaty to protect international waters

The High Seas Treaty, a major agreement to protect marine diversity in the high seas was struck on September 19, 2025 when Morocco became the 60th nation to sign on, paving the way for the treaty to take effect next year.

US Vetoes UN Security Council Resolution Calling for Gaza Ceasefire

The US has, for the sixth time has vetoed a draft resolution at the United Nations Security Council that would have demanded an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the release of hostages.

Pakistan says its nuclear programme can be made available to Saudi Arabia

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said his country's nuclear capabilities could be extended to Saudi Arabia under a new mutual defence pact, marking the first time that Islamabad has openly acknowledged placing the kingdom under its nuclear umbrella.

India, Canada NSAs Hold Talks to Strengthen Security Cooperation

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met his Canadian counterpart, Nathalie Drouin, in New Delhi to discuss enhancing bilateral security cooperation. Both sides acknowledged growing momentum to rebuild trust and expand collaboration at the highest political levels.

Australia, Canada and U.K. formally recognise Palestinian statehood

Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia have announced to formally recognise the State of Palestine, days after the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution calling for a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

Trilateral meeting of AU, EU, UN reiterates support for multilateralism

Leaders of the African Union (AU), the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) met at the UN Headquarters in New York. The three organisations reiterating support for multilateralism as the most effective way to address today's challenges, condemned the rising number of instances of lack of respect for international law,

French head formally announces to recognise the State of Palestine

French President Emmanuel Macron has formally announced to recognise the State of Palestine at the 80th United Nations General Assembly session in New York.

Pakistani Air Force conducts airstrike in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 30 killed

The Pakistani Air Force has conducted an airstrike in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, killing 30 people, including women and children.

High-level Debate of 80th Session of UN General Assembly begins

The high-level Debate of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly was held in New York.. This year's theme is "Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights.

7th Future Food Forum 2025 opened in Dubai

The 7th Future Food Forum 2025 was held in Dubai, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to explore pathways for advancing food security, trade, and innovation across the Global South.

Super Typhoon Ragasa wreaks havoc across South-East Asia

Super Typhoon Ragasa has wreaked havoc in Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and South China, causing severe flooding and destruction of infrastructure. 17 people died and 18 were injured in Taiwan due to Typhoon Ragasa.

Trump Signs Order Approving TikTok Deal

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order approving a deal that could keep TikTok alive in the U.S, easing national security concerns and paving the way for American ownership of the popular app. TikTok's Chinese parent company will retain only a minority stake, while U.S. investors are set to hold about 80 per cent under a new joint venture.

US President Announces New Tariffs on Imported Drugs, Trucks, and Furniture

President Donald Trump has announced a new wave of tariffs, including a 100 per cent tax on imported branded drugs unless the company builds manufacturing plants in the US. He also unveiled a 25 per cent tariff on heavy-duty trucks and a 50 per cent levy on kitchen and bathroom cabinets to shield American industries from what he calls a "flooding" of foreign products.

Russia reiterates its support for India's bid for a permanent seat in UNSC

Russia has reiterated its support for India's bid for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). At the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov emphasised the need for reform in the UNSC to reflect the current global landscape.

US President, Israeli PM Announce Proposal for Gaza Ceasefire

United States President Donald Trump has announced a ceasefire plan for the conflict in Gaza, after meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The peace plan included that Gaza will be a de-radicalised, terror-free zone that does not pose a threat to its neighbours and will be redeveloped for the benefit of the people of Gaza, who have suffered more than enough.

Nepal Imposes Travel Ban on Former PM KP Sharma Oli

Nepal has imposed travel bans on ousted Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli as part of an investigation into deadly protest, which killed at least 73 people earlier this month.

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Indian Army tests combat readiness in Arunachal Pradesh

The Indian Army has conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the high-altitude Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing its preparedness for next-generation warfare in extreme Himalayan conditions.

Over 7,000 CBI graft cases await trial in courts: CVC

According to the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), as many as 7,072 corruption cases probed by the CBI were pending trial in different courts, with 379 of them for over 20 years.

Centre tweaks norms on tree plantation-based green credits

In a new set of rules, the Union Environment Ministry will now award green credits generated for tree plantation under the Green Credit Programme (GCP) only after five years, based on a minimum canopy density of 40 per cent and tree survival.

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

The Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMC), a company promoted by NHAI has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank, to implement country's first comprehensive Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza in Gujarat on NH-48.

OpenAI plans India data centre

ChatGPT parent OpenAI is scouting for local partners to set up a data centre in India with at least 1 gigawatt capacity.

Centre launches advanced biomanufacturing hubs

The Centre has launched a network of advanced biomanufacturing hubs to scale up the country's bioeconomy and accelerate innovation across diverse sectors. The High- Performance Bio manufacturing Platforms, an initiative of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

Home Ministry Reiterates Passport and Visa Exemption for Nepal, Bhutan Citizens

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has clarified that citizens of Nepal and Bhutan entering India by land or air will continue to be exempted from furnishing passports or visas, as per earlier practice. The exemption was notified under the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 2025.

APEDA Launches BHARATI to Support Agri-Food Startups, Aims \$50 Billion Exports by 2030

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has launched a new initiative called BHARATI – Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement – to accelerate India's agri-food exports.

Textiles Minister Launches Kapas Kisan App

Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh today launched the Kapas Kisan App, designed to streamline cotton procurement under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme.

Indian Navy's first training squadron docks in Seychelles

Indian Navy ships INS Tir, INS Shardul, and Indian Coast Guard ship ICGS Sarathi, comprising the First Training Squadron (1TS), have arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, as part of their long-range training deployment in the South-West Indian Ocean Region.

India, Thailand Armies begin joint exercise in Meghalaya
The 14th edition of the India–Thailand joint military exercise, MAITREE-XIV, commenced with a ceremonial opening at the Joint Training Node, Umroi in Meghalaya. The exercise was held from September 1 to 14.

India's first indigenous 32-bit microprocessor Vikram chip, unveiled

India has built its first space-grade computer chip for rockets, called Vikram 3201. It is the country's first indigenous 32-bit microprocessor designed to survive the extreme conditions of space launches. The chip was designed by ISRO Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and made at the government's Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh.

Governors cannot sit over Bills endlessly, say Supreme Court judges

Three of the five judges on the Presidential Reference Bench have orally observed, along with the States of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, that Governors cannot sit endlessly over Bills placed before them for assent.

Govt ensures co-existence of Anganwadis & schools for complete child care

Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi launched the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools.

India, Singapore Deepen Defence Tech Cooperation in AI, Quantum Computing, and Unmanned Vessels

India and Singapore have agreed to deepen defence technology cooperation in emerging areas such as Quantum Computing, AI, Automation and Unmanned Vessels.

Modi, Wong inaugurate Phase Two of Mumbai container terminal project

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Singapore counterpart Lawrence Wong virtually inaugurated Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal Phase-2 (PSA Mumbai Phase-2) developed by Singapore's PSA International at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) in Navi Mumbai.

INS Trikand reaches Egypt to join multilateral drill Bright Star 2025

Indian naval stealth frigate INS Trikand arrived at Alexandria in Egypt as part of her operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. The warship took part in Exercise Bright Star 2025, a major multilateral drill hosted by Egypt from September 1 to 10.

IIT-Madras secures top spot in NIRF Rankings 2025

IIT-Madras and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru have bagged the first and second positions in the overall National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking for 2025. IIT Madras also topped the Engineering institutions category.

Among Universities, IISc Bangalore retained its top spot for the tenth year in a row.

Meanwhile, the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, topped the Management institutions category.

Further, AIIMS, Delhi, topped the Medical category.

While in the Law institutions category, the first rank was achieved by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

DPIIT signs MoU with Pfizer Limited to strengthen India's healthcare innovation ecosystem

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) signed a MoU with Pfizer Limited. The collaboration will accelerate the lab-to-market journey of innovative healthcare products by extending financial and non-financial support to startups.

Cabinet approves Incentive Scheme to promote Critical Mineral Recycling

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved One thousand 500 crore rupees Incentive Scheme to develop recycling capacity in the country for the separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources.

Mansukh Mandaviya Launches Indigenous Chemical Reference Material to Boost Anti-Doping Tests

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched an indigenous Chemical Reference Material. Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM) for Anti-Doping Analysis at the 22nd Governing Body Meeting of the National Dope Testing Laboratory, NDTL, in New Delhi.

India Emerges as Technology Powerhouse at SEMICON India 2025

SEMICON India 2025, which showcased India's Rising Role in the Global Semiconductor Ecosystem, has been concluded successfully. The three-day event brought together over 350 exhibiting companies and participants from 48 countries and regions.

Sarbananda Sonowal Inaugurates Green Hydrogen Project at Tuticorin Port, Tamil Nadu

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated the green hydrogen pilot plant at V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.

India, Israel Sign Bilateral Investment Agreement

India and Israel have signed a bilateral investment agreement in New Delhi. The agreement is expected to boost investments, provide greater certainty and protection for investors, and facilitate the growth of trade and mutual investments by ensuring an independent dispute resolution mechanism through arbitration.

PM Modi Launches 'Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan on the 17th of this month. The initiative aims to strengthen healthcare services for women and children across the country, ensuring better access, quality care, and awareness.

PM Modi announces financial assistance of 1600 cr to flood-affected Punjab

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a financial assistance of 1600 crore rupees for the flood affected Punjab in addition to 12,000 crore rupees already in the state's kitty. There will be an advance release of the second instalment of SDRF and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

PM Modi announces financial assistance of 1,500 cr for flood hit Himachal Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced an immediate financial assistance package of ₹1,500 crore for flood-hit Himachal Pradesh, along with an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh for the families of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured.

India Launches World's First Digital Tribal University 'Adi Sanskriti'

Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey has launched, world's first Digital Tribal University- Adi Sanskriti, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The platform integrates three major components: Adi Vishwavidyalaya (Digital Tribal Art Academy), Adi Sampada (Socio-Cultural Repository), & Adi Haat (Online marketplace).

ISRO Sign Agreement for Commercialization of SSLV Technology

A technology transfer agreement was signed between NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the transfer of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) technology.

CCEA clears 3,169 crore project to double Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat rail line

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the 177-kilometre-long doubling of the Bhagalpur – Dumka – Rampurhat single railway line Section in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal with a total cost of approximately 3,169 crore rupees.

Union Minister Launches First Overseas Atal Innovation Centre During UAE Visit

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Centre at the IIT Delhi-Abu Dhabi campus during his two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Mizoram to Get First Railway Link after PM Modi Inaugurates Bairabi-Sairang Link

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth over 9 thousand crore rupees at Aizawl in Mizoram. He inaugurated the Bairabi-Sairang New Railway line, which has been constructed at a cost of over 8 thousand crore rupees.

COAS General Upendra Dwivedi Launches Book 'Operation Sindoor'

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi launched a book titled Operation Sindoor: The Untold Story of India's Deep Strikes Inside Pakistan, authored by Retd. Lt. Gen. KJS Dhillion, in New Delhi.

PM Modi Launches Gyan Bharatam Portal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal, a dedicated digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access. Mr Modi said, India has the world's largest collection of about one crore manuscripts.

Indian Navy Commissions INS Aravali in Gurugram

Indian Navy has commissioned INS Aravali at commissioning ceremony in Gurugram in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi. The new base would not only be a hub of technology but also of collaboration which will link platforms and partners across the oceans.

AI-based mental health program 'Never Alone' launched at AIIMS Delhi

AIIMS, New Delhi, has launched an AI-based mental health and wellness program called "Never Alone" to tackle student suicides and improve mental health awareness.

India International Tea Conference held in Kochi

The United Planers Association of Southern India and the Tea Board India have organized the eighth edition of India International Tea Convention in Kochi from September 18 to 20. The theme this year will be "Innovating the Tea Ecosystem for Tomorrow".

AIIMS Becomes First Govt Medical College in India to Train on da Vinci Robotic System

AIIMS New Delhi has inaugurated the advanced da Vinci Surgical Robot at its Skills, E-Learning and Telemedicine (SET) Facility, marking a significant milestone in robotic surgery training in India. This is the first installation of the da Vinci system for training at a government medical college in the country.

PM Modi Inaugurates India's First Bamboo-Based Bio-Ethanol Plant in Assam's Golaghat

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Golaghat district, Assam. He also laid the foundation stone for a polypropylene plant in Assam's Golaghat district.

PM Modi Launches 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar' Campaign

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 16-day nationwide health camp Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan along with the 8th Poshan Maah on September 17. Under this initiative, more than one lakh health camps will be organised, making this the largest ever health outreach for women and children in the country.

SC Refuses To Stay Waqf Law

The Supreme Court of India has refused to stay the Waqf law but put on hold certain provisions of the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025. The clause requiring a person to be a practising Muslim for five years before dedicating property as Waqf has been stayed.

INS Nistar Joins Multinational Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 in Singapore

Indian Navy's latest indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Vessel (DSV) INS Nistar is participating in the multinational Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 in Singapore. The biennial exercise will witness the participation of more than 40 nations.

India adds 7 new sites to UNESCO's tentative World Heritage list

Seven new sites from across India have been added to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites, taking India's total to 69 properties under consideration. With these addition, the Tentative List now features 49 cultural sites, 17 natural sites, and three mixed sites.

9th Edition of Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 Kicks Off

The 9th edition of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025 began across the nation. The campaign will culminate on 2nd October on Gandhi Jayanti. The 15-day campaign aims to mobilise millions across the nation in a collective call to action for high-impact swachhata drives.

NITI Aayog launches, AI for Viksit Bharat Roadmap and NITI Frontier Tech Repository

NITI Aayog has launched two transformative initiatives, AI for Viksit Bharat Roadmap: Opportunity for Accelerated Economic Growth and NITI Frontier Tech Repository under its Frontier Tech Hub.

India to Set Up 500 Data Labs

Information and Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that the Central government will establish over 500 data labs nationwide as part of the India AI Mission. The labs will be located in a diverse set of districts, including in the North East.

MNRE Launches National Geothermal Energy Policy

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched the National Policy on Geothermal Energy. The Policy will encourage research, inter-ministerial collaboration, and adoption of global best practices for geothermal energy development.

India Post And BSNL Sign MoU to Boost Mobile Connectivity in Rural Areas

Department of Posts (DoP) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have signed an MoU in New Delhi to expand BSNL's mobile connectivity across India.

Ministry of Finance sets 30th September as deadline for switching to Unified Pension Scheme

The Ministry of Finance has announced 30th September as the last day to switch to the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) from the National Pension System (NPS) for eligible Central Government employees and past retirees.

EC delists 474 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties

The Election Commission has de-listed 474 registered unrecognised political parties for flouting norms. The decision was taken after they failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for six years continuously, since 2019.

Piyush Goyal Unveils Report on India's Logistics Costs

Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Assessment of Logistics Cost in India report in New Delhi, providing a detailed framework on logistics costs across different transport modes, product categories, and firm sizes.

India Signs 15-Year ISA Contract to Explore Polymetallic Sulphides in Indian Ocean

Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India has signed a 15-year contract with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for exclusive exploration of Polymetallic Sulphides (PMS) in the Carlsberg Ridge of the Indian Ocean.

First Indian Defence Manufacturing Plant in Africa Launched in Morocco

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit Morocco to inaugurate Tata Advanced Systems Maroc's new facility in Berrechid, producing Wheeled Armoured Platforms. This marks the first-ever Indian defence manufacturing plant in Africa.

BIRC 2025 to Be Held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
The Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) 2025 will take place on 30th and 31st October at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Recognized as the world's largest rice event, the conference will bring together farmers, global buyers, and key stakeholders from the rice industry.

Hindi film 'Homebound' named India's official entry for Oscars

Hindi film 'Homebound' has been chosen as India's official entry for the 2026 Academy Awards in the Best International Feature category, chairperson of the selection committee N.Chandra said.

Centre Unveils the Logo and Key Flagship Initiatives for the India-AI Impact Summit 2026

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has unveiled the logo and key flagship initiatives for the India-AI Impact Summit 2026. Being hosted for the first time by a Global South nation, the Summit is guided by the principles or Sutras of People, Planet, and Progress.

The official logo's identity is the Ashoka Chakra

VP C P Radhakrishnan Releases Compiled Books on PM Modi's Speeches

Vice President C P Radhakrishnan has released two compiled books on the speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi titled Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishvas Sabka Prayas in New Delhi.

India, Morocco sign MoU on defence cooperation in Rabat
India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Morocco's Defence Minister Abdelatif Loudiyi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation in Rabat.

Centre announces 25 lakh additional LPG connections under PM Ujjwala yojana on Navratri

The central government has decided to provide 25 lakh additional LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana during the current Financial Year.

India's first overseas defence manufacturing facility inaugurated in Berrechid, Morocco

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh & his Moroccan counterpart Abdelatif Loudiyi has jointly inaugurated Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) defence manufacturing facility in Berrechid, Morocco. This is the Kingdom of Morocco's largest defence manufacturing facility, marking the first such plant by an Indian private company in Africa.

IAF to retire iconic MiG-21

The Indian Air Force officially retire its legendary MiG-21 fighter jets on September 26, marking the end of nearly six decades of service for the aircraft widely hailed as the "workhorse" of India's air defence.

World Food India 2025 held in New Delhi

World Food India 2025 event was organised from 25th to 28th of September at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. New Zealand and Saudi Arabia are partner countries of the World Food India 2025, and focus countries are Russia, UAE, Japan and Vietnam.

Agnikul Cosmos launches new 3D printing facility for rockets in Chennai

India's space-tech player Agnikul Cosmos has launched the first-of-its-kind additive manufacturing facility in Chennai. The Large Format Additive Metal Manufacturing (LFAMM) Unit is dedicated to aerospace and rocket systems.

Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest govt-funded health assurance scheme, completes 7 years

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana completes seven years on September 23. Launched in September 2018 from Ranchi, it is the world's largest government-funded health assurance scheme.

India successfully tests Intermediate Range Agni-Prime Missile from rail-based Mobile launcher system

India has carried out the successful launch of the Intermediate Range Agni-Prime Missile from a rail-based Mobile launcher system. This next-generation missile is designed to cover a range of up to 2000 kilometres and is equipped with various advanced features.

Centre approves extension of General Anil Chauhan's tenure as Chief of Defence Staff

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension of service of General Anil Chauhan as the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who shall also function as Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Affairs, up to 30th May 2026, or until further orders.

Nagaland University Faculty Among World's Top 2% Scientists

Nagaland University, NU, has earned international recognition as four of its faculty members have been named in the prestigious 'World's Top 2 per cent Scientists List'. Compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier, the list recognises researchers with the highest global impact across 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields.

Cabinet Approves 5,023 MBBS & 5,000 PG Seats in Govt Medical Colleges

Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the third phase of the centrally sponsored scheme to add 5,023 MBBS seats and five thousand PG seats in existing government medical colleges and institutes for 15 thousand 34 crore rupees over the next three years.

Over 2.82 Crore Houses Completed Under PMAY-G

The Central government has stated that more than two crore eighty two lakh houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G). The scheme was launched in 2016 to provide 'Housing for All' in rural areas.

Department of Food and Public Distribution Signs MoU with FCI

Department of Food and Public Distribution signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Food Corporation of India in New Delhi. According to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the MoU aims to set performance parameters and goals to ensure greater efficiency and accountability in food grain management.

Defence Ministry signs deal with HAL for procurement of 97 Tejas jets

Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the procurement of 97 Light Combat Aircraft Mk1A for the Indian Air Force worth over 62 thousand crore rupees.

PM Modi Launches Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Bihar's "Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojna" from New Delhi via video conferencing. As part of the scheme, the Prime Minister will also directly transfer ₹10,000 each into the bank accounts of 75 lakh women across Bihar, totaling ₹7,500 crore.

Indian Air Force and IIT Ropar Sign MoU for Indigenous Technology Development

Indian Air Force (IAF) and IIT Ropar in Punjab have signed a MOU for collaborative developmental projects aimed at supporting the sustenance and operational requirements of India's air power.

FSSAI, Australia's DAFF Sign MoU to Strengthen Cooperation in Food Safety

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the area of Food Safety in New Delhi.

JP Nadda Inaugurates FSSAI Global Food Regulators Summit 2025

Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda has inaugurated the third edition of FSSAI's Global Food Regulators Summit 2025 in New Delhi.

PM Modi Launches 97,500+ 4G Towers with Indigenous Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated over 97,500 new 4G mobile towers across India, including 92,600 towers using fully indigenous technology, under a major drive to expand digital connectivity.

Himachal Pradesh's Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve Added to UNESCO Network

Himachal Pradesh's Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve has been inducted into the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves, as announced at the World Congress of Biosphere Reserves in Hangzhou, China.

First designated a national biosphere reserve in 2009, it is now India's 13th UNESCO-recognised site

Viksit Bharat Run 2025 Organised Globally as Part of Seva Pakhwada

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, successfully organised the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 across over 100 countries as part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada.

Addition of Gokul Jalashay and Udaipur Jheel as Bihar's New Ramsar Sites

Two wetlands from Bihar namely Gokul Jalashaya in Buxar and Udaipur Jheel in West Champaran have received the Ramsar tag, Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav announced. This brings the total to 93 Ramsar Sites, spanning 13,60,719 hectares.

TTD launch India's first AI-integrated command, control centre for pilgrims

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has launched India's first AI-integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at Vaikuntam Queue Complex, alongside a new Pilgrim Amenities Complex (PAC-5) Venkatadri Nilayam.

India's first maritime simulation centre inaugurated at AMET University

India's first Maritime Simulation Centre was inaugurated at AMET Knowledge Park, Maersk's Centre of Excellence near Chennai by Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

India, Bhutan Sign MoU to Establish First Cross-Border Railway Links

India and Bhutan have agreed to establish two cross-border rail links projects at a total outlay of four thousand 33 crore rupees. The Railway Project includes Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse.

Centre Issues Guidelines for Rollout of 72,300 EV Charging Stations

The Centre has issued operational guidelines for the rollout of nearly 72 thousand 300 public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the country under the PM E-DRIVE scheme.

Death Toll Rises to 41 in Karur Stampede

The death toll from Saturday night's stampede at Tamil actor-politician Vijay's rally in Karur rose to 41 on Monday morning.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Zyduz Wellness acquires U.K. based Comfort Click for ₹2,846 crore

Zyduz Wellness Limited (ZWL), has signed a definitive agreement acquiring U.K. based Comfort Click Limited including its three subsidiaries located in Ireland, U.S. and India (CCL) for GBP 239 million (₹2,846 crore).

World Food India 2025 Concludes with 1 Lakh Crore Investment Commitments

World Food India 2025 concluded in New Delhi with investment commitments exceeding one lakh crore rupees, marking one of the largest announcements in India's food processing sector.

Intel amends CHIPS Act deal, gets \$5.7 billion early

Chip maker Intel has amended the CHIPS Act funding deal with the U.S. Department of Commerce to remove earlier project milestones and received about \$5.7 billion in cash sooner than planned.

IDFC First Bank enables GST payment via UPI, cards, net banking

IDFC First Bank has started a facility to pay goods and services tax (GST) for both its customers as well as non-customers. Customers can pay GST through UPI, credit cards, and debit cards and Internet banking and also through nationwide branch network (via DD, cheque or cash).

Gross GST mop-up rises 6.5% to ₹1.86 lakh cr in August

Gross GST collection increased 6.5% to over ₹1.86 lakh crore in August on higher domestic revenues driven by strong domestic consumption ahead of the festive season.

Deutsche Bank puts India retail banking business up for sale

Deutsche Bank is exploring the sale of its Indian retail banking assets and has invited bids from domestic and foreign lenders in the country, making it the latest foreign bank to consider trimming its bets on India.

Japan Post Bank to launch digital yen in 2026

Japan Post Bank said it would launch a digital yen by the end of fiscal 2026 to make it more convenient for its depositors to make digital financial transactions.

Railways sign MoU with SBI

Indian Railways and State Bank of India have signed a MoU for enhanced insurance benefits to railway employees.

CMS Info Systems to replace 1,000 ATMs for India Post Payments Bank

The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has awarded the contract to replace its fleet of 1,000 ATMs and cash dispensers to CMS Info Systems after the bankruptcy of ATM service provider AGS Transact Technologies.

SEBI Introduces New Framework to Monitor Intraday Positions in Index Options

SEBI has introduced a new framework for monitoring intraday positions in equity index derivatives to curb risks arising from large exposures. The move is aimed at ensuring orderly trading while providing predictability and operational clarity for market participants.

GST Council approves two-rate tax slab effective September 22

The 56th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has approved the rationalisation of GST rates, abolishing the 12 per cent and 28 per cent slabs. The new slab structure will come into effect from September 22, the first day of Navaratri.

India, EFTA trade pact to come into force from October 1: Switzerland

The free trade agreement between India and four-European nation bloc EFTA, which will come into force from October 1, will have legally binding provisions on trade and sustainable development, Switzerland said. Under the pact, India has received an investment commitment of \$100 billion in 15 years

RBI clears reappointment of R Gandhi as Yes Bank Chairman till 2027

Yes Bank said the RBI has approved the reappointment of former RBI Deputy Governor R Gandhi as non-executive chairman of the bank. He served as the Deputy Governor of the RBI for three years from 2014 to 2017.

Urban Company's ₹1,900 cr. IPO

Consumer services provider Urban Company Ltd. has fixed a price band of ₹98 to ₹103 per share for its upcoming ₹1,900 crore initial public offering (IPO). Investors can bid for one lot of 145 shares and in multiples of 145 thereafter.

Govt sets up committee to examine tax, export clearance issues of manufacturing sector

The Union Government has set up a committee to examine the tax and export clearance issues being faced by manufacturing units and suggest measures to further streamline the system amid high tariffs imposed by the U.S.

Govt Introduces Digital Hallmarking System for Silver Jewellery with HUID

The central government has introduced voluntary hallmarking for silver jewellery, enhanced by a digital Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID) system for quality assurance, with effect from the first of this month.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week 2025

Axis Bank has announced the launch of Sparsh Week 2025, a landmark initiative that will bring together over 1 lakh employees across its network of 5,868 branches nationwide to strengthen relationships and deliver memorable experiences for customers.

Skechers signs Mohammed Siraj to boost cricket push in India

Multinational footwear company Skechers has roped in India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj as its latest brand ambassador, strengthening its expansion in the country's cricket market.

Amazon completes Axio acquisition, secures access to direct lending business in India

Amazon has finalized its acquisition of Axio, an Indian non-bank lender, securing a direct lending license in India. This move allows Amazon to offer credit products directly on its platform, including checkout loans, and explore new credit solutions for customers and small businesses.

IEPFA Forms Panel to Simplify Low-Value Claim Procedures

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has constituted a committee to review existing procedures and recommend reforms for simplifying documentation in low-value claim cases.

Tamil Nadu second biggest market for small business credit

As per a joint report by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and credit bureau CRIF High Mark, Tamil Nadu is the second biggest market for small business credit, accounting for 9.3% of the national total. Uttar Pradesh is being the largest.

Adani Power, Druk Green Power to set up a 570MW hydro power project in Bhutan

Adani Power Ltd. and Druk Green Power Corp. Ltd. (DGPC), Bhutan's state-owned generation utility, have signed the Shareholders Agreement (SHA) for setting up a 570 MW Wangchhu hydroelectric project in Bhutan.

AMFI Appoints Sundeep Sikka as Chairman

The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) at its 30th Annual General Meeting has elected Sundeep Sikka, Executive Director and CEO of Nippon Life India Asset Management, as chairman.

UPI limit increased to ₹10 lakh within 24 hours for these transactions

Starting September 15, 2025, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) will introduce new rules for Unified Payments Interface (UPI), increasing transaction limits for specific high-value categories. With this update, users can transfer up to ₹10 lakh in 24 hours for verified merchant payments.

Levi's names Alia Bhatt global brand ambassador

Levi's has announced Bollywood superstar Alia Bhatt as its newest Global Brand Ambassador.

Hero MotoCorp names Harshavardhan Chitale as new CEO

Hero MotoCorp, India's largest two-wheeler maker, has named Harshavardhan Chitale, who heads Dutch lighting maker Signify's professional business, as CEO effective Jan. 5, 2026.

PhysicsWallah files updated draft papers with Sebi

Edtech unicorn PhysicsWallah has filed updated draft papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise ₹3,820 crore through an initial public offering (IPO) for expansion and growth initiatives.

PNB signs ₹21,000 cr MoU with Rajasthan govt under Rising Rajasthan initiative

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed a MoU with the Rajasthan government to extend ₹21,000 crore in financial support under the state's Rising Rajasthan initiative.

India unveils UPI–UPU integration at Universal Postal Congress in Dubai

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, has unveiled the UPI–UPU Integration project at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai.

NSE appoints former IFSCA chief Injeti Srinivas as chairman

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has appointed Injeti Srinivas, former chairman of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), as its chairman effective from September 9.

Jio Financial Services, Allianz of Germany forge alliance to set up reinsurance business

Jio Financial Services and Allianz have established 'Allianz Jio Reinsurance Ltd' to operate a reinsurance business in India, with each holding a 50% stake.

Govt extends Ajay Kumar Srivastava's tenure as IOB MD & CEO

The Central Government has extended Ajay Kumar Srivastava's tenure as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for about 21 months with effect from January 01, 2026.

SWIFT wants to speed up cross-border transactions

International payments platform SWIFT is engaging with the finance ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to push banks to accelerate cross-border transactions.

HCL inducts Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director

HCLTech has announced the appointment of Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director with effect from September 8, 2025. His appointment is for a 5-year term, ending on September 7, 2030.

UPI crosses 20 billion transactions in August, records ₹24.85 lakh crore value

According to data released by NPCI, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has crossed 20 billion monthly transactions for the first time in August 2025. The total transaction value stood at ₹24.85 lakh crore.

SEBI Eases Delisting Rules for PSUs with 90% Government Stake

SEBI has put in place simplified rules for voluntary delisting of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity. These rules will not apply to banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and insurance companies, even if the government holding crosses the 90% mark.

Musk Loses World's Richest Title to Larry Ellison

Elon Musk has lost his title as the world's richest person to Larry Ellison, the co-founder of Oracle and an ally of US President Donald Trump. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Ellison's wealth surged to 393 billion dollars, surpassing Musk's 385 billion dollars on September 10.

IDBI Bank moves NCLT against Zee Entertainment

IDBI Bank has filed a fresh plea in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) seeking insolvency against media and entertainment firm ZEE.

Bank credit flow to touch ₹19 to 20.5 trillion in FY26

According to a report by rating agency ICRA, Indian banks incremental credit to grow by ₹19 trillion to 20.5 trillion, translating into a year-on-year growth of 10.4-11.3 per cent.

PhonePe signs pact with SIDBI

PhonePe will work with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and the Small Industries Development Bank of India, to register more small merchants with the Udyam facility, and thereby open up more avenues for credit and availing government schemes.

Retail Inflation Inches Up to 2.07% in August

India's retail inflation inched up to 2.07 per cent in August, marking an increase of 46 basis point as compared to the upwardly revised figure of 1.61 percent in July.

Infosys approves share buyback worth \$2 billion

India's top IT services provider Infosys has approved a share buyback worth 180 billion rupees (\$2.04 billion), its largest ever, the company said.

FSIB selects Ravi Ranjan for SBI MD position

FSIB, the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, has recommended Ravi Ranjan for the position of managing director of State Bank of India (SBI).

DFS Organises PSB Manthan 2025 in Gurugram

The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, successfully organised PSB Manthan 2025, a two-day programme that concluded in Gurugram, Haryana.

Centre re-opens application window for PLI scheme for white goods

The Centre has re-opened the application window for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for white goods citing market growth and growing industry confidence following the success of earlier rounds of the PLI scheme.

Australia's ANZ bank admits 'unconscionable conduct' in bond trading

Australia and New Zealand Banking (ANZ) Group has admitted to "unconscionable conduct" in its bond trading services and agreed to pay A\$240 million (\$159.5 million) in penalties to resolve multiple investigations.

Adani Power to invest \$3 billion to set up 2400 MW power project in Bihar

Adani Power will set up a 2,400 MW ultra super-critical power plant in Bihar at an investment of \$3 billion (around ₹26,482 crore).

India's WPI Inflation Rises to 0.52% in August

The annual rate of inflation based on the All India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number edged up to 0.52 per cent for August.

Satya Srinivas appointed India's ED at ADB

The Government of India has announced the appointment of L Satya Srinivas, special secretary in the commerce ministry, as the executive director, India, at the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Nine NBFCs surrender certificate of registration: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India has said nine Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), including PhonePe Technology Services and Aditya Birla Finance, have surrendered their certificate of registration due to various reasons.

RRBs to get NABARD's centralised digital lending platform

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is putting in place a Centralised Digital Credit Infrastructure (CDCI) for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to give them an edge when it comes to competing with non-banking finance companies and microfinance institutions.

Unemployment Rate Among Males Drops to 5% in August

The unemployment rate among male of age 15 years and above has declined to five percent in August this year. According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey.

India's Agriculture Growth at 3.7% – Highest in the World: Union Minister

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said, with the hard work of farmers and scientists and the policies of the government, agriculture in the country is growing at 3.7 percent, the highest in the world.

UCO Bank gets approval to work with sanctioned refiner Nayara

Indian lender UCO Bank has received government approval to facilitate trade payments for Nayara Energy Ltd, nearly two months after the refiner was sanctioned by the EU and subsequently shunned by large financial institutions.

Google-parent Alphabet hits \$3 trillion in market capitalisation for first time

Google-parent Alphabet hit a market capitalisation of \$3 trillion for the first time on September 15 riding on renewed optimism around artificial intelligence and a favourable antitrust ruling.

U.S. Federal Reserve cuts interest rate by 0.25 points

The US Federal Reserve cut its key interest rate by a quarter point. The move is the Fed's first cut since December and lowered its short-term rate to about 4.1%, down from 4.3%.

SBI divests 13.18% stake in Yes Bank

State Bank of India has announced the completion of the divestment of about 13.18% stake in Yes Bank to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation of Japan for ₹8,888.97 crore.

Finance Ministry's financial inclusion push sees 61 lakh new bank accounts

In the last 2.5 months, the Ministry of Finance has opened more than 61 lakh new bank accounts, and has created more than 2.6 crore fresh enrolments in its three flagship insurance schemes as a part of its three-month Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign.

RBI Issues Revised Guidelines for PAs

The RBI has issued revised guidelines for payment aggregators (PAs) to bolster consumer protection and combat fraud. Under the updated framework, PAs that facilitate customer payments to merchants via various physical or virtual channels must implement a board-approved dispute resolution policy clearly defining the timelines for processing refunds, ensuring prompt and transparent redressal of payment-related grievances.

Bima Sugam entity's website launched

Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF), the entity that will steer electronic marketplace Bima Sugam mooted by insurance regulator IRDAI, has launched its official website.

Simple Energy makes country's first rare earth free motors

IPO-bound electric scooter maker Simple Energy has become India's first original equipment manufacturer to commercially produce heavy rare earth-free motors for electric vehicles at its Hosur, Tamil Nadu production facility.

Finance Ministry notifies new Central GST tax rates

The Union Finance Ministry has notified new Central GST (CGST) tax rates for goods, which will be effective from September 22, 2025. States will now have to follow suit and notify the State GST (SGST) rates to be levied on goods and services beginning from September 22, 2025.

India to Remain Fastest-Growing Major Economy at 6.5%: S&P

According to S&P Global, India's economy will continue to remain the fastest growing among the major economies despite the global headwinds. It stated that the GDP of the country continues to grow 6.5 per cent this fiscal.

Google, PayPal partner to roll out AI-powered solutions across platforms

Google and PayPal have announced a strategic partnership aimed at integrating artificial intelligence solutions across PayPal's platforms.

Rolls-Royce expands India innovation footprint by opening a new facility Bengaluru

Rolls-Royce, the global power systems company specialising in aerospace and defence engines, has announced the opening of its newly expanded Global Capability and Innovation Centre in Bengaluru.

Bandhan Bank completes divestment in Yes Bank

Bandhan Bank has divested 15,39,34,975 equity shares of Yes Bank Ltd. to Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) for a consideration of about Rs 331 crore.

RBI forms panel to strengthen stakeholder engagement in regulatory process

The Reserve Bank of India has formed an independent panel with an objective to strengthen the stakeholder engagement in the regulatory process and leverage industry expertise on a continued basis. The independent Advisory Group on Regulation (AGR) has been formed with State Bank of India Managing Director Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh will chair the AGR.

IMF Chief Proposes Daniel Katz as First Deputy Managing Director

Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has proposed the appointment of Daniel Katz as First Deputy Managing Director, effective October 6, 2025.

DBS Bank India authorised as Agency Bank for GST payments
DBS Bank India has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an Agency Bank to collect Goods and Services Tax (GST) payments — making it the only wholly-owned subsidiary in India to receive this approval from the RBI.

Japanese Agency R&I Upgrades India's Sovereign Rating to BBB+

India's Sovereign Rating has been upgraded to BBB plus rating by a Japanese credit rating agency namely 'Rating and Investment Information (R&I)'. BBB plus rating indicates stability.

RBI grants PhonePe final approval to operate as payment aggregator

Fintech major PhonePe has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator. With this, the company joins a list of over 50 firms that have obtained a full licence from the RBI.

Core sector growth hits 13-month high of 6.3% in August
India's eight key infrastructure sectors' growth has jumped to a 13-month high of 6.3% in August 2025 on account of expansion in coal, steel, and cement production.

Public sector banks outpace private lenders with double-digit advances in 15 years

According to a Systematix Group report, for the first time since March 2010, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have reported double-digit growth in advances at 12.2 per cent year-on-year in FY25, surpassing Private Sector Banks' (PVBs) growth of 9.5 per cent. PSBs held a dominant 74.9 per cent market share of advances in March 2011, which steadily deteriorated to 51.8 per cent by March 2024.

Maharashtra tops India's wealth map with 1.78 lakh millionaire households

According to the Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025, Maharashtra has established itself as the nation's leading hub of wealth creation, ranking first with 1,78,600 millionaire households, a 194 per cent growth since 2021. Delhi stands second on the list with 79,800 millionaire households

Japan's SMBC, becomes largest stakeholder in Yes Bank
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan has acquired an additional 4.22 per cent stake in Yes bank. With the acquisition, SMBC's stake in Yes Bank has increased from 20 per cent to 24.22 per cent. SMBC has become Yes Bank's largest shareholder, while SBI continues to hold a significant stake of over 10 per cent.

Centre, ADB sign \$125 million loan to boost urban livability and climate resilience in Assam

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a 125 million dollar loan agreement to enhance urban liveability and bolster climate resilience in six district headquarters and Guwahati, in the State of Assam.

Oracle appoints Clay Magouyrk, Mike Sicilia as co-CEOs
Software enterprise company Oracle has named insiders Clay Magouyrk and Mike Sicilia as co-CEOs, replacing Safra Catz,

16 states in revenue surplus, UP tops list: CAG

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India released a report on state finances. The report stated that 16 states recorded a revenue surplus while 12 reported a revenue deficit in 2022-23. Uttar Pradesh posted the highest revenue surplus of ₹37,000 crore

Andhra Pradesh recorded the largest revenue deficit at ₹43,488 crore

PESB recommends B Sairam as next Coal India Chief
Government headhunter Public Enterprises Selection Board, PESB has recommended B Sairam, the current CMD of Northern Coalfields Ltd, as the next Chairman of coal behemoth Coal India Limited.

BoB introduces person-to-person eRUPI vouchers for secure digital gifting

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched eRUPI Person-to-Person (P2P) digital gifting feature on its bob ₹ Pay UPI app. Powered by National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI), e-RUPI is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment.

Jio Payments Bank launches 'Savings Pro' offering up to 6.5 pc interest rate

Jio Payments Bank, a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL), has announced the launch of 'Savings Pro', that enables customers to earn up to 6.5 per cent from idle surplus funds in their bank account.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman launches Goods and Services Appellate Tribunal

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Goods and Services Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in New Delhi. The new body is expected to play an important role in resolving GST disputes fairly, quickly, and consistently across the country.

OECD Raises India's 2025 GDP Forecast to 6.7%

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its latest 'World Economic Outlook' has raised India's GDP growth forecast by 40 basis points (bps) to 6.7 per cent in 2025 from its earlier projection of 6.3 per cent in June.

India may raise foreign investment limit in PSU banks
Indian government is considering an increase in the foreign investment limit in public sector banks (PSBs) from the current 20%, as it looks to strengthen them into institutions that can raise capital easily.

Nvidia to invest \$100 billion in OpenAI

Nvidia will invest up to \$100 billion in OpenAI and supply it with data centre chips, marking a tie-up between two of the highest-profile players in the global artificial intelligence race.

Cabinet approves ₹69,725 crore package to revitalise shipbuilding, maritime ecosystem

The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹69,725 crore package to revitalise India's shipbuilding and reduce dependence on foreign ships as part of the government's plan to regain the country's maritime power.

RBI mandates tougher authentication process for digital transactions

RBI has mandated introduction of additional risk-based checks beyond the minimum two-factor authentication by leveraging upon technological advancements. the RBI issued Reserve Bank of India (Authentication Mechanisms for Digital Payment Transactions) Directions, 2025 which will come into force from April 1, 2026.

Outward remittances under LRS dips 11% in July

Outward remittances by resident individuals under the Reserve Bank of India's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) were almost 11% lower year on year in July at \$2452.93 million on the back of a decline towards travel as well as studies abroad.

UPI now accepted in Qatar

NPCI International Payments Ltd, in partnership with Qatar National Bank, has enabled the acceptance of QR code-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) across Qatar via point-of-sale terminals for merchants acquired by QNB and powered by NETSTARS' payment solution.

Virat Kohli tops India's most valuable celebrity brand at \$231 million: Kroll

According to Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2024, the combined brand value of India's top 25 celebrities has hit the \$2 billion mark, up 8.6% from last year. Leading the pack yet again is cricketer Virat Kohli, whose brand is now valued at a staggering \$231.1 million, cementing his dominance as the country's most bankable face.

Anand Piramal appointed as Chairman of Piramal Finance

Anand Piramal has been appointed the chairman of Piramal Finance, the non-banking finance arm of the diversified business group. He replaces his father, Ajay Piramal.

RBI streamlines norms for claims settlement related to deceased bank customers

The RBI had issued revised norms for the settlement of claims on deceased customers' bank accounts and lockers within a 15-day timeframe and prescribed compensation to nominees for delays in the settlement. The revised instructions are aimed at streamlining the divergent practices followed by banks in the settlement of claims in respect of deceased customers.

NBFCs grab a bigger personal loan share amid bank caution
According to data from credit bureau CRIF and brokerage house Nomura, NBFCs' share in new personal loan originations by value rose to 41% as of June 2025 from 27% two years earlier.

HDFC Bank Barred from Onboarding New Clients at Dubai Branch

HDFC Bank has been barred from onboarding new customers at its Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) branch by the local regulator, DFSA.

RBI sets central govt's Ways, Means Advances limit at ₹50,000 cr for 2nd half of FY26

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has said the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the central government for the second half of the financial year 2025-26 will be 50,000 crore rupees.

IndusInd Bank accounting lapses since 2015: Ex-CFO flags ₹2,000 cr losses

IndusInd Bank faces scrutiny over accounting irregularities dating back to 2015. Former CFO Gobind Jain blew the whistle, alleging senior management awareness and insider trading. He repeatedly urged an external audit before his resignation.

India's Industrial Production Rises 4% in August

India's industrial production growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood up at four per cent on an annual basis, in August this year.

Centre appoints S.C. Murmu as RBI Deputy Governor

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Shishir Chandra Murmu, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the post of Deputy Governor, RBI for a period of three years. He will be taking over the new role on October 9, 2025.

Moody's Ratings Affirm India's Stable Outlook

Moody's Ratings has affirmed India's long-term local and foreign-currency issuer ratings at Baa3 with a stable outlook, citing improving fiscal metrics and resilient growth prospects.

Sidbi net profit rises by 19.5% to record high of ₹4,811 cr in FY25

Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi)'s net profit rose by 19.5 % to hit an all-time high of ₹4,811 crore in the 2024-25 financial year. It had earned a net profit of ₹4,026 crore in the previous financial year.

Bank of Baroda gets IFSCA nod to operate as Trading-Cum-Clearing Member on IIBX

Bank of Baroda has received an approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate as a Trading-Cum-Clearing Member (TCM) on the India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX), at GIFT City. As a TCM, the bank will execute, clear and settle trades, thereby boosting liquidity and efficiency in India's bullion market.

AWARDS

India's Educate Girls NGO wins Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025

An Indian non-profit organisation, 'Foundation to Educate Girls Globally', dedicated to mobilize community and government resources for girls' education in rural and educationally disadvantaged areas of India, has been named a 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee.

Other 2025 winners include Shaahina Ali from the Maldives for her environmental work and Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva from the Philippines.

Anuparna Roy Wins Best Director Award at Venice Film Festival

Indian filmmaker Anuparna Roy has won the Best Director Award in the Orizzonti section of the 82nd Venice Film Festival, becoming the only Indian winner at this edition. The Orizzonti section focuses on new and independent films. Her acclaimed film "Songs of Forgotten Trees"

Indore tops Swachh Vayu Survey 2025

According to the latest 'Swachh Vayu Survekshan' (Clean Air Survey) for 2025, Indore has been ranked as the top-performing million-plus-population city in India for implementing measures to combat air pollution.

Jabalpur, also in Madhya Pradesh, secured the second position, while Agra and Surat shared the third spot.

Manmohan Singh Posthumously Honoured With PV Narasimha Rao Award For Economic Contributions

Late former Prime Minister and renowned economist Dr Manmohan Singh has been posthumously conferred the P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics for his contributions to India's economic transformation and nation-building.

Emmy Awards 2025

The 77th Primetime Emmy Awards were held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

Winners

Best Drama Series- The Pitt

Best Comedy Series- The Studio

Best Limited or Anthology Series- Adolescence

Lead Actor in a Drama Series- Noah Wyle – The Pitt

Lead Actress in a Drama Series- Britt Lower, Severance

Lead Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series- Stephen Graham – Adolescence

Lead Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series- Cristin Milioti – The Penguin

Lead Actress In A Comedy Series- Jean Smart, Hacks

Mohanlal to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023

Legendary actor, director, and producer Mohanlal was conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023 for his remarkable contribution to Indian cinema. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is presented by the Government to recognize outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Indian cinema.

2025 Ballon d'Or Winners list

The Ballon d'Or 2025 award ceremony was held at the Châtelet Theatre in Paris. French forward Ousmane Dembele headlined the 69th edition of the iconic Ballon d'Or award.

Spain and Barcelona midfielder Aitana Bonmati has made history by becoming the first player to win the women's Ballon d'Or three times.

Award winners

Men's Ballon d'Or 2025: Ousmane Dembele

Women's Ballon d'Or 2025: Aitana Bonmati

Men's Club of the Year: PSG

Women's Club of the Year: Arsenal

Men's Coach of the Year: Luis Enrique

Women's Coach of the Year: Sarina Wiegman

Men's striker of the Year - Viktor Gyokeres

Women's striker of the Year - Ewa Pajor

Men's goalkeeper of the Year - Gianluigi Donnarumma

Women's goalkeeper of the Year - Hannah Hampton

Best male young player - Lamine Yamal

Best female young player - Vicky Lopez

Socrates Award - The Xana Foundation

British PM Keir Starmer gets 'Living Bridge' honour

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has been awarded a 'Living Bridge' honour for his role in championing closer bilateral relations and clinching the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

National Geoscience Awards 2024

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has presented the National Geoscience Awards-2024 for outstanding contributions in the field of Geoscience. This year, 20 eminent geoscientists were honoured with 12 awards under three categories, which include National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement (01 award), National Young Geoscientist Award (01 award) and National Geoscience Awards (10 awards across various fields of geosciences).

The National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement 2024 was conferred on Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai, Senior Scientist, INSA and Visiting Professor, IISER Pune.

The National Young Geoscientist Award 2024 was presented to Shri Susobhan Neogi, Senior Geologist, Geological Survey of India.

**PERSONS IN NEWS
(National and International)**

Anutin Charnvirakul

Thailand's parliament has elected business tycoon Anutin Charnvirakul as the country's new prime minister, making him the third leader in just two years. Anutin succeeds Paetongtarn Shinawatra, who was removed from office by the Constitutional Court over ethical violations related to her handling of the border dispute with Cambodia.

PM Shigeru Ishiba

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has decided to resign in order to prevent a split within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). The announcement marks a sharp turn for Ishiba, who had only weeks ago denied reports that he planned to step down following the coalition's electoral setback.

Ajay Seth

Ajay Seth has assumed charge as chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India after the top regulatory office had remained vacant for five months. A 1987-batch IAS officer of the Karnataka cadre He succeeds Debashis Panda, whose term ended on March 13.

Ravi Kumar S

Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S. has been named to the 2025 TIME 100 AI list, recognizing his leadership in enterprise AI. This prestigious recognition highlights Kumar's visionary leadership and contributions to the field of enterprise AI.

Abhishek Singh

Abhishek Singh, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, has also been featured in the TIME100 AI 2025 list. Singh has dedicated three decades to the public service. Today, he finds himself at the centre of India's boldest technological push: leading as the Director General of the National Informatics Centre NIC and CEO of IndiaAI Mission.

TCA Kalyani

The Union government has appointed TCA Kalyani, a 1991-batch officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Service, as the country's new Controller General of Accounts.

Deepak Mittal

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed Dr. Deepak Mittal, a 1998-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, as India's next Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He will succeed Sunjay Sudhir, who is set to retire in September.

S.N. Pradhan

Former Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau and the National Disaster Response Force, S.N. Pradhan, has been appointed the global Chief Executive Officer and chief mentor of the non-profit CyberPeace Foundation. CyberPeace Foundation is a non-profit civil society initiative and think tank advancing digital trust, online safety, and cyber resilience.

Irfaan Ali

Guyana's President Irfaan Ali has been re-elected for a second term, after a vote that gave his party a mandate to manage the South American nation's newfound oil riches amid a territorial dispute with Venezuela.

Andrew Holness

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness has won a rare third term in office after his Labour Party sailed to victory in election. The Labour Party had won 34 seats, beating the opposition People's National Party (PNP), which secured 29 seats.

KP Sharma Oli

Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli has resigned amid widespread violent protests across the country. Oli's resignation came after hundreds of demonstrators entered his office shouting anti-government slogans.

Francois Bayro

France's Prime Minister Francois Bayrou has lost a confidence vote in Parliament, hours after warning that the country was facing life-threatening debt, deepening a political crisis and handing President Emmanuel Macron the task of finding a fifth prime minister in less than two years.

Thaksin Shinawatra

Thailand's Supreme Court has ordered former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to serve one year in prison, ruling that he illegally avoided jail time by staying in a private hospital instead of a prison cell.

C P Radhakrishnan

NDA candidate and Maharashtra Governor C.P Radhakrishnan was elected as the 15th Vice-President of India. He defeated I.N.D.I.A. bloc candidate and former Supreme Court Judge B.Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes.

Rodrigo Duterte

Former Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte has been charged with crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court (ICC). He was President of the Philippines from 2016 to 2022. He is accused of being responsible for dozens of killings linked to his controversial war on drugs, during which thousands of people were killed without trial.

Navinchandra Ramgoolam

Prime Minister of Mauritius Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam and his spouse Veena Ramgoolam was on an eight-day visit to India. This was the first overseas bilateral visit of Prime Minister Ramgoolam to India in his present term.

Nicolas Sarkozy

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy has been sentenced to five years in jail after being found guilty of criminal conspiracy. The case was related to millions of euros of illicit funds from the late Libyan leader Col Muammar Gaddafi.

Sebastien Lecornu

French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed Sebastien Lecornu, the current Defence Minister and long-time ally, as France's new prime minister. Lecornu is now the fourth prime minister in barely a year.

Sushila Karki

Former Chief Justice of Nepal Sushila Karki took the oath as Prime Minister of the interim government of Nepal, becoming the first woman to lead the country. Ms Karki is also the country's first female Chief Justice and was widely praised for her integrity.

Mutharika

Former President Peter Mutharika has been declared the winner of Malawi's election, ousting incumbent Lazarus Chakera to return as leader of one of Africa's poorest countries. Mr. Mutharika, who was President from 2014-2020, won 56% of the vote.

Jair Bolsonaro

Brazil's former president Jair Bolsonaro has been sentenced to more than 27 years in prison for plotting a military coup and seeking to destroy the country's democracy.

Farida Parveen

Bangladesh has lost one of its most celebrated voices in folk music, as legendary singer Farida Parveen, revered as the "Queen of Lalon Geeti," passed away at the age of 70.

D.D. Lapang

Four-time Meghalaya Chief Minister Donwa Dethwelson Lapang passed away at a hospital in Shillong. He was 93. He went on to serve as the chief minister of the northeastern state on four occasions between 1992 and 2010.

Robert Redford

Hollywood actor-director Robert Redford passed away at the age of 89 at his home in Utah, Western United States. He won an Oscar for directing 'Ordinary People' in 1980 and received an honorary lifetime achievement Oscar in 2002.

Zubeen Garg

Celebrated Assamese singer and cultural icon Zubeen Garg lost his life in Singapore after a scuba diving accident. Zubeen Garg came to limelight in Bollywood with the song "Ya Ali" from the 2006 film Gangster. He recorded more than 38,000 songs in 40 languages.

Dickie Bird

Legendary umpire Harold Dickie Bird of England passed away in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England. Dickie umpired in 66 Tests, 69 One-day Internationals, and seven Women's ODIs during an international career spanning from 1973 to 1996.

Dr S. L. Bhyrappa

Renowned Kannada writer Dr S L Bhyrappa passed away in Bengaluru. A prolific writer, Bhyrappa wrote over 25 novels that drew public debate and intellectual discourse due to their themes and thought-provoking narratives. He is the recipient of the highest recognition, including the Padma Bhushan in 2023 and the Saraswati Samman in 2010.

Giorgio Armani

Italian fashion designer and billionaire brand owner Giorgio Armani has died at the age of 91. His company Armani expanded from fashion into an empire spanning beauty, fragrance, music, sport and even luxury hotels, bringing in more than 2 billion Euros a year.

Charlie Kirk

Charlie Kirk, the conservative political activist and co-founder of Turning Point USA, was killed after being shot at an event at Utah Valley University. Kirk, an influential ally of President Trump, was known for holding open-air debates on campuses across the country.

Sankarshan Thakur

Senior journalist and editor of The Telegraph, Sankarshan Thakur, passed away in Gurugram. He was 63. Mr Thakur also held several editorial positions at various English dailies, including The Indian Express, Tehelka and The Telegraph.

SPORTS

Satwik-Chirag claim bronze at the BWF World Championships
Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty signed off with a bronze medal after going down fighting to China's 11th seeds Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi in the men's doubles semifinals of the World Championships.

BWF World Championships: Shi wins first world title, Yamaguchi takes women's crown

Shi Yuqi of China beat Thai reigning champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the men's singles badminton world championship final, while Japan's Akane Yamaguchi beat Chen Yufei of China in the women's showpiece.

F1: PIASTRI wins Dutch Grand Prix

McLaren's Oscar Piastri has claimed victory at the Dutch Formula One Grand Prix 2025. It was Piastri's sixth Grand Prix victory of the season.

India to Send First-Ever National Team to Pickleball World Cup

For the first time, India will send an official national pickleball contingent to the Pickleball World Cup, scheduled to take place in Florida, USA, from October 27 to November 2, under the sanction of the Global Pickleball Federation.

New Delhi to Host Badminton World Championships 2026 After 17 Years

New Delhi will host the Badminton World Championships in August next year. The announcement was made by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) during the closing ceremony of the 2025 Championships in Paris.

Pranav Venkatesh Wins Fujairah Global Superstars Chess Title

World Junior Champion Pranav Venkatesh clinched the Fujairah Global Superstars Chess Tournament in the UAE. He sealed the title with a commanding victory over Spain's Alan Pichot in the final round.

Mitchell Starc Retires from T20 Internationals

Australia's Mitchell Starc has announced his retirement from T20 international cricket. Starc, who debuted in 2012 against Pakistan, played 65 T20Is and picked up 79 wickets at an economy rate of 7.74, making him Australia's second-highest wicket-taker in the format.

World Boxing Championships 2025 held Liverpool

The World Boxing Championships, 2025, was held from September 4 in Liverpool, England. India fielded a strong 20-member contingent at the inaugural edition of the Championship.

Amit Mishra bids adieu to cricket

Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra has officially announced his retirement from all professional cricket. He played 22 Tests, 36 ODIs, and 10 T20Is, taking a combined total of 156 international wickets.

US Open 2025: Aryna Sabalenka Defends Women's Singles Title

World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka has successfully defended her crown at the US Open, winning the Women's Singles title with a commanding straight-sets victory over Amanda Anisimova.

Carlos Alcaraz Wins Second US Open Title

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz has won his second U.S. Open men's singles title by defeating Jannik Sinner and reclaiming the No. 1 ranking in Men's Tennis.

Yusha Nafees, Rudra Singh wins U-19 Titles at Indian Junior Open Squash in Jaipur

Yusha Nafees and Rudra Singh emerged champions in the under-19 categories of the Indian Junior Open Squash Championships held in Jaipur.

India beat Korea 4-1 to lift Asia Cup Hockey title

In the Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship, India won their fourth title by a convincing 4-1 win over South Korea in an exciting final at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar.

India Wins Historic Men's Compound Archery Gold

India's men's compound archery team made history by winning its first-ever gold medal at the World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, edging France 235-233 in a thrilling final.

India wins Bronze in CAFA Nations Cup 2025

India defeated Oman to finish third in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 at Hisor Central Stadium in Tajikistan to win the bronze medal.

Golf: McIlroy wins Irish Open play-off

Rory McIlroy held his nerve to win the Irish Open in a dramatic play-off and claim his first victory since completing the career Grand Slam at the Masters in April.

Max Verstappen claims victory at Italian Grand Prix

Max Verstappen won the Italian Grand Prix 2025. Red Bull's Verstappen held off Lando Norris and championship leader Oscar Piastri after setting the fastest lap in F1 history when taking top spot on the grid.

India announces 16-Member squad for Women's Blind T20 World Cup

India has announced a 16-member squad for the first-ever Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind. The tournament, scheduled from November 11-25, comprises 21 league matches and two semi-finals will be played in New Delhi and Bengaluru.

20th World Athletics Championships Kicks Off in Tokyo

The 20th World Athletics Championships was held in Tokyo, Japan. The championship continued till the 18th of this September.

Jaismine Lamboria Wins Historic Gold at World Boxing Championships 2025

India's Jaismine Lamboria created history by winning the gold medal in the women's 57kg category at the World Boxing Championships 2025 in Liverpool, United Kingdom.

India Finish Runners-Up in Women's Hockey Asia Cup

In the Women's Hockey Asia Cup championship, India finished as runners-up after a 1-4 defeat to China. In the final at Hangzhou, China, Navneet Kaur was the lone scorer for India.

Hong Kong Open, Badminton: Lakshya Sen Falls to Li Shi Feng

In badminton, Indian ace Lakshya Sen went down to Chinese shuttler Li Shi Feng in the final of the men's singles event in the Hong Kong Open as China completed a clean sweep of all the events in the tournament.

China became the first country in the open era to complete a clean sweep of all the events in a tournament.

World Boxing Championships 2025: Minakshi Hooda, wins Gold

India's Minakshi Hooda has won a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships 2025. Minakshi Hooda defeated Nazym Kyzaibay in the 48 kg category.

Amit Shah Inaugurates India's Largest Sports Complex in Ahmedabad

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated India's largest and most modern sports complex at Naranpura, Ahmedabad. Built at a cost of 825 crore rupees.

World Athletics Championships 2025: Seville claims 100m title

Oblique Seville becomes the first Jamaican man to win a global 100m title at the World Athletics Championships 2025 since athletics icon Usain Bolt.

Anandkumar Velkumar Wins Country's First-Ever Senior Medal At Speed Skating World Championships
India's Anandkumar Velkumar has made history by winning country's first-ever senior medal at the Speed Skating World Championships, claiming bronze in the 500m+ D sprint.

Vaishali Wins FIDE Grand Swiss tournament

Vaishali Rameshbabu has won the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament 2025 for the second time in as many editions, sealing her victory with a final-round draw against former Women's World Champion Tan Zhongyi in Uzbekistan.

World Athletics Championships 2025: Melissa Jefferson-Wooden wins 100m title

USA's Melissa Jefferson-Wooden has won the 100m title at the World Athletics Championships after she ran the race in 10.61 seconds, the second-biggest winning margin in World Championships history.

Atiqa Mir becomes first woman to win UAE karting race in Minimax category

Indian racing's 10-year-old prodigy Atiqa Mir has created history by becoming the first woman in UAE karting to win a race in the Minimax category.

Anish Giri winner at FIDE Grand Swiss

GM Anish Giri has defeated GM Hans Niemann to become a clear champion of FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 Open. Giri scored an unbeaten 8/11, performed at 2838 and finished a half point ahead of the rest.

Anandkumar Velkumar Wins India's First-Ever Gold at Speed Skating World Championships

Anandkumar Velkumar has won India's first-ever gold medal at the Speed Skating World Championships in China. He won the senior men's 1000m sprint title with a timing of 1:24.924s, becoming the first Indian World Champion in speed skating.

Sarvesh Kushare Becomes First Indian High Jumper to Reach World Championships Final

Sarvesh Kushare becomes the first Indian high jumper to reach the finals at the World Athletics Championships. In Tokyo, he cleared the mark of 2.25m to finish in the top 12 of the men's high jump qualification round. This is his maiden entry in the final.

Apollo Tyres named new sponsor for Indian cricket team after Dream11 exit

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has confirmed that Apollo Tyres will be the new jersey sponsor of the Indian cricket team, securing the rights until 2028.

Smriti Mandhana reclaims No. 1 spot in ICC Women's ODI batting rankings

Team India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has reclaimed the top spot in the latest ICC Women's Cricket ODI batting rankings.

Spinner Varun Chakaravarthy Becomes World No.1 Bowler In T20I

Spinner Varun Chakaravarthy has become the World No one bowler in the ICC T20 international rankings. He became the third Indian bowler to achieve this feat, after Jasprit Bumrah and Ravi Bishnoi.

Central Zone wins the Duleep Trophy

Central Zone overcame some tense moments to defeat South Zone by six wickets and win the Duleep Trophy after an 11-year hiatus.

Jerome Boateng, German World Cup winner, announces retirement

Former Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng, a World Cup winner with Germany in 2014, has announced his retirement from professional football.

Fatima becomes Bihar's first Woman FIDE Master

Mariam Fatima from Bihar has achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the state's first Woman FIDE Master (WFM).

China Masters 2025: Satwik-Chirag pair finishes runner-up

Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty finished runner-up at a BWF World Tour event for the second week in a row, losing to World No. 1 Kim Won-ho and Seo Seung-jae in the China Masters Super 750's final in Shenzhen.

Italy outclasses USA to seal third consecutive Billie Jean King Cup title

Italy has successfully defended its Billie Jean King Cup with a 2-0 victory over record 18-time champion, the United States, taking its own tally in the premier women's team competition to six titles.

Anandkumar bags gold in 42km marathon at world speed skating championships

India's Anandkumar Velkumar has won gold in the men's 42km marathon and made history at the 2025 World Speed Skating Championships in China. Earlier, he has won two golds and a bronze. It is his third medal at the ongoing event.

Azerbaijan Grand Prix: Verstappen wins

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2025 from pole position. George Russell finished second for Mercedes, which moved up to second place and 333 points behind McLaren. Carlos Sainz finished third for Williams's first podium of the season.

China Para Badminton International 2025: Pramod Bhagat wins gold

India's Pramod Bhagat made a golden comeback after 18 months, clinching the men's singles SL3 gold medal. In Men's Doubles, he paired with Sukant Kadam and secured silver. Krishna Nagar also added to India's tally with a silver medal in the Men's Singles SH6 event.

Laver Cup 2025: Team World secures third title

Taylor Fritz has delivered the decisive blow at the Laver Cup by beating Alexander Zverev 6-3, 7-6(4) as Team World completed a 15-9 win over Team Europe to reclaim the men's team competition title in San Francisco.

Divya Deshmukh awarded wild card entry for upcoming FIDE World Cup 2025

FIDE Women's World Cup champion, Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh, has been awarded a wild card entry for the upcoming FIDE World Cup 2025. The competition is scheduled to take place in Goa from 31st October.

ICC Suspends USA Cricket Membership Over Governance Failures

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has suspended the ICC membership status of USA Cricket. The decision was taken after USA Cricket's repeated and continued breaches of its obligations as an ICC Member under its Constitution.

ISSF Junior World Cup Kicks Off in New Delhi

The ISSF Junior World Cup kicked off in New Delhi. The next generation of shooting talent across 15 Olympic events and 2 non-Olympic events will be competing in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun will be held at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range till October 2.

India Clinches First-Ever International Futsal Win,

In the AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, India recorded their first-ever international futsal victory as they overpowered Mongolia 3-0 in the last Group A clash at Ardiya.

Atiqa becomes first Indian to crack COFTA top four

India's racing prodigy Atiqa Mir came agonisingly close to a historic podium, finishing a superb fourth in Round 4.1 of the Champions of the Future Ac Academy (COFTA) karting series at the Slovakia Karting Centre.

ISSF Junior World Cup: India's Jonathan Gavin Antony Wins Gold

India's 16-year-old Jonathan Gavin Antony stole the spotlight on Day 2 of the ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi, delivering a flawless performance to win the men's 10m air pistol title.

FIFA Unveils Trio of Mascots for 2026 World Cup: Clutch, Zayu, and Maple

FIFA has officially unveiled the mascots for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The trio of mascots — Clutch, a bald eagle for the U.S.; Zayu, a jaguar for Mexico; and Maple, a moose for Canada — were introduced in a global announcement.

India Clinches 7th SAFF U17 Football Title with 4-1 Win Over Bangladesh

India lifted their seventh SAFF U17 Championship title after defeating Bangladesh 4-1 in a penalty shootout at Colombo's Racecourse International Stadium.

India Shines at Para World Archery: 7 Medals, Historic Golds for Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar

India delivered a historic performance at the Para World Archery Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, clinching seven medals. Sheetal Devi scripted history by becoming the first woman armless archer to win world championship gold in the compound individual section and Toman Kumar replicated the title run in the corresponding men's event.

India Wins Asia Cup for 9th time

India beat Pakistan by five wickets to win their ninth Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, UAE. The victory extended India's perfect record against Pakistan in this tournament, having defeated them in all three encounters, including group stage and Super Four matches.

Anushka Thokur wins Second Gold at ISSF Junior World Cup

India's Anushka Thokur won gold in the women's 50-meter rifle 3-positions event at the ISSF Junior World Cup today at the Dr. Karni Singh Range in Delhi. This was Thokur's second gold in the competition, following her earlier win in the 50-meter rifle prone event.

Ryder Cup 2025: Europe retains trophy

Team Europe withstood an incredible final-day fightback from the United States to win the Ryder Cup with a dramatic 15-13 victory at Bethpage Black.

BCCI Names Mithun Manhas as Its 37th President

Former Delhi captain Mithun Manhas has been elected as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) during its Annual General Meeting.

Para Athletics Worlds: Rinku wins javelin gold

Rinku Hooda has claimed his first world title with a stunning performance in the men's F46 javelin throw at the World Para Athletics Championships 2025 in New Delhi.

Marc Marquez wins seventh MotoGP world championship

Marc Marquez has claimed his seventh MotoGP world championship and his first since 2019 after finishing second at the Japan grand prix, with Francesco Bagnaia winning the race.

Women's ODI World Cup 2025 Begins in Guwahati

The ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 kicked off with the opening match between hosts India and Sri Lanka at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati.

The 2025 Women's World Cup is the 13th edition of the 50-over cricket tournament featuring 8.

MISCELLANEOUS

Global Innovation Index 2025: India has risen to 38th position

India has risen to 38th position among 139 positions compared to 81st position ten years ago—in the World Intellectual Property Organisation's Global Innovation Index 2025. Switzerland tops the Global Innovation Index (GII) for a 15th consecutive year. Sweden and the United States of America retain their 2nd and 3rd positions for the third year in a row.

21st Edition of India-US Joint Exercise held in Alaska

An Indian Army contingent has reached Alaska in the USA at Fort Wainwright and participated in the 21st edition of the India-US Joint Military Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2025.

India Announces 1,000 E-Scholarships for Afghan Students (2025-26)

India has announced 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan nationals under the Special Scholarship Scheme for Afghan Nationals (SSSAN) for the academic year 2025-26. The scheme will be implemented through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) via the e-VidyaBharati (e-VB) i-learn portal.

14th International Government Communication Forum opens in Sharjah

The 14th International Government Communication Forum (IGCF 2025) was held in Sharjah under the patronage of Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, bringing together 237 speakers from around the world across more than 110 sessions.

44th SCO RATS Council Meeting Held in Kyrgyz Republic

The 44th meeting of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, RATS of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, SCO was held at Cholpon Ata in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Albania Appoints World's First AI-Generated Minister to Fight Corruption

European nation Albania has appointed the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated government minister 'Diella' with a goal to make the nation corruption free.

Japan's Centenarian Population Hits Record 99,763

Japan's centenarian population hit a new record of over 99,000. Data released by the government showed persons aged 100 or above rose for the 55th straight year to a record 99,763, an increase of 4,644 from the previous year.

SAJEX 2025: Saudi Arabia Hosts First-Ever B2B Jewellery Expo in Jeddah

The Saudi Arabia Jewellery Exposition (SAJEX) 2025, the first international business-to-business jewellery exhibition of its kind in the Kingdom was held at the Jeddah Superdome following its inauguration.

Sharjah hosted 18th World Congress on Inclusion' in 2025

Sharjah hosted the 18th edition of Inclusion International's World Congress 2025 from September 15 to 17 at its Expo Centre. The event, being held for the first time in the MENA region.

IAEA's 69th General Conference Opens in Vienna

The 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) opened in Vienna, focusing on the peaceful use of nuclear energy and technology and the urgent need to protect the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.

INS Kadmatt in Fiji for Joint exercises and outreach activities

The Indian Naval Ship Kadmatt, an anti-submarine warfare corvette, has reached Suva, Fiji, as part of its overseas deployment. During the visit, the ship's crew engaged in professional exchanges, cultural activities and community outreach programmes.

India and FAO Join Hands to Build World-Class Blue Ports for Sustainable Fisheries

India and the Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO, of the United Nations, have joined hands to build world-class Blue Ports. Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has signed a Technical Cooperation Programme agreement with FAO to strengthen Blue Port infrastructure in India.

Indian Navy's 1TS Arrives in Mozambique to Celebrate 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations

The First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy reached Mozambique to mark the 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two nations. The squadron comprising INSTir, INS Shardul, INS Sujata, and ICGS Sarathi entered Maputo.

US and Saudi Forces Integrate Cutting-Edge Tech in Major Counter-Drone Exercise

The US and Saudi Arabia wrapped up the largest counter-unmanned aerial systems (UAS) exercise "Red Sands" held in West Asia, underscoring the growing urgency of defending against proliferating drone threats.

India re-elected to Council of Administration & POC at 28th Universal Postal Congress

India has been re-elected to the Council of Administration and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) during the 28th UPU Congress held in Dubai.

2025 edition of Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) concludes

The 2025 edition of Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) was concluded with a successful adoption of the outcome document based on "Equity-based Science, Technology and Innovation for Inclusive Human Development and Global Sustainability". It was convened under the South Africa's G20 Presidency, on 21 September 2025, in Pretoria, South Africa.

Russia announces world's first closed fuel cycle nuclear power system by 2030

President Vladimir Putin has announced that Russia will launch the world's first nuclear power system with a closed fuel cycle by 2030, at the World Atomic Week forum in Moscow. Putin said that the system will reuse up to 95% of spent fuel, drastically cutting radioactive waste and easing uranium demand and called it one of Russia's proudest scientific achievements.

Elon Musk's xAI to provide Grok chatbot to U.S. federal agencies

Elon Musk's xAI has struck a deal with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to provide the artificial intelligence startup's Grok chatbot to federal agencies.

India Made Landmark Presence at Busan International Film Festival 2025

India made a significant mark at the Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) 2025 and the Asian Contents & Film Market (ACFM) in South Korea. Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr L. Murugan, led the first-ever Ministerial Delegation from India to BIFF.

India elected to Interpol Asian Committee

India has been elected as a member of the INTERPOL Asian Committee after multi-stage voting process. India achieved the significant milestone during the 25th Asian Regional Conference held in Singapore. With this, India has strengthened its role shaping in regional law enforcement priorities.

Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano Erupts Again

Hawaii's Kilauea volcano has erupted again, marking the 32nd eruptive episode since December last year. Kilauea is one of the world's most active volcanoes, situated on Hawaii Island

Russia's Enteromix Cancer Vaccine Shows 100% Efficacy in Early Trials

Russia has announced that its novel cancer vaccine, Enteromix, has demonstrated 100% efficacy and safety in initial human trials. Developed using the same mRNA technology as the COVID-19 vaccines.

Dubai hosts 28th Universal Postal Congress

The 28th Universal Postal Congress, the supreme decision-making body of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), opened in Dubai, bringing together more than 2,000 delegates from 192 member countries to chart the future of global postal services.

India, Russia multilateral joint military exercise ZAPAD 2025 begins

An Indian Armed Forces contingent has departed to participate in the multilateral joint military exercise ZAPAD 2025 that commenced in Russia. The seven-day exercise aims to enhance military cooperation, improve interoperability, and provide a platform for participating armies to exchange tactics

National Nutrition Week 2025 observed from September 1st- 7th

National Nutrition Week is celebrated every year from September 1st to 7th across India, an initiative by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to raise awareness about healthy eating and nutrition literacy. The theme for the National Nutrition Week 2025 is 'Eat Right for a Better Life'.

World Coconut Day: 2nd September

World Coconut Day is observed every year on 2nd September to highlight the importance and diverse benefits of coconuts, while also promoting the growth of the global coconut industry.

National Teachers' Day on Sep 5

National Teachers Day was celebrated all over the Country on September 5th. The day is celebrated on the birthday of former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a teacher, Professor at Oxford University and also a philosopher who brought transformational reforms in the field of education in India.

International Chocolate Day: 13th September

The U.S. National Confectioners Association (NCA) observes International Chocolate Day on September 13. This date coincides with the birthday of Milton S. Hershey, the founder of the Hershey Chocolate Company, who was born on September 13, 1857.

Hindi Diwas:14th September

Hindi Diwas is observed every year on 14th September to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India.

Engineers' Day is celebrated on September 15

National Engineers' Day is an annual observance in India, marked on September 15, marking the birth anniversary of India's renowned and greatest engineer, Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.

International Day of Peace: 21st September

The International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, was observed globally on 21 September 2025. The theme for 2025 is "Act Now for a Peaceful World", emphasizing that peace is a collective responsibility.

World Alzheimer's Day:21st September

World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on 21 September. In 2025, the day is being observed under the theme: "Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer's".

National Ayurveda Day 2025: September 23

The 10th National Ayurveda Day was celebrated on September 23 at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. This year's Ayurveda Day will be celebrated under the theme 'Ayurveda for People, Ayurveda for Planet'.

Sign Languages Day 2025 observed on 23 Sep

International Day of Sign Languages is being celebrated on September 23 every year. This year's theme, No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights.

World Tourism Day 2025 observed on 27th September

The World Tourism Day is being celebrated across the globe on 27th September. The theme for this year is 'Tourism and Sustainable Transformation'.

International Day for the total elimination of the nuclear weapons - 26 September

The International Day for the Total Elimination of nuclear weapons, also known as Nuclear Weapons Elimination Day, is observed on 26 September every year.

World Rabies Day:28th September

World Rabies Day is observed on 28th September every year to raise awareness about rabies prevention and the importance of timely vaccination. Rabies is a deadly viral disease that affects humans and animals, primarily transmitted through dog bites.

World Heart Day 2025 Observed

World Heart Day is observed every year on the 29th of September to raise public awareness about cardiovascular diseases, their prevention and their global impact.