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Indian Women's Cricket Team Wins the Asia Cup Title

14 September 2026 · Sports

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Indian Women's Cricket Team on winning the Asia Cup, praising the side's confidence, consistency and spirit.

- The Indian Women's Cricket Team won the Asia Cup, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the side on 14 September 2026.
- The Prime Minister praised the team's confidence, its consistency and its remarkable spirit, which he said were on full display through the tournament.
- He called the victory a proud moment for Indian cricket.
- He expressed the hope that the triumph would inspire millions of youngsters across the country to play more and to shine.
- The message was sent as a post on X and issued the same day as a release by the Prime Minister's Office.

Tournament	Asia Cup, women's cricket
Winner	Indian Women's Cricket Team
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date of the message	14 September 2026
Platform used	A post on X
Qualities praised	Confidence, consistency and remarkable spirit
Hope expressed	That the win would inspire millions of youngsters to play more and shine

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Hindi Diwas 2026: Amit Shah Opens 6th Rajbhasha Conference

14 September 2026 · Important Days

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed Hindi Diwas 2026 and the 6th All India Official Language Conference at Navi Mumbai and gave away the Rajbhasha Kirti Awards.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah was the chief guest at Hindi Diwas 2026 and the 6th All India Official Language Conference at the CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai.
- The conference is being held on 14 and 15 September 2026 by the Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Hindi Shabd Sindhu has grown to 8 lakh words after more than 50,000 words from local languages were added, and is set to be the world's largest dictionary by 2029.
- The Department of Financial Services won the first Rajbhasha Kirti prize for 2025-26 among ministries with fewer than 300 employees.
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances received the special Rajbhasha Utkrishtata Sammaan after winning first place in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Occasion	Hindi Diwas 2026, observed on 14 September
Conference	6th All India Official Language Conference
Venue	CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
Dates	14 and 15 September 2026
Chief guest	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah
Organiser	Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs
Dictionary	Hindi Shabd Sindhu, now 8 lakh words, world's largest by 2029
AI tool	Kanthasth 2.0, database of over five crore sentences

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Retail Inflation at 4.82 Percent in August 2026: CPI Data

14 September 2026 · Economy

Retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index on the base year 2024 equals 100 stood at 4.82 percent in August 2026, while food inflation reached 5.95 percent.

- Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index was 4.82 per cent in August 2026, measured against August 2025.
- Rural inflation stood at 5.23 per cent and urban inflation at 4.31 per cent, so villages faced the sharper price rise.
- Food inflation measured by the Consumer Food Price Index was 5.95 per cent, with rural at 6.13 per cent and urban at 5.64 per cent.
- The index uses the new base year in which 2024 equals 100, and the data comes from 1407 urban markets and 1465 villages.
- Silver jewellery led the items with high inflation while tomato recorded the steepest fall among key items.

Index	Consumer Price Index, base year 2024 equals 100
Month	August 2026, provisional estimate
Retail inflation	4.82 per cent
Rural inflation	5.23 per cent
Urban inflation	4.31 per cent
Food inflation (CFPI)	5.95 per cent
Rural and urban food inflation	6.13 per cent and 5.64 per cent
Price sample	1407 urban markets and 1465 villages

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WPI Inflation Rises to 9.92 Percent in August 2026

14 September 2026 · Economy

Wholesale price inflation on the base year 2022-23 rose to 9.92 per cent in August 2026 from 9.78 per cent in July, with fuel and power inflation at 22.93 per cent.

- Wholesale price inflation was 9.92 per cent in August 2026, up from 9.78 per cent in July 2026, on the base year 2022-23.
- The all commodities index stood at 110.8 in August 2026 against 110.0 in July 2026.
- Fuel and Power recorded the highest inflation among the major groups at 22.93 per cent, against 20.05 per cent in July.
- Primary Articles recorded 7.76 per cent and Manufactured Products 8.37 per cent in August 2026.
- The WPI Food Index, which carries a weight of 24.99 per cent, recorded inflation of 7.05 per cent.

Index	Wholesale Price Index, base year 2022-23
Month	August 2026, provisional estimate
WPI inflation	9.92 per cent
Previous month	9.78 per cent in July 2026
All commodities index	110.8 in August 2026
Primary Articles	7.76 per cent, index 118.1
Fuel and Power	22.93 per cent, index 108.3
Manufactured Products	8.37 per cent, index 108.8

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India-MERCOSUR PTA: Protocol Signed, Expansion Talks Begin

14 September 2026 · International

India and MERCOSUR signed the First Additional Protocol to their Preferential Trade Agreement for electronic Certificates of Origin and launched talks to expand the pact.

- India and MERCOSUR signed the First Additional Protocol to their Preferential Trade Agreement to allow electronic Certificates of Origin.
- The Protocol amends Article 16 of Annex III of the agreement, which contains the Rules of Origin.
- The India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement was signed on 25 January 2004 and came into force on 1 June 2009.
- India gives tariff concessions on 450 tariff lines and MERCOSUR on 452 tariff lines under the agreement.
- Piyush Goyal and Uruguay's Foreign Minister Mario Lubetkin also announced the launch of negotiations to expand the agreement.

Agreement	India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)
New instrument	First Additional Protocol, for electronic Certificates of Origin
Signed for India by	Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal
Signed for MERCOSUR by	Ambassadors of Uruguay and Paraguay to India
In the presence of	Mario Lubetkin, Foreign Minister of Uruguay
MERCOSUR Pro Tempore Presidency	Held by Uruguay
PTA signed on	25 January 2004
PTA in force from	1 June 2009

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IAF Opens First Dronathon-2026 at Pokhran Firing Range

14 September 2026 · Defence

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit inaugurated the first Indian Air Force Dronathon-2026 at the Pokhran Field Firing Range and released the IAF UAS Roadmap for industry.

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, inaugurated the first Indian Air Force Dronathon-2026 at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Jaisalmer.
- The three-day event runs from 14 to 16 September 2026 and has drawn more than 20 leading defence companies besides start-ups, MSMEs and defence public sector undertakings.
- The Vice Chief of the Air Staff released the IAF UAS Roadmap, which sets out the force's capability priorities for Indian industry.
- The Air Force demonstrated Vayu UTtaM, an indigenously developed multi mode Unmanned Traffic Management system that tracked both military and civil drones.
- Demonstrations cover surveillance, autonomous operations, swarm technologies, electronic warfare and Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Event	Indian Air Force Dronathon-2026, first edition
Venue	Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Inaugurated by	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Vice Chief of the Air Staff
Dates	14 to 16 September 2026, three days
Participants	More than 20 leading defence companies, start-ups, MSMEs and DPSUs
Document released	IAF UAS Roadmap
System demonstrated	Vayu UTtaM, indigenous multi mode Unmanned Traffic Management system
Also present	Officers of the Ministry of Defence, HQ IDS, Indian Army and BSF

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INS Mysore Ends Exercise Samudra Laksamana in Malaysia

14 September 2026 · Defence

INS Mysore completed the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana with the Royal Malaysian Navy at Lumut in Malaysia, held from 9 to 12 September 2026.

- INS Mysore took part in the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana with the Royal Malaysian Navy at Lumut, Malaysia.
- The exercise was held from 9 to 12 September 2026 as part of the Indian Navy's operational deployment.
- It had a harbour phase of professional exchanges and an operational phase at sea.
- At sea INS Mysore exercised with the Royal Malaysian Navy ships KD Lekir and KD Gagah Samudera.
- The exercise followed the 12th India-Malaysia Sub Committee Meeting, which was held on 1 July 2026.

Exercise	Samudra Laksamana, 4th edition
Participants	Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy
Indian ship	INS Mysore
Malaysian ships	KD Lekir and KD Gagah Samudera
Venue	Lumut, Malaysia
Dates	9 to 12 September 2026
Phases	Harbour phase and operational phase at sea
Related meeting	12th India-Malaysia Sub Committee Meeting, 1 July 2026

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Great Indian Bustard Soft Release Centre Opens in Kachchh

14 September 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav opened the Great Indian Bustard Soft Release Centre at Naliya in Kachchh, Gujarat, and flagged off 33 patrolling and rescue vehicles.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Soft Release Centre for the Great Indian Bustard at Naliya in Kachchh district, Gujarat.
- About 11 square kilometres of grassland has been restored and 30 kilometres of predator proof fencing raised over 15 square kilometres in the bustard landscape.
- A chick born from the second jump-start attempt, in which infertile eggs were replaced with viable ones, survived beyond its first three months in the wild.
- The Minister flagged off 33 new patrolling and rescue vehicles for the Kachchh Forest Circle and inaugurated the Sayara Van Kavach built by the Miyawaki method.
- Under the MISHTI programme, mangrove plantation has been completed over 27,652 hectares against a target of 29,250 hectares for 2023-24 to 2026-27.

Species	Great Indian Bustard (GIB)
Place	Naliya, Kachchh district, Gujarat
Inaugurated	Soft Release Centre for the Great Indian Bustard
Union Minister	Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Gujarat Minister	Arjun Modhwadia
Grassland restored	About 11 square kilometres cleared of Prosopis juliflora
Fencing	30 kilometres of predator proof fencing over 15 square kilometres
Vehicles flagged off	33 patrolling and rescue vehicles for Kachchh Forest Circle

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India-US Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 Begins at Auli and Mahajan

15 September 2026 · Defence

India and the United States opened the 22nd edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas at Auli in Uttarakhand, with 600 personnel from each side also training at Mahajan.

- The 22nd edition of the India-US joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas opened on 15 September 2026 at the Auli Foreign Training Node in Uttarakhand.
- The drill is being run at the same time at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- Each side has fielded 600 personnel; Major General Amaresh Gunjan and Colonel Benjamin Jackman addressed the contingents.
- The aim is joint capability for Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain, with infantry-led operations stressed.
- Drones and autonomous systems for surveillance and reconnaissance form the technology focus, along with multi-domain warfare.

Exercise	Yudh Abhyas (India-United States)
Edition	22nd
Opening ceremony	15 September 2026
Venue 1	Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand
Venue 2	Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
Troops	600 personnel from each army
Indian officer	Major General Amaresh Gunjan, GOC, 14 Infantry Division
US officer	Colonel Benjamin Jackman, 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 11th Airborne Division

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VIMARSH 2026: DRDO Hands Nine Technology Transfer Licences

15 September 2026 · Defence

At the VIMARSH DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet in New Delhi, Rajnath Singh released new MSME and start-up initiatives and nine technology transfer licences were handed over.

- VIMARSH, the DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet on the theme 'Varta se Vikas', was held in New Delhi on 15 September 2026.
- Nine Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology were handed over to 13 manufacturing partners in the presence of Rajnath Singh.
- A framework to share DRDO-developed software source codes with licensee industries was launched, along with support measures for MSMEs and deep-tech start-ups.
- DRDO signed a contract with the Quality Council of India for SAMAR version 2.0 and exchanged MoUs with SIDM and Laghu Udyog Bharati.
- More than 2,300 technology transfers have gone to over 1,100 industries so far, and about 50 DRDO missiles' technologies are open to industry.

Event	VIMARSH, DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet
Theme	Varta se Vikas
Date	15 September 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Unveiled by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Licences	Nine LAToTs to 13 manufacturing partners
MoUs	Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers and Laghu Udyog Bharati
Rating tool	SAMAR version 2.0, contracted with the Quality Council of India

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PLFS Bulletin August 2026: LFPR Rises to 55.6 Per Cent

15 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

The Periodic Labour Force Survey bulletin for August 2026 put the overall LFPR at 55.6 per cent, the WPR at 52.8 per cent and the unemployment rate at 5.0 per cent.

- The PLFS monthly bulletin for August 2026, the seventeenth in the series, was released on 15 September 2026 by MoSPI.
- The overall LFPR for persons aged 15 years and above rose to 55.6% from 55.4% in the previous month.
- The overall WPR rose to 52.8%, the highest level since March 2026, while rural WPR reached 55.8%.
- The overall unemployment rate was 5.0% and the rural rate fell to 4.1%, the lowest since January 2026.
- The estimates are based on a sample of 3,70,160 persons, of whom 2,11,353 were rural and 1,58,807 urban.

Report	Periodic Labour Force Survey monthly bulletin, August 2026
Released on	15 September 2026
Conducted by	National Statistical Office, MoSPI
Position in series	Seventeenth monthly bulletin
Overall LFPR	55.6% (from 55.4% in July 2026)
Overall WPR	52.8%, highest since March 2026
Overall UR	5.0%
Rural UR	4.1%, lowest since January 2026

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India's Exports Reach 399.27 Billion Dollars in April-August

15 September 2026 · Economy

India's total exports of goods and services in April-August 2026-27 are estimated at 399.27 billion dollars, a growth of 15.55 per cent over the same months last year.

- India's total exports of goods and services in April-August 2026-27 are estimated at 399.27 billion dollars, up 15.55 per cent.
- Total exports in August 2026 alone are estimated at 82.68 billion dollars, a growth of 25.41 per cent over August 2025.
- Merchandise exports in April-August 2026-27 stood at 215.91 billion dollars, a growth of 17.85 per cent.
- Non-petroleum exports in the same months were 180.61 billion dollars, 14.39 per cent above the previous year.
- Electronic goods exports rose 89.82 per cent in the month, from 2.93 billion dollars to 5.55 billion dollars.

Released by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 15 September 2026
Cumulative exports, April-August 2026-27	399.27 billion US dollars
Growth over last year	15.55 per cent
Cumulative imports	459.65 billion US dollars, up 18.01 per cent
Exports in August 2026	82.68 billion US dollars, up 25.41 per cent
Imports in August 2026	92.09 billion US dollars, up 18.75 per cent
Merchandise exports, April-August	215.91 billion US dollars, up 17.85 per cent
Non-petroleum exports	180.61 billion US dollars, up 14.39 per cent

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UPI Stays Free for P2P and 96% of Merchant Payments

15 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Finance Ministry clarified that UPI remains free for all person-to-person transfers and for about 96 per cent of merchant payments under the new MDR framework.

- All person-to-person UPI transfers stay completely free irrespective of the amount, and they account for 70 per cent of total transaction value.
- Merchant payments up to 2,000 rupees remain free, so about 96 per cent of merchant transactions are unaffected.
- An MDR of 0.4 per cent applies above 2,000 rupees, capped at 300 rupees for transactions of 75,000 rupees and above.
- Essential sectors such as railways, telecom, insurance, fuel and agricultural inputs attract a flat MDR of 5 rupees per transaction.
- The framework was introduced under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 after deliberations by the UPI Steering Committee.

Announced by	Ministry of Finance, 15 September 2026
Person-to-person transfers	Completely free, any amount
Free merchant limit	Payments up to 2,000 rupees
MDR above the limit	0.4 per cent, capped at 300 rupees for payments of 75,000 rupees and above
Essential sectors	Flat 5 rupees per transaction above 2,000 rupees
Capital market payments	0.02 per cent, capped at 300 rupees
Small merchants	Zero MDR up to 1 lakh rupees a month through QR codes
Coverage	About 96 per cent of merchant transactions unaffected

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World Circular Economy Forum 2026 Opens in Gandhinagar

15 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Bhupender Yadav and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel opened the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 at Gandhinagar, the first such forum held in South Asia.

- The World Circular Economy Forum 2026 was inaugurated at Gandhinagar on 15 September 2026 and runs until 18 September.
- Its theme is 'Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity', and this is the first hosting of the forum in South Asia.
- As of August 2026 more than 83,000 producers and 4,802 recyclers were registered under EPR frameworks.
- Nearly 482.24 lakh metric tonnes of waste has been processed across regulated waste streams.
- The forum has 135 exhibitors and over 3600 participants from 62 countries, and is organised jointly with the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra.

Event	World Circular Economy Forum 2026
Venue	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Dates	15 to 18 September 2026
Theme	Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity
Inaugurated by	Bhupender Yadav and Bhupendrabhai Patel
Distinction	First hosting of the forum in South Asia
Producers under EPR	More than 83,000, as of August 2026
Recyclers under EPR	4,802

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India Sends Largest-Ever Team to WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

15 September 2026 · National

A 70-member Indian contingent was flagged off for the 48th WorldSkills Competition at Shanghai, where it will compete across 63 skill categories from 22 to 27 September.

- A 70-member Indian contingent, the largest ever, was flagged off on 15 September 2026 for WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 from Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The 48th WorldSkills Competition will be held in Shanghai, China, from 22 to 27 September 2026, with India competing in 63 skill categories.
- India will make its debut in 11 new-age skill categories, including Unmanned Aerial Systems, Software Testing and Aircraft Maintenance.
- The Shanghai edition will have more than 1,400 competitors from over 60 countries and regions across 64 skill competitions.
- India rose from the 29th position in 2015 to the 13th at WorldSkills Lyon 2024, where it won four Bronze Medals and 12 Medallions for Excellence.

Event	48th WorldSkills Competition, Shanghai 2026
Dates	22 to 27 September 2026
Host country	China
Indian contingent	70 members, the largest ever
Skill categories for India	63
Debut categories	11 new-age and emerging skills
Send-off venue	Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, 15 September 2026
Minister	Jayant Chaudhary, MoS with Independent Charge, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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CCPA Fines Rapido 10 Lakh Rupees for Dark Patterns

15 September 2026 · National

The Central Consumer Protection Authority imposed a penalty of ten lakh rupees on the operator of Rapido for confirm shaming and interface interference in its app.

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority imposed a penalty of ten lakh rupees on Roppen Transportation Services, which runs Rapido.
- Two dark patterns were found: confirm shaming in the pricing prompts and interface interference in the colour-coded price slider.
- Both are identified under the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023.
- The Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2025 require that any tipping feature be offered only after the ride is complete.
- CCPA is headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and acts under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019; complaints go to the helpline number 1915.

Regulator	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)
Chief Commissioner	Nidhi Khare; Commissioner Anupam Mishra
Company penalised	Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited, which runs Rapido
Penalty	Ten lakh rupees
Dark patterns found	Confirm Shaming and Interface Interference
Guidelines cited	Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023
Tipping rule	Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2025 allow tipping only after the ride
Parent law	Consumer Protection Act, 2019

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Cabinet Raises EPFO Wage Ceiling to Rs 25,000 Per Month

16 September 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet cleared a rise in the EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory coverage from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 a month, pulling in 51 lakh more workers.

- The Union Cabinet on 16 September 2026 approved raising the EPFO wage ceiling for compulsory coverage from Rs 15,000 to Rs 25,000 a month.
- More than 51 lakh additional employees are expected to come inside mandatory EPFO coverage because of the change.
- The ceiling had last been revised in September 2014; it stayed frozen right through the decade from 2004 to 2014.
- The new ceiling takes effect from 17 September 2026, observed as Vishwakarma Jayanti and Sewa Divas.
- Covered workers get provident fund savings, EPS pension cover and EDLI insurance; Dr Mansukh Mandaviya announced the date.

Decision	EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory coverage raised
From	Rs 15,000 per month
To	Rs 25,000 per month
Approved by	Union Cabinet, 16 September 2026
Effective from	17 September 2026 (Vishwakarma Jayanti and Sewa Divas)
Extra coverage	More than 51 lakh employees
Ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Minister	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

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Anant Nag Chosen for Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024

16 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

Veteran actor Anant Nag will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony at Kevadia in Gujarat on 22 September.

- Veteran actor Anant Nag has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024, on the Selection Committee's recommendation.
- The award will be presented at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony on 22 September 2026 at Kevadia in Gujarat.
- Born on 4 September 1948 in Karnataka, he debuted in the Kannada film Sankalp and made his Hindi debut with Ankur.
- He has acted in more than 300 films across six languages and is widely remembered for the television series Malgudi Days.
- He served in the Karnataka Legislative Council from 1988 to 1994 and in the Legislative Assembly from 1994 to 1999.

Award	Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024
Recipient	Anant Nag
Date of birth	4 September 1948, Karnataka
Ceremony	72nd National Film Awards
Date of ceremony	22 September 2026
Venue	Kevadia, Gujarat
Ministry	Information and Broadcasting
Debut film	Sankalp (Kannada); Ankur in Hindi

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MHA Declares Shahzad Bhatti Network a Terrorist Organisation

16 September 2026 · National

The Ministry of Home Affairs declared the Shahzad Bhatti Network a terrorist organisation under the UAPA, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on 16 September.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs declared the Shahzad Bhatti Network a terrorist organisation under the UAPA on 16 September 2026.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah announced the decision, calling it part of a zero tolerance policy on terrorism.
- The network is accused of smuggling arms, explosives and narcotics across the border.
- It is also charged with pushing young people and petty criminals into terrorism.
- The syndicate published hateful digital content targeting India's democratic structure and communal harmony.

Organisation	Shahzad Bhatti Network
Action	Declared a terrorist organisation
Law	Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)
Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Announced by	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Date	16 September 2026
Main charges	Smuggling of arms, explosives and narcotics across borders

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NITI Aayog Releases Ninth Trade Watch Quarterly Edition

16 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri released the ninth Trade Watch Quarterly, which puts India's total trade at \$506.9 billion in the first quarter.

- NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri released the ninth edition of Trade Watch Quarterly on 16 September 2026 in New Delhi.
- India's total merchandise and services trade reached \$506.9 billion in the first quarter of FY27, a rise of 15.5 per cent year on year.
- Global goods trade stood at \$13.7 trillion in the first half of 2026, growing 12.5 per cent, while services trade grew 10.5 per cent.
- India rose from the fifth to the fourth largest exporter of digitally delivered services, with exports of \$317 billion in 2025.
- The thematic focus is metals and ores; imports in this segment grew from \$32.2 billion in 2015 to \$60.5 billion in 2025.

Publication	Trade Watch Quarterly, ninth edition
Published by	NITI Aayog
Released by	Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice-Chairman
Date	16 September 2026, New Delhi
Quarter covered	First quarter of FY27 (April to June 2026)
India's total trade	\$506.9 billion, up 15.5 per cent
Global goods trade	\$13.7 trillion, up 12.5 per cent
Services trade growth	10.5 per cent

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India Marks 32nd World Ozone Day, Launches Net Zero Portal

16 September 2026 · Environment

The 32nd World Ozone Day was observed in Mumbai on the theme Global Action for a Cooler Planet, with the launch of India's Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard.

- The 32nd World Ozone Day was observed nationally in Mumbai on 16 September 2026 with the theme Global Action for a Cooler Planet.
- Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched India's Net Zero Portal and the NAPCC Dashboard at the event.
- The Net Zero Portal lets Indian entities voluntarily register net zero targets and disclose greenhouse gas emissions.
- Twelve refrigeration and air-conditioning manufacturers have adopted 248 Industrial Training Institutes under a four-party agreement.
- Maharashtra Minister Pankaja Munde and UNDP and GIZ country heads took part; India's Montreal Protocol record was highlighted.

Occasion	32nd World Ozone Day
Date	16 September 2026
Venue	Mumbai
Theme	Global Action for a Cooler Planet
Ministry	Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Presided by	Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State
State minister present	Pankaja Munde, Maharashtra
Launched	Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard

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World Circular Economy Forum 2026 Ends at Gandhinagar

16 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The World Circular Economy Forum 2026 closed at Gandhinagar in Gujarat after two days, and Columbia University in the United States will host the 2027 edition.

- The World Circular Economy Forum 2026 concluded at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on 16 September 2026 after two days of discussions.
- Around 2,700 delegates and 260 speakers from more than 60 countries took part in the forum.
- Columbia University in the United States will host the next edition, WCEF 2027; SITRA handed over the baton at the closing.
- The forum held four plenary sessions and 16 parallel sessions; the concurrent exhibition had 135 exhibitors.
- The Ecomark logo was launched at the closing session, attended by Gujarat minister Pravinbhai Mali and Finland's Sari Multala.

Event	World Circular Economy Forum 2026 (WCEF2026)
Venue	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Concluded	16 September 2026
Delegates	About 2,700
Speakers	260, from over 60 countries
Sessions	Four plenary and 16 parallel sessions
Exhibitors	135 national and international
Launched	Ecomark logo

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NCC Girl Cadets Complete Aparajita Parang La 2026 Trek

16 September 2026 · Defence

Twenty NCC girl cadets completed the Aparajita Parang La 2026 high altitude trek, crossing the Parang La Pass at 5,578 metres between Himachal and Ladakh.

- Twenty NCC girl cadets completed the Aparajita - Parang La 2026 high altitude long trek, flagged in at Karzok in Ladakh on 16 September 2026.
- The team crossed the Parang La Pass at 5,578 metres, which links the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh with the Changthang region of Ladakh.
- The route ran from Kibber in Himachal Pradesh to Karzok in Ladakh, about 250 kilometres covered over 30 days.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh had flagged off the trek from New Delhi on 18 August 2026.
- DG NCC Lieutenant General Virendra Vats and Additional Secretary Dipti Mohil Chawla received the team at the flag-in ceremony.

Expedition	Aparajita - Parang La 2026
Organiser	National Cadet Corps
Cadets	20 girl cadets from across India
Pass	Parang La Pass, 5,578 metres
Connects	Spiti Valley (Himachal Pradesh) and Changthang (Ladakh)
Route	Kibber to Karzok
Distance and duration	About 250 kilometres in 30 days
Flag-off	18 August 2026, Rajnath Singh, New Delhi

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PM Vishwakarma Turns Three, 30 Lakh Artisans Registered

16 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The PM Vishwakarma Scheme completed three years with 30 lakh artisans registered, and the anniversary will be marked at Kolkata in West Bengal on 17 September.

- The PM Vishwakarma Scheme, launched on 17 September 2023, has completed three years with 30 lakh beneficiaries registered.
- About 24.50 lakh Vishwakarmas have received basic skill training from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Loans worth Rs 5,297 crore have gone to 6.18 lakh artisans at a concessional interest rate of 5 per cent a year.
- 18.15 lakh modern toolkits have been delivered to artisans at their doorsteps through India Post.
- The third anniversary will be celebrated on 17 September 2026 at the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Scheme	PM Vishwakarma
Ministry	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Launched on	17 September 2023
Trades	18 identified traditional trades
Beneficiaries registered	30 lakh
Skill training	About 24.50 lakh Vishwakarmas
Loan support	Rs 5,297 crore to 6.18 lakh artisans
Interest rate	5 per cent per annum, loans up to one lakh rupees

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PM Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2026, Launches Semicon 2.0

17 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened the fifth SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi and unveiled Semicon 2.0, the mission's second phase.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the fifth edition of SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi; the event runs from 17 to 19 September 2026.
- Semicon 2.0, the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission, is sized at 13.5 billion dollars against about 8 billion dollars in the first phase.
- Semicon 2.0 rests on six pillars: design, equipment and materials, fabs, advanced packaging, applied research and talent development.
- Investment pledges of nearly Rs 1 lakh crore have been received and close to 1 lakh new jobs are expected across the semiconductor ecosystem.
- Commercial lines were launched at CDIL Semiconductor, Mohali and Suchi Semicon, Surat, taking India to five working commercial ATMP units.

Event	SEMICON India 2026, fifth edition
Dates	17 to 19 September 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Minister	Ashwini Vaishnaw
Launched	Semicon 2.0, second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission
Phase size	13.5 billion dollars (first phase about 8 billion dollars)

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Coal Ministry Launches 16th Round of Commercial Coal Mine Auctions

17 September 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Coal opened the 16th round of commercial coal mine auctions in New Delhi, offering 25 blocks across nine coal-bearing states of India.

- The Ministry of Coal launched the 16th round of commercial coal mine auctions in New Delhi on 17 September 2026, with MoS Satish Chandra Dubey as chief guest.
- The round offers 25 coal blocks, 21 fully explored and four partly explored, spread across nine coal-bearing states.
- Six blocks come under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act and 19 under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act.
- CMDPAs were handed to winners of six mines with reserves of about 1,504 million tonnes and a combined peak rated capacity of 11.62 MTPA.
- Since commercial mining opened in 2020, 147 mines have been auctioned, promising yearly revenue above Rs 47,500 crore.

Event	16th round of commercial coal mine auctions
Date	17 September 2026, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Launched by	Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
Blocks offered	25 (21 fully explored, four partly explored)
States	Nine, from Arunachal Pradesh to West Bengal
CMDPAs signed	Six mines, including Tara (Revised) and Mandla South
Reserves of the six	About 1,504 million tonnes

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New Zealand Passes Law to Bring India-New Zealand FTA Into Force

17 September 2026 · International

India welcomed the New Zealand Parliament's passage of legislation for the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement signed in New Delhi on 27 April 2026.

- The Parliament of New Zealand passed legislation on 16 September 2026 to give effect to the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement.
- The FTA was signed in New Delhi on 27 April 2026 and gives duty-free access for 100 per cent of Indian exports to New Zealand from entry into force.
- Indian gains cover textiles and apparel, leather and footwear, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, agriculture and processed food.
- New Zealand gets preferential access for wood, wool, sheep meat and raw hides; the pact also facilitates 20 billion US dollars of investment into India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's July 2026 visit to New Zealand was the first by an Indian Prime Minister in four decades.

Agreement	India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
Signed on	27 April 2026, New Delhi
Law passed	16 September 2026 by the Parliament of New Zealand
Ministry in India	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Duty-free access	100 per cent of Indian exports to New Zealand
Indian sectors gaining	Textiles and apparel, leather and footwear, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, processed food
New Zealand sectors gaining	Wood, wool, sheep meat, raw hides of leather
Investment facilitation	20 billion US dollars into India

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India at G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting in Houston

17 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Union Minister Manohar Lal led India at the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting in Houston and pressed for secure, affordable and reliable energy.

- Union Minister Manohar Lal led the Indian delegation at the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting held in Houston, USA, from 14 to 16 September 2026.
- The meeting was held under the United States presidency of the G20 and ran along three pillars: energy security and affordable baseload, permitting and regulatory efficiency, and critical minerals.
- India reported installed electricity generation capacity of 552 GW, more than half of it from non-fossil fuel sources, and a Net Zero goal of 2070.
- Outcomes included the G20 Statement on Advancing Clean Cooking Access, the Permitting and Regulatory Efficiency Symposium, the Water Reuse Initiative and the Critical Minerals Communique.
- India showcased the National Single Window System, PARIVESH, PM Gati Shakti and the National Critical Mineral Mission.

Meeting	G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting
Venue	Houston, United States
Dates	14 to 16 September 2026
Presidency	United States
India led by	Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Power and Housing and Urban Affairs
Pillars	Energy security and affordable baseload; permitting and regulatory efficiency; critical minerals and resilient supply chains
India's installed capacity	552 GW, more than half from non-fossil sources
Net Zero target	2070

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India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar Inaugurated at Sambalpur, Odisha

17 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Union Minister Jitendra Singh virtually opened India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar at Sambalpur in Odisha, taking Mission Mausam a step further.

- Dr Jitendra Singh virtually inaugurated India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar at Sambalpur, Odisha, on 17 September 2026 in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.
- Odisha now has three Doppler Weather Radars, the other two being at Gopalpur and Paradip.
- India had only 14 Doppler Weather Radars in 2014; the network has now reached 51, with about 40 more planned under Mission Mausam to take the total near 81.
- The Sambalpur radar will strengthen weather watch over Western Odisha and help southern Jharkhand, northern Chhattisgarh and parts of north Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.
- Balasore, Puri and Bhubaneswar are next in line for radars, while the IMD supports 13 neighbouring countries with weather and early warnings.

Facility	51st Doppler Weather Radar of India
Location	Sambalpur, Odisha
Date	17 September 2026, inaugurated virtually
Inaugurated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences
Also present	Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi
Radars in Odisha	Three, with Gopalpur and Paradip
Network in 2014	14 radars
Planned under Mission Mausam	About 40 more, total near 81

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World Patient Safety Day 2026 Theme is Safe Care for NCDs

17 September 2026 · Important Days

Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda marked World Patient Safety Day 2026 at Dr RML Hospital, New Delhi, and released a Quality and Safety Handbook.

- World Patient Safety Day 2026 was marked on 17 September 2026, with Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda addressing an event at ABVIMS and Dr RML Hospital, New Delhi.
- The theme for 2026 is 'Safe care for noncommunicable diseases' and the slogan is 'Safe care for life!'.
- A Quality and Safety Handbook was released at the hospital to strengthen quality and patient safety practices.
- NQAS certification, introduced in 2015, now covers about 60,000 government health facilities, with a target of around 2 lakh institutions.
- Ayushman Bharat has covered about 11.5 crore beneficiaries with treatment worth around Rs 1.6 lakh crore, while Jan Aushadhi has saved citizens about Rs 45,000 crore.

Day	World Patient Safety Day, observed on 17 September
Theme 2026	Safe care for noncommunicable diseases
Slogan	Safe care for life!
Event venue	ABVIMS and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi
Addressed by	Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda
Released	Quality and Safety Handbook
NQAS introduced	2015
NQAS certified facilities	About 60,000, target around 2 lakh

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Vice-President Attends 79th Hyderabad Liberation Day at Secunderabad

17 September 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan was chief guest at the 79th Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, in Telangana.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan was chief guest at the 79th Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, Telangana, on 17 September 2026.
- On 17 September 1948 the erstwhile Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union after the events of September 1948 and Operation Polo.
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister and Minister for States, was credited with laying the foundation of a strong and unified Ek Bharat.
- The Vice-President paid homage to Ramji Gond, Turrebaz Khan and Komaram Bheem among the patriots of the Hyderabad struggle.
- He credited the Central Armed Police Forces for their role in integrating princely states and safeguarding territorial integrity in 1947 and 1948.

Occasion	79th Hyderabad Liberation Day
Date of event	17 September 2026
Venue	Parade Ground, Secunderabad, Telangana
Chief guest	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Historic date	17 September 1948
Action	Operation Polo
Integration led by	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister and Minister for States
Patriots honoured	Ramji Gond, Turrebaz Khan, Komaram Bheem

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43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference Begins in New Delhi

17 September 2026 · Defence

The 43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference opened in New Delhi, with Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth addressing the commanders on maritime security.

- The 43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi on 17 September 2026 and runs for three days.
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth addressed the opening day and interacted with Director General Paramesh Sivamani and the Coast Guard commanders.
- The Minister asked the force to become a co-creator of technology by working with start-ups, industry, DRDO and research institutions.
- He linked capability building to the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- Commanders will also interact with Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.

Event	43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference
Began	17 September 2026, New Delhi
Duration	Three days
Addressed by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
Director General, ICG	Paramesh Sivamani
Chief of Defence Staff	General NS Raja Subramani
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
Vision cited	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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CORE Programme 2026: Tri-Service Review Ends in New Delhi

18 September 2026 · Defence

A five-day tri-service review of national security challenges ended at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, with three ministries joining the deliberations.

- The 2026 CORE Programme closed at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi
- Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff put it together; the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies ran it
- It lasted five days, from 14 to 18 September 2026
- All three Services attended, along with the Defence, External Affairs and Home ministries
- Participants settled on a Whole-of-Nation approach as the way to handle security

Programme	Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) Programme 2026
Organised by	Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)
Conducted by	Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Duration	Five days, September 14 to 18, 2026
Ministries represented	Defence, External Affairs, Home Affairs
Key phrase	Whole-of-Nation approach to national security

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Kathakali Festival Opens in Chennai: Three Schools, Three Nights

18 September 2026 · National

Chennai's Kalakshetra Foundation has opened the seventeenth edition of its Kathakali festival, with three schools of the form staging one production each.

- The seventeenth Kathakali festival has opened at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium, Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai
- The Kalakshetra Foundation hosts it, working under the Ministry of Culture
- Performances run across three evenings, 18 to 20 September 2026
- Sadanam Academy, Kerala Kalamandalam and Margi Theatre stage one production each
- Rukmini Devi Arundale founded the Kalakshetra Foundation in 1936

Event	17th Kathakali Festival
Organiser	Kalakshetra Foundation, under the Ministry of Culture
Venue	Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium, Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai
Dates	18 to 20 September 2026
Theme	Kadha Rasa Sangama - Confluence of Essence of Stories
Chief Guest	Shri K. K. Mishra, IRTS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
Foundation established	1936, by Rukmini Devi Arundale

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HAL Delivers Tejas Trainers and Dhruv NG Helicopters

18 September 2026 · Defence

Hindustan Aeronautics handed five aircraft to the Air Force and four Dhruv NG helicopters to Pawan Hans at a Bengaluru ceremony attended by two ministers.

- HAL handed over two Tejas LCA twin-seat trainers at Final Operational Clearance standard to the Indian Air Force
- Three HTT 40 basic trainers also went to the Air Force at the same ceremony
- Pawan Hans Limited received four Dhruv helicopters of the Next Generation variant
- The ceremony was held at Bengaluru in Karnataka on 18 September 2026
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Civil Aviation Minister Shri K Rammohan Naidu attended

Manufacturer	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
To the Indian Air Force	2 LCA Tejas FOC Twin Seater Trainers and 3 HTT 40 Basic Trainers
To Pawan Hans Limited	4 Dhruv Next Generation (NG) helicopters
Venue	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date	18 September 2026
Raksha Mantri	Shri Rajnath Singh
Civil Aviation Minister	Shri K Rammohan Naidu

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NHRC Ends Fifth ITEC Human Rights Course for Global South

18 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

A six-day NHRC programme for human rights institutions of the Global South closed in New Delhi, drawing 38 officials from fourteen countries across four continents.

- The fifth ITEC Executive Capacity Building Programme on human rights concluded in New Delhi
- The NHRC of India organised it in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs
- It ran for six days, beginning on 14 September 2026
- Thirty-eight senior functionaries attended from fourteen national human rights institutions
- NHRC Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian gave the valedictory address

Programme	Fifth ITEC Executive Capacity Building Programme on human rights
Organised by	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
In partnership with	Ministry of External Affairs
Venue	New Delhi
Duration	Six days, beginning 14 September 2026
Participants	38 senior functionaries from 14 NHRI
Valedictory address	Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, NHRC India

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Indian Navy's First NGMV Keel Laid at Cochin Shipyard, Kochi

19 September 2026 · Defence

The keel of the Indian Navy's first Next Generation Missile Vessel was laid at Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, on 18 September 2026 under a March 2023 contract.

- Keel of the Indian Navy's first Next Generation Missile Vessel laid at Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- The ceremony was held on 18 September 2026, with Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu as Chief Guest
- The NGMV construction contract was concluded with Cochin Shipyard Limited in March 2023
- All major role-defining equipment on the vessels is indigenously developed and manufactured
- The Ministry links the project to Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India and Make for the World

Project	Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV)
Shipyard	Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi
Keel laying date	18 September 2026
Chief Guest	Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition
Contract concluded	March 2023, with Cochin Shipyard Limited
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
Stated vision	Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India, Make for the World

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President Appoints 14 Judges to Four High Courts

19 September 2026 · Appointments

Fourteen judicial officers have been appointed to the Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Jharkhand and Karnataka High Courts by the President.

- Fourteen judicial officers have been appointed to four High Courts
- The Delhi High Court receives seven, two as Judges and five as Additional Judges
- Three go to the Jharkhand High Court as Judges and three to Karnataka as Additional Judges
- One officer becomes a Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
- The President made the appointments after consulting the Chief Justice of India

Total appointed	14 judicial officers
Delhi High Court	2 Judges and 5 Additional Judges
Jharkhand High Court	3 Judges
Karnataka High Court	3 Additional Judges
J&K and Ladakh High Court	1 Judge
Appointing authority	The President of India
Consultation	Chief Justice of India
Ministry	Ministry of Law and Justice

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DDU-GKY 2.0 Training to Begin in 14 States from October

19 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Skill training under DDU-GKY 2.0 starts in October 2026, with 34,920 rural youth in the first 1,164 batches across fourteen States and Union Territories.

- DDU-GKY 2.0 training batches begin in October 2026 across most States and Union Territories
- The first round covers 1,164 batches with 34,920 rural youth in fourteen States and UTs
- The sanctioned target for those fourteen is 3,57,112 candidates by 31 December 2027
- 24 States and UTs have allocated 5.6 lakh targets across more than 1,200 projects
- DDU-GKY is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme offering placement-linked training of three to twelve months

Scheme	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Training begins	October 2026
First round	1,164 batches, 34,920 rural youth, 14 States/UTs
Sanctioned target	3,57,112 rural youth by 31 December 2027
Allocation so far	5.6 lakh targets across more than 1,200 projects by 24 States/UTs
Scheme type	Centrally Sponsored Scheme, placement-linked
Training duration	Three months to twelve months

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NLMC Board Clears Assets Worth Over Rs 5,000 Crore

19 September 2026 · Economy

The National Land Monetization Corporation's board has recommended surplus land and buildings valued at over Rs 5,000 crore for monetisation at its 21st meeting.

- The 21st board meeting of the National Land Monetization Corporation was held on 18 September 2026
- Proposals covering assets worth over Rs 5,000 crore were recommended for monetisation
- The assets are surplus land and buildings identified for the purpose
- NLMC helps Central Public Sector Enterprises and other government entities monetise surplus assets
- The board approved the Annual Financial Statements and Directors' Report for 2025-26

Body	National Land Monetization Corporation Limited (NLMC)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Meeting	21st Meeting of the Board of Directors
Date	18 September 2026
Assets recommended	Over Rs 5,000 crore
Asset type	Surplus land and building assets
Works with	Central Public Sector Enterprises and other government entities
Accounts approved	Annual Financial Statements and Directors' Report, 2025-26

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SLINEX-26: 13th India-Sri Lanka Naval Exercise at Visakhapatnam

20 September 2026 · Defence

SLINEX-26, the 13th India-Sri Lanka naval exercise, is being held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026 with INS Kavaratti, INS Jyoti and SLNS Sindurala.

- SLINEX-26 is the 13th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka
- It is being held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026, with a Harbour Phase followed by a Sea Phase
- INS Kavaratti, an indigenous anti-submarine warfare corvette, and the fleet tanker INS Jyoti represent the Indian Navy
- SLNS Sindurala represents the Sri Lanka Navy
- The SLINEX series was conceptualised in 2005, and this edition is aligned with India's MAHASAGAR vision

Exercise	SLINEX-26 (India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise)
Edition	13th
Venue	Visakhapatnam
Dates	17 to 21 September 2026
Phases	Harbour Phase, then Sea Phase
Indian Navy ships	INS Kavaratti (indigenous anti-submarine warfare corvette) and INS Jyoti (fleet tanker)
Sri Lanka Navy ship	SLNS Sindurala
Harbour Phase conducted under	Eastern Naval Command

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72nd National Film Awards: Winners, Venue and Key Facts

20 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

The 72nd National Film Awards, for films of 2024, will be presented on 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. Article 370 won the Best Feature Film award.

- The 72nd National Film Awards, for films of 2024, will be presented by the President on 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
- Article 370 won Best Feature Film, and Yami Gautam won Best Actress for the same film
- Mammooty (Bramayugam) and Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion) share the Best Actor award
- Anant Nag will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024
- The awards were instituted in 1954, and the first edition honoured films of 1953

Edition	72nd National Film Awards (films of 2024)
Ceremony	22 September 2026, Ekta Nagar (formerly Kevadia), Gujarat
Winners announced	18 July 2026
Best Feature Film	Article 370 (Hindi)
Best Actor (shared)	Mammooty (Bramayugam) and Kartik Aaryan (Chandu Champion)
Best Actress	Yami Gautam (Article 370)
Best Direction	Rajkumar Periasamy (Amaran)
Best Popular Film	Kalki 2898 AD (Telugu)

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Asian Games 2026: Elavenil Valarivan Wins Two Silvers in Shooting

20 September 2026 · Sports

Elavenil Valarivan won two silver medals in women's 10m air rifle at the Asian Games 2026 on 20 September, one with the team and one individually.

- Elavenil Valarivan won two silver medals in women's 10m air rifle at the Asian Games 2026 on 20 September
- The team silver was won by Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan and Vidarsa K Vinod
- Her silver in the individual event was her second medal of the day
- The Asian Games 2026 are being held in Nagoya, Japan, where India has a contingent of over 500 athletes
- Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya led the 91st 'Sundays on Cycle' ride with the Indian diaspora at Meijō Park, Nagoya

Games	Asian Games 2026, Nagoya, Japan
Discipline	Women's 10m air rifle
Team silver	Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan and Vidarsa K Vinod
Individual silver	Elavenil Valarivan
Date	20 September 2026
Indian contingent	More than 500 athletes
Sundays on Cycle in Nagoya	91st edition, Meijō Park, led by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya
Sundays on Cycle organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat

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Suryakiran Aerobatic Team Performs Over Meerut for the First Time

20 September 2026 · Defence

The IAF's Suryakiran Aerobatic Team flew over Meerut for the first time on 19 and 20 September 2026, drawing more than 1 lakh spectators over the two days.

- The IAF's Suryakiran Aerobatic Team performed over Meerut for the first time on 19 and 20 September 2026
- More than 1 lakh people, including students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, watched the two-day display
- SKAT flies nine Hawk Mk132 aircraft, licence-manufactured in India by HAL
- Smoke pods producing coloured smoke were integrated into the aircraft at the IAF's Base Repair Depot, Nashik
- Established in 1996, SKAT is Asia's only nine-aircraft aerobatic team and has flown more than 800 displays

Team	Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), Indian Air Force
Venue and dates	Meerut, 19 and 20 September 2026 (first display in the city)
Spectators	More than 1 lakh over two days
Aircraft	Nine Hawk Mk132, licence-manufactured in India by HAL
Coloured smoke pods	Integrated at the IAF's Base Repair Depot, Nashik
Established	1996
Distinction	Only nine-aircraft aerobatic team in Asia
Displays so far	More than 800 in 30 years

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India Aims to Be World's No. 1 Silk Producer by 2028-29

20 September 2026 · Economy

India's silk output has risen from 26,000 tonnes in 2014 to 42,000 tonnes; the Centre targets 60,000 tonnes by 2030-31 and the world's top spot by 2028-29.

- India's silk production rose from 26,000 metric tonnes in 2014 to 42,000 metric tonnes at present
- The target is 60,000 metric tonnes of silk by 2030-31
- The government has resolved to make India the world's No. 1 silk producer by 2028-29
- Karnataka holds the leading position in India's total silk production
- The goals were announced at the Central Silk Board's 77th Foundation Day in Bengaluru on 20 September 2026

Occasion	77th Foundation Day of the Central Silk Board, Bengaluru, 20 September 2026
Inaugurated by	Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh and MoS Shobha Karandlaje
Silk production in 2014	26,000 metric tonnes
Silk production at present	42,000 metric tonnes
Production target	60,000 metric tonnes by 2030-31
World No. 1 goal	By 2028-29
Leading silk-producing state	Karnataka
Farmer income aspiration	₹10 lakh to ₹12 lakh a year

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NGT Conference on Future of Environment and Climate Concludes

20 September 2026 · Environment

President Droupadi Murmu addressed the close of NGT's two-day conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics', with 17 countries taking part.

- The NGT's two-day International Conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics' concluded in New Delhi on 20 September 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated it on 19 September; President Droupadi Murmu addressed the valedictory session
- Participants came from 17 countries, along with UNEP and the Asian Development Bank
- The NGT's souvenir 'Harit Nyayam' was released and its first copy presented to the President
- Non-fossil sources make up nearly 55 per cent of India's installed generation capacity, Manohar Lal said

Conference	International Conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics'
Organised by	National Green Tribunal (NGT)
Venue	New Delhi
Inaugurated	19 September 2026, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Valedictory address	20 September 2026, by President Droupadi Murmu
Participation	17 countries, UNEP and the Asian Development Bank
NGT Chairperson	Justice Prakash Shrivastava
Souvenir released	Harit Nyayam

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Asia's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone to Come Up in Gwalior

20 September 2026 · Economy

Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone will come up in Gwalior with about ₹5,500 crore of investment; 24 companies have applied and 170 acres are identified.

- Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) is to be set up in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- It is expected to attract about ₹5,500 crore of investment and create more than 18,000 jobs
- About 170 acres have been identified for the first phase, at SADA and the IT Park
- 24 companies have begun the application process to set up units in the zone
- The DoT and the Madhya Pradesh government signed an MoU for the TMZ in July 2026

Project	Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)
Location	Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City (SADA) and IT Park, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
Expected investment	About ₹5,500 crore
Expected jobs	More than 18,000
Companies applying	24
Land for phase one	About 170 acres (90+ acres in SADA, 70+ acres in the IT Park)
Units planned	24-25 telecom manufacturing units across six verticals
MoU	July 2026, between the DoT and the Government of Madhya Pradesh

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: Theme, Dates and ODF Plus Progress

20 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 began on 17 September with the theme 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag'. India now has 5.69 lakh ODF Plus villages, 5.25 lakh of them Model.

- Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 began on 17 September with the theme 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat'
- Citizens will do a collective shramdaan on 1 October under 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'
- As of 17 September 2026, India has 5.69 lakh ODF Plus villages, 5.25 lakh of them with Model status
- ODF Plus villages are graded in three stages: Aspiring, Rising and Model
- Rural sanitation coverage was 39 percent in 2014; rural India was declared ODF in 2019

SHS 2026 theme	Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
SHS 2026 start	17 September 2026
1 October	Collective shramdaan: Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath
2 October	Special Gram Sabhas in villages
SHS launched	2017
SHS 2025 participation	More than 18.06 crore citizens
ODF Plus villages	5.69 lakh (5.25 lakh Model), as of 17 September 2026
ODF Plus stages	Aspiring, Rising, Model

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Which Indian team did Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulate on 14 September 2026 for winning the Asia Cup?

- (A) The Men's Cricket Team
- (B) The Women's Cricket Team
- (C) The Junior Men's Hockey Team
- (D) The Women's Kabaddi Team

2. Which three qualities of the team did the Prime Minister highlight in his message?

- (A) Discipline, fitness and patience
- (B) Confidence, consistency and remarkable spirit
- (C) Courage, teamwork and planning
- (D) Experience, aggression and skill

3. How did the Prime Minister convey his congratulations to the Asia Cup winning team?

- (A) Through a post on X
- (B) In an address to Parliament
- (C) At a felicitation ceremony in New Delhi
- (D) In a letter to the team captain

4. Where was the 6th All India Official Language Conference, held along with Hindi Diwas 2026, organised?

- (A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- (B) CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai
- (C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- (D) Science City, Ahmedabad

5. How many words does the dictionary 'Hindi Shabd Sindhu' now contain, according to the Union Home Minister?

- (A) 2 lakh words
- (B) 5 lakh words
- (C) 8 lakh words
- (D) 12 lakh words

6. Which department received the first prize under 'Rajbhasha Kirti' for the year 2025-26?

- (A) Department of Financial Services
- (B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- (C) Department of Official Language
- (D) Department of Posts

7. What was India's retail inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index in August 2026?

- (A) 3.96 per cent
- (B) 4.45 per cent
- (C) 4.82 per cent
- (D) 5.95 per cent

8. Which of the following correctly gives the rural and urban retail inflation rates for August 2026?

- (A) Rural 4.31 per cent, urban 5.23 per cent
- (B) Rural 5.23 per cent, urban 4.31 per cent
- (C) Rural 6.13 per cent, urban 5.64 per cent
- (D) Rural 3.96 per cent, urban 4.84 per cent

9. Which item topped the list of key items with high inflation at the all India combined level in August 2026?

- (A) Onion
- (B) Ginger
- (C) Silver jewellery
- (D) Garlic

10. What was India's Wholesale Price Index inflation rate for August 2026?

- (A) 8.37 per cent
- (B) 9.78 per cent
- (C) 9.92 per cent
- (D) 10.45 per cent

11. Which major group recorded the highest year on year inflation in the Wholesale Price Index for August 2026?

- (A) Primary Articles
- (B) Fuel and Power
- (C) Manufactured Products
- (D) All Commodities

12. What is the weight of the WPI Food Index, and what inflation did it record in August 2026?

- (A) Weight 24.99 per cent, inflation 7.05 per cent
- (B) Weight 22.93 per cent, inflation 6.65 per cent
- (C) Weight 24.99 per cent, inflation 9.92 per cent
- (D) Weight 18.50 per cent, inflation 7.05 per cent

13. The First Additional Protocol signed between India and MERCOSUR relates mainly to which of the following?

- (A) Acceptance of electronic Certificates of Origin
- (B) Removal of all tariffs on farm produce
- (C) A common currency for bilateral trade
- (D) Mutual recognition of academic degrees

14. When did the India-MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement enter into force?

- (A) 25 January 2004
- (B) 1 June 2009
- (C) 27 November 2025
- (D) 9 April 2026

15. Who signed the First Additional Protocol on behalf of the Government of India?

- (A) Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
- (B) Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal
- (C) Foreign Minister Mario Lubetkin
- (D) Ambassador Alberto Guani

16. Where was the first Indian Air Force Dronathon-2026 inaugurated?

- (A) Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer
- (B) Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
- (C) Chandipur Test Range, Odisha
- (D) Suryalanka Firing Range, Andhra Pradesh

17. What is 'Vayu UTtaM', demonstrated by the Indian Air Force at Dronathon-2026?

- (A) A long range armed drone
- (B) An indigenous Unmanned Traffic Management system
- (C) A new air to air missile
- (D) A satellite for weather forecasting

18. Who inaugurated Dronathon-2026 and which document was released on the occasion?

- (A) The Chief of Defence Staff; the Joint Doctrine on Drones
- (B) The Vice Chief of the Air Staff; the IAF UAS Roadmap
- (C) The Defence Minister; the Defence Acquisition Procedure
- (D) The Chief of the Air Staff; the Air Power Doctrine

19. Exercise Samudra Laksamana is held between the Indian Navy and the navy of which country?

- (A) Indonesia
- (B) Malaysia
- (C) Singapore
- (D) Thailand

20. Which Indian Navy ship took part in the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana?

- (A) INS Vikrant
- (B) INS Mysore
- (C) INS Shivalik
- (D) INS Kolkata

21. Which of the following statements about the 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana is correct?

- (A) It was held entirely at sea, with no harbour phase
- (B) It had a harbour phase and an operational phase at sea
- (C) It was a multilateral exercise involving six navies
- (D) It was held off the coast of Visakhapatnam

22. The Soft Release Centre inaugurated in September 2026 at Naliya, Kachchh, is meant for which species?

- (A) Asiatic lion
- (B) Great Indian Bustard
- (C) Indian wild ass
- (D) Olive ridley turtle

23. How many new patrolling and rescue vehicles did the Union Environment Minister flag off for the Kachchh Forest Circle?

- (A) 15
- (B) 25
- (C) 33
- (D) 47

24. The Sayara Van Kavach in Kachchh has been developed using which method of afforestation?

- (A) Miyawaki method
- (B) Taungya method
- (C) Coppice method
- (D) Shelterwood method

25. How many personnel has each side fielded for Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026?

- (A) 400 personnel
- (B) 500 personnel
- (C) 600 personnel
- (D) 800 personnel

26. Where was the opening ceremony of the 22nd edition of Yudh Abhyas held?

- (A) Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand
- (B) Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- (C) Babina Military Station, Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Deolali Cantonment, Maharashtra

27. What is the stated aim of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026?

- (A) Joint disaster relief in coastal districts
- (B) Joint capability for employing Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain
- (C) Joint anti-piracy patrolling in the Indian Ocean
- (D) Joint air-defence drills against ballistic missiles

28. What was the theme of the VIMARSH DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet held in September 2026?

- (A) Varta se Vikas
- (B) Vikas se Vishwas
- (C) Shodh se Samridhi
- (D) Nav Bharat Nav Nirman

29. How many Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology were handed over at VIMARSH, and to how many manufacturing partners?

- (A) Five agreements to nine partners
- (B) Nine agreements to 13 partners
- (C) Thirteen agreements to nine partners
- (D) Eleven agreements to 15 partners

30. With which body did DRDO sign a contract for SAMAR version 2.0?

- (A) Bureau of Indian Standards
- (B) Quality Council of India
- (C) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories
- (D) Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers

31. According to the PLFS bulletin for August 2026, what was the overall Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 years and above?

- (A) 52.8 per cent
- (B) 55.6 per cent
- (C) 58.2 per cent
- (D) 50.4 per cent

32. Which organisation conducts the Periodic Labour Force Survey?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India
- (B) NITI Aayog
- (C) National Statistical Office under MoSPI
- (D) Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour

33. What was the rural unemployment rate in August 2026 as per the PLFS bulletin?

- (A) 4.1 per cent
- (B) 4.5 per cent
- (C) 5.0 per cent
- (D) 6.8 per cent

34. What is the estimated value of India's total exports of goods and services during April-August 2026-27?

- (A) 345.55 billion US dollars
- (B) 399.27 billion US dollars
- (C) 459.65 billion US dollars
- (D) 215.91 billion US dollars

35. Which commodity group recorded an export growth of 89.82 per cent in August 2026?

- (A) Engineering goods
- (B) Petroleum products
- (C) Electronic goods
- (D) Marine products

36. Which ministry releases India's monthly merchandise and services trade data?

- (A) Ministry of Finance
- (B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

37. Up to what value do merchant payments through UPI remain free of MDR under the new framework?

- (A) 1,000 rupees
- (B) 2,000 rupees
- (C) 5,000 rupees
- (D) 10,000 rupees

38. Under which law has the new UPI framework been introduced?

- (A) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- (B) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- (C) Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- (D) Information Technology Act, 2000

- 39. What MDR applies to UPI transactions above 2,000 rupees in essential and thin-margin sectors such as railways, telecom and insurance?**
- (A) A flat charge of 5 rupees per transaction (B) 0.4 per cent of the transaction value
(C) 0.02 per cent of the transaction value (D) No charge at all
- 40. What is the theme of the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 held at Gandhinagar?**
- (A) Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity (B) Waste to Wealth for a Green Tomorrow
(C) One Earth, One Resource, One Future (D) Sustainable Consumption and Responsible Production
- 41. Which of these is a co-organiser of the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 in India?**
- (A) United Nations Environment Programme (B) The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra
(C) World Economic Forum (D) International Energy Agency
- 42. How many recyclers were registered under India's Extended Producer Responsibility frameworks as of August 2026?**
- (A) 1,802 recyclers (B) 3,402 recyclers
(C) 4,802 recyclers (D) 8,300 recyclers
- 43. How many members does India's contingent for WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 have?**
- (A) 48 members (B) 63 members
(C) 70 members (D) 64 members
- 44. Where and when is the 48th WorldSkills Competition being held?**
- (A) Lyon, France, in October 2026 (B) Shanghai, China, from 22 to 27 September 2026
(C) Singapore, from 22 to 27 September 2026 (D) Tokyo, Japan, in November 2026
- 45. At which edition of the WorldSkills Competition did India secure the 13th position?**
- (A) WorldSkills 2015 (B) WorldSkills Asia 2025
(C) WorldSkills Lyon 2024 (D) WorldSkills Shanghai 2026
- 46. Which two dark patterns did the Central Consumer Protection Authority find in Rapido's ride-booking interface?**
- (A) Drip pricing and bait and switch (B) Confirm shaming and interface interference
(C) False urgency and basket sneaking (D) Subscription trap and forced action
- 47. Under which guidelines are dark patterns identified and regulated in India?**
- (A) Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023 (B) Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2025
(C) E-Commerce Rules, 2020 (D) Digital Advertising Code, 2022
- 48. Under which law does the Central Consumer Protection Authority exercise its powers?**
- (A) Competition Act, 2002 (B) Consumer Protection Act, 2019
(C) Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (D) Essential Commodities Act, 1955

49. To what monthly figure has the Union Cabinet raised the EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory coverage?

- (A) Rs 21,000
- (B) Rs 25,000
- (C) Rs 30,000
- (D) Rs 18,000

50. From which date does the revised EPFO wage ceiling take effect?

- (A) 1 October 2026
- (B) 17 September 2026
- (C) 1 April 2027
- (D) 16 September 2026

51. Which ministry moved the proposal to raise the EPFO wage ceiling?

- (A) Ministry of Finance
- (B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

52. Who has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024?

- (A) Mohanlal
- (B) Anant Nag
- (C) Rajinikanth
- (D) Waheeda Rehman

53. At which venue will the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony be held?

- (A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- (B) Kevadia, Gujarat
- (C) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

54. Which of the following statements about Anant Nag is correct?

- (A) He made his acting debut in the Hindi film Ankur
- (B) He made his acting debut in the Kannada film Sankalp
- (C) He has acted only in Kannada cinema
- (D) He has never held elected public office

55. Under which law has the Shahzad Bhatti Network been declared a terrorist organisation?

- (A) The National Security Act
- (B) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
- (C) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act
- (D) The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act

56. Which minister announced the declaration of the Shahzad Bhatti Network as a terrorist organisation?

- (A) The Union Defence Minister
- (B) The Union Home Minister
- (C) The Union Law Minister
- (D) The Union External Affairs Minister

57. Which of the following was NOT among the charges cited against the Shahzad Bhatti Network?

- (A) Smuggling of arms and explosives across borders
- (B) Counterfeiting of Indian currency notes
- (C) Inciting youth and petty criminals into terrorism
- (D) Publishing hateful digital content

58. Which edition of Trade Watch Quarterly was released by NITI Aayog on 16 September 2026?

- (A) Seventh
- (B) Eighth
- (C) Ninth
- (D) Tenth

59. What is the thematic focus of the ninth edition of Trade Watch Quarterly?

- (A) India's pharmaceutical exports
- (B) India's metals and ores trade
- (C) India's agricultural exports
- (D) India's textile trade

60. According to the report, what rank does India now hold among exporters of digitally delivered services?

- (A) Second
- (B) Third
- (C) Fourth
- (D) Fifth

61. What was the theme of the 32nd World Ozone Day celebration held in Mumbai?

- (A) Global Action for a Cooler Planet
- (B) Ozone for Life
- (C) Cooling for All
- (D) Protecting Our Atmosphere

62. Which two digital platforms were launched on World Ozone Day 2026?

- (A) Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard
- (B) Green India Portal and Carbon Dashboard
- (C) Ozone Cell Portal and Mission LiFE Dashboard
- (D) Climate Finance Portal and NDC Dashboard

63. How many Industrial Training Institutes have been adopted by refrigeration and air-conditioning manufacturers?

- (A) 148
- (B) 198
- (C) 248
- (D) 348

64. Where was the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 held?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (C) Helsinki, Finland
- (D) Mumbai, Maharashtra

65. Which institution will host the World Circular Economy Forum 2027?

- (A) Columbia University, United States
- (B) University of Helsinki, Finland
- (C) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- (D) University of Tokyo, Japan

66. How many exhibitors featured in the exhibition organised alongside the forum?

- (A) 105
- (B) 115
- (C) 135
- (D) 165

67. At what altitude is the Parang La Pass, crossed during the Aparajita - Parang La 2026 trek?

- (A) 4,578 metres
- (B) 5,578 metres
- (C) 6,578 metres
- (D) 5,050 metres

68. Who flagged off the Aparajita - Parang La 2026 trek from New Delhi?

- (A) The Director General of the NCC
- (B) Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
- (C) The Chief of the Army Staff
- (D) The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence

69. The Parang La Pass connects the Spiti Valley with which region?

- (A) Zaskar
- (B) Changthang
- (C) Nubra
- (D) Lahaul

70. How many beneficiaries have been registered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in its first three years?

- (A) 10 lakh
- (B) 20 lakh
- (C) 30 lakh
- (D) 50 lakh

71. On which date was the PM Vishwakarma Scheme launched?

- (A) 17 September 2023
- (B) 15 August 2023
- (C) 17 September 2022
- (D) 2 October 2023

72. Under which ministry is the PM Vishwakarma Scheme implemented?

- (A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (B) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (C) Ministry of Textiles
- (D) Ministry of Rural Development

73. SEMICON India 2026, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 17 September 2026, was held at which venue?

- (A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- (B) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- (C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- (D) Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar

74. What is the size of Semicon 2.0, the second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission announced at SEMICON India 2026?

- (A) 8 billion dollars
- (B) 10 billion dollars
- (C) 13.5 billion dollars
- (D) 21 billion dollars

75. Commercial semiconductor production lines launched by the Prime Minister at SEMICON India 2026 are located at which two places?

- (A) Sanand and Dholera
- (B) Mohali and Surat
- (C) Jagiroad and Bengaluru
- (D) Pune and Hyderabad

76. How many coal blocks are offered in the 16th round of commercial coal mine auctions launched on 17 September 2026?

- (A) 19 blocks
- (B) 21 blocks
- (C) 25 blocks
- (D) 32 blocks

77. What level of foreign direct investment is permitted in commercial coal mining under the liberal framework described in the 16th auction round?

- (A) 49 per cent through the government route
- (B) 74 per cent through the automatic route
- (C) 100 per cent through the automatic route
- (D) 26 per cent through the government route

78. Since the sector was opened to commercial mining in 2020, how many coal mines have been auctioned in India?

- (A) 116
- (B) 128
- (C) 147
- (D) 165

79. The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, for which New Zealand's Parliament passed enabling legislation in September 2026, was signed on which date?

- (A) 27 April 2026 in New Delhi
- (B) 16 September 2026 in Wellington
- (C) 12 January 2026 in Auckland
- (D) 5 July 2026 in New Delhi

80. What share of Indian exports gets duty-free access to New Zealand under the India-New Zealand FTA?

- (A) 75 per cent
- (B) 90 per cent
- (C) 99 per cent
- (D) 100 per cent

81. How much investment into India does the India-New Zealand FTA provide for facilitating?

- (A) 5 billion US dollars
- (B) 20 billion US dollars
- (C) 50 billion US dollars
- (D) 100 billion US dollars

82. Which city hosted the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting attended by India from 14 to 16 September 2026?

- (A) Washington DC
- (B) Houston
- (C) Johannesburg
- (D) Rio de Janeiro

83. What installed electricity generation capacity did India report at the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting?

- (A) 425 GW
- (B) 490 GW
- (C) 552 GW
- (D) 610 GW

84. Which of the following was NOT among the outcomes of the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting?

- (A) G20 Statement on Advancing Clean Cooking Access
- (B) G20 Water Reuse Initiative
- (C) G20 Critical Minerals Meeting Communique
- (D) G20 Global Carbon Tax Treaty

85. India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar, inaugurated on 17 September 2026, is located at which place?

- (A) Paradip, Odisha
- (B) Sambalpur, Odisha
- (C) Gopalpur, Odisha
- (D) Balasore, Odisha

86. How many Doppler Weather Radars did India have in 2014, according to the Minister for Earth Sciences?

- (A) 8
- (B) 14
- (C) 24
- (D) 40

87. Under which mission is India planning to add around 40 more Doppler Weather Radars?

- (A) Mission Mausam
- (B) Mission Samudra
- (C) Mission Varsha
- (D) Mission Akash

88. What is the theme of World Patient Safety Day 2026?

- (A) Safe care for noncommunicable diseases
- (B) Safe maternal and newborn care
- (C) Medication without harm
- (D) Engaging patients for patient safety

89. The National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification for health institutions was introduced in which year?

- (A) 2005
- (B) 2015
- (C) 2018
- (D) 2021

90. As stated at the World Patient Safety Day 2026 event, how many beneficiaries have received treatment under Ayushman Bharat?

- (A) About 5.5 crore
- (B) About 8 crore
- (C) About 11.5 crore
- (D) About 15 crore

91. The erstwhile Hyderabad State merged into the Indian Union following which military action?

- (A) Operation Vijay
- (B) Operation Polo
- (C) Operation Meghdoot
- (D) Operation Cactus

92. Which edition of Hyderabad Liberation Day was celebrated at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, on 17 September 2026?

- (A) 75th
- (B) 77th
- (C) 78th
- (D) 79th

93. Which two portfolios did Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel hold during the integration of princely states, as recalled by the Vice-President?

- (A) Defence and External Affairs
- (B) Home and States
- (C) Finance and Home
- (D) States and Education

94. Which edition of the Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference commenced in New Delhi on 17 September 2026?

- (A) 41st
- (B) 42nd
- (C) 43rd
- (D) 45th

95. What does MAHASAGAR, the vision cited at the Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference, stand for?

- (A) Maritime Alliance for Harbour Safety and Growth Across Regions
- (B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- (C) Maritime Assistance for Humanitarian Aid, Security and Governance
- (D) Mission for Advanced Harbour and Sea Guard Readiness

96. Who is the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard who interacted with the Raksha Rajya Mantri at the 43rd Commanders' Conference?

- (A) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- (B) General NS Raja Subramani
- (C) Paramesh Sivamani
- (D) Sanjay Seth

97. The CORE Programme 2026, which concluded at the Manekshaw Centre, was conducted by which body?

- (A) Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
- (B) Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)
- (C) National Defence College
- (D) Defence Research and Development Organisation

98. Officials from which three ministries took part in the CORE Programme 2026?

- (A) Defence, Finance and Home Affairs
- (B) Defence, External Affairs and Home Affairs
- (C) Defence, External Affairs and Commerce
- (D) Home Affairs, External Affairs and Science and Technology

99. The Kalakshetra Foundation, which organised the 17th Kathakali Festival, was established in which year?

- (A) 1936
- (B) 1947
- (C) 1955
- (D) 1962

100. What is the theme of the 17th Kathakali Festival organised by the Kalakshetra Foundation?

- (A) Nritya Sangama - Confluence of Dance
- (B) Kadha Rasa Sangama - Confluence of Essence of Stories
- (C) Natya Parampara - Tradition of Theatre
- (D) Raga Rasa Yatra - Journey of Melody

101. How many LCA Tejas Final Operational Clearance twin-seat trainers did HAL hand over to the Indian Air Force at the September 2026 ceremony?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four

102. Which organisation received the four Dhruv Next Generation helicopters from HAL?

- (A) Indian Air Force
- (B) Indian Coast Guard
- (C) Pawan Hans Limited
- (D) Border Security Force

103. In which city did HAL hand over the aircraft to the Indian Air Force and Pawan Hans Limited?

- (A) Hyderabad
- (B) Nashik
- (C) Bengaluru
- (D) Koraput

104. Who delivered the valedictory address at the fifth ITEC capacity-building programme on human rights?

- (A) The Union Home Minister
- (B) Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, NHRC India
- (C) The Chief Justice of India
- (D) The Union Minister of External Affairs

105. How many national human rights institutions sent participants to the programme?

- (A) Eight
- (B) Eleven
- (C) Fourteen
- (D) Twenty

106. The ITEC programme on human rights was organised by the NHRC in partnership with which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (B) Ministry of External Affairs
- (C) Ministry of Law and Justice
- (D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

107. At which shipyard was the keel of the Indian Navy's first Next Generation Missile Vessel laid?

- (A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
- (B) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- (C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Kolkata
- (D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

108. In which month and year was the contract for construction of the Next Generation Missile Vessels concluded?

- (A) March 2023
- (B) March 2021
- (C) September 2026
- (D) August 2024

109. How many judicial officers were appointed as Judges and Additional Judges in the September 2026 announcement?

- (A) Ten
- (B) Twelve
- (C) Fourteen
- (D) Sixteen

110. Under the Constitution, who appoints Judges of a High Court, and after consulting whom?

- (A) The Prime Minister, after consulting the Law Minister
- (B) The President, after consulting the Chief Justice of India
- (C) The Chief Justice of India, after consulting the President
- (D) The Governor of the State, after consulting the High Court Chief Justice

111. Which High Court received the largest number of the fourteen appointments?

- (A) Karnataka High Court
- (B) Jharkhand High Court
- (C) Delhi High Court
- (D) High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh

112. How many rural youth will begin training in the first round of DDU-GKY 2.0 in October 2026?

- (A) 34,920
- (B) 3,57,112
- (C) 1,164
- (D) 5.6 lakh

113. Which ministry implements the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana?

- (A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (B) Ministry of Rural Development
- (C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (D) Ministry of Education

114. What is the sanctioned training target for the fourteen States and UTs reviewed in the first phase?

- (A) 34,920 rural youth by December 2026
- (B) 1,164 rural youth by December 2027
- (C) 3,57,112 rural youth by 31 December 2027
- (D) 5.6 lakh rural youth, with no deadline stated

115. What was the value of the monetisation proposals recommended at NLMC's 21st board meeting?

- (A) Over Rs 1,000 crore
- (B) Over Rs 5,000 crore
- (C) Over Rs 10,000 crore
- (D) Over Rs 50,000 crore

116. Whose surplus assets does the National Land Monetization Corporation help monetise?

- (A) State government departments only
- (B) Private companies in financial distress
- (C) Central Public Sector Enterprises and other government entities
- (D) Municipal corporations and urban local bodies

117. For which financial year did the NLMC board approve the Annual Financial Statements and Directors' Report?

- (A) 2023-24
- (B) 2024-25
- (C) 2025-26
- (D) 2026-27

118. SLINEX-26, the 13th edition of a bilateral maritime exercise held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026, is conducted between the Indian Navy and the navy of which country?

- (A) Singapore
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Thailand
- (D) Maldives

119. Which Indian Navy ship taking part in SLINEX-26 is described by the Ministry of Defence as an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette?

- (A) INS Jyoti
- (B) INS Kavaratti
- (C) SLNS Sindurata
- (D) INS Vikrant

120. The SLINEX series of bilateral maritime exercises between India and Sri Lanka, whose 13th edition was held in 2026, was conceptualised in which year?

- (A) 2001
- (B) 2005
- (C) 2010
- (D) 2014

121. Which film won the Best Feature Film award at the 72nd National Film Awards?

- (A) Amaran
- (B) Article 370
- (C) Kalki 2898 AD
- (D) Chandu Champion

122. Who will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024?

- (A) Mohanlal
- (B) Mithun Chakraborty
- (C) Anant Nag
- (D) Waheeda Rehman

123. The 72nd National Film Awards are to be presented on 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar. In which state is Ekta Nagar located?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

124. Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan and Vidarsa K Vinod won a silver medal at the Asian Games 2026 in which event?

- (A) Women's 10m Air Pistol
- (B) Women's 10m Air Rifle
- (C) Women's 25m Pistol
- (D) Women's Trap

125. According to the Prime Minister, Elavenil Valarivan's silver in the women's 10m air rifle individual event at the Asian Games 2026 was her ____ medal of the day.

- (A) first
- (B) second
- (C) third
- (D) fourth

126. The Asian Games 2026, where Indian women shooters won two silver medals in the 10m air rifle on 20 September, are being held in which city?

- (A) Hangzhou
- (B) Nagoya
- (C) Jakarta
- (D) Incheon

127. The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force, which performed over Meerut for the first time in September 2026, flies which aircraft?

- (A) HAL Tejas
- (B) Hawk Mk132
- (C) Kiran Mk II
- (D) Pilatus PC-7

128. In which year was the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) of the Indian Air Force established?

- (A) 1982
- (B) 1996
- (C) 2002
- (D) 2011

129. The smoke pods that let the Suryakiran team's Hawk Mk132 aircraft trail coloured smoke were integrated at the IAF's Base Repair Depot in which city?

- (A) Nashik
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) Kanpur
- (D) Chandigarh

130. According to Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh, India's silk production, which stood at 26,000 metric tonnes in 2014, has now reached how much?

- (A) 32,000 metric tonnes
- (B) 38,000 metric tonnes
- (C) 42,000 metric tonnes
- (D) 60,000 metric tonnes

131. By which year has the Government of India resolved to make India the world's No. 1 producer of silk?

- (A) 2026-27
- (B) 2028-29
- (C) 2030-31
- (D) 2035-36

132. The 77th Foundation Day of which body was held in Bengaluru on 20 September 2026?

- (A) Coir Board
- (B) Central Silk Board
- (C) Tea Board
- (D) Khadi and Village Industries Commission

133. What is the title of the souvenir released by the National Green Tribunal at its international conference on 'The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics' in September 2026?

- (A) Harit Nyayam
- (B) Prakriti Vandan
- (C) Harit Bharat
- (D) Paryavaran Nyay

134. According to Union Minister Manohar Lal at the NGT conference in September 2026, non-fossil sources account for nearly what share of India's installed generation capacity?

- (A) 40 per cent
- (B) 50 per cent
- (C) 55 per cent
- (D) 65 per cent

135. Who is named as the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal in the release on its international conference of September 2026?

- (A) Justice Prakash Shrivastava
- (B) Justice B.V. Nagarathna
- (C) Tushar Mehta
- (D) Manohar Lal

136. Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ), whose site was inspected by the Union Communications Minister in September 2026, is being set up in which city?

- (A) Indore
- (B) Gwalior
- (C) Noida
- (D) Bhopal

137. What is the approximate investment expected in the Telecom Manufacturing Zone at Gwalior?

- (A) ₹2,000 crore
- (B) ₹3,500 crore
- (C) ₹5,500 crore
- (D) ₹6,500 crore

138. About how much land has been identified for the first phase of the Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior?

- (A) About 70 acres
- (B) About 90 acres
- (C) About 170 acres
- (D) About 250 acres

139. What is the theme of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, which began on 17 September 2026?

- (A) Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
- (B) Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata
- (C) Garbage Free India
- (D) Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath

140. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, an ODF Plus village that manages both solid and liquid waste but has not yet reached the top stage is classified as:

- (A) Aspiring
- (B) Rising
- (C) Model
- (D) Emerging

141. As of 17 September 2026, how many villages in India had attained ODF Plus status?

- (A) 5.25 lakh
- (B) 5.38 lakh
- (C) 5.69 lakh
- (D) 6.10 lakh

Answer key

1. **B** **The Women's Cricket Team** – The Prime Minister congratulated the Indian Women's Cricket Team on winning the Asia Cup and opened his message by calling the result a proud moment for Indian cricket.
2. **B** **Confidence, consistency and remarkable spirit** – The Prime Minister named exactly these three, and he added that they were on full display not in one match but throughout the tournament, which is why the phrase is worth memorising as a set.
3. **A** **Through a post on X** – The correct answer is through a post on X. The Prime Minister put out his message on that platform on 14 September 2026, and the Prime Minister's Office issued the same text as a press release on the same day.
4. **B** **CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai** – The Department of Official Language, which functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs, held the sixth edition of the All India Official Language Conference there together with the Hindi Diwas programme, and the sittings were spread over 14 and 15 September..
5. **C** **8 lakh words** – The Home Minister told the conference that Hindi Shabd Sindhu has now grown to that size, and that it is expected to become the largest dictionary anywhere in the world by 2029.
6. **A** **Department of Financial Services** – It was placed first under Rajbhasha Kirti for the year 2025-26 in the category meant for ministries and departments having fewer than 300 employees, and the citation praised its effective use and innovative handling of official Hindi.
7. **C** **4.82 per cent** – This is the provisional year on year rate for August 2026 compared with August 2025, worked out on the Consumer Price Index whose base year is 2024 equals 100.
8. **B** **Rural 5.23 per cent, urban 4.31 per cent** – The correct answer is rural 5.23 per cent and urban 4.31 per cent.
9. **C** **Silver jewellery** – The correct answer is silver jewellery, which stood first among the key items with high inflation in August 2026.
10. **C** **9.92 per cent** – That is the provisional year on year wholesale inflation rate announced for August 2026 on the base year 2022-23, and the index for all commodities stood at 110.8 in the same month.
11. **B** **Fuel and Power** – The correct answer is Fuel and Power, which recorded inflation of 22.93 per cent in August 2026.
12. **A** **Weight 24.99 per cent, inflation 7.05 per cent** – The correct answer is a weight of 24.99 per cent with inflation of 7.05 per cent.
13. **A** **Acceptance of electronic Certificates of Origin** – The Protocol provides that a Certificate of Origin issued in electronic form will carry the same legal validity and value as one issued on paper, provided it is issued and signed electronically by duly authorised entities and officials under each side's own d...
14. **B** **1 June 2009** – Candidates must keep two dates apart here, because both appear in the same sentence of the release.
15. **B** **Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal** – The correct answer is Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal, who signed for the Government of India.
16. **A** **Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer** – The Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, opened the first edition of Dronathon there, and the same range hosted the live demonstration of the indigenous traffic management system Vayu UTaM on the opening day.

17.	B	An indigenous Unmanned Traffic Management system – Vayu UTtAM is described as an indigenously developed multi mode system, and during its real time demonstration at the Pokhran range it detected and tracked both military and civil unmanned aircraft.
18.	B	The Vice Chief of the Air Staff; the IAF UAS Roadmap – The correct answer is the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, who released the IAF UAS Roadmap.
19.	B	Malaysia – Exercise Samudra Laksamana is conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy, and its fourth edition was held at Lumut in Malaysia from 9 to 12 September 2026 with INS Mysore taking part as part of an operational deployment.
20.	B	INS Mysore – The ship was deployed as part of the Indian Navy's operational deployment and took part in the fourth edition of the exercise at Lumut in Malaysia.
21.	B	It had a harbour phase and an operational phase at sea – The correct answer is that the exercise had a harbour phase and an operational phase at sea.
22.	B	Great Indian Bustard – Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Soft Release Centre for the bird at the facility in Naliya, in the Kachchh district of Gujarat, and the centre carries infrastructure meant to support conservation, monitoring and the gradual adaptati...
23.	C	33 – The Minister flagged off that many new patrolling and rescue vehicles, and they are to be used across various divisions under the Kachchh Forest Circle for forest protection, forest development, wildlife protection, field patrolling, monitoring and quick resp...
24.	A	Miyawaki method – The correct answer is the Miyawaki method, which raises dense, multi layered forest in a small space.
25.	C	600 personnel – The release on the opening ceremony states plainly that the contingents addressed by the two commanders were made up of that number of troops from each army, so the Indian side and the American side are equally represented.
26.	A	Auli Foreign Training Node, Uttarakhand – The correct answer is the Auli Foreign Training Node in Uttarakhand, where the opening ceremony of this edition was conducted.
27.	B	Joint capability for employing Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain – The correct answer is joint capability for employing Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain, with emphasis on infantry-dominated operations.
28.	A	Varta se Vikas – The correct answer is Varta se Vikas, the theme named by the Defence Secretary and DRDO Chairman while describing how the meet was designed.
29.	B	Nine agreements to 13 partners – The release records that nine Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology, written in short as LAToTs, were handed over to that many manufacturing partners in the presence of the Raksha Mantri, so that they may take up commercial production of the systems...
30.	B	Quality Council of India – DRDO signed a contract with it for the System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating, whose second version will benchmark how mature the manufacturing capability of domestic defence enterprises really is.
31.	B	55.6 per cent – The correct answer is 55.6 per cent, which is the overall Labour Force Participation Rate reported for the month, up from the reading of the previous month.
32.	C	National Statistical Office under MoSPI – The correct answer is the National Statistical Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
33.	A	4.1 per cent – The correct answer is 4.1 per cent, and the bulletin adds the detail that makes it memorable: this is the lowest rural reading since January of the same year.

34.	B	399.27 billion US dollars – The correct answer is 399.27 billion US dollars, the cumulative figure for merchandise and services exports taken together over the five months of the current financial year covered by the release.
35.	C	Electronic goods – The correct answer is electronic goods, whose exports in the month climbed from 2.93 billion dollars a year earlier to 5.55 billion dollars, a jump the release lists first among the drivers of merchandise export growth.
36.	B	Ministry of Commerce and Industry – The correct answer is the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which issued these estimates for the month and for the cumulative period of the financial year.
37.	B	2,000 rupees – Every person-to-merchant payment at or below that value stays free of the Merchant Discount Rate, and customers pay no charge for making such payments through the platform.
38.	B	Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 – The correct answer is the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, the statute named in the release as the basis of the framework.
39.	A	A flat charge of 5 rupees per transaction – The release explains the reasoning: a fixed amount gives cost certainty to critical public services and to businesses that work on narrow margins, which a percentage charge would not.
40.	A	Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity – The correct answer is Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity, the theme under which the forum is being organised at Gandhinagar.
41.	B	The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra – The release lists the organisers as the Central Pollution Control Board, that Finnish fund, the Government of Finland, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Government of Gujarat and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board.
42.	C	4,802 recyclers – The correct answer is 4,802 recyclers, the figure the Union Environment Minister gave while describing how regulatory reform and digital compliance systems have moved India towards a circular economy.
43.	C	70 members – The correct answer is 70 members, and the release adds the detail that makes it worth remembering: this is the largest contingent of skilled young competitors India has ever sent to the competition.
44.	B	Shanghai, China, from 22 to 27 September 2026 – The correct answer is Shanghai in China, from the twenty second to the twenty seventh of September.
45.	C	WorldSkills Lyon 2024 – The correct answer is WorldSkills Lyon 2024, where India secured four Bronze Medals and twelve Medallions for Excellence along with that placing.
46.	B	Confirm shaming and interface interference – The first was found in the prompts that told a rider, after the booking had already been made, that captains were not accepting at the quoted fare and that a higher price improves the chance of getting a ride.
47.	A	Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023 – The correct answer is the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns of 2023, under which both the findings in this order are identified as recognised dark patterns.
48.	B	Consumer Protection Act, 2019 – The correct answer is the Consumer Protection Act of 2019, under whose statutory mandate the authority acts to protect consumers as a class, to prevent unfair trade practices and to ensure that no false or misleading advertisement is made about goods or servi...
49.	B	Rs 25,000 – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, cleared the Labour Ministry's proposal on 16 September 2026 to lift the wage ceiling for compulsory EPFO membership from Rs 15,000 a month to Rs 25,000 a month.

50.	B	17 September 2026 – Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of Labour and Employment and also of Youth Affairs and Sports, told a press briefing that the higher ceiling would come into force on that day, which is observed as Vishwakarma Jayanti and as Sewa Divas.
51.	B	Ministry of Labour and Employment – The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation works under this ministry, so the proposal to widen compulsory coverage came from it and was then placed before the Union Cabinet.
52.	B	Anant Nag – The Government of India announced on 16 September 2026, acting on the recommendation of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award Selection Committee, that the veteran actor would receive the country's highest cinema honour for the year 2024.
53.	B	Kevadia, Gujarat – The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting stated that Anant Nag would be handed the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony, and that the ceremony was fixed for 22 September 2026 at Kevadia.
54.	B	He made his acting debut in the Kannada film Sankalp – The correct answer is that he made his acting debut in the Kannada feature Sankalp.
55.	B	The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act – The correct answer is the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, commonly written as UAPA.
56.	B	The Union Home Minister – Amit Shah, who is Union Home Minister and also Minister of Cooperation, announced that the Ministry of Home Affairs had declared the Shahzad Bhatti Network a terrorist organisation under the UAPA.
57.	B	Counterfeiting of Indian currency notes – That charge was not part of the grounds cited when the Ministry of Home Affairs declared the network a terrorist organisation, which is what makes it the odd one out in this list.
58.	C	Ninth – Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, released it in New Delhi along with the chief executive officer and other senior officials of the institution, and the edition covers the first quarter of FY27, that is April to June 2026.
59.	B	India's metals and ores trade – The edition treats this as a strategically important sector for manufacturing, infrastructure, the energy transition and advanced industries, and it examines both export competitiveness and rising import dependence.
60.	C	Fourth – India's exports of digitally delivered services rose from \$277 billion in 2024 to \$317 billion in 2025, a gain of about 15 per cent in a single year, and that growth lifted the country from the fifth position to the fourth among global exporters of such servi...
61.	A	Global Action for a Cooler Planet – The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change organised the national celebration of the 32nd World Ozone Day in Mumbai on 16 September 2026 under this theme, with Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh presiding and Maharashtra's Environment Min...
62.	A	Net Zero Portal and NAPCC Dashboard – Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched both in Mumbai on the occasion of World Ozone Day.
63.	C	248 – The announcement was made at the World Ozone Day function in Mumbai, where 12 refrigeration and air-conditioning manufacturers agreed to adopt that many Industrial Training Institutes.
64.	B	Gandhinagar, Gujarat – The forum, written in short as WCEF2026, ran for two days and concluded there on 16 September 2026, bringing together around 2,700 delegates and 260 speakers from more than 60 countries, including governments, international organisations, industry, start-ups,...
65.	A	Columbia University, United States – At the closing ceremony in Gandhinagar, Kristo Lehtonen, Director of International Programmes at SITRA, handed over the baton for organising the next edition of the

forum to Columbia University.

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66. **C** **135** – Additional Secretary and Central Pollution Control Board Chairman Amandeep Garg told the closing session that the exhibition held concurrently with the forum featured that many national and international exhibitors, offering a view of how circular solutions a...
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67. **B** **5,578 metres** – The team of 20 NCC girl cadets crossed the Parang La Pass at this height during the All India Girls High Altitude Long Trek.
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68. **B** **Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh** – The correct answer is Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, who flagged the trek off from New Delhi on 18 August 2026.
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69. **B** **Changthang** – The Parang La Pass, standing at 5,578 metres, links the Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh with the Changthang region of Ladakh, and the trek accordingly ran from Kibber in Himachal Pradesh to Karzok in Ladakh.
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70. **C** **30 lakh** – The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises stated that this many beneficiaries have been registered under the scheme after clearing a three-stage verification process, which means the registration target set for the scheme has been met within three y...
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71. **A** **17 September 2023** – The Prime Minister launched the scheme on that day to give end-to-end support to traditional artisans and craftspeople engaged in 18 identified trades, which is why its third anniversary falls on 17 September 2026 and is being celebrated at the Dhono Dhanyo A...
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72. **B** **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, usually written as MSME.
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73. **B** **Yashobhoomi, New Delhi** – The fifth edition of SEMICON India was hosted at Yashobhoomi and the Prime Minister opened it on 17 September 2026.
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74. **C** **13.5 billion dollars** – The Prime Minister said the second phase of the Semiconductor Mission has been set at this size while addressing the opening session.
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75. **B** **Mohali and Surat** – The Prime Minister virtually opened commercial lines at CDIL Semiconductor in Mohali, which makes discrete devices, and at Suchi Semicon in Surat, which handles packaging.
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76. **C** **25 blocks** – The 16th round puts 25 coal blocks before bidders, of which 21 are fully explored and four only partly explored, and they are spread across nine coal-bearing states from Arunachal Pradesh to West Bengal.
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77. **C** **100 per cent through the automatic route** – The commercial coal mining framework was designed to attract wide participation, so it carries no end-use restriction on the coal mined, permits full foreign investment without prior approval, and keeps upfront payments low by allowing them to be adjusted aga...
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78. **C** **147** – With the launch of the sixteenth round, the commercial coal mining programme has auctioned this many mines since the sector was thrown open in 2020.
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79. **A** **27 April 2026 in New Delhi** – The agreement was signed in the Indian capital on that date, and the legislation to give it effect was passed by the Parliament of New Zealand months later.
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80. **D** **100 per cent** – From the date the agreement enters into force, the whole of India's export basket to New Zealand becomes duty free.
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81. **B** **20 billion US dollars** – Besides tariff concessions, the agreement carries a commitment to facilitate investment of this size into India, and it strengthens bilateral cooperation in agricultural productivity, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, traditional medicine and AYUSH, techno...
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82.	B	Houston – The ministerial was held in that American city under the United States presidency of the G20, and the Indian delegation was led by the Union Minister for Power and Housing and Urban Affairs.
83.	C	552 GW – The Union Minister told the ministerial that India's installed electricity generation capacity had reached this level and that more than half of it now comes from non-fossil fuel sources.
84.	D	G20 Global Carbon Tax Treaty – The correct answer is G20 Global Carbon Tax Treaty, which does not exist and was not an outcome of this ministerial.
85.	B	Sambalpur, Odisha – The Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences inaugurated the radar virtually in the presence of the Chief Minister of Odisha, and its main job is to strengthen weather watch over Western Odisha along with adjoining parts of southern Jharkhand, northern Chha...
86.	B	14 – The Minister contrasted the position a decade ago with the present network, which has now reached 51 radars with the commissioning of the Sambalpur facility.
87.	A	Mission Mausam – The Minister said around forty more radars are planned under this mission, which would raise the national total to roughly eighty-one.
88.	A	Safe care for noncommunicable diseases – The correct answer is Safe care for noncommunicable diseases, and the accompanying slogan is 'Safe care for life!'.
89.	B	2015 – The Union Health Minister said the standards were brought in that year to create nationally recognised benchmarks for assessing the quality of healthcare institutions.
90.	C	About 11.5 crore – The Union Health Minister said that many beneficiaries have accessed treatment under Ayushman Bharat, worth around Rs 1.6 lakh crore in all, and that eligible families receive cover of up to Rs 5 lakh a year for secondary and tertiary care.
91.	B	Operation Polo – The Vice-President said that 17 September 1948 closed a decisive chapter in the history of independent India, with the erstwhile Hyderabad State becoming part of the Indian Union after the events of September 1948 and this operation.
92.	D	79th – The Vice-President took part as chief guest at Parade Ground in Secunderabad, Telangana, where he inspected the parade, laid a wreath at the War Memorial and watched the March Past along with cultural performances.
93.	B	Home and States – The Vice-President recalled that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel served as the first Home Minister and as Minister for States, carrying an extraordinary responsibility at a time when the country was recovering from Partition while hundreds of princely states were be...
94.	C	43rd – The three-day conference opened in the national capital, and on the first day the Raksha Rajya Mantri interacted with the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and the assembled commanders on national and maritime security.
95.	B	Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions – The correct answer is Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
96.	C	Paramesh Sivamani – The correct answer is Paramesh Sivamani, who heads the Indian Coast Guard as its Director General and discussed national and maritime security issues with the minister and the commanders.
97.	B	Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) – The correct answer is the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, commonly abbreviated as CENJOWS.
98.	B	Defence, External Affairs and Home Affairs – The release states that the five-day programme brought together senior officers from the three Services along with officials from the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs, for deliberations on contemporary and...

99.	A	1936 – According to the Ministry of Culture, the Kalakshetra Foundation was established in 1936 by Rukmini Devi Arundale, and it has since played a significant role in the preservation, practice and dissemination of Indian classical arts.
100.	B	Kadha Rasa Sangama - Confluence of Essence of Stories – The correct answer is Kadha Rasa Sangama - Confluence of Essence of Stories.
101.	B	Two – The answer is two.
102.	C	Pawan Hans Limited – The answer is Pawan Hans Limited.
103.	C	Bengaluru – The answer is Bengaluru, in Karnataka, where the ceremony took place on 18 September 2026.
104.	B	Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, NHRC India – The answer is Justice V. Ramasubramanian, who chairs the National Human Rights Commission of India and closed the programme.
105.	C	Fourteen – The answer is fourteen.
106.	B	Ministry of External Affairs – The answer is the Ministry of External Affairs.
107.	B	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi – The Ministry of Defence stated that the keel laying ceremony of the first ship of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Missile Vessel project was held at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi on 18 September 2026, with Vice Admiral Sanjay Sadhu, Controller of Warship...
108.	A	March 2023 – The Ministry of Defence release states that the contract for construction of the NGMVs was concluded with Cochin Shipyard Limited in March 2023.
109.	C	Fourteen – The answer is fourteen.
110.	B	The President, after consulting the Chief Justice of India – The answer is the President, after consulting the Chief Justice of India.
111.	C	Delhi High Court – The answer is the Delhi High Court, which received seven of the fourteen, half the total on its own.
112.	A	34,920 – The answer is 34,920.
113.	B	Ministry of Rural Development – The answer is the Ministry of Rural Development, which is reviewing State readiness and rolling out the second phase of the scheme.
114.	C	3,57,112 rural youth by 31 December 2027 – The answer is 3,57,112 rural youth by 31 December 2027.
115.	B	Over Rs 5,000 crore – The answer is over Rs 5,000 crore.
116.	C	Central Public Sector Enterprises and other government entities – The answer is Central Public Sector Enterprises and other government entities.
117.	C	2025-26 – The answer is 2025-26.
118.	B	Sri Lanka – SLINEX is the bilateral maritime exercise between the navies of India and Sri Lanka, and the Ministry of Defence has described SLINEX-26 as its 13th edition, held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026.
119.	B	INS Kavaratti – The Ministry of Defence lists two Indian ships in SLINEX-26: INS Kavaratti, an indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, and INS Jyoti, the Fleet Tanker.
120.	B	2005 – The Ministry of Defence says SLINEX was conceptualised in 2005 and has since grown into an important forum through which the two navies work on maritime cooperation.

121.	B	Article 370 – The PIB backgrounder on the 72nd National Film Awards lists the Hindi film Article 370, directed by Aditya Suhas Jambhale, as the Best Feature Film.
122.	C	Anant Nag – The Government of India announced on 16 September 2026 that the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 will be conferred on Anant Nag, a veteran of Kannada cinema.
123.	C	Gujarat – According to PIB, the President of India will present the 72nd National Film Awards on 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, a town formerly known as Kevadia.
124.	B	Women's 10m Air Rifle – On 20 September 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sonam Uttam Maskar, Elavenil Valarivan and Vidarsa K Vinod on winning the silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the Asian Games 2026, and credited the result to hard work and teamwo...
125.	B	second – In his message on X, the Prime Minister congratulated Elavenil Valarivan on the silver in the women's 10m air rifle individual event and noted that it was her second medal of the day, which made it even more special.
126.	B	Nagoya – Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, speaking in the city on 20 September 2026, said the Asian Games had begun in Nagoya, Japan, and that India had a contingent of more than 500 young athletes there.
127.	B	Hawk Mk132 – The Ministry of Defence says the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team flies nine distinctive red-and-white Hawk Mk132 aircraft, licence-manufactured in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
128.	B	1996 – According to the Ministry of Defence, SKAT was established in 1996 and holds the distinction of being the only nine-aircraft aerobatic team in Asia.
129.	A	Nashik – The Ministry of Defence describes the smoke pods as a significant indigenous modification to the Hawk Mk132, developed in India at the Indian Air Force's Base Repair Depot, Nashik.
130.	C	42,000 metric tonnes – Speaking at the Central Silk Board's 77th Foundation Day in Bengaluru on 20 September 2026, the minister said India's silk production had grown from 26,000 metric tonnes in 2014 to 42,000 metric tonnes today.
131.	B	2028-29 – Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh said a resolve has been made to take India to the No. 1 rank in global silk production by 2028-29.
132.	B	Central Silk Board – Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh and Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje inaugurated the 77th Foundation Day programme of the Central Silk Board, together with an exhibition of silk products and technologies, at the UAS-GKVK auditorium in Bengaluru on 20 Septe...
133.	A	Harit Nyayam – At the valedictory session in New Delhi on 20 September 2026, Union Minister Manohar Lal released the NGT's souvenir titled Harit Nyayam and presented its first copy to the President of India.
134.	C	55 per cent – Speaking at the valedictory session of the National Green Tribunal's conference, Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, said non-fossil sources account for nearly 55 per cent of India's installed generation capacity.
135.	A	Justice Prakash Shrivastava – The release identifies him as the Chairperson of the NGT.
136.	B	Gwalior – The Ministry of Communications said Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone will be established in Gwalior, and Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inspected the identified site at the Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City (SADA) on 20 September 2026.
137.	C	₹5,500 crore – The Ministry of Communications said the proposed TMZ will be established with an investment of approximately ₹5,500 crore, and that 24 companies have initiated the application process to set up units there.

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138. **C** **About 170 acres** – According to the Ministry of Communications, more than 90 acres in SADA and more than 70 acres in the IT Park, approximately 170 acres in all, have been identified for the proposed Telecom Manufacturing Zone.
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139. **A** **Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat** – The PIB backgrounder of 20 September 2026 gives this as the theme of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, which began on 17 September.
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140. **B** **Rising** – The backgrounder explains that ODF Plus villages are classified into three progressive stages.
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141. **C** **5.69 lakh** – According to the PIB backgrounder, India had attained 5.69 lakh ODF Plus villages as of 17 September 2026.
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