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DAC Clears Rs 1.10 Lakh Crore Defence Procurement Proposals

7 September 2026 · Defence

On 7 September 2026 the Defence Acquisition Council under Rajnath Singh accorded Acceptance of Necessity to defence buys worth about Rs 1,10,000 crore.

- The Defence Acquisition Council cleared Acceptance of Necessity for defence proposals worth about Rs 1,10,000 crore on 7 September 2026
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh chairs the Defence Acquisition Council, and Acceptance of Necessity is the in-principle administrative approval that starts a purchase
- Army items cleared include CBRN Recce Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles, Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers, Advanced Light Helicopters, Trawl Tanks and the Sarvatra Bridge System
- The Navy got clearance for Arudhra Radar and for Marine Gas Turbines, a warship propulsion system to be designed and developed in India
- About 98 per cent of the cleared value is to be procured from Indian industry, and the Air Force list includes the GBMPJ jammer and the DEFSAC smart card system

Body	Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)
Chairman	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Date of meeting	7 September 2026
Value cleared	About Rs 1,10,000 crore
Approval granted	Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), the in-principle administrative approval
Army systems	CBRN Recce Vehicles, HMV, Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers, ALH, Trawl Tanks, Sarvatra Bridge System
Navy systems	Arudhra Radar and Marine Gas Turbine (MGT)
Air Force systems	Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammer (GBMPJ) and DEFSAC card system

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Bye-Election Schedule: Five Assembly Seats, Nagaon Poll on 6 October

7 September 2026 · National

The Election Commission announced bye-elections to five Assembly seats in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal and the Nagaon Lok Sabha seat in Assam.

- The Election Commission announced bye-elections to five Assembly constituencies and one parliamentary constituency, all six seats having fallen vacant through resignations
- The Assembly seats are Madurantakam (SC) and Dharapuram (SC) in Tamil Nadu, Thattanchavady in Puducherry, and Rejinagar and Nandigram in West Bengal
- The parliamentary seat is Nagaon in Assam, vacated by the resignation of Sh. Pradyut Bordoloi
- Polling is on 6 October 2026, counting on 9 October 2026, and the election must be completed before 11 October 2026
- EVMs and VVPATs will be used at all polling stations, EPIC is the main identity document, and the Model Code of Conduct applies from the day of announcement

Announced by	Election Commission of India, on 7 September 2026
Seats	Five Assembly constituencies and one parliamentary constituency
Tamil Nadu	Madurantakam (SC) and Dharapuram (SC)
Puducherry	Thattanchavady Assembly constituency
West Bengal	Rejinagar and Nandigram
Assam	Nagaon parliamentary constituency
Notification	9 September 2026
Last date of nomination	16 September 2026

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11th Ayurveda Day 2026: Nagpur to Host on 23 September

7 September 2026 · Important Days

The 11th Ayurveda Day will be observed on 23 September 2026 at Nagpur in Maharashtra on the theme Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow, said Prataprao Jadhav.

- The 11th Ayurveda Day 2026 will be celebrated on 23 September 2026 at Nagpur in Maharashtra, with the Ministry of Ayush as the organiser
- The theme of the 11th edition is 'Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow', announced at a curtain raiser press conference in New Delhi on 7 September 2026
- Union Minister of State with independent charge for Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, called for the day to become a national health communication campaign
- Three focus areas guide the campaign: integrative healthcare, evidence and research and innovation, and community wellbeing with sustainable living
- The day will see the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2026, safety dossiers on medicinal plants, Standard Treatment Guidelines for skin diseases and Ayush Vision 2030

Occasion	11th Ayurveda Day 2026
Date of main celebration	23 September 2026
Venue	Nagpur, Maharashtra
Theme	Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Minister	Shri Prataprao Jadhav, MoS (Independent Charge) for Ayush
Curtain raiser	National Media Centre, New Delhi, 7 September 2026
Awards	National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2026

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5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards Given on Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026

7 September 2026 · Environment

The Environment Ministry gave the 5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan awards on Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026 and released a compendium of best practices under NCAP.

- Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026 was held on 7 September 2026, the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava was the chief guest, and the 5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan awards went to the best performing cities and wards
- The National Clean Air Programme covers 130 cities in 24 States and Union Territories, which have received a performance linked grant of Rs 16,425 crore
- Against the levels of 2017-18, 108 of the 130 cities improved their PM10 levels, 72 cut them by more than 20 per cent, 26 by more than 40 per cent and 14 met the NAAQS
- A Compendium of Best Management Practices under NCAP was released, and the PRANA portal tracks air quality management for the 130 NCAP cities

Occasion	Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026, on the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
Date	7 September 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Chief guest	Justice Prakash Shrivastava, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal
Awards	5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan awards to best performing cities and wards
NCAP coverage	130 cities in 24 States and Union Territories
Grant released	Rs 16,425 crore as performance linked grant
PM10 improvement	108 cities improved; 72 cut PM10 by over 20 per cent; 26 by over 40 per cent

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G20 Innovation Ministerial: Jitin Prasada Leads India at Chapel Hill

7 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Union Minister of State Jitin Prasada led India at the G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting in Chapel Hill, where ministers agreed on the Carolina Principles.

- The G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting was held on 1 and 2 September 2026 at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in the United States
- Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT and for Commerce and Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada, led the Indian delegation to the meeting
- Ministers adopted the Innovation Ministerial Statement by consensus, built on six pillars including IP policies for AI and standards for AI
- The meeting also produced the Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies, the AI Prosperity Objectives and the AI Prosperity Compact
- India offered India Stack digital solutions including DPI to African countries, and discussed semiconductors, AI, data centres and ISM 2.0 with the United States

Event	G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting
Dates	1 and 2 September 2026
Venue	Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
Hosts	US Department of Commerce and White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Indian delegation led by	Shri Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT and for Commerce and Industry
Main outcome	Innovation Ministerial Statement adopted by consensus, on six pillars
Other outcomes	Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies, AI Prosperity Objectives, AI Prosperity Compact
Offer to African Union	India Stack digital solutions, including Digital Public Infrastructure

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NITI Aayog Launches PACT and ZET Marketplace for Electric Trucks

7 September 2026 · Economy

NITI Aayog member Rajiv Gauba launched the PACT platform and the ZET Marketplace at the 5th e-FAST India Summit 2026 to speed up zero-emission freight.

- NITI Aayog Member Shri Rajiv Gauba launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) and the ZET Marketplace at the 5th e-FAST India Summit 2026
- PACT aggregates freight demand from shippers and logistics service providers and converts it into deployment opportunities on identified freight corridors
- E-freight vehicle deployment rose more than fourfold from 201 vehicles to 826, and over 3,000 electric medium and heavy-duty trucks are now in operation
- Heavy trucks are only 3 to 4 per cent of the fleet but cause over a third of transport carbon emissions, and about 70 per cent of India's freight moves by road
- e-FAST India stands for Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India, a NITI Aayog led platform linking government and industry

Launched	Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) and Zero Emission Truck (ZET) Marketplace
Launched by	Shri Rajiv Gauba, Member, NITI Aayog
Occasion	5th e-FAST India Summit 2026, on 7 September 2026
e-FAST India	Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India, led by NITI Aayog
E-freight deployment	Up from 201 vehicles to 826, a more than fourfold rise
E-trucks in operation	More than 3,000 electric medium and heavy-duty trucks
Heavy truck share	3 to 4 per cent of the fleet, over a third of transport carbon emissions
Road share of freight	About 70 per cent

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President's Colour Presented to Goa Police by Amit Shah in Panaji

7 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Goa Police at Panaji on 7 September 2026, honouring eight decades of service.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Goa Police at Panaji on 7 September 2026, marking eight decades of service
- Goa Police has cut the response time on emergency helpline 112 from 18 minutes to 8 minutes and has given prompt help on nearly 20,000 calls
- The conviction rate of the Goa Police rose by 30 percentage points in one year, from 23 per cent to 53 per cent of FIRs
- Goa Police has launched an AI-based call agent for the 1930 cyber fraud helpline that takes complaints in all languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution
- Goa Police ranks second in the country in implementing the new criminal codes with 93.38 per cent progress, and a roadmap for 2026 to 2029 has been prepared for a narcotics-free India

Honour	President's Colour, presented to the Goa Police
Presented by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah
Place and date	Panaji, capital of Goa, 7 September 2026
Also present	Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant and Shri Shripad Yesso Naik
Service recognised	Eight decades of service by the Goa Police
Emergency helpline	112, response time cut from 18 minutes to 8 minutes
Cyber fraud helpline	1930, with an AI-based call agent launched by Goa Police
Languages covered	All languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

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RRI Scientists Delay Entanglement Sudden Death with Timed Flip

7 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Scientists at the Raman Research Institute delayed entanglement sudden death with one well-timed flip, in work funded by the National Quantum Mission.

- Scientists showed that a single well-timed flip operation can delay or even prevent entanglement sudden death without any change in hardware
- Entanglement sudden death is the abrupt disappearance of entanglement at a finite time, well before the decay of the particles is complete
- The team came from the Raman Research Institute, an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology, with the University of Calgary and Louisiana State University
- The study was funded in part by the National Quantum Mission, the flagship mission of the Department of Science and Technology
- Urbasi Sinha of the Quantum Information and Computing lab led the study and Saumya Ranjan Behera was the lead author; the paper appeared in Physical Review A

Finding	A single well-timed flip operation can delay or prevent entanglement sudden death
Lead institution	Raman Research Institute (RRI), an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology
Partner institutions	University of Calgary and Louisiana State University
Funding	Partly by the National Quantum Mission, a flagship mission of the Department of Science and Technology
Laboratory	Quantum Information and Computing (QuIC) lab at RRI
Group leader	Urbasi Sinha, senior professor at RRI
Lead author	Saumya Ranjan Behera
Journal	Physical Review A of the American Physical Society, published in July

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PM Opens 7th Global Fintech Fest 2026 in Mumbai

8 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai on 8 September 2026, held on the theme Potential to Impact until 11 September.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Global Fintech Fest 2026 in Mumbai on 8 September 2026; the event runs to 11 September 2026
- The theme is Potential to Impact, built on Agentic AI, tokenisation and quantum technologies for inclusive finance
- The Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council are the principal organisers
- The Prime Minister cited growth of 7.8 per cent in the April to June quarter and a rating upgrade to the A- category by a Japanese agency after three decades
- He asked the sector to work on cybersecurity, ethical data protection, a regulator-industry innovation ecosystem and a Fintech Consumer Protection Index

Event	7th Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Venue and dates	Mumbai, 8 to 11 September 2026
Theme	Potential to Impact: Agentic AI, Tokenisation, Quantum
Principal organisers	Payments Council of India, NPCI and Fintech Convergence Council
First edition	2020
Growth cited	7.8 per cent in the April to June quarter

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9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah Begins from Varanasi

8 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah starts on 9 September 2026 at Varanasi on the theme Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari, marking ten years of PMMVY.

- The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah will be launched on 9 September 2026 at the Rudraksh centre in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- The theme of this edition is Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari, which calls for shared ownership of Anganwadi centres
- POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched in March 2018 and was brought under Mission Poshan 2.0 in the Union Budget of 2021-22
- Mission Poshan 2.0 merges POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anganwadi Services or ICDS and the Scheme for Adolescent Girls under the Ministry of Women and Child Development
- The month also marks ten years of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and stresses the first 1,000 days of life

Campaign	9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, observed every September
Launch	9 September 2026, Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi
Theme	Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari
Ministry	Ministry of Women and Child Development
POSHAN Abhiyaan launched	March 2018
Mission Poshan 2.0	Announced in the Union Budget of 2021-22
Anniversary marked	Ten years of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
Focus window	First 1,000 days of life

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FRI Blocks Cyber Fraud Worth Over Rs 5,000 Crore

8 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator of the Department of Telecommunications has stopped suspected cyber fraud of over Rs 5,000 crore since its launch in May 2025.

- The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator of the Department of Telecommunications has prevented suspected cyber fraud of more than Rs 5,000 crore in fifteen months
- FRI was launched on 22 May 2025 and works under the Digital Intelligence Platform of the DoT
- Cumulative prevention rose from Rs 139.16 crore in August 2025 to Rs 5,043.73 crore by August 2026, a nearly eight-fold rise from Rs 660 crore in the first six months
- FRI classifies mobile numbers into three risk levels, namely Medium, High and Very High, using Sanchar Saathi and NCRP inputs
- More than 1,600 organisations are on the Digital Intelligence Platform and about 1,500 banks, institutions and regulators have been trained

Tool	Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)
Developed by	Department of Telecommunications
Launched on	22 May 2025
Platform	Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)
Risk categories	Medium, High, Very High
Fraud prevented	Rs 5,043.73 crore up to August 2026
First six months	Rs 660 crore
Organisations on DIP	More than 1,600

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Kharif Sowing Reaches 1086.31 Lakh Hectares This Season

8 September 2026 · Economy

Kharif crops had been sown on 1086.31 lakh hectares by 4 September 2026, which is 17.69 lakh hectares less than a year earlier; pulses and jute gained area.

- All India kharif sowing reached 1086.31 lakh hectares as on 4 September 2026, which is 17.69 lakh hectares below the same week of the previous season
- The season is running below the normal area of the department, the average against which every weekly sowing report is read
- Pulses at 117.13 lakh hectares and jute and mesta at 6.34 lakh hectares are the only two groups with a higher area than last year
- Rice area fell to 421.82 lakh hectares from 438.19 lakh hectares, a drop of 16.37 lakh hectares
- Oilseeds stood at 191.99 lakh hectares, cotton at 109.17 lakh hectares and sugarcane at 58.47 lakh hectares

Report	Weekly kharif area coverage of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Position as on	4 September 2026
Total sown area	1086.31 lakh hectares
Change from last year	Down 17.69 lakh hectares
Rice	421.82 lakh hectares, down 16.37 lakh hectares
Pulses	117.13 lakh hectares, up 1.84 lakh hectares
Cotton	109.17 lakh hectares

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Coal Sector Gets India's First Sector-Wide CSR Framework

8 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy launched the first sector-wide CSR framework for Indian coal companies in New Delhi on 8 September 2026, prepared by IICA.

- The Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies was launched in New Delhi on 8 September 2026 by Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy
- It is the first sector-specific CSR framework since statutory CSR began under the Companies Act, 2013, and has been prepared by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- Under the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana more than 1,050 bone marrow transplants are done, with an outlay of Rs 130 crore over four phases
- The thalassemia scheme now covers twenty one empanelled hospitals, up from four, and pays up to Rs 10 lakh per patient
- Nanha Sa Dil, run with the Sri Sathya Sai Health and Education Trust since March 2024, has completed more than 1,500 free corrective heart surgeries

Launched	Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies
Date and place	8 September 2026, New Delhi
Launched by	G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines
Prepared by	Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
Distinction	First sector-specific CSR framework since statutory CSR under the Companies Act, 2013
Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana	More than 1,050 bone marrow transplants, outlay of Rs 130 crore
Nanha Sa Dil	More than 1,500 free corrective heart surgeries
Coal Ministry Secretary	Vikram Dev Dutt

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Exercise Veer Guardian-2026 Begins at Jodhpur with Japan

8 September 2026 · Defence

India and Japan will hold the bilateral air exercise Veer Guardian-2026 at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 9 to 22 September 2026 with Tejas and F-2A jets.

- Veer Guardian-2026 is a bilateral air exercise of the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self Defence Force, held at Air Force Station Jodhpur
- The exercise runs from 9 September 2026 to 22 September 2026 and the flying programme covers fourteen days
- India is flying the indigenous LCA Tejas along with the Su-30 MKI and the Rafale; Japan has brought the F-2A fighter
- Mission planning conferences, subject matter expert exchanges and talks on engineering and aerospace safety are part of the programme
- The drill is presented as a sign of the deepening strategic partnership between India and Japan

Exercise	Veer Guardian-2026
Type	Bilateral air exercise
Participants	Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self Defence Force
Venue	Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Dates	9 September 2026 to 22 September 2026
Indian aircraft	LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI, Rafale
Japanese aircraft	F-2A

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India-Morocco Hold First Joint Defence Committee Meeting

8 September 2026 · Defence

India and Morocco held the first meeting of their Joint Defence Committee in New Delhi on 8 September 2026 and agreed to widen defence cooperation.

- The inaugural India-Morocco Joint Defence Committee meeting was held in New Delhi on 8 September 2026
- It was co-chaired by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Ministry of Defence, and Brigadier General Abdellah Athmani of the Moroccan Royal Armed Forces
- Training, peacekeeping, military exercises, medical cooperation, cyber defence and defence industries were the areas discussed
- The committee was created under a defence MoU signed during Rajnath Singh's visit to Morocco in September 2025
- India-Morocco bilateral cooperation will complete its 70th anniversary in 2027

Event	Inaugural India-Morocco Joint Defence Committee meeting
Date	8 September 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Indian co-chair	Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence
Moroccan co-chair	Brigadier General Abdellah Athmani, Chief of the 2nd Bureau, Royal Armed Forces
Delegation visit	7 to 10 September 2026
Parent agreement	Defence MoU signed during Rajnath Singh's Morocco visit in September 2025
Milestone ahead	70th anniversary of bilateral cooperation in 2027

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503-Member Indian Contingent Sent Off for Asian Games 2026

8 September 2026 · Sports

India's 503-member contingent for the Asian Games 2026 in Japan was given a send-off in New Delhi on 8 September 2026 by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

- The send-off for India's Asian Games 2026 contingent was held in New Delhi on 8 September 2026
- The contingent has 503 members, including athletes and support staff, and the Games are being held in Japan
- More than 300 of the athletes are taking part in the Asian Games for the first time
- Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, IOA President P. T. Usha, Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao and Chef de Mission Sahdev Yadav unveiled the contingent jersey
- The minister named 2036 as the target year for hosting the Olympics and spoke of more than Rs 36,000 crore for sports infrastructure

Event	Send-off of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games 2026
Date and venue	8 September 2026, New Delhi
Host country of the Games	Japan
Contingent size	503 members, athletes and support staff
First-timers	More than 300 athletes
Sports Minister	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
IOA President	Dr P. T. Usha
Chef de Mission	Sahdev Yadav

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Cabinet Clears Eight Railway Multitracking Projects in Nine States

9 September 2026 · Economy

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved eight railway multitracking projects on 9 September 2026 costing Rs 10,021 crore and Rs 10,783 crore.

- The CCEA on 9 September 2026 approved five railway multitracking projects costing about Rs 10,021 crore across 17 districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana
- It also approved three projects costing Rs 10,783 crore across 14 districts of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh
- The five projects add about 540 km of line and the three projects about 656 km; all eight are to be completed by 2029-30
- The five projects will serve about 2,121 villages with 52 lakh people; the three projects about 4,790 villages with 56 lakh people
- Extra freight capacity created is 47 MTPA from the southern package and 27 MTPA from the eastern package, all planned under PM-Gati Shakti

Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister
Date of approval	9 September 2026
First package	Five projects, Rs 10,021 crore, 17 districts, about 540 km
States covered (first)	Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana
Second package	Three projects, Rs 10,783 crore, 14 districts, about 656 km
States covered (second)	West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
Completion target	2029-30
Planning framework	PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan

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Rajnath Singh in Colombo: India, Sri Lanka Sign Two Defence MoUs

9 September 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Sri Lanka's President and Prime Minister in Colombo on 9 September 2026 and the two sides exchanged two defence MoUs.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh visited Colombo on 9 September 2026 and called on Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and Prime Minister Dr Harini Amarasuriya
- Two MoUs were exchanged: upgradation of six L70 air defence guns of the Sri Lankan Air Force under an Indian grant, and cooperation between the NCC and the National Defence Colleges
- Three Bailey Bridges built by the Indian defence forces were inaugurated virtually by the two sides
- President Dissanayake thanked India for relief under Operation Sagar Bandhu during Cyclone Ditwah and said Sri Lankan soil would never be used against India
- At the Sri Lankan Ministry of Defence, Rajnath Singh invoked the MAHASAGAR vision, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Who visited	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Where and when	Colombo, Sri Lanka, 9 September 2026
President of Sri Lanka	Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	Dr Harini Amarasuriya
First MoU	Upgradation of six L70 guns for the Sri Lankan Air Force under a Government of India grant
Second MoU	Cooperation between the NCC and the National Defence Colleges of the two countries
Also inaugurated	Three Bailey Bridges built by the Indian defence forces
Relief operation recalled	Operation Sagar Bandhu during Cyclone Ditwah

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Ocean Research Vessel ORV Sagar Manthan Launched at Kolkata

9 September 2026 · Science & Technology

India's first advanced ocean research vessel ORV Sagar Manthan was launched on 9 September 2026 at Kolkata, built by GRSE for NCPOR at about Rs 840 crore.

- ORV Sagar Manthan, India's first advanced ocean research vessel built by GRSE, was launched on 9 September 2026 at Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata
- It was built for the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research under the Ministry of Earth Sciences at a cost of about Rs 840 crore
- The vessel comes under Vertical-4, Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration, of the Deep Ocean Mission and has a projected service life of 30 years
- It will gradually replace the 43-year-old ORV Sagar Kanya, which was procured from Germany in 1983
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched it virtually and it carries dual class certification from the Indian Register of Shipping and the American Bureau of Shipping

Vessel	ORV Sagar Manthan (Yard 3041)
Launched on	9 September 2026, Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata
Launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of Earth Sciences (virtually)
Builder	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)
Owner	National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences
Cost	About Rs 840 crore
Programme	Vertical-4 of the Deep Ocean Mission
Service life	30 years

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UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox

9 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

UIDAI launched the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox at the Global Fintech Fest 2026 on 9 September 2026 for banks and fintech companies.

- UIDAI launched the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox at the Global Fintech Fest 2026 on 9 September 2026
- The SDK brings face authentication into native Android and iOS apps, removing the need for the separate FaceRD app and easing RBI-mandated multi-factor authentication
- UIDAI's face authentication solution was launched in 2021 and has processed over 500 crore transactions, adopted by nearly 200 entities
- The technology won the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2023 in the Innovation category
- UIDAI also unveiled a Playbook on ease of Onboarding; Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance and Airtel Payments Bank completed the proof of concept

Launched by	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
What was launched	Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Aadhaar Face Authentication Sandbox
Occasion	Global Fintech Fest 2026, on 9 September 2026
Face authentication launched in	2021
Transactions processed	Over 500 crore
Entities using it	Nearly 200
Award	Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2023, Innovation category

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/uidai-launches-aadhaar-face-authentication-sdk-and-sandbox/

India Endorses Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security

9 September 2026 · Science & Technology

India endorsed the Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security, joining over 20 governments, with the Department of Telecommunications to carry it forward.

- India endorsed the Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security, joining over 20 like-minded governments committed to open, interoperable and secure next-generation networks
- The announcement was made on the sidelines of the G20 Innovation Ministerial at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, held on 1-2 September 2026 under the United States presidency
- India aims to contribute 10 per cent of global 6G standards and patents, and the Department of Telecommunications will take the initiative forward
- The handshake marking the endorsement was between Minister of State Jitin Prasada and United States Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick
- Signatories must name 6G points of contact within one month and meet in person in 2027 to review progress

Initiative	Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security
Announced at	Sidelines of the G20 Innovation Ministerial, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
Dates of the ministerial	1-2 September 2026, under the United States G20 presidency
Nodal body in India	Department of Telecommunications
India's target	10 per cent of global 6G standards and patents
Communications Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
Handshake partners	Jitin Prasada and Howard Lutnick, United States Secretary of Commerce
Next in-person review	2027

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9th ASEAN-India Agriculture Ministerial Meeting Held in New Delhi

9 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

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- It was co-chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines
- The ministers welcomed ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future and the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sectoral Plan 2026-2030
- The India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry was unveiled at the meeting as a symbol of the partnership
- The 10th ASEAN-India Agriculture Working Group Meeting on 8 September 2026 brought 45 delegates from 11 ASEAN member states to New Delhi

Event	9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry
Venue and date	New Delhi, 9 September 2026
Indian co-chair	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
ASEAN co-chair	Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, the Philippines
Vision welcomed	ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future
Sectoral plan	ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sectoral Plan 2026-2030
Symbol unveiled	India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry
Next ministerial	The 10th edition, to be convened two years later

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9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 Launched at Varanasi

9 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 at Varanasi on 9 September 2026 on a theme about Anganwadis.

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 at the Rudraksh Centre, Varanasi, on 9 September 2026
- The theme of the month-long campaign is Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari, focusing on dietary diversity, adequate protein and fresh hot cooked meals
- More than 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres serve over 7.5 crore children, 1.10 crore pregnant and lactating women and nearly 16 lakh adolescent girls
- The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana completed ten years, transferring more than Rs 21,000 crore to over 4.65 crore mothers through direct benefit transfer
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister Annpurna Devi led the launch; 2 lakh centres are being upgraded into Saksham Anganwadis

Campaign	9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026
Launched by	Ministry of Women and Child Development
Venue and date	Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, 9 September 2026
Theme	Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari
Union Minister	Annpurna Devi
Anganwadi Centres	More than 14 lakh, serving over 7.5 crore children
Saksham Anganwadi upgrade	2 lakh centres, about 24,000 approved in Uttar Pradesh
PMMVY milestone	Ten years; more than Rs 21,000 crore to over 4.65 crore mothers

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Bhagwat Prasad Makwana Takes Charge as NCSK Chairperson

9 September 2026 · Appointments

Bhagwat Prasad Makwana assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis on 9 September 2026, after his appointment on 6 September.

- Bhagwat Prasad Makwana assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis on 9 September 2026
- The Government of India had appointed him to the post on 6 September 2026
- He earlier served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Safai Karamchari Commission of the Government of Uttarakhand
- He has been an Independent Director on the Board of NHPC and a member of the Central Monitoring Committee under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013
- He holds a Master's degree in Economics and has long experience in social work concerning Scheduled Caste communities

Who	Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
Post	Chairperson, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)
Took charge on	9 September 2026
Appointed on	6 September 2026
Ministry concerned	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Earlier state role	Vice-Chairman and Chairman, Safai Karamchari Commission, Uttarakhand
Corporate role	Independent Director on the Board of NHPC
Statutory role	Member, Central Monitoring Committee under the Manual Scavengers Act, 2013

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PM Modi Addresses First International Space Summit in Paris

10 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the first International Space Summit in Paris by video conference and set out India's space goals for 2035 and 2040.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the first International Space Summit, held in Paris, France, on 10 September 2026 through video conference
- President Emmanuel Macron took the initiative for the summit and invited the Prime Minister to address it
- Indian rockets have launched more than 430 payloads belonging to 34 countries, and Chandrayaan-3 made India the first nation to land near the Moon's south pole
- India plans an indigenous space station by 2035 and an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040
- France has been a partner since the Indian space programme began at Thumba in the 1960s; Aditya-L1 is currently studying the Sun

Event	First International Space Summit
Venue	Paris, France
Addressed by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through video conference
Initiative and invitation	President Emmanuel Macron of France
Foreign payloads launched	More than 430 payloads for 34 countries
Indigenous space station	Target year 2035
Indian astronaut on the Moon	Target year 2040
Solar mission named	Aditya-L1

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9th ASEAN-India Agriculture Ministerial Meeting Held in New Delhi

10 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held in New Delhi and agreed on a new plan of action for the years 2026-2030.

- The 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (9th AIMMAF) was held in New Delhi on 9 September 2026
- It was co-chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Agriculture Secretary of the Philippines
- The meeting reviewed the plan of action for 2021-2025 and looked ahead to the new plan of action for 2026-2030, built on four areas of work
- The ASEAN-India fellowship launched in 2024 provides 50 master's fellowships over five years for students of ASEAN member states
- The Tenth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry will be convened in 2028

Meeting	Ninth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (9th AIMMAF)
Venue	New Delhi, India
Date of the meeting	9 September 2026
Co-chair for India	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Co-chair for ASEAN	Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, the Philippines
Plan reviewed	Medium-term plan of action for 2021-2025
New plan	Medium-term plan of action for 2026-2030, with four areas of work
Fellowship	Launched in 2024, 50 master's fellowships over five years

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Exercise Samudra Laksamana: INS Mysore Reaches Lumut, Malaysia

10 September 2026 · Defence

INS Mysore arrived at Lumut in Malaysia for the fourth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Laksamana with the Royal Malaysian Navy.

- INS Mysore arrived at Lumut in Malaysia on 9 September 2026 as part of an operational deployment of the Indian Navy
- The ship is taking part in the fourth edition of Samudra Laksamana, a bilateral maritime exercise with the Royal Malaysian Navy
- The exercise has a harbour phase and a sea phase, and includes cross-deck visits, operational interactions and sporting engagements
- The twelfth India-Malaysia Sub Committee Meeting, held on 1 July 2026, was among the recent engagements that led up to the visit
- The engagement is aligned with the MAHASAGAR vision of the Government of India and the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026

Exercise	Samudra Laksamana, fourth edition
Type	Bilateral maritime exercise
Participants	Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy
Indian ship	INS Mysore
Port of arrival	Lumut, Malaysia
Date of arrival	9 September 2026
Aligned with	MAHASAGAR vision and the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026
Recent engagement	Twelfth India-Malaysia Sub Committee Meeting, 1 July 2026

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E-Commerce Rules Amended to Strengthen Consumer Protection

10 September 2026 · National

The Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 have been amended to curb dark patterns and misleading search results, and the new rules apply from 2027.

- The Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026 amend the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020, notified under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- The amended rules come into force from 1 January 2027 and require every e-commerce entity to join the convergence process of the National Consumer Helpline
- During 2025 the National Consumer Helpline received 17,71,622 grievances, of which 5,11,196, about 29 per cent, related to e-commerce
- Search results may not be manipulated, sponsored listings must be clearly disclosed, and on a price cut both the reduced price and the prior price must be displayed
- Platforms must follow the dark patterns guidelines of 2023, conduct a yearly self-audit and prominently display a certificate of compliance

New rules	Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
Rules amended	Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020
Parent Act	Consumer Protection Act, 2019
Ministry	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
In force from	1 January 2027
NCH grievances in 2025	17,71,622
From e-commerce	5,11,196, about 29 per cent
Prior price defined as	The lowest price offered during the 30 days before the announcement

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NSO Releases First District-Level Estimates of Unincorporated Sector

10 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

The National Statistics Office has published district-level estimates of the unincorporated non-agricultural sector for the first time, covering 757 districts.

- The National Statistics Office has released district-level estimates of the unincorporated non-agricultural sector for the first time, based on ASUSE 2025
- Estimates cover 757 of the 770 districts in the sampling frame; Lakshadweep, Chandigarh and Delhi are not shown separately
- The top 50 districts account for nearly one-third of establishments, workforce and gross value added, and the top 10 for about one-tenth
- In 280 districts the gross value added per worker is above the all-India average of Rs 1,56,539, and in about 331 districts it lies between 1 lakh and 1.5 lakh rupees
- Women form one-third of the workforce in 237 districts and more than half in 25 districts

Released by	National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Source survey	Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2025
Districts covered	757 out of 770 districts in the sampling frame
Not covered separately	Lakshadweep, Chandigarh and Delhi
Top 50 districts	Nearly one-third of establishments, workforce and gross value added
Top 10 districts	About one-tenth of the sector, spread across Gujarat, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal
All-India GVA per worker	Rs 1,56,539, exceeded in 280 districts
Women in the workforce	One-third in 237 districts and above half in 25 districts

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DRI Seizes 41 kg Smuggled Gold Worth Rs 62 Crore Across India

10 September 2026 · Economy

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized about 41 kg of foreign-origin gold in six operations across India and arrested 24 people, three of them foreigners.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized about 41 kg of foreign-origin gold worth around Rs 62 crore in six intelligence-led operations
- In all 24 persons were arrested, including three foreign nationals, and the networks ran through airports, rail routes and the Indo-Bangladesh border
- In Delhi a melting and die-cutting unit was found in a residential premises, taking that seizure to about 10.2 kg of gold
- Near the Indo-Bangladesh border at BOP Halderpara, 89 gold bars weighing about 11.3 kg were seized with the help of the Border Security Force
- At Mumbai airport eight capsules of gold dust in wax form weighing 3.47 kg were recovered and five persons, including two transit passengers, were arrested

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Gold seized	Around 41 kg of foreign-origin gold
Value	Around Rs 62 crore
Operations	Six intelligence-led operations
Arrests	24 persons, including three foreign nationals
Law invoked	Customs Act, 1962
Border seizure	89 bars weighing about 11.3 kg at BOP Halderpara, with the Border Security Force
Mumbai airport case	Eight capsules of gold dust in wax form, 3.47 kg net weight

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Scholarships Worth Rs 12,773 Crore for 1.44 Crore SC Students

10 September 2026 · Government Schemes

More than 1.44 crore Scheduled Caste students have received scholarships of Rs 12,773 crore, and reforms have been made in three education support schemes.

- More than 1.44 crore Scheduled Caste students have benefited under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes, with Rs 12,773 crore disbursed
- More than 1.01 crore OBC and EBC students have received assistance of Rs 2,445.05 crore under the same schemes
- The National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA has been advanced from May to December so that counselling and admission fit the academic cycle
- On-the-spot verification of income and caste certificates was introduced under the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme from the academic year 2024-25
- A mandatory seven-day grievance window after UGC-NET and Joint CSIR-UGC NET results was introduced under the National Fellowship for SC Students from 2025-26

Department	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
SC students supported	More than 1.44 crore
Amount disbursed to SC students	Rs 12,773 crore
OBC and EBC students supported	More than 1.01 crore
Amount for OBC and EBC students	Rs 2,445.05 crore
SHRESHTA	Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas
NETS examination	Advanced from May to December
Overseas scholarship reform	On-the-spot verification of income and caste certificates, from 2024-25

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Kishor Makwana Conferred Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026

10 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

NCSC Chairman Kishor Makwana received the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026 at the Sansad Ratna Awards held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre.

- Kishor Makwana, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, was conferred the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026
- The award was presented during the sixteenth edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in the national capital
- Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy was the Chief Guest and Dr Sukanta Majumdar attended as the Special Guest
- The ceremony was presided over by Hansraj Ahir, former Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes, and former Chief Justice B. R. Gavai was present
- He was nominated for the award by the Prime Point Foundation and the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee

Award	Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026
Recipient	Kishor Makwana
His post	Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
Occasion	Sixteenth edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026
Venue	Dr Ambedkar International Centre, national capital
Chief Guest	G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines
Special Guest	Dr Sukanta Majumdar, Minister of State for Education and Development of the North Eastern Region
Presided over by	Hansraj Ahir, former Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes

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BRICS Business Forum 2026 Held in Delhi as Group Turns 20

11 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The largest BRICS Business Forum so far met in New Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Piyush Goyal set out India's agenda for the grouping.

- The BRICS Business Forum was held in New Delhi on 11 September 2026 under India's BRICS Chairship and was called the largest edition held so far
- BRICS began in 2006 with four countries; with its partners it is now a family of 21 countries
- BRICS countries hold 50 per cent of world population, 40 per cent of global GDP and more than 25 per cent of global trade
- The theme of India's BRICS Chairship is Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- Trade among BRICS countries rose from USD 84 billion in 2003 to nearly USD 1.2 trillion in 2024, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said

Event	BRICS Business Forum 2026, the largest edition so far
Venue and date	New Delhi, 11 September 2026
Theme of India's BRICS Chairship	Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
Year BRICS was launched	2006, with four countries
Countries today	21, counting members and partners
Share of the world	50 per cent of population, 40 per cent of GDP, over 25 per cent of trade
Addressed by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Opening session	Piyush Goyal, S. Jaishankar, Jitin Prasada and Rajesh Agrawal

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BRICS Bharat Innovates Expo Opens at Bharat Mandapam

11 September 2026 · Science & Technology

The BRICS Bharat Innovates Exposition is showing 37 Indian deep-tech start-ups at Bharat Mandapam on 11 and 12 September 2026, alongside the 18th BRICS Summit.

- The BRICS Bharat Innovates Exposition is being held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 11 and 12 September 2026 by the Ministry of Education
- It shows 37 Indian deep-tech start-ups drawn from the cohort of 120 that took part in the first Bharat Innovates at Nice, France
- The 18th BRICS Summit is to be held on 12 and 13 September 2026 under India's BRICS Chairship
- The maiden Bharat Innovates was held at Nice from 14 to 16 June 2026 and drew over 2,000 participants from 29 countries
- Indian start-ups at Nice secured funding commitments of USD 254.5 million after 1,350 business-to-business meetings

Event	BRICS Bharat Innovates (BBI) Exposition
Venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 11 and 12 September 2026
Organised by	Ministry of Education with the Ministry of External Affairs
Start-ups on show	37 Indian deep-tech start-ups and ventures
18th BRICS Summit	12 and 13 September 2026, under India's BRICS Chairship
Theme of the Chairship	Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
Maiden edition	Nice, France, 14 to 16 June 2026, under the India-France Year of Innovation 2026
Nice outcome	USD 254.5 million in funding commitments after 1,350 B2B meetings

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Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 in Force from 1 October

11 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Finance Ministry says the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, which replaces the 1891 law, will come into force on 1 October 2026 under a notification of 10 September.

- The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 comes into force on 1 October 2026 under a notification dated 10 September 2026
- The Act received the assent of the President on 13 August 2026 and replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- It is technology-neutral and recognises banking records kept in physical, electronic, digital, virtual and cloud-based forms
- Certification of banking records has been simplified and standardised and may be done by manual, digital or electronic signature
- Where a bank is not a party to a case, a court must record a special cause in writing before summoning a bank official

Law	Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Replaces	The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
Assent of the President	13 August 2026
Notification	Dated 10 September 2026
Comes into force	1 October 2026
Approach	Technology-neutral, covering cloud-based and virtual records
Certification	Manual, digital or electronic signature

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India Crosses 80 Lakh HPV Vaccine Doses in Cancer Drive

11 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Health Ministry says over 80 lakh HPV vaccine doses have been given under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign, with four states at full coverage.

- More than 80 lakh, or 8 million, HPV vaccine doses have been given under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign since February 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the campaign, which gives 14-year-old girls a free, voluntary single dose at government health facilities
- Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram have achieved full coverage of their target cohorts
- Uttar Pradesh has vaccinated the most, with over 22 lakh adolescent girls; Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Assam have crossed 90 per cent
- The campaign uses the U-WIN platform to track district-level coverage, and about 1.2 crore girls form the annual cohort of 14-year-olds

Milestone	More than 80 lakh, or 8 million, HPV vaccine doses
Campaign	National HPV Vaccination Campaign
Launched by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in February 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Beneficiaries	Girls aged 14, free voluntary single dose with parental consent
Annual cohort	About 1.2 crore girls, as per Registrar General of India estimates of 2021
Full coverage	Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram
Highest numbers	Uttar Pradesh, over 22 lakh adolescent girls

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PMAY-Urban 2.0 Sanctions Reach 18.77 Lakh Houses at 9th CSMC

11 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The 9th CSMC meeting cleared over 29,000 more houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0, taking total sanctions to 18.77 lakh, of which 17.19 lakh went to women.

- Total sanctions under PMAY-Urban 2.0 have reached 18.77 lakh houses after the 9th CSMC meeting held in New Delhi on 10 September 2026
- Over 29,000 houses were approved at the meeting under the Beneficiary Led Construction and Affordable Housing in Partnership verticals
- The approvals cover six states: Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh
- Of the 18.77 lakh houses sanctioned, 17.19 lakh or 92 per cent have been allotted to women, and 1.80 lakh to senior citizens
- Under PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0 together, more than 1.25 crore houses have been sanctioned and over 1 crore completed

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0
Meeting	9th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC)
Chaired by	Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, MoHUA
Date and place	10 September 2026, New Delhi
Houses approved at the meeting	Over 29,000, under the BLC and AHP verticals
States covered	Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh
Total sanctions	18.77 lakh houses
Houses for women	17.19 lakh, or 92 per cent

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Cochin Shipyard and Drydocks World Form 50:50 Ship Repair JV

11 September 2026 · Economy

Cochin Shipyard and Dubai's Drydocks World have signed a 50:50 joint venture to run and expand the International Ship Repair Facility at Cochin.

- Cochin Shipyard Limited and Drydocks World, a DP World company, signed a 50:50 joint venture agreement on 11 September 2026
- The venture will operate, consolidate and expand the International Ship Repair Facility at Cochin
- The agreement was signed in New Delhi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit 2026, in the presence of Sarbananda Sonowal
- It builds on an MoU signed by the two during India Maritime Week 2025 and is a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership in Indian ship repair
- The partnership is placed under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 and the vision of Maritime India 2030

Partners	Cochin Shipyard Limited and Drydocks World, a DP World company
Shareholding	50:50, with initial capital from equity of both parties
Facility	International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF), Cochin
Signed by	Captain Rado Antolovic, CEO of Drydocks World, and Jose V. J., CMD of Cochin Shipyard
Signed at	New Delhi, on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit 2026
Present	Sarbananda Sonowal and UAE Assistant Foreign Minister Omran Sharaf Alhashimi
Earlier step	An MoU signed during India Maritime Week 2025
Significance	First-of-its-kind public-private partnership in India's ship repair sector

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Lothal Maritime Heritage Complex Phase 1A Crosses 82 Per Cent

11 September 2026 · National

Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the 2nd Governing Council meeting of the NMHC Society and was told Phase 1A at Lothal has crossed 82 per cent progress.

- Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the 2nd Governing Council meeting of the National Maritime Heritage Complex Society on 11 September 2026
- Phase 1A of the complex at Lothal in Gujarat has crossed about 82 per cent physical progress, against a revised target of 31 October 2026
- 13 countries, among them Portugal, the UAE, Vietnam, Oman, Israel, Germany and Singapore, have signed MoUs, with a pipeline of over 35 proposed
- 1,492 artefacts are ready for installation, and excavation at Lothal by the Archaeological Survey of India is 70 per cent complete
- Later phases will add a 5D Dome Theatre, a Coastal States Pavilion, a Lighthouse Museum with DGLL and a Maritime Research Institute with the Indian Maritime University

Project	National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal, Gujarat
Meeting	2nd Governing Council meeting of the NMHC Society
Chaired by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
First Council meeting	June 2025
Phase 1A progress	About 82 per cent physical completion
Revised completion target	31 October 2026
Artefacts ready	1,492, awaiting installation
Countries with MoUs	13, with a proposed pipeline of more than 35

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ECI Holds 5th Electoral Literacy Club Conference at Ahmedabad

11 September 2026 · National

The Election Commission held its fifth regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs and ECINET at Ahmedabad, where CEC Gyanesh Kumar spoke on ELC 2.0.

- The Election Commission of India held its fifth regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs and ECINET at Ahmedabad on 11 September 2026
- Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said the students of today are the torchbearers of tomorrow's democracy
- The earlier regional conferences were held at Patna, Lucknow, Chennai and Margao
- ELC 2.0 carries the tagline 'Learn Democracy. Lead Democracy.' and runs on the ECINET platform with a dedicated ELC portal
- India has about 15 lakh schools with nearly 25 crore students, and higher education has nearly 1,500 universities with an enrolment of 4.33 crore

Event	Fifth regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs and ECINET
Held at	Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on 11 September 2026
Addressed by	Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar
Earlier conferences	Patna, Lucknow, Chennai and Margao
Initiative	ELC 2.0, with the tagline 'Learn Democracy. Lead Democracy.'
Digital platform	ECINET, which provides election services from roll to poll
School ecosystem	About 15 lakh schools, nearly 25 crore students, over one crore teachers
Higher education	Nearly 1,500 universities and around 70,000 institutions, enrolment 4.33 crore

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Two Commemorative Stamps Mark Two Decades of BRICS Cooperation

12 September 2026 · National

Two commemorative postage stamps on twenty years of BRICS were released in New Delhi on 12 September 2026 on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit.

- Two commemorative postage stamps on two decades of BRICS were released on 12 September 2026 in New Delhi, on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit
- The stamps carry the inscription 'BRICS: Two Decades of Cooperation, 2006-2026' in English and in Hindi
- The first stamp depicts the rise of BRICS as a platform built on mutual respect, understanding and solidarity
- The second stamp carries the logo of India's Chairship along with its 'humanity first' and 'people-centric' vision
- The stamps reflect the theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026, 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'

Occasion	Two decades of BRICS cooperation
Number of stamps released	Two commemorative postage stamps
Date and place	12 September 2026, New Delhi
Released on the sidelines of	The 18th BRICS Summit
Inscription	'BRICS: Two Decades of Cooperation, 2006-2026'
First stamp	The emergence of BRICS as a platform of mutual respect, understanding and solidarity
Second stamp	The Chairship logo with the 'humanity first' and 'people-centric' vision
Theme of India's Chairship	Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

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Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise Ends at Visakhapatnam

12 September 2026 · Defence

A three-day Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise on illicit maritime activity in the Indian Ocean ended at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.

- A three-day Table Top Exercise of the Colombo Security Conclave concluded at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, and was announced on 12 September 2026
- The exercise opened on 9 September 2026 with an address by Rear Admiral Manoj Jha, Chief Staff Officer (Operations), Eastern Naval Command
- Its theme was a 'Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region', with more than 72 hours of simulated scenarios
- Maritime terrorism, narcotics smuggling, human trafficking and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing were the threats worked through
- The drill supports the MAHASAGAR vision, short for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Exercise	Table Top Exercise under the Colombo Security Conclave
Venue	Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam
Duration	Three days, opened on 9 September 2026
Opened by	Rear Admiral Manoj Jha, Chief Staff Officer (Operations)
Theme	Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region
Duration of scenarios	More than 72 hours of simulated operational scenarios
Threats covered	Maritime terrorism, narcotics smuggling, human trafficking, IUU fishing
Concept strengthened	Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

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Nadda Opens 10 Critical Care Blocks, 12 Labs in Andhra Pradesh

12 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Health Minister J P Nadda inaugurated 10 Critical Care Blocks and 12 Integrated Public Health Laboratories in Andhra Pradesh under PM-ABHIM.

- Union Health Minister J P Nadda inaugurated 10 Critical Care Blocks and 12 Integrated Public Health Laboratories in Andhra Pradesh under PM-ABHIM on 12 September 2026
- The Government of India has sanctioned 631 Critical Care Blocks across States and Union Territories under PM-ABHIM
- Andhra Pradesh has been approved Rs 1,271.80 crore for the five-year scheme period, covering 24 Critical Care Blocks at about Rs 606 crore and 26 laboratories with Rs 32.50 crore
- Nadda said out-of-pocket health expenditure has fallen to 43.4 per cent and more than 1.75 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are working in the country
- He praised Andhra Pradesh's Sanjeevani programme, which offers doorstep testing for 41 health parameters

Inaugurated by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda
Date and state	12 September 2026, Andhra Pradesh
Facilities opened	10 Critical Care Blocks and 12 Integrated Public Health Laboratories
Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)
Also present	Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and state Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav
Critical Care Blocks sanctioned in India	631, across States and Union Territories
Outlay for Andhra Pradesh	Rs 1,271.80 crore for the five-year scheme period
Blocks and labs for the state	24 Critical Care Blocks at about Rs 606 crore; 26 laboratories with Rs 32.50 crore

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Raigarh Steel Slag Road Sets Guinness World Record in India

12 September 2026 · Science & Technology

A 1.85-km road built with processed steel slag at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh won a Guinness World Record, cutting construction cost by about 40 per cent.

- A 1.85-km road at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh has won the Guinness World Record for the world's longest road built with processed steel slag aggregates
- The road was built jointly by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi, and Jindal Steel Limited
- Dr Jitendra Singh said the technology cuts road construction cost by about 40 per cent, gives four times the strength and needs major maintenance only after about 15 years
- A Technology Transfer Agreement was signed between CSIR-CRRI and Jindal Steel and the 'Steel Grit' brand was launched at the event
- CSIR-CRRI has received a work order for a 40-km steel slag road in Odisha from Jindal Steel's Angul plant

Record	Guinness World Record for the World's Longest Road Built with Processed Steel Slag Aggregates
Length and location	1.85 km, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh
Partners	CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi, and Jindal Steel Limited
Minister at the event	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Cost saving	About 40 per cent lower construction cost
Strength	Four times that of a conventional road
Maintenance	Major maintenance only after about 15 years
Brand launched	Steel Grit

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First Badri Calf Born Through OPU-IVF in Uttarakhand

12 September 2026 · Science & Technology

A healthy Badri female calf was born through OPU-IVF after a Badri embryo was transferred into a Sahiwal cow, a first for Uttarakhand's state animal.

- A healthy Badri female calf was born on 11 September 2026 through Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization at the Academic Dairy Farm, the announcement coming on 12 September 2026
- The Badri embryo was transferred into a Sahiwal recipient cow; Badri cattle are the state animal of Uttarakhand
- ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, did the work with funds from the Uttarakhand Biotechnology Council, Haldi
- The research programme began in 2023 under the then Vice-Chancellor Dr M. S. Chauhan, and semen of a superior Badri bull came from the Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board
- The team has also produced cloned Badri embryos and plans to transfer OPU-IVF and cloning-derived embryos into Sahiwal, crossbred and Badri recipient cows

Achievement	Birth of a Badri female calf through OPU-IVF
Full form	Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization
Date of birth	11 September 2026, at the Academic Dairy Farm
Recipient cow	A Sahiwal cow carried the Badri embryo
Breed	Badri cattle, the state animal of Uttarakhand
Institutions	ICAR-NDRI, Karnal, and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
Funding	Uttarakhand Biotechnology Council, Haldi
Programme started	2023, under the then Vice-Chancellor Dr M. S. Chauhan

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Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0 Begins at Digha Beach

12 September 2026 · Environment

A coastal cleanup drive at Digha in East Midnapore marked the start of the Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0 campaign of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

- A coastal cleanup drive at Digha in East Midnapore marked the beginning of the Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0 campaign, announced on 12 September 2026
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences organised the drive and the National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai, coordinated the campaign nationwide
- Around 100 participants took part, including college students and officials of MARC, NIOT, INCOIS, the India Meteorological Department and the Indian Coast Guard
- Sreenivasa Rao Gangi Reddy, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Earth Sciences, inaugurated the programme at the Marine Aquarium and Regional Centre
- The drive was a prelude to International Coastal Cleanup Day, observed on 19 September 2026

Campaign	Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0
Event	Coastal cleanup drive at Digha, East Midnapore
Announced on	12 September 2026
Organised by	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Coordinated nationwide by	National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai
Inaugural venue	Marine Aquarium and Regional Centre (MARC)
Inaugurated by	Sreenivasa Rao Gangi Reddy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences
Participants	Around 100, including college students and officials of MARC, NIOT, INCOIS, IMD and the Indian Coast Guard

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National Conference on Construction Workers Concludes in Mumbai

12 September 2026 · National

The two-day National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers ended in Mumbai, with States showing their work on skilling and digital labour chowks.

- The two-day National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers was held on 11 and 12 September 2026 in Mumbai and concluded on 12 September 2026
- It was organised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment with the Government of Maharashtra; Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the first day
- Labour and Employment Secretary Dr Chandra Bhushan Kumar opened the second day and called for a stronger skill ecosystem and the dignity of labour at the centre of policy
- Uttar Pradesh presented skill development of building workers, Rajasthan its Digital Labour Chowks, Bihar the Shram Seva Suvidha Kendras and Assam the Nirman Sakhi Portal
- Sessions covered BOCW Welfare Boards under the new labour codes, skilling and employment, the Labour Stack, and the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers

Event	National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW)
Place and dates	Mumbai, 11 and 12 September 2026
Organised by	Ministry of Labour and Employment with the Government of Maharashtra
Chaired day one	Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya
Also present	Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje
Opened day two	Dr Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Uttar Pradesh presented	Skill development of building workers
Rajasthan presented	Digital Labour Chowks

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Indian Junior Hockey Teams Win Both Asia Cup Titles

13 September 2026 · Sports

India's Junior Men's Hockey Team won the Asia Cup with a 4-1 win in the final, while the Junior Women's Hockey Team retained its Asia Cup title unbeaten.

- The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won the Asia Cup by beating its opponents 4-1 in the final.
- The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team retained the Asia Cup after an unbeaten campaign.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated both teams in posts on X on 13 September 2026.
- The message for the women's team called the win a proud moment for Indian hockey and tagged Hockey India.

Tournament	Asia Cup, junior level
Junior Men's Hockey Team	Won the title, 4-1 in the final
Junior Women's Hockey Team	Retained the title, unbeaten campaign
Greetings sent by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Platform used	X
Date of the messages	13 September 2026
Federation tagged	Hockey India

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Dryland Congress 2026 Adopts Delhi Declaration on Drylands

13 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The three-day Dryland Congress 2026 ended in New Delhi with the Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D) and the first ISSCA Global Awards for the Global South.

- The three-day Dryland Congress 2026 ended in New Delhi on 13 September 2026 with the Delhi Declaration on Drylands, known in short as 3D.
- The theme of the Congress was Transforming Dryland Agriculture with South-South Cooperation.
- The closing day coincided with the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation.
- The first ISSCA Global Awards 2026 drew 170 nominations from 34 countries; the Mega Award went to ICARDA, CIMMYT and the Odisha Livelihoods Mission.
- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General of ICAR, sought a foresight mandate for ICAR-NIAP on dryland agriculture.

Event	Dryland Congress 2026, three days, New Delhi
Outcome document	Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D)
Theme	Transforming Dryland Agriculture with South-South Cooperation
Closing day observance	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR	Dr M. L. Jat
Director General, ICRISAT	Dr Himanshu Pathak
Award presented	ISSCA Global Awards 2026, first edition
Nominations received	170, from 34 countries

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BRICS Backs Expert Working Group on Traditional Medicine

13 September 2026 · International

The New Delhi Declaration of the 18th BRICS Summit welcomed a BRICS Expert Working Group on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine under the Health Track.

- The New Delhi Declaration of the 18th BRICS Summit welcomed a proposed BRICS Expert Working Group on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM).
- The proposed working group will function under the BRICS Health Track as a platform for dialogue and exchange among member states.
- A BRICS meeting on TCIM held at Chandigarh on 21 July 2026 under India's Chairship agreed on the Terms of Reference for the group.
- The declaration seeks research cooperation on medicinal plants and herbal preparations and on shared traditional pharmacopoeias.
- The WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034 forms the wider backdrop to the BRICS decision.

Outcome document	New Delhi Declaration, 18th BRICS Summit
Body welcomed	BRICS Expert Working Group on TCIM
Full form of TCIM	Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine
Placed under	BRICS Health Track
Terms of Reference agreed at	Chandigarh, 21 July 2026
Union Minister of State (IC), Ayush	Shri Prataprao Jadhav
Secretary, Ministry of Ayush	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
WHO strategy	Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034

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Railway Freight Loading Grows 5.4 Per Cent in August 2026

13 September 2026 · Economy

Indian Railways loaded 137.9 million tonnes of freight in August 2026, up 5.4 per cent, and carried 67.27 crore passengers during the same month.

- Indian Railways loaded 137.9 million tonnes of freight in August 2026 against 130.9 million tonnes in August 2025, a growth of 5.4 per cent.
- Freight revenue in August 2026 rose 6.27 per cent over August 2025, with iron ore loading up 12.1 per cent and clinker up 10.4 per cent.
- Five new Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals were commissioned, taking the total to 149 as on 31 August 2026.
- Fourteen Amrit Bharat services were regularised during the month, taking the total number of such services to 86.
- The network carried 67.27 crore passengers in August 2026 against 64.43 crore a year earlier, with suburban traffic up 9.02 per cent.

Month reported	August 2026
Freight loaded	137.9 million tonnes, against 130.9 million tonnes in August 2025
Freight growth	5.4 per cent year-on-year
Freight revenue growth	6.27 per cent
New Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals	5, taking the total to 149 as on 31 August 2026
Amrit Bharat services regularised	14, taking the total to 86
Passengers carried	67.27 crore, against 64.43 crore in August 2025
Suburban passengers	38.01 crore, up 9.02 per cent

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India Is World's Largest Vaccine Producer by Volume: Minister

13 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh said India is the world's largest vaccine producer by volume, supplying more than 100 countries, as the CEPI Board met in New Delhi.

- Dr Jitendra Singh said India is the world's largest vaccine producer and global supplier by volume, speaking at a CEPI Board and Investors Council reception in New Delhi.
- India supplies vaccines to more than 100 countries, accounts for nearly 60 per cent of global vaccine production and meets over 65 per cent of the WHO's routine immunisation needs.
- India's bioeconomy reached USD 195.3 billion in 2025 with 18 per cent growth, and the biotech startup base stood at 11,855, including 1,780 added in 2025.
- The DBT-BIRAC-CEPI engagement strategy, first executed in October 2019, was renewed in September 2025 for five more years.
- Ind-CEPI delivered GEMCOVAC-19, India's first mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, and the BRIC-THSTI Bioassay Laboratory is one of CEPI's 17 centralised network laboratories.

Speaker	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology
Occasion	CEPI Board and Investors Council reception, India International Centre, New Delhi
CEPI full form	Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
Countries supplied with vaccines	More than 100
Share of global vaccine production	Nearly 60 per cent
Bioeconomy, 2025	USD 195.3 billion, up 18 per cent
Biotech startups	11,855, including 1,780 added in 2025
India's first mRNA COVID-19 vaccine	GEMCOVAC-19, under Ind-CEPI

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India to Host World Circular Economy Forum 2026 at Gandhinagar

13 September 2026 · Environment

India will host the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 at Gandhinagar from 15 to 18 September, the first time the forum is being held in South Asia.

- India will host the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 at Gandhinagar in Gujarat from 15 to 18 September 2026, the first such forum in South Asia.
- The theme is Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity.
- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel will jointly inaugurate the forum on 15 September.
- Over 2,000 stakeholders from more than 65 countries will take part, and more than 125 exhibitors will display circular solutions at the expo.
- The Board of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns will meet at Gandhinagar on 15 September, with India as a Co-Chair.

Event	World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026
Venue and dates	Gandhinagar, Gujarat, 15 to 18 September 2026
Theme	Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity
First of its kind	First WCEF held in South Asia
Inaugurated by	Bhupender Yadav and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel
Partner fund and country	Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Government of Finland
Participation	Over 2,000 stakeholders from more than 65 countries
Expo	More than 125 national and international exhibitors

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Gujarat Action Plan for Great Indian Bustard Released at Bhuj

13 September 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav released the Gujarat Action Plan for GIB Conservation at Bhuj and said Project Cheetah's population has grown from 29 founders to 52.

- Bhupender Yadav released the Gujarat Action Plan for GIB Conservation at Bhuj on 13 September 2026, prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India with the Gujarat Forest Department.
- The plan seeks a minimum viable population of over 30 Great Indian Bustards and 200 to 500 sq km of safe contiguous habitat, with immediate focus on the Lala-Rawa landscape.
- At Naliya about 11 sq km of grassland was restored and a 15 sq km enclosure secured with 30 km of predator-proof fencing.
- Project Cheetah has grown from 29 founder cheetahs to 52 individuals, including 49 cubs born in India, with a cub survival rate of about 68 per cent at Kuno.
- Protected cheetah habitat has expanded to 3,428 sq km through Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar, with Banni and Nauradehi identified as future release sites.

Meeting	Review of flagship programmes, Bhuj, Kachchh, Gujarat
Chaired by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Document released	Gujarat Action Plan for GIB Conservation
Prepared by	Wildlife Institute of India with the Gujarat Forest Department
Habitat target	200 to 500 sq km, with immediate focus on Lala-Rawa
Work at Naliya	11 sq km grassland restored, 15 sq km enclosure, 30 km predator-proof fencing
Project Cheetah	From 29 founders to 52 individuals, 49 cubs born in India
Cheetah habitat	3,428 sq km, Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar

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INS Sudarshini Sails from Livorno in Italy under Lokayan 2026

13 September 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy's sail training ship INS Sudarshini left Livorno in Italy on 12 September 2026 after a port call under the Lokayan 2026 expedition.

- INS Sudarshini, a sail training ship of the Indian Navy, set sail from Livorno in Italy on 12 September 2026 after completing a port call.
- The ship is on the Lokayan 2026 expedition and carries forward the MAHASAGAR vision.
- MAHASAGAR stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- Admiral Giuseppe Berutti Bergotto, Chief of the Italian Navy, visited the ship and met its crew and trainees.
- Indian sea trainees visited ITS Virginio Fasan and the Italian Naval Academy, while Italian naval personnel visited INS Sudarshini.

Ship	INS Sudarshini, sail training ship of the Indian Navy
Expedition	Lokayan 2026
Port of call left	Livorno, Italy
Date of departure	12 September 2026
Chief of the Italian Navy	Admiral Giuseppe Berutti Bergotto
Commandant, Italian Naval Academy	Rear Admiral Alberto Tarabotto
Mayor of Livorno	Mr Luca Salvetti
Italian ship visited by Indian trainees	ITS Virginio Fasan

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. The Defence Acquisition Council meeting of 7 September 2026 cleared proposals of about what value?

- (A) Rs 45,000 crore
- (B) Rs 1,10,000 crore
- (C) Rs 2,23,000 crore
- (D) Rs 84,560 crore

2. Who chairs the Defence Acquisition Council?

- (A) The Chief of Defence Staff
- (B) The Defence Secretary
- (C) The Raksha Mantri
- (D) The National Security Adviser

3. Arudhra Radar, cleared in this meeting, is meant for which Service and which purpose?

- (A) Indian Army, for artillery fire control
- (B) Indian Navy, to replace Air Route Surveillance Radars at naval air stations
- (C) Indian Air Force, to guide transport aircraft at forward bases
- (D) Indian Coast Guard, to watch the exclusive economic zone

4. On which date will voting be held in the bye-elections announced on 7 September 2026?

- (A) 16 September 2026
- (B) 19 September 2026
- (C) 6 October 2026
- (D) 9 October 2026

5. The Nandigram Assembly constituency, going to a bye-election, is in which State?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Puducherry
- (D) West Bengal

6. How many qualifying dates in a year are available for enrolment as a voter after the 2021 amendment?

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

7. What is the theme of the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026?

- (A) Ayurveda for One Health
- (B) Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow
- (C) Ayurveda for Every Household
- (D) Ayurveda for Sustainable Wellness

8. Where will the main celebration of the 11th Ayurveda Day be held?

- (A) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- (D) Goa

9. Which of these will be released on the occasion of Ayurveda Day 2026?

- (A) Ayush Vision 2030
- (B) National Health Policy
- (C) Ayurveda Pharmacopoeia of the World
- (D) National Medical Register

10. How many cities are covered under the National Clean Air Programme?

- (A) 102 cities
- (B) 130 cities
- (C) 150 cities
- (D) 178 cities

11. Swachh Vayu Diwas is observed on which international day?

- (A) World Environment Day
- (B) World Ozone Day
- (C) International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- (D) World Meteorological Day

12. How many NCAP cities have met the National Ambient Air Quality Standards?

- (A) 14
- (B) 26
- (C) 72
- (D) 108

13. Where was the G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting held?

- (A) Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- (B) Raleigh, North Carolina
- (C) Washington DC
- (D) Boston, Massachusetts

14. Who led the Indian delegation to the G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting?

- (A) The Minister of External Affairs
- (B) Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State
- (C) The Principal Scientific Adviser
- (D) The CEO of NITI Aayog

15. What did India offer to the African Union at the ministerial?

- (A) India Stack digital solutions including DPI
- (B) A line of credit for semiconductor plants
- (C) Membership of the International Solar Alliance
- (D) Supply of indigenous supercomputers

16. PACT, launched at the 5th e-FAST India Summit, stands for what?

- (A) Programme for Accelerated Clean Transport
- (B) Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport
- (C) Partnership for Alternative Clean Technology
- (D) Portal for Advanced Cargo Tracking

17. By how much did e-freight vehicle deployments rise, according to the summit?

- (A) From 201 vehicles to 826 vehicles
- (B) From 826 vehicles to 3,000 vehicles
- (C) From 150 vehicles to 600 vehicles
- (D) From 500 vehicles to 1,200 vehicles

18. What share of India's freight moves by road, as stated at the summit?

- (A) About 40 per cent
- (B) About 55 per cent
- (C) About 70 per cent
- (D) About 90 per cent

19. Which police force was presented the President's Colour at Panaji on 7 September 2026?

- (A) Maharashtra Police
- (B) Goa Police
- (C) Kerala Police
- (D) Karnataka Police

20. The AI-based call agent launched by Goa Police works on which helpline?

- (A) 100
- (B) 112
- (C) 1930
- (D) 1098

21. The conviction rate of the Goa Police rose in one year from what level to what level?

- (A) From 18 per cent to 48 per cent
- (B) From 23 per cent to 53 per cent
- (C) From 30 per cent to 60 per cent
- (D) From 33 per cent to 63 per cent

22. Which institute led the study on delaying entanglement sudden death?

- (A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- (B) Raman Research Institute
- (C) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics
- (D) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

23. What is meant by entanglement sudden death?

- (A) The complete decay of both particles to the ground state
- (B) The abrupt vanishing of entanglement at a finite time, before decay is complete
- (C) The failure of a quantum computer to read out a result
- (D) The collapse of a wave function on measurement

24. Which mission of the Department of Science and Technology partly funded this study?

- (A) National Supercomputing Mission
- (B) National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems
- (C) National Quantum Mission
- (D) Deep Ocean Mission

25. In which city was the 7th Global Fintech Fest 2026 inaugurated by the Prime Minister?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Bengaluru
- (D) Gandhinagar

26. Which three technologies form the pillars of the theme of the Global Fintech Fest 2026?

- (A) Blockchain, drones and 5G
- (B) Agentic AI, tokenisation and quantum
- (C) Cloud, metaverse and robotics
- (D) Big data, biometrics and semiconductors

27. Which of the following is a principal organiser of the Global Fintech Fest?

- (A) National Payments Corporation of India
- (B) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- (C) Food Corporation of India
- (D) Indian Banks Association

28. What is the theme of the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah?

- (A) Sahi Poshan Desh Roshan
- (B) Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari
- (C) Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi
- (D) Suposhit Bharat Saksham Bharat

29. Mission Poshan 2.0 is anchored by which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (B) Ministry of Rural Development
- (C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (D) Ministry of Education

30. The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah will be launched from which city?

- (A) Lucknow
- (B) Varanasi
- (C) Prayagraj
- (D) New Delhi

31. The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) has been developed by which department?

- (A) Department of Financial Services
- (B) Department of Telecommunications
- (C) Department of Revenue
- (D) Department of Consumer Affairs

32. Under which platform of the Department of Telecommunications does the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator work?

- (A) Sanchar Saathi
- (B) Digital Intelligence Platform
- (C) National Cybercrime Reporting Portal
- (D) Unified Payments Interface

33. How much suspected cyber fraud had been prevented through the FRI up to August 2026?

- (A) Rs 660 crore
- (B) Rs 2,043.73 crore
- (C) Rs 5,043.73 crore
- (D) Rs 9,043.73 crore

34. What was the all India kharif sown area as on 4 September 2026, as reported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare?

- (A) 986.31 lakh hectares
- (B) 1086.31 lakh hectares
- (C) 1186.31 lakh hectares
- (D) 1286.31 lakh hectares

35. Which two crop groups recorded higher area coverage than the corresponding period of last year in the kharif report of 8 September 2026?

- (A) Rice and cotton
- (B) Oilseeds and sugarcane
- (C) Pulses, and jute and mesta
- (D) Coarse cereals and cotton

36. Kharif crops in India are generally sown in which season?

- (A) With the onset of the south-west monsoon
- (B) After the winter rains in December
- (C) In the summer months after the rabi harvest
- (D) Only in irrigated command areas in February only

37. Which institute has prepared the Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies?

- (A) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- (B) Indian Institute of Public Administration
- (C) National Institute of Financial Management
- (D) Indian School of Mines

38. Under which Act did corporate social responsibility become a statutory obligation in India, making the new coal sector framework the first sector-specific one since then?

- (A) The Companies Act, 1956
- (B) The Companies Act, 2013
- (C) The Mines and Minerals Act, 1957
- (D) The Coal Mines Act, 1952

39. Nanha Sa Dil, whose milestones were marked at the same event, addresses which health problem in children?

- (A) Thalassemia
- (B) Congenital heart defects
- (C) Childhood tuberculosis
- (D) Severe acute malnutrition

40. Exercise Veer Guardian-2026 is being conducted between the Indian Air Force and the air force of which country?

- (A) France
- (B) Japan
- (C) Australia
- (D) Singapore

41. At which station is Exercise Veer Guardian-2026 being held?

- (A) Air Force Station Hindon
- (B) Air Force Station Kalaikunda
- (C) Air Force Station Jodhpur
- (D) Air Force Station Sullur

42. Which fighter aircraft has the Japan Air Self Defence Force brought for Exercise Veer Guardian-2026?

- (A) F-2A
- (B) F-15J
- (C) F-35A
- (D) Mitsubishi T-4

43. The inaugural meeting of the India-Morocco Joint Defence Committee was held in which city?

- (A) Rabat
- (B) Casablanca
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Mumbai

44. The India-Morocco Joint Defence Committee was created under an agreement signed during whose visit to Morocco?

- (A) The Prime Minister
- (B) The Raksha Mantri
- (C) The External Affairs Minister
- (D) The Chief of Defence Staff

45. In which year will India-Morocco bilateral cooperation complete its 70th anniversary, as noted at the Joint Defence Committee meeting?

- (A) 2026
- (B) 2027
- (C) 2028
- (D) 2030

46. How many members are there in the Indian contingent for the Asian Games 2026?

- (A) 403
- (B) 503
- (C) 603
- (D) 703

47. Who was named the Chef de Mission of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games 2026?

- (A) Dr P. T. Usha
- (B) Hari Ranjan Rao
- (C) Sahdev Yadav
- (D) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

48. Which year did the Union Sports Minister name as India's target for hosting the Olympic Games?

- (A) 2030
- (B) 2032
- (C) 2036
- (D) 2040

49. What is the total approved cost of the five railway multitracking projects cleared for Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana on 9 September 2026?

- (A) Rs 10,021 crore
- (B) Rs 10,783 crore
- (C) Rs 12,540 crore
- (D) Rs 9,656 crore

50. The three multitracking projects approved for West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh will create how much additional freight capacity a year?

- (A) 47 MTPA
- (B) 27 MTPA
- (C) 56 MTPA
- (D) 14 MTPA

51. Under which framework were the eight railway multitracking projects approved on 9 September 2026 planned?

- (A) Bharatmala Pariyojana
- (B) Sagarmala Programme
- (C) PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan
- (D) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

52. Whom did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh call on as the President of Sri Lanka during his Colombo visit on 9 September 2026?

- (A) Mr Anura Kumara Disanayake
- (B) Dr Harini Amarasuriya
- (C) Mr Aruna Jayasekara
- (D) Mr Ranil Wickremesinghe

53. The MoU signed between India and Sri Lanka on 9 September 2026 covers the upgradation of which equipment?

- (A) Dornier maritime patrol aircraft
- (B) L70 air defence guns of the Sri Lankan Air Force
- (C) Offshore patrol vessels of the Sri Lankan Navy
- (D) Radar stations of the Sri Lankan Army

54. MAHASAGAR, the vision cited by the Raksha Mantri at the Sri Lankan Ministry of Defence, stands for which of the following?

- (A) Maritime Alliance for Harmony and Safe Anchorage of Global Areas and Routes
- (B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- (C) Maritime Advancement for Shared Growth and Regional Assistance
- (D) Mission for Advancement of Harbours, Shipping and Global Access Routes

55. Which shipyard designed and built the ocean research vessel ORV Sagar Manthan, launched on 9 September 2026?

- (A) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- (C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited
- (D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

56. ORV Sagar Manthan will gradually replace which older research vessel?

- (A) ORV Sagar Nidhi
- (B) ORV Sagar Kanya
- (C) INS Sandhayak
- (D) MV Sagar Sampada

57. ORV Sagar Manthan was built under which programme, and at what approximate cost?

- (A) Deep Ocean Mission, about Rs 840 crore
- (B) Mission Samudrayaan, about Rs 640 crore
- (C) Blue Revolution, about Rs 940 crore
- (D) O-SMART Scheme, about Rs 740 crore

58. At which event did UIDAI launch the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox on 9 September 2026?

- (A) India Mobile Congress
- (B) Global Fintech Fest 2026
- (C) Digital India Week
- (D) World Economic Forum

59. In which year was UIDAI's AI and ML driven Aadhaar face authentication solution launched, and how many transactions has it processed?

- (A) 2019, over 300 crore transactions
- (B) 2020, over 400 crore transactions
- (C) 2021, over 500 crore transactions
- (D) 2023, over 600 crore transactions

60. Which of the following statements about the Aadhaar Face Authentication Sandbox is correct?

- (A) It is a controlled environment to test the full face authentication journey before going live
- (B) It is a new Aadhaar enrolment centre model for rural districts
- (C) It is a regulatory relaxation window granted by the Reserve Bank of India
- (D) It is a hardware device that captures fingerprints and iris data

61. India's endorsement of the Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security was announced on the sidelines of which meeting?

- (A) G20 Innovation Ministerial at Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- (B) World Telecommunication Development Conference at Geneva
- (C) BRICS Digital Ministers Meeting at Rio de Janeiro
- (D) Quad Technology Summit at Tokyo

62. What share of global 6G standards and patents does India aim to contribute?

- (A) 5 per cent
- (B) 10 per cent
- (C) 20 per cent
- (D) 25 per cent

63. Which of these is NOT a foundation cited for India's participation in the 6G Call to Action?

- (A) Bharat 6G Vision
- (B) Bharat 6G Alliance
- (C) Indigenous 4G and 5G technology stack
- (D) National Quantum Mission

64. Which edition of the ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held in New Delhi on 9 September 2026?

- (A) 7th
- (B) 8th
- (C) 9th
- (D) 10th

65. How many delegates attended the 10th ASEAN-India Agriculture Working Group Meeting held in New Delhi on 8 September 2026?

- (A) 11 delegates from 45 states
- (B) 45 delegates from 11 ASEAN member states
- (C) 65 delegates from 10 ASEAN member states
- (D) 30 delegates from 12 ASEAN member states

66. What was unveiled at the 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry?

- (A) The India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry
- (B) The ASEAN-India Green Fund for Farmers
- (C) The ASEAN-India Rice Research Centre
- (D) The India-ASEAN Digital Agriculture Mission

67. Where was the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 launched on 9 September 2026?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Lucknow
- (C) Varanasi
- (D) Prayagraj

68. What is the theme of the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026?

- (A) Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari
- (B) Suposhit Bharat, Saksham Bharat
- (C) Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi
- (D) Sahi Poshan, Desh Roshan

69. How much has the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana transferred, and to how many mothers, in its ten years?

- (A) More than Rs 11,000 crore to over 2.65 crore mothers
- (B) More than Rs 21,000 crore to over 4.65 crore mothers
- (C) More than Rs 31,000 crore to over 6.65 crore mothers
- (D) More than Rs 41,000 crore to over 8.65 crore mothers

70. Who assumed charge as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis on 9 September 2026?

- (A) Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
- (B) Shri Anil Malik
- (C) Shri Jitin Prasada
- (D) Shri Prataprao Jadhav

71. Bhagwat Prasad Makwana was earlier a member of the Central Monitoring Committee constituted under which law?

- (A) The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993
- (B) The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013
- (C) The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- (D) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955

72. Before this appointment, in which state commission had Bhagwat Prasad Makwana served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman?

- (A) Safai Karamchari Commission, Uttarakhand
- (B) Safai Karamchari Commission, Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Safai Karamchari Commission, Gujarat
- (D) Safai Karamchari Commission, Madhya Pradesh

73. Where was the first International Space Summit, addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held?

- (A) Berlin
- (B) Paris
- (C) Rome
- (D) Madrid

74. By which year does India plan to establish its own space station, as stated at the summit?

- (A) 2030
- (B) 2035
- (C) 2040
- (D) 2045

75. Which Indian mission was cited as having made India the first nation to land near the south pole of the Moon?

- (A) Chandrayaan-2
- (B) Chandrayaan-3
- (C) Aditya-L1
- (D) Gaganyaan

76. Where was the 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry held?

- (A) Jakarta
- (B) Manila
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Bangkok

- 77. The new ASEAN-India medium-term plan of action for cooperation in agriculture and forestry covers which period?**
- (A) 2021-2025 (B) 2026-2030
(C) 2025-2029 (D) 2027-2031
- 78. How many master's fellowships does the ASEAN-India fellowship for higher education in agriculture provide over five years?**
- (A) 25 (B) 50
(C) 75 (D) 100
- 79. Exercise Samudra Laksamana is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?**
- (A) Indonesia (B) Malaysia
(C) Singapore (D) Thailand
- 80. Which edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana is INS Mysore participating in?**
- (A) Second (B) Third
(C) Fourth (D) Fifth
- 81. At which Malaysian port did INS Mysore arrive for the exercise?**
- (A) Lumut (B) Port Klang
(C) Kota Kinabalu (D) Penang
- 82. From which date will the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026 come into force?**
- (A) 1 October 2026 (B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 April 2027 (D) 1 January 2028
- 83. Under the amended rules, the prior price of goods means the lowest price offered during how many days before the announcement?**
- (A) 15 days (B) 30 days
(C) 45 days (D) 90 days
- 84. The amended e-commerce rules were made under which Act?**
- (A) The Information Technology Act, 2000 (B) The Competition Act, 2002
(C) The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (D) The Legal Metrology Act, 2009
- 85. The first district-level estimates of the unincorporated non-agricultural sector are based on which survey?**
- (A) Periodic Labour Force Survey (B) Annual Survey of Industries
(C) Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025 (D) National Family Health Survey

86. For how many districts have the estimates been presented?

- (A) 640
- (B) 757
- (C) 770
- (D) 788

87. In how many districts do women constitute one-third of the workforce of the unincorporated sector?

- (A) 237
- (B) 280
- (C) 331
- (D) 25

88. Under which law was the smuggled foreign-origin gold seized by the DRI?

- (A) The Customs Act, 1962
- (B) The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
- (C) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- (D) The Gold Control Act, 1968

89. Which force worked with the DRI in the seizure made near the Indo-Bangladesh border?

- (A) Central Reserve Police Force
- (B) Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- (C) Border Security Force
- (D) Sashastra Seema Bal

90. How many persons were arrested in the six operations announced by the DRI?

- (A) 18
- (B) 22
- (C) 24
- (D) 32

91. How much has been disbursed as scholarships to more than 1.44 crore Scheduled Caste students?

- (A) Rs 2,445.05 crore
- (B) Rs 9,773 crore
- (C) Rs 12,773 crore
- (D) Rs 21,773 crore

92. The National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA has been advanced from which month to which month?

- (A) From June to January
- (B) From May to December
- (C) From April to November
- (D) From December to May

93. Under which scheme was on-the-spot verification of income and caste certificates introduced?

- (A) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (B) National Overseas Scholarship Scheme
- (C) National Fellowship for SC Students
- (D) SHRESHTA

94. Kishor Makwana, who was conferred the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026, is the Chairman of which body?

- (A) National Commission for Backward Classes
- (B) National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- (C) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- (D) National Human Rights Commission

95. The Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026 was presented during which ceremony?

- (A) Sansad Ratna Awards 2026
- (B) Rashtriya Ekta Awards 2026
- (C) National Social Justice Awards 2026
- (D) Sansad Gaurav Awards 2026

96. Who was the Chief Guest at the ceremony where the award was presented?

- (A) Dr Sukanta Majumdar
- (B) Hansraj Ahir
- (C) G. Kishan Reddy
- (D) B. R. Gavai

97. What is the theme of India's BRICS Chairship, named at the BRICS Business Forum 2026?

- (A) One Earth, One Family, One Future
- (B) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- (C) Strengthening Multilateralism for Shared Prosperity
- (D) Inclusive Growth for a Sustainable Planet

98. In which year was the BRICS grouping launched, as stated at the BRICS Business Forum 2026?

- (A) 2003
- (B) 2006
- (C) 2009
- (D) 2014

99. How much was trade among BRICS countries in 2024, as told to the BRICS Business Forum?

- (A) About USD 84 billion
- (B) About USD 500 billion
- (C) Nearly USD 1.2 trillion
- (D) Nearly USD 3 trillion

100. How many Indian deep-tech start-ups are being shown at the BRICS Bharat Innovates Exposition?

- (A) 13
- (B) 15
- (C) 37
- (D) 120

101. Where was the maiden edition of Bharat Innovates held in June 2026?

- (A) Nice, France
- (B) Geneva, Switzerland
- (C) Bhubaneswar, India
- (D) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

102. On which dates is the 18th BRICS Summit being held, as stated in the release on the exposition?

- (A) 11 and 12 September 2026
- (B) 12 and 13 September 2026
- (C) 14 and 15 September 2026
- (D) 7 and 8 August 2026

103. From which date does the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 come into force?

- (A) 13 August 2026
- (B) 10 September 2026
- (C) 1 October 2026
- (D) 1 April 2027

104. The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 replaces a law of which year?

- (A) 1872
- (B) 1881
- (C) 1891
- (D) 1949

105. Under the new Act, what must a court do before summoning a bank official when the bank is not a party to the case?

- (A) Obtain the approval of the Reserve Bank of India
- (B) Record a special cause in writing
- (C) Give the bank a notice of thirty days
- (D) Refer the matter to the Ministry of Finance

106. How many HPV vaccine doses has India administered under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign?

- (A) More than 22 lakh
- (B) More than 80 lakh
- (C) More than 1.2 crore
- (D) More than 8 crore

107. Which of these states has NOT achieved full coverage of its target cohort under the campaign?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Mizoram
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

108. Which digital platform is used to monitor coverage under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign?

- (A) CoWIN
- (B) U-WIN
- (C) eSanjeevani
- (D) ABHA

109. How many houses have been sanctioned in all under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0?

- (A) 8.22 lakh
- (B) 17.19 lakh
- (C) 18.77 lakh
- (D) 1.25 crore

110. Who chaired the 9th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee?

- (A) The Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (B) Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development
- (C) Kumar Ravikant Singh, Mission Director, Housing for All
- (D) The Cabinet Secretary

111. What is the annual household income ceiling for families covered by PMAY-Urban 2.0?

- (A) Up to Rs 3 lakh
- (B) Up to Rs 6 lakh
- (C) Up to Rs 9 lakh
- (D) Up to Rs 18 lakh

112. What is the shareholding pattern of the new Cochin Shipyard and Drydocks World joint venture?

- (A) 51:49 in favour of Cochin Shipyard
- (B) 50:50
- (C) 74:26 in favour of Drydocks World
- (D) 60:40 in favour of Cochin Shipyard

113. Drydocks World, the partner in the new joint venture, is a company of which group?

- (A) DP World
- (B) Maersk
- (C) Adani Ports
- (D) PSA International

114. The joint venture will operate and expand which facility?

- (A) The International Ship Repair Facility at Cochin
- (B) The Vadhavan port project
- (C) The National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal
- (D) The shipbuilding cluster at Kandla

115. The National Maritime Heritage Complex reviewed at the 2nd Governing Council meeting is coming up at which place?

- (A) Dholavira, Gujarat
- (B) Lothal, Gujarat
- (C) Kochi, Kerala
- (D) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

116. How many countries have signed MoUs for the National Maritime Heritage Complex project?

- (A) 7
- (B) 13
- (C) 24
- (D) 35

117. What is the revised target date for completing Phase 1A of the complex?

- (A) 31 October 2026
- (B) 31 December 2026
- (C) 30 June 2027
- (D) 31 March 2027

118. In which city did the Election Commission hold its fifth regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs and ECINET?

- (A) Patna
- (B) Margao
- (C) Ahmedabad
- (D) Chennai

119. What is the tagline of the ELC 2.0 initiative of the Election Commission?

- (A) Learn Democracy. Lead Democracy.
- (B) My Vote, My Right
- (C) No Voter to be Left Behind
- (D) Proud to be a Voter

120. According to the Election Commission, how many universities does India's higher education sector comprise?

- (A) Nearly 700
- (B) Nearly 1,000
- (C) Nearly 1,500
- (D) Nearly 70,000

121. How many commemorative postage stamps were released to mark two decades of BRICS cooperation?

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

122. Which inscription appears on the commemorative stamps released on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit?

- (A) BRICS: Two Decades of Cooperation, 2006-2026
- (B) BRICS: Twenty Years of Partnership, 2005-2025
- (C) BRICS: A Journey of Solidarity, 2009-2029
- (D) BRICS: Building Together, 2001-2021

123. The second of the two BRICS commemorative stamps displays the Chairship logo along with which vision?

- (A) 'Nation first' and 'market-led'
- (B) 'Humanity first' and 'people-centric'
- (C) 'Growth first' and 'technology-driven'
- (D) 'Planet first' and 'climate-centric'

124. The Table Top Exercise of the Colombo Security Conclave concluded at which naval command?

- (A) Western Naval Command, Mumbai
- (B) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- (C) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam
- (D) Andaman and Nicobar Command, Port Blair

125. What was the focus of the Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise held in September 2026?

- (A) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief after a cyclone
- (B) Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region
- (C) Anti-submarine warfare in the Bay of Bengal
- (D) Joint amphibious landing operations

126. MAHASAGAR, the vision with which the exercise was aligned, stands for which of the following?

- (A) Maritime Harmony and Secure Growth for All Regions
- (B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- (C) Maritime Alliance for Humanitarian Action, Security and Regional Growth
- (D) Multilateral Action for Shared Growth and Regional Resilience

127. Under which mission were the Critical Care Blocks and Integrated Public Health Laboratories in Andhra Pradesh built?

- (A) National Health Mission
- (B) Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- (C) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- (D) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

128. How many Critical Care Blocks has the Government of India sanctioned across States and Union Territories under PM-ABHIM?

- (A) 431
- (B) 531
- (C) 631
- (D) 731

129. The Sanjeevani programme praised by the Union Health Minister belongs to which State, and how many health parameters does it test for?

- (A) Telangana, 21 parameters
- (B) Andhra Pradesh, 41 parameters
- (C) Odisha, 31 parameters
- (D) Karnataka, 51 parameters

130. The Guinness World Record for the world's longest road built with processed steel slag aggregates was set at which place?

- (A) Angul, Odisha
- (B) Raigarh, Chhattisgarh
- (C) Hazira, Gujarat
- (D) Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

131. According to Dr Jitendra Singh, steel slag road technology can reduce road construction cost by roughly how much?

- (A) 10 per cent
- (B) 25 per cent
- (C) 40 per cent
- (D) 60 per cent

132. Which two institutions jointly pursued the record road and signed a Technology Transfer Agreement at the event?

- (A) CSIR-CRRI and Jindal Steel Limited
- (B) IIT Roorkee and Steel Authority of India Limited
- (C) CSIR-NML and Tata Steel
- (D) NHA and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

133. Badri cattle, in which the OPU-IVF calf was born, are the state animal of which State?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
- (B) Uttarakhand
- (C) Sikkim
- (D) Arunachal Pradesh

134. In the Badri breeding programme, the Badri embryo was transferred into a recipient cow of which breed?

- (A) Gir
- (B) Tharparkar
- (C) Sahiwal
- (D) Red Sindhi

135. Which two institutions carried out the Badri OPU-IVF programme?

- (A) ICAR-NDRI, Karnal and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
- (B) ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar and Banaras Hindu University
- (C) NBAGR, Karnal and Kumaun University, Nainital
- (D) ICAR-CIRC, Meerut and Doon University, Dehradun

136. Which ministry organised the coastal cleanup drive marking the start of Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0?

- (A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- (D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

137. International Coastal Cleanup Day, for which the Digha drive was a prelude, is observed on which date?

- (A) 5 June
- (B) 8 June
- (C) 19 September
- (D) 29 September

138. Which institute coordinated the Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0 campaign nationwide?

- (A) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad
- (B) National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai
- (C) National Centre for Coastal Research, Chennai
- (D) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi

139. The National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers concluded in which city?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Pune
- (D) Nagpur

140. At the BOCW conference, which state presented its experience with Digital Labour Chowks?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Rajasthan
- (D) Assam

141. Who chaired the first day of the National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers?

- (A) Shobha Karandlaje
- (B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (C) Chandra Bhushan Kumar
- (D) Bhupender Yadav

142. By what scoreline did the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team win the Asia Cup final?

- (A) 2-1
- (B) 3-0
- (C) 4-1
- (D) 5-2

143. What did the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team achieve at the Asia Cup?

- (A) It won the Asia Cup for the first time
- (B) It retained the Asia Cup with an unbeaten campaign
- (C) It finished as the runner-up
- (D) It shared the trophy after a drawn final

144. Who congratulated both Indian junior hockey teams on their Asia Cup titles, and on which platform?

- (A) The President of India, in a letter
- (B) The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on X
- (C) The Sports Minister, at a press conference
- (D) The Vice-President, in a televised address

145. Which declaration was adopted at the closing plenary of the Dryland Congress 2026?

- (A) The New Delhi Declaration on Food Security
- (B) The Delhi Declaration on Drylands
- (C) The Global South Charter on Agriculture
- (D) The Bharat Declaration on Arid Farming

146. How many nominations did the first edition of the ISSCA Global Awards receive, and from how many countries?

- (A) 120 nominations from 24 countries
- (B) 170 nominations from 34 countries
- (C) 210 nominations from 44 countries
- (D) 150 nominations from 30 countries

147. The closing day of the Dryland Congress 2026 coincided with which observance?

- (A) World Food Day
- (B) World Soil Day
- (C) United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
- (D) World Day to Combat Desertification

148. The proposed BRICS Expert Working Group on TCIM will function under which track?

- (A) The BRICS Science and Technology Track
- (B) The BRICS Health Track
- (C) The BRICS Finance Track
- (D) The BRICS Sherpa Track

149. Where was the BRICS meeting on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine held that agreed the Terms of Reference for the proposed Expert Working Group?

- (A) New Delhi, on 13 September 2026
- (B) Chandigarh, on 21 July 2026
- (C) Goa, on 21 June 2026
- (D) Bengaluru, on 12 August 2026

150. Which WHO document is cited as the wider backdrop to the BRICS decision on traditional medicine?

- (A) The WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034
- (B) The WHO Health Systems Charter 2030
- (C) The WHO Herbal Pharmacopoeia Code 2024
- (D) The WHO Universal Coverage Action Plan 2040

151. How much freight did Indian Railways load in August 2026?

- (A) 130.9 million tonnes
- (B) 137.9 million tonnes
- (C) 147.9 million tonnes
- (D) 127.3 million tonnes

152. What was the cumulative number of commissioned Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals as on 31 August 2026?

- (A) 139
- (B) 144
- (C) 149
- (D) 154

153. After the regularisation of 14 services in August 2026, how many Amrit Bharat services are in operation?

- (A) 72
- (B) 80
- (C) 86
- (D) 94

154. What does CEPI stand for?

- (A) Council for Epidemic Prevention in India
- (B) Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
- (C) Centre for Emerging Pathogen Investigation
- (D) Commission for Epidemic Policy and Immunisation

155. What was the size of India's bioeconomy in 2025, according to the release?

- (A) USD 165.3 billion
- (B) USD 185.7 billion
- (C) USD 195.3 billion
- (D) USD 215.9 billion

156. Which was India's first mRNA vaccine against COVID-19, delivered under the Ind-CEPI mission?

- (A) GEMCOVAC-19
- (B) BHARATVAC-19
- (C) NANOCOV-21
- (D) SARBEVAX-19

157. Where is the World Circular Economy Forum 2026 being held?

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

158. What is the theme of the World Circular Economy Forum 2026?

- (A) Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity
- (B) Waste to Wealth for a Green Tomorrow
- (C) Reuse, Recycle, Rebuild
- (D) Circularity for Climate Resilience

159. How many stakeholders and countries are expected at the World Circular Economy Forum 2026?

- (A) Over 1,000 stakeholders from more than 45 countries
- (B) Over 2,000 stakeholders from more than 65 countries
- (C) Over 3,000 stakeholders from more than 85 countries
- (D) Over 1,500 stakeholders from more than 55 countries

160. How large is the protected habitat for cheetahs under Project Cheetah, according to the review at Bhuj?

- (A) 2,428 sq km
- (B) 3,428 sq km
- (C) 4,328 sq km
- (D) 1,428 sq km

161. Which institution prepared the Gujarat Action Plan for Great Indian Bustard Conservation?

- (A) The Zoological Survey of India
- (B) The National Tiger Conservation Authority
- (C) The Wildlife Institute of India, with the Gujarat Forest Department
- (D) The Forest Survey of India

162. Nearly what share of India's land area is covered by grasslands, as stated at the review meeting?

- (A) Nearly 14 per cent
- (B) Nearly 18 per cent
- (C) Nearly 24 per cent
- (D) Nearly 32 per cent

163. INS Sudarshini, which sailed from Livorno, is which kind of ship of the Indian Navy?

- (A) A sail training ship
- (B) A guided missile destroyer
- (C) A submarine tender
- (D) An aircraft carrier

164. What is the full form of MAHASAGAR, the vision carried forward by INS Sudarshini?

- (A) Maritime Alliance for Security and Growth Across Regions
- (B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- (C) Maritime Advancement for Shared Growth and Regional Harmony
- (D) Mutual Assistance for Safety and Growth in All Regions

165. Under which expedition is INS Sudarshini making her voyage?

- (A) Samudra Laksamana
- (B) Sagar Parikrama
- (C) Lokayan 2026
- (D) Varuna 2026

Answer key

1. **B** **Rs 1,10,000 crore** – The Defence Acquisition Council, meeting under the chairmanship of the Raksha Mantri, gave Acceptance of Necessity to acquisition proposals of the three Services at an estimated cost of about that amount.
2. **C** **The Raksha Mantri** – The release states that the meeting was held under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, so the Defence Minister heads this council.
3. **B** **Indian Navy, to replace Air Route Surveillance Radars at naval air stations** – The correct answer is the Indian Navy, to replace Air Route Surveillance Radars at naval air stations.
4. **C** **6 October 2026** – The correct answer is 6 October 2026, the date of poll in the schedule annexed to the Commission's announcement.
5. **D** **West Bengal** – The Commission's list places Nandigram along with Rejinagar in West Bengal, both vacant because the sitting members resigned.
6. **C** **Four** – The Commission's note recalls that Section 14 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 was amended by the Election Laws (Amendment) Act of 2021, and that the amendment provides four qualifying dates in a year on which a citizen may be enrolled as a voter.
7. **B** **Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow** – The correct answer is Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow, announced at the curtain raiser held in New Delhi.
8. **C** **Nagpur, Maharashtra** – The correct answer is Nagpur, Maharashtra, named in the announcement as the place of the main celebration on 23 September 2026.
9. **A** **Ayush Vision 2030** – The Vice-Chancellor of the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur listed the items planned for the day, and this vision document sits among them along with safety dossiers on medicinal plants, Standard Treatment Guidelines for skin diseases, a report on the A...
10. **B** **130 cities** – The correct answer is 130 cities, spread across 24 States and Union Territories.
11. **C** **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies** – The correct answer is the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, on which the ministry held Swachh Vayu Diwas and gave away the fifth round of Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan awards.
12. **A** **14** – The ministry set out the record on PM10 for the year 2025-26 against the base of the financial year 2017-18 in four steps, and every one of those steps appears among the options here, which is what makes the question worth practising.
13. **A** **Chapel Hill, North Carolina** – The correct answer is Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where the ministerial met on 1 and 2 September 2026.
14. **B** **Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State** – The correct answer is Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State, who holds charge as Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and also for Commerce and Industry.
15. **A** **India Stack digital solutions including DPI** – In the meeting with Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the African Union, India underlined its commitment to a deeper partnership with Africa by offering these digital public infrastructure solutions...
16. **B** **Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport** – The word that carries the meaning is aggregating, because the whole purpose of the platform is to pool the freight demand of shippers and logistics service providers so that it becomes large enough and visible enough to justify electric trucks on a corridor.

17.	A	From 201 vehicles to 826 vehicles – The correct answer is from 201 vehicles to 826 vehicles, a rise of more than four times in a single year, which is the figure NITI Aayog used to show that the electric freight market has begun to move.
18.	C	About 70 per cent – The NITI Aayog Member used this share to argue that the main freight corridors must be electrified in a planned way rather than left to scattered pilot projects.
19.	B	Goa Police – The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation presented the President's Colour to this force at Panaji, the capital of Goa, saying that after eight decades of distinguished service it now stands alongside the other police forces of the country that carr...
20.	C	1930 – The Home Minister said this number will become a strong shield against every kind of cyber fraud, and that the Goa Police has moved ahead of other States by putting an AI-based call agent on it.
21.	B	From 23 per cent to 53 per cent – The correct answer is from 23 per cent to 53 per cent, an improvement of 30 percentage points in a single year, so that convictions are now secured in 53 per cent of the FIRs registered.
22.	B	Raman Research Institute – The correct answer is the Raman Research Institute, an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology, whose Quantum Information and Computing laboratory led the work.
23.	B	The abrupt vanishing of entanglement at a finite time, before decay is complete – The correct answer is the abrupt vanishing of entanglement at a finite time, before decay is complete.
24.	C	National Quantum Mission – The correct answer is the National Quantum Mission, described in the release as the flagship mission of the Department of Science and Technology, which funded part of this study.
25.	B	Mumbai – Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition of the Global Fintech Fest there on 8 September 2026, and the festival continues in the same city until 11 September 2026.
26.	B	Agentic AI, tokenisation and quantum – The theme of this edition is Potential to Impact, and these three technologies are described as the foundations that are moving global finance towards autonomous, programmable and secure systems for inclusive finance.
27.	A	National Payments Corporation of India – The fest is organised principally by the Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council, and it receives support from several ministries and regulators, among them the Reserve Bank of India, the Secur...
28.	B	Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari – This is the central theme of the nutrition month that begins on 9 September 2026 at the Rudraksh centre in Varanasi, and it calls upon every citizen to take shared ownership of the Anganwadi centre, described as part of the largest childcare network in the wo...
29.	C	Ministry of Women and Child Development – Mission Poshan 2.0 is the unified national nutrition mission of the country, brought together in the Union Budget of 2021-22 under that ministry, and it merges POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anganwadi Services or the Integrated Child Development Services, and the Scheme fo...
30.	B	Varanasi – The campaign will be launched on 9 September 2026 at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre in that city of Uttar Pradesh, and the venue itself is a useful detail to remember because paper setters like naming convention centres.
31.	B	Department of Telecommunications – The FRI is a telecom intelligence framework built by that department and offered to financial institutions through its Digital Intelligence Platform, and on 8 September 2026 it was reported to have prevented suspected cyber fraud of more than five thousand cr...

32.	B	Digital Intelligence Platform – The FRI is developed under this platform, which classifies mobile numbers as medium, high or very high risk and securely shares the result with banks, payment service providers, insurers, securities intermediaries and pension entities.
33.	C	Rs 5,043.73 crore – That is the cumulative amount of suspected fraud stopped through the indicator up to August 2026, which is why the announcement speaks of more than five thousand crore rupees saved in fifteen months.
34.	B	1086.31 lakh hectares – The weekly progressive sowing report of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, issued on 8 September 2026, gives this as the total area under kharif crops for the position as on 4 September 2026.
35.	C	Pulses, and jute and mesta – Pulses were sown on 117.13 lakh hectares against 115.30 lakh hectares a year earlier, and jute and mesta on 6.34 lakh hectares against 6.24 lakh hectares, so these are the only two groups of the report standing above last season.
36.	A	With the onset of the south-west monsoon – The correct answer is that kharif crops are sown with the onset of the south-west monsoon.
37.	A	Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs – The framework launched by the Union Minister of Coal and Mines in New Delhi on 8 September 2026 was drafted by this institute and is meant to guide outcome-oriented corporate social responsibility spending for people living around coal mines.
38.	B	The Companies Act, 2013 – The launch described the coal sector document as the first sector-specific corporate social responsibility framework since statutory CSR came in under that Act, which is the legal anchor of the entire CSR system for Indian companies.
39.	B	Congenital heart defects – Nanha Sa Dil is run by Coal India Limited with the Sri Sathya Sai Health and Education Trust, began in four districts of Jharkhand in March 2024, and has completed more than 1,500 corrective surgeries that are free for the family, including the cost of travel...
40.	B	Japan – Veer Guardian-2026 is a bilateral air exercise of the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self Defence Force, and it is being held at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 9 September 2026 to 22 September 2026.
41.	C	Air Force Station Jodhpur – The Ministry of Defence has said that the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self Defence Force are flying the Veer Guardian-2026 exercise at this station in Rajasthan, and the programme runs from 9 September 2026 to 22 September 2026.
42.	A	F-2A – The announcement states that Japan is taking part with its F-2A fighter aircraft, while the Indian side has fielded a mix of front-line fighters, namely the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, the Su-30 MKI and the Rafale.
43.	C	New Delhi – The first meeting of the Joint Defence Committee between India and Morocco took place in the Indian capital on 8 September 2026, and the Moroccan delegation was in India from 7 to 10 September 2026 for the purpose.
44.	B	The Raksha Mantri – A Memorandum of Understanding on defence cooperation was signed when Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh visited Morocco in September 2025, and the Joint Defence Committee is the institutional mechanism established through that MoU.
45.	B	2027 – Both sides noted at the meeting that bilateral cooperation between India and Morocco is moving towards its seventieth anniversary in that year, and they agreed to expand defence ties ahead of the milestone.
46.	B	503 – At the send-off ceremony in New Delhi on 8 September 2026, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports said that a contingent of this size, made up of athletes together with support staff, is going to the Asian Games in Japan.

47.	C	Sahdev Yadav – At the send-off he unveiled the official jersey of the contingent along with three other office bearers, and the release identifies him as the Chef de Mission, the person who leads the contingent at the Games themselves.
48.	C	2036 – Speaking at the send-off of the Asian Games contingent, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said the target is that year, by which India hopes to host the Olympic Games and to be firmly established on the world stage, and he described a ten-year plan with more than thirty s...
49.	A	Rs 10,021 crore – The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved five projects of the Ministry of Railways at this cost, spread over 17 districts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana, and adding about 540 km to the network.
50.	B	27 MTPA – The correct answer is 27 MTPA, that is 27 million tonnes per annum.
51.	C	PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan – Both Cabinet decisions state that the projects were planned under this master plan, whose aim is to raise multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency through integrated planning and consultation with stakeholders.
52.	A	Mr Anura Kumara Dissanayake – The correct answer is Mr Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the President of Sri Lanka, on whom the Raksha Mantri called in Colombo.
53.	B	L70 air defence guns of the Sri Lankan Air Force – The correct answer is the L70 air defence guns of the Sri Lankan Air Force.
54.	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.
55.	C	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited – The correct answer is Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, a defence public sector undertaking, which designed, engineered and constructed the vessel at its Rishi Bankim Shipyard in Kolkata for the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research.
56.	B	ORV Sagar Kanya – That vessel is 43 years old and was procured from Germany in 1983, and the new ship will take over its work step by step.
57.	A	Deep Ocean Mission, about Rs 840 crore – More precisely, the ship was built under Vertical-4 of that mission, which deals with deep ocean survey and exploration, and it is an all-weather multidisciplinary platform engineered even for the Southern Ocean, with a projected service life of 30 years.
58.	B	Global Fintech Fest 2026 – The correct answer is the Global Fintech Fest 2026, where the Unique Identification Authority of India released both the software development kit and the sandbox for Aadhaar face authentication.
59.	C	2021, over 500 crore transactions – UIDAI engineered the face authentication solution in India and launched it in that year, and it has since been adopted by nearly 200 entities, among them central ministries and departments, state governments, banks, non-banking financial companies, telecom op...
60.	A	It is a controlled environment to test the full face authentication journey before going live – The correct answer is that it is a controlled environment to test the full face authentication journey before going live.
61.	A	G20 Innovation Ministerial at Chapel Hill, North Carolina – The correct answer is the G20 Innovation Ministerial at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which was held in the United States under its presidency of the G20.
62.	B	10 per cent – That is the target India has set for its contribution to global 6G standards and patents, and it sits behind the larger ambition of moving the country from being an adopter of technology to being a setter of standards, an emphasis credited to the Minister of...

63.	D	National Quantum Mission – The endorsement rests on three domestic foundations that are named explicitly, namely the Bharat 6G Vision, the Bharat 6G Alliance and the indigenous fourth and fifth generation technology stack, and the engagement is aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat and the g...
64.	C	9th – It was co-chaired by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines, Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, and it reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and the group...
65.	B	45 delegates from 11 ASEAN member states – The working group met a day before the ministerial and was co-chaired by India and the Philippines, with Dr M.L. Jat, Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General of ICAR, leading the Indian delegation.
66.	A	The India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry – The correct answer is the India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry, described as a symbol of the enduring partnership and the shared commitment of the two sides to cooperation in agriculture and forestry.
67.	C	Varanasi – The correct answer is Varanasi, where the Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the campaign at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre.
68.	A	Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari – The correct answer is Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari, which places the responsibility for the Anganwadi Centre on the community itself.
69.	B	More than Rs 21,000 crore to over 4.65 crore mothers – The correct answer is more than Rs 21,000 crore to over 4.65 crore mothers, paid through direct benefit transfer.
70.	A	Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana – The correct answer is Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana, who took charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis on that date, having been appointed by the Government of India a few days earlier.
71.	B	The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 – The correct answer is the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.
72.	A	Safai Karamchari Commission, Uttarakhand – The correct answer is the Safai Karamchari Commission of the Government of Uttarakhand, where he held both the office of Vice-Chairman and later that of Chairman.
73.	B	Paris – The release states that the Prime Minister addressed the International Space Summit held in Paris, France, and that he joined the gathering through video conference.
74.	B	2035 – While outlining the road map for the country, the Prime Minister announced plans to establish an indigenous space station by 2035 and to send an astronaut to the Moon by 2040.
75.	B	Chandrayaan-3 – Recalling the landmarks of the Indian space programme, the Prime Minister said that Chandrayaan-3 made India the first nation to land near the lunar south pole, and he presented that touchdown as a benchmark for the world.
76.	C	New Delhi – The release opens by saying that the Ninth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held on 9 September 2026 in New Delhi, India, and it closes with the ministers thanking the Government of India for the hospitality and the arrangements...
77.	B	2026-2030 – The meeting looked forward to the adoption and implementation of the medium-term plan of action for cooperation in agriculture and forestry for 2026-2030, and the release sets out its four mutually reinforcing areas, namely policy dialogue with food security,...
78.	B	50 – Listing the achievements of the cooperation period that has just ended, the release records the launch in 2024 of the ASEAN-India Fellowship for Higher Education in Agriculture and Allied Sciences, which provides for 50 master's fellowships over five years fo...

79.	B	Malaysia – The release states that INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, to take part in the fourth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Laksamana between the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy, and it adds that the ship and her crew were welcomed b...
80.	C	Fourth – The release says plainly that INS Mysore arrived at Lumut to participate in the fourth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Laksamana held between the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy.
81.	A	Lumut – According to the release, INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, as part of the operational deployment of the Indian Navy, and it was there that personnel of the Royal Malaysian Navy and officials of the Indian High Commission received the ship and her crew.
82.	B	1 January 2027 – The release says in its headline points, and repeats at the very end, that the new rules shall come into force from January 1, 2027, which gives e-commerce entities a clear runway before compliance becomes mandatory.
83.	B	30 days – The amended rules provide that where a price reduction is announced, both the reduced price and the prior price shall be displayed, and they define the prior price as the lowest price at which the goods or services were offered during the thirty days precedin...
84.	C	The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 – The release states that the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 were notified under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, and that they provide the framework for safeguarding consumers against unfair trade practices in the e-commerce sector; the amendme...
85.	C	Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025 – The correct answer is the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025, abbreviated as ASUSE 2025.
86.	B	757 – The release says that estimates of the indicators are given for 757 out of the 770 districts available in the sampling frame at the time the ASUSE sample was selected.
87.	A	237 – The release carries this as one of its headline findings, stating that in 237 districts women constitute one-third of the total workforce in the unincorporated sector.
88.	A	The Customs Act, 1962 – The release names this statute twice in the same episode near the Indo-Bangladesh border, saying that because the person could not produce documents for lawful possession the gold was seized under the Customs Act, and that he was arrested under the relevant p...
89.	C	Border Security Force – The release records that the DRI, acting in coordination with the BSF, seized 89 pieces of foreign-origin gold bars weighing around 11.3 kg from a person near the Indo-Bangladesh border at BOP Halderpara, and that the man, unable to produce documents of lawfu...
90.	C	24 – The release states in its headline and again in the opening paragraph that the operations resulted in the arrest of 24 persons, including three foreign nationals.
91.	C	Rs 12,773 crore – The release states that more than 1.44 crore Scheduled Caste students have benefited under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes and that scholarships amounting to Rs 12,773 crore have been disbursed to support their education.
92.	B	From May to December – Under the Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas, the annual examination schedule of the National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA has been advanced from May to December.
93.	B	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme – The release says that to strengthen the authenticity of documents and prevent fraudulent claims, a system for verifying income and caste certificates on the spot, directly with the authorities that issued them, was introduced under this scheme from the academ...
94.	B	National Commission for Scheduled Castes – The release identifies Kishor Makwana as the Chairman of the NCSC and says the award recognises his dedicated service to that Commission and his contribution to

advancing social justice, adding that the Commission has strengthened its role in safeguarding the...

95. **A** **Sansad Ratna Awards 2026** – The release states that the award was presented during the sixteenth edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards, held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in the national capital, and it adds that the jury of the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee recognised the servic...
96. **C** **G. Kishan Reddy** – The correct answer is G. Kishan Reddy, the Union Minister of Coal and Mines, who was the Chief Guest at the function.
97. **B** **Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability** – The Prime Minister named this theme while addressing the BRICS Business Forum in New Delhi, and said India had made the same mantra the base of its economic and trade policy over the past twelve years.
98. **B** **2006** – The Prime Minister said the group was launched in that year with only four countries, and that the Forum was being held in the year the grouping completes twenty years.
99. **C** **Nearly USD 1.2 trillion** – Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal told the opening session that trade among the BRICS countries had risen from USD 84 billion in 2003 to nearly that level by 2024, and he used the figure to argue that the grouping is a significant and fast growing market.
100. **C** **37** – The Ministry of Education says the exposition at Bharat Mandapam is showing that many Indian deep-tech start-ups and ventures, and that they were drawn from the larger group which had taken part in the first Bharat Innovates at Nice.
101. **A** **Nice, France** – The release records that the first Bharat Innovates was held there from the fourteenth to the sixteenth of June 2026, under the India-France Year of Innovation, and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron inaugurated it together.
102. **B** **12 and 13 September 2026** – The Ministry of Education says the exposition is being held as a lead-up to, and alongside, the summit that falls on those two days under India's BRICS Chairship.
103. **C** **1 October 2026** – The Ministry of Finance says a notification appointed that day as the date on which the provisions of the Act take effect.
104. **C** **1891** – The release states that the new Act replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act of that year and provides a modern framework for the use of banking records as evidence in keeping with the way banks work now.
105. **B** **Record a special cause in writing** – The release says the Act brings greater clarity on the summoning of bank officials in proceedings where the bank is not itself a party, and that a special cause has to be recorded in writing by the court before such a summons is issued.
106. **B** **More than 80 lakh** – The correct answer is more than 80 lakh, which the Ministry also writes as over 8 million doses.
107. **C** **Karnataka** – The Ministry places that state in a different band, saying it has achieved more than 85 per cent coverage of its identified target population rather than complete coverage.
108. **B** **U-WIN** – The release says the campaign has leveraged India's digital health infrastructure through this platform, which allows programme managers to monitor vaccination coverage at the district level, identify coverage gaps and missed beneficiaries, and plan the progr...
109. **C** **18.77 lakh** – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs says that is the total number of houses approved under the second phase of the mission after the ninth meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee, and that cumulative sanctions are now nearing the twe...
110. **B** **Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development** – The release says the meeting was held under his chairmanship in New Delhi, and that it was he who told the states the committee would

meet in the second week of every month and asked them to submit duly approved projects by the end of each month.

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111. **C** **Up to Rs 9 lakh** – The release states that the scheme caters to the housing needs of urban EWS, LIG and MIG families having an annual household income up to that level, and that it helps them move from kutcha, inadequate or rented accommodation into pucca homes.
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112. **B** **50:50** – The release says both Drydocks World and Cochin Shipyard will each hold half of the joint venture, with the initial capital funded through equity contributions from both parties, and it describes the arrangement as a first-of-its-kind public-private partnersh...
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113. **A** **DP World** – The release introduces Drydocks World as a DP World company in its opening line and records that its Chief Executive Officer, Captain Rado Antolovic, signed the joint venture agreement with Cochin Shipyard.
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114. **A** **The International Ship Repair Facility at Cochin** – The agreement is specifically for operating, consolidating and expanding that facility, which the release says is strategically placed along major international shipping routes and has a state-of-the-art ship lift system along with modern docking facilities.
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115. **B** **Lothal, Gujarat** – The release says the project reviewed by the Governing Council is coming up there, and that it seeks to revive and showcase a maritime legacy spanning over five millennia, with the aim of making the town a globally known centre of maritime heritage, knowledge...
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116. **B** **13** – The Minister told the Council that this many countries, among them Portugal, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Thailand, the Netherlands, Denmark, Oman, Israel, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Italy, New Zealand and Singapore, had signed memoranda of underst...
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117. **A** **31 October 2026** – The Council was informed that Phase 1A had reached about eighty two per cent physical completion, and the Minister urged the implementing agencies to keep strict supervision so that this revised target is met.
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118. **C** **Ahmedabad** – The Commission held the fifth conference in the series there, and the participants were students and teachers drawn from schools, colleges and universities across Gujarat.
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119. **A** **Learn Democracy. Lead Democracy.** – Lead Democracy.
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120. **C** **Nearly 1,500** – The release sets out the scale of the educational network that ELC 2.0 can reach, and says higher education comprises nearly that many universities along with around seventy thousand educational institutions, with an estimated enrolment of 4.33 crore students.
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121. **B** **Two** – A pair of commemorative postage stamps was released in New Delhi on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit to mark the completion of two decades of the grouping.
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122. **A** **BRICS: Two Decades of Cooperation, 2006-2026** – The stamps carry these words in English and the same inscription in Hindi.
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123. **B** **'Humanity first' and 'people-centric'** – The release describes the second stamp as displaying the logo of India's BRICS Chairship together with these two ideas, which India placed at the heart of its year at the head of the grouping.
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124. **C** **Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam** – The three-day exercise was held under the aegis of the Colombo Security Conclave and concluded at this command, with the opening address delivered by Rear Admiral Manoj Jha, Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of the same command.
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125. **B** **Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region** – The correct answer is Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region.
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126.	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.
127.	B	Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission – The correct answer is Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, shortened to PM-ABHIM.
128.	C	631 – The Union Health Minister said that under PM-ABHIM the Government of India has sanctioned this many Critical Care Blocks across the States and Union Territories, creating a nationwide network of critical-care capacity.
129.	B	Andhra Pradesh, 41 parameters – Speaking at the inauguration of the new health facilities in the state, the Union Health Minister praised the Sanjeevani programme for carrying healthcare to people's doorsteps and making testing available for this many health parameters.
130.	B	Raigarh, Chhattisgarh – The record road runs 1.85 km and was pursued jointly by the CSIR-Central Road Research Institute of New Delhi and Jindal Steel Limited, with the record conferred at an event addressed by Dr Jitendra Singh.
131.	C	40 per cent – The Minister said the technology can cut construction cost by around this share while delivering four times the strength of a conventional road, and can stretch the maintenance cycle so that major maintenance is needed only after about fifteen years in suitab...
132.	A	CSIR-CRRI and Jindal Steel Limited – The CSIR-Central Road Research Institute in New Delhi supplied the scientific guidelines, processing protocols and quality-control framework, while the steel company supplied the processed slag and the site.
133.	B	Uttarakhand – Badri cattle are described as an important indigenous cattle genetic resource of that state and are recognised as its state animal, which is why the conservation of the breed carries both a scientific and a symbolic weight there.
134.	C	Sahiwal – Under the programme, oocytes were collected from genetically valuable Badri donor cows through ultrasound-guided ovum pick-up, matured and fertilised in the laboratory with semen from a genetically superior Badri bull, and grown as embryos under controlled co...
135.	A	ICAR-NDRI, Karnal and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar – The correct answer is ICAR-NDRI, Karnal and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.
136.	B	Ministry of Earth Sciences – The drive at Digha in East Midnapore was organised by this ministry, and the campaign was coordinated across the country by the National Institute of Ocean Technology at Chennai, which is an institute under the same ministry.
137.	C	19 September – The cleanup drive at Digha was described as a prelude to International Coastal Cleanup Day, to be observed on 19 September 2026, and the objective was to build wider awareness about marine pollution and to encourage practices that protect coastal and marine e...
138.	B	National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai – The drive at Digha was organised by the Ministry of Earth Sciences and coordinated nationwide by this institute, whose officials also joined the inaugural ceremony at the Marine Aquarium and Regional Centre.
139.	B	Mumbai – The two-day conference was organised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra and concluded in the city on the second day.
140.	C	Rajasthan – In the session on the roles and responsibilities of BOCW Welfare Boards in the light of the new labour codes, several States and Union Territories presented their own initiatives.
141.	B	Mansukh Mandaviya – The correct answer is Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of Labour and Employment and of Youth Affairs and Sports, who chaired the first day of the conference.

142.	C	4-1 – The Prime Minister's message says that the Junior Men's Hockey Team won the Asia Cup with an emphatic win by four goals to one in the final.
143.	B	It retained the Asia Cup with an unbeaten campaign – The correct answer is it retained the Asia Cup with an unbeaten campaign.
144.	B	The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on X – The correct answer is the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on X. Both releases are from the Prime Minister's Office and both record messages posted on X on 13 September 2026.
145.	B	The Delhi Declaration on Drylands – The three-day Congress ended in New Delhi and its closing plenary endorsed this document, which is written in short as 3D.
146.	B	170 nominations from 34 countries – The ISSCA Global Awards are an annual flagship initiative that recognises proven agricultural innovations from institutions across the Global South, chosen for their potential to be scaled up and adapted across countries.
147.	C	United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation – The final day of the Congress opened with a commemoration ceremony for this day.
148.	B	The BRICS Health Track – A key outcome of the New Delhi Declaration adopted at the 18th BRICS Summit is the welcome given to the proposed establishment of an Expert Working Group on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine under this track.
149.	B	Chandigarh, on 21 July 2026 – The release records that the development in the New Delhi Declaration follows the BRICS meeting on Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine held in that city under India's BRICS Chairship.
150.	A	The WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034 – The release says that international attention to the role of traditional medicine in health systems is growing, and that this strategy places emphasis on strengthening the evidence base, on ensuring safety and quality, and on supporting the appropriate integr...
151.	B	137.9 million tonnes – Indian Railways loaded that quantity during August 2026 and recorded a year-on-year growth of 5.4 per cent.
152.	C	149 – Five new Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals were commissioned during August 2026, which took the cumulative count to this figure at the end of the month.
153.	C	86 – During August 2026 fourteen Amrit Bharat services were converted from special trains into regular trains, and that conversion took the total number of Amrit Bharat services to this figure.
154.	B	Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations – Its Board and Investors Council met in New Delhi, and the Department of Biotechnology and CEPI jointly hosted a high-level evening reception at the India International Centre.
155.	C	USD 195.3 billion – India's bioeconomy reached that size in 2025 and recorded eighteen per cent growth over the previous year.
156.	A	GEMCOVAC-19 – The India-centric CEPI mission, Ind-CEPI, is implemented by BRIC-THSTI and BIRAC, and this vaccine was among its important outcomes.
157.	B	Gandhinagar, Gujarat – India is hosting the forum there from 15 to 18 September 2026, and this is the first time that the World Circular Economy Forum is being held in South Asia.
158.	A	Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity – The forum at Gandhinagar is being organised under this theme, and its objective is to showcase India's initiatives for promoting circularity and to strengthen international cooperation.

159.	B	Over 2,000 stakeholders from more than 65 countries – Those taking part include business leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, policymakers, academicians and changemakers.
160.	B	3,428 sq km – The Union Environment Minister said that protected habitat for cheetahs has expanded to this area through the integrated management of Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar.
161.	C	The Wildlife Institute of India, with the Gujarat Forest Department – The correct answer is the Wildlife Institute of India, with the Gujarat Forest Department.
162.	C	Nearly 24 per cent – The Union Environment Minister underlined the ecological importance of grasslands and said that although they cover close to this share of the country's land area, they remain among the most degraded and least conserved ecosystems in India.
163.	A	A sail training ship – The Ministry of Defence release describes INS Sudarshini in exactly these words and records that she set sail from Livorno in Italy after completing a successful port call.
164.	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.
165.	C	Lokayan 2026 – The release is headed with the name of this expedition and records that INS Sudarshini continues her voyage as part of it.

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