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1. Angikaar 2025: Accelerating Urban Housing for All

Launched on 4th September 2025, Angikaar 2025 is a two-month national campaign to promote PMAY-U 2.0 in over 5,000 urban areas. Spearheaded by Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal, the campaign aims to enhance awareness, expedite house completions, and ensure delivery to eligible urban beneficiaries. Through door-to-door outreach, events, and loan melas, it promotes convergence with related schemes, empowering vulnerable groups and fostering public participation. The goal is to enroll one crore families and strengthen the mission of Housing for All.

2. Tuticorin Port Powers Ahead with Green Hydrogen Launch

On the birth anniversary of V.O. Chidambaranar, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal officially launched a green hydrogen pilot plant along with important infrastructure projects at Tuticorin Port in Tamil Nadu. The event marked a major leap toward clean energy and sustainable maritime growth. Projects included a 6MW wind power unit, 110kV substation, and the 10th container terminal. These developments align with the National Green Hydrogen Mission, reinforcing India's ambition to become a global green hydrogen hub while modernizing port operations under the Sagarmala initiative.

3. Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple Opens in Rajgir, Bihar

In September 2025, Bhutan's PM Tshering Tobgay and India's Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple in Rajgir, Bihar, a city deeply linked to Lord Buddha's life. The temple enhances cultural connections between India and Bhutan while boosting Rajgir's significance as an important spiritual center for Buddhism. Conducted with Bhutanese rituals, the event highlighted shared Buddhist heritage, promoting

religious diplomacy, regional tourism, and cross-border cultural exchange, while symbolizing the deep-rooted spiritual bond between the two Himalayan neighbors.

4. MY Bharat Aapda Mitras Deployed in Flood Relief Operations

The Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs has declared that MY Bharat Aapda Mitras will be sent to assist in flood-affected areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. These youth volunteers, trained by NDMA under the Aapda Mitra programme, will aid in rescue and relief operations. MY Bharat, an autonomous platform for youth development, empowers individuals aged 15–29 with training, resources, and networks. Aapda Mitras are now critical grassroots responders, ensuring food, medical support, and essentials reach affected rural areas efficiently.

5. Indian Navy's Training Squadron Concludes Seychelles Visit

The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (INS Tir, INS Shardul, and ICGS Sarathi) recently completed a four-day goodwill visit to Seychelles, enhancing maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. Seychelles, an archipelagic nation of 115 islands in the western Indian Ocean, lies northeast of Madagascar. With volcanic and coral islands, its capital is Victoria, and it boasts rich biodiversity including UNESCO sites like Aldabra and Vallée de Mai. The visit emphasized India's growing naval diplomacy and regional maritime engagement.

6. Less Than 40% of PwDs Hold Unique Disability ID Cards

Less than 40% of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in India have obtained the Unique Disability ID (UDID) card, which enables them to access government benefits. The UDID, issued under the RPwD Act 2016, is an 18-character universal ID with color-coded cards indicating disability severity. The UDID Project, led by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, aims to create a

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comprehensive national database, streamline disability assessments, eliminate duplicates, and improve benefit delivery through an integrated digital system.

7. India Launches \$125 Billion High-Speed Road Network Plan

India has launched a massive infrastructure plan worth ₹11 lakh crore (\$125 billion) to construct 17,000 km of high-speed access-controlled expressways by 2033, led by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The project will expand India's expressway network from 4,500 km to 21,500 km, cutting logistics costs and boosting connectivity. Financing will follow BOT and HAM models, with greater private participation. About 40% of the corridors are already under construction, while the rest will begin by 2028.

8. CP Radhakrishnan Becomes India's 15th Vice President

On 9 September 2025, CP Radhakrishnan, former Maharashtra Governor and NDA nominee, was elected as India's 15th Vice President. He secured 452 votes, defeating the INDIA bloc's B. Sudershan Reddy, who received 300, while 15 votes were invalid and 13 members abstained. The election followed the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar in July due to health issues. As Vice President, Radhakrishnan will serve as Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha and act as President if the need arises.

9. India's Literacy Rate Reaches 80.9% in 2023-24

India's literacy rate has climbed from 74% in 2011 to 80.9% in 2023-24, reflecting substantial progress in education. This improvement is credited to the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, which has enrolled over 3 crore learners and achieved a 90% success rate in foundational literacy and numeracy assessments. However, this national average hides significant disparities: urban literacy stands at around 88.9%, rural at 77.5%, with male literacy higher than female. Certain states and

Union Territories continue to lag behind.

10. Army Carries Out Operation Rahat, Saves 6,000 in Flood-Hit Northern States

Since 26 August 2025, the Indian Army's Western Command has led Operation Rahat, a large-scale humanitarian relief mission across Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir. The operation included 82 missions executed by 59 Army columns and 17 engineering task forces, rescuing over 6,000 people—including around 300 paramilitary members. More than 13,000 individuals received medical attention, and essential supplies like potable water, medicine, and 48 tonnes of food rations were delivered via air drops and ground convoys to flood-impacted communities.

11. Harshavardhan Chitale to Take Charge as Hero MotoCorp CEO from January 2026

Hero MotoCorp has named Harshavardhan Chitale as its next CEO, effective January 5, 2026. He will succeed acting CEO Vikram Kasbekar, who will revert to his role as Chief Technology Officer. Chitale brings over three decades of global leadership in sectors like industrial automation, lighting, IT services, and digital transformation. He previously served as Global CEO of a leading professional lighting business, overseeing operations in 70 countries and 12,000 employees, and has held senior roles at prominent firms. His appointment aligns with the company's push toward electric mobility, premiumization, digitalization, and sustainability.

12. RBI announces Special Commemorative Coin in Honour of Bhupen Hazarika

To mark the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, the Reserve Bank of India will issue a 100 rupee silver commemorative coin. The Union Ministry of Finance has approved the issuance, with Prime Minister Modi set to release the coin on 13 September 2025 during year-long celebrations. State-wide and nationwide events—including cultural programs, publications, and museum initiatives—will commemorate the

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legacy of the “Bard of the Brahmaputra,” reinforcing his enduring cultural and social impact.

13. Indian Army's SAMBHAV Enhances Secure Communication in Operation Sindoor

The Indian Army deployed its indigenously developed mobile ecosystem, SAMBHAV (Secure Army Mobile Bharat Version), during Operation Sindoor, replacing unsecured platforms like WhatsApp to safeguard mission-critical communications. Chief of the Army Staff, Gen. Upendra Dwivedi, confirmed its use. SAMBHAV features end-to-end, multi-layered encryption and operates on 5G-ready handsets, functioning effectively across public networks like Airtel and Jio. Equipped with secure apps like M-Sigma and provisions like preloaded key contact lists, the system marks a significant step in self-reliant, secure defense communications.

14. MoHUA and DDWS to Launch Swacchotsav 2025 under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation will jointly launch the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign from 17 September to 2 October under the theme Swacchotsav. Timed with the festive season, the campaign promotes clean and green celebrations, legacy dumpsite clearance, and citizen participation through the Swachhata App. Ministers emphasized that cleanliness is a year-round duty and called it a people's movement, urging both rural and urban areas to maintain visible hygiene standards.

15. Dr Geetha Vani Rayasam Appointed as New Director of NIScPR

Dr Geetha Vani Rayasam has assumed the role of Director at CSIR-NIScPR. At her joining ceremony, she emphasized the need for agile science, technology, and innovation policy that responds to evolving global challenges such as artificial intelligence and digital transformation. Under the theme “Connecting the Unconnected,”

she advocated for aligning science communication with Sustainable Development Goals and expanding public engagement through journals, citizen science, science-art collaborations, and digital platforms. She also underscored the importance of institutional partnerships—both national and international—for policy research and outreach.

16. Himachal Pradesh to Get Financial Relief Package of Fifteen Hundred Crore from Centre

The central government has announced a financial relief package of fifteen hundred crore rupees for Himachal Pradesh in response to the recent cloudbursts, floods, and landslides. Alongside this, ex gratia payments have been set at two lakh rupees per deceased individual and fifty thousand per injured person. The announcement followed an aerial survey and review meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, aimed at supporting restoration efforts and assisting affected families.

17. ISRO Hands Over SSLV Technology to HAL for Indigenous Production

ISRO has formally transferred the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) technology to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for indigenous production. The agreement enables HAL to design, manufacture, integrate, test, and operate SSLVs within the next two years. The SSLV is a compact three-stage launcher capable of carrying up to 500 kilograms into Low Earth Orbit, catering to the growing demand for small satellite launches. HAL aims to roll out its first SSLV by 2027, strengthening India's self-reliant space ecosystem.

18. Ministry of Tribal Affairs Unveils Adi Sanskriti Digital Learning Portal

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the beta version of Adi Sanskriti, a digital learning platform for tribal artforms, aiming to preserve heritage, boost livelihoods, and connect tribal communities more widely. It features Adi Vishwavidyalaya, offering 45 immersive online

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courses in dance, crafts, folklore, music and painting; Adi Sampada, a socio-cultural repository with over 5,000 curated documents on artefacts, textiles, livelihood practices and more; and Adi Haat, an online marketplace, currently linked to TRIFED, for tribal artisans to sell their creations. State Tribal Research Institutes in 15 states are collaborating in content creation and documentation. The platform will expand gradually into a full Tribal Digital University, offering certifications and research possibilities.

19. CPRI Opens State-of-the-Art Testing Facility in Nashik for Power Sector

A new Regional Testing Laboratory of Central Power Research Institute has been inaugurated in Shilapur, about 13-16 kilometres from Nashik city. The facility, built over 100 acres with investment exceeding Rs 200 crore, was established to provide testing and certification services for electrical products locally, reducing dependence on distant labs. It offers advanced capabilities including online short-circuit testing, impulse voltage testing up to 800 kV, energy meter and transformer routine tests, and transformer oil analysis. It is expected to give a strong boost to the electric vehicle and electrical equipment manufacturing sectors in western India.

20. Cabinet Gives Nod to Double Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat Railway Line

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a project to double the Bhagalpur-Dumka-Rampurhat railway line, stretching 177 kilometres across Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, with an estimated investment of Rupees 3,169 crore. The upgrade aims to improve service reliability, ease congestion, and enhance mobility for both passengers and freight. The project will connect five districts, benefit nearly 28.72 lakh people and 441 villages, including those in aspirational districts, while strengthening links to major pilgrimage and tourist centres. It will also augment freight capacity by about 15 million tonnes annually,

reduce oil imports and lower CO₂ emissions.

21. Five Years of Blue Revolution: Advancing Fisheries with Growth and Sustainability

Over the past five years, the fisheries sector in India has seen robust growth under the Blue Revolution and especially the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), backed by around Rupees 20,050 crore. Fish production has nearly doubled, shrimp output surged, and export earnings have more than grown several-fold. Infrastructure has also expanded: enhanced cold chain systems, upgraded fishing harbours and landing centres, modern markets, and better post-harvest facilities. Welfare measures for fishers—insurance, credit, tech access, and inclusion of women—have improved livelihoods, while sustainability and value chain strengthening remain priorities.

22. India's Fastest Train: Namo Bharat

Namo Bharat has become India's fastest train, running at 160 km/h on the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). Covering the 82.15 km corridor in under 60 minutes, it surpasses Gatimaan and Vande Bharat, which now run at restricted speeds of 130 km/h. Equipped with advanced safety systems like ATP, ATC, and ATO, the service uses 36 trainsets built by Alstom. Reservation-free and integrated with Meerut Metro, it marks a milestone in India's modern, high-speed intercity connectivity.

23. PM Modi Announces ₹1,200 Cr Relief for Uttarakhand Floods

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a ₹1,200 crore relief package for Uttarakhand after severe floods, cloudbursts, and landslides. The package includes reconstruction of homes under PM Awas Yojana, restoration of damaged highways, rebuilding schools, and immediate aid from PMNRF. Families of the deceased will receive ₹2 lakh, while the injured get ₹50,000. Livestock owners will get mini kits, and orphaned children will be supported under PM CARES for Children with financial, educational, and

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healthcare assistance, ensuring long-term rehabilitation and resilience for the state.

24. Major Household Finance Surveys Scheduled for 2026–27

India will conduct the All India Debt and Investment Survey (AIDIS) and the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households from July 2026 to June 2027. AIDIS, first initiated in the 1950s, assesses household debt and asset ownership, informing key policy decisions by institutions like RBI and MoSPI. The SAS, started in 2003, provides detailed insights into agricultural households' incomes, expenditures, farming practices, and access to schemes. These surveys are critical for shaping economic and rural development policies in India.

25. Fast Track Immigration Programme Extended to More Airports

The Union Home Minister has expanded the Fast Track Immigration–Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) to five more airports, aiming to streamline immigration for Indian nationals and OCI cardholders. Launched in 2024 at Delhi's IGI Airport, the programme enables quick and secure immigration clearance via e-gates using biometric and passport verification. Applicants register online and undergo biometric capture at FRROs or airports. Managed by the Bureau of Immigration, the service is now operational at 13 airports and valid for five years or until passport expiry.

26. Cantonment Colony Declared Biodiversity Heritage Site

The government has declared 8.6 acres of green cover at Cantonment Railway Colony in Bengaluru as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS), making it the city's second after GKVK. BHS are ecologically rich areas with rare, endemic, or culturally significant biodiversity. Notified under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, these sites are conserved in consultation with local communities. The BHS status ensures

preservation without altering traditional usage practices, aiming to protect ecosystems while enhancing the quality of life for local populations.

International

1. Anutin Charnvirakul Rises Amid Thailand's Political Shift

On September 5, 2025, Anutin Charnvirakul of the Bhumjaithai Party was elected Thailand's Prime Minister with 63% of the parliamentary vote, defeating Pheu Thai's Chaikasem Nitisiri. His election marks a turning point in Thai politics, signaling the decline of Thaksin Shinawatra's influence. A former health and interior minister, Anutin led Thailand's COVID-19 response and cannabis reform. Backed by the People's Party in a tactical alliance, he pledged constitutional reform and early elections, bridging political divides with strategic pragmatism.

2. Singapore Backs India's Malacca Strait Patrol Initiative

Singapore has endorsed India's plan to patrol the strategic Malacca Strait, strengthening maritime security in the Indo-Pacific. Announced during PM Lawrence Wong's 2025 India visit, this support enhances regional surveillance and counters Chinese naval influence. The two nations also agreed on five pacts spanning green energy, defence, and emerging tech like AI and quantum computing. The Malacca Strait remains vital for global trade, linking the Indian Ocean and South China Sea, making this cooperation crucial for regional stability.

3. David Lammy Named UK Deputy PM, Justice Secretary

In September 2025, David Lammy was appointed the UK's Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary after Angela Rayner resigned over a tax scandal. In an effort to strengthen his leadership and tackle internal issues, Prime Minister Keir Starmer carried out a major cabinet

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reshuffle. Yvette Cooper was appointed Foreign Secretary, and Shabana Mahmood took over as Home Secretary. The reshuffle comes ahead of a critical budget announcement and could either consolidate Starmer's leadership or deepen party tensions within Labour's ranks.

4. Russia Unveils Colon Cancer Vaccine After Successful Trials

Russia's Federal Medical Biological Agency (FMBA) has announced a breakthrough colon cancer vaccine after successful preclinical trials, revealed at the 10th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok. The vaccine demonstrated 60–80% tumour reduction, slowed progression, improved survival, and showed no adverse effects. Designed as a therapeutic vaccine, it activates the immune system to target colorectal cancer cells. Pending regulatory approval, it could be Russia's first public immunotherapy for colorectal cancer. FMBA is also developing vaccines for glioblastoma and melanoma.

5. Kokichi Akuzawa, 102, Oldest to Climb Mount Fuji

Kokichi Akuzawa, aged 102, became the oldest man to summit Mount Fuji, Japan's tallest mountain (3,776 meters), on August 5, 2025, earning a Guinness World Record. Despite health challenges like heart issues and shingles, he trained rigorously for three months and climbed with his 70-year-old daughter, granddaughter, her husband, and fellow climbers. This was not his first record; he previously held it at age 96. His achievement highlights perseverance, intergenerational support, and challenges stereotypes about aging and lifelong fitness.

6. Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli Steps Down Amid Political Turmoil

On 9 September 2025, Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli resigned amid violent nationwide protests—some of the deadliest in decades. The unrest was sparked by his government's attempt to ban major social media platforms, inciting Gen Z-led anger over censorship, corruption,

and economic frustrations. Demonstrations escalated, leaving at least 19 dead and triggering widespread arson, including attacks on government buildings and Oli's own residence. Following mounting pressure, Oli stepped down, and the capital remains under curfew as the country faces deep political instability.

7. India and Israel Sign Bilateral Investment Pact

India and Israel have signed a landmark bilateral investment agreement to deepen their economic engagement. Israel becomes the first OECD country to enter into such a 'strategic agreement' under India's updated investment treaty model. The pact offers enhanced investor protection, arbitration frameworks, and mechanisms to ensure smooth capital transfers and compensation for losses. Valued against a backdrop of nearly USD 800 million in existing bilateral investments, the agreement is expected to foster increased trade, mutual investments, and pave the way for broader strategic economic cooperation.

8. HIRE Act 2025 May Adversely Impact India's Hundred Billion Dollar IT Export Industry

The proposed HIRE Act 2025 would levy a 25 percent excise tax on payments that US companies make to foreign providers for services benefiting US consumers, while disallowing related deductions. This would sharply raise the cost of offshoring, especially to India, which counts on exports to the US for over half of its IT revenue. If enacted, Indian tech firms may see reduced margins and demand, prompting strategic shifts like automation, client cost-sharing, and onshore moves.

9. Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurates First Overseas Atal Innovation Centre in the UAE

During a visit to the United Arab Emirates, the Education Minister inaugurated the first overseas Atal Incubation Centre situated on the IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi campus. Alongside this, new academic programmes — a BTech and a PhD in

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Chemical Engineering and Energy and Sustainability — were launched. Discussions were held with local education authorities to expand Indian curriculum schools, create more incubation and innovation labs, and bolster educational ties. The incubation centre is intended to support start-ups and joint innovation efforts between India and UAE, especially in deep tech, AI, clean energy, healthcare, and similar sectors.

Sports

1. India Clinches Historic Gold in Men's Compound Archery at World Championships

India created history by winning its first-ever gold medal in the men's compound team event at the 2025 World Archery Championships in Gwangju, South Korea. The Indian trio of Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini, and Prathamesh Fuge defeated France 235-233 in a tense final. A tactical change in shooting order by coach Jiwanjot Singh Teja proved crucial. Yadav also won silver in the mixed team event with Jyothi Surekha Vennam. However, the women's team ended their medal streak with a pre-quarterfinal exit.

2. India to Host 28th Asian Table Tennis Team Championships 2025

India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships from October 11-15, 2025, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This continental event features men's and women's team competitions and serves as a qualifier for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships, with the top 13 teams earning direct entry. Governed by ITTF and ATTU, the championship provides global visibility, qualification opportunities, and showcases India's sports infrastructure. Bhubaneswar, hosting an Asian-level TT event for the first time, will follow international standards with advanced facilities.

3. India Beats Korea in 2025 Asia Cup Final, Qualifies for World Cup

India won the 2025 Men's Hockey Asia Cup by defeating South Korea 4-1 in the final held at Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar, on 7 September 2025. Sukhjeet Singh scored within 30 seconds, followed by two goals from Dilpreet Singh and a final strike by Amit Rohidas. This victory, India's fourth Asia Cup title after 2003, 2007, and 2017, ends an eight-year title drought and secures direct qualification for the 2026 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, co-hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands.

4. India Secure Bronze Medal in CAFA Nations Cup 2025

In their debut appearance at the CAFA Nations Cup, India made history by clinching the bronze medal with a dramatic 3-2 win on penalties over higher-ranked Oman after a 1-1 draw in regulation and extra time. Udanta Singh's equaliser in the 80th minute pushed the contest to a shootout, where Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's crucial final save secured the podium finish. This landmark result highlights India's growing resilience and tactical maturity on the international stage.

5. Youngest Grandmaster Abhimanyu Mishra Defeats World Champion Gukesh

On 8 September 2025, 16-year-old American grandmaster Abhimanyu Mishra achieved a historic feat by defeating reigning World Chess Champion Gukesh Dommaraju in the fifth round of the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The intense classical game lasted 61 moves and made Mishra the youngest player ever to beat a sitting world champion. This remarkable victory adds to his earlier record as the youngest-ever grandmaster and underscores his meteoric rise in the chess world.

6. Asia Cup 2025 Schedule Released with Key Matches Timings and Venues

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Asia Cup 2025 will be held in the United Arab Emirates from 9 to 28 September, featuring eight teams split into two groups. Matches will be held at venues in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, including the Dubai International Cricket Stadium and Sheikh Zayed Stadium. Group stage matches run from 9 to 19 September, followed by a Super Four phase through 26 September, and culminating in the final on 28 September. Key fixtures include India vs UAE on September 10 and the high-stakes India vs Pakistan match on September 14.

7. SAI and IIT Delhi Launch National Sports Science Partnership

The Sports Authority of India's National Centre of Sports Science Research has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIT Delhi to advance indigenous sports science and technology. The partnership aims to develop home-grown sports equipment, performance-enhancing devices, and injury prevention tools, reducing reliance on imports while supporting the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Coinciding with the MoU, a new Biomechanics Laboratory at IIT Delhi was inaugurated to provide advanced assessments, foster innovation, and promote inclusivity for both able-bodied and para athletes.

8. ICC Introduces Will To Win Campaign Ahead of Women's World Cup 2025

The International Cricket Council has launched the Will To Win campaign ahead of the Women's World Cup 2025. The initiative celebrates women cricketers' determination, resilience, and inspiring journeys while aiming to build global excitement for the tournament. The campaign focuses on increasing visibility of women's cricket, engaging fans through storytelling, and highlighting the competitive spirit of participating teams. It also seeks to inspire young girls worldwide to pursue the sport, reinforcing cricket's growth as a truly inclusive global game.

1.Coal India Signs MoU with NSTFDC to Support

Tribal Students through Eklavya Schools

Coal India Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation to support tribal students in 76 Eklavya Model Residential Schools across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha. Through its CSR initiative, Coal India will provide desktops with UPS, tablets, sanitary-pad vending machines and incinerators, along with career counselling and mentorship for students in Classes 10 and 12. The project, backed with a funding allocation of ten crore rupees, aims to enhance digital learning, menstrual hygiene, and guidance for over thirty thousand tribal youth.

1.India Achieves Nine New World Records in Space Exploration

Since 2008 India has achieved nine significant world-records in space science and engineering. These include discovering lunar water with the first Chandrayaan mission; sending the first successful Mars mission on its maiden effort; launching 104 satellites in a single mission with PSLV-C37; having the highest resolution orbiter camera in lunar orbit via Chandrayaan-2; landing near the lunar South Pole for the first time with Chandrayaan-3; rapid development of cryogenic engine stages and their maiden flight; and also setting records for shortest testing and qualification periods in the cryogenic domain. More such records are expected in the coming years.

1.DRDO Hands Over Defence-Grade Materials to Industry

DRDO transferred three critical defence materials technologies to Indian industries, advancing the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission. Developed by DMRL, Hyderabad, the tech includes radomes for

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missiles (to BHEL), DMR-1700 steel for defence systems (to JSPL), and DMR 249A HSLA steel for naval shipbuilding (to SAIL). These transfers boost indigenous production, reduce import reliance, and empower public-private collaboration. An MoU with AAIB was also signed to enhance aviation safety using metallurgical expertise.

2. ISRO's Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport Targets 2026 Launches

ISRO's second launch facility in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu, is expected to become operational by December 2026. Covering 2,300 acres, this spaceport is designed specifically for Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs) and will support up to 25 launches per year, significantly increasing India's satellite launch capabilities. Its coastal location supports direct polar orbit launches, ideal for Earth observation missions. The project, inaugurated by PM Modi in 2024, will boost local employment, aerospace growth, and India's capacity for cost-effective, high-frequency satellite deployment.

3. India Launches First Vulture Knowledge Portal in Assam

India's first vulture knowledge portal, The Vulture Network, was launched in Assam to promote conservation, research, and public awareness. Developed by students and researchers with NGO support, the portal offers scientific data, campaign resources, and citizen science tools. Launched on International Vulture Awareness Day, the initiative highlights urgent threats like poisoning and habitat loss, especially for critically endangered species like the Slender-billed Vulture, and stresses the importance of community-led conservation and informed policymaking.

4. India Develops High-Purity Drug Marker to Fight Doping

India has developed a unique, high-purity Reference Material (RM) — Methandienone

Long-Term Metabolite (LTM) — to bolster its anti-doping measures. Created by NIPER and the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), this RM enables precise detection of banned anabolic steroids. It strengthens testing for over 450 WADA-prohibited substances and deters doping in sports. This advancement promotes fair play and athlete integrity. NDTL, India's only WADA-accredited dope testing lab, leads this initiative with global testing standards.

5. India's EMC Battery Hub to Meet 40% Demand

A massive battery manufacturing unit, established under the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) scheme, is set to produce 20 crore lithium-ion battery packs annually—covering 40% of India's current demand. Lithium-ion batteries offer high energy density, lightweight design, and strong performance, but face challenges like supply chain dependency, safety concerns, and environmental impact. The EMC scheme by MeitY supports such initiatives by funding infrastructure projects in electronics manufacturing, aiming to reduce imports and strengthen India's self-reliance in energy storage technologies.

6. Indian Navy Commissions Eleventh ACTCM Barge LSAM Twenty Five

The Indian Navy recently launched its 11th Ammunition-Cum-Torpedo-Cum-Missile (ACTCM) barge, designated LSAM 25 (Yard 135), on 8 September 2025 at Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd in Thane. Constructed by an MSME in collaboration with an Indian design firm and certified by the Indian Register of Shipping, the vessel underwent seaworthiness testing at NSTL, Visakhapatnam. It marks the tenth delivery under a contract signed in March 2021 for eleven barges, all now bolstering the Navy's logistical and operational supply capabilities.

7. NASA's Mars Rover Detects Strongest Evidence Suggesting Traces of Ancient Life

A sample named Cheyava Falls, collected by the Perseverance rover in the Bright Angel formation

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of Jezero Crater, shows compelling evidence of potential ancient life. Researchers found organic molecules, iron phosphate and sulfide minerals, and distinctive "leopard-spot" features, all in clay-rich mudstones formed 3.2 to 3.8 billion years ago when liquid water was likely present. While these findings are among the strongest signs yet of possible microbial life on Mars, scientists emphasise that non-biological processes could also explain the observations. Definitive confirmation awaits detailed laboratory analysis back on Earth.

8. ARAI Explores Diesel Blending with Isobutanol Fuel

The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) is examining the feasibility of blending 10% isobutanol with diesel to create a cleaner, alternative fuel mix. Isobutanol, a flammable alcohol derived from plant sources, offers several advantages over ethanol, including higher energy content, lower corrosiveness, and compatibility with existing fuel infrastructure. Its potential as a biofuel lies in its high octane rating and reduced vapor pressure distortion. If successful, this initiative could support India's push for sustainable and eco-friendly automotive fuels.

1.RBI Approves R Gandhi's Return as Yes Bank Chairman

The Reserve Bank of India has extended R Gandhi's tenure as the non-executive chairman of Yes Bank, appointing him for the period from September 2025 to May 2027. Gandhi, a former RBI Deputy Governor, brings over 37 years of banking expertise, including regulatory and capital markets experience. His leadership continuity supports Yes Bank's recovery, enhances governance, and strengthens regulatory compliance during this critical phase, though he will not engage in daily

management.

2. WHO Declares Pox Virus No Longer Global Emergency

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the Pox virus, previously declared a global public health emergency, no longer meets that status due to a steady decline in cases and deaths in affected African countries. Despite this, WHO emphasized ongoing risks and the need for continued vigilance, especially for vulnerable groups like children and people with HIV. The Africa CDC still considers the virus a continental emergency amid recent outbreaks in several African nations, highlighting the need for ongoing monitoring and response.

3. IEPFA Launches Phase II of Niveshak Didi for Financial Literacy

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) launched Phase II of its flagship initiative, Niveshak Didi, in Hyderabad. Focused on empowering rural women, the program promotes financial literacy through women-led outreach, encouraging comfortable knowledge-sharing. Formed under the Companies Act, 2013, the IEPFA operates under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to safeguard investor interests and promote financial awareness. Niveshak Didi is part of IEPFA's broader efforts to bridge financial knowledge gaps and build confidence in rural communities.

4. DPIIT Partners with ICICI Bank to Boost Startups

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICICI Bank to support DPIIT-recognised startups as part of the Startup India initiative. Through this partnership, startups will gain access to accelerator programs, mentorship, pilot project opportunities, and structured networking via the Startup Engagement Programme available on the Startup India portal. ICICI Bank aims to assist

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early- and growth-stage startups in refining their offerings, achieving market validation, and building connections with potential investors and clients.

5. Kaustubh Kulkarni Named Citibank Asia IB Co-Head

Citibank has appointed Kaustubh Kulkarni as Co-Head of Investment Banking for Asia-Pacific, starting December 2025, subject to regulatory approvals. Based in Singapore, he will work alongside Jan Metzger to lead investment banking operations across Japan, North Asia, Australia, and South Asia. Kulkarni has close to 30 years of experience at JPMorgan, having served in senior positions across India and Southeast Asia. His appointment comes amid increased regional deal activity, including IPOs, M&As, and capital markets expansion in Asia-Pacific.

6. Anand V. Patil to Receive Prof. V.K. Gokak Award 2025

Anand V. Patil, an acclaimed author of children's literature and recipient of the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Award, is set to receive the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award on September 7, 2025, in Bengaluru. This honour, named after the Jnanpith awardee Prof. Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, celebrates exceptional achievements in Kannada literature. Patil's contributions have significantly enriched young readers and helped preserve the language's cultural heritage. The ceremony is being organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in collaboration with the Vinayaka Gokak Vangmaya Trust.

7. PNB Signs ₹21,000 Cr MoU with Rajasthan for Development Boost

Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed a ₹21,000 crore MoU with the Rajasthan government under the *Rising Rajasthan* initiative to promote socio-economic growth. The partnership focuses on MSMEs, women entrepreneurs, and digital financial inclusion. The agreement was signed in Jaipur in the presence of CM Bhajan Lal Sharma

and PNB MD and CEO Ashok Chandra. As part of the rollout, PNB distributed 2,000 loan sanction letters to women entrepreneurs, highlighting its commitment to grassroots development, financial literacy, and digital banking transformation.

8. International Literacy Day 2025

International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 was observed globally on 8 September with the theme *"Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era."* Established by UNESCO in 1966 and first celebrated in 1967, the day emphasizes literacy as a fundamental human right and a driver of sustainable development. ILD 2025 highlights digital literacy, critical thinking, safe online engagement, and inclusivity in an increasingly digital world. The main event was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, stressing global efforts to reduce illiteracy affecting over 739 million people.

9. Anuparna Roy Bags Best Director at Venice Film Festival

Indian filmmaker Anuparna Roy won the Best Director award in the Orizzonti section at the 82nd Venice Film Festival for her film *Songs of Forgotten Trees*. The film, India's only entry in this category, explores the lives of two migrant women in Mumbai, highlighting memory, identity, and survival. The award was presented by Julia Ducournau, Orizzonti Jury President. Roy's win marks a significant achievement for Indian independent cinema and women directors, enhancing global recognition of socially conscious, non-mainstream storytelling from India.

10. Alia Bhatt Appointed Levi's Global Brand Ambassador

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt has been appointed as the global brand ambassador for Levi's, reflecting a strategic shift in women's fashion toward relaxed, style-led, and comfort-first denim. The collaboration aims to expand Levi's women's portfolio, promote expressive and

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comfortable clothing, and connect with Gen Z and millennial consumers globally. Founded in 1853, Levi's seeks to evolve beyond classic denim into culturally relevant fashion. Bhatt's influence strengthens the brand's image as trend-forward, authentic, and resonant with modern fashion-conscious audiences.

11. Camel International Prize Conferred on Younus Ahamed

NRI businessman Younus Ahamed, Executive Director of Dotspace Coworking in the Middle East, has been conferred the Camel International Award 2025 for excellence in global business leadership. The award was presented at a ceremony in Dubai by Sheikh Matar Bin Huwaiden Al Ketbi, Chairman of the Sharjah Camel Racing Club. Instituted by Arabian World Records, the award honours individuals demonstrating outstanding business acumen and impact. This recognition underscores Ahamed's contributions to innovation and leadership in the coworking sector across the Middle East.

12. IEPFA Marks Ninth Foundation Day with National Level Round Table Discussions

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority marked its ninth foundation day with a national-level round table discussion in New Delhi on September 8, under the theme Claiming the Unclaimed: Unlocking the Potential of Idle Financial Assets in India. The event brought together senior policymakers, regulators, and sector experts to explore streamlined claims processes, policy innovations, and coordination mechanisms to deploy unclaimed assets productively. Emphasis was placed on enhancing investor confidence through technological tools, transparency, and financial literacy initiatives.

13. Larry Ellison Overtakes Elon Musk to Become the World's Richest Individual

Larry Ellison, Oracle's co-founder and chief technology officer, briefly became the world's richest person after Oracle's stock surged dramatically following a strong earnings report. His net worth rose to around USD 393 billion, overtaking the long-time leader Elon Musk. The sharp rise was driven by buoyant forecasts for Oracle's cloud infrastructure business, including sizable contracts with AI firms and substantial growth targets. However, by the end of the trading day, the lead narrowed, with Musk reclaiming the top position. This episode highlights how volatile billionaire rankings can be in response to market shifts.

14. Manmohan Singh Receives PV Narasimha Rao Economics Award Posthumously

Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh has been posthumously honoured with the P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics for his historic role in India's 1991 economic reforms. The award, conferred by Montek Singh Ahluwalia and accepted by his wife Gursharan Kaur in New Delhi, recognizes Singh's contributions in liberalisation, de-licensing, tariff reduction, FDI promotion, and public sector restructuring. Instituted by the PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Foundation (PVNMF), the award highlights the joint legacy of Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh in shaping modern India's economy.

15. Srinivas Injeti Named NSE Governing Board Chairperson with SEBI Nod

Retired IAS officer Srinivas Injeti has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) Governing Board with SEBI's approval. A 1983-batch officer, he brings over 40 years of experience in financial governance, corporate affairs, and regulatory reforms. He previously served as Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, where he played a key role in implementing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). He was also the founding Chairperson of IFSCA, contributing to

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16. India Observes National Forest Martyrs Day, 2025

National Forest Martyrs Day, observed on September 11, pays tribute to forest personnel and environmental protectors who lost their lives in safeguarding India's natural resources. The day commemorates the 1730 Khejarli Massacre, where 363 Bishnois died resisting tree felling ordered by Maharaja Abhai Singh. Declared officially in 2013, the day is marked by memorial events, tree plantation drives, and awareness campaigns. It highlights the ongoing struggle to protect forests from threats like poaching, illegal logging, and environmental exploitation.

17. Rising Concerns Over DeFi Misuse by Terrorists

Recent concerns have emerged over the potential misuse of Decentralised Finance (DeFi) by terrorist groups to raise funds, build infrastructure, or expand operations. DeFi uses blockchain and cryptocurrencies to enable peer-to-peer transactions without traditional banking oversight. Through anonymous wallets and smart contracts, users can send and receive funds instantly, without identity verification. While DeFi promotes financial inclusion and autonomy, the lack of regulation, identity checks, and intermediaries makes it vulnerable to illicit activities, posing serious national and global security risks.