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1.FSSAI Launches Ayurveda Aahara Licensing Portal

FSSAI has launched a dedicated licensing portal on FoSCoS for Ayurveda Aahara, officially regulating traditional Ayurvedic food products. In collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, 91 pre-approved recipes have been listed, aligning ancient wisdom with food safety standards. This move streamlines licensing for manufacturers and ensures authenticity, safety, and transparency for consumers. It also supports India's goal of integrating traditional nutrition into healthcare while opening doors for innovation, exports, and growth in the Ayurvedic food industry.

2. 500 New Tinkering Labs Announced for J&K

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission launched the ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme at the University of Kashmir, announcing 500 new Atal Tinkering Labs in Jammu & Kashmir. With a ₹100 crore investment, the initiative aims to empower school students with robotics, AI, and 3D printing tools. Backed by private sector partnerships, the programme promotes grassroots innovation in underserved areas, aligning with India's "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision and making J&K the largest beneficiary region.



3. Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar Honoured with Krishi Media Award 2025

Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar from Mysuru has been selected for the Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award 2025 in recognition of his contributions to agricultural journalism. The award celebrates his consistent efforts to raise awareness among farmers via print and broadcast platforms. The presentation is scheduled for October 11, 2025, at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.



4. Prime Minister Launches Employment Initiative Worth 7500 Crore for Seventy Five Lakh Women

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Bihar Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, releasing ₹7,500 crore to benefit 75 lakh women via direct transfers of ₹10,000 each. The scheme enables one woman per family to receive initial funding, with potential additional support up to ₹2 lakh for successful ventures. It aims to empower women through self-employment in sectors like agriculture, tailoring, livestock, and more, supported by training via self-help groups.

5. Prime Minister Announces Development Projects Valued at 1.22 Lakh Crore in Rajasthan

The Prime Minister unveiled a package of

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development works worth over 1.22 lakh crore in Rajasthan's Banswara, spanning energy, water, transport, and infrastructure sectors. Key highlights include the launch of a 2,800 MW nuclear power plant, green energy schemes worth nearly 19,210 crore, solar irrigation via PM-KUSUM, and water projects of over 20,830 crore including canal and lift works. The move also saw the flagging off of new trains and upgrades to road networks.

6. Government Appoints First Expert in Mushroom Research to Head Botanical Survey of India

Dr. Kanad Das has been appointed Director of the Botanical Survey of India, becoming its first mycologist leader. His field expertise includes fungal taxonomy, molecular phylogeny, and discovery of new mushroom species. The move signals greater recognition for fungi study within botanical research. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on September 6, 2025.



7. Home Affairs Ministry Extends AFSPA in Certain Regions of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland

The Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for an additional six months beginning October 1, 2025, in specified districts and police station

areas of Manipur (excluding 13 police stations), Nagaland, and parts of Arunachal Pradesh. The decision follows a review of security conditions and continues the classification of those regions as "disturbed areas" under AFSPA.

8. Petroleum Ministry Reports Discovery of Natural Gas Reserves in Andaman Basin

The Petroleum Ministry has confirmed the discovery of natural gas in the Andaman Basin, detected in the Sri Vijayapuram-2 well about 17 km off the Andaman east coast at a water depth of 295 metres. Initial testing between 2,212 and 2,250 metres showed gas with 87 percent methane. The size and commercial viability of the reserve will be assessed in coming months. This confirms long-held geological expectations and aligns with India's push for deeper offshore energy exploration.

9. Swachh Shehar Jodi: Cities Unite for Clean India

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched *Swachh Shehar Jodi* (SSJ) on 27 September 2025, pairing 72 mentor cities with nearly 200 mentee cities to uplift urban sanitation. Built on Swachh Survekshan's insights, the initiative fosters city-to-city mentorship via customized action plans, workshops, and technical support. With a 100-day pilot phase monitored through a central dashboard, SSJ aims for visible outcomes in waste segregation, sanitation access, and citizen engagement, aligning with Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban goals.

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10. Government to Enforce EV Sound Alerts from October 2027

The Indian government will make Acoustic Vehicle Alerting Systems (AVAS) mandatory for all electric vehicles from October 1, 2027, to enhance pedestrian safety. AVAS emits artificial sounds to alert pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users, addressing the near-silent operation of EVs. New EV models must have AVAS from October 1, 2026, while all existing models will comply by 2027. The regulation covers electric cars, buses, and trucks (Categories M and N) and follows AIS-173 standards, aligning India with global EV safety norms.

11. Unmesha Festival 2025: Global Literary Confluence in Patna

The third edition of Unmesha: International Literature Festival will be held in Patna from September 25–28, 2025, at the Samrat Ashok Convention Centre. Organized by Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Bihar government, the four-day festival will feature over 550 writers, poets, scholars, and dignitaries from 15 countries, representing more than 100 languages. The event includes 90 sessions covering literature, cinema, feminism, tribal and Dalit issues, and copyright, along with cultural performances, including Grammy winner Ricky Kej. Entry is free.

12. Balod: India's First Certified Child Marriage-Free District

Balod district in Chhattisgarh has been officially declared India's first child marriage-free district, reflecting a historic achievement in social reform under the national "Child Marriage Free India" campaign launched in 2024. With zero cases reported for two consecutive years and verification of all 436 gram panchayats and nine urban bodies, this success embodies collective community and government efforts. The state aims to become entirely child marriage-free by 2028–29, inspiring wider reforms across Chhattisgarh.



13. Gaj Rakshak App Boosts Elephant Conservation

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has adopted the Gaj Rakshak App to monitor elephants and reduce human-elephant conflict. Launched by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on World Tiger Day, the app provides real-time elephant movement data and sends alerts to nearby villages to prevent conflicts. With offline capabilities and photo uploads, it is expanding across multiple reserves and districts to strengthen elephant conservation efforts throughout the state.

14. RSS Centenary Celebrations Marked by PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative postage stamp and coin to celebrate 100 years of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), founded in 1925 by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar in Nagpur. The RSS is a volunteer-based organization focused on discipline, cultural awareness, and national service, aiming for India's all-round development.



15. Tata-Airbus To Build H125 Helicopters In Karnataka

India's first private helicopter assembly line will be established by Tata Group and Airbus at Vemagal, Karnataka, for the Airbus H125. The facility will assemble, test, and deliver civil and military versions, meeting domestic needs and South Asian exports by 2027. This venture stems from an earlier Airbus-Tata partnership and aims to boost India's aviation credentials. The H125 helicopter, known for versatility and high-altitude performance, will support civil, defence, and export markets, promoting indigenous manufacturing.

16. SODAR System Inaugurated at IMD Delhi Facility

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Delhi, inaugurated the SODAR (Sound Detection and Ranging) system facility designed and

developed by CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (AMPRI), Bhopal. SODAR measures wind profiles and temperature structure in the lower atmosphere by sending and receiving sound pulses. The system provides critical data such as inversion height, fog layer height, and turbulence strength, improving forecasting accuracy and aiding climate and environmental research through collaborative efforts between CSIR-AMPRI and IMD.



17. Ashwini Vaishnaw Inaugurates NIELIT Digital University Platform

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the NIELIT Digital University (NDU) Platform on October 2 in New Delhi, aiming to democratize digital education nationwide. Offering programs in AI, cybersecurity, data science, and semiconductors with virtual labs, NDU seeks to enhance youth employability. The Minister also virtually inaugurated five new NIELIT Centres across India. NIELIT, now a "Deemed to be University," has trained millions through its 56 centres, revolutionizing E&ICT higher education and promoting industry-academia collaboration.

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18. India Announces First Cross-Border Rail Links With Bhutan

India has announced two historic cross-border railway projects connecting Bhutan to the Indian Railways network: a 69-km Kokrajhar (Assam) to Gelephu (Bhutan) line and a 20-km Banarhat (West Bengal) to Samtse (Bhutan) line. With an investment of over Rs 4,000 crore, the projects aim to boost trade, tourism, and strategic connectivity, linking Bhutan's key hubs including the Gelephu Mindfulness City and Samtse industrial town to India's extensive rail network.



19. PM Modi Pays Tribute On Gandhi Jayanti 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi and former PM Lal Bahadur

Shastri on their birth anniversaries on October 2, 2025. At Raj Ghat, Modi honored Gandhi's legacy of non-violence and truth, pledging to continue pursuing a 'Viksit Bharat'. He remembered Shastri as a humble statesman whose slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' inspires patriotism and self-reliance. Gandhi Jayanti is also the International Day of Non-Violence, commemorating peace and ethical living.

20. Minister Launches MY Bharat Mobile App for Youth Empowerment

On October 1, 2025, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the MY Bharat Mobile App to enhance youth engagement across India. The app offers mobile-first, multilingual access to volunteering, internships, mentorship, AI-powered career tools, and national campaign participation. Integrated with over five lakh CSC Village Level Entrepreneurs, it bridges the digital divide by enabling rural youth to access opportunities easily. With 1.81 crore youth already registered, the app fosters leadership, skill-building, and social responsibility nationwide.



21. Heightened Security During Durga Puja Immersions at Ichamati River

As Durga Puja immersions began on the

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Ichamati river, forming part of the India-Bangladesh border, heightened security measures were implemented. The Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh's Border Guard (BGB), along with local police, are patrolling the river using speedboats, drones, binoculars, and CCTV cameras. Separate immersion sites are maintained on each side of the border to avoid cross-border incidents, with 150 motorized boats facilitating visitor movement. Immersions are scheduled from 10 am to 5 pm, concluding before sunset for safety.

22. Cabinet Approves National Pulses Mission, MSP Boost for Rabi Crops

The Union Cabinet approved the National Pulses Mission, a six-year scheme from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a ₹11,440 crore budget targeting self-sufficiency in pulses. The mission aims to increase production from 242 to 350 lakh tonnes and expand cultivation area to 310 lakh hectares with improved yields. It includes seed distribution, processing units, cluster-based approach, and assured procurement of tur, urad, and masur under PM-AASHA, enhancing farmers' income, nutrition, and climate resilience.

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MSP FOR RABI CROPS

- Cabinet approves increase in MSP for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing season 2026-27
- Absolute highest increase in MSP has been announced for Safflower at ₹600 per quintal followed by Lentil (Masur) at ₹300 per quintal
- MSP raised by ₹250 for Rapeseed & Mustard, ₹225 for Gram, ₹170 for Barley, and ₹160 for Wheat per quintal

S. No.	Crops	MSP RMS 2026-27	Cost of Production RMS 2026-27	Margin over cost (in percent)	MSP RMS 2025-26	Increase in MSP (Absolute)
1	Wheat	2585	1239	109	2425	160
2	Barley	2150	1361	58	1980	170
3	Gram	5875	3699	59	5650	225
4	Lentil (Masur)	7000	3705	89	6700	300
5	Rapeseed & Mustard	6200	3210	93	5950	250
6	Safflower	6540	4360	50	5940	600

₹5 per Quintal

International

1. Autonomous Zone to Launch in Dubai by 2026

Dubai is set to launch a 15-km autonomous transport corridor by 2026, known as the Dubai Autonomous Zone (DAZ). It will integrate driverless vehicles, marine transport, and smart logistics systems to support the city's goal of 25% autonomous daily trips by 2030. The zone will connect key hubs like Al Jaddaf and Festival City. Partnerships with Uber and WeRide aim to deploy 1,000 RoboTaxis by 2028. Real-world testing is already underway to ensure safety, efficiency, and smooth integration.

2. United States President Declares One Hundred Percent Tariffs on Pharmaceutical Medicines

The U.S. President announced that, effective October 1, imported branded or patented pharmaceuticals will attract 100 percent tariffs, unless the manufacturer has already begun building a production facility in the U.S. Generic drug imports are exempted from this measure. The announcement jolted global drug markets and sparked urgent repositioning by pharmaceutical firms to mitigate tariff risks.

3. India's Smartphone Shipments to United States Record 148 Percent Growth in August 2025

In August 2025, India's smartphone exports surged 39 percent year-on-year to about USD 1.53 billion. Shipments specifically to the U.S. more than doubled, rising to USD 965 million from USD 388 million in August 2024. The India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) attributed the rise to robust demand, even as it dismissed reports of declines. The performance reinforces India's growing importance in global electronics manufacturing and U.S. trade.

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4. India and Bhutan Approve First Rail Link Projects

India has announced two cross-border railway projects linking Bhutan with Assam and West Bengal, costing ₹3,456 crore and ₹577 crore, respectively. The 69-km Kokrajhar-Gelephu and 20-km Banarhat-Samtse lines will boost passenger and freight movement, improve trade, and generate employment. Both lines will be fully electrified, equipped for modern trains like Vande Bharat, and include advanced signalling systems. The projects, part of India's support under Bhutan's 13th Five Year Plan, aim to enhance connectivity, economic growth, and regional development while respecting environmental and security considerations.

5. India Re-elected to ICAO Council with Stronger Mandate

India has been re-elected to Part II of the ICAO Council for the 2025-2028 term, securing more votes than in 2022 during the 42nd ICAO Assembly in Montreal. Part II includes states contributing significantly to international civil air navigation. India reaffirmed its commitment to aviation safety, security, sustainability, equitable connectivity, technology advancement, and ICAO's No Country Left Behind initiative, highlighting its growing global leadership in civil aviation.



6. Powerful 6.9 Magnitude Earthquake Devastates Cebu, Philippines

A 6.9-magnitude offshore earthquake struck Cebu province in the central Philippines on the night of September 30, 2025, killing at least 72 people and injuring nearly 300. The quake caused widespread damage, including building collapses, power outages, and landslides, with Bogu City severely affected. Thousands were displaced, and hospitals were overwhelmed. Aftershocks and a local tsunami warning followed the quake. Rescue and relief operations are ongoing amid challenging conditions from infrastructure damage and recent typhoons.

7. 11th World Green Economy Summit Opens in Dubai

The 11th World Green Economy Summit began on October 2, 2025, at the Dubai World Trade Centre, attracting over 3,300 participants from 30+ countries. The summit's theme, "Innovating for Impact: Accelerating the Future of the Green Economy," highlights innovation, equity, and global partnerships. Key focuses included renewable energy, circular economy, climate finance, SME involvement, youth leadership, and gender equity. Nearly 80 global speakers discussed actionable climate policies, reinforcing Dubai's role as a sustainable development leader.



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1. Sergio Busquets Announces Retirement After 20 Years

Legendary midfielder Sergio Busquets announced his retirement at the end of the 2025 MLS season, concluding a stellar 20-year career with Barcelona, Spain, and Inter Miami. Known for his tactical brilliance and calm presence, Busquets won 32 major trophies with Barcelona and was pivotal in Spain's 2010 World Cup and 2012 Euro victories. His final MLS game is on October 12, 2025, with a potential MLS Cup finale in December marking his career's end.

2. Ravichandran Ashwin Becomes First Indian Male Cricketer to Join BBL

Ravichandran Ashwin has become the first Indian male international to sign with a Big Bash League (BBL) team, joining Sydney Thunder for the 2025–26 season. His move comes after retiring from the IPL, which makes him eligible for foreign leagues under BCCI rules. This landmark signing could open doors for other Indian players nearing retirement and is expected to boost BBL viewership and Sydney Thunder's performance.

3. India Secures Five Medals at ISSF Junior World Cup 2025

At the ISSF Junior World Cup held in New Delhi, Indian shooters claimed five medals, reinforcing the host nation's strong showing. Anushka Thokur won gold in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions, adding to her earlier win in the prone category. Adriyan Karmakar earned silver in the men's 50m 3 positions event. Meanwhile, India led the overall tally with multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals.



4. FIFA 2026 Mascots Clutch, Maple and Zayu Officially Revealed

FIFA has officially announced Clutch, Maple, and Zayu as the mascots for the 2026 World Cup, representing the United States, Canada, and Mexico respectively. Clutch is a bald eagle playing as a midfielder, Maple is a moose in the goalkeeper role, and Zayu is a jaguar forward. These characters will feature in merchandise, a dedicated video game, and promotional events leading up to the tournament.

5. India Clinch Ninth Asia Cup Title in Dubai

India secured their record ninth Asia Cup crown with a thrilling five-wicket win over Pakistan in Dubai on 28 September 2025. Chasing 147, India struggled early at 20/3 before Tilak Varma's composed unbeaten 69, aided by Shivam Dube's quickfire 33, led them to 150/5 in 19.1 overs. Earlier, Pakistan collapsed from 107/1 to 146 all out, undone by Kuldeep Yadav's 4/30 and crucial strikes from spinners. Varma's calm dominance sealed India's triumph in a memorable India-Pakistan final.

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6. Official Schedule Released for ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025

The ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 will be held from September 30 to November 2 across India and Sri Lanka. India, led by Harmanpreet Kaur with Smriti Mandhana as vice-captain, opens against Sri Lanka in Guwahati. Eight teams will play a round-robin format, with the top four advancing to the semi-finals. Key matches include India vs Pakistan on October 5. Live streaming is available on JioHotstar, and Star Sports will broadcast the matches. Australia are reigning champions, having won seven titles.

7. Jannik Sinner Clinches China Open Title in Beijing

Jannik Sinner won the 2025 China Open by defeating American teenager Learner Tien 6-2, 6-2 in the final, securing his third title of the season and 21st career ATP trophy. The world number two dominated Tien, who was appearing in his first ATP final, showing solid form after recovering from a stomach bug. Sinner now aims to reclaim the world number one ranking as he prepares for the Shanghai Masters.



8. India Achieves One-Two Finish in Men's Javelin F44

At the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, India secured a remarkable one-two finish in the Men's Javelin Throw F44 category. Sandip Sanjay Sargar won gold with a personal best throw of 62.82 m, while Sandeep Chaudhary claimed silver with a season-best 62.67 m. This performance highlights India's growing strength in para-athletics and raises the country's overall medal tally to eight, showcasing depth and consistency in field events.

1. India's First Forest Accounting Report Released by MoSPI

MoSPI released India's first forest-focused environmental accounting report using the UN SEEA framework. Covering physical, monetary, and ecological data, it highlights a 22.5% rise in forest cover and a 51.82% increase in carbon retention value from 2015-16 to 2021-22. Forests now contribute significantly to India's GDP and climate commitments. With improved forest mapping, sustainable practices, and growing ecosystem services, the report marks a pivotal

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step in integrating forests into national economic and environmental planning.

1. India Retires Iconic MiG-21 After 62 Years

After 62 years of service, the Indian Air Force has officially retired the iconic MiG-21 fighter jet. Inducted in 1963, the aircraft played key roles in wars and conflicts, earning a legacy of power and agility. The final flight occurred on September 24, 2025, followed by a grand decommissioning ceremony on September 26. The MiG-21's retirement marks the end of an era and the beginning of India's air fleet modernisation with Tejas, Rafale, and next-gen aircraft.

2. L&T-BEL Consortium Enters India's 5th-Gen Stealth Fighter Race

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) have formed a 50:50 consortium to compete in the ₹15,000 crore Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project. This initiative challenges Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) monopoly in fighter jet development. The AMCA, India's first 5th-generation stealth fighter, features advanced avionics, stealth, and supercruise capabilities. Multiple private players, including Adani Defence and HAL-led consortia, are also entering the competition to develop prototypes within five years.

3. Gokul Reservoir and Udaipur Lake Declared Ramsar Sites

Gokul Reservoir in Buxar and Udaipur Lake in West Champaran, Bihar, have been designated as new Ramsar Sites, taking India's total to 93, spanning 1,360,719 hectares. Both lakes are

oxbow wetlands, formed alongside meandering rivers. Gokul lies near the Ganga River, while Udaipur Lake is within the Udaipur Wildlife Sanctuary, providing a crucial wintering habitat for migratory birds like the pochard. Bihar now has five Ramsar sites, enhancing its ecological significance. India ratified the Ramsar Convention in 1982.

4. BSNL Deploys India's First Indigenous 4G Network

India has deployed its first fully indigenous 4G (5G-ready) network through BSNL, developed jointly by C-DOT, Tejas, and TCS. This achievement places India among only five countries with such capabilities and ensures strategic autonomy in telecom infrastructure. The indigenous stack is cloud-native, scalable, and migration-ready for 5G and 6G. It improves digital access for remote and tribal regions while strengthening domestic supply chains. Alongside India's existing 5G rollout since 2022, groundwork is underway for nationwide 6G services by 2030.

5. Mukhi Becomes First India-Born Adult Cheetah

Project Cheetah achieved a major breakthrough as Mukhi, born at Kuno National Park on March 29, 2023, became the first India-born cheetah to reach adulthood. Her survival marks a significant milestone in India's efforts to reintroduce cheetahs, 70 years after their extinction. Mukhi, the lone survivor among four cubs, thrived despite extreme conditions. Her journey symbolizes hope for a sustainable cheetah population and validates the long-term vision of the world's first intercontinental cheetah translocation programme.

6. Indian Army Celebrates 199th Gunners Day Nationwide

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On September 28, 2025, the Indian Army celebrated the 199th Gunners Day, marking the founding of the 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery in 1827. This observance honors the legacy and sacrifices of the Regiment of Artillery, one of the Army's oldest and most decorated arms. Ceremonies included a wreath-laying at the National War Memorial, led by Lt Gen Adosh Kumar. The event also highlighted the Army's commitment to modernization and self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

7. AstroSat Marks 10 Years of Stellar Discoveries

India's first dedicated space astronomy mission, AstroSat, has completed 10 years since its launch on 28 September 2015 by PSLV-C30 from Sriharikota. Initially designed for a five-year lifespan, it continues to deliver path-breaking data. Equipped with five instruments—UVIT, LAXPC, CZTI, SXT, and SSM—the satellite observes the universe in visible, ultraviolet, and X-ray wavelengths. Managed by ISTRAC Bengaluru, AstroSat has enabled deeper insights into neutron stars, black holes, stellar births, and high-energy processes beyond our galaxy.

8. Cold Desert Reserve Joins UNESCO's Biosphere Network

UNESCO has designated India's Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve as part of its World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR), raising India's tally to 13 out of 785 global sites. Located in the Himalayas, it stretches from Ladakh to Himachal's Kinnaur and includes Pin Valley National Park, Chandratol, Sarchu, and Kibber Sanctuary. Known for its cold desert biome, Buddhist culture, and rare fauna like snow leopards and Himalayan ibex, the reserve highlights the balance between human habitation and ecosystem conservation under UNESCO's MAB Programme.

9. BSF Unveils AI Command Centre for Borders

The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched an AI and GIS-powered Decision Support System (DSS) to strengthen border security along Pakistan and Bangladesh. Inaugurated by DG Daljit Singh Chawdhary, the system integrates real-time sensor feeds, drones, incident databases, and GIS data to provide a Complete Operating Picture for commanders. It uses AI and machine learning for predictive analysis, custom dashboards, and cross-agency integration. Future enhancements include OSINT, big data analytics, and weather inputs, aiming to improve surveillance, threat prediction, and operational planning along critical frontiers.

10. Major General Srinivas Leads Defence Management College

Major General G. Srinivas has assumed command as the new head of the College of Defence Management (CDM), succeeding Lieutenant General Harsh Chhibber. Renowned for his strategic expertise, Srinivas directed complex logistics during Operation Sindoor, ensuring critical supply coordination in challenging terrain. The CDM, a leading tri-services institution, shapes senior officers for modern warfare and integrated leadership, with Srinivas expected to modernize its curriculum. His vision promises stronger joint operations and technological transformation.



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11. Indian Army's Exercise Drone Kavach Advances Readiness

The Indian Army's Spear Corps under Eastern Command conducted Exercise Drone Kavach from September 25-28, 2025, in Arunachal Pradesh's forward areas, focusing on next-generation drone warfare and counter-drone technology. The four-day exercise involved tactical maneuvers, target acquisition, and active/passive counter-drone measures with Indo-Tibetan Border Police participation. This exercise is a significant step in modernizing the Army, enhancing preparedness for technology-driven multi-domain battlefield scenarios along sensitive borders.

12. Indian Immunologicals Launches India's First IBR Vaccine

Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) has launched India's first indigenously developed glycoprotein E (gE) deleted DIVA marker vaccine, Raksha-IBR™, against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), a contagious cattle disease caused by Bovine Herpes Virus type 1 (BHV-1). The vaccine, unveiled on September 27, 2025, in Anand, Gujarat, helps differentiate infected from vaccinated animals, aiding disease control and improving productivity for the dairy sector. IBR causes infertility, abortions, and reduced milk yield, with losses estimated at ₹18,000 crores annually in India.

13. India's First Dugong Conservation Reserve Gets IUCN Recognition

India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve, located in northern Palk Bay, Tamil Nadu, was officially recognized by the IUCN in 2025. Established in September 2022, the 448.34 sq. km reserve protects the vulnerable dugong (Dugong dugon) and its crucial seagrass meadows, which support marine biodiversity

and act as carbon sinks. Dugongs, marine herbivores known as 'gardeners of the sea,' face threats from hunting, fishing nets, and habitat degradation. This recognition highlights India's commitment to marine conservation and aligns with global ocean science goals.

14. ANRF Launches SARAL AI Tool to Simplify Scientific Research

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), established under the ANRF Act 2023 and functioning under the Department of Science & Technology, launched SARAL—an AI-powered tool simplifying complex scientific research. SARAL generates easy-to-understand summaries as videos, podcasts, posters, and presentations. It supports multiple Indian languages and aids broader accessibility. ANRF aims to foster research culture, provide strategic direction, and drive innovation with a ₹50,000 crore funding target, focusing on AI-driven technologies for sectors like drug discovery and aerospace.

1. World Tourism Day 2025 Focuses on Sustainability

World Tourism Day 2025, observed on September 27, highlights the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation." Led by the UNWTO, it focuses on making tourism a driver of sustainability, social inclusion, and climate action. The day promotes reducing carbon emissions, conserving biodiversity, and empowering local communities while encouraging eco-friendly infrastructure and responsible travel. Celebrated globally since 1980, this year's event urges stakeholders to align tourism with Sustainable Development Goals,

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fostering cultural exchange, economic growth, and peace through green, inclusive tourism.

2. President Confers 2024 National Geoscience Awards

On September 26, 2025, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Geoscience Awards 2024, honouring 20 outstanding earth scientists at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Instituted by the Ministry of Mines, the awards celebrate excellence in mineral exploration, seismology, groundwater studies, and applied geosciences. Prof. Shyam Sundar Rai received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering geophysics research, while Shri Susobhan Neogi was named Young Geoscientist for tectonic research. The event highlights India's growing contributions to earth sciences and environmental sustainability.

3. Shirish Chandra Murmu Appointed RBI Deputy Governor

Shirish Chandra Murmu has been appointed Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, effective October 9, 2025, for a three-year term, succeeding Rajeshwar Rao. Currently an Executive Director at RBI, Murmu brings significant experience in banking supervision and financial policy. His appointment reflects the government's intent to ensure continuity and strengthen the RBI's leadership amid economic challenges. Murmu is expected to play a crucial role in financial regulation, enhancing governance, and supporting economic stability and growth.

4. R Venkataramani Reappointed Attorney General Till 2027

Senior Advocate R Venkataramani has been reappointed as the Attorney General of India for a second term of two years, effective from

October 1, 2025, extending his tenure until September 30, 2027. Serving as the 16th Attorney General since 2022, he succeeded K.K. Venugopal. With over four decades of legal expertise covering constitutional, criminal, and administrative law, Venkataramani has significantly advised the government on legal matters, participated in reforms, and represented key national interests before constitutional courts.

5. Gaurav Banerjee to Head Sony Pictures India Till 2029

Gaurav Banerjee's tenure as MD & CEO of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) has been extended until August 2029, following shareholder approval at the AGM. Initially appointed as Additional Director in August 2024, Banerjee now leads one of India's top media firms, overseeing 28 TV channels and the OTT platform SonyLIV. SPNI reported ₹6,511 crore in revenue and ₹840 crore net profit in FY24, with a subscriber base of 424 million. Key leadership additions include Ritesh Khosla (General Counsel) and Sibaji Biswas (CFO), strengthening executive management.

6. RBI Permits Gold-Backed Working Capital Loans

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased lending rules to allow banks to provide need-based working capital loans to manufacturers using gold or silver as raw materials, extending provisions previously available only to jewellers. Banks must ensure borrowers do not hold gold for investment or speculation. Additionally, RBI has amended interest rate norms, allowing flexibility in loan spreads, rate resets, and options to switch EMIs to fixed rates. These directions, also revising overseas debt instrument limits, take effect from October 1, 2025.

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7. SIDBI Posts 19.5% Profit Surge in FY25

In FY25, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) reported a record net profit of ₹4,811 crore, up 19.5% from the previous year, with its balance sheet exceeding ₹5.6 lakh crore. The bank's loans and advances grew by 8.8%, while asset quality remained strong, with gross NPA at 0.04% and net NPA at nil. SIDBI approved a 20% dividend and continues to support MSMEs through digital initiatives, green energy promotion, and branch network expansion, aiming to enhance credit access, financial inclusion, and sustainable growth in the sector.

8. RBI to Enforce Two Factor Authentication for Digital Payments from April 2026

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will introduce new digital payment authentication rules from April 1, 2026, allowing alternatives to SMS-based OTP while maintaining mandatory two-factor authentication (2FA). Users can authenticate via passwords, PINs, tokens, or biometrics, ensuring at least one factor is dynamically unique per transaction. The system will remain robust against compromise, and issuers must compensate customers for losses from non-compliant transactions. From October 1, 2026, additional mechanisms will validate cross-border card-not-present transactions, strengthening security and risk management in digital payments.

9. IAS Officer Rajeev Verma Appointed Delhi Chief Secretary

Rajeev Verma has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Delhi, taking charge on October 1, succeeding Dharmendra. A 1992-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh, he holds a Computer Science degree from Roorkee and an M.Tech from IIT. Verma has extensive experience in finance, housing, urban

planning, and defence, having served in key positions in Delhi and at the Centre. His priorities include Yamuna rejuvenation, traffic, waste management, water supply, and sustainable urban development, benefiting from BJP's aligned political governance for smoother administration.

10. BDU Professor Wins Top Scientist Award

BDU's Prof. R. Arthur James received the 2022 TANSA Award for Environmental Science for his impactful marine research and dedication to sustainable practices. Awarded by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, TANSA recognizes excellence and innovation in various scientific fields. James' work advances academic and societal efforts to address present ecological challenges, inspiring future researchers. The honour symbolizes the state's commitment to encouraging scientific achievement and environmental stewardship.

11. Andhra Pradesh Wins Global Tourism Award 2025

The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department received the prestigious Global Tourism Award 2025 in New Delhi, recognizing its excellence in sustainable tourism, heritage conservation, and cultural promotion. The award reflects the state's efforts in developing tourism circuits showcasing spiritual, heritage, coastal, and eco-adventure attractions while leveraging digital campaigns to reach a global audience. Andhra Pradesh envisions inclusive tourism benefiting local communities through infrastructure upgrades, public-private partnerships, skill development, and smart technology integration.

12. Praveer Ranjan Takes Charge as CISF Director General

Praveer Ranjan, a 1993 batch IPS officer of

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AGMUT cadre, assumed charge as the Director General (DG) of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on September 30, 2025, succeeding R.S. Bhatti. With over 32 years of experience, he previously headed CISF's sensitive Airport Security Division and has held key roles in Delhi Police, CBI, and as DGP Chandigarh. Ranjan aims to modernize CISF operations and strengthen critical infrastructure security with compassion and transparency.

13. Telugu Language Day Celebrated with P4 Programme in Saudi Arabia

Telugu Language Day 2025 was celebrated in Saudi Arabia by the Saudi Arabia Telugu Association (SATA) and the TDP NRI Committee, featuring a large-scale P4 (Public-Private-People Partnership) awareness programme. Over 2,000 attendees, including 100+ NRIs, participated to promote social and economic empowerment aligning with Andhra Pradesh's "zero poverty by 2047" vision. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas addressed the event virtually, emphasizing inclusive development driven by the P4 model and diaspora collaboration.

14. Padma Bhushan Singer Pandit Chhannulal Mishra Passes Away

Eminent Hindustani classical vocalist Pandit Chhannulal Mishra died at age 89 early on October 2, 2025, in Mirzapur after a prolonged illness. A doyen of the Kirana and Banaras gharanas, he popularized classical and devotional music. Mishra was honored with the Padma Bhushan in 2010 and Padma Vibhushan in 2020. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow, recalling his contributions to Indian music and personal connection as Mishra was a proposer in Modi's 2014 election.

15. RoDTEP Scheme Extended Until March 2026

The Indian government has extended the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme until March 31, 2026. Launched in January 2021, RoDTEP reimburses embedded central, state, and local taxes and duties not refunded under other schemes to make Indian exports more competitive globally. The extension ensures fiscal benefits for exporters, including Domestic Tariff Area, SEZ, EOUs, and Advance Authorisation holders, supporting export growth amidst global trade challenges.

16. Government Invites Projects Under Pharma-MedTech Innovation Scheme

The Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector (PRIP) scheme, launched on August 17, 2023, by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, aims to make India a global leader in pharma and medical technology R&D. With a ₹5,000 crore budget, it has two components: establishing Centres of Excellence in NIPERs (₹700 crore) and funding industry-academia research in six priority areas (₹4,250 crore). The scheme supports startups, MSMEs, and industries, providing funding up to ₹125 crore for big companies and ₹1 crore for startups over five years.

17. NABARD to Celebrate Regional Rural Banks' Golden Jubilee in Delhi

In 2025, NABARD, in partnership with the Department of Financial Services and the Ministry of Finance, is organizing a special national event in New Delhi to mark the 50th anniversary of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). Established in 1975, RRBs play a vital role in extending credit to small farmers, rural artisans, and priority sectors. With 43 RRBs sponsored by 12 banks, they remain key drivers of financial inclusion, responsible for over 89% priority sector

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18. India Wins Prestigious ISSA Award 2025

India received the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 for 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security' at the World Social Security Forum in Kuala Lumpur. The award recognised India's expansion of social protection coverage from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, covering over 940 million citizens. Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and initiatives like the e-Shram portal for this success, reflecting India's global leadership in inclusive social security.

