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Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), held in Tianjin, China, from 31 August to 1 September 2025. The Summit witnessed productive discussions on SCO Development Strategy, Reform of Global Governance, Counter-Terrorism, Peace and Security, Economic and Financial Cooperation, and Sustainable Development.

Star Indian shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had to settle for a men's doubles bronze after losing their BWF World Championships semi-final on 30 August 2025. They lost 19-21, 21-18, 12-21 against the Chinese pair of Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi.



For the first time in any academic year, the total number of teachers in the country has crossed the one crore mark in the academic year 2024-25. This was revealed in a report by Ministry of Education on Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE +) on school education in India.

India and Bhutan have signed an MoU on Technical Cooperation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors. Secretary, Agriculture Ministry Devesh Chaturvedi and Bhutan's Agriculture Secretary Thinley Namgyel signed the MoU in Thimpu on 30 August 2025.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Semicon India 2025 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi on 2 September 2025. The conference, themed “Building a Robust, Resilient and Sustainable Semiconductor Ecosystem”, will run until September 4. It has brought together more than 20,000 participants, including CEOs of leading global chipmakers, policymakers, innovators, and students from across the country.



The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the beta version of ‘Adi Vaani’, the country’s first artificial intelligence-powered translator for tribal languages. It aimed at preserving indigenous heritage and improving access to education, healthcare and governance.

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched its new initiative, BHARATI, to boost India’s agri-food exports. BHARATI stands for Bharat’s Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement.

India’s Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose by 6.5% year-on-year to Rs.1.86 lakh crore in August 2025, according to government data released on September 1. This marks the eighth consecutive month that revenues have remained above the Rs.1.8 lakh crore mark.



The 21st edition of the India–USA Joint Military Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2025, scheduled from 1st to 14th September 2025. An Indian Army contingent has departed for Fort Wainwright in Alaska to participate in this exercise.



Thailand's parliament elected Anutin Charnvirakul as the country's new Prime Minister on 5 September 2025, making him the nation's third leader since 2023. He won more than 247 votes, securing the majority backing of the 492 MPs sitting in the National Assembly's lower house.



The Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, released the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025 on September 4. This is the tenth edition of the rankings, which list the top universities, colleges, and professional institutions across India. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras topped the overall category for the seventh consecutive year.

India and Singapore held the 16th Defence Working Group (DWG) meeting in Singapore on 4 September 2025. The meeting was co-chaired by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in India's Ministry of Defence, and Colonel Daxson Yap, Director of the Policy Office in Singapore's Ministry of Defence.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal has launched Angikaar 2025 campaign under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 on 5 September 2025. The campaign is an outreach programme, which will accelerate the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban by creating widespread awareness about the scheme across the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging and productive talks with his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong in New Delhi on 4 September 2025. Five MoUs were concluded in important fields, including cooperation on a green and digital shipping corridor, promoting collaboration in the space sector, cooperation in training and R&D in the field of civil aviation, and cooperation in digital asset innovation.



The Indian men's hockey team were crowned Asia Cup 2025 champions on 7 September 2025. They defeated the Republic of Korea 4-1 in the final at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar. With the win, India ended their eight-year wait to regain their title and qualified for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in the Netherlands and Belgium.



World no.1 Aryna Sabalenka won her second consecutive US Open title in the Women's Singles final on 7 September 2025. Belarusian Sabalenka defeated American eighth seed Amanda Anisimova 6-3 7-6 (3) in the final. The win marked her fourth Grand Slam singles title, cementing her status as one of tennis' top players.

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

US based Citibank has appointed Kaustubh Kulkarni as co-head of investment banking for Japan, North Asia, Australia and South Asia. Kulkarni will serve alongside Jan Metzger, who is the head of Asia Pacific Banking, Capital Markets and Advisory.

► Prior to this, Kulkarni was with JP Morgan as the US-based bank's senior country officer for India and vice chair of Asia Pacific region.



National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee CP Radhakrishnan was elected as Vice President of India on 9 September 2025. He defeated INDIA bloc candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy in the election.

- ◆ Radhakrishnan secured 452 first preference votes, while Justice Reddy received 300. Fifteen votes were declared invalid.
- ◆ While Radhakrishnan is the 15th individual to hold the office, he is counted as the 17th Vice President in terms of the position.



French President Emmanuel Macron has named Defence Minister Sébastien Lecornu as the country's new Prime Minister on 9 September 2025. He is the fifth PM in less than two years.



Injecti Srinivas was appointed as Chairman of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on 9 September 2025. He is a 1983-batch IAS officer of the Odisha cadre. He has earlier served as Corporate Affairs Secretary and was the founding chairperson of International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).

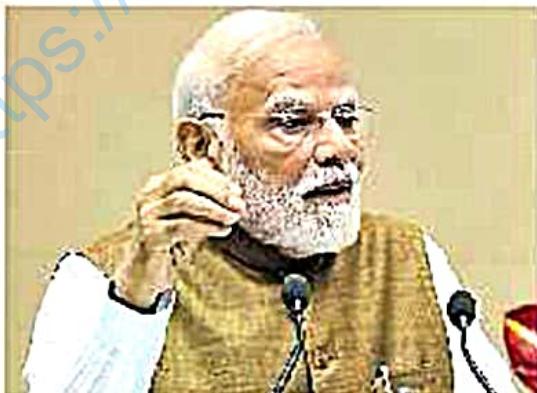
India and Israel signed a bilateral investment agreement in New Delhi on 8 September 2025. The agreement was signed between Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the Finance Minister of Israel, Bezalel Smotrich.

Union Minister for Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, unveiled the UPI–UPU Integration project at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai. The initiative, developed jointly by the Department of Posts, NPCI International Payments Limited and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), integrates India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the UPU Interconnection Platform, combining the reach of the postal network with the speed and affordability of UPI.



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CP Radhakrishnan took oath as India's 15th Vice President on 12 September 2025, with President Droupadi Murmu administering the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan. He was formerly the Governor of Maharashtra. He also took charge as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.



On 12 September 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Portal', a dedicated digital platform for manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access. Modi launched the portal at the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam, held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Albania has appointed the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated government minister with a goal to make the nation corruption free. Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama announced the digital minister to his cabinet.

► The digital assistant is named Diella meaning 'Sun' and has been asking people how to navigate government services online since January.



The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) inaugurated its first international campus in Dubai on 12 September 2025.

The ceremony was jointly led by H H Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on 11 September 2025.



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Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla inaugurated the first national conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Empowerment of Women in Tirupati on 14 September 2025. The conference will bring together leaders from across the country to deliberate on policy, representation, and challenges faced by women in the age of technology.



Minakshi Hooda and Jaismine Lamboria won gold medals in the World Boxing Championships in Liverpool on 14 September 2025. Meenakshi Hooda defeated 3-time world champion Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay with 4-1 in the final match of the 48kg weight category. Meenakshi is the second Indian boxer to win a gold medal in this tournament.

◆ Before Meenakshi, Jasmine Lamboria defeated Poland's Julia Szeremeta with a 4-1 split decision in 57 kg.



India has won the bid to host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit in 2027. The announcement was made at 4th Coast Guard Global Summit in Rome, Italy on 12 September 2025. The summit attended by delegates from 115 countries

and international organisations was co-chaired by Italy & Japan and emphasised on collective approaches to safeguarding the global ocean environment.



Kenya's Faith Kipyegon clinched 1500m gold at the 2025 World Athletics Championships on 16 September. She became the first woman to win four world titles in any distance-running event.



→ Kipyegon finished in 3 minutes, 52 .15 seconds. Fellow Kenyan Dorcus Ewoi ran a personal best 3 : 54.92 for silver while Jessica Hull won Australia's first medal in the event when she just held on for bronze in 3 : 55 . 16.

On 16 September 2025, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a Partnership with Apollo Tyres as the new Lead Sponsor of Team India. The Agreement spans two and a half years, concluding in March 2028. Under the terms, the Apollo Tyres Logo will feature on the Jerseys of the Indian Men and Women National Teams across all Formats.

The Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to collaborate on developing the International Reference Classification of Occupations on 16 September 2025. The MoU aimed at enhancing global skill comparability and expanding employment opportunities for Indian youth.

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat assumed additional charge as Governor of Maharashtra on 15 September 2025 after being sworn in at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Justice Chandrashekhar, administered the oath of office.

NITI Aayog launched two transformative initiatives, AI for Viksit Bharat Roadmap: Opportunity for Accelerated Economic Growth and NITI Frontier Tech Repository under its Frontier Tech Hub on 15 September 2025. NITI Aayog said that AI is expected to add nearly USD 2 trillion to India's economy by 2035.





Director Neeraj Ghaywan's *Homebound* was selected as India's official entry for the Oscars 2026 in the Best International Feature category. The chairperson of the selection committee N Chandra confirmed this on 19 September 2025. A total of 24 films from different languages were considered to represent India at the Oscars.

Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in T20Is during India's Asia Cup 2025 clash against Oman on 19 September 2025. He is India's leading wicket-taker in the format, raised the milestone when he dismissed Vinayak Shukla in the 20th over of the match.

India was re-elected to the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at the 28th Congress of the UN agency held in Dubai on 19 September 2025. The re-election underscores the international community's confidence in India's leadership in postal reforms, digital transformation and global cooperation.

Oil India Limited and Hindustan Copper Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 19 September 2025 to co-operate and collaborate for exploration and development of critical and strategic minerals including Copper and associated minerals. The Ministry of Mines said that this collaboration represents a milestone in the nation's pursuit of mineral security.

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



President Droupadi Murmu presented the 71st National Film Awards at a ceremony held in New Delhi on 23 September 2025, honouring excellence in Indian cinema across multiple categories. The President also conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023 on veteran actor Mohanlal.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Moroccan counterpart Abdelatif Loudyi today jointly inaugurated Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) defence manufacturing facility in Berrechid, Morocco on 23 September 2025.

National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMR-WF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the commercial arm of the Department of Space, New Space India Limited (NSIL), in New Delhi on 23 September 2025. The MoU aims to establish two Direct Broadcast Network stations, one in Delhi-NCR and the other in Chennai, as part of the Mission Mausam project.

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 22 September 2025 signed a \$125 million loan agreement to enhance urban livability and strengthen climate resilience in Assam, benefiting nearly 3.6 lakh residents across six district headquarters and Guwahati.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched the second edition of the Brazil-India Cross-Incubation Programme in Agritech (Maitri 2.0) in New Delhi on 22 September 2025. This event aimed at fostering innovation-driven growth and collaboration between Indian and Brazilian agritech ecosystems.





The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the National Geoscience Awards-2024 for outstanding contributions in the field of Geoscience at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on 26 September 2025. The National Geoscience Awards, instituted by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India in 1966, recognize individuals and teams for extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in various fields of geosciences, such as mineral discovery & exploration, fundamental/ applied geosciences, mining and allied areas.

The Indian Air Force officially retired its legendary MiG-21 fighter jets on 26 September 2025. The farewell ceremony, held at Chandigarh Air Base, was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. MiG-21, which served the force for 62 years.



The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the fourth edition of its flagship publication, "Children in India 2025", during the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) on 25 September, 2025 in Chandigarh.

Kanad Das took charge as the 13th director of the Botanical Survey of India on 26 September 2025. He is the first mycologist to head the premier research institute under the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Jal Shakti Minister Chandrakant Raghunath Patil on 25 September 2025 launched the National Initiative on Water Security at Krishi Bhawan. This marking a policy shift to prioritize water conservation under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).



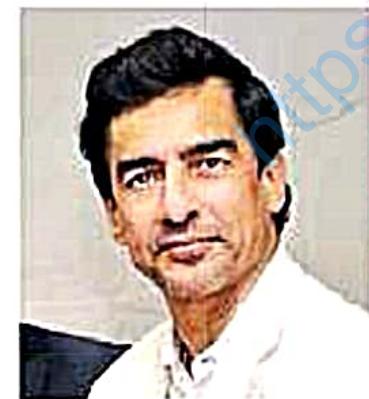
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India clinched the Asia Cup 2025 in the Men's T20 format. On 28 September 2025, India beat Pakistan by five wickets to win their ninth Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, UAE.



♦ The 2025 edition is India's second Asia Cup title in the T20 format, following their previous win in 2016.

Former Delhi captain Mithun Manhas was elected as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) during its Annual General Meeting on 28 September 2025. Manhas becomes the 37th president of the board, succeeding Roger Binny, who stepped down last month after turning 70.



UNESCO has designated Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul-Spiti district as India's first Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve under its global Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. The recognition was officially conferred at the 37th International Coordinating Council (MAB-ICC) meeting in Hangzhou, China on 27 September 2025.



China has officially opened the world's highest bridge named 'Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge' on 28 September 2025. This is located in Southwest China's Guizhou Province. With a vertical height of 625 meters - roughly twice the height of the Eiffel Tower, the Huaijiang Grand Canyon Bridge is now the tallest bridge in the world.

