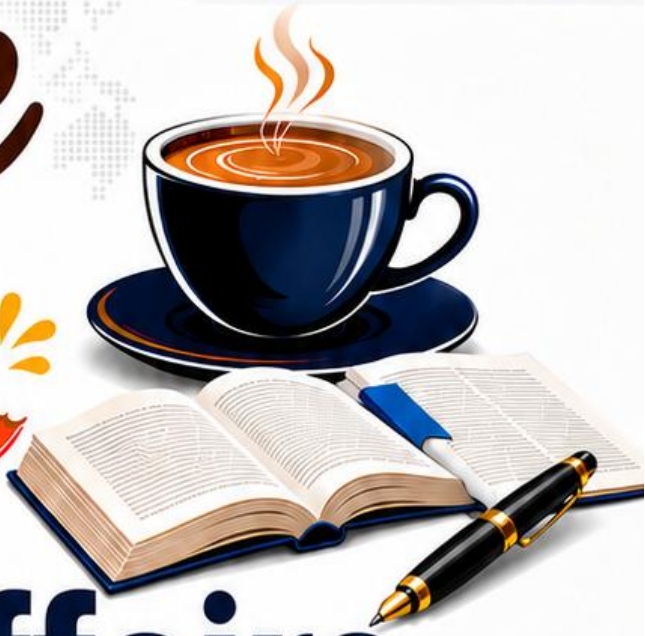
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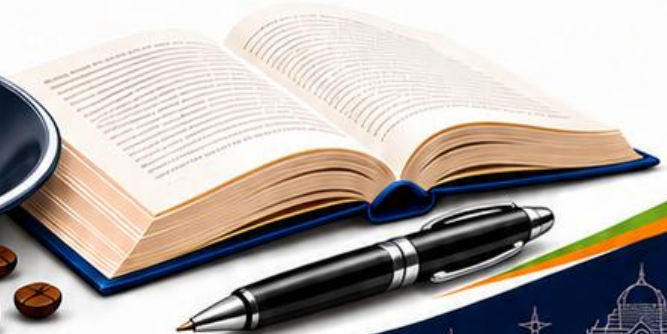
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# INDIAN HISTORY

## 1. 100th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika

**Dr. Bhupen Hazarika (1926–2011)** was an eminent **Assamese singer, lyricist, musician, filmmaker, poet and cultural icon**. His **100th birth anniversary falls on 8 September 2026**.

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Full Name** | Dr. Bhupen Hazarika |
| **Born** | **8 September 1926**, Sadiya, Assam |
| **100th Birth Anniversary** | **8 September 2026** |
| **Died** | 5 November 2011 |
| **Known as** | *Bard of Brahmaputra* |
| **Fields** | Music, singing, lyrics, poetry, filmmaking, journalism |
| **Major Contribution** | Popularised Assamese music and culture nationally and internationally |

**Awards:**

- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award – 1987**
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award – 1992**
- **Padma Bhushan – 2001**
- **Padma Vibhushan – 2012 (posthumous)**
- **Bharat Ratna – 2019 (posthumous)**

## 2. Maha Kumbabishekam of the Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple

- held on 17 September 2026
- after a gap of 17 years

- a major Dravidian temple complex in Madurai

## 3. Prasar Bharati's PB-SHABD, or Prasar Bharati – Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination

- a free multimedia news feed service for registered media organisations in India.
- launched by - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- launched on - 13 March 2024
- provides ready-to-use news content in text, video, audio, photographs and infographics.
- offers content in 15 Indian languages
- covers nearly 50 news categories, including national, regional and local developments.

## Facts in Indian History

- **Kumik** village in Zanskar was declared **Ladakh's first designated Heritage Village**

# INDIAN POLITY

## 1. Article 124(3)(c) – Distinguished Jurist Provision unused over 76 years

Article 124 (3) – deals with three alternative routes for Supreme Court judgeship eligibility

| Routes | Criteria | Article |
|---|---|---|
| **High Court Judge** | Served for at least 5 years as a High Court judge | Article 124 (3) (a) |
| **High Court Advocate** | Practiced for at least 10 years as a High Court advocate | Article 124 (3) (b) |
| **Distinguished Jurist** | Deemed a distinguished jurist by the President | Article 124 (3) (c) |
| A **distinguished jurist** refers to an eminent legal scholar, academician, author, or researcher of exceptional juristic learning and repute who is eligible for direct elevation as a judge of the Supreme Court of India, even without prior experience as a practicing advocate or a High Court judge. | | |

## 2. Supreme Court Suggests Raising District Judges' Retirement Age

- Supreme Court suggested **7 States** to amend service rules and raise the retirement age of district judges from **60 to 62 years**
- Articles 233 to 237 – deals with District Judge
- Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, **Tamil Nadu**, and West Bengal

## 3. 28th meeting of the Western Zonal Council

- Held in in Panaji, Goa
- Council – Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
- **Western Region** is known as the **WEST Engine** of the country's economic growth
    - W stands for wealth and finance;

- E stands for exports and ports;
- S stands for start-ups and semiconductors; and
- T stands for tourism and the blue economy

❖ Dholera has now become a hub in the semiconductor sector.
❖ Gujarat's Mundra Port handles the highest volume of cargo and Deendayal Port is the largest port in terms of cargo volume.
❖ Mumbai, the country's financial capital, is also emerging as a major hub for global capital

## 4. Inter-State Council – Rules amended

❖ To allow the **lieutenant governors** of **Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir, and Delhi** to participate in the council meetings when President's rule is imposed these Union territories.
❖ amended the
- **Inter-State Council Order, 1990**
- **Section 51 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963** – For Puducherry
- **section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019** – For Jammu and Kashmir
- **Article 239 AB** – For Delhi

## Facts in Indian Polity

❖ Ministry of Home Affairs proposed a new constitutional provision under Article 371(K) for Ladakh
❖ The Karnataka Cabinet approved **Tulu as the state's second additional administrative language** for Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts
❖ **India's First Victim Rights Centre in Patna, Bihar**
- By Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant
- at the Bihar State Legal Services Authority (BSLSA)
- to provide integrated legal assistance on rights, medical, psychological, and social assistance through a single-window system for victims.

# GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

## 1. New Zealand Kākāpō Population Reaches 325 Birds

❖ a flightless nocturnal parrot
❖ world's heaviest parrot
❖ endemic to New Zealand
❖ ground-dwelling, herbivorous bird
❖ scientifically known as Strigops habroptilus

## 2. Aravalli Panel - Supreme Court Deadline

❖ **Supreme Court deadline: 30 November 2026** — non-extendable.
❖ **Committee: 5-member High-Powered Committee** constituted on **25 May 2026**.
❖ **Chairperson: Kanchan Devi**, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE).
❖ **Mandate:** Scientifically define the **Aravalli Hills & Ranges** and recommend measures for their protection.
❖ **Data to be examined: Spatial, ecological, geological, hydrological and socio-economic** data.
❖ **Earlier deadline: 31 August 2026**, which the committee missed.

- **Court's direction:** Committee to work continuously and may submit **issue-specific interim reports**.

## 3. Kerala's EcoSense Scholarship

- **Initiative:** Student Green Brigade Scholarship – **EcoSense**
- **Implemented by:** Kerala **Local Self Government Department**, in collaboration with **General Education Department**
- **Under: Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0)**
- **Objective:** Develop **green skills**, scientific waste-management practices and sustainable habits among students.
- **Target: 50,000 students**
- EcoSense has emerged as one of the State's largest student-focused initiatives on waste management.
- **Participation:** Around **5 lakh students** from nearly **9,000 schools**
- **Scholarship: ₹1,500 + certificate** per selected student
- **Selection:** 50 students/Grama Panchayat; 75/Municipality; 100/Corporation
- **Covered classes:** Classes **6–7, 8–9**, and **1st-year Higher/Vocational Higher Secondary**
- It seeks to promote
    - scientific waste management practices,
    - encourage students to develop innovative solutions to local waste-related challenges,
    - reduce waste generation and
    - build practical understanding of sustainable waste management systems.
- Visits to **Material Collection Facilities (MCFs)** and **Resource Recovery Facilities (RRFs)**
- **Green Assemblies (Haritha Sabhas)** - avenue for students to discuss environmental issues, share ideas and collectively explore solutions for better waste management.
- **Significance:** Converts students from passive learners into **active ambassadors of waste management and Swachhata** in their homes and communities.

## 4. 1033 Helpline provides round-the-clock assistance

- introduced in 2018
- available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- It helps National Highway users with:
    - Medical emergencies.
    - Vehicle breakdowns.
    - Assistance from ambulances, cranes and patrol vehicles.
    - Toll plaza and FASTag-related issues.
    - Other problems faced while travelling on National Highways.
    - also provides assistance in multiple languages

## 5. Bairabi–Sairang line

- in Mizoram
- under the Northeast Frontier Railway zone
- connects Aizawl, the capital city of Mizoram, with other parts of India
- project initiated in 2015
- completed and inaugurated in 2025

## 6. 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari – Catch the Rain' Anthem

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Jal Shakti
- **Anthem released:** 15 September 2026
- **Singer:** Shankar Mahadevan
- **Theme:** Water conservation and **rainwater harvesting through Jan Bhagidari**.
- **PM's message: "Catch the Rain – Where It Falls, When It Falls."**
- Promotes **rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge** by involving citizens, communities, institutions, local bodies and industries.
- Aims to transform water conservation into a **people-led Jan Andolan**.
- **Key message:** Save every drop today → strengthen groundwater reserves → ensure water security for the future.

## 8. India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar

- inaugurated at Sambalpur in Odisha
- installed under Mission Mausam.
- a meteorological instrument
- uses the Doppler effect to measure the movement of precipitation particles and wind within clouds
- used for short-range weather monitoring, storm tracking, and rainfall estimation

## 9. Project Cheetah – Four Years in India (17th Sep 2026)

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Project** | Project Cheetah |
| **Launched** | **17 September 2022** |
| **First release site** | **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh** |
| **Nodal Ministry** | Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change |
| **Implemented by** | National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) |
| **Initial cheetahs** | **8 from Namibia** in September 2022 |
| **Second batch** | **12 from South Africa** in February 2023 |
| **Third batch** | **9 from Botswana** in February 2026 |
| **Population** | **52 cheetahs** (**by Sept. 2026**) |
| **India-born cubs** | **49** |
| **Current habitat** | Kuno National Park + Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary |
| **Protected habitat** | **3,428 sq. km.** |
| **Future sites** | **Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary (MP)** and **Banni Grasslands (Gujarat)** |
| **Major objective** | Establish a **self-sustaining cheetah population** and restore ecological processes associated with the species |

## 10. Centre Designates Paradip as Mega Port

- Paradip Port was designated as a "Mega Port"
- Under Indian Ports Act, 2025.
- By Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

- a statutory designation
- only port on India's eastern coast to receive this status
- Three other ports received same designation:
  - Deendayal Port in Gujarat,
  - Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai's Nhava Sheva, and
  - Mundra Port in Gujarat. (First/only Private Port to get the status)
- Criteria - Based on cargo handling thresholds of 150 MMT annually for bulk ports or 7.5 million TEUs for container ports.
- Validity – 5 years period

## 11. Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS)

- India's **national forest certification scheme**,
- launched by - **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**
- **Launched in - December 2023**.
- Provides - **voluntary third-party certification** for sustainable forest management, trees outside forests, and wood-product supply chains
- Components of certificates –
  - 1. Forest Management Certification
  - 2. Trees Outside Forests Management Certification
  - 3. Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification

- **Objective** - Promote **sustainable forest management, agroforestry and responsible production/use of forest and wood products**
- **Governing Body** - **Indian Forest and Wood Certification Council**
- **Scheme Operating Agency** - Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal
- **Brand Name** - PRAMAAN

## 12. PRAMAAN Certificates

- Issued under - **Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS)**
- By - **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**.
- Objective - The scheme promotes **sustainable forest management and legal, sustainable sourcing of forest and wood products**.
- First issued in – 2026
- First issued to –
  - Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation (APFDC)
  - A bamboo farmer from Odisha

## Facts in Geography and Environment

1. **Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar** is a nationwide coastal cleanliness initiative linked with **ocean conservation and shoreline protection**
2. Mount Anak Krakatau is a volcanic island in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra erupted
3. India sets **Guinness World Record** with World's Longest Steel Slag Road in Chhattisgarh.
4. A healthy Badri female calf has been successfully born through **Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization (OPU-IVF) technology.**

a. Badri, **also known as "Pahadi",** is an indigenous breed of cattle found in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand, India.
b. It is recognised as the **state animal of Uttarakhand**.

5. Kīlauea is one of the most active volcanoes in the world and is located on the island of Hawai'i in the United States erupted
6. Ladakh inaugurated **twin flower fields** at Choglamsar and Stakna in Leh. They are described as the world's highest-altitude flower fields.
7. A three-year-old female cheetah named CCB-2, originally **from Botswana**, was released into a protected enclosure at **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** in Madhya Pradesh. shifted to Gandhi Sagar **from Kuno National Park**

## Cyclone | Hurricane | Typhoon

| SINO | NAME | COUNTRY | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Hurricane Polo | USA/Mexico | intensified to a Category 5 hurricane on the **Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale** |
| 2. | Typhoon Dujuan | Tokyo and eastern Japan | • tropical cyclone<br>• Named by - China |

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | NEW | ORGANIZATION

## 1. SCO's 25th anniversary

- Original Name – Shanghai Five
- Founded on – 1996
- Founders – China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan
- Renamed – in 2001 after Uzbekistan joined
- Permanent Secretariate: Beijing, China
- SCO Member States – 10 (As of now)

| Founder Members | Joined later |
|---|---|
| China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan | Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan, Iran, Belarus |

- A Eurasian **political, economic** and **international security organisation** of ten member states.
- Focuses on **political, economic, security** and **counter-terrorism cooperation**.
- **World's largest regional organisation** in terms of geographic scope (24% of the world's total area) and population (42% of the world population)
- **2026** marks 25$^{th}$ Anniversary
- 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- Three main pillars of India's vision for the SCO: **S - Security, C – Connectivity,** and **O – Opportunity**
- **Next Summit 2026 – 27**
    - Pakistan
    - Theme: "Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity"
    - **Lahore - capital city of Pakistan,** has been designated as **"SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital" for 2026-27**

## 2. TRUST Fellowship

- The U.S.-India TRUST Fellowship
- Aim - to support collaborative research between American scholars and Indian institutions
- TRUST - Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology

## 3. U.S. Approves Sale of 48 F-35 Jets to Saudi Arabia

- Approved the sale of 48 **F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighters** to Saudi Arabia
- a fifth-generation multirole stealth fighter
- developed for air-to-air combat, air-to-ground strike, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions.

## 3. Collective Agreement-Based Business Scheme

- An employment-based immigration route
- To Denmark
- will allow eligible employers in Denmark to recruit foreign workers under a simplified immigration pathway.

## 4. India-France space cooperation

- 2026 – India-France Year of Innovation

| Satellite | Developed by |
|---|---|
| Megha-Tropique | Jointly built by ISRO and CNES |
| SARAL | Jointly built by ISRO and CNES |
| TRISHNA | Being jointly built by ISRO and CNES |
| Gaganyaan programme | Support is being extended by France |

## 5. Carpathian Eight (C8) Initiative on Trade and Security

- A **new regional cooperation group**
- launched by Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**
- in **September 2026**
- The group consists of **8 countries from the Carpathian region**
- First summit held in **western Ukraine (Bukovel)**
- **Aim - to transform this shared geography into a joint space of security, economic development, investment, and cross-border cooperation — from political dialogue to project implementation.**

The group includes **8 countries + EU participation**:

| Founder Members | | Objective |
|---|---|---|
| ❖ Ukraine<br>❖ Poland<br>❖ Romania<br>❖ Hungary<br>❖ Slovakia | ❖ Czech Republic<br>❖ Austria<br>❖ Serbia<br>❖ European Union (partner) | ❖ Strengthen **regional security** amid the Russia–Ukraine war<br>❖ Boost **trade and transport routes**<br>❖ Develop **renewable energy (solar & wind)** projects<br>❖ Reduce **dependence on Russian energy** |

## Facts – International News

- Princess Elisabeth Island (North Sea) – World's First Artificial Energy Island in Belgium
- Saudi Arabia – East–West Oil Pipeline (Petroline)
  - R**oute: Abqaiq, Eastern Province → Yanbu, Red Sea coast**.
  - **Length:** About **750 miles (1,200 km)**.
  - **Operator: Saudi Aramco**.
  - **Capacity:** About **5 million barrels/day (b/d)**;
  - **Major purpose:** Transports crude oil from the oil-producing **eastern region to the western coast** for refining/export.
  - **Strategic importance:** Provides an alternative route that allows Saudi Arabia to **bypass the Strait of Hormuz** for oil exports through the Red Sea.
- Houthi rebels announced the seizure of Greater Hanish and Lesser Hanish islands in the southern Red Sea
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposed opening the door for **Canada** to become the **European Union's first "associate member"**
- US President Donald Trump's **Board of Peace** has announced **a $2.45bn (£1.85bn**) **Gaza recovery plan** at a meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly

# INDIAN ECONOMY

## 1. 9TH Foundation Day of IPPB

- **Launched on** - September 1, 2018
- **Owned by -** Government of India (100%)
- **Established under** - the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication
- **Vision-** To build the most accessible, affordable and trusted bank for the common man in India.
- **Mandates –**
  - To remove barriers for the unbanked and underbanked
  - To reach the last mile

## 2. Tata Elxsi – Sarla Aviation MoU: Shunya eVTOL

- Signed MOU to accelerate development of **Shunya**.
- **Shunya:** India's indigenous **electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL)** aircraft.
- **Capacity: 6 passengers + 1 pilot**.
- **Range: 300+ km**.
- **Technology:** Combines **vertical take-off/landing** with **fixed-wing cruising**, enabling runway-independent operation.
- Potential applications: **Urban air mobility, logistics, air ambulances and defence**.

## 3. Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031

- A **Strategic Action Plan for Ornamental Fisheries Development**.
- **Aim:** To sustainably harness India's **ornamental fisheries resources** and develop the sector as a source of **livelihoods, value addition and exports**.

- Launched **– Agatti, Lakshadweep**.
- Nodal Agency - Department of Fisheries

## 4. One Nation, One Time

- Common, legally recognised and traceable time reference for the country - Indian Standard Time (IST)
- Announced by - The Legal Metrology (LM) Department under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs (MoCA)
- **CSIR-NPL: National custodian of Indian Standard Time (IST)**
- **NPL - National Metrology Institute (NMI) of India**

## 5. Districts as Export Hubs (DEH) Initiative

| Particulars | Key Information |
|---|---|
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Commerce & Industry |
| **Implementing Agency** | Directorate General of Foreign Trade (**DGFT**), Department of Commerce |
| **Nature** | **Export-promotion initiative**, not a standalone scheme |
| **Aim** | To transform districts into **export growth hubs** by leveraging their unique products, skills and resources. |
| **Approach** | Identify products/services with export potential → build capacity → improve market access → connect local producers with global markets |
| **Institutional Mechanism** | **State Export Promotion Committees (SEPCs)** and **District Export Promotion Committees (DEPCs)** |
| **Action Plan** | **District Export Action Plans (DEAPs)** identify products/services, infrastructure gaps, logistics needs and export bottlenecks. |
| **Key Beneficiaries** | **MSMEs, farmers, artisans, manufacturers and local industries** |
| **Link with ODOP** | **One District One Product (ODOP)** is operationally merged with DEH to promote district-specific products. |
| **Focus** | **Grassroots export growth, employment generation, manufacturing, MSME development and balanced regional development** |
| **Current Status** | SEPCs/DEPCs established in **all 36 States/UTs**; |

## 6. BIO-NIVESH Initiative

| Particular | Details |
|---|---|
| **Initiative** | **BIO-NIVESH** |
| **Launched** | **3 September 2026** |
| **Ministry** | **Ministry of Science & Technology** |
| **Implemented/led by** | Department of Biotechnology **(DBT) and** Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council **(BIRAC)** |
| **Purpose** | To strengthen the **innovation–investment interface** in biotechnology |
| **Focus** | Connect **biotech innovators/start-ups with investors** and mobilise private capital |

| Key objective | Facilitate **commercialisation, scale-up and technology translation** |
|---|---|
| **Platform for Biotechnology Commercialisation**<br>BIO-NIVESH functions as a bridge between biotechnology innovators and investors | |

## 7. Nasha Mukt Bharat – Three-Year Roadmap to Make India Drug-Free by 2029

| Particulars | Key Points |
|---|---|
| **Roadmap Period** | **July 2026 – July 2029** |
| **Goal** | **Drug-Free India by 2029** |
| **Four Pillars** | 1. **Intelligence & operation-based enforcement**<br>2. **Precursor & synthetic drug control**<br>3. **Demand & harm reduction**<br>4. **Capacity building & coordination** |
| **Border Control** | **BSF, CISF, Coast Guard, Customs & DRI** to use risk-based profiling and scanners at borders, ports, airports and cargo points. |
| **Financial Trail** | **ED, FIU & banking system** to trace drug-trafficking money trails. |
| **International Cooperation** | Cooperation with **46 countries**; CBI, MEA and Interpol to pursue fugitives. |
| **Youth & Education** | NCC, NSS and **MY Bharat** to create lakhs of **Nasha Mukt Bharat Mitras**; educational institutions targeted for drug-free environments. |
| **De-addiction** | Social Justice, Health and Prison Administration to **triple de-addiction centres to 1,751**. |
| **Capacity Building** | **7% central assistance** to establish fully equipped Anti-Narcotics Task Forces in every State by **March 2027**. |
| **Targets** | Target of<br>• dismantling 100 international and inter-state drug networks,<br>• bringing 100 narcotics-related fugitives to India and<br>• destroying 100 clandestine drug laboratories over the next three years. |

## 8. MSE – First Tokenised Corporate Bond

- **Exchange:** Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India (**MSE**)
- **Date: 11 September 2026**
- **Achievement:** Facilitated **India's first tokenised corporate bond issuance** under **SEBI's Demat 2.0 pilot**.
- **Platform:** MSE's **Electronic Bond Platform (MSE EBP)**
- **Technology: Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT)** for issuing the bond as a native digital token.
- **Settlement:** Uses **CBDC (digital rupee)** within the regulated market infrastructure.
- **Purpose:** Test faster, more transparent and efficient **issuance, holding, trading and settlement of corporate bonds**.

## 9. Kochi-Kanyakumari-Thoothukudi Natural Gas Pipeline (KTPL)

- Length - 424.65-km

- Between – Kochi to Thoothukudi
- By – Indian Oil Corporation
- Facilitating the transportation of regasified LNG
- support
    - the expansion of city gas distribution networks and
    - supply natural gas to industrial consumers, power plants,
- Indian Oil currently operates the Ennore-Tuticorin-Bengaluru R-LNG Pipeline

## 10. India's first blue bond issue

- launch on 28 September 2026
- by Sagarmala Finance Corporation, a state-owned maritime lender.
- Blue bonds are debt instruments in which the proceeds are earmarked for projects linked to oceans, marine ecosystems, water management, and the sustainable blue economy.

## 11. First District-Level Labour Market Estimates (PLFS)

- Released by National Statistical Office (NSO)
- **Surat (Gujarat)** - registered the highest employment opportunity metrics
- **Darbhanga (Bihar)** recorded the lowest
- Revealed that in nearly a quarter of all Indian districts, over **30% of youth** are currently "NEET" (Not in Employment, Education, or Training)

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) — 2026–2027

| States | Investment |
|---|---|
| Tamil Nadu | ₹55,900 crore |
| Maharashtra | ₹39,800 crore |
| Delhi | ₹25,203 crore |
| Karnataka | ₹19,857 crore |
| Haryana | ₹12,776 crore |
| Telangana | ₹12,506 crore |
| Gujarat | ₹12,207 crore |
| Uttar Pradesh | ₹538 crore |
| Rajasthan | ₹99 crore |
| Jharkhand | ₹1 crore |

- For the financial quarter of (April – July)
- Tamil Nadu topped in receiving FDI

## Facts in Indian Economics

- **Southern Railway has achieved 100% electrification** of its Broad-Gauge network, covering 5,068 route kilometres
- **India is world's largest Vaccine producer** and global supplier by volume
- The **New Zealand** Parliament passed legislation on 16 September 2026 to implement a free trade agreement between New Zealand and India.
- The Union Cabinet approved an increase in the wage ceiling for mandatory coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per month
- **India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**, is going to enter into force on **20th October 2026**

- **Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh** is set to host **Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)** with an estimated investment of ₹5,500 crore
- India has set a target of 60,000 metric tonnes of silk production by 2030-31, with an aim to become the world's largest silk producer by 2028-29
- The Maldives repaid a **150 million** loan to India
- Odisha has announced an 870-acre "**Odisha Silicon Valley" project** at **Naraj near Cuttack** for semiconductor, electronics, and information technology industries
- Karnataka approved a five-year Marine Biotechnology Policy for 2026-2031. The policy aims to expand the state's Blue Bioeconomy, increase marine biotechnology-based enterprise, and create institutional and industrial infrastructure along the Karnataka coast.
- **Maruti Suzuki India** Limited commissioned its **first Green Hydrogen ($GH_2$) electrolyser plant** at its **Manesar** facility in Haryana with the capacity of 330 kW
- **Trinidad and Tobago** is set to become the **first Caribbean nation to adopt** India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- **India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)-powered**, dual-fuel DEMU train was flagged off on September 27, 2026, from Sabarmati in Gujarat to Mehsana
- **India's first port-based e-methanol production facility** is being developed at Deendayal Port Authority in Kandla, Gujarat.

## GI TAG

| SINO | PRODUCT NAME | STATE | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Mandar** | Jharkhand | Jharkhand's traditional folk percussion instrument |

# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

## 1. Turkey Joins Artemis Accords as 71st Member

- Artemis Accords were launched in 2020
- a multilateral space cooperation framework
- Established by NASA, in coordination with the U.S. Department of State
- a set of non-binding principles for civil space activities
- provide a common set of principles **to enhance the governance of the civil exploration** and **use of outer space**.

## 2. Kavach 4.0

- **Kavach:** India's indigenous **Automatic Train Protection (ATP)** system for railway safety.
- **Developed by: Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO)** under Indian Railways.
- **Version 4.0:** Approved by RDSO on **16 July 2024**.
- **Main purpose:** Prevents **Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD)** and reduces the risk of **train collisions** by automatically applying brakes when required.
- **Major improvements in 4.0:**
    - **Higher location accuracy**

- Better signal-aspect information in **large yards**
- **Station-to-station Kavach interface** through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC)
- Direct interface with existing **Electronic Interlocking Systems**

❖ **Technology:** Uses train-position monitoring, signalling information and communication systems to continuously monitor train movement.

## 3. ISRO Launches GSLV-F17 with EOS-05 Satellite

| Particulars | Key Points |
|---|---|
| **Launch Vehicle** | **GSLV-F17** (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) |
| **Satellite** | **EOS-05** – Earth Observation Satellite |
| **Date** | Sept 04, 2026 |
| **Mission Objective** | Earth observation and collection of high-resolution data for various applications |
| **Orbit** | Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) |
| **Significance** | Strengthens India's **Earth-observation and space-based applications** |
| **Key Capability** | Advanced imaging for applications such as **agriculture, disaster management, urban planning and environmental monitoring** |
| **Importance** | India's first ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit. |

## 4. Indian Army Sets Up AASHVAST Lab for Drone Security

❖ **AASHVAST:** *Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats*.

❖ **Purpose:** To examine **military drones and defence electronics** for hidden hardware, software and firmware vulnerabilities.

❖ **Key checks:** Detects **unauthorised modifications, hidden passwords, encryption keys, backdoors and remote-access mechanisms**.

## 5. India's First Indigenous OISL Terminal byAstrogate Labs

❖ **Developer: Astrogate Labs**, Indian deep-tech startup.

❖ **Technology: Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL)** terminal.

❖ **Function:** Enables **direct satellite-to-satellite communication using laser beams**.

❖ **Application:** High-speed, low-latency communication between satellites, particularly in **LEO constellations**.

❖ **AstroLink Micro: 10 Gbps** space-to-ground laser communication terminal demonstrated at **Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) 2026**.

❖ **Flight Readiness:** OISL terminal targeted for **2027**.

## 6. HPV vaccine

❖ Human Papillomavirus vaccine

❖ Administered under National HPV Vaccination Campaign

❖ Campaign targets adolescent girls aged 14

❖ Uses the single-dose Gardasil-4 vaccine

❖ Launched on 28 February 2026 in Ajmer, Rajasthan

## 7. Elias 2-24 b as the youngest known planet

- Youngest known planet
- Estimated age of less than 1 million years as of 17 September 2026.
- Located about 450 light-years from Earth

## 8. UK Sets Up First Military Space Squadron

- Name - No. III Space Effects Squadron
- Function –
    - will protect satellites,
    - counter hostile activity in orbit, and
    - support offensive and defensive space operations.

## 9. Project Suncatcher

- a Google research initiative
- announced in November 2025
- To test artificial intelligence computing infrastructure in space.
- The first prototype satellite, named MVP, is scheduled for launch on 1 October 2026 into low-Earth orbit aboard the SpaceX Transporter-18 mission from Vandenberg Space Force Base.

## 10. CSIR's 85th Foundation Day

- Launched **five new popular science magazines** in Indian regional languages
- Bigyan Lahar (Assamese),
- Bigyan Brittanto (Bengali)
- Vidnyan Kshitij (Marathi),
- Ariviyal Arikkaiyalar (Tamil), and
- Vigyan Velugu (Telugu)

## Facts – Science and Technology

- "BrahMos Belt" refers to a proposed network of coastal supersonic cruise missile deployments by Southeast Asian states around the South China Sea.
- Google DeepMind launched the **"AlphaGenome Atlas"** as an open-access database for human DNA analysis
- **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi** developed **India's first working** and demonstrable indigenous **micro-Graphics Processing Unit (micro-GPU)**
- India's commitment to **eliminating Hepatitis B and C** as public health threats **by 2030** in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3.3).

## Space related information

| Private Space Company | Satellite \| Mission | Launched by |
|---|---|---|
| **Dhruva Space** | **Thybolt-1** and **Thybolt-2** | **PSLV-C54** |
| **Skyroot Aerospace** | • **Vikram-S**, under the mission **Prarambh**<br>• **Vikram-I - rocket** | |
| **Pixxel** | **Shakuntala** - imaging satellite | SpaceX Falcon 9 |
| | **Anand -** imaging satellite | **PSLV-C54** |

# TAMIL NADU

## 1. SKOCH Award 2026

| SINO | DEPARTMENT | INITIATIVES |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | School Education Department | For three initiatives —<br>1. VETRI Palligal,<br>2. TN SPARK, and<br>3. Tamil Nadu Model Schools |
| 2. | Department of Employment and Training | Career Guidance and Coaching for Competitive Examinations |

## 2. Vizhithirai Kappom Thittam (Save Eye Retina initiative)

- launched on September 18, 2026
- launched at Government Eye Hospital, Egmore
- A pioneer scheme in India
- Objective – To provide annual retina screenings for individuals aged 30 and above, especially those with diabetes or high blood pressure, to prevent vision loss.

## 3. Thaai Maaman Thanga Mothira Scheme

- Launched on 28th Sep 2026
- Launched at Rajaji Govt Hospital, Madurai
- Beneficiary – Now born child at Government Hospital only eligible
- Cut-off Date – Child born after June 22, 2026
- Gold – 1 gram – 22 Carrot
- Aim –
    - Honoring both the newborn and the mother
    - Also encouraging safe institutional deliveries in govt hospitals.
    - To increase the confidence of the people on service provided in Govt Hospital

## 4. Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Morning Breakfast Scheme

- Original Name - Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (launched in 2022)
- Renamed - Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Morning Breakfast Scheme (2026)
- Launched on 22.9.2026
- Launched at Gandhi Gramam, Chennai Middle School, Thiruvanmiyur

**Beneficiaries**

- Students studying in:
    - **Government schools**
    - **Government-aided schools**

**Coverage:**

- Initially (2022) → Classes **1–5**
- Expanded (2026) → **Classes 1–8**

## 5. 'PAYANAM' Scheme (Positive Awareness Yielding Against Narcotics Addiction Movement)

- **'PAYANAM'** is a **de-addiction and rehabilitation programme** launched in Tamil Nadu prisons.
- Introduced at **Puzhal Central Prison**.
- Launched on 24th Sep 2026
- Focuses on inmates affected by **drug and alcohol addiction**.
- Conducted by **Tamil Nadu Prison Department**
- Supported by:
    - Medical professionals
    - Psychologists
    - Social workers

**Objectives**

- To **eliminate narcotic addiction** among prisoners
- To promote **positive behavioural change**
- To ensure **successful reintegration into society**
- To reduce **recidivism (repeat offences)**

**Holistic Components**

- **Yoga & Meditation**
- **Mental health support**
- **Personality development sessions**
- Focus on **discipline and lifestyle correction**

## 6. Ranking of Districts in Total Exports

Top 5 Exporting DIst in Tamil Nadu

1. Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu)
2. Krishnagiri
3. Chennai
4. Tiruppur
5. Coimbatore

## Facts of Tamil Nadu

- Sanitation workers to receive Rs. 50 as food allowance on working days
- Dr. A. Mayilvaganan, IPS was officially appointed as the **Joint Chief Executive Officer / Special Officer for Mission Olympic 2036** under the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)

# STATES NEWS

## 1. Chhattisgarh NIPUN Mission – ₹500 Crore

- **Approved by:** Chhattisgarh Cabinet – 9 September 2026.
- **Outlay: ₹500 crore for 5 years**.

- **Objective:** Skill development, entrepreneurship, industrial preparedness and employment for youth.
- **33 Districts:** Entrepreneurship Development Centres in every district.
- **100 Emerging Technology Labs:** Training in **AI, IoT, Big Data and Blockchain**.
- **5 Centres of Excellence:** Industry-oriented advanced skill training.
- **NIPUN Job Engine:** Connects trained youth with **industry demand and employment**.
- **National Skill Training Institute:** ₹200 crore institute proposed at **Tendua, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar**.

## 2. Parali Protection Force

- Announced by Haryana government
- Composition -
    - police personnel,
    - Agriculture Department officials,
    - administrative officers and
    - nodal and cluster officers to monitor farm fires and coordinate enforcement.

- Supported by drone surveillance and late-night patrols,
- Aim –
    - To curb paddy stubble burning ahead of the harvesting season
    - To improve air quality and
    - To encourage farmers to adopt sustainable alternatives

## 3. Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) Project

- **Approved by:** Government of India (Cabinet Committee)
- **Project Cost:** ~₹1,789 crore
- **Implementing Agency:** Delhi Police
- **Coverage:** Major traffic corridors (1000+ junctions)
- **Technology Used: AI-based traffic management system**
- **Duration:** Implementation in phases (~2 years) + operation period
- **Objectives**
    - Reduce **traffic congestion**
    - Improve **road safety**
    - Ensure **smooth traffic flow**
    - Enable **real-time decision-making**
    - Strengthen **traffic law enforcement**

Benefits

- Smarter traffic signals and smoother movement
- Priority for ambulances and emergency vehicles
- Faster response to congestion and accidents
- Timely information for commuters
- More consistent and technology-based enforcement

## Facts in States

- **Bihar, Jharkhand Sign MoU to Resolve 25-Year-Old Sone River Water-Sharing Dispute**

- On Teachers' Day (5th Sep), the Karnataka government has issued an order allowing use of honorific prefix "Tr" before names of teachers
- Karnataka also allowed the prefix "Er." for engineers in 2026

# SCHEMS AND INITIATIVES IN NEWS

## 1. Bharat Innovates

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Education, Government of India |
| **Nature** | Global accelerator for innovation emerging from India's **higher education & research ecosystem** |
| **Core Focus** | Identify and accelerate **high-potential deep-tech innovations** from HEIs and research institutions |
| **Objective** | Connect innovators with **capital, industry, technology partners, research institutions & global markets** |
| **Four Pillars** | **Discover & Nurture**<br>**Connect**<br>**Accelerate**<br>**Scale Globally** |
| **Maiden Global Showcase** | **Nice, France – 14–16 June 2026**, under the India-France Year of Innovation |
| **Significance** | Positions **Indian research and deep-tech innovation for global markets and collaboration** |

## 2. Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) 3.0

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Rural Development |
| **Department** | Department of Land Resources (DoLR) |
| **Type** | **Central Sector Scheme** |
| **Period** | **2026–2031 (5 years)** |
| **Coverage** | All States & Union Territories |
| **Vision** | Create a GIS-enabled **"Land Stack"** as Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) |
| **Key Interventions:** | |
| **ULPIN / Bhu-Aadhaar** | **14-digit unique ID** for every land parcel and ensuring secure and unmistakable identity for all properties |
| **Maps** | Complete digitisation and **georeferencing of cadastral maps** |
| **Registration** | **Paperless, end-to-end online property registration** and Registration Repository |
| **Registration Seva Kendras** | **75 SROs** to be upgraded; **₹37.5 crore** allocation |
| **Revenue Courts** | Integrated, paperless **Revenue Court Case Management System (RCCMS)** linked with land records to track disputes and cut down the time and cost of legal battles. |

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|---|---|
| **Urban Land Records** | Completion of **NAKSHA Pilot** |
| **Citizen Focus** | **Ease of Living & Ease of Doing Business**; reduce repeated physical visits |
| **Overall Aim** | Build a **transparent, integrated and future-ready land information ecosystem** for **Viksit Bharat** |

## 3. NAKSHA Pilot Programme

| **NAKSHA PROGRAMME** | |
|---|---|
| **Full Form** | **NAtional geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban HAbitations** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Rural Development |
| **Department** | Department of Land Resources (DoLR) |
| **Programme** | One-year **pilot programme under DILRMP** |
| **Objective** | Create a **comprehensive GIS-integrated database of urban land parcels**<br>1. Creation of urban land records<br>2. Creation of Web GIS platform<br>3. Empower urban citizens and improve ease of living<br>4. Better financial health of urban local bodies<br>5. Better urban planning<br>6. |
| **Benefits** | Transparent property ownership, better urban planning & infrastructure development, improved municipal revenue collection, disaster preparedness and greater public trust - Reduces **land disputes** |
| **Significance** | Modernises **urban land records** using geospatial technology |

## 4. Land Stack

| **Land Stack Initiative (Bharat Land Stack)** | |
|---|---|
| **Nature** | GIS-based integrated **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** for land governance |
| **Objectives** | 1. To establish Land Stack as a GIS-based integrated Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for land governance through a parcel-centric and interoperable framework.<br>2. To integrate georeferenced cadastral maps, Record of Rights (RoRs), BhuAadhaar (ULPIN) and other land-related datasets into a unified yet federated digital ecosystem.<br>3. To facilitate secure API-based interoperability among Revenue, Registration, Planning, Municipal, Financial and other stakeholder departments while preserving ownership of data with the respective States/UTs and departments.<br>4. To eliminate data silos by enabling seamless spatial-textual integration of landrelated information for efficient governance and citizen-centric service delivery.<br>5. To provide a common geospatial platform for evidence-based planning, transparent land administration and efficient delivery of public services.<br>6. (vi) To support Ease of Living (EoL), Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and the vision of Viksit Bharat through creation of a trusted digital land ecosystem |
| **Hierarchy** | National Land Stack – State Land Stack – Participating Departments in the State/UT |
| **State Land Stack** | State-level platform integrating datasets of different departments |

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|---|---|
| **National Land Stack** | Developed and maintained by **Department of Land Resources (DoLR)**; connects State Land Stacks through secure APIs |
| **Data Ownership** | Remains exclusively with the respective **State/UT/concerned department** |
| **Citizen Benefits** | Faster services, transparent land administration, property transactions, credit delivery and infrastructure planning |
| **National Integration** | Can support integration with **AgriStack, PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** and other DPIs |

## 5. Digital Agriculture Mission

| **Digital Agriculture Mission** | |
|---|---|
| **Approved** | Union Cabinet – **2 September 2024** |
| **Nature** | Umbrella scheme for **digital transformation of agriculture** |
| **Two Main Pillars** | 1. **AgriStack**<br>2. **Krishi Decision Support System (DSS)** |
| **AgriStack** | **1.** Farmer-centric **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**<br>**2. Components:**<br>**a. Farmers' Registry -** Farmer ID will be given<br>**b. Geo-referenced Village Maps –** Land records will be linked with farmer ID<br>**c. Crop Sown Registry –** Crops sown by the farmers will be recorded on every cropping season |
| **Farmer ID** | Trusted digital identity linked with **land records, livestock, crops sown and benefits availed** |
| **Target** | Digital IDs for **11 crore farmers in 3 years** |
| **Krishi DSS** | Integrates **remote sensing data on crops, soil, weather and water resources** through a geospatial system |
| **Soil Mapping** | Soil profile maps at **1:10,000 scale** for about **142 million hectares** |
| **DGCES** | Digital General Crop Estimation Survey for **accurate crop-yield estimation** |
| **Key Benefits** | Faster scheme delivery, digital authentication, better crop insurance/loans, disaster response and **real-time advisories** |

## 6. Swachh Seva Aankalan (SSA) – 2026

| **Aspect** | **Details** |
|---|---|
| **Full form** | **Swachh Seva Aankalan (SSA)** |
| **Launched** | **15 September 2026** |
| **Ministry/Department** | **Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti** |
| **Mission** | **Swachh Bharat Mission–Grameen (SBM-G) 2.0** |
| **Level** | **Gram Panchayat level** |
| **Nature** | **Annual digital self-assessment framework** |
| **Purpose** | To assess **ODF sustainability, cleanliness, SLWM and sanitation-asset functionality** through community participation and Gram Sabha validation. |

## 7. PM Vishwakarma Scheme – Completes Three Years

| Aspect | Details |
|---|---|
| **Scheme** | PM Vishwakarma |
| **Launched** | **17 September 2023** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) |
| **Type** | **Central Sector Scheme** |
| **Outlay** | **₹13,000 crore** |
| **Implementation period** | FY **2023-24 to 2027-28** |
| **Target** | **30 lakh beneficiaries** |
| **Coverage** | **18 traditional trades -** Carpenter, Boat Maker, Armourer, Metal Artisan, Tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Goldsmith, Potter, Sculptor/Stone Worker, Cobbler/Footwear Artisan, Mason, Basket/Mat/Broom Maker, Toy Maker, Barber, Garland Maker, Washerman, Tailor and Fishing Net Maker |
| **Core objective** | Support traditional artisans through **skills, tools, credit and markets** |
| **Three pillars** | **Samman – Samarthya – Samriddhi** |

**Major Components:**

| Component | Support |
|---|---|
| **Recognition** | PM Vishwakarma **Certificate & ID Card** |
| **Skill Upgradation** | Basic training **5–7 days**; Advanced training **15 days or more** |
| **Training stipend** | **₹500/day** |
| **Toolkit incentive** | **₹15,000** e-voucher |
| **Credit support** | Collateral-free loans in two tranches; concessional interest rate **5% p.a.** |
| **Digital transaction incentive** | **₹1 per digital transaction**, up to 100 transactions/month |
| **Marketing support** | Trade fairs, exhibitions, branding and e-commerce platforms |
| **Formalisation** | Onboarding on **Udyam Assist Platform** |

## 8. DISHA 2.0

| Aspect | Details |
|---|---|
| **Full Form** | **Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA)** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Law and Justice |
| **Type** | **Central Sector Scheme** |
| **Outlay** | **₹255 crore** |
| **Period** | **2026–31 (5 years)** |
| **Coverage** | Pan-India |
| **Main Objective** | Technology-driven, citizen-friendly access to legal services and justice |
| **Key Target** | VIDHI-Sanjeevani envisages outreach to **50 lakh beneficiaries** during 2026–31 |
| **Monitoring** | **VIDHI-Sanjeevani** – Centralised Integrated Dashboard |

**Four Components of DISHA 2.0**

| Component | Key Features |
|---|---|

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|---|---|
| **1. Tele-Law: Reaching the Unreached** | Free **pre-litigation legal advice**; connects citizens with panel lawyers through mobile app and **Toll-Free No. 14454**; services through CSCs/VLEs |
| **2. Nyaya Bandhu** | **Pro-Bono legal services** by advocates for disadvantaged sections covered under **Section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** |
| **3. Legal Literacy & Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP)** | Legal awareness through workshops, webinars, IEC materials and partnerships with ministries/departments and other stakeholders |
| **4. VIDHI-Sanjeevani** | Centralised dashboard for **real-time monitoring**, service delivery and implementation; integration with **Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot** |

**Important Supporting Features**

- **Nyaya Sahayaks:** Community-based legal facilitators engaged in **Aspirational Blocks**.
- **Pro-Bono Panels:** Constituted in **23 High Courts**.
- **Pro-Bono Clubs:** Functional in law schools/colleges to encourage a culture of community-based pro-bono legal service.
- **VIDHI-Sanjeevani:** No state-specific targets; overall target of **50 lakh beneficiaries**.

**Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot**

| Feature | Details |
|---|---|
| **Launch** | **29 March 2026** |
| **Technology** | Generative AI-powered, multilingual and multi-model platform |
| **Languages** | **22 Indian languages** |
| **Interface** | Voice-first; voice and text interaction |
| **Purpose** | Helps citizens understand legal processes, rights and next steps |
| **Key Advantage** | Grounds responses in statutory legal texts to reduce risk of AI hallucination |

## 9. Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green e-Auto (DURGA) scheme

- a women- and transgender-focused e-auto allocation scheme
- linked to self-employment and electric mobility in Delhi
- launched by Govt of Delhi
- Eligible beneficiaries can receive a **₹50,000 purchase incentive** in the first year under the Delhi EV Policy 2026-30.
- The scheme also provides a **100% exemption from road tax** and **registration fees** for the electric vehicles.
- Eligibility –
    - Applicant age – 20 to 40 years
    - Delhi residency proof
    - Family income - < Rs. 5,00,000/-
    - not own an existing commercial three-wheeler

## 10. ELDERLINE – 14567

| Feature | Details |
|---|---|

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|---|---|
| **Name** | Elderline – National Helpline for Senior Citizens (NHSC) |
| **Toll-free number** | **14567** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment |
| **Nodal/monitoring agency** | National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) |
| **Launched** | **1 October 2021** |
| **Target group** | Senior citizens **60 years and above** |
| **Operating hours** | **8:00 AM – 8:00 PM** |
| **Services** | Information, guidance, emotional support, field intervention and grievance redressal |
| **Coverage** | Operational in **32 States/UTs** as of July 2026 |
| **Scheme linkage** | **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)** |

**Major Services**

1. **Information** – Health facilities, hospitals, old-age homes, day-care centres, government schemes etc.
2. **Guidance** – Pension, legal issues, maintenance-related matters and government programmes.
3. **Emotional Support** – Counselling, loneliness, anxiety and relationship/family issues.
4. **Field Intervention** – Assistance in cases of elder abuse, abandonment and rescue/reunion of homeless elderly persons.
5. **Grievance Redressal** – Helps senior citizens access appropriate government and support services

## 11. PRAHAAR – India's National Counter-Terrorism Policy & Strategy

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Name** | **PRAHAAR – National Counter-Terrorism Policy & Strategy** |
| **Launched at** | **23 February 2026** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) |
| **Nature** | India's **first comprehensive National Counter-Terrorism Policy & Strategy** |
| **Core approach** | **Whole-of-Government + Whole-of-Society** |
| **Basic doctrine** | **Zero tolerance towards terrorism** |
| **Approach** | **Proactive and intelligence-led**, rather than predominantly reactive |
| **Coverage** | Terrorist attacks, radicalisation, terror financing, weapons, safe havens, emerging technologies and international cooperation |
| **Technology focus** | Addresses emerging threats involving **drones, encrypted communications, dark web and cryptocurrency** |
| **International dimension** | Cooperation with international partners and alignment with global counter-terrorism efforts, including **FATF standards** |

**Seven Pillars of PRAHAAR**

The name **PRAHAAR** is structured around seven strategic pillars:

| Pillar | Details |
|---|---|
| **P – Prevention** | Prevention of terrorist attacks to protect Indian citizens and national interests |
| **R – Response** | Swift and proportionate response to the threat |

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| **A – Aggregating Internal Capacities** | Synergy among agencies through a **whole-of-government approach** |
| **H – Human Rights & Rule of Law** | Counter-terrorism measures consistent with human rights and rule-of-law processes |
| **A – Attenuating Conditions** | Address conditions enabling terrorism, including **radicalisation** |
| **A – Aligning International Efforts** | Aligning and shaping international efforts against terrorism |
| **R – Recovery & Resilience** | Recovery and resilience through a **whole-of-society approach** |

**Major Features**

- **Intelligence-led prevention:** Strengthens intelligence sharing and anticipatory action.
- **Coordinated response:** Seeks closer coordination between **State Police/security agencies and specialised Central forces such as NSG**.
- **Counter-radicalisation:** Addresses radicalisation and recruitment as part of preventing terrorism.
- **Terror-financing disruption:** Focuses on tracing financial flows, including **crypto wallets**, and disrupting illicit financing networks.
- **Technology:** Recognises the use of **drones, dark web, encrypted communications and other emerging technologies** in terrorist activities.
- **Critical infrastructure:** Emphasises protection of critical infrastructure.
- **International cooperation:** Uses international treaties and cooperation to address cross-border terrorism and terror financing.
- **Community participation:** Recovery, resilience and counter-radicalisation involve society beyond security agencies.

## 12. PRAGATI-50 Initiative – Model Cities for Swachhata

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Initiative** | **PRAGATI-50 - a city-focused urban cleanliness initiative** |
| **Ministry** | Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) |
| **Launched at** | **New Delhi** |
| **Launch date** | **30 September 2026** |
| **Under** | **Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0.** |
| **Target** | **50 Model Cities** |
| **Geographical coverage** | 50 cities across **24 States** |
| **Primary objective** | Develop cities as **clean, role-model cities** for the rest of India |
| **Focus areas** | Urban cleanliness, solid waste management, used-water management, sanitation and citizen participation |
| **City selection** | Cities of **economic, cultural, heritage, pilgrimage, tourism and administrative significance** |
| **Expected outcome** | Visible and measurable improvement in **urban cleanliness and sanitation** |
| **Citizen role** | Promotes **citizen participation** in cleanliness and waste-management activities |

# PERSONALITY IN NEWS

## 1. Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma

- First woman officer (non-medical) in the Indian Defence Forces to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal (or equivalent)
- She also created history as the first woman officer from the Tri-Services to command a Sainik School, serving as Principal of Sainik School, Kapurthala.

| SINO | Name of the Personality | Reason – in News | Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra | Jeetendra Mishra is the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ram Temple trust in Ayodhya | • |
| 2. | Giorgia Meloni | PM of Italy | longest continuously serving Prime Minister of Italy |
| 3. | Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh, | re-elected as the Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) | A second consecutive four-year term (2027–2030).<br>senior Indian Postal Service (IPoS) officer |
| 4. | Solomon Pappaiah | Tamil scholar, orator, professor, and cultural figure | received the Kalaimamani award in 2000 and the Padma Shri in 2021 |
| 5. | N. Chandrasekaran | Reappointed as the Executive Chairman of Tata Sons | For another five-year term until 2032 |
| 6. | Michael Kremer | Appointed as Chief Economist of World Bank Group | Nobel laureate in economics - jointly awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo |
| 7. | Sanjukta Parashar | First woman officer to head the Central Reserve Police Force's CoBRA unit | |
| 8. | Luke Lindberg (USA) | appointed as the new Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) | |
| 9. | Mandeep K. Bhandari | appointed chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education | |

# SPORTS IN NEWS

| SINO | Name of the Personality | Reason – in News | Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lionel Messi | announced his retirement | Argentina foot-ball team captain |

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| | | | • 125 goals<br>• 2022 – Won – Football Wold Cup<br>• 2026 – reached final in Foot-ball World Cup |
| 2. | Vaibhav Sooryavanshi | Youngest Duleep Trophy Half-Century Maker | • Fifty in 42 balls |
| 3. | **Roger Federer** (Swiss) | inducted into the **International Tennis Hall of Fame** (ITHF) | • one of the highest honours in tennis<br>• |
| 4. | Indian men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty | won the China Masters title | Held in Shenzhen, China |
| 5. | Andrea Kimi Antonelli | won the Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix | first Italian to win his home Grand Prix in 60 years |
| 6. | Sheetal Devi | won her first individual title on the World Archery Para Series | |
| 7. | Tanya Chaudhary | set a new national record in the women's hammer throw | Throw of 68.35 metres |
| 8. | Nirbhay Choudhary | set a new men's hammer throw national record of 71.02 metres | |
| 9. | Shree Charani | fastest Indian bowler across men's and women's cricket to reach 50 T20I wickets | world No. 1 bowler in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling Rankings |
| 10. | Junior Women's Hockey Team (India) | Won Asia Cup | • Moqi in China<br>• defeating China |
| 11. | Junior Men's Hockey Team(India) | Won Asia Cup | • Moqi in China<br>• defeated South Korea |
| 12. | Indian Women's Cricket Team | Won Asia Cup | 8th Time India has won |
| 13. | Ben Shelton (USA) | Won US Open Tennis – Men's Single | Against - Alexander Zverev (Germany) |
| 14. | Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan) | Won US Open women's singles | defeated Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka |
| 15. | Indian archer **Dhiraj Bommadevara** | Won the men's individual title at the **Archery World Cup Final 2026** | **first Indian** male held in **Saltillo, Mexico** |
| 16. | Smriti Mandhana | became the first woman cricketer to complete 11,000 runs in international cricket | **Also** leading run-scorer in women's T20 International cricket |
| 17. | Shafali Verma | became the highest run-scorer in a calendar year in Women's Twenty20 Internationals | finished the year with 863 runs in 24 T20Is. |

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| 18. | Indian women's cricket team | won the gold medal at the Asian Games | Against Sri Lanka<br>2nd Time in Asian Games |
| 19. | Bodhana Sivanandan | became the youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) in chess history at the age of 11 | England |

## 10-member Task Force for reviving Formula 1 and motorsports in India

- **Chair – Yugal Kishore Joshi** – NITI Aayog Programme Director and Adviser
- **Mandate** – The panel will examine policy, taxation, infrastructure, and partnership models linked to a possible Formula 1 race in India by 2028
- India hosted its first Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix in 2011 at the Buddh International Circuit located in Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh

## Sports Events

| SINO | SPORT EVENT | PLACE | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Women's Champions Trophy 2027 | India | ✓ Inaugural edition<br>✓ Sri Lanka was removed as host |
| 2. | Hyundai World Archery Para Series 2026 | India | Ahmedabad |
| 3. | 2026 International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey World Cup | Wavre, **Belgium** and Amsterdam, **Netherlands** | • Men's Title – Germany<br>• Women's Crown - Argentina |
| 4. | World Archery Para Series | Ahmedabad | • first World Archery Para Series tournament hosted by India<br>• an international para-archery competition organised under World Archery |
| 5. | 20th Asian Games | Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan | • running from September 19 to October 4, 2026 |
| 6. | UCI Cycling Road World Championships 2032 | Pune in Maharashtra | • Organised by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) |
| 7. | **46th Chess Olympiad 2026** | **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** | • **India** secured **silver** in the **Open section** and **bronze** in the **Women's section**<br>• retaining the **Nona Gaprindashvili Trophy** for the best combined performance for the **third** consecutive time. |

## 20th Asian Games – 2026

- Asia's largest sporting event
- 75th anniversary (First held in 1951, New Delhi)
- **Edition**: 20th Asian Games

- **Host**: Aichi–Nagoya, **Japan**
- **Dates**: **19 September – 4 October 2026**
- **Governing Body**: Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- **Sports**: 43 sports
- **Disciplines**: 71
- New sports included:
  - Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)
  - Padel
  - Surfing
  - Teqball
  - Virtual Taekwondo (first-ever virtual sport event)
- **Motto**: *"Imagine One Asia"*
- Emblem represents unity with a **sun and flowing curves** symbolizing Asia's energy and future

**Mascot**

- **Name**: *HONOHON*
- Inspired by **Shachihoko (tiger-fish)** of Japanese culture
- Symbolizes **flame, passion, and athlete spirit**

Japan is hosting the Asian Games for the **3rd time**

- Tokyo (1958)
- Hiroshima (1994)
- Aichi–Nagoya (2026)

**Next Host** - Doha, Qatar – 2030

# PLACES IN NEWS

| SINO | Name of the Place | Reason – in News | Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lake Ontario | Renamed as Lake America by USA | • One of the 5 Great Lakes of North America |
| 2. | Depalpur, Madhya Pradesh | first city under the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative to achieve Zero Legacy Waste | • |
| 3. | Falkland Islands | sovereignty dispute between Argentina and the United Kingdom | • Located in South Atlantic Ocean<br>• Sea Lion project is an offshore oil development – done by British and Israel |
| 4. | Junput coastal village in **Purba Medinipur** district, West Bengal | West Bengal (WB) approved the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) proposal to establish a new weapon and missile testing range | • Junput facility will become DRDO's third major missile-testing hub |

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| 5. | Sohar Port | Oman promoted Sohar Port as an alternative access point for India's energy and trade flows from the Persian Gulf | • a deep-water port in northern Oman on the Gulf of Oman<br>• |

# AWARDS, PRIZE

| Name of the Award | Awardee | Purpose \| Information |
|---|---|---|
| 'சூர்ய விருது' | கே.ஆர்.நரசய்யா | சிவசங்கரி விருது |
| அக்ஷர விருது | அப்பன் திருவடி (சிறந்த நூல்) – மஞ்சுநாத் | சிவசங்கரி விருது |
| **Raj Kapoor Special Contribution Award** | Rani Mukerji | Maharashtra State Film Award |
| **First Prize under 'Rajbhasha Kirti' for 2025-26** | Department of Financial Services | for its outstanding implementation and innovative achievements in the field of Official Language during the year 2025-26 |
| **2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award** (honours an engineer for dedication to science and technology, active involvement in United States science and technology policy, promotion of technological development, and strengthening relationships among industry, government, and universities) | Sethuraman Panchanathan<br><br>(served as the 15th Director of the United States National Science Foundation (NSF)) | • by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE)<br>• first Indian American and the first Arizonan to receive the award |
| FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development award | **ZT Lalrithangi**, also known as **Pi Mari-i** | • from Sangau village in Lawngtlai district of Mizoram<br>• Awarded by FAO |
| SASTRA-Ramanujan Award 2026 | **Sarah Peluse (USA)** | • Maths Award |

## 1. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA) for the year 2024

| Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA) |
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| **Ministry** | Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports |
| **Nature** | India's **National Adventure Award** |
| **Instituted** | **1993–94**; originally called National Adventure Awards |
| **Purpose** | Recognises outstanding achievements in **adventure activities** |
| **Key Values** | Promotes **courage, endurance, risk-taking, discipline, teamwork** and quick decision-making |
| **Categories** | **Four Categories:**<br>**1. Land Adventure;**<br>**2. Water (Sea) Adventure;**<br>**3. Air Adventure;**<br>4. **Lifetime Achievement** |
| **Award Components** | **Bronze statuette + Certificate + Blazer with silk tie/Saree + ₹15 lakh** |
| **Status** | Equivalent to the **Arjuna Award** |
| **Presentation** | Presented by the **President of India**, along with National Sports Awards |
| **Eligibility/Assessment** | For Land, Water & Air categories, generally **achievements of the last 3 years** are considered; Lifetime Achievement considers the **entire career** |

**TNNAA 2024 Awardees:**

| S. No. | Name | Category |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ms. Baljeet Kaur | Land Adventure |
| 2. | Shri Skalzang Rigzin | Land Adventure |
| 3. | Shri Rimo Saha | Water Adventure |
| 4. | Shri Shiv Prasad Chamoli | Life Time Achievement |

## 2. Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026

| Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 | |
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| **What is it?** | Asia's **premier prize and highest honour**, often called **"Asia's Nobel Prize"** |
| **Established** | **1957** |
| **Named after** | **Ramon Magsaysay**, 7th President of the Philippines |
| **Awarded since** | **1958** |
| **Given for** | Exceptional **leadership, courage, integrity and selfless public service** contributing to human development in Asia |
| **Award Foundation** | **Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)** |
| **2026 Awardees** | **Tommy Koh – Singapore; Runa Khan – Bangladesh; Bo Kyi – Myanmar** |

| Awardee Name | Country | For |
|---|---|---|
| **Tommy Koh** | Singapore | Promoting **international dialogue, diplomacy and rule of law**; key role in the **UNCLOS** negotiations. |
| **Runa Khan** | Bangladesh | **Humanitarian service** through *Friendship*, improving healthcare, education, livelihoods and climate resilience for vulnerable communities. |
| **Bo Kyi** | Myanmar | **Democracy and human rights advocacy**; support and documentation of political prisoners through the *Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP)*. |

## 3. Sansad Ratna Awards

| Particular | Details |
|---|---|
| **Instituted** | **2010** |
| **Purpose** | To honour **top-performing Members of Parliament** for exemplary parliamentary performance. |
| **Inspired by** | **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, who suggested recognising outstanding Parliamentarians. |
| **Founded by** | **Prime Point Foundation** and *PreSense* eMagazine |
| **Selection** | **Performance-based and data-driven**; no individual nominations. |
| **Key Criteria** | Participation in **debates, questions raised, Private Members' Bills, and Parliamentary Committee reports**. |
| **Data Sources** | Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and PRS Legislative Research |
| **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026**<br>**Awardee** – Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Shri Kishor Makwana<br>**Awarded** – In recognition of the Commission's dedicated service and significant contribution to social justice | |

## 4. Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024

| Aspect | Details |
|---|---|
| **Nature** | India's **highest award in the field of cinema** |
| **Instituted** | **1969** |
| **Named after** | **Dadasaheb Phalke** (Dhundiraj Govind Phalke) - father of Indian cinema |
| **Purpose** | To honour **outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema** |
| **First recipient** | **Devika Rani** – 1969 |
| **Presented by** | Government of India – Awarded during National Film Awards |
| **Components** | **Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, shawl and cash prize** |
| **2024 Award** | **Anant Nag –** Also received Padma Bushan in 2025 |
| **2024 ceremony** | To be presented at the **72nd National Film Awards**, 22 September 2026 |

## 5. 4th Eco Warrior Awards

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Name** | **Eco Warrior Awards** |
| **Instituted** | **2023** |
| **Organised by** | **Indian Masterminds** in association with the **Indian Forest Service Association (IFSA)** |
| **Purpose** | Recognition of outstanding contributions to **forest protection, wildlife conservation, environmental sustainability and community participation** |
| **Who are recognised?** | Primarily **Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers / forest officers** involved in conservation and environmental protection |
| **Core areas** | Forests, wildlife, biodiversity, fragile ecosystems, sustainability and community-based conservation |

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| **Nature of Award** | National-level recognition platform for conservation initiatives and forest-service personnel |
| **2026 Edition** | **4th edition**, held in **New Delhi** |
| **2026 Special Recognition** | **Project Elephant** and **Project Great Indian Bustard** were also highlighted as landmark conservation initiatives. |
| **2026 Lifetime Achievement Award** | **Brij Kishore Singh**, 1976-batch Karnataka-cadre IFS officer, recognised for his long contribution to forest and wildlife conservation. |
| **2026 Award Categories** | 1. Protected Area Management;<br>2. Wildlife Protection & Conservation;<br>3. Environment Conservation;<br>4. Community Connect;<br>5. Best Use of Technology;<br>6. Special Jury Award;<br>7. Special Projects;<br>8. Lifetime Achievement |

**2026 – Important Tamil Nadu Awardees**

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Selvi S. Senbagapriya** | DCF (Genetics), Coimbatore — **Wildlife Protection & Conservation Award** |
| **N. Jayaraj** | Wildlife Warden, Hosur — **Best Use of Technology Award** for an AI-based surveillance and early-warning system for elephant protection |
| **K. Karthikeyani** | DFO, Thanjavur — **Special Jury Award** for a campaign that removed **239 illegal guns** and strengthened elephant protection |

## 6. Cool Leaders Award – UNEP

| Particulars | Details |
|---|---|
| **Award** | **Cool Leaders Award** |
| **Launched** | **17 September 2026** |
| **Launched at** | **Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026, Singapore** |
| **Institution** | **UNEP-led Cool Coalition** |
| **Objective** | Recognise leadership in **sustainable cooling** and protecting people from **extreme heat** |
| **Focus** | Passive cooling, heat resilience, district cooling, energy efficiency and low-carbon cooling technologies |
| **First recipients** | **1. Singapore,**<br>**2. United Arab Emirates and**<br>3. **Dong Mingzhu** |
| **Singapore** | Recognised for **passive cooling and heat resilience** |
| **UAE** | Recognised for **district cooling** and advancing cooling in global climate and development policy |
| **Dong Mingzhu** | Chairwoman of **Gree Electric Appliances**; recognised for ultra-efficient, low-carbon cooling technologies, including the **Zero Carbon Source air-conditioning system** |

## 7. Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026

- **Singapore Airlines** (Singapore) was named the World's Best Airline
- **Qatar Airways** (Qatar) ranked 2nd,
- **Cathay Pacific Airways** (Hong Kong) 3rd,
- **ANA All Nippon Airways** (Japan) 4th, and
- **Turkish Airlines** (Turkey) 5th
- **Air India** Tops Indian Airlines

# COMMITTEE | COMMISSION | PANEL

## 1. Kasturirangan Report on Conservation of Western Ghats

| Parameter | PIB-based Details |
|---|---|
| **Committee** | High Level Working Group (**HLWG**) |
| **Chairman** | **Dr. K. Kasturirangan** |
| **Constituted** | **August 2012** |
| **Report submitted** | **15 April 2013** |
| **Purpose** | Examine **Gadgil Committee (WGEEP)** recommendations and suggest the way forward |
| **Approach** | **Conservation + sustainable and inclusive development** |
| **Landscape classification** | **Natural landscape** and **cultural landscape** |
| **Cultural landscape** | **58.44%** – human settlements, agricultural fields and plantations |
| **Natural landscape** | **41.56%** |
| **ESA proposed** | Approximately **37% of the Western Ghats** |
| **Area of proposed ESA** | About **60,000 sq. km** |
| **States covered** | **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu** |
| **Core principle** | Protect remaining **biologically rich natural landscapes** while allowing sustainable livelihoods |
| **Development approach** | Promote **green growth** rather than eliminating livelihood and economic opportunities |

**Gadgil vs Kasturirangan Report**

| Gadgil Committee (WGEEP) | Kasturirangan Committee (HLWG) |
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| **Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel** | **High Level Working Group** |
| **2011** | **2012–13** |
| **Prof. Madhav Gadgil** | **Dr. K. Kasturirangan** |
| Recommended **entire Western Ghats** as ESA | Recommended about **37%** as ESA |
| Three levels of ecological sensitivity | Focus on **natural landscape** |
| More extensive ecological regulation | More targeted regulation |
| More **ecology-centric** approach | Greater emphasis on **development–conservation balance** |

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| Recommended Western Ghats Ecology Authority | Proposed **Decision Support & Monitoring Centre** |
| Greater emphasis on ecological protection | Greater emphasis on **conservation + sustainable development** |

# SUMMIT | CONFERENCE IN NEWS

| SINO | SUMMIT NAME | PLACE | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification – UNCCD COP 17<br><br>**UNCCD COP18 - scheduled** in 2028 in the **Red Sea** resort city **of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt** | **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia** | Theme: **"Restoring Land. Restoring Hope.** |
| 2. | "SCO Plus" Meeting<br>**Theme:** "The UN as a Key Element of a Just World Order: The Contribution of the SCO Plus States to the Formation of a Multipolar World" | **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan** | • Initiated by the United Russia party in October 2020.<br>• Held alongside SCO Summit |
| 3. | 5th e-FAST India Summit 2026<br>• an initiative of NITI Aayog<br>• e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India)<br>• a NITI Aayog-led platform | **New Delhi** | • Launched – Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT)<br>• Aim - Accelerating the deployment of zero-emission trucks in India |
| 4. | Global Fintech Fest 2026 | **Mumbai** | • |
| 5. | 6th National Meet of State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils | **Chandigarh** | • organised by the National Biodiversity Authority |
| 6. | 18th BRICS Leaders' Summit<br>(11 members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates)<br><br>20th anniversary of BRICS | **New Delhi** | • Theme as "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"<br>• 19th Summit Chair-China |
| 7. | Global Dryland Congress 2026 | **New Delhi, India** | • Jointly organized by ICAR and ICRISAT<br>• Theme: "Transforming Dryland Agriculture with South–South Cooperation" |
| 8. | 9th ASEAN–India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF) | **New Delhi** | • |
| 9. | International Space Summit | **France** | • First Summit |
| 10. | 6th All India Official Language Conference and Hindi Diwas | **Mumbai** | • organised by the Department of Official Language |

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| 11. | World Circular Economy Forum 2026<br><br>Jointly organized by<br>• Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) of India,<br>• the Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Government of Finland,<br>• Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India,<br>• Government of Gujarat and<br>• Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB). | **Gandhinagar** | • Theme: 'Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity' |
| 12. | **Second Global Flyways Summit** | **Nairobi, Kenya** | • **BirdLife International** hosted |
| 13. | **First General Assembly of SAWEN**<br><br>• announced that 30 January will be observed as 'SAWEN Day' every year<br>• adopted **SAWEN Implementation Plan 2026–2030** | **Kathmandu** | • **adopted 'Kathmandu Declaration' to strengthen cooperation to combat illegal wildlife trade in South Asia** |
| 14. | **69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC)** | **Cape Town, South Africa** | • |
| 15. | **48th WorldSkills Competition**<br><br>• International Skills Competition<br>• India Ranks 10th | **Shanghai, China** | • **India's largest-ever contingent of 70 skilled young competitors will represent the country across 63 skill categories`** |
| 16. | 43rd Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference | **New Delhi** | • |
| 17. | International Conference on "The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics" | **New Delhi** | • National Green Tribunal (NGT) organised the conference |
| 18. | WWF Global Conservation Conference | Jaipur, Rajasthan | • |
| 19. | Third national conference of chiefs of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF)<br><br>Target – uprooting of drug trade from India by 31 December 2029 | **New Delhi** | • **Theme:** "United Resolve, Shared Responsibility"<br>• organised by the NCB |
| 20. | 1st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA81) | **New York** | • |
| 21. | 4th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting | **Manila, Philippines** | • **India participated** |
| 22. | 81st United Nations General Assembly | **New York** | • **India signed the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime** |

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| 23. | 11th meeting of the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (JWG-CTTC) | **New Delhi** | • |
| 24. | 70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC-70) | in Hobart, Australia | • **80 Years**<br>• **IWC established in 1946** |
| 25. | Committee on Forestry (COFO 28) | in Rome, Italy | • **28th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization** |
| 26. | 13th World Tamils Economic Conference and Global Economic Summit 2026 | held in Mauritius | • Theme: "Bridging Global Horizons: Innovation, Sustainability, and Cultural Synergies in the Next Economic Era" |

# DAYS | WEEKS | YEAR IN NEWS

| SINO | DAY \| WEEK | CELEBRATED AS | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2026 | • International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists **(IYRP 2026)** | • |
| 2. | Sep 1 to Sep 7 | • National Nutrition Week (NNW) 2026 | • started in 1982<br>• introduced by Food and Nutrition Board<br>• educating people about better nutrition and addressing nutritional challenges |
| 3. | Sep 6 | • International Vulture Awareness Day | • |
| 4. | Sep 7 | • Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026<br>• International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies | • |
| 5. | Sep 8 | • International Literacy Day<br>• Held in Mexico | • 60th anniversary<br>• **Theme:** "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity"<br>• UNESCO proclaimed the day in 1966 |
| 6. | Sep 9 | • 1st National Fluorosis Day | • raising awareness about fluorosis and strengthening measures to prevent and control excessive fluoride exposure. |
| 7. | Sep 23 | • 11th Ayurveda Day | • Theme: "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow" |
| 8. | 9th Sep to 8th Oct | • 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 | • Theme: "Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari"<br>• will celebrate Ten Years of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), the flagship maternity benefit programme |

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| 9. | Sep 12 | • International Day for South-South Cooperation | • to promote cooperation among developing countries of the Global South in economic, social, cultural, technical, and political fields.<br>• 2026 Theme: "Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development." |
| 10. | Sep 9 | • World Electric Vehicle (EV) Day | • 2026 Theme: "Switching Electric: driving down the cost of motoring" |
| 11. | Sep 17 | • Vishwakarma Jayanti. | • |
| 12. | Sep 17 | • World Patient Safety Day 2026, | • Theme: **"Safe care for noncommunicable diseases"** |
| 13. | Sep 18 | • World Patient Safety Day 2026 | • Theme "Safe Care for Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs)". |
| 14. | 7–23 September | • 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week (NPW) | • Theme - "Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance – A Step Towards Safer Healthcare" |
| 15. | Sep 23 | • 11th Ayurveda Day | • Theme "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow"<br>• birth anniversary of Lord Dhanvantari is observed as Ayurveda Day |
| 16. | Sep 22 | • World Rhino Day | • Assam now holds nearly 80% of the world's rhino population<br>• Reintroduction of rhinos in Dudhwa (Uttar Pradesh) was successful<br>• Theme: "Keep the Five Alive" |
| 17. | 22 to 26 September 2026 | • 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026 | • Theme "Climate Resilient Water Management" |
| 18. | 17–23 September 2026 | • 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week | • Theme "Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare." |
| 19. | Sep 23 | • **Sign Language Day 2026** | • Theme **"Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights"** |
| 20. | Sep 25 | • **Antyodaya Diwas** | • To commemorate the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**<br>• **110th Anniversary** |
| 21. | Sep 26 | • **World Contraception Day (WCD)** | • **20th** observance of World Contraception Day.<br>• 2026 Theme: "No Barriers, Just Choices" |
| 22. | Sep 27 | • **World Tourism Day 2026** | • Theme **"Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism**" |
| 23. | Sep 29 | • **Aadhar Day** | • 17th Aadhaar Day. |

# REPORTS | INDICES

| SINO | REPORT \| INDICES | RELEASED BY | INFORMATION |
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| 1. | **State of the World's Birds** | Launched by BirdLife International | • published every **four years**<br>• latest edition being the **first devoted to migratory birds** |
| 2. | **India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)**<br>Based on<br>1. transport electrification progress,<br>2. charging infrastructure readiness,<br>3. EV research and innovation status | Released by **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with WRI India<br><br>(2nd Edition) | Overall Rank<br>❖ 1st – Delhi – 84pts<br>❖ 2nd – Maharashtra<br>❖ 3rd – Karnataka<br>❖ 4th – Chandigarh<br>❖ 5th – Goa<br>❖ 6th – Tamil Nadu |
| 3. | Global Financial Centres Index 40 | Z/Yen Partners, a London-based think tank, and the China Development Institute. | GIFT City moved up nine places to 37th position in GFCI 40 |
| 4. | Trade Watch Quarterly | NITI Aayog | provides a comprehensive assessment of global and domestic trade trends |
| 5. | Chief Economists' Outlook | World Economic Forum | Places India at the top of the global growth outlook |
| 6. | WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026 | World Economic Forum | India ranked 31st<br>Japan secured the first rank |

# EXERCISE

| NAME OF THE EXERCISE | TYPE | HELD IN/AT | PURPOSE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Veer Guardian-2026 | Bilateral Air Exercise | Jodhpur | Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) |
| Yudh Abhyas 2026 | Military exercise | Auli in Uttarakhand | India-US<br>22nd edition |
| Exercise Eager Lion 2026 | biennial military exercise | United States | United States and Jordan |
| Tarang Shakti 2026 | multinational air exercise - Seven Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) | Jodhpur in Rajasthan | Indian Air Force (IAF) will host the second edition<br>Australia, the United States of America, the United Arab Emirates, France, Germany, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh |

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| Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT | Joint Military Exercise | Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand | 18th edition of the India - Mongolia Joint Military Exercise |
| SLINEX-26 | bilateral maritime exercise | Visakhapatnam, India. | 13th edition of the India-Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise |
| exercise 'VARUNA' | bilateral maritime exercise | Toulon, France | 4th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy |
| Joint Military Exercise KAZIND 2026 | ninth edition Military Exercise | Oskemen, Kazakhstan | India–Kazakhstan |
| ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026) | 2nd Edition | **Subic Bay, Philippines** | India + **ASEAN Member States** |

## India's bilateral naval exercises

| Partner country | Exercise | Initiation year |
|---|---|---|
| France | Varuna | 1993 |
| United Kingdom | Konkan | 2004 |
| Singapore | SIMBEX | 1994 |
| Japan | JIMEX | 2012 |
| Australia | AUSINDEX | 2015 |
| Sri Lanka | SLINEX | 2005 |
| Oman | Naseem Al Bahr | 1993 |
| Saudi Arabia | Al-Mohed Al-Hindi | 2021 |
| Bangladesh | Bongosagar | 2019 |
| Malysia | Samudra Laksamana | |
| Indonesia | Samudra Shakti | |
| Russia | INDRA Navy | 2003 |

# APP, PORTAL

| SINO | APP \| PORTAL NAME | PURPOSE | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | *Rajmargyatra* App | enables FASTag users to change their issuer while retaining the existing FASTag | 'OneTag' - a FASTag portability service |