

1. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) completes six years

- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) was launched on 10 September 2020 under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- Completed 6 years on 10 September 2026.
- Total investment outlay: ₹20,750 crore.
- Record ₹2,500 crore allocated in Budget Estimates 2026–27.
- Fish production: 141.64 lakh tonnes (2019–20) to a record 197.75 lakh tonnes (2024–25).
- Fisheries exports: ₹46,663 crore (2019–20) to ₹73,890 crore (2025–26).
- Sub-scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY): Central Sector sub-scheme, outlay ₹6,000 crore, FY 2023–24 to FY 2026–27.

2. Biometric Aadhaar authentication mandatory for subsidised LPG from 1 October 2026

- In June 2026, the subsidised cylinder quota for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) beneficiaries was cut from 9 to 4 a year; the ₹300 subsidy per cylinder stayed.
- Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (BAA) is mandatory from 1 October 2026 to book subsidised domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) refills.

3. Government revises export levies on diesel, petrol and ATF

- Windfall tax: a levy on unusually high profits from sudden price spikes; in India it is charged as Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED).
- First imposed on 1 July 2022, scrapped in 2024, and reintroduced on 27 March 2026 during the West Asia crisis.
- Rates are reviewed every fortnight.

4. Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) is chaired by Suryadevara Mahendra Dev

5. Total Fertility Rate (TFR): 1.9 in 2024

6. 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week (17–23 September 2026)

- Theme: "Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare".

7. MoSPI releases "Sources and Methods" for the new GDP series (base 2022–23)

- The new National Accounts series with base year 2022–23 replaced the 2011–12 series on 27 February 2026; it is the 8th base year revision.
- Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS): chaired by Prof. B. N. Goldar.

8. Core industries grow 4.8% in August 2026

- The Index of Core Industries (ICI) moved to base 2022–23 on 20 July 2026 and now covers nine industries after iron ore was added.
- Nine core industries: coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, electricity, iron ore.

9. India's exports to core BRICS partners rise 34% to \$19.9 billion (Figures cover four founding partners: China, South Africa, Brazil, Russia.)

- FY 2025–26: China was India's largest trading partner (\$151.1 billion trade, \$112.16 billion deficit); the United States was second.

10. Railways approve Kavach 4.0 in Lucknow Division and Electronic Interlocking in Solapur

- Kavach is India's indigenous Automatic Train Protection system.
- Kavach 4.0 on 607.7 route km, Lucknow Division, North Eastern Railway: ₹252 crore.
- Electronic Interlocking at 7 stations, Solapur Division, Central Railway: ₹209 crore.
- Railway capital expenditure 2026–27: ₹2,93,030 crore; Railway Safety Fund ₹45,000 crore; Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh ₹10,000 crore.

11. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to invest ₹27,000 crore in a greenfield shipbuilding cluster at Dighi, Raigad district, Maharashtra

12. NCC girl cadets complete "Aparajita – Parang La 2026" high-altitude trek

- 20 NCC girl cadets trekked about 250 km in 30 days from Kibber (Himachal Pradesh) to Karzok (Ladakh).

- Flagged in at Karzok on 16 September 2026 by Director General NCC Lt Gen Virendra Vats.

13. 13th Exercise SLINEX 2026 held at Visakhapatnam

- Held 17–21 September 2026 at Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command.
- India: INS Kavaratti (anti-submarine warfare corvette) and INS Jyoti (fleet tanker).
- Sri Lanka: SLNS Sindurala.
- India–Sri Lanka army exercise: Mitra Shakti.

14. INS Trishul makes port call at Alexandria, Egypt

- Ambassador of India to Egypt Suresh K. Reddy visited the ship.

15. Exercise Veer Guardian 2026: first Japanese F-2A deployment in India

- Held at Air Force Station Jodhpur, 9–22 September 2026.
- First deployment of Japanese F-2A fighters on Indian soil.
- IAF fielded Tejas, Su-30MKI and Rafale.
- Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh and JASDF Chief General Takehiro Morita attended and flew the Tejas.
- Other India–Japan exercises: Dharma Guardian (Army), Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force), JIMEX (Navy).

16. Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team performs its first air show in Meerut

- The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) of the IAF was formed in 1996.

17. Indigenous KAL one-way attack drone flight-tested at Pokhran

- Developed by IG Defence (Noida, Uttar Pradesh); tested at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.
- One-Way Attack (OWA) drone: range up to 1,000 km, payload up to 50 kg, endurance 7–8 hours, altitude up to 5,000 m.

18. Military exercises

- Nomadic Elephant: India–Mongolia (noted alongside the 17th UNCCD conference, Ulaanbaatar).
- Udara Shakti: India–Malaysia (air).
- Samudra Laksamana: India–Malaysia (navy).
- Pitch Black: multinational air combat exercise, Australia.
- Eagles of Civilization: Egypt–China.

19. US, Denmark and Greenland sign the "Infinite Life" security agreement

- Greenland is an autonomous territory of Denmark between North America and Europe.

20. Maldives repays \$150 million treasury-bill facility to India

- State Bank of India (SBI) subscribed to Maldivian treasury bills in 2019; the facility was extended six times.

21. India and Japan prepare for 75 years of diplomatic relations

- Diplomatic relations began on 28 April 1952; the 75th anniversary falls in 2027.
- 2026 is the India–France Year of Innovation.
- 2027 designated the "India–Japan Year of Shared Horizons".
- First India–Japan T20 International played at Sano International Cricket Ground on 22 September 2026 for the Suzuki Cup; India won by 2 runs.
- A Japanese parliamentary delegation led by former Foreign and Defence Minister Taro Kono visited ISRO, the Indian Institute of Science and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru.

22. World Bank Group mobilises a record \$112 billion in private capital

- World Bank: established 1944; headquarters Washington, D.C.; President Ajay Banga.

23. Hansraj Singh Verma appointed India's Ambassador to Cuba

- Cuba: capital Havana; currency Peso

24. RBI issues final Basel III market risk capital rules, effective 1 April 2027

25. PFRDA introduces "NPS Swasthya" health cover within NPS

- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) links a mandatory super top-up health insurance policy to a National Pension System (NPS) Swasthya account.
- Entry age 18–70; renewal up to 85.

26. RBI orders removal of Minister Babasaheb Patil from Latur DCCB board

- RBI ordered removal of Maharashtra Cooperation Minister Babasaheb Patil and seven other directors of Latur District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB).

- Reason: breach of the 10-year maximum director tenure.

27. Irish Data Protection Commission (DPC) fined Google €403 million on 21 September 2026.

- Cause: unlawful location tracking and privacy breaches under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

28. IndiGo named Best Low-Cost Airline in India & South Asia for the 16th time

- Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026: IndiGo won Best Low-Cost Airline in India & South Asia.
- Also Best Cabin Crew and Cleanest Airline in India & South Asia.

29. Atal Bhujal Yojana: ₹6,000 crore (50% Centre, 50% World Bank, about \$450 million) in 7 states: Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh.

- Amrit Sarovar: 75 rejuvenated water bodies per district.

30. WWF Global Conservation Conference 2026 inaugurated in Jaipur

- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF): founded 1961 at Morges, Switzerland.
- Jaipur: 6th in World's Happiest Cities 2026 ; hosted the 29th National e-Governance Conference 2026.

31. World Rhino Day (22 September) (Theme: "Keep the Five Alive": Black, White, Greater One-Horned, Sumatran and Javan rhinos.)

32. International Red Panda Day (19 September 2026)

33. New tiger cat species Leopardus tilcayo identified in Bolivia

- New species Leopardus tilcayo, locally "Tilcayo", found in Bolivia's Yungas cloud forest.

34. Foundation laid for the Northeast's largest power project at Chapar, Assam

35. ISRO radar research facility under Project NETRA at Chandrapur, Assam

- Project NETRA stands for Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis.

36. Chandni Chowk Town Hall to become a Global Heritage Centre

37. "Mann Da Munafa" door-to-door campaign launched in Punjab

- Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the Aam Aadmi Party's door-to-door campaign from Dhuri on 20 September 2026.

38. Tulu recognised as Karnataka's second additional administrative language

- Applies in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada, the coastal Tulu Nadu.
- Kannada is the official language of Karnataka.

39. Kerala to be renamed "Keralam"

- Parliament alters a state's name under Article 3.
- Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan; Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

40. Arunachal Pradesh in news: Glaw Lake and Scouts award

- Chief Minister Pema Khandu; Governor Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik.
- Glaw Lake is India's 101st Ramsar Site and the state's first.
- Glaw Lake lies in Kamlang Tiger Reserve, Lohit district.

41. Qdenga approved as India's first dengue vaccine

- Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved Qdenga (TAK-003) by Takeda on 21 July 2026.

42. NASA identifies the rare McGetchin lunar crater

43. Oscars 2027: "Gondhal" is India's official entry; "Angh" wins TIFF Platform Prize

- The 99th Academy Awards will be held in 2027.
- Marathi thriller "Gondhal" by Santosh Davakhar was selected by the Film Federation of India (FFI) as India's official entry for Best International Feature Film.
- Nagaland film "Angh", directed by Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2026.
- The rough notes describe Angh as set in 1960 in a Konyak village near the India–Myanmar border.

44. Notable obituaries

- E. M. Sudarsana Natchiappan (78): former Union Minister of State (Commerce and Industry) under PM Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress leader, Lok Sabha MP from Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu), Rajya Sabha member.

- Mike Burton (79): three-time Olympic swimming champion (USA); first American with back-to-back 1500 m freestyle golds.
- Alfred Tyrone Cooke (87): 1965 War hero, IAF pilot who flew Hawker Hunters, Vir Chakra; shot down a Pakistani Sabre at Kalaikunda. The rough notes add that he studied at La Martiniere, Lucknow
- Dr. G. Vijayaraghavan (84): cardiologist, Padma Shri (2009), Vice Chairman of KIMS Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram; pioneer of 2D echocardiography.
- Piyushbhai Desai (86): former Chairman, Wagh Bakri Tea Group

45. India wins its eighth Women's Asia Cup title

- India beat Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final at Dubai on 13 September 2026.
- 8th title (4 ODI, 4 T20).
- Shafali Verma: Player of the Match and top scorer of the tournament (236 runs).
- Deepti Sharma: named top wicket-taker with 14 in the rough notes

46. Smriti Mandhana becomes the highest run-scorer in Women's T20 Internationals

- The record was held by New Zealand's Suzie Bates (4,758).
- Mandhana passed Bates on 20 September 2026 in the Asian Games semi-final against Bangladesh and ended the innings on 4,788 runs.
- Completed 100 T20I sixes.

47. 2026 Asian Games: India's medals and records

- Held at Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, 19 September–4 October 2026.
- Flag bearers: Pawan Sehrawat (Kabaddi) and Manu Bhaker (Shooting).
- Suchika Tariyal: Bronze, Women's 60 kg Mixed Martial Arts; India's first Asian Games MMA medal.
- Elavenil Valarivan: Silver, Women's 10 m Air Rifle, and team silver.
- Men's 10 m Air Rifle Team (Rudrankksh Patil, Himanshu Dhillon, Parth Mane): Silver.
- Savita Punia: 321st international match in the 17–1 win over Indonesia, passing Vandana Katariya (320); most-capped Indian women's hockey player.

48. India to host the 11th Asian Senior Wushu Championship in 2028

- India hosts for the first time; about 500 athletes from 42 nations.
- Bhupender Singh Bajwa nominated to the Executive Committee, Wushu Federation of Asia.

49. World Athletics Championships host cities : 2027 Beijing, 2029 Nairobi (first in Africa), 2031 Munich.

50. International Day of Peace 2026 (21 September) (Theme: "Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day".)