

1. DISHA 2.0 Scheme for Access to Justice (2026–2031)

- Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) 2.0 is a Central Sector Scheme implemented across India by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Period: 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 (five years), co-terminus with the 16th Finance Commission cycle.
- Financial outlay: ₹255 crore, funded through 100% Gross Budgetary Support of the Government of India.
- Four components: Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services), Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLAP) and VIDHI-Sanjeevani.
- Tele-Law: free pre-litigation legal advice to marginalised and disadvantaged groups, connecting users to panel lawyers through Common Service Centres (CSCs), a mobile app and toll-free number 14454.
- Nyaya Sahayaks: community-based legal facilitators deployed across aspirational blocks.
- Nyaya Bandhu: voluntary, free-of-charge (pro bono) legal assistance for persons eligible under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987; pro bono panels set up in 23 High Courts.
- VIDHI-Sanjeevani: centralised dashboard for monitoring scheme performance, integrated with the Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot (launched on 29 March 2026), which gives legal assistance by voice and text in 22 Indian languages.
- Target: cumulative outreach of 3 crore beneficiaries across all components; the VIDHI-Sanjeevani component alone is projected to reach 50 lakh beneficiaries over 2026–31.

2. The 3rd National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTF) of States and Union Territories was organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in New Delhi

- Theme: “United Resolve, Shared Responsibility”.
- Telangana ANTF was felicitated as the best-performing ANTF among States and Union Territories.

3. Dissolution of the Digital Communications Commission (DCC)

- The Digital Communications Commission (DCC) was the apex inter-departmental decision-making body of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.

4. 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) Released

- The National Formulary of India (NFI) is the reference publication on rational, safe and evidence-based use of medicines, compiled by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad.
- The release took place during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week (17–23 September 2026); theme: “Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance: A Step Towards Safer Healthcare”.

5. Telangana Core Urban Region (CURE) Bill Becomes Law

- The Telangana Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026 – the CURE Bill – provides a single governance framework for the Hyderabad core urban area of about 2,053 sq km within the Outer Ring Road (ORR).
- Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla

6. Madhya Pradesh Launches Free Registration of Rural Properties

- Madhya Pradesh is the first State in India to offer free registration of rural properties.

7. Banks in India must maintain a minimum Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of 9% plus a Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) of 2.5%, i.e. 11.5% in all.

8. The 5 All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) regulated by the RBI: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), National Housing Bank (NHB), Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) and National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID).

9. PhonePe: UAE In-Principle Approval and UPI 123Pay for Feature Phones

- PhonePe received In-Principle Approval from the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) for two licences: Retail Payment Services and Card Schemes (RPSCS) and Stored Value Facilities (SVF).

10. The RBI ceiling for UPI 123Pay is ₹10,000 per transaction (raised from ₹5,000 in October 2024)

11. UPI market ranking by volume: PhonePe (1st), Google Pay (2nd), Paytm (3rd).

12. Samvridhhi Inclusive Growth Network Private Limited (SIGN), a subsidiary of MOS Utility Limited, received in-principle authorisation from the RBI on 19 September 2026 to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator (PA-Online).

- SIGN also received RBI in-principle authorisation to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) on 24 September 2026.

13. novio and Indian Overseas Bank Launch Co-Branded RuPay Credit Card

- novio, the consumer credit platform of Credilio Financial Technologies, partnered with Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) to launch a co-branded RuPay credit card.
- Variants: RuPay Select and RuPay Platinum.
- IOB: founded on 10 February 1937 by M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar; headquarters Chennai; Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer Ajay Kumar Srivastava.

14. Index of Core Industries: 4.8% Growth in August 2026

- Base year: 2022–23 (new series released in July 2026, replacing 2011–12).
- Nine core industries: coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, electricity and iron ore
- Highest weight: electricity (30.932%); lowest weight: fertilisers (2.731%).

15. As per the RBI's annual survey on Computer Software and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Exports: 2025–26, software services exports rose 8.2% to US\$ 221.4 billion (US\$ 204.7 billion in 2024–25).

16. RBI: established on 1 April 1935 on the recommendation of the Hilton Young Commission; headquarters Mumbai.

- 26th Governor: Sanjay Malhotra.
- Deputy Governors: Poonam Gupta, Swaminathan Janakiraman (Swaminathan J.), Rohit Jain and Shirish Chandra Murmu.

17. India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement to Enter into Force on 20 October 2026

- New Zealand has committed to facilitate US\$ 20 billion of investment into India over 15 years.
- New Zealand: Prime Minister Christopher Luxon (National Party); capital Wellington; currency New Zealand Dollar.

18. US–Denmark–Greenland Trilateral Arctic Security Agreement

19. First V4+India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar took part in the first V4+India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York
- The Visegrád Group (V4) comprises Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

20. The first Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity (P4M) Summit was held at UN Headquarters, New York

21. The G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial was held in Houston, Texas, USA from 14 to 16 September 2026 under the United States G20 Presidency

22. Italy to Ban Burqas and Niqabs in Schools

- Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni

23. Dubai Declares 10-Day Mourning for Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

- He was the younger brother of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

24. 18th India–Mongolia Exercise ‘Nomadic Elephant’ at the Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

- Mongolia: capital Ulaanbaatar; currency Tögrög (Tugrik); President Ukhnaagiin Khürelsükh

25. 2nd Multinational Air Exercise ‘Tarang Shakti 2026’ at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan from 26 September to 12 October 2026; theme “Power in Partnership”.

26. 7th India–Japan Exercise ‘Dharma Guardian’ at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubattia, Uttarakhand

27. KAL, a long-range one-way attack (kamikaze) drone, completed a trial at the Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.

- Developer: IG Defence, Noida (Founder & Chief Executive Officer Bodhisattwa Sanghapriya).
- Specifications: range up to 1,000 km; endurance 7–8 hours; payload up to 50 kg; ceiling 5,000 metres; cruise speed 160–200 km/h

28. Modified UDAN Scheme: 21 MoUs Signed with States and Union Territories

- UDAN stands for Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik; the original scheme began in October 2016.
- Period: FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36 (10 years); total outlay ₹28,840 crore.
- Targets: 100 airports from unserved airstrips (₹12,159 crore) and 200 helipads (₹3,661 crore).
- Viability Gap Funding (VGF): ₹10,043 crore over 10 years; operation and maintenance support about ₹2,577 crore.

29. ISRO and European Space Agency (ESA) Extend Cooperation Agreement to 2032

- ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan and ESA Director General Josef Aschbacher.

30. The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar inaugurated the NIT Srinagar Observatory for Astronomy and Astrophysics (NSOAA)

- It is the first NIT to have a dedicated campus observatory.

31. ONGC Gas Discovery in Mahanadi Basin under ‘Samudra Manthan’

- Samudra Manthan – National Offshore Exploration Scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on 31 July 2026 with an outlay of ₹84,084 crore up to FY 2030–31.
- Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas: Hardeep Singh Puri.

32. 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026

- Theme: “Climate Resilient Water Management”.
- Partner countries: Netherlands and Germany

33. Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve: 3,261 Flowering Plant Species Documented

- The Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve lies in the southern Western Ghats across Kerala and Tamil Nadu; it was notified in 2001.
- It joined the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2016

34. World Rhino Day – 22 September (2026 theme: “Keep the Five Alive”).

- Assam holds nearly 80% of the world's greater one-horned rhinoceros population (about 3,260 of 4,075), concentrated in Kaziranga National Park.
- Scientific name: Rhinoceros unicornis

35. Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2026

- Global top three: New York (1st), London (2nd), Paris (3rd).
- India: 91 cities covered. Delhi is the top Indian city at 268th (Human Capital 13th, Economics 116th).
- Bengaluru – 311th; Mumbai – 330th; Chennai – 381st; Hyderabad – 421st; Pune – 427th.

36. UN Gender Snapshot 2026

- The Gender Snapshot 2026” was released on 17 September 2026 by UN Women and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- Women hold 27.4% of seats in national parliaments in 2026 (22.3% in 2015)
- UN Women Executive Director: Sima Sami Bahous; UN DESA Under-Secretary-General: Li Junhua.
- India ranks 131st of 145 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2026

37. Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026

- World's best airlines: 1. Singapore Airlines, 2. Qatar Airways, 3. Cathay Pacific.
- Indian carriers: Air India – 57th globally (84th in 2025) and best airline in India and South Asia; IndiGo – 61st (2nd in India); Akasa Air (3rd in India); Air India Express (4th in India).
- Air India was ranked the second Most Improved Airline; IndiGo was named Best Low-Cost Airline in India and South Asia.

38. INAE (Indian National Academy of Engineering) Lifetime Contribution Award in Engineering 2026 to Dr. V. K. Saraswat

39. DRDO: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh holds additional charge as Chairman from 31 May 2026.

- ISRO Chairman: Dr. V. Narayanan.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director General: Dr. Rajiv Bahl.

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Director General: Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
- 40. Jayanti Prasad, Whole-Time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), was given additional charge as Chairperson with effect from 13 September 2026**
- 41. 'Angh', the debut feature film of Nagaland filmmaker Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize at the 51st Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2026.**
- 42. International Day of Sign Languages – 23 September 2026**
 - 2026 theme: "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights".
- 43. President of the 81st UNGA: Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh).**
 - 9th UN Secretary-General: António Guterres (Portugal).
- 44. 11th Ayurveda Day – 23 September 2026**
 - Theme: "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow"; guiding vision "One Health, One Future".
 - Organised by the Ministry of Ayush; national celebrations were held in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
 - Prataprao Jadhav is Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush.
- 45. 20th Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya 2026: Overview**
 - Host: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; held from 19 September to 4 October 2026.
 - Mascot: HONOHON; Slogan: "Imagine One Asia".
 - India's flag-bearers: Manu Bhaker (shooting) and Pawan Sehrawat (kabaddi).
 - Opening ceremony at Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium, Nagoya; declared open by Emperor Naruhito.
 - 45 countries and regions competed in 43 sports; Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) made its Asian Games debut.
 - The Asian Games are organised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA); the next edition is Doha 2030.
- 46. Asian Games 2026: India Wins Women's Cricket Gold**
 - India, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, beat Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the final on 22 September 2026 at Korogi Sports Park, Aichi.
 - India's first gold of the 2026 Games and second successive Asian Games gold in women's cricket (after Hangzhou).
 - The 147-run margin is India's biggest win by runs in women's Twenty20 Internationals.
- 47. Asian Games 2026: First MMA Medal for India; Wushu Medal**
 - Suchika Tariyal won bronze in the women's traditional 60 kg MMA event on 21 September 2026 – India's first-ever Asian Games medal in MMA.
 - In wushu, Naorem Roshibina Devi reached the final of the women's 60 kg sanda event and won silver, her second successive Asian Games silver.
- 48. England fast bowler Mark Wood (aged 36) announced his retirement from international cricket**