

1. Indigenous AK-203 Assault Rifles Named “Sher”; Delivery Advanced to 2030

- Under a bilateral agreement signed in 2018, India and Russia partnered to manufacture and deliver 6 lakh (600,000) AK-203 rifles to the Indian Army by 2032.
- Under the “Make in India” initiative (launched 25 September 2014 to promote indigenous manufacturing), these are manufactured at the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The domestically produced AK-203 automatic Kalashnikov-class assault rifles have been officially named “Sher”
- Advances the delivery timeline by two years, from 2032 to 2030.

2. The Indian Navy received its third indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) named “Mangrol”

- Builder: constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi, Kerala.

3. INS Sudarshini Reaches Azores and Lisbon in “Lokayan 26” Transoceanic Expedition

- The ship reached the port of Ponta Delgada (Azores, an autonomous archipelago of Portugal) after a 19-day trans-Atlantic passage from Boston, USA.
- This marked the ship’s second Atlantic crossing during its ongoing deployment.
- It subsequently arrived in Portugal’s capital, Lisbon, entering through the Tagus River.
- Expedition Details:
 - Participating in the “Lokayan 26” transoceanic expedition.
 - Set sail on 20 January 2026 from Naval Base Kochi.
 - Designed to cover 13 countries and 18 sea ports.
 - Lisbon marks its 15th port of call.
 - Once all 18 ports are completed, the ship will return to India.

4. 25th India–UK Defence Consultative Group (DCG) Meeting Held in New Delhi

5. Indian Air Force Completes Exercises “Pitch Black” and “Udhar Shakti”

- Exercise Pitch Black: a large-scale multilateral exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Australia, where India deployed French-procured Rafale fighter jets.
- Exercise Udara Shakti: a bilateral exercise hosted by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) in Malaysia.

6. Captain Shivani Sehrawat Becomes First Female ADC (Aide-de-Camp) to the Chief of Army Staff

- She is the 5th female ADC overall in the country
- The three women who have held the ADC rank:
 - Lt Ganeve Lalji (2013) — first woman ADC to an Army Commander (Central Army Commander Lt Gen Rajan Bakshi).

7. India Celebrates 3rd National Space Day on 23 August 2026

- 2026 Theme: “Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership.”

8. Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Complete a Spacewalk

- Group captain Shubhanshu Shukla created history as the first Indian to reach the ISS in a recent mission

9. Indian Scientists Develop Smart Cancer Drug “RK-251”

10. “MutAIverse” AI Tool Developed for Cancer Research and Treatment

- Jointly developed by researchers from three premier Indian institutes:
 - IIIT-Delhi — Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi
 - NIPER-Guwahati — National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Guwahati
 - CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi — CSIR – Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi

11. “World’s first IVF-born female calf of the indigenous Lakhimi breed born at Assam Veterinary and Fishery University.”

- the world's first IVF buffalo calf was "Pratham"

12. Razorpay and RBL Bank Launch Multi-Currency EEFC Account for Exporters

- EEFC Framework: the Exchange Earners’ Foreign Currency (EEFC) account is regulated by the RBI under the FEMA Act 1999.

13. Three New Part-Time Directors Appointed to the RBI Central Board

- Annie George Mathew — former Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure.
- Syed Akbaruddin — former veteran diplomat and India's Permanent Representative to the UN.
- Janmejaya Kumar Sinha — Chairman of BCG India Practice.

14. IRDAI barred both Pramerica Life Insurance and Edelweiss Life Insurance from opening any new place of business or branches for a period of 6 months.

- Reason: non-compliance with the Expenses of Management (EoM) limits, where the companies exceeded prescribed limits on management expenditures.

15. Cargo Ship "Ocean Winner" Sinks in the Bay of Bengal

- The ship sailed under the national flag of Panama.

16. India and Mauritius Sign Two Energy Agreements

- Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri visited Mauritius to sign two key energy-related agreements with Mauritius
- Mauritius Profile: capital Port Louis; a member of COMESA and SADC; hosts the headquarters of both the IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association) and the IOC (Indian Ocean Commission).

17. NITI Aayog Institutional Profile:

- Established on 1 January 2015, replacing the Planning Commission.
- It is a non-constitutional body / think tank.
- The 11th Governing Council Meeting convened in New Delhi; the 11th meeting occurred on 11 June 2026.
- Chairperson: Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Vice-Chairperson: Ashok Kumar Lahiri.
- CEO: Anurag Jain.
- Board Member Jwara Maniya (from Arunachal Pradesh) is the first female member from the Northeast region of India to be appointed to NITI Aayog.

18. Supreme Court Reduces Legal Practice Requirement for Civil Judge Exams to 1 Year

- The mandatory legal practice requirement to sit for Entry-Level Civil Judge (Junior Division) recruitment exams was reduced from 3 years to 1 year.

19. The Government restricted the manufacturing, sale and distribution of Fixed-Dose Combination (FDC) drugs containing Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride for children below 4 years of age

20. Andhra Pradesh Raises BC Reservation to 34%

- Andhra Pradesh approved 34% BC reservation in rural local bodies

21. The e-Sakshya Portal is designed to handle digital evidence/records, images/video and associated material, with secure storage

22. Imphal–Guwahati Bus Service Resumes after 3-Year Suspension

- The bus service from Imphal (Manipur) to Guwahati (Assam) via Dimapur (Nagaland) resumed.

23. Karnataka Bans "Analog Paneer"; Becomes 6th State to Do So

- The other five states that previously banned it: Chhattisgarh (1st), Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh (5th).

24. 31st Southern Zonal Council Meeting Held in Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram) near Chennai

25. BWF World Badminton Championships 2026 Held in New Delhi

- Indian Medal Success: the women's doubles pairing of Pullela Gayatri and Treasa Jolly won the Bronze medal.
- This is India's first women's doubles medal at the World Championships in 15 years, since Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa won Bronze in 2011.
- Other Championship Winners:
 - Men's Singles Winner: Alex Lanier (France)
 - Men's Singles Runner-up: Kodai Naraoka (Japan)
 - Women's Singles Winner: An Se-young (South Korea)
 - Women's Singles Runner-up: Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

26. Vice President Inaugurates "Malhar 2026" Monsoon Classical Music Celebration in New Delhi

- Malhar is a youth-centric, monsoon-themed celebration of Indian classical music, covering both Carnatic and Hindustani traditions.

27. East Bengal FC Wins 135th Durand Cup

- The Durand Cup is Asia's oldest and the world's third-oldest football tournament, organised by the Indian Army.
- East Bengal FC won the 135th Durand Cup by defeating Mohun Bagan Super Giant

28. Neeraj Chopra Finishes Second at Lausanne Diamond League

- Neeraj Chopra finished second with a season-best throw of 88.05 metres.
- He was narrowly defeated by Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage, who won with an 88.14-metre throw — beating Chopra by 9 cm.

29. The 72nd Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2026 was won by the "Aroma One Chundan" snake boat team.

- The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is held in Kerala.

30. India Clears 503 Athletes for 20th Asian Games at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan

- A total of 503 Indian athletes (269 men and 234 women)
- Official motto: "Imagine One Asia".
- This is the third time Japan is hosting — previously Tokyo 1958 and Hiroshima 1994.
- Future hosts: Qatar (2030) and Saudi Arabia (2034).

31. France to Inaugurate Its First Traditional Hindu Temple near Paris

- Marks the first traditional Hindu temple in France.
- The temple is the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir — Bochasanswasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha.
- France's President is Emmanuel Macron.
- Bilateral exercises with India: Shakti, Varuna, and Garuda.

32. BRICS Tourism Ministers Meeting was held in Jaipur.

33. India-Brazil Sign MoU on Telecommunications and ICT

34. Global Summits Calendar and Host Nations

- BRICS ICT Track Meeting — India
- COP 31 (2026) — Australia (holds the presidency), Turkey (host)
- SCO Heads of State — Kyrgyzstan
- G20 — USA
- G7 — France
- ASEAN — Philippines
- APEC — China

35. Google Launches "Back to School" 2026 Campaign in India and South Asia

- Offerings: Eligible college students were offered Google AI Plus free for 12 months, including 400 GB storage and AI services

36. Sushma Tamang from Sikkim Selected for National Teachers' Award 2026

- Award components: a cash prize of ₹50,000, a silver medal, and a certificate.
- World Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5 October.

37. India Health Quotient Survey 2025-26 — 82% of surveyed urban Indians reported experiencing stress

39. Sowcar Janki, the legendary South Indian actress passed away

40. Pranab Patnaik: legendary Odia playback singer passed away.

41. Nanda Malini: the legendary Sri Lankan singer passed away.