

### 1. Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY Completes Eight Years

- Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) was launched on 23 September 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Ranchi, Jharkhand; it completed eight years on 23 September 2026.
- It gives health cover of ₹5 lakh per family per year
- Expansions: all ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers covered in 2024; all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of income, covered from September 2024 through the Ayushman Vay Vandana Card (over 1.36 crore cards issued).
- Funding pattern: Centrally Sponsored Scheme – 60:40 between Centre and States; 90:10 for North-Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Budget 2026–27 allocation: ₹9,500 crore.
- Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM): launched in October 2021 with an outlay of ₹64,180 crore for 2021–26 for critical care blocks, disease surveillance and public health infrastructure.

### 2. India Reaffirms Target to Eliminate Hepatitis B and C by 2030

- Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava

### 3. Fiji Declares National HIV Emergency

- Fiji: Pacific island nation; capital Suva.

### 4. India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecasts Raised by Global Agencies

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) reported real GDP growth of 7.8% in Q1 (April–June) of FY 2026–27, above the Reserve Bank of India's projection of 7.0%.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): raised by 80 basis points to 7.1% (from 6.3%) – the highest among international agencies.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB): raised FY27 forecast to 7.0% (from 6.6%); FY28 projection of 7.1% as per the source [Unverified].
- S&P Global Ratings: raised to 7.0% (from 6.6%).
- Moody's Ratings: 7.0% (raised earlier from 6.0%).
- Fitch Ratings: raised by 50 basis points to 6.9% for FY27 (from 6.4%).
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI): 6.7% (August 2026 monetary policy).
- OECD: established 1961; headquarters Paris, France; 38 members (Costa Rica joined as 38th in 2021); India is a key partner, not a member.
- ADB: established 19 December 1966; headquarters Manila, Philippines; 69 members; President Masato Kanda
- S&P Global and Moody's: headquartered in New York; Fitch Ratings: headquartered in New York and London.

### 5. RBI Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) – June 2026

- The Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) of Scheduled Commercial Banks rose to 93.3 in June 2026 from 90.7 in March 2026.
- The index covers 87 scheduled commercial banks on four parameters: accuracy, timeliness, completeness and consistency.
- A score above 90 is rated “good”.
- Bank groups: Small Finance Banks – 93.8 (highest); Public Sector Banks – 93.7; Foreign Banks – 93.7; Private Sector Banks – 92.2.

### 6. RBI Directions on Novation of OTC (Over-the-Counter ) Derivative Contracts

- Novation: replacing one party to an existing contract with a new party.
- Mark-to-Market: valuing a contract at current market prices.
- OTC: trades negotiated directly between two parties, outside an exchange.
- Derivative: an instrument whose value is derived from an underlying asset or benchmark.

### 7. ICICI Prudential Life Renamed ICICI Life Insurance Limited

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited was renamed ICICI Life Insurance Limited
- ICICI Bank holds about 52.8% in the insurer.

### 8. Mastercard Exits Pine Labs

- Mastercard, through Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte. Ltd., sold its entire 4.31% stake in Pine Labs for ₹933.57 crore
- Pine Labs is a Noida-based merchant commerce and Point-of-Sale (PoS) payments company

### 9. The RBI granted perpetual validity to the Authorised Dealer Category-II (AD-II) foreign exchange licence of RNFI Money Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of RNFI Services Limited

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

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

### 12. 22nd India-US Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026'

- Two locations: Foreign Training Node, Auli (Uttarakhand) – high altitude; and Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner district (Rajasthan) – desert.
- Other India-US exercises: Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), Malabar (Navy, multilateral) and Tiger Triumph (tri-service).

### 13. Exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2026' (2nd Edition) at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan

- Seven foreign air forces brought assets: Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates and United States; 32 nations are observers.

### 14. India-Japan Air Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2026'

- The second edition was held at Air Force Station Jodhpur
- Indian Air Force: Su-30 MKI, Rafale and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas.
- Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF): three Mitsubishi F-2A fighters – the first deployment of Japanese fighters at an Indian base.

### 15. Ministry of Defence signed a ₹810.79 crore contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for 160 Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW) and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force.

### 16. AIIMS Jammu, located at Vijaypur in Samba district, is to be guarded by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) because of its location close to the International Border

### 17. Bharat Taxi is India's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform, run by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited; principle: "Driver is the Owner".

### 18. The Assam Government set 1 January 2027 as the deadline for all State government offices to move to the paperless e-Office system

- Assam: Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma; Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

### 19. ISRO Advanced Radar Research Facility at Chandrapur, Assam

### 20. Delhi Cabinet Approves 'DURGA' E-Auto Scheme

- DURGA: Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green E-Auto.

### 21. New Zealand Prime Minister: Christopher Luxon

### 22. Saudi Arabia-Pakistan Visa Exemption Agreement

### 23. US Announces Additional \$31 Million for Nepal Flood Recovery

### 24. Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam will be its next High Commissioner to India

### 25. Bay of Bengal Deep Depression and the Name 'Arnab'

- 'Arnab' is the next name on the North Indian Ocean cyclone list; it was contributed by Bangladesh and means "ocean" in Bengali.
- IMD (India Meteorological Department ) Director General: Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, known as the "Cyclone Man of India".
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO): founded 23 March 1950; headquarters Geneva; 23 March is World Meteorological Day.

### 26. Environmental Clearance Validity for Ports Extended to 20 Years

### 27. India has 12 major ports in operation (2 ports are under development)

### 28. Mandatory BIS Certification for Smartphone Screen Protectors

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology notified on 21 September 2026 that screen protectors for smartphones must conform to IS 19348:2025.
- Effective date: 1 April 2027

### 29. Mirabai Chanu Wins Asian Games Silver in Weightlifting

- Mirabai Chanu won silver in the women's 49 kg event
- Gold: Ri Song Gum (North Korea) – 215 kg; Bronze: Luluk Diana Tri Wijayana (Indonesia).

### 30. Jay Meena (Dewas, Madhya Pradesh) won bronze in men's singles soft tennis

### 31. Indian Men's Badminton Team Wins Asian Games Bronze

### 32. Prachiti Nagapurkar of Nagpur, Maharashtra became the first Indian to officiate as a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) referee at the Asian Games

### 33. Smriti Mandhana: Highest Run-Scorer in Women's International Cricket

- Smriti Mandhana passed Mithali Raj's 10,868 runs on 3 September 2026 (124 against Hong Kong, Women's Asia Cup, Dubai) to become the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket.

### 34. Indian tennis player Parikshit Somani was suspended for four years for Doping

- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): headquarters Montreal, Canada.
- National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA): headquarters New Delhi.

### 35. 72nd National Film Awards Presented at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat – the first ceremony outside Delhi.

- Best Actor (shared): Mammooty for Bramayugam (director Rahul Sadasivan) and Kartik Aaryan for Chandu Champion.
- Best Feature Film: Article 370; Best Actress: Yami Gautam (Article 370).
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2024): Anant Nag.

### 36. Book: "A Century of Service: The RSS in 100 Acts of Seva"

- Author: Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, former Governor of Telangana and former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.

### 37. Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist

- Shortlist: M. John Harrison (The End of Everything), Marlon James (The Disappearing), Luke Kennard (Black Bag), Rebecca Perry (May We Feed the King), Elizabeth Strout (The Things We Never Say) and Douglas Stuart (John of John).

### 38. Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, was unanimously re-elected President of the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27.

- NBDA has 29 member broadcasters.

### 39. World Maritime Day – 24 September 2026

- Theme (2026 and 2027): "From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence"
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary-General: Arsenio Dominguez.