

1. SEBI Widens Foreign Portfolio Investor Access to Non-Agricultural Commodity Derivatives

- An FPI(Foreign Portfolio Investor) holds less than 10% of the paid-up equity of an Indian company; such flows are often called "hot money".
- FPIs may now trade non-agricultural commodity index derivatives, whether or not the underlying contracts are cash-settled.
- Non-agricultural segments include bullion (gold, silver), energy (crude oil, natural gas) and base metals, traded on exchanges such as the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX).
- SEBI regulates stock and commodity exchanges, depositories, credit rating agencies, Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).
- SEBI: set up on 12 April 1988, statutory powers under the SEBI Act, 1992; headquarters Mumbai; Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey.

2. National Stock Exchange Lists on BSE After India's Second-Largest IPO

- India's second-largest IPO after Hyundai Motor India (₹27,870 crore, 2024); it overtook Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) (about ₹21,000 crore, 2022).
- NSE became the world's 7th most valued listed exchange and Asia's 2nd most valued, after Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing (HKEX).
- Exchanges valued above NSE: CME Group (USA, 1st), Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) (USA, 2nd), HKEX (3rd), Nasdaq (USA), London Stock Exchange Group (UK) and Deutsche Börse (Germany).
- NSE Chairman Injeti Srinivas; Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) Ashishkumar Chauhan

3. SEBI approved Motilal Oswal Custodial Services Private Limited (MOC SPL) to act as a Custodian of Securities

- Minimum net worth for custodians was raised from ₹50 crore to ₹75 crore by the SEBI Custodian (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (notified 18 September 2025).

4. IDFC FIRST Bank Enables Direct Tax Payments Through UPI, Cards and Branches

- IDFC Bank started banking operations in 2015; IDFC FIRST Bank was formed by its merger with Capital First in December 2018.
- Headquarters: Mumbai; MD & CEO: V. Vaidyanathan.

5. Central Bank of India became the first public sector bank to launch Bharat Connect for Business (10 September 2026, Global Fintech Fest 2026).

- Bharat Connect was earlier called the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS); it was conceptualised by the RBI and is run by NBBL, a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

6. BHIM app limits: ₹40,000 per transaction, ₹40,000 per day and a maximum of 10 transactions per day.

7. OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Raises India's FY 2026-27 Growth Forecast to 7.1% from 6.3%

- OECD: headquarters Paris, France; established 1961 (successor to the OEEC of 1948); Secretary-General Mathias Cormann; 38 members.
- India is an OECD Key Partner, not a member.
- Other FY 2026-27 upgrades: Asian Development Bank 7% (from 6.6%), S&P Global Ratings 7% (from 6.6%), Fitch Ratings 6.9% (from 6.4%).

8. ADB Approves \$200 Million Loan for Bangladesh Power Distribution Network Enhancement Project

- ADB: established 1966; headquarters Manila, Philippines; 69 members; President Masato Kanda.

9. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana Completes Seven Years

- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) was launched on 12 September 2019 and completed 7 years on 12 September 2026.
- It is a voluntary, contributory old-age pension scheme for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs).
- Eligibility: cultivable land up to 2 hectares; entry age 18 to 40 years; name in State/UT land records as on 1 August 2019.

- Assured pension: ₹3,000 per month after 60 years of age.
- Monthly contribution: ₹55 to ₹200, matched equally by the Central Government.
- Family pension: spouse gets 50%, that is ₹1,500 per month.
- State ranking: Haryana 1st (about 5.75 lakh), Bihar 2nd (over 3.46 lakh), then Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh (over 2.5 lakh each), Chhattisgarh (over 2 lakh).
- Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Pension Fund Manager: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

10. Mizoram Farmer Z.T. Lalrithangi ((known as Pi Mari-i) Among FAO's 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development.

- 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer and the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.
- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization): founded 16 October 1945 (observed as World Food Day); Director-General Qu Dongyu. FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy
- FAO honours for India in 2026: Agricola Medal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi (Rome, 20 May 2026); Soil Farmer Hero recognition to V.T. Valluvan of Pollachi, Tamil Nadu; 100 Women Heroes to Z.T. Lalrithangi.

11. Uttar Pradesh Launches Mukhyamantri Krishak Samriddhi Yojana

- Interest on long-term farm loans from the Uttar Pradesh Sahkari Gram Vikas Bank cut from about 11% to 6%.
- Loans up to ₹6 lakh; the State bears the balance as interest subsidy (up to 5%).

12. Centre Cuts Basic Customs Duty on Edible Oils

- Crude sunflower oil: Basic Customs Duty (BCD) cut from 10% to Nil.
- Crude soybean oil and crude palm oil: BCD cut from 10% to 5%.
- Refined palm and soybean oil: BCD cut from 32.5% to 27.5%; refined sunflower oil: from 32.5% to 22.5%.
- Effective duty: crude palm and soybean oil 11% (from 16.5%); crude sunflower oil 5.5%; refined palm and soybean oil 30.25%; refined sunflower oil 24.75%.

13. 24th Edition of India-France Naval Exercise Varuna at Toulon, France

- Guided missile frigate INS Trishul arrived at Toulon
- 2026 is the India-France Year of Innovation

14. Defence Ministry Signs ₹810.79 Crore Contract with BDL for SAT-SAAW (Satellite Smart Anti-Airfield Weapons)

- BDL: established 1970; headquarters Hyderabad; under the Ministry of Defence.

15. Anti-Dumping Duty on Chinese Decor Paper Extended up to 26 March 2027

16. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) presented Namoo Bharat, India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), at InnoTrans 2026 in Berlin, Germany

- NCRTC: formed in 2013 as a joint venture of the Centre and Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan; headquarters New Delhi.

17. Kavach 4.0 Commissioned for the First Time on South Central Railway

- South Central Railway (SCR) commissioned Kavach Version 4.0 over 108 route km on the Malkajgiri–Kamareddi section, Hyderabad Division
- Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system developed by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO).

18. Maruti Suzuki's First Green Hydrogen Plant; India's First Hydrogen Train

- Maruti Suzuki India commissioned its first green hydrogen plant at Manesar, Haryana
- India's first hydrogen train was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Jind, Haryana on 17 July 2026; regular service began on 19 July 2026
- Route: 89 km, Jind–Sonipat; operating speed 75 km/h; 10 coaches; capacity about 2,600 passengers.

19. India and the Netherlands Sign Two MoUs on the Kalpasar Project (Gujarat)

- Two tripartite MoUs were signed on 24 September 2026 on the sidelines of the 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (22–26 September).

- IIWW 2026 theme: "Climate Resilient Water Management".
- 20. India's installed nuclear capacity: 8.78 GW; target 100 GW by 2047**
- India's first nuclear power station: Tarapur, Maharashtra.
- 21. Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) marked its 15th Foundation Day on 20 September 2026.**
- Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; headquarters New Delhi.
- 22. DRDO: established 1958; headquarters New Delhi; motto "Balasya Mulam Vigyanam" (the source of strength is science).**
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh holds additional charge as Chairman, DRDO since 31 May 2026, after Dr. Samir V. Kamat retired.
- 23. IIT Delhi Develops India's First Indigenous micro-Graphics Processing Unit (micro-GPU)**
- IIT Delhi has an international campus in Abu Dhabi, UAE; IIT Madras has one in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- 24. Researchers at the Centre for Quantum Technologies (CQT), National University of Singapore (NUS), built an optical atomic clock using Lutetium-176 ions.**
- 25. ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan attended the first International Space Summit in Paris on 9–10 September 2026, on the invitation of the French space agency Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES).**
- TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment) is a joint ISRO–CNES Earth observation mission.
- ISRO and the European Space Agency (ESA) extended their cooperation agreement until 2032.
- 26. Gyanesh Kumar is the 26th CEC; Election Commissioners are Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.**
- 27. Antyodaya Diwas Observed on 25 September, the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.**
- Make in India was launched on 25 September 2014 covering 25 sectors.
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan: Union Minister for Rural Development and for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh): Union Minister for Panchayati Raj.
- 28. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) was launched on 25 September 2014; it completed 12 years on 25 September 2026.**
- It provides placement-linked skill training to rural poor youth aged 15 to 35 years.
- Implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development under DAY-NRLM.
- 29. Odisha Approves 27 Industrial Projects Worth ₹2.47 Lakh Crore**
- 30. Prasar Bharati's PB-SHABD News Feed Platform**
- PB-SHABD stands for Prasar Bharati – Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination
- Offers free, logo-free news content (text, audio, video, photos, infographics) in 15 languages.
- Free access runs until March 2027; about 3,600 media organisations are registered.
- 31. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar chaired the 2nd Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) in New York**
- FIPIC was formed in 2014; it groups India with 14 Pacific Island Countries.
- 32. India co-hosted the launch of OneSCD, a Global Partnership to Advance Equity and Transform Sickle Cell Disease Care, in New York**
- Host: Nigeria; India was co-host.
- India was represented by Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava.
- India's National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was launched in 2023; target: eliminate the disease as a public health problem by 2047.
- 33. South Sudan President, Salva Kiir Dissolves Transitional Government**
- 34. Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027 lists 25 destinations and 25 experiences; India has two entries.**

- Gujarat (destination): Rann of Kutch salt flats, Asiatic lions of Gir, heritage city Ahmedabad and handicrafts; capital Gandhinagar.
- Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (experience): the "Toy Train", running since 1881.
- India's recent UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Charaideo Moidams, Assam (43rd); Maratha Military Landscapes, 12 forts in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu (44th); Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath (45th, 25 July 2026).

35. Aryadan Muhammed Foundation's Best Public Servant Award 2026 to A. Revanth Reddy

36. Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan released the book "Vishwasanchar Hindutva Ka" Published by Saptahik Vivek

37. Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced

- The six-book shortlist was announced on 22 September 2026; judging panel chaired by Mary Beard.
- Marlon James – The Disappearers.
- Douglas Stuart – John of John.
- M. John Harrison – The End of Everything.
- Luke Kennard – Black Bag.
- Rebecca Perry – May We Feed the King.
- Elizabeth Strout – The Things We Never Say.
- Winner to be announced on 9 November 2026 in London; prize £50,000.

38. Veteran Hindi film actor Mushtaq Khan died

- Known for Welcome, Gadar: Ek Prem Katha and Hum Hain Rahi Pyar Ke.

39. M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026 (15th Edition)

- Released on 23 September 2026; lists 1,810 individuals with wealth of ₹1,000 crore or more.
- 1st: Gautam Adani and family – ₹9.23 lakh crore (reclaimed the top spot).
- 2nd: Mukesh Ambani and family – ₹8.63 lakh crore.
- 3rd: L.N. Mittal and family – ₹3.39 lakh crore.
- 4th: Cyrus S. Poonawalla and family – ₹3.03 lakh crore.
- Richest woman: Roshni Nadar Malhotra and family – ₹2.79 lakh crore (5th overall).
- India has a record 391 dollar billionaires.
- Top cities: Mumbai (465), New Delhi (236), Bengaluru (129).
- 131 women feature on the list.

40. World Pharmacists Day – 25 September: theme "Empowering pharmacists for healthier futures".

41. World Alzheimer's Day – 21 September: theme "The earlier you know, the more you can do: A dementia diagnosis matters".

42. World Maritime Day – 24 September 2026 (last Thursday of September): theme "From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence".

43. Pune to Host the 2032 UCI Road World Championships

- Pune, Maharashtra was awarded the 2032 UCI Road World Championships at the 195th Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Congress in Montreal, Canada
- India will host the event for the first time.

44. Shaunae Miller-Uibo Named Ambassador of Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon 2026

- Shaunae Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas is the International Event Ambassador.
- She won Olympic gold in the women's 400 m at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

45. 65th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament

- Junior Boys (Under-17): Minerva Public School, Mohali beat MIC EMHSS, Kerala 3–2.
- Junior Girls (Under-17): St. Patrick's High School, Gumla (Jharkhand).
- Sub-Junior Boys (Under-15): Manikpara Vivekananda Vidyapith (West Bengal).

46. Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya): India's Medal Highlights

- Wushu: Naorem Roshibina Devi (Manipur) won Silver in Women's 60 kg Sanda, losing to China's Zhang Xiaoyu.
- Her third straight Asian Games medal: Bronze (2018), Silver (Hangzhou), Silver (2026).

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- Athletics: India won Silver in the Mixed 4x400 m Relay (3:14.46); team: M.R. Poovamma, Vishal Thennarasu, Vithya Ramraj, Manu T.S.
- Athletics: Seema Kumari won Bronze in the Women's 10,000 m, India's first medal in the event in 16 years.
- Shooting: Anantjeet Singh Naruka and Parinaaz Dhaliwal won Bronze in Skeet Mixed Team, India's first-ever medal in this event.
- Rowing: Satnam Singh and Salman Khan won Bronze in Men's Double Sculls, India's first rowing medal at these Games.
- Badminton: the Indian Men's Team won Bronze after a 1–3 semifinal loss to China (23 September 2026).
 - Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat world champions Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang 21-11, 22-20.
 - The pair are former World No. 1, won men's doubles Gold at Hangzhou and the China Masters 2026 title.