

1. RBI Fixes Ways and Means Advances Limit for Second Half of FY 2026-27

- On 25 September 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the Government of India, set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at ₹50,000 crore for October 2026 to March 2027.
- Interest on WMA: Repo Rate
- Interest on Overdraft: Repo Rate plus 2%.
- WMA is a temporary advance from RBI to the Centre and States to bridge mismatches between receipts and payments.
- Introduced on 1 April 1997 under Section 17(5) of the RBI Act, 1934.
- Advances must be repaid within 90 days (3 months).
- Normal WMA: clean advance at the Repo Rate.
- Special WMA (for States, now called Special Drawing Facility): extra borrowing against Government Securities, charged at Repo Rate minus 1%.

2. RBI's Revised Bulk Deposit and Deposit Rate Disclosure Rules from 1 October 2026

- Bulk deposit for Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) and Small Finance Banks: a single rupee term deposit of ₹3 crore and above.
- Bulk deposit for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Local Area Banks (LABs): a single rupee term deposit of ₹1 crore and above.

3. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 to Come into Force on 1 October 2026

- It replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- "Bankers' books" now cover records in physical, electronic, digital, virtual and cloud-based form, including back-up and disaster recovery sites.

4. CJI Surya Kant Inaugurates India's First Victim Rights Centre in Patna

5. India Records Highest-Ever Annual FDI Inflow of \$94.53 Billion in FY 2025-26

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in FY 2025-26: \$94.53 billion, the highest ever (FY 2024-25: \$81.0 billion).
- Cumulative FDI from FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26: \$843 billion, 169% higher than the previous 12 years.

6. Make in India Completes 12 Years

- Make in India was launched on 25 September 2014 and completed 12 years on 25 September 2026.
- Make in India 2.0 covers 27 sectors: 15 manufacturing and 12 services.
- Manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA) grew at a compound annual rate of 10.88% between 2022-23 and 2025-26 (constant prices).

7. Finance Minister Launches IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I and Releases Book on UPI

- Fund name: IITM Unicorn Frontier Fund-I, set up by IIT Madras / IIT Madras Research Park with Unicorn India Ventures; approved by SEBI.
- Book released: "Cashless Nation: How UPI Changed Everything" by Dr. Santanu Paul and B. Sambamurthy.

8. Muthoot FinCorp Named BCCI Title Sponsor for India's Home Cricket

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced Muthoot FinCorp as title sponsor on 26 September 2026.
- The deal runs until 31 March 2028 and covers about 35 home international matches plus domestic tournaments.
- Reported value: about ₹150 crore (around ₹4.85 crore per match).
- It replaces IDFC FIRST Bank, whose deal ended in August 2026.
- First series: India v West Indies ODIs from 27 September 2026 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Other BCCI partners till March 2028: Campa (beverage), SBI Life (insurance) and ChatGPT (technology).

9. APEDA Flags Off GI-Tagged Gulbarga Tur Dal Export to Maldives

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) flagged off 1 Metric Tonne of GI-tagged Gulbarga Tur Dal from Karnataka to the Maldives
- APEDA Chairman: Abhishek Dev.

- A GI registration is valid for 10 years and is renewable; the application fee is ₹1,000.
- GI tagline: "Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India".
- Target: 10,000 GI registrations by 2030.

10. Centre Approves ₹50,000 Interest-Free Loan per Barn for FCV Tobacco Growers

- FCV tobacco is grown mainly in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

11. Mizoram Holds Its First 'Pluck & Pay' Festival

12. Delhi Launches PM Surya Ghar Registration Portal

- Central subsidy: up to ₹78,000 for rooftop solar up to 3 kW.
- Delhi Government adds a matching ₹78,000; total subsidy ₹1.56 lakh.
- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana: outlay ₹75,021 crore; target 1 crore households; up to 300 units of free electricity a month.

13. Ministry of Minority Affairs Signs MoUs with IISc, IIM Bangalore and IIT Madras

14. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar addressed the General Debate of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York

- Theme: "Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all".
- President of the 81st session: Khalilur Rahman, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

15. India took part in the 14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting and the 23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation in Manila, Philippines

- ASEAN has 11 members; the newest is Timor-Leste.
- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded in 1967 by the Bangkok Declaration (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand).
- India became a sectoral dialogue partner in 1992 and a summit-level partner in 2002.

16. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and Singapore-based Synergy Marine Group signed the MoU

17. INS Sudarshini Reaches Alexandria on Lokayan 26

- Indian Navy sail training ship INS Sudarshini arrived at Alexandria, Egypt
- Lokayan 26 is a 10-month transoceanic expedition that began from Kochi on 20 January 2026.
- Planned coverage: about 22,000 nautical miles, 18 ports, 13 countries.
- The ship made its first Atlantic crossing, from Cape Verde to Antigua (arrived 27 May 2026), and crossed 10,000 nautical miles.
- It took part in the Escale à Sète maritime festival in France.

18. India Ranks 31st in WEF Travel and Tourism Development Index 2026

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026 on 25 September 2026, with Zurich Insurance Group.
- It covers 110 economies.
- India: 31st (up from 39th in 2024); score 4.42 out of 7; first in South Asia.
- Top five: 1. Japan, 2. United States, 3. Spain, 4. Australia, 5. France.
- India has 45 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (latest: Sarnath), 107 National Parks and 18 Biosphere Reserves.

19. Knight Frank Prime Global Cities Index Q2 2026

- Top cities: 1. Tokyo (50.7%), 2. Manila (14.6%), 3. Dubai (10.9%).
- Mumbai: 8th (6.2%); Bengaluru: 12th (4.5%); New Delhi: 17th (3.9%).

20. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) moved PRIMA (PRobe far-Infrared Mission for Astrophysics) Telescope to Phase B (preliminary design).

21. Project Suncatcher is Google's research project on AI computing in space.

- It was launched on 1 October 2026 on SpaceX's Transporter-18 rideshare mission from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California.

22. Asian Games 2026: India Wins Shooting and Kabaddi Golds

- Shooting: Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet won Gold in the 10 m Air Pistol Mixed Team on 25 September 2026 with 484.6 points; South Korea Silver (478.0), Iran Bronze.
- Described as India's first Asian Games gold in this event and an Asian record. [Unverified]

- Women's Kabaddi: India beat Iran 37–34 on 26 September 2026 for Gold; India's 4th women's kabaddi gold in 5 editions. Captain Pushpa Rana.
- Men's Kabaddi: India, led by Sunil Kumar, beat Iran 40–34 for Gold; India's 9th men's gold and 10th medal overall.
- Athletics: Gulveer Singh won Silver in the Men's 10,000 m (28:29.38).
- Athletics: Seema Kumari won Bronze in the Women's 10,000 m (32:50.05), India's first in the event in 16 years.

23. Mandeep K. Bhandari Appointed CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) Chairperson

24. Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian Join IRDAI as Whole-Time Members

- IRDAI Chairman: Ajay Seth.

25. National Lata Mangeskar Award 2026 to Shantanu Moitra

- Music composer Shantanu Moitra received the National Lata Mangeskar Award 2026 from the Madhya Pradesh Government.

26. Z.T. Lalrithangi (Pi Mari-i) of Sangau, Lawngtlai district, Mizoram was selected among the "FAO 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development".

- Selected by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for her strawberry farming.
- 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

27. Sarah Peluse, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Stanford University, was selected for the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2026

- Prize: \$10,000 and a citation

28. Soorya Krishnamoorthy, former ISRO scientist and founder of the Soorya Stage and Film Society, died in Thiruvananthapuram

29. World Lung Day – 25 September (Theme 2026: "A Lifetime of Lung Health")

30. International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons – 26 September