

1. Arogya Manthan 2026 – 8 Years of AB PM-JAY and 5 Years of ABDM

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) was launched on 23 September 2018; the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched nationwide on 27 September 2021
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilisers J.P. Nadda inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2026 on 25 September 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- ABHA is a 14-digit unique digital health ID used to store and access health records; it is managed by the National Health Authority (NHA).
- ABDM achievements (as of 1 September 2026):
 - 97.8 crore+ Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) created.
 - 121 crore+ health records linked digitally.

2. NOTTO Organ Allocation Guidelines and Organ Donation Days

- The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) has removed the earlier 65-year age ceiling, allowing patients above 65 to register to receive organs from deceased donors
- World Organ Donation Day: 13 August.
- Indian Organ Donation Day: 3 August.

3. Union Minister of Education Pralhad Joshi launched the Seva First Innovation Challenge (SFIC) – South Zone on 25 September 2026 at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

4. The Supreme Court of India constituted the National Task Force (NTF) in March 2025, headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, to address mental health concerns and prevent suicides in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

- The NTF submitted an interim report earlier and is to submit its final report by 31 October 2026.

5. PRAHAAR – National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy Conference

- PRAHAAR (Policy for Response Against Hostile Activities And Radicalism) is India's first national counter-terrorism policy and strategy, unveiled by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the Conference on "PRAHAAR – CT Policy and Strategy" on 28 September 2026 in New Delhi.
- Seven pillars: Prevention, Response, Aggregating Internal Capacities, Human Rights, Attenuating Conditions for Terrorism, Aligning International Efforts, Recovery and Resilience, through a whole-of-society approach.

6. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by NGO Just Rights for Children Alliance (JRCA) sought safeguards for children below 18 using social media, citing risks such as online grooming, sexual exploitation, sextortion and age-inappropriate content

- Solicitor General: Tushar Mehta

7. Delhi Winter Air Pollution Action Plan 2026-27

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav chaired a high-level meeting with Delhi CM Rekha Gupta on 28 September 2026 to review Delhi's Air Pollution Mitigation Action Plan

8. Arunachal Pradesh's first kidney transplant was performed on 27 September 2026 at the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun; announced by CM Pema Khandu

9. Jharkhand's Traditional Instrument 'Mandar' Gets GI Tag

- Jharkhand's first GI product: Sohrai-Khovar painting.
- Other recent instrument GI tags: Sarinda (Tripura) and Pepa (Assam)

10. Five New Indian Sites Added to UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List

- Five additions take India's UNESCO Tentative List to 78 sites/proposals (announced 29 September 2026 by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat):
 - Bagh Cave Paintings (Dhar, Madhya Pradesh): 9 rock-cut Buddhist caves on the Baghni River, Vindhyan range; murals of 4th–6th century CE.
 - Group of Temples of the Chambal Valley (Madhya Pradesh): Bateshwar, Padavali and Kakanmath (Gurjara-Pratihara and Kachchhapaghata periods).

- Udayagiri Caves (Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh): 20 Gupta-era rock-cut caves (4th–5th century), known for the Varaha relief.
- Ginnorgarh Fort (Sehore, Madhya Pradesh): principal fortified capital of the Raj Gond rulers, within Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Sites of Satyagraha (India–South Africa serial transnational proposal): 9 components – 7 in India (Mahatma Gandhi Satyagraha Smarak, Sabarmati Ashram, Mani Bhavan, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Sevagram Ashram, Aga Khan Palace, Gandhi Smriti) and 2 in South Africa (Pietermaritzburg Railway Station, Phoenix Settlement).

11. Terracotta and visual artist Chandra Shekhar Sain received the Lalit Kala Akademi National Award at the 65th National Exhibition of Art (NEA) 2026, New Delhi, for his terracotta work “My Entire World – I”; the only awardee from Rajasthan

- 20 artists received awards; the Akademi received 6,175 artworks from 2,495 artists across 27 States/UTs.

12. Bank of India Launches User-Level Programmable Digital Rupee

- Bank of India (BOI) went live with User-Level Programmable CBDC and Auto-Issuance on its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) platform, built by Montran India
- The Digital Rupee is issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Montran India CEO: Julie Esca.
- Bank of India: founded 7 September 1906; HQ Mumbai; MD & CEO Rajneesh Karnatak

13. UPI: Trinidad and Tobago First Caribbean Nation to Adopt UPI

- Trinidad and Tobago (capital: Port of Spain) is rolling out a UPI-based real-time payments platform under an agreement between NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and its Ministry of Digital Transformation – the first Caribbean country to adopt UPI.
- Recurring UPI AutoPay transactions up to ₹15,000 do not require additional factor authentication (2FA).

14. ICICI Lombard launched VIBE, a health insurance plan for Gen Z (age 18–35) on the IL TakeCare app.

- ICICI Lombard MD & CEO: Sanjeev Mantri; tagline: “Nibhayee Vaade”.
- ICICI Prudential Life was renamed ICICI Life Insurance Limited (effective 22 September 2026) after Prudential agreed to cut its stake below 10% and be reclassified from promoter to investor

15. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on 11 September 2026 Open Market Operation (OMO) sales of government securities worth ₹1 lakh crore (₹1 trillion) to drain surplus liquidity.

- Three tranches: ₹50,000 crore (17 September), ₹25,000 crore (21 September) and ₹25,000 crore (28 September); bonds maturing in FY2029–FY2032.

16. Fitch Rates Bank of India's USD 1 Billion MTN Programme 'BBB-'

- Bank of India established a USD 1 billion Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme
- Fitch Ratings rates the programme 'BBB-'

17. 14th Meeting of India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments held in Mumbai

18. India's Overseas Defence Manufacturing Plant in Morocco; Morocco Gets First Woman PM

- King Mohammed VI appointed Fatima Zahra Mansouri (50), Urban Planning Minister and former Mayor of Marrakech, as Morocco's first woman Prime Minister
- Morocco – Capital: Rabat
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) operates India's first overseas defence manufacturing facility in Morocco to produce the Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP), co-developed with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

19. India–Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND-2026 held at Oskemen, Kazakhstan

20. Second Edition of Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held from 29 September to 1 October 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi.

- 21. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) issued India's first Blue Bond on 28 September 2026, to raise up to ₹600 crore (including a ₹500 crore greenshoe option), with a 10-year tenor**
- 22. The first Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of National Coordinators meeting under Pakistan's chairmanship was held in Islamabad from 28 to 30 September 2026**
- Pakistan will host the SCO Council of Heads of State Summit in August 2027; chairmanship theme: "Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity".
 - Pakistan took over the 2026-27 chairmanship from Kyrgyzstan at the Bishkek summit (1 September 2026).
 - SCO has 10 member states; Belarus became the 10th member in 2024.
- 23. 14th EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting and 23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation held in Manila, Philippines**
- East Asia Summit (EAS): formed 2005; 19 members (11 ASEAN + 8 partners including India).
- 24. Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 winners: Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh) and Bo Kyi (Myanmar).**
- 25. ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026)**
- The 2nd edition of AIME opened on 28 September 2026 at Subic Bay, Zambales, Philippines, under the theme "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea".
 - INS Sahyadri (Shivalik-class stealth frigate) and INS Kulish (Kora-class corvette) participated with ASEAN maritime forces
- 26. India at FAO COFO 28 and India's Forest Statistics**
- India participated in the 28th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 28) and the 10th World Forest Week, 28 September – 2 October 2026, at FAO HQ, Rome, Italy.
 - Theme: "Forests and Their Contribution to Food Security, Resilience and Prosperity" [Unverified].
 - India's data presented:
 - Forest and tree cover: 82.74 million hectares (25.17% of geographical area) – ISFR 2023: forest cover 71.53 Mha, tree cover 11.20 Mha.
 - FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025: India 9th in forest area and 3rd in net annual forest area gain.
- 27. First PRAMAAN Certificates under Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme**
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav handed over India's first PRAMAAN certificates on 29 September 2026 in New Delhi.
- 28. 9th India International Water Week (IIWW) 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; inaugurated by Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan; organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti (Minister: C.R. Patil).**
- Theme: "Climate Resilient Water Management"; partner countries: Netherlands and Germany.
 - Related schemes: Jal Jeevan Mission (rural tap water, extended to 2028)
- 29. Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary(Assam) Highlighted in Mann Ki Baat**
- PM Narendra Modi, in the 138th episode of Mann Ki Baat (27 September 2026), highlighted the return of elephant herds to Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam, after removal of encroachments about three years ago.
- 30. NASA announced (28 September 2026) an uncrewed Starliner-1 cargo mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in December 2026 / January 2027, followed by crewed Starliner-2 by 2028.**
- NASA Administrator: Jared Isaacman
- 31. Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra**
- National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) launched a 100-metre, 1,405 MT steel bridge over NH-3 at Dive-Anjur (Bhiwandi), Thane on 28 September 2026 – the first steel bridge in Maharashtra for the project.
 - Fabricated in Tiruchirappalli (Trichy), Tamil Nadu, and transported about 1,300 km.
- 32. India Energy Week (IEW) 2027 to Be Held in Kolkata**

- Theme: “Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.”

33. Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026

- Top 5: 1. Singapore Airlines (6th win), 2. Qatar Airways, 3. Cathay Pacific, 4. ANA, 5. Turkish Airlines.
- Air India ranked 57th (up from 84th) – Best Airline in India and South Asia; IndiGo ranked 61st (down from 39th) – Best Low-Cost Airline in India and South Asia.

34. Asian Games 2026: Neeru Dhanda Wins Historic Trap Gold

- Neeru Dhanda became the first Indian woman to win an individual Women’s Trap gold at the Asian Games, scoring 28 in the final – a new Asian record; India’s first individual gold of the Games (and 5th gold overall).

35. Asian Games 2026: Women’s 4x400m Relay Gold; Vithya Ramraj Breaks PT Usha’s Record

- Women’s 4x400m Relay Gold (29 September 2026): Vithya Ramraj, Kiran Pahal, M.R. Poovamma and Prachi Choudhary – 3:29.69; India’s first athletics gold of the Games (Bahrain silver, China bronze).
- Vithya Ramraj won bronze in Women’s 400m Hurdles (28 September 2026) in 54.75 seconds, breaking P.T. Usha’s 42-year-old national record of 55.42s (1984 Los Angeles Olympics).

36. Asian Games 2026: Gulveer Singh’s Medal Hat-Trick

- Gulveer Singh won three medals: Silver – 10,000m (28:29.38), Silver – 1,500m (3:36.72, personal best) and Bronze – 5,000m (13:32.75).
- First Indian in 40 years to win three medals at a single Asian Games since P.T. Usha (Seoul 1986).

37. Important Days and Themes

- International Translation Day – 30 September
- 2026 theme “Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights”, subtitle “The Power of Being Understood”.