1. The 49th ASEAN Summit was held in Manila, Philippines

- Theme: "Navigating Our Future, Together", with three priorities: peace and security anchors, prosperity corridors and people empowerment.
- Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. handed over the newly signed ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement to ASEAN Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn.
- 2026 is the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation.

2. Quad Leaders' Summit Held in Manila, Philippines

- The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) leaders – US President Donald Trump, Australian PM Anthony Albanese, PM Narendra Modi and Japanese PM Takaichi Sanae – met in Manila

3. Japan became India's largest source of FDI in Q1 FY27 (April–June 2026) with USD 5.71 billion (about 29% of total equity inflows of USD 19.81 billion), followed by Singapore (USD 5.22 billion).

4. Qatar remains India's largest supplier of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

5. The UK has the highest number of Ramsar sites in the world.

6. Israel's parliament is the Knesset

7. Singapore-based payment institution FOMO Pay partnered with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) QR acceptance in Singapore.

8. Belgian PM Bart De Wever visited India in September 2026

9. Retail Inflation Rises to 6.09% in October 2026, Breaching RBI's Upper Limit

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation (base year 2024) rose to 6.09% in October 2026 from 5.54% in September
- First breach of the 6% upper tolerance limit in about two years.
- Flexible Inflation Targeting (FIT):
  - Target of 4% CPI inflation with a band of ±2% (2%–6%), set under Section 45ZA of the RBI Act, 1934.

10. Goldman Sachs Projects 2.8% Global Growth in 2027

- India is projected to grow 7.2% in 2027 (from 7.9% in 2026).

11. ASSOCHAM Report: India Most Resilient Among Top 10 Economies for 2026–30

- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) report "India's Economic Edge in the Top Ten Economies" ranks India first in economic resilience for 2026–30 with a score of 71/100.
- China is second (66); Japan and Russia jointly third (60 each); the US is last (36).
- ASSOCHAM: founded 1920; headquarters New Delhi; President Nirmal K. Minda.

12. Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs): Additional Capital Requirements

- Under the RBI's D-SIB framework (2014), the identified banks must hold additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital as a percentage of Risk-Weighted Assets (RWAs):
- Surcharge:
  - State Bank of India (SBI) – 0.80%.
  - HDFC Bank – 0.40%.
  - ICICI Bank – 0.20%.

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13. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, extended a USD 150 million social loan to State Bank of India (SBI)

14. RBI Extends Directions on Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Etawah

- The RBI extended its directions under Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 on Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Etawah (Uttar Pradesh) by three months.

15. SEBI Cuts Margins for Agricultural Commodity Derivatives

SEBI cut the minimum initial margin for agricultural commodity derivatives by 2 percentage points in each volatility band:

- Revised margins:
  - Low volatility: 8% → 6%.
  - Medium volatility: 10% → 8%.
  - High volatility: 12% → 10%.
- Effective December 1, 2026; valid for one year from November 17, 2026 (extendable).

16. SGB 2020-21 Series VIII: Premature Redemption Price Fixed at ₹13,499

17. RBI Mandates 6-Hour Cyber Incident Reporting for Non-Bank Payment Operators

- Non-Bank PSOs (Payment System Operators) must report unusual incidents – cyberattacks, critical system outages, internal fraud and settlement delays – to the RBI within 6 hours of detection, and cyber incidents to CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team).

18. On November 15, 2026, PM Narendra Modi addressed the national Janjatiya Gaurav Divas programme at Gadchiroli, Maharashtra (via video conferencing), marking the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

19. Wangala (100 Drums) Festival Celebrates Golden Jubilee in Meghalaya

20. Other tribal/regional festivals:

- Chapchar Kut – Mizoram.
- Ambubachi Mela – Assam (Kamakhya Temple).
- Kharchi Puja – Tripura.
- Hornbill Festival – Nagaland (Kisama Heritage Village).

21. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said at the India Shipbuilding Investment Conclave 2026 (New Delhi, November 16–17, 2026) that India aims to be among the top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030 and top 5 by 2047.

22. Horticulture Output 2025-26 Estimated at Record 3,869 Lakh Tonnes

23. Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, began producing 91.2-metre wind turbine blades – India's longest – at Mundra, Gujarat

24. The Anant Anadi Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum (Vadnagar, Mehsana district, Gujarat) won the Red Dot: Best of the Best Award 2026 in the Exhibition Design category, presented in Berlin, Germany.

25. Recent Bilateral Military Exercises of India

- Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 15th edition – Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman, held off Oman (Al Batinah region, Muscat) from November 8–11, 2026, with INS Surat

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- Veer Guardian 2026 – Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), at Air Force Station Jodhpur
- Yudh Abhyas 2026 (22nd edition) – Indian Army and US Army, at Auli (Uttarakhand) and Mahajan Field Firing Range (Rajasthan)
- Vajra Prahar (16th edition) – India–US Special Forces exercise at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (Himachal Pradesh)
- Samudra Laksamana – bilateral naval exercise between India and Malaysia

26. Jay Shah Re-elected Unopposed as ICC Chairman

- Jay Shah was re-appointed unopposed as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term at the ICC Board meetings in Bali, Indonesia
- He took office on December 1, 2024, becoming the youngest ICC Chairman at 35.
- Cricket returns to the Olympics at Los Angeles 2028 as one of five added sports – its first Olympic appearance since Paris 1900 (128 years).
- Mithun Manhas is President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

27. India beat defending champions Pakistan by one wicket off the last ball in the ACC Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026 final at Al Amerat, Muscat (Oman)

- It was India's record 9th title; Player of the Tournament: Aaryavir Sehwag (361 runs).

28. November 17 – International Students' Day

- not to be confused with World Students' Day (October 15), the birth anniversary of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

29. November 16 – National Press Day (theme 2026: "Journalism: Populist or Responsible?")

30. November 16 – 1st International Day of the Mediterranean Diet

31. November 14 – World Diabetes Day (theme "Early Action on Diabetes")

32. Collins Dictionary Names 'Mogging' Word of the Year 2026

- Collins English Dictionary named "mogging" – slang for outshining someone or something – its Word of the Year 2026

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