1. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Data Centre and Enterprise Computing and Cybersecurity Training Institute at Info Valley-II, Jatni (Khordha), near Bhubaneswar, Odisha

2. RBI Payment Systems: e-Kuber, NEFT and RTGS

- e-Kuber: RBI's Core Banking Solution (CBS), implemented in 2012; used for government accounts, G-Sec auctions and inter-bank settlements. Commercial banks use vendor CBS products such as Infosys Finacle and TCS BaNCS.
- National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT): Deferred Net Settlement (DNS) in 48 half-hourly batches daily (24x7).
- Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility: account holders can remit up to ₹2 lakh per transaction; walk-in (cash) customers up to ₹50,000 per transaction (maximum 12 remittances a year).
- Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS): real-time gross settlement of high-value transfers; minimum ₹2 lakh.
- Indian Financial System Code (IFSC): 11-character alphanumeric code.

3. Bank of India and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) Partner on Quantum Technologies for Banking

- Bank of India: Established 1906 (Swadeshi Movement); HQ: Mumbai; tagline "Relationship beyond banking"; MD & CEO: Rajneesh Karnatak.

4. 30th FSDC Meeting Chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman

- Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC): set up in 2010 to strengthen financial stability and coordination among regulators (RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA).

5. Parliamentary Standing Committees Reconstituted for 2026-27

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla (2nd term; MP from Kota, Rajasthan) reconstituted the committees effective 26 September 2026; Bhartruhari Mahtab (MP, Cuttack, Odisha) was reappointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance.
- NITI Aayog: Chairman – Prime Minister; Vice-Chairman – Ashok Kumar Lahiri; CEO – Anurag Jain.

6. Dr. M. Srinivas Committee on Unethical Pharmaceutical Marketing

- Constituted by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Minister: J. P. Nadda, also Minister of Health and Family Welfare).

7. Mission Karmayogi Rankings: Uttar Pradesh Ranked 1st

- Rankings announced at the 3rd regional workshop of the "Sadhana Shrinkhla" series in Lucknow
- 1st – Uttar Pradesh (19.23 lakh registered users; over 99% active); 2nd – Rajasthan; 3rd – Jammu & Kashmir.
- Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) launched in 2020 to shift from rule-based to role-based governance; delivered through the iGOT Karmayogi platform under DoPT.

8. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) (DG: Anurag Garg) conducted Operation Trident on 23 October 2026 at 38 locations in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur

- Navi Mumbai International Airport was notified (July 2026) as India's 42nd port of entry for import of drugs (medicines) under Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945.

9. Mann Ki Baat 139th Episode Highlights

- e-Sanjeevani: about 50 crore tele-consultations.
- Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre, IIT Madras: mapping 100 human brains using the PARAM Shakti supercomputer; data to be open-source.
- Khadi & Village Industries sales crossed ₹28 crore on Gandhi Jayanti.
- Punjab's Kheti Virasat Mission and Nav-Trinjan project (Malwa) using naturally coloured organic cotton.
- Purnia (Bihar) makhana exported to Greece; Kalaburagi (Karnataka) tur dal to the Maldives.
- Millet revival in Meghalaya (Khanduli, Sadolpara) and Nagaland (Kezoma); 2023 – International Year of Millets.
- Shabari Naturals (Maharashtra) won Japan's Good Design Award for tribal-product packaging.

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- Community revival of the Heval river, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.
- Narinder Singh Kapany (Moga, Punjab) – "Father of Fibre Optics"; 100th birth anniversary on 31 October 2026.
- 31 October – Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel).

10. Ladakh Declared India's First Fully Organic Union Territory

- Sikkim became India's first fully organic State in 2016.

11. Khet Bachao Abhiyaan (Rabi 2026): launched by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan from Taraori, Karnal, Haryana (till 30 November 2026), promoting soil testing, residue management, efficient input use and organic farming.

- World Cotton Day: 7 October.

12. Uttarakhand: the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) became India's first SDRF with ISO 9001:2015 certification (8 October 2026) after a Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) audit (BIS Minister: Pralhad Joshi).

13. Haridwar Kumbh 2027: CM Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled the official logo (designed by Madhu Sharma, Jagjeetpur), website and theme song "Kumbh Ka Parv Aa Gaya" (by Raghav Raja) on 12 October 2026.

- Kumbh sites: Prayagraj (Triveni Sangam), Haridwar (Har Ki Pauri), Ujjain (Ramghat) and Nashik (Ramkund) – where drops of Amrit fell during the Samudra Manthan.

14. The 5th edition of Swavlamban was held on 26–27 October 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the plenary

- Theme: "Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation".

15. The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display at Namo Ghat, Varanasi (22, 24 and 25 October 2026) to mark its 94th anniversary.

16. The naval phase of INDRA 2026 (13–18 October 2026) was held at Vladivostok and in the Sea of Japan, with INS Sahyadri and Russia's Aldar Tsydenzhapov, in harbour and sea phases

17. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh Gets One-Year Extension

18. Raksha Expo 2026 will be held on 7–9 December 2026 at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad, organised by the Government of Telangana alongside the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026.

- India's first defence and aerospace expo organised by a State government; includes an air show on 9 December.

19. ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan confirmed the launch of navigation satellite NVS-03 on 30 October 2026 aboard GSLV-F18 (GSLV Mk II) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, strengthening the NavIC constellation.

20. 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum and BRICS Expansion

- Hosted on 26–27 October 2026 at the Parliament of India, New Delhi.
- Theme: "Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development" (also rendered as "Fostering Parliaments…").
- BRICS expanded from 5 founding members (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) to 11, adding Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia (status unconfirmed), UAE and Indonesia (joined January 2025).
- New Development Bank (NDB) President: Dilma Rousseff.
- The 18th BRICS Summit was held on 12–13 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".

21. NATO: Founded 4 April 1949 (Washington Treaty); HQ: Brussels; military HQ (SHAPE): Mons, Belgium; 32 members (32nd: Sweden, 2024).

22. Lula da Silva Wins Fourth Term as President of Brazil

- Brazil: Capital – Brasília; Currency – Real.

23. France Sees Nationwide Protests over Living Costs and Schools staff shortages

- President of : Emmanuel Macron

24. UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2026

- Observed on 24–31 October 2026; Theme: "We All Play a Part: Media and Information Literacy for the People".

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- UNESCO: HQ – Paris; DG – Khaled El-Enany (Egypt; first Arab DG).
- International Literacy Day: 8 September.

25. Nepal Becomes First Beneficiary of Loss and Damage Fund

- Nepal became the first country to receive support from the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD); the board approved $21.6 million ($20 million for recovery + $1.6 million fees) on 22 October 2026.
- FRLD was established at COP27 (2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt), operationalised at COP28 (Dubai, 2023); hosted by the World Bank.

26. Project SAMHiTA (South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive) was launched at Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo (reported 23 October 2026) to digitise shared Buddhist heritage and palm-leaf manuscripts; run by the India International Centre with Government of India support.

27. Prof. Ashoke Sen Becomes First Indian to Receive Oskar Klein Medal

28. Usha Mangeshkar to Receive Inaugural Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award

- Dr. Bhupen Hazarika: Bharat Ratna (posthumous, 2019); the Dhola–Sadiya Bridge (9.15 km, over the Lohit) is named Bhupen Hazarika Setu.
- Assam Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

29. Lionel Messi (Argentina) received the Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026

30. Notable Book Releases

- "Without Fear or Favour" – memoir by retired Supreme Court Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul (Juggernaut Books; forthcoming), including observations on 50th CJI D. Y. Chandrachud.
- "Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World" – by Anil K. Antony; released by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan on 23 October 2026 (publisher: Rupa).
- "Belonging: A Journey of Love" – memoir of Sonia Gandhi (HarperCollins India), releasing on 10 November 2026.

31. Obituaries: Vummidi Ethirajulu, Jogen Chowdhury, Tom Skerritt and K. P. Sahadevan

- Vummidi Ethirajulu: jeweller of the 125-year-old Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers family who crafted the gold-plated silver Sengol in 1947, installed in the new Parliament building in 2023.
- Jogen Chowdhury: eminent painter and former Rajya Sabha MP (2014–2020) died in Kolkata on 25 October 2026, aged 87; recipient of the Padma Bhushan (2020) and Banga Bibhushan (2012) (Kalidas Samman and former Curator of Art at Rashtrapati Bhavan [Unverified]).
- Tom Skerritt: Hollywood actor (Top Gun, Alien) died aged 93.
- K. P. Sahadevan: senior CPI(M) leader and former CITU State secretary died on 23 October 2026 in Kannur, aged 84.

32. 5th Asian Para Games 2026: Final Standings

- Concluded on 24 October 2026 in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan; mascot: "Uzumin".
- About 3,000 athletes from 45 countries/regions in 18 sports; India sent 168 athletes.
- India finished 4th with 114 medals (30 gold, 35 silver, 49 bronze) – its first 100+ haul – with 22 golds in para-athletics.
- Top 5: 1. China – 435 (207-117-111); 2. Japan – 186 (64-60-62); 3. Uzbekistan – 145 (45-49-51); 4. India – 114 (30-35-49); 5. South Korea – 100 (29-38-33).
- 6th Asian Para Games (2030): Doha, Qatar (with the 21st Asian Games).
- Commonwealth Games 2030: Ahmedabad, India.

33. London-based Indian-origin prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest female International Master (IM) ever at 11 years, 7 months, 16 days

34. Kimi Antonelli (Italy, Mercedes) won the 2026 US Grand Prix (Austin) – his 9th win of the season.

35. Ahmedabad to Host 2029 World Weightlifting Championships

36. United Nations Day (24 October): 81st anniversary of the UN Charter coming into force (1945); 193 members; UN Security Council – 15 members (5 permanent: China, France, Russia, UK, US; 10 non-permanent).

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37. Disarmament Week and Vigilance Awareness Week 2026

- UNODA Disarmament Week: 24–30 October 2026, by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs.
- Vigilance Awareness Week: 26 October – 1 November 2026, by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC); theme "Probity for Prosperity" (Satyanishtha Se Samriddhi).

Important Questions and Answers:

1. **Where did PM Modi inaugurate the RBI Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute?**
   Jatni (Khordha), near Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2. **What is the minimum amount for an RTGS transfer?**
   ₹2 lakh
3. **How many characters does an IFSC code have?**
   11
4. **Which state ranked 1st in the Mission Karmayogi rankings?**
   Uttar Pradesh
5. **What is the name of the NCB operation carried out in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur?**
   Operation Trident
6. **Which was India's first fully organic Union Territory?**
   Ladakh
7. **Which was India's first fully organic state?**
   Sikkim (2016)
8. **Which state's SDRF became India's first with ISO 9001:2015 certification?**
   Uttarakhand
9. **Where will Raksha Expo 2026 be held?**
   Bharat Future City, Hyderabad
10. **Which navigation satellite was launched on GSLV-F18?**
    NVS-03
11. **Which country was the first to receive support from the Loss and Damage Fund?**
    Nepal
12. **Who became the first Indian to receive the Oskar Klein Medal?**
    Prof. Ashoke Sen
13. **Who will receive the inaugural Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award?**
    Usha Mangeshkar
14. **How many medals did India win at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026?**
    114 (30 gold), 4th place
15. **What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026?**
    Probity for Prosperity (Satyanishtha Se Samriddhi)

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