1. After the sine die adjournment on 13 August 2026, neither House of Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) was prorogued, setting a record of 88 consecutive days without prorogation (as of 9 November 2026).

- The record passed the previous high of 87 days set in 2008 under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh.
- Under Article 85(2)(a) of the Constitution of India, the President prorogues the Houses, normally by gazette notification soon after a sine die adjournment.

2. Supreme Court Holds National Book Trust (NBT) is "State" under Article 12

3. National Legal Services Day – 9 November

4. Union Cabinet Extends Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) Scheme till 2031

- the Union Cabinet approved continuing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) courts, for five years, from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.
- Total outlay: ₹3,788.04 crore. Central share ₹2,353.15 crore comes from the Nirbhaya Fund (set up in 2013); the States/UTs share is ₹1,434.89 crore.
- Courts will rise from 779 functional FTSCs (including 399 exclusive POCSO courts across 29 States/UTs) to 850 courts.
- The Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) Scheme was launched on 2 October 2019.
- Legal basis: POCSO Act, 2012, which protects children below 18 years from sexual offences.

5. Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat Campaign (BVMBC) Nears Two Years

- Launched on 27 November 2024 by Union Minister Annapurna Devi of the Ministry of Women and Child Development; it completes two years on 27 November 2026.
- Goal: a Child Marriage Free India by 2030, in line with UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 5.3.

6. Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan (VSRA) Launched

- Launched on 4 November 2026 in New Delhi by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment,
- It runs under the umbrella scheme Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) (in force since 1 April 2021).
- It introduces Vayo SAATHI volunteers (Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion). Citizens aged 18 and above help senior citizens with digital literacy, access to welfare schemes, companionship and healthcare.

7. Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)

- Launched on 23 December 1993 by Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao; each MP gets ₹5 crore per year for local development works.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with security personnel at the CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur in Bastar, Chhattisgarh

- Bastar was declared Naxal-free in May 2026, against the Union Government's target of ending Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) by 31 March 2026.
- CRPF Director General: Gyanendra Pratap Singh.
- Sanjukta Parashar (2006-batch IPS) became the first woman Inspector General (IG) of CoBRA in September 2026, succeeding Danesh Rana. CoBRA has 10 battalions.

9. Jammu & Kashmir "Tree Aadhaar" Mission for Chinar Trees

10. Uttarakhand Police received the President's Police Colour after 25 years of service, making Uttarakhand the 16th state to get this honour

- Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh on 9 November 2000 as Uttaranchal and renamed Uttarakhand on 1 January 2007; 2026 marks its 26th Foundation Day.
- Chief Minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami; Governor: Dhal Singh Bisen.

11. Uttarakhand State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) received ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System) certification.

- It is the first disaster response force in India to receive this certification.

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12. Former Deputy Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna recipient Lal Krishna Advani entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026 (born 8 November 1927, Karachi).

13. The 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held from 9 to 20 November 2026 in Antalya, Türkiye. The Leaders' Summit took place on 11–12 November.

- COP31 President: Murat Kurum, Türkiye's Minister of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change.
- COP32 (2027): Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

14. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) founded 1972; headquarters Nairobi, Kenya

15. 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2026) held in St John's, capital of Antigua and Barbuda

- Theme: "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth".
- India was represented by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, who announced a $500 million Line of Credit to Guyana.
- Secretary-General: Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (Ghana),

16. 13th General Assembly of International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) held in Seoul, South Korea

- Theme: "Rebuilding Trust in a Transforming World".

17. Israel: Gadi Eisenkot Tasked with Forming Government

- After the 27 October 2026 elections to the 120-seat Knesset, President Isaac Herzog asked Gadi Eisenkot to form the government
- Parliament: Knesset (120 seats); Currency: New Israeli Shekel; Capital: Jerusalem; Intelligence agency: Mossad

18. Israel Honours Indian Pilot Smit Machchhar for Heroism

- President Isaac Herzog announced a civilian heroism award for Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar

19. Paraguay: President Santiago Peña Removed, Pedro Alliana Sworn In

Capital: Asunción; Currency: Paraguayan Guaraní.

20. Nepal celebrated Tihar, its five-day festival of lights, from 7 to 11 November 2026. Its days are Kaag Tihar (crows), Kukur Tihar (dogs), Lakshmi Puja, Govardhan Puja and Bhai Tika.

- Prime Minister: Balen Shah (Rashtriya Swatantra Party, RSP),

21. India's Shivani Gupta Elected to UN ACABQ

- Shivani Gupta, a Chartered Accountant and First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN, New York, was elected to the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

22. Ranjeev Puri Becomes Speaker of Michigan House of Representatives

- He is the first Indian-American to be speaker of a US state House and the first Sikh Speaker of the Michigan House

23. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024–25 Results

- Released on 30 September 2026 by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), headed by Minister of State (Independent Charge) Rao Inderjit Singh
- Gross Value Added (GVA): up 9.59% to ₹26.94 lakh crore. Maharashtra has the largest share (15.92%).
- Factories: up from 2.60 lakh to 2,66,931 (2.67 lakh). Leading states: Tamil Nadu (41,221), Gujarat (33,084) and Maharashtra (27,379).
- Output: up 7.81% to ₹165.24 lakh crore.

24. GST Taxpayer Base Reaches 1.71 Crore

- As of 31 October 2026, Goods and Services Tax (GST) registrations reached 1.71 crore, up from about 1.57 crore a year earlier
- Uttar Pradesh leads with 22.68 lakh taxpayers, followed by Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- GST was introduced by the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act and took effect on 1 July 2017, based on the Vijay Kelkar Task Force recommendations.
- The minimum penalty for non-compliance is ₹10,000

25. National Entrepreneurship Day : 9 November

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- National Startup Day (16 January).

26. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) (launched 8 April 2015)

- PMMY loan categories: Shishu (up to ₹50,000), Kishore (₹50,000–₹5 lakh), Tarun (₹5–10 lakh) and Tarun Plus (₹10–20 lakh).

27. Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026: India Retains 38th Rank

- Published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (set up in 1967; headquarters Geneva; 194 member states; Director General Daren Tang) with the Portulans Institute, covering 139 economies.
- It has 7 pillars. Input (5): Institutions, Human Capital & Research, Infrastructure, Market Sophistication and Business Sophistication. Output (2): Knowledge & Technology Outputs and Creative Outputs.
- Top five: 1. Switzerland (first for the 16th consecutive year, score 66.7), 2. Sweden, 3. United States, 4. Republic of Korea and 5. Singapore.
- India: 38th (unchanged from 2025), score 40.1. It ranks 49th in innovation inputs and 25th in innovation outputs.

28. RBI extended the supersession of the Board of Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai for one more year, effective 24 November 2026.

- Satya Prakash Pathak (former SBI Chief General Manager) continues as Administrator

29. RBI Cancels Certificate of Registration of Gandhinagar Leasing and Finance Ltd., an Ahmedabad-based NBFC

30. Bank of Baroda Marks 60 Years in Guyana with New Head Office

Bank of Baroda (Guyana) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), inaugurated its new Head Office and Georgetown Branch along with the BoB Heritage Centre.

- BoB was founded in 1908 by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III in Vadodara, Gujarat. Tagline: "India's International Bank".• BoB was founded in 1908 by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III in Vadodara, Gujarat. Tagline: "India's International Bank".

31. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), headquartered in Chennai (MD & CEO Ajay Kumar Srivastava), launched its "IOB Digital Rupee" mobile app for the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

32. Asian Development Bank (ADB) released the first tranche of $21.6 million under its $108 million results-based loan for the Mizoram Universal Health Care Scheme (MUHCS).

- ADB's India GDP outlook (ADO September 2026): 7.0% for FY2026–27 and 7.1% for FY2027–28.
- ADB: set up in 1966; headquarters Manila, Philippines; President Masato Kanda.

33. Bombay Stock Exchange founded in 1875, is Asia's oldest stock exchange

34. MobiKwik Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. (MFSPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of One MobiKwik Systems Ltd., received the RBI's Certificate of Registration as an NBFC under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.

35. Noel N. Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, retired as Non-Executive Chairman and Director of Voltas Ltd. on 11 November 2026, under the Tata Group retirement age of 70 for non-executive directors.

- The Board named him Chairman Emeritus from 12 November 2026, and appointed Sunil D'Souza as the new Chairman.

Important Questions and Answers:

1. **For how many consecutive days did Parliament go without prorogation, setting a record?**
   88 days
2. **Under which Article does the President prorogue the Houses of Parliament?**
   Article 85(2)(a)

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3. **When is National Legal Services Day observed?**
   9 November
4. **When was the Fast Track Special Courts scheme launched?**
   2 October 2019
5. **When was the Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat Campaign launched?**
   27 November 2024
6. **By which year does India aim to be child marriage free?**
   2030
7. **How much does each MP get per year under MPLADS?**
   ₹5 crore
8. **Who became the first woman IG of CoBRA?**
   Sanjukta Parashar
9. **When was Uttarakhand formed?**
   9 November 2000
10. **Where was COP31 held?**
    Antalya, Türkiye
11. **Where was CHOGM 2026 held?**
    St John's, Antigua and Barbuda
12. **Who is the Commonwealth Secretary-General?**
    Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (Ghana)
13. **Where was the 13th General Assembly of ICAPP held?**
    Seoul, South Korea
14. **What is the name of Israel's Parliament, and how many seats does it have?**
    Knesset, 120 seats
15. **What is the currency of Paraguay?**
    Paraguayan Guaraní
16. **Who was elected to the UN ACABQ from India?**
    Shivani Gupta
17. **Who became the first Indian-American Speaker of a US state House?**
    Ranjeev Puri (Michigan)
18. **Which state has the most factories, according to ASI 2024–25?**
    Tamil Nadu
19. **How many GST registrations were there as of 31 October 2026?**
    1.71 crore
20. **On whose recommendations was GST based?**
    Vijay Kelkar Task Force
21. **What is the loan limit under the Tarun Plus category of MUDRA Yojana?**
    ₹10–20 lakh
22. **What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2026?**
    38th
23. **Which country tops the Global Innovation Index 2026?**
    Switzerland (16th consecutive year)
24. **Which is Asia's oldest stock exchange?**
    Bombay Stock Exchange (1875)
25. **Who replaced Noel Tata as Chairman of Voltas?**
    Sunil D'Souza

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