

Weekly One Liners 21st to 28th of September 2025

Ballon d'Or 2025: Full List of Winners, Awards & Key Takeaways

Winners List Category Wise

- **Men's Ballon d'Or:** Ousmane Dembélé (Paris Saint-Germain / France)
- **Women's Ballon d'Or:** Aitana Bonmatí (Barcelona / Spain) – Third consecutive win
- **Men's Kopa Trophy (Best Young Player):** Lamine Yamal (Barcelona / Spain)
- **Women's Kopa Trophy:** Vicky López (Barcelona / Spain)
- **Men's Yashin Trophy (Best Goalkeeper):** Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)
- **Women's Yashin Trophy:** Hannah Hampton (England)
- **Men's Gerd Müller Trophy (Top Scorer):** Viktor Gyökeres (Sweden)
- **Women's Gerd Müller Trophy:** Ewa Pajor (Poland / Barcelona)
- **Men's Club of the Year:** Paris Saint-Germain
- **Women's Club of the Year:** Arsenal
- **Men's Coach of the Year:** Luis Enrique (Paris Saint-Germain)
- **Women's Coach of the Year:** Sarina Wiegman (England)
- **Socrates Award:** Xana Foundation (for humanitarian efforts)

Static Facts

- The 69th Ballon d'Or Ceremony was held on 22 September 2025 in Paris.
- Awards were based on performances in the 2024–25 season, not calendar year.
- Nominees for Ballon d'Or, Kopa, Yashin, and Gerd Müller trophies were revealed on 7 August 2025.
- Lionel Messi remains the record-holder with 8 Ballon d'Or wins.
- For the first time, dedicated women-specific awards like the Women's Yashin and Women's Gerd Müller Trophies were presented.



Complete Men's Ballon d'Or Top Ten (2025)

- Ousmane Dembélé (France, PSG)
- Lamine Yamal (Spain, Barcelona)
- Vitinha (Portugal, PSG)
- Mohamed Salah (Egypt, Liverpool)
- Raphinha (Brazil, Barcelona)
- Achraf Hakimi (Morocco, PSG)
- Kylian Mbappé (France, Real Madrid)
- Cole Palmer (England, Chelsea)
- Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy, PSG)
- Nuno Mendes (Portugal, PSG)

President Murmu Felicitates Winners at the 71st National Film Awards Ceremony

The 71st National Film Awards ceremony took place on September 23, 2025, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, with President Droupadi Murmu honouring the winners. The evening celebrated the finest achievements in Indian cinema for the year 2023, bringing together veteran legends and contemporary performers. The awards marked a special moment as Malayalam superstar Mohanlal received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, while films like 12th Fail, Jawan, Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway, and Kathal – A Jackfruit Mystery secured major honours.

(Best Actor/Actress) Category Winner List

Category	Winner	Film
Best Actor (Leading Role)	Shah Rukh Khan	Jawan
	Rani Mukerji	Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway
	Vikrant Massey	12th Fail
Best Actress (Supporting Role)	Urvashi	Ullozhukku
	Janki Bodiwala	Vash
	Vijayaraghavan	Pookalam
	Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar	Parking

Regional Film Winner List

Category	Winner
Best Hindi Film	Kathal
Best Telugu Film	Bhagavanth Kesari
Best Tamil Film	Parking
Best Malayalam Film	Ullozhukku
Best Marathi Film	Shyamchi Aai
Best Kannada Film	Kandeelu
Best Punjabi Film	Godday Godday Chaa
Best Assamese Film	Rongatapu 1982
Best Bengali Film	Deep Fridge
Best Gujarati Film	Vash
Best Odia Film	Pushkara

Technical Awards Category Winners List

Category	Winner	Film
Best Action Direction	Nandu-Prudhvi	HanuMan
Best Choreography	Vaibhavi Merchant	Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani
Best Lyrics	Kasarla Shyam	Ooru Palleturu – Balagam
Best Music Direction	GV Prakash Kumar	Vaathi
	Harshavardhan Rameshwar	Animal
Best Makeup	Shrikanth Desai	Sam Bahadur
Best Costume Design	Sachin, Divya, Nidhi	Sam Bahadur
Best Production Design	Mohandas	2018
Best Editing	Midhun Murali	Pookkaalam
Best Sound Design	Sachin Sudhakaran, Hariharan	Animal
Best Screenplay	Sai Rajesh	Baby
	Ramkumar Balakrishnan	Parking
Best Dialogue	Deepak Kingrani Sirf	Ek Bandha Kaafi Hai
Best Cinematography	Prasanthanu Mohapatra	The Kerala Story
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shilpa Rao	Chaliya – Jawan
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Rohit	Premisthunna – Baby
Best Child Artist	Sukriti Bandireddi Gandhi	Thatha Chettu
	Kabir Khandare	Gypsy
	Treesha Toshkar, Shrinivas Pokale, Bhargav	Naal 2
Best Direction	Sudipto Sen	The Kerala Story

Best Film Category Winners List

Category	Winner
Best Film in AVGC	HanuMan
Best Children's Film	Naal 2
Best Film Promoting National, Social Values	Sam Bahadur
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani
Best Debut Film	Aatmapamphlet
Best Film	12th Fail
Best Documentary Film	God Vulture and Human
Best Short Film	Giddh The Scavenger
Best Non-Fiction Film	Flowering Man

Non-Feature Film Awards

- **The non-feature film category** highlighted social, cultural, and environmental storytelling.
- **Best Documentary Film** went to God Vulture and Human.
- The Silent Epidemic was honored for Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values.
- Best Short Film went to Giddh The Scavenger.
- The Spirit Dreams of Cheraw was recognized as Best Debut Film in the non-feature section.

National Affairs

- **PM Modi Launches Next-Generation GST Reforms:** Prime Minister announces major tax restructuring on September 21, 2025, reducing GST to only 5% and 18% slabs with essentials at 0-5%, expected to save ₹2.5 lakh crore annually.
- **Neo-Middle Class Definition Unveiled:** PM Modi identifies 25 crore Indians as the "Neo-Middle Class" - aspirational citizens who have recently risen from poverty and are driving India's consumption-driven growth.
- **Industrial Park Rating System 3.0 Launched:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal introduces enhanced benchmarking system for industrial parks with new parameters including sustainability, digitalization, and logistics connectivity.
- **LEADS 2025 Initiative Started:** New logistics performance benchmarking system launched to assess States and UTs, aiming to build cost-efficient and globally competitive logistics ecosystem by 2047.
- **LDB 2.0 Digital Platform Unveiled:** Advanced Logistics Data Bank enables real-time export container tracking including high-seas monitoring, supporting Viksit Bharat @2047 vision.
- **Historic Ocean Exploration Rights Secured:** India becomes first country to hold two Polymetallic Sulphides exploration contracts with International Seabed Authority, gaining exclusive 15-year rights in Carlsberg Ridge.
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs Launches Student Leadership Initiative:** Adi Karmayogi Student Chapters inaugurated at premier institutions including IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS to empower tribal youth as future leaders and innovators.
- **Core Industries Show Strong Growth:** India's eight core industries recorded 6.3% growth in August 2025, driven by Steel (14.2%) and Coal (11.4%) expansion despite declines in Crude Oil and Natural Gas.
- **PM Modi Reviews Infrastructure Projects:** Prime Minister chaired 49th PRAGATI meeting reviewing eight critical infrastructure projects worth over ₹65,000 crore across 15 States and UTs.
- **Railway Bonus Approved:** Union Cabinet approves 78-day Productivity Linked Bonus worth ₹1865.68 crore for 10.91 lakh railway employees ahead of Durga Puja/Dussehra festivals.
- **GST Tribunal Launched:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) providing unified forum for resolving GST disputes with Principal Bench in Delhi and 31 State Benches.

- **Silver Imports Restricted:** Government restricts silver and unstudded jewellery imports till March 31, 2026, following surge in imports from Thailand raising duty evasion concerns.
- **Make in India Completes 11 Years:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates the 11th anniversary of Make in India initiative launched on September 25, 2014, highlighting its role in economic transformation and self-reliance.
- **India's First EV Truck Fleet at JNPA:** Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flags off India's first electric heavy truck fleet with swappable batteries, aiming to convert 90% of JNPA's 600-truck fleet to EVs by 2026.
- **FSSAI Launches Ayurveda Food Portal:** Food safety regulator introduces dedicated licensing window on FoSCoS platform, standardizing 91 traditional Ayurvedic recipes for commercial use.

States in the News

- **Gujarat Maritime Projects Worth ₹34,200 Crore Launched:** PM Modi inaugurates massive maritime infrastructure projects in Bhavnagar during 'Samudra se Samridhi' event, including shipbuilding and port development initiatives.
- **Dhordo Becomes Fourth Solar Village:** Kutch district village achieves complete solar power status under PM Surya Ghar Yojana with 81 solarized homes generating 177 kW, saving ₹16,064 annually per household.
- **New Chief Justice Sworn in Bihar:** Justice Pavankumar Bhimappa Bajantri takes oath as Chief Justice of Patna High Court in ceremony conducted by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan.
- **PM Modi Inaugurates Historic Temple Redevelopment:** Prime Minister inaugurated the redeveloped 524-year-old Tripura Sundari Temple with ₹7 crore state funding, featuring replica of all 51 Shaktipeethas and modern amenities.
- **₹5,100 Crore Infrastructure Push for Arunachal:** PM Modi launched major infrastructure projects in Arunachal Pradesh including hydropower projects and convention centre, emphasizing NDA's Northeast development commitment.

- **Railway Station Renamed After Maratha Queen:** Ahmednagar Railway Station officially renamed 'Ahilyanagar' to honor 18th-century Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar, with updated signage in Marathi, Hindi, and English.
- **Bihar Highway Project Approved:** Cabinet approves ₹3,822 crore construction of 4-lane NH-139W Sahebganj-Areraj-Bettiah section reducing travel time from 2.5 hours to 1 hour.
- **Railway Line Doubling:** Cabinet approves ₹2,192 crore doubling of 104 km Bakhtiyarpur-Rajgir-Tilaiya railway line enhancing connectivity across four Bihar districts.
- **Tirumala Gets AI Command Centre:** Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates India's first AI-powered Integrated Command & Control Centre at Tirumala for efficient pilgrim management with real-time analytics and facial recognition.
- **PM Modi Launches ₹1.22 Lakh Crore Projects:** Prime Minister inaugurates massive infrastructure development in Banswara including nuclear, solar, irrigation, rail and road projects focusing on tribal upliftment.
- **500 New Atal Labs for J&K:** NITI Aayog announces ₹100 crore investment to establish 500 Atal Tinkering Labs across Jammu & Kashmir to boost student innovation.

International Affairs

- **US Introduces India Shrimp Tariff Act:** American Senators Bill Cassidy and Cindy Hyde-Smith propose tariffs on Indian shrimp imports on September 20, 2025, to protect Louisiana's seafood industry from alleged dumping practices.
- **India Re-elected to UN Postal Councils:** Country secures positions in Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council at 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai, reflecting global confidence in India Post's leadership.
- **India-Brazil Launch Agricultural Innovation Partnership:** Maitri 2.0 cross-incubation programme launched to strengthen agritech cooperation and sustainable agriculture development between both nations.
- **India Gains Strategic Position in Interpol:** India elected to Interpol Asian Committee during 25th Asian Regional Conference in Singapore, enhancing regional security cooperation against organized crime and terrorism.
- **Historic Ocean Conservation Treaty Takes Effect:** BBNJ treaty reaches 60 ratifications and will enter force January 17, 2026, aiming to protect marine biodiversity beyond 200 nautical miles from coastal countries.
- **China Launches K Visa to Attract Global Talent:** New K visa launching October 1, 2025, targets young STEM professionals amid US H-1B restrictions, offering flexible entry and participation in academic activities.
- **India-Australia Organic MRA:** India and Australia signed Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Organic Products on September 24, 2025, strengthening strategic partnership under ECTA.



- **Super Typhoon Devastates Asia:** Super Typhoon Ragasa, 2025's strongest storm, causes 17 deaths in Taiwan, 4 in Philippines with nearly 2 million evacuated in southern China.
- **IIT-Madras Nominated for UN AI Centre:** India nominates IIT-Madras as UN Centre of Excellence for AI capacity building under ODET initiative, aiming to skill 10 million people annually through India AI Mission.
- **US-Turkey Nuclear Deal:** United States and Turkey sign comprehensive nuclear cooperation agreement for building large power plants and small modular reactors.
- **Dubai's Driverless Transport Revolution:** Dubai launches 15-kilometer autonomous transport corridor featuring RoboTaxis, buses and bots, targeting 25% autonomous trips by 2030.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Govt-Zepto Employment Partnership:** Government partners with Zepto via National Career Service Portal offering 10,000 job postings focusing on youth, women, and first-time job seekers.
- **UAE-India Business Council MoUs:** UAE-India Business Council signs strategic MoUs to boost bilateral trade focusing on logistics, healthcare, IT/ITES, education, and tourism sectors.

Books and Authors

- **Former CJI Releases Debut Book:** DY Chandrachud's "Why the Constitution Matters" published by Penguin Random House explores constitutional values and their impact on everyday Indian lives through 25+ years judicial experience.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **India's Logistics Costs Assessed at 7.97% of GDP:** NCAER report for DPIIT reveals comprehensive logistics cost analysis on Make in India's 10th anniversary, correcting earlier inflated estimates of 13-14%.
- **IndusInd Bank Appoints New CFO:** Viral Damania appointed as Chief Financial Officer effective September 22, 2025, bringing 27 years banking experience including tenure as CFO of Bank of America India.
- **India-ADB Sign \$125 Million Infrastructure Loan:** Agreement signed to upgrade urban services in Assam, benefiting 360,000 residents with continuous water supply and enhanced stormwater management across six district headquarters and Guwahati.
- **Future Food Forum Dubai:** 7th Future Food Forum 2025 begins in Dubai focusing on food security, trade, innovation, and sustainable practices across Global South.
- **Banking Liquidity Deficit Widens:** Banking system liquidity deficit expands to ₹87,183 crore on September 23 due to advance tax and GST outflows, prompting RBI to conduct VRR auction injecting ₹1.50 lakh crore.

- **UPI Launches in Qatar:** Unified Payments Interface goes live in Qatar starting with Hamad Airport, making Qatar the eighth country to enable UPI for Indian travelers abroad.
- **India's GDP Growth Forecast:** S&P Global Ratings retains India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for FY26, citing strong domestic demand and benign monsoon despite global headwinds.
- **India's Smartphone Export Surge:** India's smartphone exports to the United States skyrocket 148% year-on-year in August 2025, reaching \$965 million milestone.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Dr. Kanad Das** became the **13th Director of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI)** on **25 Sept 2025**, the first mycologist to head the institute; he has discovered **165 new mushroom species** and aims to digitise herbarium data and document fungi diversity.
- **Sudhanshu Vats**, MD of **Pidilite Industries**, appointed **President of ASCI (2025)**, with **S Subramanyeswar** as **Vice Chairman** and **Paritosh Joshi** as **Treasurer**; ASCI to launch the **AdWise literacy program** for 1 million students and expand to **Delhi & Bengaluru**.
- **Anand Piramal** appointed **Chairman of Piramal Finance** after merger approval by **NCLT (Sept 2025)**; **Ajay Piramal** stepped down, while **Jairam Sridharan** became MD & CEO; new board includes **Shikha Sharma** (former Axis Bank MD) as Non-Executive Director.
- **Vandana Gupta**, 1990 batch **IP&TAFS officer**, took charge as **Controller General of Communication Accounts (CGCA)** on **22 Sept 2025**, bringing 30+ years' experience across **DoT, DoP, MoWCD, NCW, and CAG's GASAB**.
- **Rehabilitation Council Appointments:** MPs **Kanwar Singh Tanwar** and **Dr. Jashvantsinh Parmar** appointed to Rehabilitation Council of India for two-year tenure.
- **First Mycologist BSI Director:** Dr. Kanad Das becomes first mycologist to head Botanical Survey of India, aims to digitize herbariums and catalog all Indian fungi species.

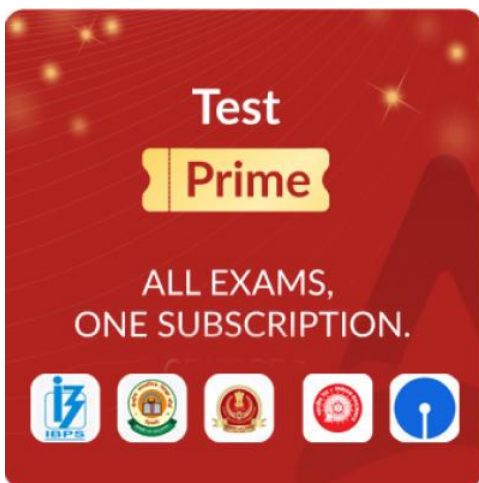
Defence News

- **India-Greece Conduct First Naval Exercise:** Maiden bilateral maritime exercise concluded on September 18, 2025, in Mediterranean Sea featuring **INS Trikan** and **HS Themistokles** with harbor and sea phase operations.
- **First Defense Manufacturing Plant in Morocco:** Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** set to inaugurate **Tata Advanced Systems Maroc's** facility in **Berrechid**, marking India's first defense manufacturing plant in Africa.
- **India-Morocco Sign Defence Cooperation MoU:** Strategic defence agreement signed September 22, 2025, establishing framework for military training, joint exercises, and collaboration in counter-terrorism and maritime security.

- **First Tri-Services Technology Symposium Inaugurated:** CDS General Anil Chauhan launched T-SATS at Manekshaw Centre with participation from 62 premier institutes to develop futuristic defence technologies for Indian Armed Forces.
- **Project Vijayak Celebrates 15 Years:** Border Roads Organisation project marking milestone in enhancing road connectivity in Kargil and Zaskar regions, strengthening security infrastructure near Line of Control.
- **CDS Tenure Extended:** Central Government extends General Anil Chauhan's tenure as Chief of Defence Staff till May 30, 2026, ensuring continuity in military leadership.
- **Agni-Prime Missile Test:** India successfully test-fires Agni-Prime intermediate-range ballistic missile from rail-based mobile launcher, showcasing cutting-edge deployment capabilities with 2,000 km range.
- **L&T-BEL Consortium for AMCA:** L&T and BEL form 50:50 consortium to bid for India's ₹15,000 crore Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft program, challenging HAL's monopoly in fighter jet manufacturing.
- **MiG-21's Final Flight:** Indian Air Force's iconic MiG-21 fighter aircraft completes final operational flight on September 24, formal farewell ceremony held at Chandigarh on September 26.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Mohanlal Receives Dadasaheb Phalke Award:** Malayalam superstar honored with India's highest cinema recognition for his four-decade career spanning 400+ films, to be presented on September 23, 2025, during 71st National Film Awards.
- **Gram Panchayats Win National e-Governance Awards:** Village councils recognized at 28th National Conference in Visakhapatnam for digital innovation including paperless offices and online service delivery through QR/UPI systems.



- **Tamil Nadu Kalaimamani Awards:** Tamil Nadu government announces Kalaimamani Awards for 2021-23 honoring around 90 artists including actors Sai Pallavi, S.J. Suryah, and music director Anirudh Ravichander.
- **President Honors 20 Scientists:** President Murmu felicitates 20 geoscientists with Prof. Shyam S. Rai receiving Lifetime Achievement Award for seismology contributions.
- **Agricultural Journalism Excellence:** Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar to receive award for outstanding contribution to agricultural reporting at October 11 ceremony in Bangalore.

Summits and Conferences News

- **7th Future Food Forum 2025** opened in Dubai, hosted by the UAE Food & Beverage Business Group, focusing on food security, sustainability, CEPAs, and agri-tech innovation, with UAE targeting \$10.9 bn food sector.
- The **28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG)** in Visakhapatnam adopted the **Visakhapatnam Declaration 2025**, stressing AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion, and civil service transformation, aligning with the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.
- **World Food India 2025** (25–28 Sept) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, inaugurated by PM Modi, will host 1700+ exhibitors, 500+ global buyers, 100+ countries, promoting sustainability, innovation, and inclusivity in food systems.

Ranks and Reports

- The Government of India, through the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**, released the **Forest Accounts 2025** on **25 September 2025** during the 29th CoCSSO in Chandigarh, based on the **UN SEEA framework**. The report highlights that India's forest cover rose by **17,444.61 sq. km between 2010–11 and 2021–22**, now covering **21.76% of the country's land area**, with the highest gains in Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The growing stock of usable wood increased by **305.53 million cubic meters (7.32%)**, led by Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The **Provisioning Services** value of timber and non-timber products rose to **₹37,930 crore in 2021–22**, while **Regulating Services** like carbon retention surged by **51.82% to ₹6.20 lakh crore**, contributing **2.63% of GDP**. With state-level trends and valuation models, the report underscores forests' dual role in **economic growth and climate regulation**, supporting India's **net-zero 2070 target**.

- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** released the fourth edition of its flagship report *Children in India 2025* on **25 September 2025** during the CoCSSO conference in Chandigarh. Divided into seven chapters, the publication covers **health, nutrition, education, child protection, and SDGs**, while also introducing new indicators like **digital device usage, adoption statistics, and causes of child deaths**. Key findings include a sharp decline in **Infant Mortality Rate from 44 (2011) to 25 (2023)**, a fall in dropout rates at all school levels (secondary level at **8.2% in 2024–25**), and achievement of **gender parity in education**, with girls outnumbering boys in secondary schooling (GPI 1.1). The report also records a drop in **child marriage (23.3% women married before 18 in 2019–21 vs 26.8% in 2015–16)**, and notes **4,515 adoptions in 2024–25**, mostly in-country and predominantly of female children. By offering consolidated, QR-linked datasets, the report provides a robust evidence base for **child-focused policies and SDG monitoring**.

Sports News

- **Smriti Mandhana Breaks Kohli's ODI Record:** Indian opener smashes 50-ball century against Australia, surpassing Virat Kohli's previous 52-ball record to become fastest Indian centurion in ODIs.
- **ICC Unveils Women's World Cup 2025 Song:** Official anthem 'Bring it Home' performed by Shreya Ghoshal launched for tournament running September 30 to November 2 across India and Sri Lanka.
- **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone Sets 40-Year Record:** American sprinter clocks 47.78 seconds in 400m at World Championships, marking fastest time in four decades and second-fastest ever by a woman.
- **Indian Skaters Create History at World Championships:** Anish Raj wins bronze in Junior Men's One-Lap Road Sprint while Anandkumar Velkumar claims gold in 42km marathon, becoming first Indian speed skating world champion.
- **USA Cricket Suspended:** ICC suspends USA Cricket's membership over governance issues and failure to secure National Governing Body status with USOPC.
- **Jerome Boateng Retires:** Bayern Munich legend and 2014 FIFA World Cup winner Jerome Boateng announces retirement at age 37 after illustrious career.
- **Asian Aquatics Championship 2025:** Ahmedabad's Veer Savarkar Sports Complex to host 11th Asian Aquatics Championship from September 28 to October 11, 2025, featuring over 900 athletes from 29 countries.

- **Ashwin Joins BBL:** Ravichandran Ashwin signs with Sydney Thunder, becoming the first Indian international male cricketer to join the Big Bash League after BCCI rule changes.
- **ISSF Junior World Cup Success:** India dominates women's 50m prone rifle event with gold, silver, bronze sweep; men's team secures silver and bronze with 69 Indian competitors participating in New Delhi.
- **FIFA World Cup 2026 Mascots:** FIFA unveils official mascots for 2026 World Cup - Clutch (USA), Maple (Canada), and Zayu (Mexico) representing unity and cultural diversity.
- **Busquets Announces Retirement:** Spanish football legend Sergio Busquets retires after illustrious 20-year career, concluding with Inter Miami in 2025.

Schemes and Committees News

- **PM Modi launched Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana (26 Sept 2025)** in Bihar, transferring **₹10,000 each to 75 lakh women** via DBT (₹7,500 crore), with scope of **₹2 lakh support** per woman through SHGs and Jeevika Nidhi. The scheme complements the **Lakshpati Didi Campaign**, aiming for **3 crore self-reliant women entrepreneurs** nationwide; Bihar to contribute the **highest share of Lakshpati Didis**.
- India celebrated **11 years of Make in India (25 Sept 2014–2025)**, boosting FDI, manufacturing, exports (crossed **\$450 bn in FY24**), job creation, and aligning with **Aatmanirbhar Bharat & PLI schemes**, though manufacturing share is ~17% of GDP. Global majors like **Apple, Samsung, Boeing, Tesla** expanded Indian manufacturing under Make in India, while exports of **engineering goods, electronics, chemicals** led growth despite challenges in land, logistics, and labour reforms.
- **Cabinet approved DSIR's CBHRD scheme** with an outlay of **₹2,277.397 crore (2021–26)** under CSIR, supporting **doctoral/postdoctoral fellowships, Bhatnagar Fellowships, research grants, and awards** to strengthen India's **STEMM workforce**. The **CBHRD scheme** aims to nurture **young researchers**, empower senior scientists, and improve India's **global innovation ranking** (39th in 2024), building a strong **R&D ecosystem** for sustainable growth.
- **Bihar Women Empowerment Scheme:** PM Modi launches direct cash transfer program providing **₹10,000 to 75 lakh women** in Bihar to promote self-employment opportunities.

Science and Technology News

- **Rare Bird Species Spotted in Tamil Nadu:** Red-necked Phalarope, a small shorebird known for unique spinning behavior on water, documented in India with circumpolar distribution across boreal and tundra zones.

- **R&D Capacity Building Scheme:** Cabinet approves DSIR/CSIR scheme with ₹2277.397 crore outlay for 2021-26 period fostering young researchers in STEMM fields.
- **New Eel Species Discovered:** Scientists discover *Apterichtus kanniyakumari*, a new finless snake eel species off Tamil Nadu's Colachel coast, distinguished by its golden-yellow body and unique black blotches.

Important Days News

- **International Day of Peace 2025:** Observed on September 21 with theme "Act Now for a Peaceful World", promoting unity, non-violence, and global harmony through various awareness initiatives.
- **World Alzheimer's Day 2025:** September 21 observance focuses on "Ask about Dementia. Ask about Alzheimer's" theme, promoting early diagnosis, caregiver support, and reducing stigma around dementia.
- **World Rose Day 2025:** September 22 celebration honors cancer patients and caregivers, inspired by 12-year-old cancer warrior Melinda Rose, promoting hope and solidarity.
- **World Rhino Day 2025:** September 22 observance raises awareness about rhino conservation, highlighting India's Project Rhino and protection efforts at Kaziranga National Park.
- **International Day of Sign Languages Observed:** September 23 marked globally with 2025 theme "Sign Language Unites Us" to raise awareness about importance of sign languages for deaf and hard-of-hearing communities.
- **Ayurveda Day 2025 Date Changed:** First-time celebration on September 23 instead of Dhanteras, aligned with autumnal equinox and theme "Ayurveda for People and Planet" highlighting preventive healthcare and sustainability.
- **World Pharmacists Day 2025:** Observed globally on September 25 with theme "Think Health, Think Pharmacist" celebrating pharmacists' vital role in healthcare.
- **Antyodaya Diwas 2025:** Celebrates Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary emphasizing inclusive growth and uplifting the poorest sections of society.
- **World Contraception Day 2025:** Observed on September 26 with theme "A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose," emphasizing reproductive health rights and access to diverse contraceptive methods.

- **European Day of Languages:** Celebrated on September 26 since 2001 by Council of Europe to promote linguistic diversity and intercultural understanding across Europe's 225+ indigenous languages.
- **World Environmental Health Day:** Marked on September 26 with 2025 theme "Clean Air, Healthy People," highlighting the critical link between air quality and human health through global awareness campaigns.
- **World Tourism Day 2025:** Observed on September 27 with theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," promoting environmentally responsible and inclusive travel practices.

Obituaries News

- **Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa Passes Away:** Renowned Kannada novelist and Padma Bhushan recipient Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa dies at 94 in Bengaluru due to cardiac arrest.
- The cricketing world mourns the death of **Harold Dennis "Dickie" Bird**, one of the most respected and beloved umpires in the history of the sport.

Miscellaneous News

- **Forest Cover Expansion:** India's forest coverage increases by 22.5% over 12-year period, MoSPI releases comprehensive report including services, condition and asset accounts.
- **Google's 27th Anniversary:** Google celebrates 27 years with nostalgic Doodle featuring original logo design, expressing gratitude to billions of global users.



Static Takeaways

Organisation / Institution	Chairman / President / Head	HQ	Established	Type / Category
Paris Saint Germain (PSG)	Nasser Al-Khelaifi (President)	Paris, France	1970	Football Club
Arsenal FC	Stan Kroenke (Owner)	London, UK	1886	Football Club
Barcelona FC	Joan Laporta (President)	Barcelona, Spain	1899	Football Club
Xana Foundation	Xana López (Founder)	Spain	2022	NGO (Humanitarian)
ASCI (Advertising Standards Council of India)	Sudhanshu Vats (Chairman, Sep 2025)	Mumbai, India	1985	Advertising Regulator
L&T (Larsen & Toubro)	S. N. Subrahmanyam (Chairman & MD)	Mumbai, India	1938	Engineering / Infra
BEL (Bharat Electronics Ltd.)	Manoj Jain (Chairman & MD)	Bengaluru, India	1954	Defence PSU
Tata Advanced Systems Maroc	Subsidiary of Tata Group	Berrechid, Morocco	2025	Defence Manufacturing
Zepto	Aadit Palicha (CEO), Kaivalya Vohra (Co-founder)	Mumbai, India	2021	Quick Commerce
UAE-India Business Council	Kamal Vachani (UAE Chapter Chair)	Dubai / New Delhi	2015	Bilateral Forum
NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research)	Dr. Poonam Gupta (DG)	New Delhi	1956	Economic Think Tank
ADB (Asian Development Bank)	Masato Kanda (President, Feb 2025)	Manila, Philippines	1966	Multilateral Bank
Penguin Random House	Nihar Malaviya (Global CEO)	New York, USA	2013 (Merger)	Publishing
IndusInd Bank	Rajiv Anand (MD & CEO, Aug 2025); Viral Damania (CFO, Sep 2025)	Mumbai, India	1994	Private Bank
Bank of America (India)	Brian Moynihan (Global CEO)	Mumbai, India (India ops since 1964)	1904 (Global)	Banking Subsidiary
Piramal Finance	Anand Piramal (Chairman, Sep 2025)	Mumbai, India	1980 (Group)	NBFC / Finance
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor, Dec 2024–)	Mumbai, India	1935	Central Bank
S&P Global Ratings	Douglas Peterson (CEO)	New York, USA	1941	Credit Rating Agency
Ministry of Finance (India)	Nirmala Sitharaman (Cabinet Minister, 2024–25)	New Delhi	1946	Govt Ministry
Ministry of Commerce & Industry (India)	Piyush Goyal (Cabinet Minister, 2024–25)	New Delhi	1999 (merged)	Govt Ministry
Ministry of Tribal Affairs (India)	Jual Oram (Cabinet Minister, since Jun 2024)	New Delhi	1999	Govt Ministry
Border Roads Organisation (BRO)	Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan (DG)	New Delhi	1960	Defence Infra
CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)	Dr. N. Kalaiselvi (DG)	New Delhi	1942	R&D Body

Organisation / Institution	Chairman / President / Head	HQ	Established	Type / Category
DSIR (Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research)	Under Ministry of S&T	New Delhi	1985	Govt Dept
International Seabed Authority (ISA)	Michael Lodge (Sec-Gen)	Kingston, Jamaica	1994	UN Body
Interpol	Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi (President, 2021–25)	Lyon, France	1923	Int'l Policing Org
Universal Postal Union (UPU)	Masahiko Metoki (DG, 2022–25)	Bern, Switzerland	1874	UN Postal Agency
BBNJ Treaty	UN Convention (Collective)	New York, US	2023 (adopted)	Ocean Conservation
IIT-Madras	V. Kamakoti (Director)	Chennai, India	1959	Technical Institute
Big Bash League (BBL)	Cricket Australia (Organizer)	Australia	2011	T20 Cricket League
ICC (International Cricket Council)	Jay Shah (Chair, Dec 2024–)	Dubai, UAE	1909 (as Imperial Cricket Conf.)	Cricket Body
BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India)	Rajeev Shukla (Interim President, Sep 2025)	Mumbai, India	1928	Cricket Body
GSTAT (GST Appellate Tribunal)	Justice (Retd.) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (President)	New Delhi	2024	Quasi-judicial Tribunal

