



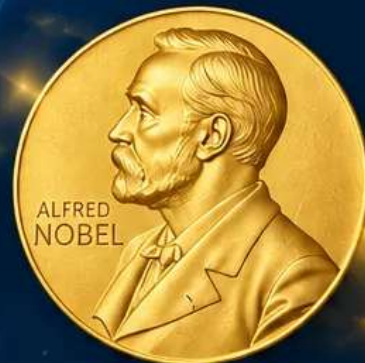
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IDEAS FOR A
BETTER WORLD



PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE

5 OCT 2026

WINNERS

Karl Deisseroth,
Peter Hegemann &
Georg Nagel

KEY CONTRIBUTION

Discoveries on
light-gated ion channels
and optogenetics.



PHYSICS

6 OCT 2026

WINNER

Francis Halzen

KEY CONTRIBUTION

IceCube Neutrino
Observatory and discovery
of high-energy neutrinos
of astrophysical origin.



CHEMISTRY

7 OCT 2026

WINNERS

Henri B. Kagan &
Kenso Soai

KEY CONTRIBUTION

Discovery of non-linear
effects and autocatalysis
in asymmetric organic
synthesis.



LITERATURE

8 OCT 2026

WINNER

Anne Carson

KEY CONTRIBUTION

For her pioneering and
original oeuvre, with a playful
interplay with the classical
tradition.



PEACE

9 OCT 2026

WINNER

Navi Pillay

KEY CONTRIBUTION

Work towards international
law regime and accountability
for the most severe human
rights violations.



ECONOMIC SCIENCES

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Oslo, Norway



Other ceremonies
Stockholm, Sweden

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MONETARY POLICY | PRICE STABILITY | STRONGER ECONOMY

STABLE
PRICES
STRONGER
TOMORROW



1 HEADLINE DECISION



MPC unanimously increased the policy repo rate by **25 basis points**.

Revised Repo Rate

5.50%



63rd
MPC Meeting



Meeting dates
5–7 October 2026



Chairman
RBI Governor
Sanjay Malhotra



Policy stance
changed to:
**Calibrated
Tightening**

2 REVISED KEY POLICY RATES

Repo Rate	Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	Bank Rate	! 25 bps = 0.25 percentage point
5.50%	5.25%	5.75%	5.75%	

3 WHY DID RBI INCREASE THE REPO RATE?



CPI inflation rose to 4.8% in August 2026 from 4.5% in July.



Core inflation rose to 4.2%.



Higher food and fuel prices.



Weather risks: deficient south-west monsoon and strong El Niño.



Higher energy/commodity prices and geopolitical uncertainty in West Asia.

4 MEANING OF CALIBRATED TIGHTENING



- Rate cuts are unlikely in the near term.
- Future action may be either another rate hike or a pause.
- Depends on inflation, growth and financial conditions.



EXAM TIP



Repo rate = rate at which RBI lends short-term funds to commercial banks.



Higher repo rate can raise loan interest rates and help control inflation.



NATIONAL NEWS

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01



Ministry of Education approved five Centres of Excellence for **Classical Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit** on **October 3, 2026**, hosted by five universities.

10



MoSPI launched the **Environmental Economic Accounts Strategy 2026–2030** to measure natural assets and ecosystem services, covering 10 priority areas and aligning India's accounting with the UN SEEA and 2025 SNA.

02



Union Minister **Bhupender Yadav** released two male **Great Indian Bustards** into the wild at Sam in Rajasthan's **Desert National Park** on **October 4, 2026**, marking rewilding phase of conservation.

11



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **10th India Mobile Congress 2026** at **Yashobhoomi** on **October 8**, highlighting India's 5G expansion, 6G development, AI, semiconductors and next-generation digital technologies.

03



The **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas** Convention will be held in **Kolkata** from **January 7–9, 2027**, with PM Narendra Modi inaugurating the event and President Droupadi Murmu presenting the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards.

12



The Centre will deploy **Joint Squad for Health (JOSH) teams** across **55 districts** in **11 states** to strengthen community participation in TB **elimination** through awareness, prevention and treatment support.

04



The **2026–27 parliamentary panel** reshuffle appointed **Tiruchi Siva** (Industry), **Sujeet Kumar** (Personnel), **Sudhanshu Trivedi** (Commerce) and **Radha Mohan Singh** (Defence) as chairpersons of the respective standing committees.

13



IT Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** announced that India will release an **AI regulation** consultation paper within a month, covering safety, cybersecurity, deepfakes and human-centric development, while targeting indigenous AI inference capabilities within three to four years.

05



An Indian parliamentary delegation led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Hariyansh** is attending the **153rd IPU Assembly** in **Arusha, Tanzania**, from **October 5–9, 2026**.

14



On October 8, the **Supreme Court** directed states to integrate **eDAR** with **VAHAN, SARATHI** and **Insurance Information Bureau databases**, establish Special Investigation Teams where required, and submit compliance reports within four weeks to curb insurance fraud.

06



The DoT's **Sanchar Saathi** portal has crossed **30 crore visits** since **May 2023** and helped prevent suspected cyber-fraud losses exceeding **₹5,000 crore**.

15



UIDAI revised its **Aadhaar name-update** procedure, distinguishing minor corrections from major changes and requiring a Gazette notification alongside applicable identity proof for complete name changes.

07



India's cheetah population rose to **60** after Indian-born female **KJP21** gave birth to **five cubs** at **Kuno National Park** on **October 5, 2026**.

16



Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** constituted a standing committee chaired by **Justice K V Viswanathan** to address judicial officers' mental and physical well-being on **World Mental Health Day**.

08



Dibrugarh, Assam, dispatched its **first international cargo shipment** since Independence from Bogibeel Terminal, carrying **540 metric tonnes of methanol** to Pangaon Port in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

17



The Department of Posts will celebrate **National Postal Week 2026** from **October 9–15** under the theme **"One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities,"** highlighting postal services, financial inclusion, philately and digital innovations.

09



The **NSO** under **MoSPI** released findings of **India's first-ever National Household Travel Survey (NHTS)**, covering **4,92,023** households, **14,274** villages and **10,377** urban blocks during July 2025 – June 2026.

18



Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed **25 years as head of government** on **October 7, 2026**, marking his journey from Gujarat Chief Minister in 2001 to Prime Minister in 2014.

19



India's total number of **Classical Languages** reached **11** after **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali** were added in 2024, while Tamil became the first language to receive the status in 2004.

STATE NEWS

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01 UTTAR PRADESH

Uttar Pradesh restored **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi** as the official name of Bhadohi district on **October 4, 2026**.



02 DELHI

The Delhi government made the **Pink Saheli Smart Card** mandatory for eligible women to use free DTC and cluster bus services.



03 ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Pradesh launched a PMAY-G 2.0 pilot to construct **177 rural houses** using **3D Concrete Printing** technology at a cost of **₹13.93 crore**.



04 ODISHA

The Odisha government launched India's first dedicated **MICE Incentive Portal** during Odisha **Travel Bazaar 2026** to promote business tourism, corporate events and investment.



05 MADHYA PRADESH

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released **cheetahs Vyom and Neera** into Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve on October 7, expanding Madhya Pradesh's cheetah habitats to **three**.



06 ANDHRA PRADESH

Andhra Pradesh launched a national-level **3D Concrete Printing pilot** under PMAY-G 2.0 to construct **177 rural houses** in Guntur district at an estimated **cost of ₹13.93 crore**.



07 LADAKH

Ladakh launched India's first **high-altitude wildlife safari** with six specially designed vehicles operating in **Rumbak, Shang and Uley**, promoting responsible tourism and local employment while protecting wildlife habitats.



08 ASSAM

Nameri Tiger Reserve received **CA/TS Approved status** on September 10, 2026, recognising its tiger conservation management across a **344-square-kilometre** landscape.



09 PUNJAB

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann launched **HUNAR Punjab** and **Fast-Track Punjab** to connect skilled youth with employers and simplify investor approvals within **45 days**, with around **1,750** institutions registered on HUNAR at launch.



10 UTTAR PRADESH

The ePlane Company signed an MoU with Noida International Airport to develop eVTOL infrastructure, including vertiports and charging stations, and explore airport transfers, urban connectivity and emergency air ambulance services.



11 UTTAR PRADESH

On October 9, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal to rename Noida International Airport as **Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar**, with Phase I costing approximately **₹11,282 crore** and designed for **12 million passengers** annually.



12 MADHYA PRADESH

Madhya Pradesh's Satpura Tiger Reserve recorded approximately **303 hard-ground Barasingha** by October 10, following a reintroduction programme launched in 2015 using animals translocated from Kanha National Park.



13 WEST BENGAL

The West Bengal Cabinet approved financial assistance of **₹50,000 over three years** for eligible unmarried women pursuing higher education, with implementation scheduled to begin in **January 2027**.



14 GUJARAT

Gujarat's traditional Ambaji temple **Mohanthal prasad** received a **GI tag** under Class 30, recognising its regional identity and protecting its geographical association.



15 UTTARAKHAND

Uttarakhand declared itself India's **sixth fully literate state** after reporting an adult literacy rate of **98.70%** under the ULLAS initiative, supported by around **25,000** volunteers.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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01 Ukraine Calls India's Ceasefire Proposal Broadcast

Ukraine described India's Russia-Ukraine ceasefire proposal as the broadest among four proposals under discussion, covering energy and Black Sea ceasefire possibilities.



02 Suspected Pneumonic Plague Case Triggers Precautions in Russia

Russia placed nearly 200 contacts under medical observation after a laboratory worker in Irkutsk died from severe pneumonia, although plague remains unconfirmed.



03 SpaceX to Be Renamed SpaceXSI

Elon Musk confirmed that SpaceX's AI division SpaceXAI will be renamed SpaceXSI, with "SI" standing for Super Intelligence.



04 Adani Power, DGPC Sign Deal for 770 MW Bhutan Hydropower Project

Adani Power and Bhutan's DGPC signed a 49:51 agreement to develop the 770 MW Chamkharchhu-I Hydroelectric Project in Zhemgang, with construction expected to begin in 2027.



05 WWF Report Records 73% Decline in Monitored Wildlife

WWF's Living Planet Report 2026 recorded a 73% average decline in monitored wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022, with freshwater species showing an 85% decline.



06 India Joins 14 Economies to Address Global Excess Capacity

India joined the US and 13 other economies in a joint initiative targeting structural overcapacity and non-market policies in sectors including EVs, batteries, chemicals, semiconductors and solar panels.



07 Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor Inaugurated in Varanasi

Akie Abe and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor in Varanasi on October 7, commemorating the former Japanese Prime Minister's contribution to India-Japan relations ahead of 75 years of diplomatic ties in 2027.



08 Phoenix Species Project Commits \$200 Million to Save 100 Species

Re:wild and the Bezos Earth Fund announced a \$200 million initiative to recover 100 critically endangered and extinct-in-the-wild species across 30 countries, with each target species receiving five years of conservation support.



09 UNESCO GEM Gender Report 2026 Highlights Girls' Education Inequalities

UNESCO's 2026 GEM Gender Report found that the global share of girls married before 18 fell from 25% in 2000 to 18% in 2025, while only 59 girls in rural India complete upper-secondary education for every 100 boys.



10 New York Declares Statewide Emergency Amid Rising Measles Cases

New York Governor Kathy Hochul declared a disaster emergency on October 5 after the state reported 108 measles cases by October 3, including 101 outside New York City, enabling expanded testing and vaccination measures.



11 Katie Zacharia Named White House Press Secretary by Trump

US President Donald Trump announced Katie Zacharia as the next White House press secretary on October 9, 2026, succeeding Karoline Leavitt.



12 Panama Hit by 7.7-Magnitude Earthquake

A 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Panama on October 9, prompting emergency assessments and a temporary tsunami warning, which authorities later lifted, while the Panama Canal continued normal operations.



13 Trump Presents National Science and Technology Medals to Six Leaders

US President Donald Trump honoured Elon Musk, Sergey Brin, Jensen Huang, Lisa Su, Satya Nadella and Michael Dell with national science and technology medals during a Washington summit on October 8.



14 India and Mali Commemorate World Cotton Day at UN Headquarters

India and Mali marked World Cotton Day on October 7 in New York under the theme "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership," highlighting sustainable cotton value chains and farmers' livelihoods.



15 India and Ghana Exchange Two MoUs

India and Ghana exchanged two MoUs during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit, covering scientific and academic cooperation between the Zoological Survey of India and the University of Ghana, and agricultural research between ICAR and Ghana's CSIR-Crops Research Institute.



16 Third Sagarmathan Dialogue Begins in New Delhi

The third Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue is being held in New Delhi from October 7-9, 2026, under the theme "Blue Geographies, New Aspirations: Trade, Technology, and Trust at Sea," with over 1,200 participants expected from nearly 75 countries.



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BANKING NEWS

01

NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH Social Bond

NABKISAN Finance Limited, a NABARD subsidiary, listed India's first social bond dedicated exclusively to the WASH sector, raising **₹180 crore** at an **8.10% coupon rate**.



02

Bank of Baroda Enters Pension Fund Business

Bank of Baroda became the second Public Sector Bank to enter the pension fund business after receiving a Certificate of Appointment as Sponsor of a Pension Fund from PFRDA.



03

RBI Removes Paytm Payments Bank from Scheduled Banks List

The RBI removed **Paytm Payments Bank** from the **Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934**, following cancellation of its banking licence for regulatory non-compliance.



04

Bank of India Launches Programmable Digital Rupee Auto-Issuance

Bank of India introduced **programmable CBDC** functionality allowing users to automatically transfer **₹** to beneficiaries at fixed amounts and intervals for specified purposes.



05

Anup Bagchi to Lead HDFC Bank with ₹35.9 Crore Pay

Anup Bagchi is scheduled to become HDFC Bank's Managing Director and CEO on **October 27, 2026**, succeeding Sashidhar Jagdishan, with proposed annual target compensation of **₹35.9 crore** for FY27.



06

SEBI Settlement Regulations 2026 Revise Calculation and Fast-Track Procedures

SEBI notified revised settlement regulations introducing a fast-track mechanism for eligible cases involving settlement amounts of **₹10 lakh or less**, while treating disgorgement of wrongful gains separately.



07

RBI Raises Daily CRR Maintenance Requirement to 99% from October 16

The RBI will raise the minimum daily Cash Reserve Ratio maintenance requirement from **90% to 99%** from **October 16, 2026**, while keeping the overall CRR unchanged at **3%** of Net Demand and Time Liabilities.



08

RBI Hikes Repo Rate by 25 Basis Points to 5.50%

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee raised the **repo rate by 25 basis points** to **5.50%** at its October 5-7 meeting, set the policy stance at **"Calibrated Tightening"** and projected FY27 GDP growth at **7.1%** with CPI inflation at **5.2%**.



BUSINESS NEWS

09

India Cuts Diesel and ATF Export Levies Again

The government reduced the **diesel export levy** from **₹20 to ₹16 per litre** and **ATF levy** from **₹15 to ₹10.50 per litre** from **October 1**, while **petrol** remained at **₹0.50**.



10

57th GST Council Meeting Approves Major Compliance Reforms

Chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on **October 8**, the **57th GST Council** meeting recommended raising the prosecution threshold from **₹1 crore to ₹5 crore**, reducing the general penalty to **₹10,000** and accelerating eligible refunds without changing GST rates.



11

World Bank Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.1%

The World Bank raised India's FY 2026-27 growth forecast from **6.6% to 7.1%**, citing strong **7.8%** GDP growth in the first quarter and continued support from private consumption, public investment, exports and infrastructure activity.



APPOINTMENTS & AWARDS NEWS

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APPOINTMENTS NEWS

01 Lavanya R Mundayur Appointed New India Assurance CMD

The government appointed **Lavanya R Mundayur** as CMD of New India Assurance until **May 31, 2029**, after her earlier tenure as CMD of Agriculture Insurance Company of India.



02 Press Council of India Reconstituted With 13 Journalist Members

The Central Government nominated **13 working journalists**, including **six editors**, to the 15th term of the Press Council of India under the Press Council Act, 1978.



सत्यमेव जयते
PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA

03 Gaurav Yadav Appointed Regular Punjab DGP

The Punjab government appointed **1992-batch IPS officer Gaurav Yadav** as the state's regular Director General of Police on **October 9, 2026**, ending his officiating tenure that began in July 2022.



04 Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Next Chief of Air Staff

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed the next Chief of the Air Staff and will assume office on **October 31, 2026**, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.



05 Mahesh Kakde Wins 2026 Ramanujan Prize

Indian mathematician **Mahesh Kakde**, a professor at IISc Bengaluru, won the **2026 Ramanujan Prize** for Young Mathematicians from Developing Countries for his contributions to algebraic number theory, including Iwasawa theory and the Gross-Stark and Brumer-Stark conjectures.



06 Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai Win Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026

Henri B. Kagan and **Kenso Soai** jointly won the **2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry** for discoveries concerning non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis, with each receiving half of the prize.



AWARDS NEWS

07 Nobel Medicine 2026 Honours Optogenetics Discoveries

Karl Deisseroth, **Peter Hegemann** and **Georg Nagel** won the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics.



08 IOA Announces First Jaspal Rana and Raja Randhir Singh Awards

The Indian Olympic Association named archer **Kumkum Anil Mohod** and wrestler **Sujeet Kalkal** as the inaugural recipients of the Jaspal Rana Award and Raja Randhir Singh Award, respectively.



09 Francis Halzen Wins Nobel Prize in Physics 2026

Francis Halzen received the **Nobel Prize in Physics 2026** for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin.



10 Anne Carson Wins 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature

Canadian poet and translator **Anne Carson** won the **2026 Nobel Prize in Literature** for her pioneering work and innovative interplay with classical literary traditions.



11 Navi Pillay Wins Nobel Peace Prize 2026 for International Justice

South African jurist **Navi Pillay** won the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize** for advancing international law and accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, having served as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014.



12 Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Civilian Heroism Award

Indian pilot **Captain Smit Machchhar** will receive **Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism** for helping passengers restrain an alleged attacker aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073 on **September 30, 2026**, despite sustaining serious injuries.



DEFENCE, RANKS & REPORTS NEWS

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DEFENCE NEWS

01 India-UAE Joint Military Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 Begins

The India-UAE joint military exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, with **92 personnel** focusing on mountain warfare and interoperability.



02 First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya' Launched

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya' at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, on **6 October 2026**.



03 Indian Navy Launches First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya'

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched 'Surya', India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, at Visakhapatnam, featuring over **80% indigenous content** and a displacement of around **43,500–45,000 tonnes**.



>80%
Indigenous Content
43,500–45,000 tonnes

04 CAPF Act 2026 Comes Into Force with IPS Deputation Rules

The CAPF Act 2026 came into force on **October 8**, prescribing IPS deputation for **50%** of Inspector General posts, at least **67%** of Additional Director General posts, and all Special Director General and Director General posts in covered forces.



05 Rajnath Singh Presents SIDM Champion Awards 2026 to 15 Organisations

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh honoured **15 organisations** at the SIDM Champion Awards on **October 9**, while highlighting India's defence exports of **₹38,424 crore** in FY 2025–26 and the **₹50,000-crore** target for 2029.



SIDM

06 Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous ASW Craft Mangrol on October 12

The Indian Navy is scheduled to commission **Mangrol**, its third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on **October 12**.



07 Indian Coast Guard Commissions Indigenous Patrol Vessel ICGS Ajit

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned **ICGS Ajit** at Goa Shipyard Limited on **October 9, 2026**, for maritime surveillance, search and rescue, anti-smuggling operations and pollution response; the vessel will be based at **Okha, Gujarat**.



08 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-2026

The Indian Coast Guard inaugurated the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, **SAREX-2026**, on **October 7**, with participants from **30 countries** and a major sea-rescue scenario involving an aircraft carrying **228 people**.



30 countries
228 people



RANKS & REPORTS NEWS

09 World Bank's World Development Report 2026 Examines AI Opportunities



The World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026, titled **The Promise of Artificial Intelligence**, recommends an "Adopt, Adapt and Advance" approach to help developing economies use AI in agriculture, healthcare, education and public services.



10 World Bank Report Places India Among Top 10 Emerging Markets in AI Readiness



The World Bank's **October 2026** report on India and artificial intelligence identifies the country's technical workforce and digital public infrastructure as strengths, citing **\$4.1 billion** in private AI investment in 2025 and approximately **2.36 million workers** in Global Capability Centres.



\$4.1 billion
Private AI investment
in 2025

2.36 million
Workers in GCCs

SCHEMES & SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

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SCHEMES NEWS

01 Government Opens Second PRIP Scheme Call With ₹50 Crore Discovery Track

The government opened the second PRIP Scheme application round, introducing a **Discovery Track** offering up to **₹50 crore** for startups and MSMEs developing NCEs and NBEs at **TRL 1-3**.



02 Delhi Doubles Monthly Incentive for ASHA Workers

The Delhi government doubled the monthly incentive for around **6,690 ASHA workers** from **₹3,000 to ₹6,000** and launched the Nursing Home Management System portal while expanding **Mission ANMOL**.



03 JOSH Teams to Be Launched for TB Elimination

The Union Health Ministry launched the **Joint Squad for Health (JOSH)** initiative on **October 8, 2026**, to cover **55 districts** across **11 states**, mobilising **MY Bharat** volunteers and NCC cadets for TB awareness, early diagnosis and treatment adherence.



04 Novak Djokovic Wins 2026 China Open

Novak Djokovic won his **seventh** China Open title and **102nd** tour-level title after Alex de Minaur retired injured, becoming the **oldest ATP 500 champion at age 39** and extending his China Open record to **34-0**.



05 Carlos Alcaraz Wins 2026 Japan Open

Carlos Alcaraz defeated Jiri Lehecka **7-6(4), 6-4** to win the 2026 Japan Open, securing his second consecutive title at the tournament, third title of the season and **27th career title**.



06 Smriti Mandhana Appointed Captain of Indian Women's Cricket Team

Smriti Mandhana was appointed captain of the Indian women's cricket team after Harmanpreet Kaur stepped down from leadership across formats, with Mandhana bringing previous captaincy experience from **18 T20Is and four ODIs**.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

07 India Demonstrates First 5.56-km Free-Space QKD Link

India demonstrated its first **5.56-km** free-space Quantum Key Distribution link between **BISAG-N** and **IIT Gandhinagar**, generating secure keys at **230-260 bits per second**.



08 TAPAS-1 Thermal Imaging Payload Reaches Orbit

Ahmedabad-based SatLeo Labs' **1.5-kg TAPAS-1** thermal-imaging payload reached orbit aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 during the Transporter-18 rideshare mission.



09 Francis Halzen's Work Advances Neutrino Astronomy

Francis Halzen's work on the IceCube Neutrino Observatory helped establish neutrino astronomy by detecting high-energy astrophysical neutrinos using Antarctic glacial ice.



10 IIT Madras Team AgniRath Secures Third at Solar Challenge

IIT Madras' Team AgniRath finished third at the Sasol Solar Challenge 2026 in South Africa, covering **1,192.6 km** with its solar-powered vehicle Aagneya.



11 Wētāpunga Conservation Programme Recovers New Zealand's Heaviest Insect

A 15-year conservation breeding programme has bred and released more than **11,000** wētāpunga insects through 45 translocations to **10 sites**, helping establish self-sustaining populations in New Zealand.



13 World Bank Ranks India Among Top 10 Emerging-Market AI Performers

The World Bank ranked India among the **top 10** emerging-market performers in AI readiness, reporting that private AI investment rose from **USD 1.2 billion** in 2024 to **USD 4.1 billion** in 2025 and that around **23%** of Indian firms use AI.





CRICKET



HOCKEY



TENNIS



FOOTBALL/F1



PARA SPORTS



MULTI-SPORTS

01

Qatar Receives OCA Flag for Doha Asian Games

Qatar received the OCA flag during the **Aichi-Nagoya 2026** closing ceremony and unveiled the **Doha 2030** identity and slogan, "**The Games We Live For.**"



DOHA 2030
The Games We Live For

02

Rest of India Wins Irani Cup 2026

Rest of India defeated Jammu & Kashmir by **167 runs** in Srinagar on **October 4** to win the Irani Cup for the first time since 2024.



03

India Retains Asian Games Hockey Gold

India defeated Malaysia **5-1** on **October 3** to retain the Asian Games men's hockey gold and secure direct qualification for the **Los Angeles 2028** Olympics.



04

Harmanpreet Kaur Steps Down as India Women's Captain

Harmanpreet Kaur stepped down as captain of the Indian women's cricket team across all formats on **6 October 2026** but will continue to play for India.



05

Verstappen Wins Dramatic Bahrain GP Held at Sepang

Max Verstappen won his and Red Bull's **first F1 race of 2026** at Malaysia's **Sepang circuit**, finishing ahead of Kimi Antonelli, while Lewis Hamilton recovered to third.



06

Pramod Bhagat, Bhavina Patel Named India's Para Games Flagbearers

Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel were named India's flagbearers for the Asian Para Games 2026, scheduled in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**, from **October 18 to 24**.



07

Ahmedabad to Host BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Games 2026

Ahmedabad will host the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games on **October 12** at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, showcasing Indian disciplines such as Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu alongside sports from participating countries.



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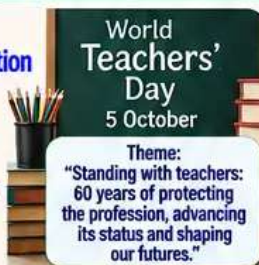
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01 World Teachers' Day 2026 Marks 60 Years of Teacher Protection

World Teachers' Day on **October 5** marks **60 years** of the 1966 ILO-UNESCO Recommendation and carries the theme **"Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures."**



02 World Habitat Day 2026 Highlights Adequate Housing

World Habitat Day on **October 5** carries the UN theme **"Adequate Housing for All"** and highlights the need for safe, affordable and dignified housing.



03 World Animal Day Promotes Animal Welfare

World Animal Day is observed on **October 4** to promote animal welfare and humane treatment, coinciding with the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi.



04 National Wildlife Week 2026 Observed from 2-8 October

National Wildlife Week 2026 is being observed from **2 to 8 October** with the theme **"Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife,"** marking the **72nd** edition.



05 World Cerebral Palsy Day 2026 Observed on 6 October

World Cerebral Palsy Day 2026 is observed on **6 October** with the theme **"Unique and United"** to promote inclusion, accessibility and equal rights.



06 Indian Air Force Day 2026 Marks 94th Raising Anniversary

Indian Air Force Day was observed on **October 8** as the IAF marked its **94th anniversary**, with its 2026 celebrations linked to Exercise Tarang Shakti.



07 World Post Day 2026 Celebrates Global Postal Connectivity

World Post Day is observed on **October 9** under the theme **"One postal network, infinite possibilities,"** marking the establishment of the Universal Postal Union on **October 9, 1874**; India joined the UPU on **July 1, 1876**.



08 World Space Week 2026

World Space Week is being observed from **October 4-10** under the theme **"Rocket Revolution,"** marking the launch of **Eputnik 1** on **October 4, 1957**, and the entry into force of the Outer Space Treaty on **October 10, 1967**.



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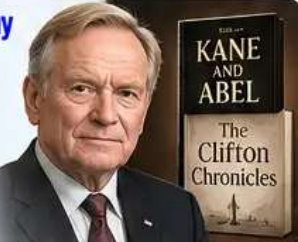
01 Filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao Dies at 94

Veteran filmmaker **Singeetham Srinivasa Rao** died in Chennai on **October 3, 2026, aged 94**, after a career spanning over five decades and around 60 films.



02 Jeffrey Archer Passes Away at 86

Renowned British novelist and former politician **Jeffrey Archer** passed away on **5 October 2026** at the age of **86**, leaving behind works such as **Kane and Abel** and **The Clifton Chronicles**.



03 Filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao Passes Away at 94

Veteran Indian filmmaker **Singeetham Srinivasa Rao** passed away in **October 2026** at the age of **94** and was known for films including **Pushpaka Vimanam**, **Mayuri** and **Aditya 369**.



04 Veteran Actor Nana Patekar Dies at 75 in Mumbai

Veteran actor, writer and filmmaker **Nana Patekar** died aged **75** on **October 8**, leaving behind a celebrated career marked by three National Film Awards and the **Padma Shri**.



05 World Mental Health Day 2026 Highlights Inclusive Care and Tele-MANAS

Observed on **October 10** under the theme **"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change,"** the day highlights accessible mental healthcare in India, including Tele-MANAS, which provides free, confidential, round-the-clock support through **helpline 14416**.


World
Mental Health Day
10 October

Theme:
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