GOVERNORS RESHUFFLE

6 STATES | OCTOBER 2026



NEW APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

State	Governor Appointed	Nature of Appointment
Odisha	Braj Mohan Ram	New appointment
Karnataka	Dr Sudha Yadav	New appointment
Uttarakhand	Dr Dhal Singh Bisen	New appointment
Sikkim	Dushyant Gautam	New appointment
Kerala	Om Prakash Mathur	Transferred from Sikkim
Tamil Nadu	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Appointed after serving as Governor of Kerala

ABOUT GOVERNOR

- The Governor is the **constitutional head of a state.**
- Appointed by the **President of India.**
- Not elected either by the citizens or the state legislature.
- Performs executive, legislative and other functions as prescribed by the Constitution.

QUALIFICATIONS & TENURE

Indian citizen (Article 157)

Minimum age **35 years**

Tenure **5 years** (Article 156)

Holds office during the pleasure of the President.

Continues in office till **successor assumes charge.**

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 153	Governor for each state; one person may be Governor of two or more states.
Article 154	Executive power vests in the Governor.
Article 155	Appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.
Article 156	Term of office and holds office during the pleasure of the President.
Article 157	Qualifications for appointment.
Article 158	Conditions of the Governor's office.
Article 159	Oath or affirmation by the Governor.
Article 161	Power to grant pardons, etc.
Article 163	Council of Ministers to aid and advise.
Article 200	Options when a state legislature presents a Bill.

KEY POINTS

- Total 6 governors involved.
- **4 new appointments** and **2 transfers.**
- Appointments effective upon taking charge.
- Same person can serve as Governor of two or more states (Article 153).

NEW RAMSAR SITES OF INDIA

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Current Affairs Highlights

India Total Ramsar Sites: 103

Key Update

- **Sukhna Wetland** (Chandigarh) and **Sauj Jheel** (Uttar Pradesh) added as new Ramsar Sites
- Announced by Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav**
- Date: **15 October 2026**

Sukhna Wetland



- Location: **Chandigarh**
- Type: **Urban reservoir / man-made lake**
- Built in: **1958**
- Architect: **Le Corbusier**
- At foothills of **Outer Himalayas / Shivalik Hills**
- Important for **resident & migratory birds**
- **Central Asian Flyway**
- Key species: **Common Pochard, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Black Pond Turtle**

Sauj Jheel



- Location: **Uttar Pradesh**
- Type: **Freshwater lake**
- In **Ganga floodplains**
- Near **Saman Bird Sanctuary**
- Over **30,000 waterbirds** recorded
- Important **Bird & Biodiversity Area (IBA)**
- Declared by: **BirdLife International**
- Key species: **Sarus Crane, Greater Spotted Eagle**

Ramsar Site – Quick Fact

- Wetland of **International Importance**
- Under **Ramsar Convention, 1971**
- Important for **biodiversity, ecological balance, flood moderation & groundwater recharge**

NATIONAL NEWS

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Current Affairs Highlights | Part 1

PM GatiShakti – 5 Years

PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed 5 years on 13 October 2026. Launched in 2021, it integrates infrastructure planning across 58 Central Ministries/Departments and all 36 States and UTs.

IBCA HQ Inaugurated

International Big Cat Alliance inaugurated its headquarters at Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, on **12 October 2026**. It promotes conservation of 7 big cats—Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.

Lakshadweep Fully Literate

Lakshadweep was declared a **100% literate** Union Territory under ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram after eligible adult learners cleared FLNAT.

NHRC Foundation Day

National Human Rights Commission celebrated its **33rd Foundation Day** on **12 October 2026** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. NHRC was established on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Railway Bonus Approved

Union Cabinet approved a **78-day** Productivity Linked Bonus for approximately **11.41 lakh** eligible railway employees. Total outlay: **₹2,009.61 crore**; maximum individual payment: **₹17,951**.

PM-AJAY Milestone

A total of **18,093 villages** were reported as Adarsh Grams under Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY), implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

JOSH Campaign Launched

The Joint Squad for Health (JOSH) campaign was launched on **13 October 2026** in **55 districts** across **11 states** to strengthen tuberculosis screening, awareness and treatment adherence.

VB–G RAM G Framework

The Ministry of Rural Development notified **375 permissible rural works** under four pillars—Water Security, Core Rural Infrastructure, Livelihood Infrastructure and Disaster Preparedness.

National SARAS Livelihoods Mela 2026

Organised at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, from **13–31 October 2026** to promote women Self-Help Group entrepreneurs under rural livelihood initiatives.

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Kanda Express to Agartala

Department of Consumer Affairs arranged about **440 tonnes** of buffer onions for Agartala, Tripura, under the Price Stabilization Fund.



Counter-Ticket Insurance Extended

Supreme Court directed extension of travel insurance to eligible station-counter railway tickets from **27 October 2026**. Eligible death/ permanent disability cover: **₹10 lakh**.



Menstrual Hygiene Rights

Supreme Court sought compliance reports from States and UTs on school menstrual hygiene facilities, recognising dignified menstrual health as part of **Article 21.**



Children's Internet Access

Supreme Court linked children's access to the internet with **Articles 21 and 19(1)(a)**, while stressing proportional safeguards against online risks.



BS-VII Proposed from 2029

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways proposed Bharat Stage VII standards in phases from **1 April 2029**. Final notification was not yet issued in the report.



CAPF General Administration Act, 2026

Came into force on **8 October 2026.** It creates a common service framework for officers of **CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB**.



SARAS Mela & Lakhpati Didi

Vijayawada exhibition highlighted women's rural enterprises and the target of creating **6 crore Lakhpati Didis by 2029**.



RSETI Training MoU

Ministry of Rural Development signed an MoU with the **National Academy of RUDSETI** to improve rural self-employment training quality and target **6.35 lakh rural youth.**



NAVYA 2.0 Expansion

Government prepared to expand vocational training for women aged **16–25** across **100 Aspirational Districts** in **24 States and UTs.**

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BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting

India hosted the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi on **13 October 2026**, chaired by Amit Shah. The meeting adopted the **Delhi Declaration** on regional security cooperation. BIMSTEC members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Secretariat: **Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

Bangkok Blueprint

The IMF, World Bank Group and Bank of Thailand launched the **Bangkok Blueprint** during the **October 2026** annual meetings to combat cyber-enabled financial fraud. It uses **12 considerations** across five pillars.

India–Russia Employment Agreement

Russia ratified the bilateral temporary employment agreement signed in **December 2025** to facilitate regulated labour mobility between India and Russia.

India–UK Genomics Cooperation

The **BRIC-CDFD–Oxford Nanopore Technologies** India Genomics Centre of Excellence was inaugurated during the eighth India–UK Science and Innovation Council meeting in New Delhi.

SIOFA Accession

India approved accession to the **Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)** to strengthen participation in sustainable high-seas fisheries and marine-resource management.

India–Singapore Power Connectivity

India and Singapore explored a proposed **2,000 MW** cross-border electricity link under regional ASEAN power-grid cooperation.

India–Brunei Relations

The third Joint Trade Committee meeting reviewed cooperation in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, energy, tourism and investment.

India–Canada Relations

India and Canada identified negotiations on a **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** as a priority for stronger bilateral trade cooperation.

Bangladesh–China Port Cooperation

Bangladesh secured a reported **$335.78 million** concessional Chinese loan for modernising **Mongla Port,** its second-largest seaport.

World Health Summit 2026

The World Health Summit 2026 was held in **Berlin, Germany**, under the theme: **From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health.**

Kigali Amendment – 10 Years

The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol completed ten years on **15 October 2026**. It targets a phased reduction of **hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)**.

Oman Becomes Top LNG Supplier

Oman became India's largest LNG supplier in **September 2026**, supplying about **585,000 tonnes** and around **27%** of imports, according to the supplied report.

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Ladakh

Sankoo in Suru Valley, Kargil region, was reported as Ladakh's **8th district** in **October 2026.**

Himachal Pradesh

State's first solar power project with Battery Energy Storage System inaugurated at Rongtong, Spiti Valley, with **2 MW** solar capacity and **1 MWh** battery storage.

Gujarat

Barda Wildlife Sanctuary in Porbandar and Devbhumi Dwarka emerged as an additional habitat for Asiatic lions beyond Gir; **17 lions** recorded in **2025** estimate.

Sikkim

CM Prem Singh Tamang released **Chocolate Mahseer** (*Neolissochilus hexagonolepis*) into Rangeet River to support indigenous fish conservation.

Manipur

State signed MoU with **Digital India BHASHINI** to strengthen multilingual AI and translation services, including **English-to-Manipuri** translation.

Kerala

WOMN initiative (Women On the Move & Menstrual Needs) launched to improve sanitary napkin access at KSRTC bus terminals and other public places.

Nagaland

Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK) introduced with BRAC International to support **4,000** extremely vulnerable households.

Assam

Nameri Tiger Reserve received **CA|TS approval,** joining Kaziranga, Manas and Orang among recognised tiger reserves in the state.

West Bengal

Integrated phenol and acetone plant inaugurated at Haldia with **₹6,000 crore** investment; annual capacities **3.45 lakh tonnes** phenol and **2.15 lakh tonnes** acetone.

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Odisha

Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd commissioned an **₹800-crore** ferrochrome plant at Kalinganagar, raising total installed production capacity to **5.34 lakh tonnes** annually.

Delhi

Electricity subsidy eligibility was linked to **Aadhaar** verification under **Section 7** of the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

Karnataka

The report recorded **2.04 crore** rural employment person-days between July and 13 October 2026 under the VB–G RAM G framework.

Himachal Pradesh

Foundation stone for an **ICMR High-Altitude Health Research Centre** was laid at Keylong in Lahaul-Spiti to study Himalayan health challenges.

Ladakh Wildlife Tourism

A high-altitude wildlife safari was introduced in Rumbak, Shang and Uley, focusing on **snow leopard habitats**.

Kerala KERA Project

World Bank backed a proposed **Carbon Credit Cell** under the **₹2,365-crore** Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation project.

West Bengal

Haldia's integrated chemical manufacturing expansion aims to reduce dependence on imported **phenol and acetone** for downstream industries.

Delhi DRISHTI Project

The Centre approved a **₹65-crore** geospatial property-survey initiative under PM-UDAY to improve documentation in unauthorised colonies.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

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Governor Reshuffle 2026

President Droupadi Murmu announced six gubernatorial appointments/transfers—**Om Prakash Mathur** (Kerala), **R. V. Arlekar** (Tamil Nadu), **Braj Mohan Ram** (Odisha), **Sudha Yadav** (Karnataka), **Dhal Singh Bisen** (Uttarakhand) and **Dushyant Gautam** (Sikkim).

Prakash Rajpurohit Appointed

Prakash Rajpurohit, a 2010-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, was appointed **Deputy Election Commissioner** with a stated tenure up to **8 April 2030**.

S. C. L. Das Appointed

S. C. L. Das, a retired IAS officer, was appointed **Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** for three years.

Sudhakar Dalela Appointed

Sudhakar Dalela, a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, was appointed **India's next Ambassador to Nepal**, subject to the receiving country's diplomatic consent.

Dilip Bhosale Appointed

Dilip Bhosale, a retired judge, was named chairman of Maharashtra's **MPSC reforms committee**, with Tukaram Mundhe as secretary.

Achyuta Samanta Elected

Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, was elected the inaugural **President of the Indian UniSport Federation (IUSF)**.

Smriti Mandhana Appointed

Smriti Mandhana was appointed a **UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate** to support adolescent girls' rights, opportunities and well-being.

Chirantan "CJ" Desai Appointed

Chirantan "CJ" Desai was appointed to lead **Meta Enterprise Platform**, reporting to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

L. Murugan's Resignation

President Droupadi Murmu accepted L. Murugan's **resignation** from the Union Council of Ministers on the Prime Minister's advice.

BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

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RBI CRR Maintenance

RBI increased banks' minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement from **90% to 99%**, effective **16 October 2026**. Prescribed CRR rate remained **3%**.

RBI Forex Window

RBI opened a special dollar facility effective **12 October 2026** to meet the daily foreign-exchange requirements of **IOC, BPCL and HPCL**.

RBI Forex Derivatives

RBI reduced the permissible threshold for specified rupee forex derivative transactions without underlying exposure from **$100 million to $5 million**.

Forex Risk Reserve

Directions introduced a **20%** reserve requirement for specified rupee forex derivative contracts exceeding **$2 million** in notional value.

SDL Benchmark Issuance

Framework for State Development Loans expanded to **26 States/UTs** to improve transparency and predictability in government borrowing.

Ways and Means Advances

An advisory committee recommended increasing states' aggregate WMA limit from **₹61,008 crore to ₹67,839 crore**.

SEBI Credit Risk-o-Meter

SEBI introduced a **six-colour** credit-risk disclosure framework for specified debt securities, from low-risk AAA instruments to high-risk lower-rated debt.

SEBI Public Issue Monitoring

SEBI proposed requiring monitoring agencies for all public issues irrespective of size; public comments invited till **3 November 2026**.

SEBI Settlement Regulations, 2026

Report described a fast-track settlement mechanism for eligible cases involving settlement amounts of **₹10 lakh or less**.

Common Advertisement Code

Framework permits eligible celebrity brand-level endorsements by regulated intermediaries while restricting specific product endorsements. Commencement stated as **April 2027**.

Emirates NBD–RBL Bank

RBI approved the amalgamation of Emirates NBD's Indian branches with RBL Bank, effective **1 December 2026**.

REC–PFC Merger

REC Limited received RBI's No-Objection Certificate for its proposed merger into Power Finance Corporation, subject to further approvals.

IDBI Bank Disinvestment

Fairfax-linked 10955230 Canada Inc. was identified as the selected strategic buyer for a proposed transaction valued at **₹52,878.08 crore**.

IDBI Bank Chairmanship

N. S. Kannan was proposed as IDBI Bank chairman, subject to RBI approval.

BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS



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UPI MDR Proposal

NPCI deferred a proposed **0.4%** Merchant Discount Rate on selected UPI merchant payments exceeding **₹2,000 until after Diwali**; not an implemented charge.

World Bank MSME Financing

World Bank Group mobilised cumulative private capital of **$36 billion** for India over four years, including **$9.6 billion** for MSMEs.

TReDS Platform

Trade Receivables Discounting System supports **MSME financing** by enabling the discounting of unpaid business invoices.

Karnataka Bank Trade Konnect

Karnataka Bank launched **Trade Konnect**, a digital platform for import, export and outward cross-border remittance requests.

Federal Bank Verto

Federal Bank introduced the **Verto** premium savings account for eligible professionals and entrepreneurs with banking, cashback and insurance-related privileges.

Ageas Federal Life Insurance

Introduced **Aurum Advantage** at GIFT City, a multi-currency ULIP offering investment choices in US dollars, euros and British pounds.

Karur Vysya Bank

Partnered with **Zurich Kotak General Insurance** to distribute general insurance products through its banking channels.

NPCI FiMi Banking

NPCI introduced the **Finance Model for India Banking**, a compact AI model built on Google's Gemma family for Indian retail-banking applications.

NSE IX – London Stock Exchange

NSE and London Stock Exchange signed an **MoU** to explore cross-border listings, market connectivity and joint financial products.

RBI Account Aggregators

RBI announced interoperability initiatives to improve **consent-based financial data sharing** among NBFC–Account Aggregators.

LIC Insurance Plans

LIC announced New Jeevan Dhara-II (Plan 892), Health Shield (Plan 907) and New Cancer Cover (Plan 908), with availability from **19 October 2026.**

Shipping Credit Insurance

ECGC developed the **Shipbuilding Project Credit Risk Insurance** Policy for export projects, while New India Assurance developed the **Business Credit Shield Policy** for domestic shipbuilding projects.

ReNew Financing

ReNew secured a **$100-million** financing facility from Dutch development bank FMO for renewable energy projects under construction.

ECONOMY, GDP, INFLATION & REPORTS

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GROWTH
DEVELOPMENT
STABILITY
PROSPERITY

IMF World Economic Outlook October 2026	IMF projected India's GDP growth at **7%** for FY2026–27, revised up from **6.4%**.
Deloitte India Economic Outlook	Deloitte projected India's GDP growth at **7.1–7.3%** for FY2026–27, driven by consumption, infrastructure spending and private investment.
Consumer Price Index	India's retail inflation rose to **5.54%** in September 2026 from **4.83%** in August.
Wholesale Price Index	India's WPI inflation increased to **11.39%** in September 2026 from **9.92%** in August.
PLFS September 2026	Labour Force Participation Rate **55.5%**, Worker Population Ratio **52.7%**, and unemployment rate **5.0%** for persons aged 15 and above.
Bank Deposits	India's bank deposits reached about **₹284 lakh crore** by the second half of September 2026, up by **₹21.67 lakh crore** during the first six months of FY27.
Current Account Deficit	India's CAD narrowed to **$5.2 billion** in August 2026 from **$6.1 billion** in August 2025.
Direct Tax Collection	Net direct tax collections rose **13.21%** to **₹13.38 lakh crore** as of 14 October 2026.
Foreign Exchange Reserves	Forex reserves declined to **$726.027 billion** in the week ending 9 October 2026.
World Bank AI Readiness Report	India was placed among the **top ten emerging-market performers** in AI readiness.
Living Planet Report 2026	WWF and Zoological Society of London reported a **73%** average decline in monitored wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022.
UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2026	Titled **"The Geoeconomics of Development"**, covering global trade, investment, AI infrastructure and geoeconomic fragmentation.
WTO Global Trade Outlook	2026 global merchandise trade growth forecast raised to **3.9%**.
CRIF High Mark Report	India's MSME credit portfolio reached about **₹47.4 lakh crore** as of June 2026.
Ayush Services Economy	RIS study valued India's Ayush services economy at **$36.92 billion** in FY2024–25; Ayurveda had the largest individual-system share.
World Bank Crisis Support	President Ajay Banga indicated crisis assistance under discussion could reach **$100 billion** depending on global economic conditions.
RBI Private Capital Expenditure Projection	RBI's September 2026 Bulletin projected private-sector capex of about **₹3.2 lakh crore** in FY27.

AWARDS & HONOURS

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Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026

Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford were awarded the Nobel Prize in **Economic Sciences 2026** for research on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation.



France's Legion of Honour

Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was named for the rank of **Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour**, with the presentation scheduled for **28 October 2026**.

worldsteel ASSOCIATION

Steelie Awards 2026

Jindal Steel Limited won the **Excellence in People** category for its **Dakshata Engineering Safety: One Duty Position at a Time** initiative.



Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026

Oscar Whitfield won the title for his black-and-white photograph **Labour of Love**, depicting a dung beetle.

3M

3M Young Scientist Challenge 2026

Raji Doshi, an **Indian-origin student**, won the challenge for **ALKACORE**, a project addressing **ocean acidification**.

FAO
FIAT PANIS

FAO 100 Women Heroes

Mari ZT Lalrithangi, a farmer from Mizoram, was recognised for her contribution to **strawberry farming and rural entrepreneurship**.



GI Tag

Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad, the traditional sweet offering from Ambaji Temple in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, received a **Geographical** Indication registration.

SJDM

SIDM Champion Awards 2026

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** presented **15 Champion Awards** at the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers' eighth Annual Session in New Delhi.

DEFENCE NEWS

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Exercise INDRA-2026



The India–Russia bilateral naval exercise was scheduled for **13–18 October 2026** at Vladivostok, with Indian Navy participation by **INS Sahyadri**.

Exercise KONKAN-26



The India–UK bilateral maritime exercise took place **8–15 October 2026** near Plymouth, UK, with Indian Navy participation by **INS Trishul**.

Exercise IBSAMAR IX



The ninth India–Brazil–South Africa maritime exercise began in South Africa on **12 October 2026**, with India represented by **INS Tarkash**.

INS Mangrol (P82)



INS Mangrol (P82) was commissioned in Mumbai on **12 October 2026** as the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

INS Samarthak



INS Samarthak, an indigenous multi-purpose vessel built by Larsen & Toubro, was commissioned at Karwar, Karnataka, on **16 October 2026**.

GSAT-7C and Varunastra Contracts



The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth **₹4,106 crore**, comprising **₹2,563 crore** for **GSAT-7C** from NSIL and **₹1,543 crore** for **Varunastra** torpedoes from BDL.

Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026



The Indian Army's Assam Regiment won a **gold medal** at the British Army's international military patrolling exercise held in Wales, United Kingdom.

Indian Coast Guard Mount Mukut Expedition



A 17-member Coast Guard team scaled Mount Mukut **(7,045 metres)** as preparation for a proposed Mount Everest expedition in 2027.

Indian Army Bharat Rice Initiative



The Army introduced direct supplies of quality rice through **NAFED** and signed a five-year logistics-support MoU with the Food Corporation of India.

Combined Maritime Forces CTF-154



The Indian Navy concluded its first command of **Combined Task Force 154** in October 2026, after assuming command in February 2026.

Indian Coast Guard ALH MK-III



The Coast Guard inducted indigenous helicopter **CG 875**, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, at Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

Nagastra-1R



Solar Defence and Aerospace delivered **450 indigenous loitering munitions** to the Indian Army for surveillance and precision-strike operations.

Jwala-MK1



IG Defence was reported to be developing an indigenous short-range **counter-drone micro-missile** designed for direct interception of **hostile UAVs**.

Indian Defence Exports



India's defence exports for FY2025–26 were placed at **₹38,424 crore**, with a government target of **₹50,000 crore** by 2029.

SPORTS NEWS

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ICC Men's Player of the Month (September 2026)

Shubman Gill won the award for the **fifth time**, according to the reports.



ICC Women's Player of the Month (September 2026)

Shafali Verma won the award for the **second time** following her performances in international women's cricket.





Fastest to 2,000 T20I Runs

Abhishek Sharma was reported as the fastest batter to score 2,000 T20I runs, reaching the milestone in **1,024 deliveries**.



Most Sixes in a Calendar Year

Abhishek Sharma reportedly set a calendar-year record among men's ICC Full Member players by hitting **69 sixes in 2026**.



India's T20I Milestone

India reportedly became the second men's team after the West Indies to hit **2,000 sixes** in T20 International cricket.



U23 World Wrestling Championships 2026

Vishvajit More won a **silver medal** in the men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category, reported as India's first silver in this discipline at the U23 championships.

Asian Para Games
Aichi-Nagoya 2026

Asian Para Games 2026

Pramod Bhagat (para badminton) and Bhavina Patel (para table tennis) were named **India's flag bearers** for the Aichi–Nagoya Asian Para Games.



2036 Summer Olympics

India was listed among countries interested in hosting the Games, with **Ahmedabad** identified as the centre of India's prospective bid.



Punam Raut Retirement

Indian women's cricketer Punam Raut announced her retirement from international cricket on **15 October 2026** after representing India in Tests, ODIs and T20Is.



India-South Korea Sports Cooperation

The Indian Olympic Association and Korean Sport & Olympic Committee signed an MoU on athlete development, coaching, sports science and administration.



Boxing Development

Indian Oil Corporation committed **₹40 crore** over two years through a partnership with the National Sports Development Fund and Sports Authority of India.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

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Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana

Union Cabinet approved renaming and continuing the National Social Assistance Programme with an outlay of **₹53,428 crore** for FY2026–27 to FY2030–31, benefiting an estimated **3.2 crore people**.

Disability Pension Reform

Under the revised social assistance framework, the disability eligibility threshold was reduced from **80%** to **40%**, with proposed assistance of **₹375 per month** below age 80 and **₹625** from age 80 onward.

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

The scheme completed one year in October 2026, covering **100 agricultural districts** through convergence of **36 Central schemes** across **11 ministries**.

Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses

The **₹11,440-crore** mission targets **350 lakh tonnes** of annual pulses production by 2030–31, focusing on Tur, Urad and Masoor.

PM-SETU

The Government approved **₹440 crore** for upgrading **nine Industrial Training Institutes** across Surat and Visakhapatnam clusters.

Research, Development and Innovation Scheme

The **₹1-lakh-crore** RDI initiative selected an initial cohort of **19 Second-Level Fund Managers** with commitments of **₹7,131 crore**.

Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations

The revised guidelines provided an outlay of approximately **₹7,386.74 crore** for 2026–27 to 2030–31.

INSPIRE-MANAK

The 12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition honoured **62 young innovators** under the Department of Science and Technology initiative.

National Biodiversity Authority

The authority distributed **₹2.02 crore** in Access and Benefit-Sharing funds to **27 states** and **three UTs** for biodiversity conservation.

Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan

The new **JOSH campaign** supports existing national TB elimination efforts through volunteer mobilisation, screening and treatment adherence.

PM GatiShakti Seven Engines

The National Master Plan coordinates roads, railways, airports, ports, waterways, mass transport and logistics infrastructure.

FTA Utilisation Cell

The Department of Commerce established a dedicated cell to help Indian exporters better utilise preferential market access under Free Trade Agreements.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Gaganyaan Mission

ISRO completed **Crew Module–Service Module separation tests** on **16 October 2026** at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, supporting India's human spaceflight programme.



TRISHNA Satellite

The India–France joint Earth observation mission, developed by **ISRO and CNES**, is designed to monitor land-surface temperature, water stress and natural resources, with **launch planned for 2027.**



BHASHINI Multilingual Communication

Digital India **BHASHINI** demonstrated its **Shrutlekh real-time translation platform** for international civil servants attending a governance training programme in Mussoorie.



YETI Autonomous UAV

IdeaForge received **₹151 crore** in RDI funding support to develop YETI, a proposed heavy-lift autonomous logistics drone targeting a **200 kg payload** and **200 km range**.



Indigenous CT Scanner

The Technology Development Board supported Panacea Medical Technologies in preveloping a **32-slice Computed Tomography scanner** to strengthen indigenous medical-device manufacturing.



Northeast Frontier Railway Plan Bee

The railway uses **artificial honeybee-buzzing sounds** and **AI-based intrusion alerts** to reduce elephant–train collisions in vulnerable forest sections.



Dixon-Gemtek Joint Venture

Dixon Technologies signed an agreement with Taiwan's Gemtek Technology for the manufacture of **telecom and optical connectivity products** in India.



India-UK Genomics Centre

The BRIC-CDFD–ONT Centre of Excellence is intended to support research in **genomics, rare diseases, cancer and infectious-disease surveillance.**



DRDO Quantum Key Distribution

DRDO tested a **Quantum Key Distribution platform** on the live network of the Proof and Experimental Establishment at **Chandipur, Odisha**, with Taqbit Labs as production partner.



IMD Cyclone Warning System

The India Meteorological Department launched the **Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System** to improve location-specific cyclone forecasts and disaster preparedness.



CoRover.ai and DigiLocker

The National e-Governance Division selected **CoRover.ai** to develop an **agentic AI platform** for government services, with **DigiLocker** as the first proposed implementation.



VIGOR Drug Discovery

The Technology Development Board approved **₹86 crore** in support to **Peptris Technologies** for advancing AI-discovered drug candidates through the **VIGOR programme.**



BHASHINI-Manipur Partnership

The multilingual AI collaboration supports the development of **Indian-language datasets, translation services** and accessible digital public services.



ReNew Green Data Centre Park

ReNew signed an MoU with Maharashtra to develop a proposed **₹70,000-crore, 750 MW green data centre park** in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.



Adani-Jabil Joint Venture

Adani Enterprises signed a non-binding agreement with US-based Jabil to explore a **50:50 joint venture** for **AI servers, racks and data-centre equipment.**

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LIVES THAT INSPIRED
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Cheruvayal Raman

Kerala's traditional rice conservator, known as **"Nellachan"** and **"Living Paddy Gene Bank,"** passed away at the age of **74**. He received the **Padma Shri in 2023**.



Guruvayur Dorai

Renowned Carnatic mridangam maestro and **Padma Shri awardee**, passed away at the age of **91**.



Dr. A. V. S. Raju

Founder of **Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC)** and **Padma Shri** recipient, passed away at the age of **89** in **Hyderabad**.



Annie Dillard

Pulitzer Prize-winning American author of **"Pilgrim at Tinker Creek,"** passed away at the age of **81**.



Margaret Hamilton

Pioneering software engineer associated with **NASA's Apollo missions**, was reported to have passed away at the age of **90**.



S. K. Muralidharan

Odia film director, choreographer and writer associated with **"Paradeshi Chadhei,"** was reported to have passed away in **Bhubaneswar**.



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IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEMES

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Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Key Fact
12 OCTOBER	 World Arthritis Day	"Achieve Your Dreams"
12 OCTOBER	NHRC Foundation Day	33rd Foundation Day
13 OCTOBER	 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	"Resilience Starts at Home"
15 OCTOBER	 World Students' Day	Birth anniversary of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
15 OCTOBER	 International Day of Rural Women	Recognises the contribution of rural women
15 OCTOBER	 Mahila Kisan Diwas	Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India
15 OCTOBER	 Global Handwashing Day	"Be a Handwashing Hero"
16 OCTOBER	 World Food Day	"Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow."
17 OCTOBER	 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	"Safe Homes for All", under the broader United for Peace and Human Rights theme for 2026–2028

BANKS AND COMPANIES IN THE WEEKLY NEWS

Key Facts at a Glance



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Bank / Organisation	Established / Headquarters	Chairman / Founder / Key Static GK
IDBI Bank	1 July 1964 Mumbai	Originated as Industrial Development Bank of India; converted into a banking company in 2004.
RBL Bank	1943 Mumbai	Formerly Ratnakar Bank Limited.
Emirates NBD	2007 Dubai, UAE	Created from the merger of Emirates Bank International and National Bank of Dubai.
Federal Bank	Origin: 1931 Aluva, Kerala	Founded as Travancore Federal Bank; MD & CEO: **K. V. S. Manian.**
Karnataka Bank	18 February 1924 Mangaluru, Karnataka	Private-sector bank; tagline: Your Family Bank, Across India.
Karur Vysya Bank	1916 Karur, Tamil Nadu	**Founders:** M. A. Venkatarama Chettiar and Athi Krishna Chettiar.
Bharti Enterprises	1976 New Delhi	Founder and Chairman: **Sunil Bharti Mittal.**
Fairfax Financial Holdings	1985 Toronto, Canada	**Founder: Prem Watsa;** insurance and investment holding company.
Jindal Steel	New Delhi	Associated with the Jindal industrial group; operates in steel production.
Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)	1972 Kochi, Kerala	Indian public-sector shipbuilding and ship-repair company.
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)	1970 Hyderabad	Public-sector defence company specialising in guided missiles and underwater weapons.
NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)	2019 Bengaluru	Commercial arm of India's Department of Space; wholly owned Government of India company.
Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)	1940 Bengaluru	Founded as Hindustan Aircraft Limited; major aerospace and defence manufacturer.
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)	1884 Kolkata	Defence shipyard under the Ministry of Defence.
Larsen & Toubro (L&T)	1938 Mumbai	Founders: Henning Holck-Larsen and Søren Kristian Toubro.
Dixon Technologies	1993 Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Electronics Manufacturing Services company.
Adani Enterprises	1993 Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Founder: **Gautam Adani.**
ReNew	2011 Gurugram, Haryana	**Founder: Sumant Sinha;** renewable energy company.

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, STATUTORY BODIES AND RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Key Facts at a Glance



Organisation	Established / Headquarters	Chairman / Founder / Other Facts
National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	12 October 1993 New Delhi	**Chairperson: Justice V. Ramasubramanian**; Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	1958 New Delhi	**Chairman (additional charge): Rajesh Kumar Singh** (as per August 2026 leadership listing).
Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)	15 August 1969 Bengaluru	**Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai**; predecessor: INCOSPAR (1962).
Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	1911 New Delhi	Originally the Indian Research Fund Association; renamed ICMR in 1949.
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	26 September 1942 New Delhi	Major publicly funded scientific research organisation; Prime Minister is its ex-officio President.
India Meteorological Department (IMD)	1875 New Delhi	Under Ministry of Earth Sciences; WMO-designated Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre.
National Statistical Office (NSO)	– New Delhi	Under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; formed from merger of CSO and NSSO functions in 2019.
National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)	2003 Chennai	Established under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	2006 New Delhi	Statutory body under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; Project Tiger began in 1973.
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	2008 New Delhi	Established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006; Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)	2009 New Delhi	Became a statutory authority under Aadhaar Act, 2016; first Aadhaar number issued in 2010.
National e-Governance Division (NeGD)	2009 New Delhi	Associated with Digital India Corporation under MeitY.
National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)	2 October 1958 New Delhi	National-level cooperative marketing organisation; registered under cooperative law.
National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF)	1965 New Delhi	National-level consumer cooperative federation.
Food Corporation of India (FCI)	14 January 1965 New Delhi	Established under Food Corporations Act, 1964.
Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)	1986 New Delhi	APEDA Act, 1985; promotes export of agricultural and processed food products.
National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE)	1998 Chennai	Formerly Centre for Wind Energy Technology; under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)	– Gurugram, Haryana	Autonomous institution under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; evolved from Solar Energy Centre.
All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)	2017 New Delhi	Apex Ayurveda institute under Ministry of AYUSH.
Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)	1952 New Delhi	Founded by eminent economist V. K. R. V. Rao.
National Academy of RUDSETI	– Bengaluru, Karnataka	Associated with training and capacity-building for Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RUDSETI).

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Key Facts at a Glance



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Organisation	Established / Headquarters	Chairman / Head and Key Facts
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	1 April 1935 Mumbai	**Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra (26th); first Governor: Sir Osborne Smith; first Indian Governor: C. D. Deshmukh.
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	12 April 1988 Mumbai	**Chairman:** Tuhin Kanta Pandey; statutory status: 30 January 1992 under SEBI Act, 1992.
National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	2008 Mumbai	Set up by RBI and Indian Banks' Association; umbrella organisation for retail payments, including UPI, IMPS and RuPay.
Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)	2022 New Delhi	**Chairman:** S. C. L. Das (as reported); succeeded the Banks Board Bureau framework.
Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)	1 September 1956 Mumbai	Established under the LIC Act, 1956; public-sector life insurance corporation.
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)	1999 Hyderabad	Statutory insurance regulator under the IRDA Act, 1999.
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)	12 July 1982 Mumbai	Established on the recommendations of the B. Sivaraman Committee; NABARD Act, 1981.
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	2 April 1990 Lucknow	Principal financial institution for MSME development; established under SIDBI Act, 1989.
Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)	1982 Mumbai	Supports India's international trade and overseas investments; EXIM Bank Act, 1981.
National Housing Bank (NHB)	9 July 1988 New Delhi	Established under NHB Act, 1987; regulator of housing finance companies: RBI.
Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)	1997 Mumbai	Statutory appellate forum for specified orders of SEBI and other financial regulators.
ECGC Limited	1957 Mumbai	Formerly Export Credit Guarantee Corporation; provides export credit risk insurance.
Power Finance Corporation (PFC)	1986 New Delhi	Public-sector financial institution financing India's power sector.
REC Limited	25 July 1969 Gurugram	Formerly Rural Electrification Corporation; subsidiary of PFC.
World Bank Group	1944 Washington, D.C., USA	**President:** Ajay Banga; comprises IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID.
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	1944 Washington, D.C., USA	**Managing Director:** Kristalina Georgieva; established at the Bretton Woods Conference.
World Trade Organization (WTO)	1 January 1995 Geneva, Switzerland	**Director-General:** Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; established under the Marrakesh Agreement.
UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	1964 Geneva, Switzerland	Formerly United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; publishes Trade and Development Report and World Investment Report.
Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	1930 Basel, Switzerland	Known as the bank for central banks; distinct from RBI's Benchmark Issuance Strategy (also abbreviated BIS).

SPORTS BODIES AND FEDERATIONS

Key Facts at a Glance



Organisation	Established / Headquarters	President / Head / Static GK
International Cricket Council (ICC)	**1909** Dubai, UAE	Formerly Imperial Cricket Conference; headquarters moved from London to Dubai in 2005.
International Olympic Committee (IOC)	**23 June 1894** Lausanne, Switzerland	**President: Kirsty Coventry,** who succeeded Thomas Bach in June 2025; founder: **Pierre de Coubertin.**
FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)	**21 May 1904** Zürich, Switzerland	**President: Gianni Infantino;** organises the FIFA World Cup.
United World Wrestling (UWW)	**1912** Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland	International governing body for wrestling.
International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	**22 September 1989** Bonn, Germany	International governing body of the Paralympic Movement.
Indian Olympic Association (IOA)	**1927** New Delhi	**President: P. T. Usha,** as identified in the supplied India–South Korea sports MoU.
Sports Authority of India (SAI)	**16 March 1984** New Delhi	Autonomous organisation under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)	**1998** New Delhi	Established under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890.
Indian UniSport Federation (IUSF)	**2026** India	**First President: Achyuta Samanta,** according to the supplied weekly news.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Key Facts at a Glance



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Organisation	Established / Headquarters	President / Head / Other Static GK
BIMSTEC	6 June 1997 Dhaka, Bangladesh	Secretary-General: Indra Mani Pandey; seven members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
World Health Organization (WHO)	7 April 1948 Geneva, Switzerland	Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus; 7 April is World Health Day.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	16 October 1945 Rome, Italy	Director-General: Qu Dongyu; World Food Day: 16 October.
UNESCO	16 November 1945 Paris, France	Director-General: Khaled El-Enany; assumed office on 15 November 2025.
UNICEF	11 December 1946 New York, USA	Originally United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund; works for children's rights and welfare.
United Nations (UN)	24 October 1945 New York, USA	First Secretary-General: Trygve Lie; principal organs: six.
International Labour Organization (ILO)	1919 Geneva, Switzerland	UN specialised agency for labour standards; received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1969.
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	23 March 1950 Geneva, Switzerland	Successor to International Meteorological Organization; World Meteorological Day: 23 March.
UN Environment Programme (UNEP)	1972 Nairobi, Kenya	Established following the Stockholm Conference; coordinates UN environmental activities.
International Energy Agency (IEA)	1974 Paris, France	Established following the 1973 oil crisis; energy policy and security organisation.
International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	2009 Abu Dhabi, UAE	Intergovernmental organisation promoting renewable energy.
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	1961 Gland, Switzerland	Global conservation organisation; associated with the Living Planet Report.
Zoological Society of London (ZSL)	1826 London, UK	Publishes the Living Planet Index in collaboration with WWF.
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	1947 Geneva, Switzerland	Develops international standards; ISO is a name, not a conventional acronym.
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	1957 Vienna, Austria	Promotes peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear safeguards.
Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)	Adopted 2006 La Réunion, France	Regional fisheries agreement governing specified non-tuna high-seas fisheries.
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)	1993 Victoria, Seychelles	Established under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution; manages tuna and tuna-like species.