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Dear Aspirants,

Greetings from ReadingRoomz! This week was packed with landmark developments — the Western DFC completion, Italy’s longest-serving PM, India’s first geosynchronous imaging satellite, 10 years of Flexible Inflation Targeting, major defence acquisitions, and rich AP-specific content on the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan results and National Teachers’ Awards.

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1. International Current Affairs

Giorgia Meloni Becomes Italy's Longest Continuously Serving Postwar PM

On **4 September 2026**, Giorgia Meloni's government completed **1,413 consecutive days** in office, surpassing Silvio Berlusconi's second government record (2001–2005) of **1,412 days**. Meloni assumed office on **22 October 2022**; leader of **Brothers of Italy (Fratelli d'Italia)**; **first woman to serve as Prime Minister of Italy**.

Russia and North Korea Open First Road Bridge – Tumen River; Khasan-Rason; Friendship Bridge (1959)

Russia and North Korea opened their **first-ever road bridge** on **7 September 2026**, crossing the **Tumen River** near Russia's **Khasan** area and North Korea's **Rason** region. Inaugurated by Russian PM **Mikhail Mishustin** and North Korean Premier **Pak Thae Song**.

Previous connection: the Friendship Bridge — a railway crossing over the Tumen River dating from 1959.

India and Germany Mark 75 Years of Diplomatic Relations in 2026

PM Narendra Modi and German Chancellor **Friedrich Merz** reviewed the India–Germany Strategic Partnership during a telephone conversation on **10 September 2026**; the two countries celebrate **75 years of diplomatic relations in 2026**.

2. National Current Affairs

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Fully Completed – 1,506 km, Dadri to JNPT; Funded by JICA

PM Modi dedicated the final sections of the **Western DFC** at **Vadodara, Gujarat** on **8 September 2026**. Three newly commissioned sections: **326 route km** at a cost of more than **₹20,700 crore**.

Corridor	Route	Length / Funding
Western DFC (WDFC)	Dadri (UP) to JNPT (Maharashtra)	~1,506 km Funded by JICA (Japan)
Eastern DFC (EDFC)	Ludhiana to Sonnagar	~1,337 km Major funding by World Bank
Total DFC Network	WDFC + EDFC combined	More than 2,800 km (operational)

Karnataka Introduces “Tr” Prefix for Teachers – First State in India; Teachers’ Day 5 September 2026

Karnataka became the **first State in India** to formally recognise the honorific prefix **“Tr”** for teachers (like “Dr” for doctors and “Prof” for professors). Announced on **Teachers’ Day, 5 September 2026**. The prefix is a professional identity marker and does **not** amount to an additional academic qualification.

Suru Summer Festival 2026 – Damsna, Suru Valley, Kargil; Purgi Community; Nun-Kun Massif

The **second Suru Summer Festival 2026** was held on **26-27 August 2026** at **Damsna, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh**. Inaugurated virtually by **LG Vinai Kumar Saxena**. Suru Valley is known for green landscapes, glaciers and the **Nun-Kun mountain massif**. Population includes the **Purgi community** — cultural traditions reflect Islamic and Buddhist influences.

J&K’s First International Film Festival (IFFJK 2026) – “Rang-e-Cinema”; 135 Films from 41 Countries

The **first IFFJK 2026** is being held from **7-10 September 2026** across Srinagar, Gulmarg and Jammu. Organised by **DIPR, J&K**. Theme: **“Rang-e-Cinema”**. Features **135 films from 41 countries** (selected from ~1,100 entries). Opened with the Lebanese film **Dead Dog, directed by Sarah Francis**.

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 – Varanasi; “Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari”; PMMVY Turns 10

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World Obesity Atlas 2026: ~41 million Indians aged 5–19 with overweight or obesity | India ranks 2nd globally in absolute number of children aged 5–19 with overweight or obesity | Atlas published by the World Obesity Federation.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

AP Showcases “One Water” Vision at IFAT India 2026 - Integrated Urban Water Management

Andhra Pradesh showcased its **“One Water”** approach at **IFAT India 2026** (9–11 September 2026, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai). “One Water” = managing drinking water, wastewater, rainwater and other urban water resources as **a single integrated system**. Objectives: use less water, reduce losses, reuse treated wastewater, improve rainwater absorption, use technology for better prediction and management.

4. Polity & Governance

Rajasthan HC Controversy - Judicial Accountability; Article 124(4); Article 217(1)(b); K. Veeraswami (1991)

The episode renewed debate over judicial accountability. On 31 August 2026, the SC Collegium recommended **Justice Sanjay K. Agrawal** of the Chhattisgarh HC for appointment as Chief Justice of the Rajasthan HC.

Provision	Key Content
Article 124(4)	Governs removal of a Supreme Court judge
Article 217(1)(b)	Applies the removal mechanism to High Court judges
Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968	Parliament enacted this to regulate procedure for investigation and proof of misbehaviour or incapacity in removal proceedings
K. Veeraswami v. Union of India (1991)	SC held no criminal case should be registered against a sitting HC judge, HC CJ or SC judge without consultation with the Chief Justice of India

Totalisers in EVM Vote Counting - SC Asks Government to Examine Feasibility; Prevents Booth-wise Profiling

SC on **1 September 2026** asked the Union Government to examine feasibility of **totaliser machines** to count EVM votes. A totaliser aggregates votes from the Control Units of **up to 14 EVMs** before displaying the result, preventing disclosure of booth-wise voting patterns.

Totalisers are not currently used in Indian elections | Objective: prevent booth-wise voter profiling | Prototype: can accommodate up to 14 EVM Control Units at a time.

Centre Proposes Article 371K for Ladakh - Sui Generis UT Body; Ladakh UT Since 31 October 2019

MHA proposed a special constitutional arrangement for **Ladakh** under a new **Article 371K** — discussed with Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). Proposed: a **directly elected UT-level body** with powers over land, culture, language, forests and environment. **Not yet law.**

Detail	Fact
Model	Described as a sui generis (specially designed) governance model
Current Status	Ladakh remains a UT without a Legislative Assembly; became a separate UT on 31 October 2019 via J&K; Reorganisation Act, 2019
Current Administration	President administers Ladakh through a Lieutenant Governor under Section 58 Regulations under Article 240

Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) – Section 29A of RP Act, 1951; ECI Cannot Generally De-register

Six Gujarat-based RUPPs received ~**₹1,700 crore in donations in 2023-24** despite fielding only 15 candidates in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. A party is registered under **Section 29A of the RP Act, 1951**; a RUPP has not acquired National/State Party recognition under the Election Symbols Order, 1968.

ECI lacks a general statutory power to de-register parties merely for inactivity | *INC(I) v. Institute of Social Welfare* (2002): SC held de-registration permissible only in limited exceptional circumstances (fraud or ceasing to uphold the Constitution) | In August 2025, ECI delisted 334 non-compliant RUPPs.

5. Economy

India Completes 10 Years of Flexible Inflation Targeting - CPI 4% $\pm$ 2%; Section 45ZA/45ZB; NKPC

India completed **10 years of the FIT framework in 2026**. RBI targets **CPI inflation at 4%** with a tolerance band of **$\pm$ 2% (2%-6%)**.

Milestone	Detail
Foundation	Expert Committee chaired by Dr. Urjit R. Patel (2014) recommended inflation targeting
MPA Agreement	Government of India and RBI signed the Monetary Policy Framework Agreement on 20 February 2015
Statutory Backing	RBI Act, 1934 amended through Finance Act, 2016 Inflation target notified on 5 August 2016 (4% $\pm$ 2%)
Inflation Target Setting	Section 45ZA of the RBI Act: Central Government, in consultation with RBI, determines inflation target
MPC	Constituted under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act; determines the repo rate to achieve the inflation target

New Keynesian Phillips Curve (NKPC) — Easy Exam Memory: Traditional Phillips Curve: Unemployment $\downarrow \rightarrow$ Inflation $\uparrow$ (downward sloping) NKPC: Output Gap $\uparrow \rightarrow$ Inflation $\uparrow$ (upward sloping when plotted against output gap) Key difference: NKPC gives a major role to expected future inflation, while the original Phillips Curve mainly focused on the unemployment–inflation relationship.

India's Jute Sector - World's Largest Producer; "Golden Fibre"; MSP ₹5,925/Quintal for 2026-27

India is the **world's largest producer of raw jute** and leading producer of jute goods. Known as the **"Golden Fibre"**. India accounts for **~75% of global jute-goods production**. Largest State: **West Bengal**.

MSP 2026-27: ₹5,925 per quintal (61.8% return over cost of production) | Nodal MSP agency: Jute Corporation of India (JCI) | Government mandates jute packaging for 100% of food grains and 20% of sugar.

6. Science & Technology

GSLV-F17/EOS-05 - India's First Imaging Satellite in Geosynchronous Orbit; 19th GSLV Flight

ISRO launched **GSLV-F17** carrying **EOS-05** on **4 September 2026** from the Second Launch Pad, **SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota**. EOS-05 is India's **first-ever imaging satellite operating from Geosynchronous Orbit (GSO)**; payload mass: **~2,367 kg**; placed in Sub-GTO initially; this was the **19th flight of GSLV**.

India's First Geothermal Wells - Puga Valley, Ladakh; ONGC Energy Centre; 1 MW Demonstration Project

ONGC Energy Centre commissioned India's **first two geothermal wells** at **Puga Valley, Ladakh** in **July 2026**; **~1,000 metres deep**; reservoir evaluation for India's first **1 MW demonstration geothermal power project**. Implemented under the **National Policy on Geothermal Energy, 2025** (MNRE).

GSI has mapped 381 hot springs and identified 10 geothermal provinces across India | Geothermal energy: uses heat stored within the Earth | Unlike solar and wind, provides round-the-clock, weather-independent renewable energy.

Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) - World's Largest Solar Telescope; 4-Metre Mirror; Haleakalā, Maui

DKIST at **Haleakalā, Maui, Hawaii** has a **4-metre primary mirror** — the **world's largest solar telescope**; operated by the U.S. National Solar Observatory; captured the highest-resolution images of the Sun's photosphere, revealing tiny whirlpool-like structures along solar granule boundaries.

Mithun (Bos frontalis) - AI Tracking System by ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland; "Cattle of the Hills"

ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland developed an **AI-based real-time system** to detect and track Mithun behaviour. Uses **YOLOv8n model** (behaviour detection) and **DeepSORT** (individual tracking). Mithun, scientifically ***Bos frontalis***, is popularly called the **"Cattle of the Hills"** — major social, cultural and economic importance for tribal communities of Northeast India.

CosmoCube & PRATUSH - Detecting 21-cm Hydrogen Signal from Lunar Orbit

UK scientists proposed **CosmoCube** — a small satellite to orbit the Moon and use the radio-quiet lunar far side to search for the faint **21-cm radio signal from neutral hydrogen** (Cosmic Dawn); published in *Nature Astronomy*, 14 August 2026.

India's counterpart: PRATUSH (Probing ReionizATIOn of the Universe using Signal from Hydrogen) | Developed by Raman Research Institute (RRI) with ISRO involvement | Aims to detect the redshifted 21-cm signal from the Cosmic Dawn and Epoch of Reionisation from lunar orbit.

ORV Sagar Manthan - GRSE Launches for NCPOR; ₹840 Crore; Deep Ocean Mission; Replaces Sagar Kanya

GRSE launched the indigenous **ORV Sagar Manthan** at its Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata on **9 September 2026** for **NCPOR** (Ministry of Earth Sciences). Cost: ~**₹840 crore**; built under **Vertical-4 (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration)** of India's **Deep Ocean Mission**; expected ready by **early 2028**; will replace **ORV Sagar Kanya** (procured from Germany, 1983). NCPOR is at **Vasco-da-Gama, Goa**.

Navier-Stokes Problem - One of Seven Millennium Prize Problems; CMI Still Lists as Unsolved

OpenAI proposed an AI-generated solution to the **Navier-Stokes problem** in September 2026, but the **Clay Mathematics Institute (CMI)** still lists it as **unsolved** — proposed proof not yet mathematically accepted. Navier-Stokes is one of the **seven Millennium Prize Problems** (US\$1 million each). The equations describe how **fluids** (liquids and gases) move.

7. Defence

DAC Approves Defence Acquisitions Worth ₹1.10 Lakh Crore - 98% from Indian Industry; AoN 7 September 2026

DAC (chaired by **Rajnath Singh**) accorded **AoN** on **7 September 2026** to proposals worth ~**₹1.10 lakh crore**. AoN = in-principle administrative approval. ~**98% of procurements from Indian industry**.

Service	Approved Items
Indian Army	CBRN Recce Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles (HMs), Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers (MMLs), Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs), Trawl Tanks, Sarvatra Bridge System
Indian Navy	Arudhra Radars Design, development and procurement of Marine Gas Turbines (MGTs)
Indian Air Force	Capability enhancement for fighters, transport aircraft and helicopters Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammer (GBMPJ) Defence Forces Secure Access Card (DEFSAC) System

Exercise Veer Guardian-2026 - IAF & JASDF; Jodhpur; LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI, Rafale vs F-2A

Bilateral air exercise between the **IAF** and the **Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF)** at **Air Force Station Jodhpur** (9–22 September 2026). IAF: **LCA Tejas (indigenous), Su-30 MKI and Rafale**. JASDF: **F-2A**.

Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 (22nd Edition, India-USA) | Exercise Samudra Laksamana 2026 (India-Malaysia, 4th Edition)

Yudh Abhyas 2026 (22nd edition): Indian Army and US Army; 9–28 September 2026 across **Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Bikaner (Rajasthan)** and **Auli (Uttarakhand)**. **Samudra Laksamana 2026** (4th edition): **INS Mysore** arrived at **Lumut, Malaysia** on 9 September 2026; bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy.

8. Schemes

ECLGS 5.0 - Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme; ₹2.55 Lakh Crore; NCGTC; Jan Samarth Portal

Government approved **ECLGS 5.0** on **5 May 2026** to provide working-capital support. Implemented by **NCGTC**. Facilitates additional credit of up to **₹2.55 lakh crore**.

Feature	Detail
Eligible Borrowers	MSMEs, eligible non-MSME business borrowers, and scheduled passenger airlines
Guarantee Coverage	MSMEs: 100% credit guarantee Non-MSMEs and airlines: 90% guarantee
Validity	Until 31 March 2027 or until guarantees worth ₹2.55 lakh crore issued (whichever earlier)
Access Portal	Jan Samarth Portal
Guarantee Fee	No guarantee fee payable by Member Lending Institutions

9. Awards & Honours

National Teachers' Awards 2026 - 82 Awardees; AP: Rajesh Kouluri (School) & Dr. Arun Babu (AIIMS Mangalagiri)

President **Droupadi Murmu** conferred **National Awards to Teachers 2026** on **5 September 2026** (Teachers' Day). **82 teachers and educators** recognised nationally.

Awardee	Institution	Category
Rajesh Kouluri	MPPS Chinamallupeta, AP	School Education
Dr. Arun Babu	AIIMS Mangalagiri, AP	Higher Education - Paediatrics

Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 - Guntur Joint 2nd (3-10 lakh); Vijayawada 8th; Eluru 4th; Ward 60 Ranks 2nd Nationally

MoEFCC conferred the **5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards 2026** on **7 September 2026** (Swachh Vayu Diwas). All **130 NCAP cities** assessed in three population categories.

Population Category	1st Rank	2nd Rank	3rd Rank
Above 10 lakh	Lucknow	Indore	Jabalpur
3-10 lakh	Rourkela	Guntur & Firozabad (Joint; Score: 195)	Amravati
Below 3 lakh	Kalinga Nagar	Angul	Talcher

AP: Guntur — Joint 2nd (3-10 lakh, score 195) | Vijayawada — 8th (above 10 lakh) | Eluru — 4th (below 3 lakh) | Vijayawada Ward 60 — 2nd nationally in the ward category (10,000-30,000 population).

Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma Memorial Award 2026 – Galla Ramachandra Naidu (Amara Raja Group); CLRI; CSIR

Galla Ramachandra Naidu (Founder-Chairman, Amara Raja Group, Tirupati) received the award at Tenali, AP. **Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma**: distinguished scientist known for contributions to leather technology; served as Director of **CLRI** and later **Director-General of CSIR**.

10. Ranks & Reports

ASUSE 2025 – First-Ever District-Level Estimates; NSO/MoSPI; Prakasam Leads AP; GVA per Worker ₹1,56,539

NSO released India's first-ever district-level enterprise survey estimates on **10 September 2026** (ASUSE 2025). Covers **757 of 770 districts**. Sectors: Manufacturing, Trade and Other Services.

Top 50 districts: ~one-third of establishments, workforce and GVA | Women: one-third of workforce in 237 districts | 280 districts recorded GVA per worker above the national average | All-India average GVA per worker: ₹1,56,539 | AP: Prakasam district had the highest number of establishments (5.61% of AP total).

11. Committees & Conferences

7th Global Fintech Fest 2026 – Mumbai; Theme: "Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum"; PCI, NPCI, FCC

7th GFF 2026 held in **Mumbai (8-11 September 2026)**. Theme: **"Potential to Impact: Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum: Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance."** Organised by **PCI, NPCI and FCC**. Supported by RBI, SEBI, NITI Aayog, IFSCA and PFRDA.

INNOPROM India 2026 – Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; India-Russia Industrial Cooperation; \$100 Billion Trade Target 2030

First-ever **INNOPROM India 2026** held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (9-11 September 2026)**. Aimed at strengthening **India-Russia cooperation** in manufacturing, technology and industrial development. Bilateral trade target: **\$100 billion (approx. ₹9.45 lakh crore) by 2030**.

First International Space Summit 2026 – Grand Palais, Paris; ~90 Countries; ~1,100 Space Companies

Held on **9-10 September 2026** at the **Grand Palais, Paris, France**. Convened by France. Brought together **~90 countries** and **~1,100 companies** from the space sector to discuss space exploration, the space economy, international cooperation and sustainable use of outer space.

12. Person in News

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika - 100th Birth Anniversary; "Sudhakantha"; Bharat Ratna 2019

PM Modi paid tribute to **Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika** on his **100th birth anniversary on 8 September 2026**. Born **8 September 1926**, Assam. Renowned **singer, lyricist, composer, poet, writer and filmmaker**. Known as **"Sudhakantha"**. Songs centred on humanity, social justice, communal harmony and universal brotherhood.

Honour	Year
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	1992
Padma Bhushan	2001
Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship	2008
Padma Vibhushan (posthumous)	2012
Bharat Ratna (posthumous)	2019

13. Important Days

UNGA Declares 27 November as International Day Against Child Marriage; SDG 5.3; Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

UNGA on **4 September 2026** designated **27 November** every year as the **International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage**. Led by **Sierra Leone**. India: Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat campaign launched **27 November 2024** (MoWCD). Linked to **SDG 5.3**. Under the **Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006**: a child = male below **21 years** or female below **18 years**.

International Vulture Awareness Day - First Saturday of September; National Programme at Panchkula, Haryana

IVAD is observed every year on the **first Saturday of September**. India's national programme held at **Panchkula, Haryana**; Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** inaugurated a workshop on the theme **"From Crisis to Recovery - Conserving India's Vultures."**

International Literacy Day - 8 September; 60th Anniversary in 2026; UNESCO 1966; Theme: "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity"

International Literacy Day observed on **8 September 2026** — its **60th anniversary**. Proclaimed by **UNESCO in 1966**; annual celebrations began in **1967**. 2026 theme: **"Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity."**

14. Sports

Kimi Antonelli Wins 2026 Italian Grand Prix at Monza – First Italian to Win Italian GP Since 1966; 7th Win

Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) won the 2026 Italian GP at **Autodromo Nazionale Monza** on **6 September 2026**, recovering from **19th on the grid**. His **7th win of the 2026 season**. **First Italian driver to win the Italian GP at Monza since 1966**. 2nd: George Russell (Mercedes); 3rd: Max Verstappen (Red Bull).

East Zone Wins Duleep Trophy 2026-27 – Ends 14-Year Wait; Final at Chepauk; Ishan Kishan (PoM); Tilak Varma (PoT)

East Zone won the **Duleep Trophy 2026-27**, ending a **14-year wait**. Final against South Zone at **Chidambaram Stadium (Chepauk), Chennai**; ended in a draw — East Zone declared champions on **first-innings lead**.

Duleep Trophy first played in 1961-62 | Named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji | Player of the Match: Ishan Kishan | Player of the Tournament: Tilak Varma.

15. Miscellaneous

Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected APPU Secretary-General – Asian-Pacific Postal Union; Bangkok; 32 Members

Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh (1988-batch Indian Postal Service) re-elected as **Secretary-General of APPU** for a second consecutive four-year term. APPU: headquartered in **Bangkok, Thailand**; **32 member countries**; Regional Union of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** — the UN specialised agency for the postal sector.

Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) – DoT; ₹5,043 Crore Prevented; Three Risk Categories

DoT's **FRI** (launched **22 May 2025** under the Digital Intelligence Platform) has prevented suspected cyber-fraud of **₹5,043.73 crore** by August 2026. Classifies mobile numbers into **Medium, High and Very High** risk categories.

Uses inputs from Sanchar Saathi, NCRP, telecom operators and banks | Intelligence shared via DIP with banks, UPI providers, insurers and pension entities | Enables flagging or stopping suspicious transactions before money leaves the customer's account.

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India – 10 Years of Flexible Inflation Targeting	India completed 10 years of FIT in 2026; RBI targets CPI inflation at 4% ($\pm 2\%$, i.e. 2–6%); Urjit Patel Committee (2014); MPA signed 20 February 2015; statutory backing via Finance Act, 2016; target notified 5 August 2016; Section 45ZA (inflation target) and Section 45ZB (MPC) of RBI Act; NKPC: Output Gap $\uparrow$ $\rightarrow$ Inflation $\uparrow$; key NKPC difference: role of expected future inflation.
India's Jute Sector	India is the world's largest producer of raw jute and jute goods, known as the "Golden Fibre"; $\sim 75\%$ of global jute-goods production; largest State: West Bengal; MSP 2026–27: ₹5,925 per quintal (61.8% return over cost); nodal agency: JCI; mandatory jute packaging: 100% of food grains and 20% of sugar.
GSLV-F17 / EOS-05	ISRO launched GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05 on 4 September 2026 from Second Launch Pad, SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota; EOS-05 is India's first-ever imaging satellite operating from Geosynchronous Orbit (GSO); payload $\sim 2,367$ kg; placed in Sub-GTO initially; 19th flight of GSLV.
India's First Geothermal Wells – Puga Valley	ONGC Energy Centre commissioned India's first two geothermal wells at Puga Valley, Ladakh in July 2026; $\sim 1,000$ m deep; reservoir evaluation for India's first 1 MW demonstration geothermal power project; under National Policy on Geothermal Energy, 2025 (MNRE); GSI mapped 381 hot springs and 10 geothermal provinces.
DKIST – World's Largest Solar Telescope	Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) at Haleakalā, Maui, Hawaii; 4-metre primary mirror; world's largest solar telescope; operated by U.S. National Solar Observatory; captured highest-resolution photosphere images revealing tiny whirlpool-like structures along solar granule boundaries.
Mithun – AI Tracking by ICAR	ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland developed an AI-based real-time system using YOLOv8n (behaviour detection) and DeepSORT (individual tracking) for Mithun (Bos frontalis); Mithun popularly called "Cattle of the Hills"; major social, cultural and economic importance for tribal communities of Northeast India.
CosmoCube & PRATUSH	UK scientists proposed CosmoCube to orbit the Moon and detect the faint 21-cm hydrogen signal from the Cosmic Dawn using the radio-quiet lunar far side (Nature Astronomy, 14 August 2026); India's counterpart: PRATUSH, developed by Raman Research Institute (RRI) with ISRO involvement, aims to detect the redshifted 21-cm signal from the Cosmic Dawn and Epoch of Reionisation.
ORV Sagar Manthan – GRSE/NCPOR	GRSE launched ORV Sagar Manthan at Kolkata on 9 September 2026 for NCPOR (Ministry of Earth Sciences); cost $\sim$ ₹840 crore; built under Vertical-4 (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration) of Deep Ocean Mission; will replace ORV Sagar Kanya (procured from Germany, 1983); NCPOR at Vasco-da-Gama, Goa; expected ready by early 2028.
Navier-Stokes – Millennium Prize Problem	OpenAI proposed an AI-generated solution in September 2026, but the Clay Mathematics Institute (CMI) still lists Navier–Stokes as unsolved; it is one of the seven Millennium Prize Problems (US\$ 1 million each); the equations describe how fluids (both liquids and gases) move.
DAC AoN – ₹1.10 Lakh Crore	DAC (chaired by Rajnath Singh) accorded AoN on 7 September 2026 for proposals worth $\sim$ ₹1.10 lakh crore; $\sim 98\%$ to be sourced from Indian industry; Army: CBRN vehicles, HMTs, MMLs, ALHs, Trawl Tanks, Sarvatra Bridge; Navy: Arudhra Radars, Marine Gas Turbines; Air Force: GBMPJ and DEFSAC system.
Exercise Veer Guardian-2026	Bilateral air exercise between the IAF and JASDF at Air Force Station Jodhpur (9–22 September 2026); India: LCA Tejas (indigenous), Su-30 MKI and Rafale; Japan: F-2A fighter aircraft.

Topic	One-Line Summary
ECLGS 5.0	Approved 5 May 2026; implemented by NCGTC; facilitates up to ₹2.55 lakh crore in additional credit; MSMEs: 100% credit guarantee; non-MSMEs and scheduled airlines: 90% guarantee; no guarantee fee; valid until 31 March 2027; access via Jan Samarth Portal.
National Teachers' Awards 2026 - AP Awardees	President Droupadi Murmu conferred National Teachers' Awards 2026 on 5 September 2026 (Teachers' Day); 82 awardees nationally; AP: Rajesh Kouluri (MPPS Chinamallupeta — School Education) and Dr. Arun Babu (AIIMS Mangalagiri — Higher Education, Paediatrics).
Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 - AP Results	5th Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards 2026 (7 September 2026); 130 NCAP cities assessed; Above 10 lakh: Lucknow 1st, Vijayawada 8th; 3-10 lakh: Rourkela 1st, Guntur & Firozabad joint 2nd (score 195); Below 3 lakh: Kalinga Nagar 1st, Eluru 4th; Vijayawada Ward 60 — 2nd nationally (10,000-30,000 ward category).
ASUSE 2025 - District-Level Report	NSO (MoSPI) released India's first-ever district-level enterprise survey estimates on 10 September 2026 (ASUSE 2025); covers 757 of 770 districts; sectors: Manufacturing, Trade, Other Services; all-India average GVA per worker: ₹1,56,539; AP: Prakasam district had the highest number of establishments (5.61% of AP total).
Bhupen Hazarika - 100th Birth Anniversary	Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's 100th birth anniversary on 8 September 2026; born 8 September 1926, Assam; known as "Sudhakantha"; singer, lyricist, composer, poet, writer and filmmaker; Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1992), Padma Bhushan (2001), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2008), Padma Vibhushan posthumous (2012), Bharat Ratna posthumous (2019).
UNGA - International Day Against Child Marriage	UNGA on 4 September 2026 designated 27 November as the International Day for Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage; led by Sierra Leone; India: Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat campaign launched 27 November 2024; linked to SDG 5.3; under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006: male below 21 years or female below 18 years.
International Literacy Day 2026	Observed on 8 September every year; 2026 marks its 60th anniversary; proclaimed by UNESCO in 1966; annual celebrations began in 1967; 2026 theme: "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity."
Kimi Antonelli - 2026 Italian Grand Prix	Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) won the 2026 Italian GP at Monza on 6 September 2026, recovering from 19th on the grid; his 7th win of the 2026 season; first Italian driver to win the Italian GP at Monza since 1966; 2nd: George Russell; 3rd: Max Verstappen.
Duleep Trophy 2026-27	East Zone won Duleep Trophy 2026-27, ending a 14-year wait; final against South Zone at Chepauk, Chennai ended in a draw — East Zone declared champions on first-innings lead; Duleep Trophy first played 1961-62; named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji; Player of the Match: Ishan Kishan; Player of the Tournament: Tilak Varma.
Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)	DoT's FRI (launched 22 May 2025 under the Digital Intelligence Platform) prevented suspected cyber-fraud of ₹5,043.73 crore by August 2026; classifies mobile numbers into Medium, High and Very High risk categories; uses inputs from Sanchar Saathi and NCRP; enables banks and UPI providers to flag or stop suspicious transactions before money leaves the customer's account.