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Greetings from ReadingRoomz! This week covered India's global engagements (OneSCD sickle cell partnership and the first P4M Summit at UNGA81, EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting in Manila), key economy topics (India's first blue bond, Nidhi Companies, alternative international payment systems), important AP news (Gurajada Jayanti as a State festival, four new Police Commissionerates, Chandavaram Buddhist Stupa, the Penukonda Vijayanagara inscription), and anniversaries of Make in India and DDU-GKY. Sports brought US Open 2026 results and India's women's T20 gold at the Asian Games.

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1. International Current Affairs

New Arctic Security Agreement - United States; Denmark; Greenland; Pituffik Space Base

The **United States, Denmark** and **Greenland** have reached a new security agreement that would allow Washington to **expand its military presence in Greenland** while preventing adversarial countries from establishing military bases there.

Greenland is increasingly strategically important because of its location **between the Arctic and the North Atlantic**. The United States already operates **Pituffik Space Base**, formerly called **Thule Air Base**, in **north-western Greenland**. The base supports **missile warning, missile defence, space surveillance and satellite operations**.

About Greenland: World's largest island, but not an independent country | **Self-governing territory within the Kingdom of Denmark**, along with the **Faroe Islands** | Greenland manages most of its **domestic affairs** | Denmark retains **foreign affairs, defence and security**

US Deployed 'Space Control' Weapons in Orbit - 14 September 2026; Troy Meink; Outer Space Treaty 1967; Article IV

The United States has **publicly acknowledged for the first time** that it has deployed "**space control**" weapons in Earth orbit. On **14 September 2026**, **U.S. Air Force Secretary Troy Meink** said that the **U.S. Space Force** has on-orbit systems capable of defending American forces against hostile actions in space.

Outer Space Treaty (1967): Principal international agreement on the issue | **Article IV** prohibits placing **nuclear weapons or other WMDs** in Earth orbit | Prohibits **military bases and weapons testing on the Moon** and other celestial bodies | Does **not expressly prohibit conventional weapons** in Earth orbit

Indonesia's Nickel Supply Curbs - 60%+ Global Production; 2020 Ore Export Ban; INSG

Indonesia, which accounts for **more than 60% of global nickel production**, has tried to curb oversupply by **reducing mining quotas**, strengthening environmental controls and adjusting ore prices. The measures followed Indonesia's **2020 ban on nickel ore exports**, which encouraged domestic processing capacity and helped the country become the **world's dominant nickel producer**.

The **International Nickel Study Group (INSG)** revised its **2026 outlook in April**, changing its earlier forecast of a **2,61,000-tonne surplus** to a **32,000-tonne deficit**, mainly due to lower expected Indonesian production.

OneSCD Global Partnership for Sickle Cell Care - India Co-host; UNGA81; New York; 2047 Goal

India **co-hosted** the launch of **OneSCD: A Global Partnership to Advance Equity and Transform Sickle Cell Care** on the sidelines of the **81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA81)** in **New York**. It aims to strengthen global cooperation and promote equitable and accessible care for people living with **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)**.

Partners included the **Government of Nigeria, WHO, UNICEF, Africa CDC, World Coalition on Sickle Cell Disease** and **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**.

National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission: Launched **2023** | Goal: eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia as a public health problem by **2047** | Approach: population-level screening, early diagnosis, counselling, treatment, follow-up, digital tracking | **7.29 crore+** screened | **20 lakh+** carriers identified | **2.5 lakh** diagnosed with SCD | **4.93 crore+** **Sickle Cell Cards** distributed

2. National Current Affairs

Karnataka Grants Additional Official Language Status to Tulu - 18 September 2026; Mangaluru; Article 345; ₹82 Lakh

The **Karnataka Cabinet**, at its meeting in **Mangaluru** on **18 September 2026**, decided to grant **Tulu** additional official (administrative) language status in **Dakshina Kannada** and **Udupi** districts. Tulu is also spoken in northern **Kasaragod district of Kerala**. The State will provide **₹82 lakh annually** for translation, training and other language-use activities.

Legal Process: Cabinet decision alone does not complete the process | **Article 345** empowers State legislatures to adopt one or more languages for official purposes | **Karnataka Official Language Act, 1963** specifies **Kannada** as official language — must be **amended**, followed by notification

Starbucks to Set Up Global Capability Centre in Chennai - MoU with Tamil Nadu; 800 Jobs; 450+ GCCs

Starbucks has signed an **MoU** with the **Tamil Nadu** government to establish a **Global Capability Centre (GCC)** in **Chennai**, expected to create **800 high-value jobs** in its first phase.

Tamil Nadu hosts **more than 450 GCCs**, about **10-15% of India's GCC ecosystem**, and is described as India's **third-largest GCC hub**, after **Karnataka** and **Telangana**.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Maharashtra's Methanol Denaturation Rules - 18 September 2026; Poisons Rules 1972; Article 14; Article 19(1)(g)

The **Supreme Court** on **18 September 2026** struck down certain provisions of the **Maharashtra Poisons Rules, 1972** relating to the sale and use of **methanol**. The rules required methanol sold to non-drug manufacturers to be mixed with **colouring and bittering agents**. The Court held these restrictions placed an **excessive burden on legitimate industries** and were **not proportionate** to the objective of preventing illicit liquor.

Key Detail	Fact
Article 14	Equality and protection against arbitrary State action
Article 19(1)(g)	Right to practise any profession or carry on trade, occupation or business
Test applied	Proportionality principle from K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017)

Maharashtra Women Farmers' Empowerment Bill - July 2026; First State; Woman Farmer Certificate; IYWF 2026

In **July 2026**, **Maharashtra** passed the **Women Farmers' Empowerment Bill**, becoming the **first Indian State** to give enforceable legal recognition to women as farmers **irrespective of land ownership**. It provides a **Woman Farmer Certificate** to women engaged in agriculture for **at least one agricultural season a year**.

It recognises **landless cultivators, landless livestock rearers, agricultural labourers, plantation labourers and pastoralists**. Women often work on family land without their names in land records, restricting access to schemes, credit, subsidies, technology and extension services. The Bill also provides a **database of women farmers**; linking certificates with **Agri Stack** and issuing **Farmer IDs** can integrate them into the digital agricultural ecosystem.

Did You Know: The **United Nations** declared **2026** the **International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF 2026)** to spotlight women's roles across global agrifood systems

National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR) - Leh; Ladakh; "Science of Healing"; Amchi System

The **National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR)** is a premier institution for education, research and promotion of **Sowa Rigpa**, the traditional system of medicine practised in the **Himalayan region**. It is located in **Leh, Ladakh**.

About Sowa Rigpa: Means "**Science of Healing**" or "Knowledge of Healing" in the **Bhoti language** | Spiritually: "nourishment of awareness" | Also known as **Traditional Tibetan Medicine** or the **Amchi system** of medicine

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

Gurajada Jayanti Declared a State Festival - 21 September; Gurajada Venkata Appa Rao; Kanyasulkam

The **Andhra Pradesh Government** has declared **September 21**, the birth anniversary of Telugu writer, playwright and social reformer **Mahakavi Gurajada Venkata Appa Rao**, as a **State festival**.

Detail	Fact
Born	21 September 1862
Known as	Pioneer of modern Telugu literature ; advocate of spoken/colloquial Telugu in literature
Most celebrated work	Kanyasulkam — criticised child marriage and bride price
Other works	Mutyala Saralu ; patriotic composition Desamunu Preminchumanna

662-Year-Old Vijayanagara Inscription Found - Penukonda Hill; Sri Sathya Sai District; Bukka Raya I; Anantharasu Chikka Odeyar

An ancient stone inscription discovered at the **Sri Naga Lingeshwara Swamy Temple** atop **Penukonda Hill** in **Sri Sathya Sai district** has revealed new information about the **Vijayanagara Empire**. The **662-year-old** inscription dates to the reign of **Bukka Raya I (1356-1377 CE)**. It states that the temple was commissioned by **Anantharasu Chikka Odeyar**, who served as the **Prime Minister** of the Vijayanagara Empire.

AP Cabinet Approves Four New Police Commissionerates - Rajamahendravaram; Guntur; Tirupati; Kurnool; SMI Policy

The **Andhra Pradesh Cabinet** approved **four new Police Commissionerates** headquartered at **Rajamahendravaram, Guntur, Tirupati and Kurnool**, announced by **I&PR Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy**. The Cabinet also approved the **Andhra Pradesh State Prosecution Service Rules, 2026** and a **Social Media Influencers (SMI) Policy** for identifying, verifying and empanelling credible influencers to disseminate information on government schemes.

Commissionerate	Zones
Rajamahendravaram	3 territorial zones
Guntur	4 zones
Tirupati	4 zones — Tirumala, Tirupati, Srikalahasti, Sri City
Kurnool	2 territorial zones and 5 sub-divisions

Interarch Building Solutions to Invest ₹300 Crore - Athivaram Industrial Park; Ojili Mandal; SPSR Nellore

Noida-based Interarch Building Solutions Limited will invest around **₹300 crore** in a phased manner to expand manufacturing at **Athivaram Industrial Park, Ojili mandal, SPSR Nellore district**. It announced the investment while inaugurating a new **heavy structural steel manufacturing facility**. The company has also entered into a **joint venture with a Canadian company** to manufacture products for export.

Detail	Fact
Initial capacity	25,000 MT per annum
Land	20 acres
Expansion	About ₹220 crore over 2.5 years to reach 50,000 MT per annum

Chandavaram Buddhist Stupa - Donakonda Mandal; Prakasam; Singarakonda Hill; Gundlakamma River

The **Chandavaram Buddhist Stupa** in **Donakonda mandal of Prakasam district** is set to be developed as an **international tourist destination**. Located on **Singarakonda Hill** near the **Gundlakamma River**, the ancient **double-terraced stupa** is described as the **largest among the 150 Buddhist stupas** discovered in Andhra Pradesh. The region flourished between the **2nd century BCE and 2nd century CE** along an ancient route connecting **Kashi and Kanchipuram**.

Planned Spiritual Tourism Circuit: Chandavaram Stupa | **Tripuranthakeswara Swamy and Bala Tripura Sundari Devi** temple complex, **Tripurantakam** | **Lakshmi Chennakesava Swamy Temple, Markapuram**

4. Economy

India's First Blue Bond - Sagarmala Finance Corporation; 28 September 2026; ₹600 Crore; 10-Year

Sagarmala Finance Corporation, India's first maritime lender, plans to issue **India's first blue bond** on **28 September 2026**. It plans to raise **₹600 crore** through **10-year bonds**, including a **greenshoe option of ₹500 crore**, as per the provisional term sheet. The issue introduces a specialised financing instrument for India's **maritime and blue-economy sectors**.

What is a Blue Bond: Debt instrument to raise funds for sustainable projects related to **water and marine resources** | Examples: clean water, water recycling, sustainable shipping, sustainable fishing, ocean energy, marine mapping

Nidhi Companies - MCA Advisory; Companies Act 2013; Nidhi Rules 2014; Form NDH-4

The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** has issued an advisory cautioning people to conduct proper background checks before investing in Nidhi Companies, particularly when **unusually high returns** are promised. A Nidhi Company is a **mutual-benefit company** regulated by the MCA under the **Companies Act, 2013** and the **Nidhi Rules, 2014**. It can accept deposits and provide loans **only to its members**. Companies seeking Nidhi status must apply in **Form NDH-4**.

Basis	Cooperative Society	Nidhi Company
Nature	Member-owned co-operative organisation	Company formed for mutual benefit of its members
Primary objective	Mutual aid and economic/social betterment of members	Cultivating thrift and savings among members and providing loans to members
Governing law	State Co-operative Societies Act or Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002	Companies Act, 2013 and Nidhi Rules, 2014
Regulator	Registrar of Co-operative Societies / Central Registrar for multi-state societies	Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
Deposits	Depends on the type of co-operative and applicable law	Only from its members
Loans	Depends on the objects and applicable co-operative law	Only to its members
Examples	Dairy, agricultural, credit, housing and multi-purpose co-operatives	Companies specifically declared/recognised as Nidhi Companies

Examples of Nidhi Companies in Andhra Pradesh: Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan (Andhra) Nidhi Limited | Star Sri Nidhi Limited

International Payment Systems - SWIFT; CIPS (2015); SPFS (2014); Project mBridge

SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) is a **Belgium-based** global financial messaging network used by banks for cross-border payments. Growing use of financial sanctions and concerns over dependence on the **U.S. dollar-based** system have encouraged alternatives.

CIPS (Cross-Border Interbank Payment System), backed by the **People's Bank of China**, was launched in **2015** to promote international use of the **yuan (renminbi)**; it processed an average of **679.8 billion yuan per day in 2025**, though its scale remains smaller than established systems. Russia developed **SPFS (System for Transfer of Financial Messages)** in **2014** amid Western sanctions; after Russian banks were **excluded from SWIFT in 2022**, SPFS became an important channel.

Project mBridge is a **multi-CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency)** platform for cross-border payments involving **China, Hong Kong, Thailand, the UAE and Saudi Arabia**. It developed the **mBridge Ledger**, a **blockchain-based** platform for direct peer-to-peer settlement using CBDCs **without correspondent banks**.

System	Full Form	Country / HQ	Key Purpose
SWIFT	Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication	Belgium / La Hulpe	Global financial messaging network
CIPS	Cross-Border Interbank Payment System	China / Shanghai	Cross-border yuan payments and settlement
SPFS	System for Transfer of Financial Messages	Russia / Moscow	Russian alternative to SWIFT financial messaging
mBridge	Multiple CBDC Bridge	Multi-country / no single HQ; jointly developed by participating central banks	Cross-border CBDC payments and settlement
SEPAM	Sistema de Electronic Payment Messaging	Iran / Tehran	Domestic/interbank financial messaging
CHIPS	Clearing House Interbank Payments System	United States / New York	High-value USD clearing and settlement

5. Science & Technology

Methanol - CH₃OH; Methyl Alcohol; Wood Alcohol; Denaturation

Methanol (CH₃OH) is a **colourless, highly toxic and flammable** liquid also known as **methyl alcohol** or **wood alcohol**. It is mainly an **industrial raw material**, used to produce **formaldehyde, paints, solvents, plastics** and other chemicals. It is not meant for human consumption — even small amounts can cause **serious poisoning, blindness or death** — and it can be misused in making **illicit liquor**.

Denaturation: Adding substances such as **colourants or bitterants** to make methanol unsuitable for consumption

Canal-Top Photovoltaics (CTPV) - Mehsana 2012; Narmada Canal; 131 GW Potential; Punjab

Canal-top photovoltaics (CTPV) installs solar panels on elevated structures above irrigation and water-supply canals. Unlike **floating solar**, CTPV structures span the canal or run along its banks **without obstructing water flow**. It requires **virtually no additional land** — in **Punjab, 20 MW** of CTPV is estimated to have saved nearly **100 acres** — and reduces **evaporation** losses.

Key Detail	Fact
India's first canal-top solar	Mehsana, Gujarat — 2012
1-MW Narmada Canal system	Saves ~ 9 million litres of water and generates ~ 1.6 million units per year
India's potential (2024 assessment)	~ 131 GW (CTPV + canal-bank solar)
Top-potential States	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh , Punjab
Challenges	High installation cost, structural requirements, maintenance, grid connectivity

IMEI Tampering - 15-Digit IMEI; TAC; GSMA; Telecommunications Act 2023 Section 42(3)(c)

The **International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI)** is a unique **15-digit number** identifying a mobile device on a telecom network. The **first eight digits** form the **Type Allocation Code (TAC)**, identifying the device model; the **GSMA (Global System for Mobile Communications Association)** oversees TAC allocation. A **dual-SIM phone** generally has **two IMEI numbers**.

The Government has highlighted IMEI tampering as a threat to **telecom security and digital sovereignty**. Removing or altering an IMEI, or knowingly possessing, producing or using hardware/software for such alteration, is **unlawful**.

Legal Provision: Telecommunications Act, 2023 | Section 42(3)(c) prohibits tampering with telecommunication identifiers incl. IMEI | Penalty: imprisonment up to **3 years**, fine up to **₹50 lakh**, or both

Bio-Based Biodegradable Plastic - Polylactic Acid (PLA); Balrampur Chini Mills; BioE3

The **Union Government** launched the **commercial use of bio-based biodegradable plastic** based on **Polylactic Acid (PLA)**. The initiative is being taken forward by **Balrampur Chini Mills Limited (BCML)** under the **BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment)** framework.

About PLA: Bio-based polymer produced from renewable biological resources | **Biodegradable** — a sustainable alternative to conventional **petroleum-based plastics**

6. Defence

SLINEX-26 - 13th Edition; Sri Lanka-India; Visakhapatnam; 17-21 September 2026

The **13th edition** of the **Sri Lanka-India Bilateral Maritime Exercise (SLINEX-26)** is being conducted at **Visakhapatnam** from **17 to 21 September 2026**. It began with the **Harbour Phase**, followed by the **Sea Phase**, under the aegis of the Indian Navy's **Eastern Naval Command**.

Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT 2026 - 18th Edition; India-Mongolia; Pithoragarh; 21 Sept-3 Oct 2026

The **18th edition** of Exercise **NOMADIC ELEPHANT**, the annual **India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise**, commenced on **21 September 2026** at the **Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**, and will continue until **3 October 2026**. It is conducted **alternately** between India and Mongolia.

Exercise VARUNA - 24th Edition; India-France; INS Trishul

INS Trishul participated in the **24th edition** of the bilateral maritime exercise **VARUNA** between the **Indian Navy** and the **French Navy**. The exercise aims at strengthening **naval cooperation and interoperability** and sharing operational experience in the maritime domain.

7. Schemes

Make in India Completes 12 Years - 25 September 2014; Make in India 2.0; 27 Sectors; PLI ₹2.40 Lakh Crore

Make in India was launched on **25 September 2014** to make India a global hub for **manufacturing, design and innovation**. It has expanded under **Make in India 2.0** to cover **27 sectors — 15 manufacturing and 12 services**. Supporting initiatives include **PLI schemes, National Single Window System (NSWS), PM GatiShakti National Master Plan** and **India Industrial Land Bank**.

As of **June 2026**, PLI schemes covering **14 sectors** attracted **₹2.40 lakh crore** in investment and generated **₹22.66 lakh crore+** in production and sales.

Key Detail	Fact
Defence production FY 2025-26	₹1.78 lakh crore
VIKRAM3201 & KALPANA3201	Indigenous microprocessors by ISRO and SCL for space applications
Semicon 2.0	₹1,27,500 crore
BHAVYA	₹33,660 crore for 100 industrial parks
Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme	₹62,500 crore
Sintered rare-earth permanent magnet scheme	₹7,280 crore

DDU-GKY 2.0 - 25 September 2014; NRLM; 6-Month Placement; Roshni; Himayat

The **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)** was launched on **25 September 2014** under the **National Rural Livelihoods Mission** to provide **placement-linked skill training** to rural youth from poor households. The **DDU-GKY 2.0 Guidelines** were notified in **May 2025**, emphasising training quality, employment sustainability, placement retention and post-placement support.

DDU-GKY 2.0 at a Glance: 31 States/UTs | 749 approved projects | 760 active training centres | 455+ PIAs | Minimum placement extended from 3 to 6 months | ₹7,620 assistance (₹1,270/month for 6 months) | ₹5,000 retention support for 365 days of employment | **Roshni** — LWE-affected & Aspirational Districts | **Himayat** — Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

8. Awards & Honours

Purnima Devi Barman Named Changemaker of the Year - BusinessLine; Greater Adjutant Stork; Hargila

Grassroots conservationist **Purnima Devi Barman** received the **Changemaker of the Year** award from **BusinessLine** for conserving the endangered **greater adjutant stork**, locally known as **Hargila**. Her efforts also helped **village women** become bird protectors and self-reliant entrepreneurs.

9. Ranks & Reports

Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey 2025-26 - MoSPI; NSO; 80th NSS Round; Pilgrimage 48%

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** released the findings of the **Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey (DTES) 2025-26**, conducted by the **National Statistics Office (NSO)** from **July 2025 to June 2026** as part of the **80th round of the NSS**. It covered **2,46,113 households** across **24,778 First Stage Units (FSUs)**.

Finding	Fact
Top purpose of overnight trips	Pilgrimage & religious — 48%
Second-largest (rural)	Health and medical
Second-largest (urban)	Holidaying, leisure and recreation
Highest average expenditure	Business trips — ₹5,179 (rural), ₹6,934 (urban)
Same-day trips	Social and shopping most frequent; shopping had the highest expenditure share

10. Committees & Conferences

P4M Summit - First-Ever; S. Jaishankar Co-chair; UN HQ New York; UNGA81; "4F" Crisis

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** co-chaired the **first-ever Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace & Prosperity (P4M) Summit** at the **UN headquarters in New York**. India **co-sponsored** the summit, held on the margins of the **81st session of the UN General Assembly**. With the global order under stress from geopolitical tensions, competition and conflicts, stronger multilateralism is necessary to protect international cooperation.

"4F" Crisis: Fuel, Food, Fertilizer and Finance — requires frameworks, guardrails, de-risking and diversification

14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting - Manila; 23rd ASEAN-India EMC; USD 128.38 Billion Trade

India participated in the **14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS-EMM)** and the **23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation** in **Manila, Philippines**. Representatives from all **11 ASEAN member states** participated along with EAS partners including **India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the**

United States. Discussions covered economic developments and the trade and investment outlook for **2027**.

Key Data: India-ASEAN bilateral trade — **USD 128.38 billion in 2025-26** | ASEAN share of India's total global trade — **10.55%**

11. Important Days

World Rhino Day 2026 - 22 September; Theme "Keep the Five Alive"; Kaziranga; Project Rhino

World Rhino Day is observed every year on **22 September** to raise awareness about rhinoceros conservation. The **2026 theme** is "**Keep the Five Alive**", focusing on protecting the five surviving rhino species.

Assam is home to nearly **80% of the world's rhino population**; **Kaziranga National Park** is one of the most important habitats for the **greater one-horned rhinoceros**, which is mainly found in **India and Nepal**. The Prime Minister announced **Project Rhino**, providing financial and technical support to rhino-range States for protection, habitat management, genetic improvement and understanding population dynamics.

Five Surviving Rhino Species: Greater one-horned | Black | White | Javan | Sumatran

12. Sports

US Open 2026 - Alexander Zverev; Elena Rybakina; 30 August-13 September 2026

The **2026 US Open**, the year's **fourth and final Grand Slam**, concluded at the **USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York**, held from **30 August to 13 September 2026**.

Category	Champion
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany)
Women's Singles	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)

Indian Women's Cricket Team Wins Asian Games Gold - Aichi-Nagoya 2026; Sri Lanka by 147 Runs; Nisshin; 22 September 2026

The **Indian women's cricket team** won the **gold medal** in the women's **T20** event at the **2026 Asian Games** in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**, defeating **Sri Lanka by 147 runs** in the final at **Nisshin** on **22 September 2026**. This was India's **second consecutive Asian Games gold**.

13. Miscellaneous

Marathi Film 'Gondhal' - India's Official Oscar Entry; 99th Academy Awards; Santosh Davakhar; FFI

The Marathi film **Gondhal**, written and directed by **Santosh Davakhar**, has been selected as India's official entry for **Best International Feature Film** at the **99th Academy Awards (Oscars 2027)**. The **Film Federation of India (FFI)** selected it from **33 entries**.

National Rozgar Mela - 22 October 2022; 10 Lakh Posts; UPSC; SSC; RRBs

The **National Rozgar Mela** was launched on **22 October 2022** to facilitate recruitment to **10 lakh Central Government posts** in a time-bound manner. The **first edition** distributed **75,000+ appointment letters** at **50 centres**. Recruitment is carried out through **UPSC, SSC** and **Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs)**.

Recruits have joined the **Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Posts, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Financial Services** and **Ministry of Labour and Employment**. The initiative follows a **mission-mode approach** to fill vacancies against sanctioned posts.

India Cine Hub (ICH) - Single-Window Film Permissions; NFDC; USD 13.1 Billion

The **India Cine Hub (ICH)** is a **digital single-window portal** that simplifies obtaining **film-shooting permissions** across India. It is managed by the **National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC)** and provides a common platform for **film permits, film visas, co-production applications** and shooting-location information, plus guidelines on aerial filming, animal filming, forests and filming at monuments.

Key Data: Indian film and digital-content sector revenue — **USD 13.1 billion** in **FY 2024**

Battle of Haifa - 23 September 1918; First World War; Jodhpur, Mysore & Hyderabad Lancers

The **Battle of Haifa** was fought on **23 September 1918** during the final phase of the **First World War**. Indian cavalry units, including the **Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad Lancers**, played a major role in the Allied capture of Haifa from primarily **Ottoman forces**, operating under **British command**. It is regarded as one of the notable cavalry actions involving Indian soldiers.

More than **one million Indian soldiers** served overseas in the war, and over **74,000** died. The battle is commemorated in **Israel** and associated with **India-Israel diplomatic ties**.

Quick Revision Table

Topic heading on the left. One complete sentence with all key facts on the right.

Topic	One-Line Summary
Arctic Security Agreement	The US, Denmark and Greenland agreed a security deal letting the US expand its military presence in Greenland (world's largest island, a self-governing territory of Denmark, which retains foreign affairs, defence and security), where the US already runs Pituffik Space Base, formerly Thule Air Base.
US Space Control Weapons	On 14 September 2026 US Air Force Secretary Troy Meink acknowledged for the first time that the US Space Force has on-orbit "space control" weapons, while Article IV of the Outer Space Treaty, 1967 bans only nuclear weapons/WMDs in orbit and not conventional weapons.
Indonesia Nickel Curbs	Indonesia (60%+ of global nickel output, ore export ban since 2020) cut mining quotas, leading the INSG in April to revise its 2026 outlook from a 2,61,000-tonne surplus to a 32,000-tonne deficit.
OneSCD Partnership	India co-hosted the launch of OneSCD at UNGA81 in New York and highlighted its National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (2023, goal 2047) which has screened 7.29 crore+ people and distributed 4.93 crore+ Sickle Cell Cards.
Tulu Official Language	The Karnataka Cabinet at Mangaluru on 18 September 2026 granted Tulu additional official language status in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi with ₹82 lakh a year, which needs an amendment of the Karnataka Official Language Act, 1963 under Article 345.
SC on Methanol Rules	On 18 September 2026 the Supreme Court struck down methanol denaturation provisions of the Maharashtra Poisons Rules, 1972 under Articles 14 and 19(1)(g), applying the proportionality test of K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017).
Women Farmers' Bill	In July 2026 Maharashtra became the first State to legally recognise women as farmers irrespective of land ownership through a Woman Farmer Certificate, in the UN-declared International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026.
Sowa Rigpa	The National Institute of Sowa Rigpa is in Leh, Ladakh, and Sowa Rigpa, meaning "Science of Healing" in Bhoti, is also called Traditional Tibetan Medicine or the Amchi system.
Gurajada Jayanti	AP declared 21 September, birth anniversary of Mahakavi Gurajada Venkata Appa Rao (born 1862, author of Kanyasulkam, Mutyala Saralu and Desamunu Preminchumanna), a State festival.
Penukonda Inscription	A 662-year-old inscription at Sri Naga Lingeshwara Swamy Temple on Penukonda Hill, Sri Sathya Sai district, from the reign of Bukka Raya I (1356-1377 CE) says the temple was commissioned by Prime Minister Anantharasu Chikka Odeyar.

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AP Police Commissionerates	The AP Cabinet approved four new Police Commissionerates at Rajamahendravaram (3 zones), Guntur (4), Tirupati (4) and Kurnool (2 zones, 5 sub-divisions), along with the AP State Prosecution Service Rules, 2026 and a Social Media Influencers Policy.
Interarch Investment	Interarch Building Solutions will invest ₹300 crore at Athivaram Industrial Park, Ojili mandal, SPSR Nellore, where its new 25,000 MT per annum steel facility on 20 acres will be expanded to 50,000 MT.
Chandavaram Stupa	The double-terraced Chandavaram Stupa on Singarakonda Hill near the Gundlakamma River in Donakonda mandal, Prakasam, the largest of 150 Buddhist stupas found in AP, will be developed as an international tourist destination.
India's First Blue Bond	Sagarmala Finance Corporation, India's first maritime lender, plans India's first blue bond on 28 September 2026 to raise ₹600 crore through 10-year bonds including a ₹500 crore greenshoe option.
Nidhi Companies	Nidhi Companies are MCA-regulated mutual-benefit companies under the Companies Act, 2013 and Nidhi Rules, 2014 that accept deposits from and lend only to members and apply in Form NDH-4.
Payment Systems	Alternatives to Belgium-based SWIFT include China's CIPS (2015, Shanghai, 679.8 billion yuan per day in 2025), Russia's SPFS (2014, Moscow) and the multi-CBDC Project mBridge of China, Hong Kong, Thailand, the UAE and Saudi Arabia.
Canal-Top Solar	India's first canal-top solar project came up at Mehsana, Gujarat in 2012, and a 2024 assessment put India's CTPV and canal-bank potential at about 131 GW, with Andhra Pradesh among the top five States.
IMEI Tampering	The IMEI is a 15-digit device number whose first eight digits (TAC) are allocated under GSMA, and tampering with it is prohibited by Section 42(3) (c) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 with up to 3 years' jail, a ₹50 lakh fine, or both.
PLA Bioplastic	The Union Government launched commercial use of Polylactic Acid (PLA)-based biodegradable plastic, taken forward by Balrampur Chini Mills Limited under the BioE3 framework.
SLINEX-26	The 13th Sri Lanka-India maritime exercise SLINEX-26 was held at Visakhapatnam from 17 to 21 September 2026 under the Eastern Naval Command.
Nomadic Elephant 2026	The 18th India-Mongolia exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT runs from 21 September to 3 October 2026 at the Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
Exercise VARUNA	INS Trishul took part in the 24th edition of VARUNA, the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
Make in India @12	Make in India, launched on 25 September 2014, now covers 27 sectors under Make in India 2.0, and PLI schemes in 14 sectors had attracted ₹2.40 lakh crore investment by June 2026.

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DDU-GKY 2.0	DDU-GKY, launched on 25 September 2014 under NRLM, now has 2.0 guidelines (May 2025) that extend minimum placement from 3 to 6 months with ₹7,620 assistance, ₹5,000 retention support and the Roshni and Himayat initiatives.
Changemaker of the Year	Purnima Devi Barman received BusinessLine's Changemaker of the Year award for conserving the endangered greater adjutant stork (Hargila).
DTES 2025-26	MoSPI's Domestic Tourism Expenditure Survey 2025-26, conducted by NSO in the 80th NSS round, found pilgrimage and religious travel the top overnight-trip purpose at 48% and business trips the costliest.
P4M Summit	S. Jaishankar co-chaired the first-ever P4M Summit at UN headquarters, New York, on the margins of UNGA81, highlighting the "4F" crisis of Fuel, Food, Fertilizer and Finance.
14th EAS-EMM	India attended the 14th EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting and 23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation in Manila, with India-ASEAN trade at USD 128.38 billion in 2025-26 (10.55% of India's trade).
World Rhino Day	World Rhino Day (22 September) had the 2026 theme "Keep the Five Alive", with Assam home to nearly 80% of the world's rhinos and the PM announcing Project Rhino.
US Open 2026	Alexander Zverev (Germany) and Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan) won the singles titles at the 2026 US Open, held in New York from 30 August to 13 September 2026.
Asian Games Cricket Gold	India's women won their second consecutive Asian Games T20 gold at Aichi-Nagoya 2026, beating Sri Lanka by 147 runs at Nisshin on 22 September 2026.
Gondhal - Oscars 2027	The Film Federation of India chose Santosh Davakhar's Marathi film Gondhal from 33 entries as India's entry for Best International Feature Film at the 99th Academy Awards.
Battle of Haifa	On 23 September 1918 in the First World War, the Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad Lancers helped capture Haifa from primarily Ottoman forces, a battle commemorated in Israel.