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National News

National Lok Adalat for Traffic Challans:

A nationwide "National Lok Adalat" was held on September 13, 2025, to provide relief to millions of vehicle owners with pending traffic e-challans.

This initiative aims to ease the pressure on local courts by allowing citizens to resolve minor traffic violations efficiently.

Eligible offenses include driving without a helmet or seatbelt, over-speeding, wrong parking, and expired Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificates.

Serious violations like drunk driving, hit-and-run incidents, or negligent driving are not covered.

The Lok Adalat offers options for reduced fines or complete waivers, encouraging compliance and reducing the backlog of court cases.

2. Prime Minister's Visit to Northeast and Eastern States:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi began a multi-state visit to Mizoram, Manipur, and Assam on September 13, 2025.

During his visit to Mizoram, he laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth over Rs 9,000 crore, including the Bairabi-Sairang rail link, which will provide the state with its first railway connectivity.

In Manipur, he laid the foundation for development projects worth over Rs 7,300 crore.

The Prime Minister also attended the 100th birth anniversary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika in Guwahati, Assam.

3. C. P. Radhakrishnan takes oath as Vice-President:

C. P. Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the 15th Vice-President of India.

4. GST Council's Decision on Coal:

The 56th GST Council meeting in New Delhi brought significant changes to the taxation of the coal sector.

The GST compensation cess of ₹400 per ton on coal has been removed.

The GST rate on coal has been raised from 5% to 18%.

This is expected to reduce the overall tax burden on consumers and lower the cost of power generation by 17 to 18 paise per unit on average.

5. Other National Headlines:

Indian Navy Commissions INS Aravali: The Indian Navy commissioned INS Aravali in Gurugram to boost maritime collaboration.

IMD Forecast: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in several states, including Bihar, Telangana, Uttarakhand, and the northeastern states.





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Manuscripts Digitization: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an international conference and advocated for the digitization of India's ancient manuscripts to curb "intellectual piracy" and create a shared database.

Bank Holiday: Banks across India were closed on September 13, 2025, as it was the second Saturday of the month.

Retail Inflation: Retail inflation inched up to 2.07% in August, remaining below the RBI's target of 4%.

Digital Tribal University: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the world's first Digital Tribal University, "Adi Sanskriti," in New Delhi. This initiative is dedicated to tribal art, culture, and crafts and includes an online marketplace.

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MCQS

1: What is the primary purpose of the "National Lok Adalat" held on September 13, 2025?

- A) To settle property disputes and land-related cases.
- B) To provide a platform for resolving pending traffic e-challans.
- C) To address serious criminal offenses like drunk driving.
- D) To grant waivers for all types of bank loans.

Answer: B) To provide a platform for resolving pending traffic e-challans.

The news report states that the "National Lok Adalat" was specifically held to provide relief to vehicle owners with pending traffic e-challans and to ease the burden on local courts by allowing the resolution of minor traffic violations.





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2: Which development project did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate in Mizoram, providing the state with its first railway connectivity?

- A) The Imphal–Moreh rail line
- B) The Bairabi–Sairang rail link
- C) The Aizawl–Saiha express line
- D) The Silchar–Tura rail corridor

Answer: B) The Bairabi–Sairang rail link

The report mentions that during his visit to Mizoram, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Bairabi–Sairang rail link, which is the state's first railway connectivity project.

3: What significant change was made to the taxation of coal at the 56th GST Council meeting?

- A) The GST compensation cess was increased, and the GST rate was lowered.
- B) Both the GST rate and the compensation cess were increased.
- C) The GST compensation cess of ₹400 per ton was removed, and the GST rate was raised from 5% to 18%.
- D) The GST rate was reduced to 5% with no other changes.

Answer: C) The GST compensation cess of ₹400 per ton was removed, and the GST rate was raised from 5% to 18%.

The news clearly outlines that the GST Council removed the ₹400 per ton compensation cess on coal and, in a related move, increased the GST rate on coal from 5% to 18%.

4: Who was sworn in as the 15th Vice-President of India on September 13, 2025?

- A) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B) Ram Nath Kovind
- C) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- D) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: C) C. P. Radhakrishnan

The report states that C. P. Radhakrishnan took the oath and was sworn in as the 15th Vice-President of India.

5: What is the name of the world's first Digital Tribal University launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

- A) Tribal Gyan Academy
- B) Eklavya University
- C) Adi Sanskriti
- D) Vanbandhu Kalyan Kendra

Answer: C) Adi Sanskriti

The news mentions that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the world's first Digital Tribal University, named "Adi Sanskriti," in New Delhi. It is dedicated to promoting tribal art, culture, and crafts.

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