

International News

- **India Joins Global 6G Initiative:** India (via the Ministry of Commerce and Industry) officially joined the **"Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security"** alongside the United States and 24 other nations.
 - Objective: To drive international collaboration for open, secure, and interoperable 6G architecture.
 - Key Platform: Driven domestically through the **Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA)** with a target of global telecom leadership by 2030.
- **EU Social Media Ban Proposal for Minors:** French President Emmanuel Macron proposed an EU-wide ban on social media access for children under 15 years old to protect minors from digital harms and mental health risks.
- **27th World Knowledge Forum (Seoul, South Korea):**
 - Theme: "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order".
 - Highlights: Focus on AI ethics, quantum computing, and future global economy; keynote address delivered by former UK PM David Cameron.
- **18th BRICS Summit & Ministerial Forums:** India, holding the **2026 BRICS Presidency**, organized key events including the **14th BRICS Science Ministerial Meeting (Chennai)** and the **BRICS Chief Justices' Forum (New Delhi)** under the central theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".

Gujarat, across transport, energy, and urban development.

- **4 New Sites Added to UNESCO Tentative List:** Taking India's total entries on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List to **73**:
 1. Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan - Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Churu)
 2. Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble (Assam)
 3. Colonial Penal Settlement (Andaman Islands)
 4. Nicobarese Cultural Continuity (Nancowry Group of Islands, Nicobar)
- **Launch of PACT by NITI Aayog:** NITI Aayog introduced the **Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT)** and launched the **Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) Marketplace** during the 5th e-FAST India Summit in New Delhi.
- **Supreme Court Aravalli Oversight:** The Supreme Court set a deadline of November 30 for the expert committee to submit its final report on defining eco-sensitive zones in the Aravalli range.

Economics, Banking & Finance

- **Scheduled Bank Status for Coastal Local Area Bank:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) included **Coastal Local Area Bank Limited (Vijayawada, AP)** into the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934. It is India's first Local Area Bank (LAB) to receive scheduled bank status, granting it direct access to RBI liquidity windows.
- **USD 1 Billion IFC Credit Line for MSMEs:** The Ministry of Finance secured \$1 billion from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to boost long-term credit for small businesses.

National News

- **₹35,000 Crore Infrastructure Projects Inaugurated:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth ₹35,000 crore in Vadodara,



- Structure: \$500 million directly allocated to SIDBI, and the remaining \$500 million raised through SIDBI's international lender syndicate.
- **IRDAI Penalty on ICICI Lombard:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a monetary penalty of **₹1 Crore** on ICICI Lombard General Insurance for non-compliance with regulatory norms.
- **Global FinTech Fest 2026 (Mumbai):** Emphasized digital public infrastructure (DPI), Agentic AI, and financial tokenization built upon the JAM Trinity foundation.

Defense & Security News

- **₹1.10 Lakh Crore Capital Defence Acquisition:** The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by MoD Rajnath Singh, granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for procurement worth ₹1.10 lakh crore.
- Major Systems Approved: CBRN Reconnaissance Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles (HMs), Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs), Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers (MMLs), Trawl Tanks, and Sarvatra Bridge Systems.
- **Exercise Varuna 2026:** Bilateral maritime exercise between the **Indian Navy and French Navy** commenced in the Western Indian Ocean, focusing on carrier strike group interoperability and advanced anti-submarine warfare (ASW).

Government Schemes & MoUs

Scheme / MoU	Lead Organization / Ministries	Key Details & Objective
PM-SETU Scheme	Steering Committee / MoDE	Approved ₹735.70 crore budget for skill elevation and modern technological training.
Global 6G Partnership	India & 25 Partner Nations (US lead)	Joint commitment to open, secure, resilient 6G technology standards.
India-Morocco Defence MoU	Ministry of Defence	Expanded bilateral defense production, technology exchange, and joint training exercises.

Science, Technology & Space

- **India's 1st Indigenous OISL Terminal:** Astrogate Labs developed India's first indigenous **Optical Inter-Satellite Link (OISL) Terminal**, enabling high-speed laser-based satellite-to-satellite data communications.
- **Launch of RV 'Sagar Manthan':** Ocean research vessel Sagar Manthan was commissioned at Kolkata Port for deep-sea exploration and marine ecosystem monitoring.

Appointments, Awards & Honors

- **Appointment — Vice-Chairperson, NCSC:** Social activist **Kaishab Bihari** (from Odisha) was appointed Vice-Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).
- **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026:** Awarded to NCSC Chairman **Kishor Makwana** for exceptional public service in protecting Scheduled Caste rights and social justice.
- **72nd National Film Awards:** Announced to honor 92 awardees during an upcoming national ceremony at the Statue of Unity, Gujarat.

Sports News

- **Pickleball World Cup 2026 (Da Nang, Vietnam):**
 - Performance: India delivered a historic performance winning **41 total medals**.
 - Ranking: Finished **4th overall** out of 82 competing countries.

Art, Culture & Heritage

- **Shekhawati Fresco Architecture:** Highlighting Rajasthan's "Open Air Art Gallery," renowned for merchant-commissioned multi-courtyard havelis featuring intricate fresco wall paintings dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries (nominated for UNESCO status).
- **Rangpur-Sivasagar Ensemble (Assam):** Highlighted historical Ahom dynasty architecture, including royal palaces (Talatal Ghar, Rang Ghar) and sacred water tanks.

Important Days, Birth & Death Anniversaries

- **September 9 — Birth Anniversary of Kaloji Narayana Rao:**
 - Observed as **Telangana Language Day** (Telangana Bhasha Dinotsavam).
 - Profile: Known as Praja Kavi, Kaloji Narayana Rao was a renowned Padma Vibhushan-winning Telugu poet, freedom fighter, and activist.
- **World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day (WDAD):**
 - 2026 Theme: "**Access Changes Lives**".
 - Focus: Raising awareness for rare genetic muscular degeneration disorders and advocate for early diagnosis.

1. Defence News

Q1. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) to capital acquisition proposals worth approximately how much amount?

- A) ₹85,000 crore
- B) ₹95,000 crore
- C) ₹1,10,000 crore
- D) ₹1,25,000 crore

- **Answer: C) ₹1,10,000 crore**
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved capital procurement proposals worth nearly ₹1,10,000 crore. Crucially, roughly 98% of this expenditure will be sourced directly from indigenous Indian defence industry suppliers under the Make in India initiative. Approved equipment includes Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) reconnaissance vehicles, self-propelled

mechanical mine layers, Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH), and Sarvatra bridge systems for the Indian Army. Additionally, Arudhra radars and indigenous marine gas turbines were cleared for the Indian Navy, along with Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammers for the Indian Air Force. Under the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, AoN represents the first formal administrative approval stage.

2. Defence & Joint Exercises

Q2. Bilateral Air Defence Exercise 'Veer Guardian 2026' is conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the air force of which nation at Air Force Station Jodhpur?

- A) France
- B) Japan
- C) United States
- D) Australia

• **Answer: B) Japan**

• **Detailed Explanation:** Exercise Veer Guardian 2026 is a bilateral air combat exercise conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) at Air Force Station Jodhpur. A major milestone of this edition is the deployment of JASDF fighter aircraft to Indian airbases for the first time. The IAF fleet features frontline combat platforms including the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Su-30 MKI, and Rafale. The 14-day exercise focuses on complex multi-domain air maneuvers, short-notice contingency drills, and tactical integration aimed at advancing maritime domain awareness across the Indo-Pacific.

3. International Alliances & Tech Policy

Q3. India officially joined the global sixth-generation (6G) initiative titled 'Call to Action

for 6G Leadership and Security' led by which country?

- A) Japan
- B) United States
- C) Germany
- D) South Korea

• **Answer: B) United States**

• **Detailed Explanation:** India, through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, joined the United States-led multi-nation initiative titled "Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security". Spearheaded by the US National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), India became the 26th signatory country committed to building secure, open, resilient, and interoperable 6G telecommunications infrastructure. This step complements India's domestic Bharat 6G Mission, which aims to make India a leading global designer and manufacturer of affordable 6G products and intellectual property by 2030.

4. Art & Culture / UNESCO

Q4. How many new Indian cultural sites were added to UNESCO's Tentative List in September 2026, taking India's total tally on the list to 73?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

• **Answer: C) 4**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO announced the inclusion of four new Indian cultural heritage landmarks into UNESCO's Tentative World Heritage List, increasing India's total tentative site count to 73. The four newly nominated sites are:

1. Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble (Assam)
2. Colonial Penal Settlement (Andaman Islands)
3. Nicobarese Cultural Continuity (Nancowry group of islands, Nicobar)
4. Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan)

5. Heritage & Regional Geography

Q5. The 'Painted Haveli Towns' recently added to UNESCO's Tentative List are situated in the semi-arid Shekhawati region of Rajasthan, spanning which three primary districts?

- A) Jaipur, Dausa, and Alwar
- B) Sikar, Jhunjhunu, and Churu
- C) Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, and Barmer
- D) Udaipur, Chittorgarh, and Rajsamand

- **Answer: B) Sikar, Jhunjhunu, and Churu**
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Painted Haveli Towns are located across 14 heritage towns in the semi-arid Shekhawati region of northern Rajasthan, primarily encompassing the Sikar, Jhunjhunu, and Churu districts. Built predominantly by wealthy Marwari merchants between the 18th and early 20th centuries, these grand mansions (havelis) are globally famed for their intricate fresco wall paintings portraying mythological tales, historical events, and colonial influence.

6. Important Days (National)

Q6. 'Himalaya Diwas' is observed annually on September 9 across India. In which Indian state was this day first formally declared in 2015?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand

- C) Jammu & Kashmir
- D) Sikkim

- **Answer: B) Uttarakhand**
- **Detailed Explanation:** Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on September 9 to raise environmental awareness regarding the conservation of the fragile Himalayan ecosystem, its forests, rivers, and glaciers. It was formally declared by the State Government of Uttarakhand in 2015. The day highlights scientific warnings regarding glacier recession and declining snowpacks across the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region, which serves as the water tower for nearly 1.9 billion people.

7. Important Days (International)

Q7. World EV (Electric Vehicle) Day is celebrated annually on September 9 to advance which global mandate?

- A) Shift towards sustainable electric mobility and carbon neutralization
- B) Promotion of heavy diesel engine production
- C) Regulation of international aviation radar frequencies
- D) Financial auditing of automobile supply chains

- **Answer: A) Shift towards sustainable electric mobility and carbon neutralization**
- **Detailed Explanation:** World EV Day is observed on September 9 each year. It serves as a global platform to accelerate the transition toward e-mobility, raise consumer awareness about zero-emission transport solutions, and promote decarbonization of the automotive sector through renewable-powered charging networks and battery technology advancements.

8. Important Days & UNESCO

Q8. International Literacy Day is observed worldwide on September 8. In which year was it first proclaimed during the 14th session of the UNESCO General Conference?

- A) 1952
- B) 1966
- C) 1975
- D) 1991

• **Answer: B) 1966**

- **Detailed Explanation:** International Literacy Day is celebrated annually on September 8 following its proclamation by UNESCO in 1966 during the 14th session of its General Conference. First celebrated officially in 1967, the observance emphasizes literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, aiming to address global illiteracy challenges and align with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education).

9. Awards & Honors

Q9. Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Dipak Misra was conferred with which prestigious honor by the Sarala Sahitya Sansad in Cuttack on 9 September 2026?

- A) Utkal Ratna Award
- B) Kalinga Ratna Award
- C) Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award
- D) Moortidevi Award

• **Answer: B) Kalinga Ratna Award**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Former CJI Justice Dipak Misra was honored with the prestigious Kalinga Ratna Award by the Sarala Sahitya Sansad during a ceremony in Cuttack, Odisha. The award comprises a silver idol of Goddess Saraswati and a citation plaque. In his acceptance address,

Justice Misra highlighted constitutional fraternity as a living moral bond essential for protecting individual dignity above caste, creed, and linguistic lines.

10. Banking & RBI Appointments

Q10. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with effect from September 1, 2026?

- A) Suman Ray
- B) Swaminathan J.
- C) Rajiv Ranjan
- D) Michael Patra

• **Answer: A) Suman Ray**

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Reserve Bank of India appointed Suman Ray as Executive Director (ED) effective September 1, 2026. Prior to this elevation, Suman Ray served in senior managerial capacities across central banking functions. As ED, Ray oversees critical operational departments within the RBI, reinforcing supervisory frameworks and regulatory oversight across India's financial sector.

11. Appointments (Defense)

Q11. Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma achieved a historic milestone in the Indian Air Force (IAF) by becoming:

- A) The first woman fighter pilot to fly the Rafale
- B) The first non-medical woman two-star officer of the IAF
- C) The first female Chief of Integrated Defence Staff
- D) The first woman director of DRDO

• **Answer: B) The first non-medical woman two-star officer of the IAF**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma assumed charge as the

Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Education). With this appointment, she became the first non-medical woman officer in the history of the Indian Air Force to achieve two-star rank (Air Vice Marshal). Earlier two-star female appointments in the IAF were restricted exclusively to the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) branch.

12. Appointments (International Organizations)

Q12. Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh was re-elected for a second term as the Secretary-General of which international intergovernmental body?

- A) Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- B) Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)
- C) Pan-African Postal Union (PAPU)
- D) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- **Answer: B) Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)**
- **Detailed Explanation:** Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh was re-elected to serve a second consecutive term as Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU). APPU is an intergovernmental organization comprising 32 member nations in the Asia-Pacific region, headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand. It serves to extend, facilitate, and improve postal relations among member countries and promote cooperation in field services.

13. Appointments (Judiciary)

Q13. Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra was sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court in September 2026?

- A) Allahabad High Court
- B) Punjab and Haryana High Court
- C) Delhi High Court

D) Gujarat High Court

- **Answer: B) Punjab and Haryana High Court**
- **Detailed Explanation:** Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The oath of office was administered by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria at the Punjab Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh. Prior to his elevation and transfer, Justice Mishra rendered extensive judicial service at the Allahabad High Court.

14. Economics & Sustainable Freight

Q14. NITI Aayog launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) and a Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) marketplace during which summit held in New Delhi?

- A) 3rd National Green Logistics Expo
- B) 5th e-FAST India Summit
- C) Global Clean Mobility Forum
- D) India EV Decarbonization Conclave

- **Answer: B) 5th e-FAST India Summit**
- **Detailed Explanation:** NITI Aayog launched PACT (Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport) and introduced an online ZET (Zero-Emission Truck) marketplace at the 5th Electric-Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport (e-FAST) India Summit in New Delhi. e-FAST is India's premier electric freight platform designed to aggregate demand, standardize green freight financing, and accelerate the commercial transition of medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks to battery-electric and green fuel alternatives.

15. Banking & RBI Act

Q15. The Reserve Bank of India included Coastal Local Area Bank (Coastal LAB) in the Second Schedule to the RBI Act, 1934. What key

operational advantage does this grant the bank?

- A) Direct conversion into a Small Finance Bank
- B) Access to RBI liquidity facilities and money market operations
- C) Exemption from Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) norms
- D) Mandatory merger with a Public Sector Bank

• **Answer: B) Access to RBI liquidity facilities and money market operations**

• **Detailed Explanation:** Upon being included in the Second Schedule to the RBI Act, 1934, Coastal LAB achieved 'Scheduled Bank' status. This milestone allows Coastal LAB to access RBI's liquidity adjustment facility (LAF), marginal standing facility (MSF), and participate in interbank money markets, significantly enhancing its clearinghouse liquidity and public credibility while retaining its structural classification as a Local Area Bank.

16. Cyber Security & Governance

Q16. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) operates the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) on which platform to tackle cyber fraud?

- A) Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)
- B) Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)
- C) Cyber Swachhta Kendra
- D) Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND)

• **Answer: A) Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) revealed that its Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI), hosted on the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP), helped prevent suspected cyber financial fraud worth over ₹5,043.73 crore over a 15-

month period. The platform links over 1,600 stakeholders—including banks, telecom service providers, and law enforcement agencies—enabling real-time intelligence sharing to disconnect fraudulent connections and freeze compromise accounts.

17. International Sports Events

Q17. What is the official mascot and motto of the 20th Asian Games (2026) scheduled to be hosted in Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan?

- A) Mascot: Miraitowa | Motto: "Passion Connects"
- B) Mascot: Honohon | Motto: "Imagine One Asia"
- C) Mascot: Bing Dwen Dwen | Motto: "Heart to Heart"
- D) Mascot: Soohorang | Motto: "Asia United"

• **Answer: B) Mascot: Honohon | Motto: "Imagine One Asia"**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The 20th Asian Games (19 September to 4 October 2026) are hosted across Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan. The official motto is "Imagine One Asia", and the mascot is Honohon, an animated character inspired by the iconic shachihoko (mythological tiger-headed dolphin) roof ornaments of Nagoya Castle. The Games feature 46 delegations competing across 43 sports and 469 medal events.

18. Sports & Global Championships

Q18. India finished in 4th position overall at the Pickleball World Cup 2026 held in Da Nang, Vietnam. How many total medals did the Indian contingent secure?

- A) 28 Medals
- B) 35 Medals

C) 41 Medals

D) 52 Medals

- **Answer: C) 41 Medals**
- **Detailed Explanation:** India delivered its best-ever international performance at the Pickleball World Cup in Da Nang, Vietnam, securing 4th rank overall among 82 competing nations. The 48-member Indian contingent won 41 total medals: 7 Gold, 17 Silver, and 17 Bronze across Kids, Juniors, Open, Seniors, and Masters categories.

19. Sports (Badminton)

Q19. Which Indian star badminton pair won their maiden China Masters Men's Doubles title at the Shenzhen Arena?

- A) Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth
- B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- C) Dhruv Kapila and MR Arjun
- D) B. Sumeeth Reddy and Manu Attri

- **Answer: B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**
- **Detailed Explanation:** India's top-ranked men's doubles pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, claimed their maiden China Masters Badminton title at the Shenzhen Arena. The victory further cemented their place among the world's top elite pairs on the BWF World Tour circuit.

20. Infrastructure & Railways

Q21. A 326 route-kilometre section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) went live in which Gujarat city in September 2026?

- A) Surat
- B) Vadodara
- C) Ahmedabad

D) Rajkot

- **Answer: B) Vadodara**
- **Detailed Explanation:** A critical 326 route-kilometre section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) went operational in Vadodara, Gujarat. Built by the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), the WDFC links Dadri in Uttar Pradesh to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Navi Mumbai. The line enables high-speed, heavy-haul freight trains operating at 100 km/h, bypassing congested passenger rail lines.

21. Space & Defense Technology

Q21. During the 9th Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX 2026), organized by CII with ISRO, IN-SPaCe, and NSIL, how many new bilateral space industry partnerships were announced between India and Australia?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 5
- D) 7

- **Answer: C) 5**
- **Detailed Explanation:** The 9th Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX 2026) was held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with ISRO, IN-SPaCe, and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). Five new India-Australia space industry partnerships were formally announced, focusing on joint satellite infrastructure development, space situational awareness (SSA), and ground station operations.

22. Government Schemes & Agriculture



Q22. The Coconut Promotion Scheme introduced in Union Budget 2026–27 aims to modernize palm holdings across coastal states. Which statutory organization leads its field execution?

- A) NABARD
- B) Coconut Development Board (CDB)
- C) ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute
- D) NITI Aayog

• **Answer: B) Coconut Development Board (CDB)**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Coconut Promotion Scheme was introduced to replace aged, senile, and low-yielding coconut palms with high-yielding hybrid varieties and certified saplings. Implemented through the Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), the scheme targets enhanced productivity across coastal states and island ecosystems.

23. International Conferences & AI Policy

Q23. The 27th World Knowledge Forum (WKF) took place in Seoul, South Korea under which central theme?

- A) "Globalization 4.0: Shaping a New Architecture"
- B) "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order"
- C) "Navigating Global Economic Volatility"
- D) "Quantum Computing and Artificial General Intelligence"

• **Answer: B) "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order"**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The 27th World Knowledge Forum (WKF) convened in Seoul, South Korea, bringing together global leaders, technology visionaries, and policymakers. Under the theme "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order", debates focused on human-AI co-intelligence frameworks, quantum security, synthetic biology regulations, and automated workforce transitions.

24. Environmental Governance

Q24. National 'Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026' was organized by the MoEFCC on September 7 to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. Who presided over the event as Chief Guest?

- A) Union Minister Bhupender Yadav
- B) NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava
- C) Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam

• **Answer: B) NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava**

• **Detailed Explanation:** The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) organized National Swachh Vayu Diwas 2026. The Chief Guest presiding over the function was National Green Tribunal (NGT) Chairperson, Justice Prakash Shrivastava. Discussions evaluated air quality targets achieved under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) across 131 non-attainment cities.

25. Bilateral Relations & Military Cooperation

Q25. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh undertook a three-day official visit to which neighboring country in September 2026 to strengthen bilateral defense cooperation?

- A) Maldives
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Seychelles
- D) Bangladesh

• **Answer: B) Sri Lanka**

• **Detailed Explanation:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh carried out an official three-day visit to Sri Lanka to deepen bilateral military relations, joint maritime surveillance capabilities, and defense capacity building. The visit underlined India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

26. Art, Culture & Natural Disasters in News

Q26. Mount Anak Krakatau, whose volcanic eruption disrupted regional airspace and maritime traffic near the Sunda Strait, is located in which country?

- A) Philippines
- B) Indonesia
- C) Japan
- D) Papua New Guinea

• **Answer: B) Indonesia**

• **Detailed Explanation:** Mount Anak Krakatau ("Child of Krakatoa") is an active volcanic island in the Sunda Strait between the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Java. Volcanic ash plumes released during its September 2026 eruptive phase created aviation hazards and forced temporary rerouting across key maritime logistics lanes connecting the Indian Ocean and the Java Sea.

27. Freedom Movement & Death Anniversaries

Q27. Freedom fighter Jatindranath Mukherjee, popularly known as 'Bagha Jatin', died on 10 September 1915 following a famous armed battle against the British police at which location?

- A) Kakori
- B) Chittagong
- C) Balasore
- D) Kanpur

• **Answer: C) Balasore**

• **Detailed Explanation:** Jatindranath Mukherjee ('Bagha Jatin') was a revolutionary leader of the Jugantar movement and a central figure in the Indo-German Conspiracy during World War I. On September 9, 1915, Bagha Jatin and four comrades fought an unequal gun battle against a heavily armed British force at Chasakhanda near Balasore, Odisha. Mortally wounded during the fight, he succumbed to injuries on September 10, 1915.

28. MoUs & Multilateral Alliances

Q28. Under India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, which Indian city hosted the 18th BRICS Academic Forum under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Goa
- C) Lucknow
- D) Varanasi

• **Answer: C) Lucknow**

• **Detailed Explanation:** As part of India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, Uttar Pradesh's capital city, Lucknow, hosted the 18th BRICS Academic Forum. Simultaneously, the 8th



BRICS Working Group on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology (OPST) was convened by the Ministry of Earth Sciences in Goa.

structures of power and his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt, and defeat." He was one of Latin America's most significant 20th-century novelists, famed for landmark works such as *The Time of the Hero*, *Conversation in the Cathedral*, and *The Feast of the Goat*.

29. Sports & Government Initiatives

Q29. Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, alongside IOA President P.T. Usha, unveiled the official contingent jersey for Indian athletes competing in which event?

- A) Paris Olympic Games
- B) Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026
- C) Commonwealth Games 2026
- D) World Athletics Championships

- **Answer: B) Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026**
- **Detailed Explanation:** Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha formally unveiled the official jersey for the Indian contingent participating in the 20th Asian Games 2026 in Japan. The send-off event highlighted India's strategic multi-sport development roadmap linking directly to India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.

30. Books, Authors & Literature

Q30. Mario Vargas Llosa, a celebrated literary figure and 2010 Nobel Prize winner in Literature, hailed from which country?

- A) Colombia
- B) Peru
- C) Argentina
- D) Chile

- **Answer: B) Peru**
- **Detailed Explanation:** Mario Vargas Llosa was a Peruvian novelist, essayist, and politician who was awarded the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his cartography of

