

International News

- **18th BRICS Leaders' Summit Begins in New Delhi (September 11–13, 2026):** India hosts world leaders at Bharat Mandapam, New
- **Key Delegations:** Attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Chinese President Xi Jinping (his first visit to India in 7 years), UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed Ali, and UAE Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- **Bilateral Meetings:** PM Narendra Modi held high-level bilateral talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin to expand trade, energy, and defense ties, and visited the INNOPROM Exhibition. Talks were also conducted with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian focusing on maritime security, protecting seafarers, and regional peace.
- **Exam Takeaway:** BRICS extended its footprint as an 11-nation bloc; India's presidency emphasizes sustainable development and global south governance reform.

announced that neither statehood nor a standard UT with a legislature will be granted to Ladakh; instead, a unique constitutional framework (sui generis) with local legislative, executive, and financial powers is being formulated.

- **Cabinet Approval for Multitracking Railway Projects:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved multi-tracking railway projects totaling over ₹20,800 crore.
- **Coverage:** Covers 17 districts across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, adding over 656 km of track capacity.

Banking & Economic Affairs

- **7th Edition of Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 Concludes in Mumbai:**
 - **Theme:** "Potential to Impact: Agentic AI, Tokenisation, Quantum – Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance".
 - **Key Highlights:** Focus on integrating agentic AI into digital banking systems, establishing quantum-safe financial networks, and scaling tokenized assets for cross-border settlements.
- **MoSPI Launches QPR Portal on Data Harmonisation:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) portal to strengthen India's National Data System (NDS) and streamline administrative data integration across union ministries.
- **Coal Sector CSR Framework Launched:** Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited (CIL) unveiled a Comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility Framework in New Delhi,

National News

- **Completion of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC):** PM Narendra Modi virtually dedicated the final 3 sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor, connecting Dadri (Uttar Pradesh) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT, Navi Mumbai) via Vadodara.
- **Significance:** Marks the 100% completion of the WDFC, dramatically reducing transit times for goods between Northern India and western ports.
- **Proposed 'Sui Generis' Governance Model for Ladakh:** Union Territory authorities



standardizing CSR investment strategies across state-owned coal enterprises under the Companies Act, 2013.

Government Schemes & Initiatives

- **9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 Launched:**
 - **Ministry:** Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), launched by Minister Annapurna Devi at Rudraksh International Cooperation & Convention Centre, Varanasi.
 - **Duration:** September 9 to October 8, 2026.
 - **Central Theme:** "Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari" (Our Anganwadi, Our Responsibility).
 - **Special Drive:** Marks 10 years of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) with a 100% saturation drive for pregnant and lactating women.

Science, Tech & Education

- **Karnataka Leads ChipIN Semiconductor Initiative:** Dataset released by MeitY highlighted Karnataka as the top-performing state under the national ChipIN Centre initiative, hosting 81 organizations, 73 chip tape-outs, and logging over 88 lakh hours of Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tool usage.
- **US-India TRUST Fellowship 2026-27:** Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), IISc Bengaluru, and IIT Madras selected as the 3 Indian host institutions.
 - Launched by US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor in Bengaluru to foster bilateral advanced tech research supported by Pratiksha Trust and Mazumdar Shaw.

Important Days & Themes

Event / Day	Date	Key Theme / Significance
60th Anniversary of International Literacy Day	September 2026	Theme: <i>"Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity"</i> (First proclaimed by UNESCO in 1966).
Patriot Day / September 11 Commemoration	September 11	Annual international remembrance marking the 25th anniversary of the 2001 US terrorist attacks.

Defense & Sports Briefs

- **Squad Updates:** Indian fast bowler Harshit Rana ruled out of upcoming international fixtures due to injury; Jasprit Bumrah, Washington Sundar, and Nitish Kumar Reddy clear return tests for T20Is.
- **INNOPROM Tech-Defense Display:** PM Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin jointly inspected manufacturing and industrial automation tech exhibits at Bharat Mandapam.

1. International Relations

Which country is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit in September 2026 under its fourth chairship?

- (A) Brazil
(B) Russia

(C) India

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(D) South Africa

- **Answer:** (C) India
- **Detailed Explanation:** India is chairing the BRICS grouping for the fourth time in 2026 and hosting the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on September 12–13, 2026. This marks the first full year of the expanded 11-member format of BRICS. Side events hosted in New Delhi on September 11 included the BRICS Business Forum and the "BRICS Bharat Innovates Exposition".

2. National Infrastructure

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the final three sections of which Dedicated Freight Corridor project in September 2026, marking its 100% completion?

- (A) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)
(B) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)

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- (C) North-South Dedicated Freight Corridor
(D) East-West Dedicated Freight Corridor

- **Answer:** (B) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Prime Minister inaugurated the last three operational sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC), which links Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, to Dadri in Uttar Pradesh. With this opening, the WDFC project achieved 100% operational completion, enabling faster and dedicated rail freight movement

between India's western ports and northern hinterlands.

3. Banking & Financial Law

The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, which replaces the legacy Act of 1891, will officially come into force on which date?

- (A) 15 September 2026
(B) 1 October 2026
(C) 1 November 2026
(D) 1 January 2027

- **Answer:** (B) 1 October 2026
- **Detailed Explanation:** As per a Gazette Notification issued by the Ministry of Finance on September 10, 2026, the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, will come into force on October 1, 2026. The Act received Presidential assent on August 13, 2026, replacing the archaic Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891. It modernizes the legal framework for producing print and digital banking records as evidence in court proceedings and standardizes certification processes.

4. Defense & Maritime Exercises

Indian Naval Ship INS Mysore arrived at Lumut Port in September 2026 to participate in the 4th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Laksamana' with which nation's navy?

- (A) Royal Thai Navy
(B) Royal Malaysian Navy
(C) Indonesian Navy
(D) Republic of Singapore Navy

- **Answer:** (B) Royal Malaysian Navy
- **Detailed Explanation:** INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, to participate in the 4th edition of Exercise 'Samudra-Laksamana

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2026' alongside the Royal Malaysian Navy. The exercise focuses on harbour engagement phases and sea exercises to enhance interoperability, tactical communications, and maritime security ties between India and Malaysia in the Indo-Pacific region.

5. Government Schemes & Blue Economy

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) completed how many years of implementation in September 2026?

- (A) 4 Years
- (B) 5 Years
- (C) 6 Years
- (D) 8 Years

• **Answer:** (C) 6 Years

• **Detailed Explanation:** PMMSY, launched in 2020-21 under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, completed 6 years on September 10, 2026. With an overall budget outlay of ₹20,750 crore and a budget allocation of ₹2,500 crore for 2026-27, the scheme has propelled India's fish production from 141.64 lakh tonnes (2019-20) to a record 197.75 lakh tonnes (2024-25) and boosted exports to ₹73,890 crore.

6. Women & Child Development

What is the central theme of the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah being observed from September 9 to October 8, 2026?

- (A) Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi
- (B) Suposhit Bharat, Sashakt Bharat
- (C) Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari
- (D) Sahi Poshan, Desh Roshan

• **Answer:** (C) Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari

• **Detailed Explanation:** Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi launched the month-long 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah (Sept 9 – Oct 8, 2026). The theme "Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari" encourages community ownership of Anganwadi centers. The 2026 campaign also celebrates 10 years of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) with a 100% saturation enrollment drive.

7. Judicial Appointments

Justice Alpesh Yeshwant Kogje was sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court in September 2026?

- (A) Gujarat High Court
- (B) Madhya Pradesh High Court
- (C) Rajasthan High Court
- (D) Allahabad High Court

• **Answer:** (B) Madhya Pradesh High Court

• **Detailed Explanation:** Justice Alpesh Yeshwant Kogje took the oath of office as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on September 10, 2026. The oath was administered by Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel at the Raj Bhavan in Bhopal.

8. Biopharmaceuticals & Public Health

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) released the Indian Pharmacopoeia Reference Substance (IPRS) for which drug during the Biosimilars Conference in Bengaluru?

- (A) Remdesivir
- (B) Enoxaparin Sodium
- (C) Paracetamol
- (D) Insulin Glargine

• **Answer:** (B) Enoxaparin Sodium

- **Detailed Explanation:** During the National Conference on "Quality and Safety of Biosimilars: Strengthening India's Biopharma SHAKTI Vision" held in Bengaluru on September 10–11, 2026, the IPC released the official IPRS for Enoxaparin Sodium for bioassays. Enoxaparin Sodium is a critical low-molecular-weight heparin anticoagulant used to prevent blood clots.

9. Important Environmental Days

National Forest Martyrs Day (Rashtriya Van Shaheed Diwas) is observed in India every year on September 11 to honor which historical event?

- (A) Chipko Movement of 1973
- (B) Khejarli Massacre of 1730
- (C) Appiko Movement of 1983
- (D) Silent Valley Movement of 1978

- **Answer:** (B) Khejarli Massacre of 1730
- **Detailed Explanation:** September 11 is commemorated annually as National Forest Martyrs Day by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. It honors the 363 Bishnoi community members led by Amrita Devi Bishnoi who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 1730, at Khejarli, Rajasthan, hugging sacred Khejri trees to protect them from royal loggers.

10. Birth Anniversaries

Which prominent Indian social reformer, Bharat Ratna awardee, and founder of the Bhoodan Movement was born on September 11, 1895?

- (A) Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- (B) Jayaprakash Narayan
- (C) Baba Amte
- (D) Karpoori Thakur

- **Answer:** (A) Acharya Vinoba Bhave

- **Detailed Explanation:** Acharya Vinoba Bhave was born on September 11, 1895, in Gagode, Maharashtra. Chosen by Mahatma Gandhi as the first Individual Satyagrahi in 1940, Bhave launched the historic Bhoodan (Land Gift) movement in 1951 to persuade wealthy landowners to donate land to landless farmers. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1983.

11. Literature & Death Anniversaries

September 11 marks the death anniversary of firebrand Tamil poet and freedom fighter Subramania Bharati, commemorated in Tamil Nadu as:

- (A) Tamil Isai Diwas
- (B) Mahakavi Day
- (C) Swadeshi Diwas
- (D) Kavi Samrat Day

- **Answer:** (B) Mahakavi Day
- **Detailed Explanation:** Subramania Bharati passed away on September 11, 1921, in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Government observes September 11 as "Mahakavi Day" to honor his legacy as a national poet, social reformer, and journalist who used literature to inspire India's freedom movement.

12. Sports (Hockey)

In the semi-finals of the AHF Junior Men's Asia Cup 2026 held in Moqi, China, India defeated which country 3–1 to enter the final?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) Malaysia
- (C) Japan
- (D) Pakistan

- **Answer:** (B) Malaysia
- **Detailed Explanation:** Defending champions India beat Malaysia 3–1 in the first semi-final



of the AHF Junior Men's Asia Cup 2026 in Moqi, China, on September 11, 2026. Indian captain and drag-flicker Anmol Ekka scored twice from penalty corners, while goalkeeper Vivek Lakra earned the Player of the Match award.

13. International Payments & MoU

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) partnered with which Singapore-headquartered payment institution in September 2026 to enable UPI QR acceptance across Southeast Asia?

- (A) FOMO Pay
- (B) GrabPay
- (C) NETS
- (D) Singtel Dash

- **Answer:** (A) FOMO Pay
- **Detailed Explanation:** NIPL, the international handle of NPCI, signed a strategic agreement with FOMO Pay, a major payment institution in Singapore. The deal allows merchant locations in Singapore and Southeast Asia onboarded by FOMO Pay to accept QR code payments made through Indian UPI applications.

14. Governance & Data Analytics

Which portal was launched by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in September 2026 to strengthen the National Data System?

- (A) DataDrishti Portal
- (B) QPR Portal on Data Harmonisation
- (C) Sankhya Niti Portal
- (D) Vikas Data Central

- **Answer:** (B) QPR Portal on Data Harmonisation

- **Detailed Explanation:** MoSPI launched the Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) Portal on Data Harmonisation. The platform standardizes administrative data streams across central and state government bodies, enhancing data quality for policy formulation under the National Data System (NDS) framework.

15. Economic Bilateral Cooperation

During bilateral talks held alongside the 18th BRICS Summit, India and Russia set a target to achieve what level of bilateral trade by the year 2030?

- (A) USD 50 Billion
- (B) USD 75 Billion
- (C) USD 100 Billion
- (D) USD 150 Billion

- **Answer:** (C) USD 100 Billion
- **Detailed Explanation:** PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin met in New Delhi on September 11, 2026. They reviewed the "Programme for Economic Cooperation 2030" and targeted bilateral trade reaching USD 100 billion by 2030, building on current trade volumes of approximately USD 65 billion.

16. Higher Education & International Fellowships

Which university was chosen alongside IIT Madras and IISc Bengaluru as an Indian host institution for the US-India TRUST Fellowship 2026-27?

- (A) Delhi University (DU)
- (B) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)
- (C) Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- (D) Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)



- **Answer:** (B) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)
- **Detailed Explanation:** MAHE was designated as one of the three Indian host institutions—alongside IIT Madras and IISc Bengaluru—for the US-India TRUST Fellowship 2026–27. Facilitated by the US Consulate General in Chennai, the fellowship advances STEM research collaboration between Indian and American scholars.

17. Sports (Golf)

Who won the ₹1 crore Chennai Open 2026 title on the DP World PGTI tour with a bogey-free final round score of 8-under 64?

- (A) Ajeetesh Sandhu
- (B) Viraj Madappa
- (C) Gaganjeet Bhullar
- (D) Shubhankar Sharma

- **Answer:** (B) Viraj Madappa
- **Detailed Explanation:** Kolkata golfer Viraj Madappa won the Chennai Open 2026 at TNGF Cosmo Golf Course on September 11, 2026. Finishing at 22-under 266, he edged out runner-up Ajeetesh Sandhu by one stroke to claim the ₹15 lakh winner's prize.

18. World News & Tourism Records

Which cruise ship set sail from Rome in September 2026 on a record-breaking 371-day global voyage across six continents?

- (A) Icon of the Seas
- (B) Norwegian Regatta
- (C) Queen Mary 2
- (D) Wonder of the Seas

- **Answer:** (B) Norwegian Regatta
- **Detailed Explanation:** Norwegian's cruise vessel Regatta embarked on the world's

longest commercial cruise, a 371-day voyage departing from Rome. The itinerary covers 62 countries, 6 continents, and over 220 ports of call, breaking the previous longest cruise record by almost 100 days.

19. Railway & Cabinet Approvals

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved 8 multi-tracking railway projects across 9 states with a total estimated outlay of:

- (A) ₹12,500 Crore
- (B) ₹15,400 Crore
- (C) ₹20,804 Crore
- (D) ₹28,000 Crore

- **Answer:** (C) ₹20,804 Crore
- **Detailed Explanation:** CCEA approved 8 major railway multitracking projects totaling ₹20,804 crore. Spanning 9 states, these capacity-augmentation projects add approximately 656 km of new network tracking to alleviate congested routes and support freight corridor integration.

20. Freedom Movement History

Mahatma Gandhi launched the global movement of 'Satyagraha' (non-violent resistance) for the first time in Johannesburg on September 11 of which year?

- (A) 1893
- (B) 1906
- (C) 1915
- (D) 1919

- **Answer:** (B) 1906
- **Detailed Explanation:** On September 11, 1906, at the Empire Theatre in Johannesburg, South Africa, Mahatma Gandhi led an assembly of Indian immigrants who took a pledge to resist the

Black Act (Asiatic Law Amendment Ordinance) through non-violent disobedience. This meeting marked the historic birth of Satyagraha.

21. Cultural & Philosophical History

Swami Vivekananda delivered his famous address introducing Hinduism and universal tolerance at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago on September 11 of which year?

- (A) 1885
- (B) 1893
- (C) 1897
- (D) 1900

- **Answer:** (B) 1893
- **Detailed Explanation:** On September 11, 1893, Swami Vivekananda addressed the opening session of the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago. His opening words, "Sisters and brothers of America," earned a standing ovation and established Vedanta philosophy on the global stage.

22. Social Empowerment

Under which national scheme are sanitation workers being supported with concessional finance and skill training through NSKFDC?

- (A) PM-Vishwakarma
- (B) NAMASTE Scheme
- (C) DAY-NULM
- (D) PM-SVANidhi

- **Answer:** (B) NAMASTE Scheme
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment highlighted success stories under the NAMASTE (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem) scheme. Implemented with the National Safai Karamcharis Finance &

Development Corporation (NSKFDC), the scheme provides concessional finance, alternative livelihood training, and mechanized equipment to sanitation workers.

23. Sports (Women's Cricket)

Which team defeated Pakistan in the second semi-final on September 11, 2026, to set up the Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 final against India?

- (A) Sri Lanka
- (B) Bangladesh
- (C) Thailand
- (D) UAE

- **Answer:** (A) Sri Lanka
- **Detailed Explanation:** Sri Lanka Women beat Pakistan Women by 4 wickets at Dubai International Cricket Stadium on September 11, 2026, chasing 131 runs. The victory secured Sri Lanka's spot in the final against India, who had defeated Bangladesh in the first semi-final.

24. Books & Authors

The compilation book titled "Manathil Urithi Vendum" (Firmness in Mind) contains the celebrated writings of which legendary literary figure?

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
- (B) Subramania Bharati
- (C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- (D) Kazi Nazrul Islam

- **Answer:** (B) Subramania Bharati
- **Detailed Explanation:** "Manathil Urithi Vendum" is an authoritative collection of poems and socio-political essays written by Subramania Bharati. The title derives from his iconic Tamil verse emphasizing mental resolve, courage, and moral strength.

25. Technology & Semiconductor Ecosystem

According to data released by MeitY in September 2026, which Indian state leads in semiconductor ecosystem adoption under the ChipIN Centre initiative?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Telangana

- **Answer:** (C) Karnataka
- **Detailed Explanation:** MeitY statistics revealed Karnataka as the top-performing state under the ChipIN Centre initiative. Karnataka logged participation from 81 organizations, completed 73 chip tape-outs, and utilized 88 lakh hours of Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools to support domestic semiconductor chip design.

26. International Trade Exhibitions

Russia's flagship industrial exhibition, 'INNOPROM', was hosted for the very first time in India from 9-11 September 2026 in which city?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Hyderabad

- **Answer:** (C) New Delhi
- **Detailed Explanation:** The inaugural "INNOPROM India" exhibition was held in New Delhi from September 9 to 11, 2026. Jointly visited by PM Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin, the event showcased industrial technology, manufacturing, and energy machinery to deepen bilateral B2B linkages.

27. Global Observances & Literacy

The year 2026 marks which milestone anniversary of UNESCO's proclamation of International Literacy Day?

- (A) 40th Anniversary
- (B) 50th Anniversary
- (C) 60th Anniversary
- (D) 75th Anniversary

- **Answer:** (C) 60th Anniversary
- **Detailed Explanation:** UNESCO proclaimed International Literacy Day in 1966. The year 2026 marks its 60th anniversary, celebrated under the global theme "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity".

28. Defense Exercises

The 22nd edition of the India-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026' was scheduled across which two locations in September 2026?

- (A) Ranikhet and Umroi
- (B) Bikaner and Auli
- (C) Mahajan and Bakloh
- (D) Pokhran and Chaubattia

- **Answer:** (B) Bikaner and Auli
- **Detailed Explanation:** Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 (22nd edition) took place from September 9 to 28, 2026, conducted jointly by the Indian Army and the US Army across terrain environments in Bikaner (desert/plains) and Auli (high-altitude warfare).

29. Space Exploration

India aims to establish its first module of the 'Bharatiya Antariksh Station' (BAS) by which target year?

- (A) 2028

(B) 2030

(C) 2035

(D) 2040

- **Answer:** (C) 2035
- **Detailed Explanation:** In an address ahead of the BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated India's space roadmap: deploying the first base operational unit of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) by 2035 and sending an Indian crewed mission to the Moon by 2040.

30. Corporate Governance & Mining

The Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited (CIL) launched the first-ever Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies under which landmark law's guidelines?

(A) Mines and Minerals Act, 1957

(B) Companies Act, 2013

(C) Environment Protection Act, 1986

(D) Coal Mines Nationalisation Act, 1973

- **Answer:** (B) Companies Act, 2013
- **Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Coal and CIL launched the Comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Framework in New Delhi. It represents the first standardized sector-wide CSR policy alignment under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, focusing on sustainable mining region development, clean water, and community healthcare.

