

National & International Important Days

Hindi Diwas (National Hindi Day) - 14 September

- **Constitutional Background:** On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted the **Munshi-Ayyangar Formula** (drafted by K.M. Munshi and N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar).
- **Key Provisions:** **Article 343(1)** designates Hindi in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union. **Article 351** provides directives for the development and promotion of the Hindi language.
- **Historical Significance:** September 14 also marks the 50th birth anniversary (in 1949) of **Beohar Rajendra Simha**, who campaigned alongside Hazari Prasad Dwivedi and Kaka Kalelkar for Hindi's official status.
- **Exam Distinction:** **National Hindi Diwas** is observed on September 14, whereas **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on **January 10** (commemorating the 1975 World Hindi Conference in Nagpur).

Q1. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution was Hindi in Devanagari script declared the official language of the Union on 14 September 1949?

- A) Article 340
- B) Article 343(1)
- C) Article 351
- D) Article 350A

Answer: B) Article 343(1) — Article 343(1) mandates Hindi in Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union, while Article 351 deals with directives for Hindi language development.

National News



*Vande Bharat Freight EMU high-speed trial.
Source: Metro Rail News*

Trial Run of India's First Vande Bharat Freight EMU

- **Development:** Indian Railways' Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) successfully conducted a 130 kmph trial run of the **Vande Bharat Freight EMU** on the Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Mumbai Central route.
- **Operational Scope:** Designed for high-speed freight transportation (e-commerce, time-sensitive goods) with design operational speeds up to 160 kmph.

Uttarakhand Raises Stipend for MBBS Interns

- **Policy Update:** The Government of Uttarakhand announced an increase in monthly stipends for MBBS interns from ₹17,000 to **₹25,000 per month**.

Q2. The Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) tested India's first Vande Bharat Freight EMU at 130 kmph along which railway corridor?

- A) Delhi-Kolkata Corridor
- B) Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Mumbai Central Corridor
- C) Chennai-Bengaluru Corridor
- D) Mumbai-Goa Corridor

Answer: B) Ahmedabad–Vadodara–Mumbai Central Corridor — The trial was conducted by Western Railway and RDSO across the Gujarat–Maharashtra freight transport link.

International News

BRICS New Delhi Declaration & Security Cooperation

- **Joint Stance:** BRICS member nations adopted a "zero tolerance" policy toward terrorism in the New Delhi Declaration.
- **UNSC Reform Support:** UN Secretary-General António Guterres endorsed calls to reform the UN Security Council (UNSC) to reflect current demographic and economic realities.

Q3. Which global grouping recently released the New Delhi Declaration advocating zero tolerance toward terrorism and global security reforms?

- A) G20
- B) BRICS
- C) ASEAN
- D) SCO

Answer: B) BRICS — The declaration reaffirmed member nations' unified counter-terrorism framework.

Economics & Banking

RBI Orders Tata Sons Compliance Under NBFC-UL Regulations

- **Regulatory Decision:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) rejected Tata Sons' application to remain an unlisted Core Investment Company (CIC).
- **Impact:** Classified under the NBFC-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) framework, Tata Sons must comply with public listing rules on

Indian stock exchanges within mandatory timelines.

Banking System Liquidity Surplus Reaches Record Peak

- **Surplus Inflow:** System liquidity surplus in Indian banking reached ₹11 trillion (\$130B+), fueled by foreign currency swap conversions (FCNR-B deposits) and RBI foreign exchange mechanisms.

Q4. Under the RBI's Scale-Based Regulation (SBR), entities categorized under the NBFC-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) are required to:

- A) Convert all assets into sovereign bonds
- B) List their shares on stock exchanges within three years
- C) Restrict non-performing assets to zero percent
- D) Operate exclusively as payment banks

Answer: B) List their shares on stock exchanges within three years — NBFC-UL framework mandates structural governance, public disclosures, and exchange listings.

Defense News

IAF Conducts Dronathon 2026 at Pokhran Range

- **Exercise:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) organized **Dronathon 2026** at the Pokhran range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- **Focus:** Demonstrating indigenous drone swarming, surveillance, and counter-unmanned aerial vehicle (C-UAV) defensive systems.

Mass Production Transfer of Astra Missiles

- **Tech Transfer:** The Ministry of Defence initiated technology transfer of the indigenous **Astra Mark-1 BVR (Beyond-Visual-Range)** Air-to-Air missile to private

sector manufacturers to boost production volume and export capacity.

Q5. The Indian Air Force hosted its military drone evaluation exercise 'Dronathon 2026' at which location?

- A) Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner
B) Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer
C) Pokhra Naval Base, Kochi
D) Umroi, Meghalaya

Answer: B) Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer — The 3-day operational test showcased autonomous UAV and defense technologies.

Sports News

India Wins Women's Asia Cup 2026 Title

- **Cricket:** Indian Women's Cricket Team defeated Sri Lanka by 72 runs in Dubai, securing their **8th Women's Asia Cup title**.

Elena Rybakina Wins US Open & Reaches World No. 1

- **Tennis:** Elena Rybakina defeated Aryna Sabalenka (6-4, 5-7, 6-2) to win the US Open Women's Singles title, becoming the first player from Kazakhstan to achieve the WTA World No. 1 ranking.

Dhiraj Bommadevara Wins Gold at Archery World Cup Final

- **Archery:** Recurve archer **Dhiraj Bommadevara** became the first Indian male recurve archer to win a Gold medal at the Archery World Cup Final.

Q6. Who became the first Kazakhstani tennis player to capture the WTA World No. 1 ranking after winning the US Open Women's Singles title?

- A) Yulia Putintseva
B) Elena Rybakina

C) Aryna Sabalenka

D) Victoria Azarenka

Answer: B) Elena Rybakina — Rybakina's US Open victory propelled her to top spot in the world rankings.

Quick Revision Table

Category	High-Yield Fact / News Event	Exam Target Note
Important Day	National Hindi Diwas (14 Sept)	Article 343(1), Munshi-Ayyangar Formula (1949)
National	Vande Bharat Freight EMU Trial	130 kmph trial on Ahmedabad–Mumbai line
International	BRICS New Delhi Declaration	UN Security Council Reform backing
Banking	Tata Sons NBFC-UL Order	Mandatory exchange listing guidelines
Defense	IAF Dronathon 2026	Drone testing at Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer
Sports	Women's Asia Cup 2026	India claims 8th continental title

Category	High-Yield Fact / News Event	Exam Target Note
Sports	Archery World Cup Final Gold	Dhiraj Bommadevara (1st Indian male recurve gold)

Section 1: National & Important Days

Q1. Every year, India celebrates National Hindi Diwas on September 14. In which year was Hindi in the Devanagari script adopted as the official language of the Union by the Constituent Assembly?

- (A) 1947
- (B) 1949
- (C) 1950
- (D) 1953

Answer: (B) 1949

Explanation:

- **Historical Context:** On 14 September 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union.
- **Observance:** To mark this landmark constitutional decision, September 14 has been celebrated as **Hindi Diwas** across India annually since 1953.
- **Constitutional Provision:** Article 343(1) of the Indian Constitution states that the official language of the Union shall be Hindi in the Devanagari script. Provisions regarding official languages are contained in **Part XVII** of the Constitution (Articles 343 to 351).

Q2. What is the key distinction between National Hindi Diwas and World Hindi Day?

- (A) National Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14, while World Hindi Day is observed on January 10.
- (B) National Hindi Diwas is organized by UNESCO, while World Hindi Day is organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (C) National Hindi Diwas commemorates the 1975 World Hindi Conference, while World Hindi Day marks the 1949 Constituent Assembly decision.
- (D) There is no difference; both terms refer to the same event.

Answer: (A) National Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14, while World Hindi Day is observed on January 10.

Explanation:

- **National Hindi Diwas (14 September):** Commemorates the Constituent Assembly's adoption of Hindi as the Official Language of the Union in 1949.
- **World Hindi Day (10 January):** Marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur in 1975. The Government of India began celebrating World Hindi Day globally in 2006 to promote the Hindi language internationally.

Q3. Where was the 6th All India Official Language Conference organized on 14-15 September 2026 alongside the Hindi Diwas celebrations?

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

Answer: (B) Mumbai

Explanation:

- The **6th All India Official Language Conference** (6ठा अखिल भारतीय राजभाषा सम्मेलन) was organized in **Mumbai** on 14–15 September 2026.
- Hosted by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, the event brought together representatives from central ministries, PSUs, and public sector banks to discuss progressive policies for official language implementation.

tolerance, digital public infrastructure, and intra-BRICS trade mechanisms.

Q5. In September 2026, which Middle Eastern nation launched its first locally issued, internationally accepted electronic payment card to reconnect its banking sector with global financial networks?

- (A) Yemen
- (B) Syria
- (C) Oman
- (D) Lebanon

Answer: (B) Syria

Explanation:

- Syria launched its first locally issued electronic payment card accepted internationally.
- **Significance:** Designed by the Central Bank of Syria, this milestone aims to modernize the country's digital transaction infrastructure, facilitate cross-border trade, and reconnect local domestic banks with international payment platforms.

Q6. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar embarked on an official institutional visit in September 2026 to which neighboring country to strengthen electoral cooperation?

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Bhutan
- (C) Sri Lanka
- (D) Bangladesh

Answer: (B) Bhutan

Explanation:

- **Event:** Chief Election Commissioner **Gyanesh Kumar** visited **Thimphu, Bhutan** on September 14, 2026.

Section 2: International News & Groupings

Q4. What is the official theme for India's BRICS Presidency in 2026 as New Delhi hosts the 18th BRICS Summit?

- (A) Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership for Global Development
- (B) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- (C) BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus
- (D) Global South Synergy and Multipolar Economic Transformation

Answer: (B) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

Explanation:

- **Presidency:** India holds the BRICS Presidency for **2026** and hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi.
- **Theme:** "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
- **Key Deliverables:** The summit resulted in the adoption of the **New Delhi Declaration**, which emphasized reformed multilateralism, counter-terrorism zero



- **Highlights:** He called on King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and met Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay to foster institutional bilateral cooperation between the Election Commissions of India and Bhutan.

Section 3: Economics & Banking

Q7. In September 2026, why did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reject Tata Sons' application regarding its corporate entity structure?

- (A) Due to failure to maintain minimum Capital Adequacy Ratios (CRAR)
- (B) To compel Tata Sons to comply with regulations for Upper-Layer NBFCs, requiring listing on stock exchanges
- (C) Due to excessive cross-border foreign direct investment violations
- (D) To reclassify Tata Sons as a payment aggregator

Answer: (B) To compel Tata Sons to comply with regulations for Upper-Layer NBFCs, requiring listing on stock exchanges

Explanation:

- **Regulatory Decision:** The RBI rejected Tata Sons' request to remain a private, unlisted Core Investment Company (CIC).
- **Background:** Tata Sons was categorized under the NBFC-Upper Layer (NBFC-UL) framework in 2022, which mandates listing on stock exchanges within three years. This decision paves the way for a potential mandatory Initial Public Offering (IPO).

Q8. India and MERCOSUR signed the First Additional Protocol to their Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) in September 2026. What key modification does this protocol grant?

- (A) Complete elimination of tariffs on agricultural commodities

(B) Electronic Certificates of Origin (e-CoOs) are given equal legal validity to paper CoOs

(C) Inclusion of digital currency settlements between member states

(D) Direct inclusion of 2,000 new tariff lines into the duty-free list

Answer: (B) Electronic Certificates of Origin (e-CoOs) are given equal legal validity to paper CoOs

Explanation:

- **Trade Agreement:** India signed the First Additional Protocol to the India-MERCOSUR PTA.
- **Core Change:** Amends Article 16 of Annex III (Rules of Origin) so that **electronic Certificates of Origin (e-CoOs)** hold equal legal validity to paper-based certificates, accelerating trade clearance and digital customs processes.

Q9. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) release on September 14, 2026, what was India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) retail inflation rate for August 2026?

- (A) 3.54%
- (B) 4.82%
- (C) 5.21%
- (D) 6.10%

Answer: (B) 4.82%

Explanation:

- **CPI Inflation:** Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index stood at **4.82%** for August 2026.
- **Base Year:** CPI data uses the updated base year **2024=100**.
- **Food Inflation:** Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) registered at **5.95%**.



Q10. At the Global Fintech Fest 2026, NPCI launched which two digital payment innovations to enhance offline and seamless transaction capabilities?

- (A) UPI Lite X and RuPay Select
- (B) UPI Tap & Pay and My UPI
- (C) UPI One World and Credit on UPI
- (D) UPI AutoPay 2.0 and Bharat BillPay Express

Answer: (B) UPI Tap & Pay and My UPI

Explanation: Launch: RBI Governor along with NPCI leaders unveiled **UPI Tap & Pay** (utilizing Near Field Communication - NFC) and the **My UPI** customized interface platform.

Utility: UPI Tap & Pay allows users to complete contactless transactions simply by tapping their mobile phones on merchant POS devices.

Section 4: Defense News

Q11. The Indian Air Force (IAF) launched its inaugural "IAF Dronathon-2026" on 14 September 2026 at which firing range?

- (A) Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer
- (B) Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner
- (C) Babina Field Firing Range, Jhansi
- (D) Integrated Test Range, Chandipur

Answer: (A) Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer

Explanation: Event: Vice Chief of the Air Staff inaugurated the 1st edition of **IAF Dronathon-2026** at Pokhran, Rajasthan.

Highlight: The event demonstrated **Vayu UTtaM**, India's indigenous multi-mode Unmanned Traffic Management system, alongside live counter-drone (CUAS) and swarm drone field evaluations.

Q12. Indian Navy ship INS Mysore participated in the 4th edition of bilateral maritime exercise

'Samudra Laksamana' in September 2026 with which country's navy?

- (A) Royal Oman Navy
- (B) Royal Malaysian Navy
- (C) Indonesian Navy
- (D) Sri Lanka Navy

Answer: (B) Royal Malaysian Navy

Explanation: Exercise: **Exercise Samudra Laksamana** (4th edition) was held off Lumut, Malaysia.

Participants: Indian Navy's guided-missile destroyer **INS Mysore** joined Royal Malaysian Navy ships **KD Lekir** and **KD Gagah Samudera** for harbor and sea phases.

Q13. In September 2026, India signed a defense agreement/MoU with which neighboring nation to upgrade and modernize L70 Anti-Aircraft Guns?

- (A) Bangladesh
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Maldives
- (D) Nepal

Answer: (B) Sri Lanka

Explanation: Defense MoU: India and Sri Lanka executed an agreement for defense technical cooperation to upgrade Sri Lankan armed forces' **L70 Anti-Aircraft Guns**.

Significance: Enhances bilateral military equipment maintenance capabilities and furthers India's "Neighbourhood First" defense exports strategy.

Section 5: Sports News

Q14. Who became the FIRST Indian male recurve archer to win an individual gold medal at the Archery World Cup Final in September 2026?

- (A) Atanu Das
- (B) Dhiraj Bommadevara
- (C) Pravin Jadhav
- (D) Tarundeep Rai

Answer: (B) Dhiraj Bommadevara

Explanation: Historic Achievement: 25-year-old **Dhiraj Bommadevara** scripted history in Saltillo, Mexico, by becoming the **first Indian male recurve archer** to win gold at the Archery World Cup Final.

Final Match: He defeated Japan's Nakanishi Junya in a shoot-off decider with a perfect 10-arrow score.

Q15. Who won the US Open 2026 Women's Singles Tennis title, securing her first US Open trophy and ascending to World No. 1?

- (A) Aryna Sabalenka
- (B) Elena Rybakina
- (C) Iga Swiatek
- (D) Coco Gauff

Answer: (B) Elena Rybakina

Explanation: n:US Open 2026 Victory: Kazakhstan's **Elena Rybakina** defeated two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka (6-4, 5-7, 6-2) in New York.

Milestone: The victory secured Rybakina the official WTA **World No. 1** ranking, making her the first Kazakhstani player in tennis history to hold the top spot.

Q16. Which country's women's cricket team won the Women's Asia Cup 2026 by defeating Sri Lanka by 72 runs in Dubai?

- (A) India
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Australia

Answer: (A) India

Explanation: Tournament Victory: The **Indian Women's Cricket Team** clinched the Women's Asia Cup 2026 title in Dubai by defeating Sri Lanka by 72 runs.

Section 6: Awards & Honors

Q17. Which public sector unit (PSU) was conferred two prestigious 'Rajbhasha Kirti Awards' at the 6th All India Official Language Conference in September 2026?

- (A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- (B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- (C) NTPC Limited
- (D) Coal India Limited

Answer: (B) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

Explanation: Award: HPCL received two **Rajbhasha Kirti Awards** for excellence in official language implementation during 2025-26.

Presentation: Union Ministers of State for Home Affairs presented the awards during Hindi Diwas celebrations in Mumbai on 14 September 2026.

Q18. Which transport enterprise received the First Prize (Kirti Puraskar) for Rajbhasha implementation on Hindi Diwas 2026?

- (A) Indian Railways
- (B) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- (C) Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority
- (D) Air India

Answer: (B) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)

Explanation: Awardee: Delhi Metro received the prestigious **Kirti Puraskar (First Prize)** for



effectively integrating Hindi across public signage, operational manuals, and administrative communications.

Q19. REC Limited was honored with which national award in September 2026 for its IT infrastructure and digital initiatives?

- (A) Cyber Security Leader Award
- (B) Data Center Champion Award 2026
- (C) National Digital PSU Excellence Award
- (D) Green IT Infrastructure Award

Answer: (B) Data Center Champion Award 2026

Explanation: REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation), a Maharatna CPSE, was conferred the **Data Center Champion Award 2026** for establishing energy-efficient, robust data infrastructure supporting power sector monitoring.

Section 7: Govt Schemes & MoUs

Q20. Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) signed an MoU to provide free coaching to local rural students for JEE and NEET competitive exams under which scheme?

- (A) 'Udaan' Scheme
- (B) 'Lakshya' Project
- (C) 'Pragati' Abhiyan
- (D) 'Samarth' Scheme

Answer: (A) 'Udaan' Scheme

Explanation: CSR Initiative: Miniratna PSU Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) executed an MoU under its CSR project 'Udaan'.

Objective: Offers specialized coaching for engineering (JEE) and medical (NEET) entrance exams to underprivileged students in Singrauli and surrounding mining regions.

Q21. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) signed an MoU in September 2026 with which premier

technical institution for R&D in power sector innovation?

- (A) IIT Bombay
- (B) IIT Kharagpur
- (C) IIT Delhi
- (D) IIT Madras

Answer: (B) IIT Kharagpur

Explanation: R&D Collaboration: DVC signed an agreement with **IIT Kharagpur** to drive collaborative research in power plant digital twins, thermal efficiency optimization, and renewable integration technologies.

Q22. Galgotias University signed an international technology MoU in September 2026 with which foreign prefecture and university?

- (A) Bavaria Prefecture, Germany
- (B) Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan
- (C) Gyeonggi Province, South Korea
- (D) Quebec, Canada

Answer: (B) Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan

Explanation: MoU Details: Galgotias University partnered with **Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture and the University of Yamanashi** during the UP-Japan Investment Summit.

Focus Area: Semiconductor research, clean energy hydrogen technology, and student exchange programs.

Section 8: Art & Culture, Environment & Heritage

Q23. In September 2026, Gujarat inaugurated its Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Soft Release Centre at which location in Kachchh?

- (A) Velavadar
- (B) Naliya



- (C) Gir
(D) Little Rann of Kutch

Answer: (B) Naliya

Explanation: Conservation Milestone: A dedicated Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Soft Release Centre was inaugurated at Naliya, Kachchh, Gujarat in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

Target: Restores natural habitat across 200–500 sq km to boost wild breeding populations of the critically endangered GIB (State bird of Rajasthan).

Q24. Under the revised pollution control rules issued by CAQM/CPCB in September 2026, what is the revised particulate matter (PM) emission limit set for specified industries starting October 1, 2026?

- (A) 150 mg/Nm³
(B) 100 mg/Nm³
(C) 50 mg/Nm³
(D) 25 mg/Nm³

Answer: (C) 50 mg/Nm³

Explanation: Environmental Norms: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) prescribed a stricter PM emission standard of 50 mg/Nm³ for polluting industrial clusters in the National Capital Region (NCR) effective 1 October 2026.

Section 9: Railway & Infrastructure News

Q25. Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) conducted a successful trial run of India's first Vande Bharat Freight EMU at 130 kmph on which route in September 2026?

- (A) Delhi–Howrah Route
(B) Ahmedabad–Vadodara–Mumbai Central Route

- (C) Bengaluru–Chennai Central Route
(D) Delhi–Katra Route

Answer: (B) Ahmedabad–Vadodara–Mumbai Central Route

Explanation: Rail Innovation: The RDSO successfully conducted speed trials of India's first Vande Bharat Freight EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) touching 130 kmph on the Western Railway corridor.

Purpose: Designed for high-speed freight transportation and express logistics freight movement.

Section 10: Human Rights, Capacity Building & Summits

Q26. Justice V. Ramasubramanian inaugurated the 5th NHRC–MEA ITEC Capacity Building Course on September 14, 2026, specifically targeting officials from which region?

- (A) European Union NHRIs
(B) Global South National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)
(C) ASEAN Human Rights Bodies
(D) Commonwealth Human Rights Networks

Answer: (B) Global South National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)

Explanation: Program: The 5th NHRC–MEA ITEC course was inaugurated in New Delhi, hosting 41 senior representatives from 15 human rights bodies across the Global South.

Q27. Operation 'Deep Manifest', mentioned in the news on September 14, 2026, was conducted by which agency to enforce trade import bans?

- (A) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
(C) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)



(D) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

Answer: (B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

Explanation:

Action: The DRI executed **Operation Deep Manifest** to intercept illegal consignments (such as dry dates) routed via third countries, enforcing DGFT import prohibition mandates.

Section 11: Science, Technology & Environment

Q28. Where is the "Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026" scheduled to be held from October 27-29, 2026, as announced on 14 September 2026?

- (A) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
- (B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- (C) Science City, Ahmedabad
- (D) HITECH Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad

Answer: (B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Explanation: **Conclave:** Organised by CSIR under the guidance of the Principal Scientific Adviser, the conclave theme is "Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies".

Key Focus: Highlights the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund and features three Nobel laureates.

Q29. What is the official name of the campaign launched across India for mass public participation in environmental tree plantation?

- (A) Harit Bharat Abhiyan
- (B) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
- (C) Meri LiFE Mera Swachh Shehar
- (D) Vriksharopan Jan Andolan

Answer: (B) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam

Explanation: Environmental Initiative: 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is a nation-wide public ecological drive encouraging citizens to plant trees in tribute to mothers while boosting India's forest cover.

Section 12: Appointments & Corporate Governance

Q30. Which National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) corporate event was conducted in September 2026 where a final dividend was declared and joint statutory auditors were appointed for FY 2026-27?

- (A) 40th AGM
- (B) 45th AGM
- (C) 50th AGM
- (D) 35th AGM

Answer: (B) 45th AGM

Explanation:

Corporate Update: Navratna CPSE NALCO held its **45th Annual General Meeting (AGM)**.

Key Decisions: Approved final dividend payments to shareholders and appointed two new joint statutory auditors for FY 2026-27.

