

1. Important Days & Anniversaries

- **World Tourism Day (27 September 2026):**
 - **Theme:** "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism".
 - **Nodal Agency:** UN Tourism (formerly UNWTO - United Nations World Tourism Organization).
 - **Significance:** First observed in 1980, this annual event emphasizes tourism's role in economic development, cultural preservation, and AI-driven sustainable travel solutions.
- **Death Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy (27 September 1833):**
 - Widely known as the "Father of Modern Indian Renaissance", he founded the **Brahmo Sabha (later Brahmo Samaj)** in 1828.
 - He passed away at Stapleton, near Bristol, England, on 27 September 1833.

2. Banking & Economics

- **Special Sunday Operations for Public Sector Banks:**
 - **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to operate on Sunday, 27 September 2026.
 - **Objective:** To maintain customer access ahead of a nationwide 3-day strike called by the **United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU)** from September 28 to 30, 2026.
 - **Key Demand:** Implementation of a **5-day banking week** (declaring all Saturdays as non-working days).
- **India's First Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi:**

- **Project Cost:** Approx. ₹38,000 Crore with an annual capacity of 2.5 million Gross Tonnage (GT).
- **Location:** Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- **Structure:** Joint Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) involving V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, SIPCOT, a Union finance enterprise, and an international Korean shipbuilding firm.
- **IIT Madras Deep Tech Fund First Close:**
 - IIT Madras, IITM Research Park, and its VC ecosystem achieved the first close of their ₹1,000 Crore deep technology fund at ₹450 Crore following SEBI approval.

3. National News & State Policy

- **Maharashtra Drought Declaration:**
 - Maharashtra declared **265 out of 358 talukas (74% landmass)** as drought-affected.
 - **Trigger:** An 18.8% rainfall deficit between June 1 and September 18, 2026, combined with an El Niño-linked dry spell satisfying **Trigger 1** (continuous dry period of ≥ 21 days).
- **Country's First Victim Rights Centre Inaugurated:**
 - Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant inaugurated India's first **Victim Rights Centre** in Patna, Bihar.
 - **Purpose:** To provide consolidated legal, psychological, and institutional rehabilitation support to crime victims.
- **Supreme Court Order on Demolitions in Meerut:**
 - The Supreme Court mandated the sealing and clearance of 16,726 unauthorized structures in Meerut, UP, ruling that pending



court litigations do not legalize unlawful land use.

4. Defense & Maritime Security

- **QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission:**
 - The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** announced active participation in the QUAD-at-Sea Observer Mission alongside partner navies/coast guards of the USA, Japan, and Australia.
 - **Focus:** Maritime domain awareness, interoperability, and regional stability in the Indo-Pacific.
- **Operation Drishti:**
 - Conducted by the **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)** at Tangdhar along the Line of Control (LoC) in J&K.
 - Restored vision for citizens through 220 sight-restoring surgeries during a 2-day mega eye camp.

5. Government Schemes, MoUs & Initiatives

- **Special Campaign 6.0:**
 - Initiated by Union Ministries to boost institutional efficiency, expedite file clearances, and promote workplace cleanliness.
- **Development Projects in Kerala:**
 - Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated consumer-focused cooperative projects under the **National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF)** at Kundara near Kollam, Kerala.

6. International News

- **Nationwide Vaccination Drive in Bangladesh:**

- Bangladesh launched a massive nationwide Measles-Rubella (MR) immunization drive to eliminate regional endemics.

7. Sports

- **Asian Games 2026 - Kabaddi Championship:**
 - The Indian Men's Kabaddi team defeated Iran 40-34 in the final match to secure the Gold Medal, marking India's 9th Asian Games Kabaddi title.

8. Books, Authors, Art & Culture

- **Book Release:** "Time Will Tell" authored by Surbhi Dewan.
- **Swachhata Samvad:** Organized by ICAR-CIRB to link environmental cleanliness with community participation.

30 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) with Answers & Explanations

1. What is the official theme for World Tourism Day 2026 celebrated on 27 September?

- A) Tourism and Green Investments
- B) Rethinking Tourism
- C) Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism
- D) Tourism and Peace

Answer: C

Explanation: World Tourism Day 2026 (27 September) focuses on "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism", highlighting the role of AI and digital transformation in travel.

2. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, who passed away on 27 September 1833 in Bristol, founded which social organization in 1828?

- A) Arya Samaj
- B) Prarthana Samaj

C) Brahmo Samaj

D) Dev Samaj

Answer: C

Explanation: Raja Ram Mohan Roy founded the Brahmo Sabha (later Brahmo Samaj) in 1828 to fight social evils like Sati and child marriage.

3. Which central bank approved public sector banks to remain operational on Sunday, 27 September 2026?

A) NABARD

B) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

C) State Bank of India

D) Ministry of Finance

Answer: B

Explanation: RBI approved Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks to remain open on Sunday, 27 September 2026, ahead of the nationwide bank strike.

4. What is the primary unresolved demand of the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) behind their 3-day nationwide strike?

A) Full privatization of banks

B) Implementation of a 5-day banking week

C) Increase in statutory liquidity ratio

D) Reduction in repo rate

Answer: B

Explanation: The primary demand of UFBU is a 5-day work week for bank staff, making all Saturdays official holidays.

5. Where is India's first mega greenfield shipyard proposed to be established with an estimated investment of ₹38,000 Crore?

A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

B) Kochi, Kerala

C) Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

D) Hazira, Gujarat

Answer: C

Explanation: India's first mega greenfield shipyard with a capacity of 2.5 million Gross Tonnage is proposed at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

6. The ₹1,000 Crore deep technology fund that recently achieved its first close at ₹450 Crore was launched by which institution?

A) IIT Bombay

B) IIT Madras

C) IISc Bangalore

D) IIT Delhi

Answer: B

Explanation: IIT Madras, along with IITM Research Park and its VC firm, achieved the first close of the ₹1,000 Crore deep tech fund at ₹450 Crore.

7. How many talukas were declared drought-affected by the Maharashtra government in September 2026?

A) 120

B) 180

C) 265

D) 358

Answer: C

Explanation: Maharashtra declared 265 out of 358 talukas (covering ~74% of state landmass) as drought-hit following an 18.8% rainfall deficit.

8. Under India's drought declaration guidelines, what defines Trigger 1 for declaring a meteorological/hydrological drought?

A) Continuous dry spell of at least 7 days

B) Continuous dry spell of at least 21 days

- C) Continuous dry spell of at least 45 days
D) Rainfall deficit exceeding 50% in 1 week

Answer: B

Explanation: Trigger 1 requires a continuous dry spell of at least 21 days during the monsoon season.

9. Where was India's first Victim Rights Centre inaugurated by CJI Justice Surya Kant?

- A) New Delhi
B) Patna
C) Mumbai
D) Kolkata

Answer: B

Explanation: Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant inaugurated the country's first Victim Rights Centre in Patna, Bihar.

10. Which city's 16,726 unauthorized structures were ordered to be sealed and demolished by the Supreme Court in September 2026?

- A) Agra
B) Meerut
C) Kanpur
D) Lucknow

Answer: B

Explanation: The Supreme Court ordered the sealing and clearance of 16,726 unauthorized structures in Meerut, UP.

11. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) recently announced its participation in which multilateral maritime observer mission?

- A) ASEAN Maritime Patrol
B) QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission
C) BRICS Ocean Watch
D) BIMSTEC Sentinel Exercise

Answer: B

Explanation: ICG announced participation in the QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission alongside QUAD member nations (USA, Japan, Australia).

12. What was the name of the mega eye-care initiative conducted along the LoC by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)?

- A) Operation Netra
B) Operation Drishti
C) Operation Roshni
D) Operation Sight

Answer: B

Explanation: Operation Drishti was organized by AFMS at Tangdhar along the LoC, completing 220 sight-restoring surgeries.

13. Which nationwide cleanliness and workplace efficiency campaign is currently being undertaken across central government ministries in late 2026?

- A) Special Campaign 1.0
B) Special Campaign 4.0
C) Special Campaign 6.0
D) Mission Karamyogi 2.0

Answer: C

Explanation: Ministries and government departments are conducting preparatory activities for Special Campaign 6.0.

14. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated developmental projects under NCCF at Kundara near Kollam in which Indian state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) Telangana

Answer: B



Explanation: Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) projects at Kundara near Kollam, Kerala.

15. Which neighboring country launched a nationwide Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in September 2026?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Myanmar

Answer: C

Explanation: Bangladesh launched a nationwide Measles-Rubella vaccination drive to enhance immunity and curb virus transmission.

16. In the Asian Games 2026 Men's Kabaddi final, India defeated which nation to win the Gold medal?

- A) South Korea
- B) Pakistan
- C) Iran
- D) Japan

Answer: C

Explanation: India defeated Iran 40-34 in the Kabaddi final to claim its 9th Asian Games Gold medal.

17. Who is the author of the recently released book titled "Time Will Tell"?

- A) Surbhi Dewan
- B) Arundhati Roy
- C) Jhumpa Lahiri
- D) Chetan Bhagat

Answer: A

Explanation: "Time Will Tell" is written by author Surbhi Dewan.

18. What is the unit of measure used to state shipyard construction capacity that reflects enclosed vessel volume rather than weight?

- A) Deadweight Tonnage (DWT)
- B) Displacement Tonnage
- C) Gross Tonnage (GT)
- D) Nautical Displacement

Answer: C

Explanation: Gross Tonnage (GT) measures the total internal enclosed volume of a ship rather than its physical weight.

19. Where is the headquarters of UN Tourism (formerly UNWTO) located?

- A) Geneva, Switzerland
- B) Paris, France
- C) Madrid, Spain
- D) New York, USA

Answer: C

Explanation: UN Tourism is headquartered in Madrid, Spain, and organizes World Tourism Day annually on September 27.

20. Which statutory organization under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution handles consumer cooperatives in India?

- A) NAFED
- B) NCCF
- C) TRIFED
- D) FCI

Answer: B

Explanation: NCCF (National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India) promotes consumer cooperative movements in India.

21. Which Section of the Mediation Act, 2023, promotes pre-litigation mediation in family and civil disputes?

- A) Section 3
- B) Section 5
- C) Section 12
- D) Section 21

Answer: B

Explanation: Section 5 of the Mediation Act emphasizes pre-litigation mediation to settle disputes amicably without formal trials.

22. In September 2026, which defense shipyard reported strong financial performance in India's shipbuilding sector?

- A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- B) Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- D) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

Answer: B

Explanation: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) posted robust financial performance for FY 2025-26.

23. The Performance Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme recently kept in abeyance by the Finance Ministry was associated with employees of which sector?

- A) Railways
- B) Public Sector Banks
- C) Telecommunication
- D) Defense Ordnance Factories

Answer: B

Explanation: The government kept the PLI scheme for Public Sector Bank executives in abeyance following employee feedback.

24. What does the acronym SPV stand for in corporate finance and public-private infrastructure projects?

- A) Special Purpose Vehicle
- B) Single Private Venture
- C) Strategic Public Value
- D) Systemic Processing Vessel

Answer: A

Explanation: An SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) is a dedicated corporate entity created to execute a specific infrastructure project.

25. Which four nations comprise the QUAD alliance involved in maritime security cooperation?

- A) USA, UK, India, Australia
- B) USA, India, Japan, Australia
- C) USA, Japan, South Korea, India
- D) India, Russia, China, South Africa

Answer: B

Explanation: QUAD consists of India, the United States, Japan, and Australia.

26. Which ICAR institution conducted the Swachhata Samvad program in late September 2026?

- A) ICAR-CIRB
- B) ICAR-IARI
- C) ICAR-IVRI
- D) ICAR-NDRI

Answer: A

Explanation: ICAR-CIRB (Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes) organized Swachhata Samvad to promote public participation in cleanliness.

27. When was World Tourism Day first observed by the UNWTO?



- A) 1950
- B) 1972
- C) 1980
- D) 1995

Answer: C

Explanation: World Tourism Day was officially established and first celebrated on 27 September 1980.

28. Under which Ministry does the Indian Coast Guard function during peacetime?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- D) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian Coast Guard operates under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

29. What is the targeted total corpus of the Deep Tech Fund initiated by IIT Madras and SEBI-approved partners?

- A) ₹200 Crore
- B) ₹500 Crore
- C) ₹1,000 Crore
- D) ₹5,000 Crore

Answer: C

Explanation: The fund aims for a total corpus of ₹1,000 Crore, reaching its first close at ₹450 Crore.

30. Who was crowned Kabaddi champion for the 9th time in Asian Games history?

- A) Iran
- B) South Korea
- C) India

D) Bangladesh

Answer: C

Explanation: India secured its 9th Asian Games Kabaddi title by beating Iran 40-34 in the final.

