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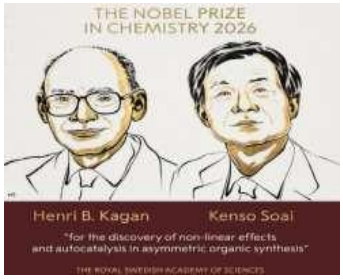
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Awards and Honours

- **Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026:** Awarded to **Henri Boris Kagan** (France) and **Kenso Soai** (Japan) for discoveries on nonlinear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.

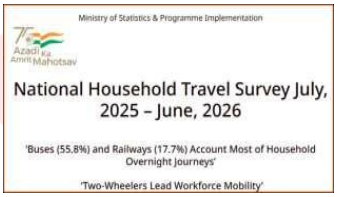


Appointments & Persons in News

- **Press Council of India (PCI) Reconstituted: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting** nominated 13 new journalists (6 editors, 7 working journalists) under the **PCI Act, 1978**.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **GST Council – 57th Meeting:** Recommended removing arrest powers for certain GST officers, raising prosecution thresholds and moving to a **faceless assessment** model, like income tax.
- **National Household Travel Survey: First-ever** survey by **MoSPI (NSO)** for July 2025–June 2026. **Buses (55.8%)** and **Railways (17.7%)** account for most overnight journeys; two-wheelers lead workforce mobility; urban workers' monthly commuting cost is higher than rural.



Science, Space & Technology, Environment

- **Environmental-Economic Accounts Strategy (2026–30):** Released by **MoSPI**; aligned with the UN **System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)** to track sustainability goals.

- **AI Public Consultation: Union IT Ministry** to issue a consultation paper on AI safety, accountability and the threat of **deepfakes**.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs



- **12th National Maritime SAREX-2026:** Conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard** off **Paradip coast, Odisha**; simulated mass-rescue operations with foreign observers.

- **PM's Call for Global Cybercrime Framework:** At the **India Mobile Congress**, the PM urged international cooperation against cross-border cyberfraud and for digital trust.

Important Days



- **World Post Day – 9 October:** Theme: *"One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities"*. Marks the founding of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** in **Bern, Switzerland (1874)**.

Miscellaneous

- **Puri Greenfield Airport Clearance: MoEFCC** granted CRZ and environmental clearances for **Shree Jagannath International Airport**, **Sipasarubali, Puri (Odisha)**; boosts the Eastern India tourism corridor (West Bengal–Odisha pilgrim circuits).

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