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Awards & Honours



- **UNEP Cool Leaders Award 2026:** Singapore, the UAE and Dong Mingzhu (Gree Electric Appliances Chairperson) received the inaugural award at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly in Singapore.



- **Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026:** Singapore Airlines was named the world's best airline; Air India ranked 57th globally, while IndiGo ranked 61st and won Best Low-Cost Airline in India and South Asia.

Appointments & Persons in News



- **Narendra Bhooshan** assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



- **Morocco:** Urban Planning Minister Fatima Zahra El Mansouri was appointed the country's first female Prime Minister.

- **Tooro Kingdom, Uganda:** Former TV anchor Edward Rukidi Kijanangoma was crowned Omukama Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I, the kingdom's 14th king.

- **CRIF Credit Information Services:** Suresh Venkatesan was appointed Whole-time Director and CEO.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare

- **PM E-DRIVE:** The Central Government highlighted the scheme to accelerate electric-vehicle adoption in India.
- **Delhi Udyog Mitra Portal:** Delhi CM Rekha Gupta launched the Ease of Doing Business portal, offering 50+ single-window clearance services across 15+ departments.

- **PLI Schemes:** DPIIT reported ₹36,754 Crore in incentives disbursed across 14 sectors since 2020; large-scale electronics manufacturing received ₹19,090.98 Crore.
- **DDU-GKY:** The rural youth skilling scheme, under the Ministry of Rural Development, completed 12 years in 2026.
- **Make in India:** The initiative completed 12 years; domestic electronics production reached ₹13.11 lakh crore and indigenous defence production ₹1.78 lakh crore, as stated in the compilation.
- **Arogya Manthan 2026:** J. P. Nadda inaugurated the event, marking 8 years of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and 5 years of ABDM; PM-JAY had facilitated over 13 crore hospital admissions.
- **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana:** The Cabinet approved a ₹53,428-crore outlay for 2026–31, with disability-pension eligibility benchmark lowered to 40% and coverage expanded to 27.48 lakh beneficiaries.

Sports & Games

- **46th Chess Olympiad, Samarkand:** 11-year-old Indian-origin Bodhana Sivanandan, representing England, became the youngest Woman Grandmaster after scoring 8 points on top board.
- **Asian Para Games 2026:** India finished fourth with a reported record 114 medals—30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.

Science, Space & Technology

- **MIRA Telescope:** Hyderabad-based EON Space Labs received an Indian patent for its 502-gram miniaturised space telescope, planned for deployment on SpaceX's Transporter-18 mission.
- **Orbital Data Centre:** TakeMe2Space announced plans for India's first networked in-orbit edge-computing satellite constellation aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9.
- **Cybersecurity CoE:** Tata Communications established a Centre of Excellence in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics at SASTRA Deemed University, Thanjavur.
- **Seva First Innovation Challenge:** Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched its South Zone edition at IISc Bengaluru to promote grassroots innovation across five southern states.
- **Deep-Space Nuclear Power:** ISRO invited proposals for a 100-watt Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator (RTG) for future deep-space and lunar-habitat missions.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **India–EFTA TEPA:** Swiss President Guy Parmelin announced a state visit to mark the agreement's first anniversary; TEPA targets $100 billion in investment in India over 15 years.
- **UNESCO Tentative List 2026:** India reportedly added five cultural sites, taking its Tentative List total to 78.



- **SCO National Coordinators' Meeting:** The meeting was held in Islamabad under Pakistan's 2026–27 chairship; India was represented by Joint Secretary Alok Dimri.
- **RBI WMA Committee:** The I. S. N. Prasad Committee recommended raising states' aggregate Ways and Means Advances limit by 11.2% to ₹67,839 crore and reducing the OD limit from 14 to 10 consecutive days.
- **Minority Affairs MoUs:** The Ministry signed agreements with IIM Bangalore's NSRCEL and IIT Madras's CUBE for third-party monitoring of PM VIKAS and PMJVK.

Books, Authors & Important Days

- **International Day of Older Persons (1 October):** The UN-observed day's 2026 theme was given as "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives".
- **International Coffee Day (1 October):** The 2026 theme was given as "Coffee is Part of the Solution".
- **World Vegetarian Day (1 October):** Observed to promote vegetarian diets, plant-based nutrition and animal welfare.

Miscellaneous

- **UPSC Centenary:** The UPSC marked 100 years since its first constitution on 1 October 1926; the Pratibha Setu initiative connects non-recommended candidates with employers.

Mandar GI Tag: Jharkhand's traditional folk musical instrument, Mandar, reportedly received a Geographical Indication tag.



- **Kaladi:** The GI-tagged traditional artisan dairy product of Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, was highlighted for commercial expansion.
- **Victim Rights Centre:** CJI Justice Surya Kant reportedly inaugurated India's first Victim Rights Centre in Patna, Bihar.
- **Index of Industrial Production:** MoSPI reported IIP growth of 6.0% year-on-year in August 2026.

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- **Yuva Shakti Bharosa Card / Bhorsha Karmasuchi:** West Bengal's announced scheme provides ₹3,000 monthly to eligible unemployed graduates and ₹2,000 to other eligible unemployed youth aged 21–45 from families with annual income below ₹1 lakh.

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