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Executive Summary of the Day

Welcome to the Daily Master Current Affairs! Today's digest covers essential updates spanning National Affairs (Birkbeck Campus, Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan, BRICS Meetings, NITI Aayog), International Affairs (UNESCO Tentative List, Global 6G Initiative), Banking & Finance (Coastal Bank scheduled status, GST collections, ADBTAS Mandate), Appointments, Awards, Sports, Science, and Important Days. Master these updates through the integrated MCQs and quick revision sheet to stay ahead in your banking exam preparation.



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1. National Affairs

Birkbeck, University of London Receives UGC Letter of Approval for Bengaluru Campus

Birkbeck, University of London today announced that it has received the Letter of Approval (LoA) from the University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India, granting formal clearance to establish and operate its Bengaluru campus. The LoA follows the Letter of Intent (LoI) granted to Birkbeck earlier this year and marks the final regulatory step under the UGC's 2023 regulations for Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs). The Letter of Approval confirms that the Birkbeck Bengaluru campus meets the academic, regulatory, and quality standards required of foreign universities operating in India. With this approval in hand, Birkbeck can now proceed with admissions and begin academic operations at its Bengaluru campus, located at Sattva Tech Park, a leading technology and business hub in Bengaluru. The campus will offer undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in business management and business analytics, awarded directly by the University of London and delivered under Birkbeck's academic oversight. Students will benefit from research-led teaching and an industry-connected curriculum, at tuition costs estimated to be up to 60 per cent lower than studying in the UK.

Lucknow Tops Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026 City Rankings: Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, topped the million-plus population category in the 2026 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' for its efforts to improve air quality. The city's measures included adding electric vehicles to its waste collection fleet, deploying mechanised sweepers to control road dust, and managing legacy waste. Indore, India's cleanest city, secured the second spot, while Jabalpur finished third in the million-plus cities category. Meanwhile, Chennai, Jamshedpur, Kota, Kolkata, and Madurai ranked in the bottom five in this category, while Delhi and Mumbai ranked 30th and 37th, respectively. The survey evaluates measures related to solid waste, road and construction dust, vehicular emissions, industrial emissions and particulate matter reduction. Rourkela topped the 3–10 lakh population category, while Kalinga Nagar led cities with populations below 3 lakh.

India Hosts BRICS Chief Justices' Forum in New Delhi: The Supreme Court(SC) of India, hosted the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Chief Justices' Forum held from



September 4 to 6, 2026 in New Delhi, Delhi. Chief Justice of India(CJI) Surya Kant held bilateral meetings with judicial leaders from 10 countries, focusing on judicial cooperation, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), mediation and arbitration.

Key BRICS Events:

- **14th BRICS Science Ministerial Meet:** The 14th BRICS Science Ministerial Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Union Minister of State (MoS) Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoS&T), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- **BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting:** Union Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) chaired the BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- **BRICS Friendship Cycling:** Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, MYAS and Union Minister of State (MoS) Raksha Khadse, MYAS led a BRICS Friendship Cycling Event in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- **BRICS WG Meeting on Ocean and Polar Science:** The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) as part of India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, organised the 8th Meeting of the BRICS Working Group (WG) on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology (OPST) in Goa.
- **18th BRICS Academic Forum:** India hosted the 18th BRICS Academic Forum, as part of India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, held under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability" in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

DAC Approves Rs 1.10 Lakh Crore Defence Procurement for Indian Armed Forces: In September 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD), approved capital acquisition proposals worth about Rs.1.10 lakh crore to strengthen the combat capabilities of the Indian Army (IA), Indian Navy (IN), and Indian Air Force (IAF). The approvals, granted under the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) stage, aim to enhance combat readiness while promoting self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

About Defence Acquisition Approvals:

- **IA Procurement:** The approvals include Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Reconnaissance Vehicles; High Mobility Vehicles (HMTVs); Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs); Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers (MMLs); Trawl Tanks; and the Sarvatra Bridge System.
- **IN Procurements:** The approvals include Arudhra Radars and Marine Gas Turbines (MGTs) for indigenous warship propulsion.
- **IAF Procurement:** The approvals include proposals to enhance the operational capability of



fighter aircraft, transport aircraft and helicopters, along with the Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammer (GBMPJ) and the Defence Forces Secure Access Card (DEFSAC).

NITI Aayog Launched PACT and ZET Marketplace at 5th e-FAST Summit: In September 2026, the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT) and introduced a complementary Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) marketplace at the 5th Electric-Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport (e-FAST) India Summit held in New Delhi, Delhi.

Key Highlights:

- **PACT Purpose:** The PACT aims to aggregate freight demand from shippers, Logistics Service Providers (LSPs) and other ecosystem stakeholders, converting this demand into deployment opportunities across identified freight corridors.
- **ZET Marketplace:** It is an interactive business-engagement platform connecting e-truck manufacturers, LSPs (Logistics Service Provider), CPOs (Charge Point Operator), financiers, and technology companies.

2. International Affairs

India Rejects Hague Court's Indus Waters Treaty Ruling: India rejected the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling concerning the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan. The Court of Arbitration, the world's oldest permanent forum for international dispute, further said that India had no justification for ending or suspending the agreement and that the treaty between the two subcontinent arch-rivals remained fully in force.

Bihar, Jharkhand sign MoU for sharing of Sone river water: Bihar and Jharkhand signed a Memorandum of Understanding for sharing of Sone river water. The agreement was signed by Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary and his Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil. This agreement will provide irrigation water to lakhs of farmers in large rural areas of Bihar and Jharkhand, along with drinking water for the people.

Recent Water Agreement:

- On July 7, 2026: 'Narmada Award' (Beneficiary states — Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh)
- On June 29, 2026: Yamuna Water Project.(Between Rajasthan and Haryana)



- On June 16, 2026: ‘Kishau Multipurpose Dam Project’ (Between Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand)

4th Indo-German Environmental Forum to be held in New Delhi: The 4th Indo-German Environmental Forum will be held in New Delhi to strengthen bilateral cooperation and facilitate multi-stakeholder exchange on environment and climate change. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, along with German Minister for Environment, Climate Protection, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Carsten Schneider, will co-chair the forum. Both sides will discuss key issues relating to environmental protection and climate policy to further strengthen bilateral cooperation, exchange experiences and advance practical collaboration.

About Germany:

- Capital: Berlin
- Chancellor: Friedrich Merz
- President: Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- Currency: Euro

SCO Summit 2026: Highlights: The 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held from August 31 to September 1, 2026, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Key Details:

- Host & Chair: Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov hosted the summit, marking the end of Kyrgyzstan's 2025–2026 rotating chairmanship.
- Theme: “25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity”.
- Anniversary: The event marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the SCO.
- Next Chair: Kyrgyzstan handed over the rotating chairmanship to Pakistan at the conclusion of the summit.

Key Outcomes & Agenda:

- Bishkek Declaration: Leaders signed the official Bishkek Declaration along with 27 other documents focused on regional security, trade, and connectivity.
- Stance on Terrorism: PM Modi strongly urged member states to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism and stated there is “no place for double standards on terrorism”.
- Support for Iran: The SCO backed Iran's right to develop peaceful nuclear energy and slammed ongoing foreign attacks and sanctions against the member state.



India's 4 More Heritage Sites Added to UNESCO Tentative List, taking India's total to 73: In September 2026, the Permanent Delegation of India to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) announced the inclusion of 4 new Indian cultural heritage sites, namely Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble (Assam), the Colonial Penal Settlement (Andaman Islands), Nicobarese Cultural Continuity (in the Central Group of Nicobar Islands), and the Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan), in the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention (WHC). Category: Cultural. With this, the total number of Indian sites on the tentative list increases to 73 (including 53 under Cultural category, 3 under Mixed Category and 17 under Natural Category).

Key Details of Sites:

- **Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble:** Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble, a pre-modern urban and cultural landscape is located in the Sivasagar district of Assam, which is about 360 kilometer (km) North-East (NE) of Guwahati, the capital city of the state.
- **Colonial Penal Settlement:** It was introduced in Andaman Islands after the 1857 uprisings, comprises 4 historically connected sites: Chatham Island; Viper Island; Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (NSCB) Island; and Cellular Jail.
- **Nicobarese Cultural Continuity:** Located in Nicobar district, also called as "Nancowry group of islands", comprising 7 islands: Trinket, Katchal, Chowra, Teressa, Kamorta, Nancowrie, and Bompoka islands.
- **Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati:** These haveli towns are mainly located in the semi-arid Shekhawati region in the northern Rajasthan, spanning across 3 districts: Sikar, Jhunjhunu, and Churu.

India Joins 'Global 6G Initiative' with USA and 24 Nations to Boost Secure Next-Gen Networks: In September 2026, India, through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), joined a global sixth-generation 6G initiative 'Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security' with the United States of America (USA) and 24 countries to strengthen international collaboration to build secure, interoperable, and innovation-driven next-generation telecom networks. The decision followed a meeting between Union Minister of State (MoS) Jitin Prasada, MoC&I and USA Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA, on the sidelines of the Group of Twenty (G20) Innovation Ministerial.

About India's Participation at Global 6G Initiative:

- **Framework:** India joined the Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security, led by USA's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), as the 26th country



committing to collaborative efforts for 6G development over the coming years.

- **IndiaVision:** India is advancing its domestic ambitions through the Bharat 6G Mission, aiming to establish itself as a global hub for 6G intellectual property, telecom products, and affordable solutions by 2030.
- **G20Role:** At the G20 Innovation Ministerial, India reaffirmed its commitment to partnerships in emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), and robotics for economic growth.

3. Banking, Finance & Economy Updates

RBI gives scheduled bank status for Coastal Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially granted Scheduled Bank status to Coastal Local Area Bank Limited by including it in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934. This milestone makes the Vijayawada-headquartered institution the first Local Area Bank (LAB) in India to achieve this status, making it Andhra Pradesh's only scheduled bank.

Historical Overview:

- Established in 1999 as India's first Local Area Bank
- Provided continuous regional banking services for over 26 years
- Headquartered in Vijayawada with a major presence in Telugu states

Advantages of Scheduled Status:

- Liquidity and Refinance Access
- Right to access the Reserve Bank of India liquidity facilities
- Participation rights in overnight money market operations
- Refinance support access from institutions like NABARD and the National Housing Bank

Expansion & Growth Plans:

- Operational network currently covering 57 branches across 12 districts
- RBI clearance received to open 13 additional branches
- Geographic expansion approved into Vizianagaram, Prakasam, and Khammam districts
- Management aims to lower the cost of deposits and boost institutional deposits



India's GDP grows better than expected at 7.8% in April-June: India's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 7.8% in the first quarter of the current financial year, driven by robust expansion in services and manufacturing sector, despite disruptions caused in the global economy due to the West Asia conflict. Powered by strong manufacturing and services sector growth, India remained one of the fastest growing major economies, with China expanding 4.3 per cent and Indonesia growing 5.3 per cent in the June quarter. India's economy had grown 6.9 per cent in the June quarter of last financial year. The gross value added (GVA) growth print at 8.2 per cent for Q1 was higher than real gross domestic product (GDP) growth, signalling subsidies outstripped indirect taxes during the quarter. Nominal GDP grew at 10.3 per cent in the June quarter against 9.1 per cent in the preceding March quarter of FY26, indicating towards built up in inflationary pressure.

GST collections jump 14.8% to Rs 1.99 lakh crore in August 2026: India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections witnessed a significant rise to ₹1,99,853 crore, registering a 8% year-on-year increase compared with ₹1,74,116 crore collected in August 2025. GST revenue from domestic transactions rose 9.3% to ₹1.37 lakh crore, while revenue from imports jumped 29% to ₹62,604 crore during the month. The Central GST (CGST) collection stood at ₹38,413 crore, while State GST (SGST) collections were ₹46,316 crore. Integrated GST (IGST) collections stood at over ₹1.15 lakh crore.

GST Collection of Previous Months:

- January 2026 – ₹1.93 lakh crore
- February 2026 – ₹1.83 Lakh Crore
- March 2026 – ₹2 lakh crore
- April 2026 – ₹2.42 lakh crore
- May 2026 – ₹1.94 lakh crore
- June 2026– ₹1.95 lakh crore
- July 2026- ₹2.11 Lakh Crore

ADB Signs First TAS Mandate in India with MP for Renewable Energy PPP Projects: On 7 September 2026, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with the Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP) to facilitate the development of renewable energy Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects and attract private investment of up to USD 1 billion in the state. The agreement was signed in Bhopal(MP) by Mio Oka, Country Director for India, ADB in the presence of Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister (CM), MP.



About TAS Agreement:

- **Framework:** The TAS agreement enables ADB to serve as a Transaction Advisor for PPP-based renewable energy projects in MP, providing support in project preparation, structuring, procurement frameworks, bankable tender development, and mobilisation of private investment.
- **Objective:** The initiative aims to strengthen renewable energy infrastructure, promote private-sector participation, enhance energy security and grid stability, and develop scalable clean-energy investment models.
- **Deployment:** The project pipeline includes a solar power generation facility integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Shajapur, MP.

Bandhan Bank & Mastercard Launches Credit Card Business with Four-Tier Portfolio: In September 2026, Bandhan Bank Limited, in partnership with Mastercard, launched its credit card portfolio featuring four variants: Sparks, Ignite, Flare and Lumina, targeting diverse customer segments with digital-first application and lifestyle-based benefits.

About Bandhan Bank Credit Card:

- **Features:** The cards provide benefits across categories such as grocery, apparel, travel, dining, entertainment and international spending, with tier-based rewards and privileges.
- **Variants:** Sparks targets everyday spending, Ignite focuses on travel and rewards, Flare offers travel and lifestyle perks, while Lumina provides premium benefits including concierge and airport services.
- **Technology:** All cards operate on the Mastercard network and support a digital-first application process alongside traditional branch-based onboarding.
- **Bandhan Bank:** Commencing operations as a universal bank on 23 August 2015, it is headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal (WB) and is led by Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Partha Pratim Sengupta.

MoF Secures USD 1 billion IFC funding to Boost Long-term MSME Credit: In September 2026, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) secured USD 1 billion in funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to help banks and Financial Institutions (FIs) in India to provide more long-term credit to small businesses. This new funding complements the existing credit support available to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector through the Government of India (GoI)'s Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECGLS).



Key Details:

- **Fund:** USD 500 million has been already provided to the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) by IFC from its resources, while the remaining USD 500 million will be raised through SIDBI's lender syndicate.
- **Swapped into INR:** By using the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s special swap window, the credit facility has been swapped into Indian Rupee (INR).
- **Target MSME Sectors:** The credit facility will focus on MSMEs sectors across manufacturing and services value chain, including, auto and auto-components, engineering goods, electronics, textiles, food processing, and other employment-intensive sectors.
- **Utilizations of funds by SIDBI:** A major portion of the funding will be directly on-lent by SIDBI to MSMEs for a maximum period of 7 years, with a suitable moratorium, primarily to support machinery acquisition, modernization, and business expansion. In addition, SIDBI has been authorized to use the funds to lend to FIs, particularly to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

About SIDBI: Established in 1990, SIDBI is the apex financial institution, developed for the promotion, financing and development of the MSME sector in India, with headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Currently Manoj Mittal serves as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD).

Adani Defence Signs 5-Year Ammunition Supply Pact for AK-203 Rifle Programme: In September 2026, Adani Defence & Aerospace and Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) signed a five-year agreement for the supply of indigenously manufactured 7.62×39 mm small-calibre ammunition for India's AK-203 assault rifle programme. The pact will provide a domestic source of ammunition and ensure continuity of supply while strengthening India's indigenous small-arms ecosystem.

Highlights of the Agreement:

- **Background:** The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract on 6 December 2021 for 6,01,427 rifles for the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Manufacturing:** The 7.62×39 mm ammunition will be manufactured at Adani Defence's ammunition facility in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, while the AK-203 rifles are manufactured by IRRPL at its Korwa facility in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- **AK-203 Programme:** The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with IRRPL in December 2021 for over 6 lakh AK-203 rifles.
- **Indigenisation:** IRRPL recently manufactured and test-fired the first 100% indigenous AK-203,



named 'Sher', using Indian components and input materials.

- **Features:** The 7.62×39 mm gas-operated AK-203 can fire 700 rounds per minute and has an effective range of up to 800 metres(m). The Indian military is inducting the rifles to replace ageing Indian Small Arms System(INSAS) rifles.

4. Appointments & Resignations

Asian Paints names Leo Puri as next chairman: Asian Paints Ltd on 7 September appointed financial services veteran Leo Puri as an additional independent director and designated him chairman of the board with effect from January 23, 2027, setting the stage for a leadership transition at India's largest paint maker amid intensifying competition and regulatory scrutiny. Puri will succeed R. Seshasayee, whose term as an independent director ends on January 22, 2027. Seshasayee has chaired the Asian Paints board since October 1, 2023.

John Ternus succeeds Tim Cook as Apple CEO after 15 years: John Ternus has officially taken over as the chief executive officer of Apple, succeeding Tim Cook, who ended a 15-year tenure leading the tech giant. Ternus, who took the helm on 1st September, had been serving as the senior vice president for hardware engineering at the Cupertino, California-based company since 2021.

Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected as Secretary-General of APPU for Second Term: In September 2026, Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh, a 1988-batch officer of the Indian Postal Service(IPoS), was re-elected as Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) for a second consecutive 4 -year term. He was elected unopposed by acclamation at the 14th APPU Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand on 4 September 2026, with his second term scheduled from January 2027 to December 2030.

About Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh:

- **Career:** He has held key positions including Member of the Postal Services Board, Senior Deputy Director General (DDG) and Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in the Department of Posts (DoP), Chief Postmaster General of the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Circle, and Chief General Manager (CGM) at India Post Headquarters. His career includes assignments with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Afghanistan, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), and the Army Postal Service Corps.
- **First Term:** He first assumed charge as APPU Secretary-General in January 2023 after being elected at the 13th APPU Congress in 2022.



DoSJ&E Appointed Bhagwat Prasad Makwana as Chairperson of NCSK: In September 2026, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoJ&E) which works under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E), appointed Bhagwat Prasad Makwana as the Chairperson of the of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK). Apart from the Chairperson, DoSJ&E has appointed a Vice-Chairperson and three members to the Commission, with these appointments effective until March 31, 2028, aligning with the remaining tenure of the current Commission.

Key Details of Appointments:

- Vice-Chairperson: Kaishab Bihari, a farmer from Odisha, has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the commission. He has been actively engaged in the work relating to the welfare and upliftment of SC, Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other disadvantaged sections of society.
- Members: Also, DoSJ&E appointed Manoj Kumar Balmiki, who has previously served as a Member of the State Safai Karamchari Commission, for Uttar Pradesh (UP) government (from 2019 to 2022); Sushma Gaudiyal, a Professor in the Department of Hindi at Bareilly College, Bareilly(UP); and Ravi Ramu Kalose, a retired municipal Engineer, have been appointed as members of the NCSK.

5. Awards

72nd national film awards 2026: President Droupadi Murmu will present the 72nd National Film Awards on 22nd September at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat. In a major policy initiative, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has decided to hold National Film Awards in various parts of the country taking it beyond the National Capital. The ceremony at Ekta Nagar this year will bring together cinematic talent from across India, embody the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. The 72nd National Film Awards will witness a historic change as the ceremony is set to take place outside New Delhi for the first time since its inception. Shifting from the long-standing tradition, the event is going to be held at Gujarat's Ekta Nagar, formerly known as Kevadia.

Winners List:

- Best Feature Film: Article 370 (Hindi)
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Kalki 2898 AD (Telugu)
- Best Actor (Joint): Mammooty for Bramayugam (Malayalam) and Kartik Aaryan for Chandu Champion (Hindi)
- Best Actress: Yami Gautam for Article 370 (Hindi)



- Best Direction: Rajkumar Periasamy for Amaran (Tamil)
- Best Debut Director: Randeep Hooda for Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (Hindi)
- Best Direction: Rajkumar Periasamy for Amaran.
- Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social and Environmental Values: Captain Miller.
- Best Children's Film: 35 – Chinna Katha Kaadu.
- Best Non-Feature Film: Bhangaar.
- Best Documentary: Ram-Nami.
- Best Film Critic: Sanjeev Shrivastava (Hindi).
- Best Book on Cinema: Naaniruvude Nimagaagi Naadiruvude Nanagaagi: Kannada Cinemada Thathva matthu Rajakeeya by Kenchanuru Pradeep Kumar Shetty.

Regional and Special Winners:

- Best Hindi Film: Srikanth
- Best Tamil Film: Rayan
- Best Malayalam Film: Feminist Fathima (or Fathima)
- Best Kannada Film: Mithya
- Best Marathi Film: Mukkam Post Bombilwaadi
- Best Non-Feature Film: Bhangaar

68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026: The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation announced the winners of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026, honouring three Asian personalities for their outstanding contributions to society. The awardees include Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh) and Bo Kyi (Myanmar).

- Tommy Koh (Singapore): Recognized for his remarkable six-decade career in shaping international agreements, public diplomacy, and international law.
- Runa Khan (Bangladesh): Honored for her vision and tenacity in leading the organization Friendship, helping marginalized and impoverished coastal communities.
- Bo Kyi (Myanmar): Celebrated for his lifelong defense of human rights, justice, and accountability against oppression

Theme 2026: "A World for All".

About Award: The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1958, honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to human development in Asia and globally, addressing complex societal issues. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is considered one of Asia's most prestigious honours and is often referred to as "Asia's Nobel Prize."



Gujarat-born scientist Karim Maredia to receive Borlaug CAST Communication Award:

Indian-American agricultural scientist Karim Maredia has been named for the Borlaug CAST Communication Award, given in honour of Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug, who pioneered the Green Revolution. The award, given by the Iowa-based Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), will be conferred on Maredia, professor, associate dean and director of the World Agriculture Centre at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, at the Library of Congress here on December 10.

6. Sports

After 20 years, India back in AFC U20 Asian Cup: India's return to the AFC U-20 Asian Cup after a 20-year absence offers the country's emerging footballers a chance to compete against Asia's leading youth teams and potentially move closer to the FIFA U20 World Cup. India secured qualification for the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 with a 3-0 win over Bangladesh in Tashkent on September 6. The victory took India to six points in Group B and secured their place as one of the seven best runners-up from the eight qualifying groups. India last featured in the continental U20 championship in 2006. Their qualification for the 2027 edition marks a return to the competition after 21 years and ends a prolonged period in which the country's youth teams struggled to reach the finals consistently.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Win China Masters Title 2026: Indian badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the China Masters 2026 men's doubles title in Shenzhen on September 6, 2026, staging a strong comeback in the final to clinch the crown. Satwik and Chirag, ranked fifth in the world, defeated China's He Jiting and Ren Xiangyu 11-21, 21-13, 21-17 in a match lasting an hour and ten minutes, to lift the BWF Super 750 title. This win made them the first Indian pair to win the China Masters since the tournament began in 2005, a huge milestone in Indian badminton history.

About India's Victory at China Masters:

- **Historic Win:** Satwik-Chirag secured their maiden China Masters title after finishing runners-up in 2023 and 2025.
- **Prize Money:** The pair received USD 92,500 (around Rs 87.4 lakh). The tournament carried a total prize purse of USD 1.25 million.
- **2026 Season:** The victory marked their second title of 2026, following the Singapore Open Super 750, and their 10th Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour title.



- **Impact:** The victory extended Satwik-Chirag's head-to-head record against He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu to 3–0 and came ahead of the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, where the Indian pair will compete as defending champions.

About Satwik-Chirag: Satwik-Chirag won men's doubles gold at the 2022 Asian Games and 2022 Commonwealth Games, the 2023 Badminton Asia Championships title, and bronze at the 2022 BWF World Championships. In 2023, they became the first Indian Men's Doubles pair to achieve World No.1 ranking. Both are recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

Argentina legend Lionel Messi retires from international football: Lionel Messi, who captained Argentina to World Cup victory in 2022 and the final in 2026, is retiring from international football. The record eight-time Ballon d'Or winner is his country's record appearance maker and scorer, with 125 goals in 207 games, having transformed a complicated relationship with the national team into a story of redemption and triumph. Messi, who will continue to play at club level with Inter Miami in Major League Soccer, Messi's contract with Major League Soccer club Inter Miami runs until the end of the 2028 season.

Spain Footballer Marcos Llorente Retires From International Football: In September 2026, Spain footballer Marcos Llorente announced his retirement from international football at the age of 31 years after winning the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup 2026, having represented Spain in 27 matches since his debut in November 2020.

About Marcos Llorente:

- **Profile:** Marcos Llorente Moreno (born 30 January 1995) is a Spanish professional footballer who plays as a midfielder or right-back for Atlético Madrid, developed at Real Madrid with a loan spell at Alavés before joining Atlético in 2019.
- **Career:** He won La Liga 2020–21 with Atlético Madrid and earlier secured the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Champions League 2017–18 and Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Club World Cup titles in 2017 and 2018 with Real Madrid.
- **International:** He debuted for Spain in 2020, earned 27 caps, featured in UEFA Euro 2020 and FIFA World Cups (2022, 2026), and made three appearances in the 2026 FIFA World Cup including the semifinal.



7. Science

German space rocket reaches orbit in Europe's first commercial launch: German startup Isar Aerospace on 6 September said it would rapidly expand satellite deployments after the first orbital launch of its Spectrum rocket from Arctic Norway, a milestone for Europe's efforts to secure independent access to space. The uncrewed Spectrum became the first commercial rocket to reach orbit from continental Europe, marking a breakthrough for a region where several countries are seeking a foothold in the fast-growing market for satellite launches.

8. Obituary

Award-winning Malayalam Filmmaker R Sarath Dies At 65: Award-winning Malayalam filmmaker and cultural researcher R. Sarath passed away at the age of 65 on September 7, 2026, at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. R Sarath was regarded as a filmmaker who made a distinct contribution to Malayalam cinema while also remaining involved in Kerala's wider social and cultural sphere. His career included feature films, short films and documentaries, with several of his works earning recognition at the state, national and international levels.

Jharkhand Minister Sudivya Kumar Sonu Passed Away: In September 2026, Sudivya Kumar Sonu, Jharkhand's Minister for Urban Development, Higher and Technical Education Minister, passed away at the age of 56 in Giridih, Jharkhand. He was born on 26 July 1970 in Giridih, Bihar(present day Giridih, Jharkhand).

About Sudivya Kumar Sonu:

- **Profile:** He was a Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader and two-term Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Giridih(2019, 2024), serving as a Cabinet Minister in the Jharkhand government. He was known for his key role in governance and political negotiations in the state.
- **Career:** He won the Giridih Assembly seat in 2019 and retained it in 2024, becoming the first JMM legislator from the constituency to be made a minister in over two decades.
- **Responsibilities:** He handled key portfolios including Urban Development and Housing, Higher and Technical Education, and Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, overseeing major sectors and promoting tourism initiatives.



9. Books & Authors

VP C. P. Radhakrishnan Releases Books on 'Bhupen Hazarika' and 'Assamese Lexicography':

In September 2026, Vice-President (VP) C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book "Bhupen Hazarika: Hundred Years of a Wandering Songs," edited by Ankuran Dutta and Nani Gopal Mahanta, during the foundation-stone-laying ceremony for Rs 110 crore worth of infrastructure development projects at Gauhati University, Assam. He also released the 5th revised and enlarged edition of 'Chandrakanta Abhidhan', an important work of Assamese lexicography.

About Released Books:

- **Book:** The book highlights the life, musical journey and cultural legacy of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, popularly known as the "Bard of Brahmaputra," and commemorates his birth centenary. He was honoured with the Bharat Ratna (posthumously) in 2019, Padma Vibhushan in 2012 in the field of Arts, and Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1992.
- **Chandrakanta Abhidhan:** Published by the Gauhati University Press, the revised edition strengthens Assamese language development and preservation by providing expanded linguistic resources for students, researchers, and language enthusiasts.

10. Important Days

10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD): World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on September 10 to raise global awareness and share the message that suicide is preventable. Established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH). Purpose: To serve as a call to action for governments, organizations, and the general public to reduce stigma, promote open dialogue, and implement evidence-based suicide prevention strategies. The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day 2026 is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with the call to action.

World Coconut Day: 2 September 2026: World Coconut Day is observed annually on 2 September. The day commemorates the establishment of the organisation that is called the International Coconut Community (ICC) and seeks to increase awareness about the contribution of coconut cultivation and coconut-based industries to livelihoods and sustainable development. The Asian Coconut Community (ACC) was established on 2 September 1969 under the aegis of



UN-ESCAP. In 1975, it became known as the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC). Theme 2026: “Coconut in Times of Uncertainty: Securing Food, Energy and Livelihoods”

11. State News

Assam Govt Signs MoUs with 6 Organisations to Integrate AI in School Education: In September 2026, the Samagra Shiksha, Government of Assam, signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with six organisations to introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital technology and innovative learning solutions in the state’s school education system. The partner organisations are Google AI, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)–Bodhan AI, Life Education and Health Services (LEHS)–Wadhwani AI, Educate Girls, EkStep Foundation–AXL, and Canva Education.

Key Areas of Collaboration:

- Google AI: Focuses on AI-enabled teaching, teacher training and digital skills, including the use of AI-powered education tools.
- IIT Madras–Bodhan AI: Aims to train around 1 lakh teachers of Classes VI–XII by May 2027 to improve AI proficiency.
- LEHS–Wadhwani AI: Uses AI-based assessment tools to identify learning gaps and strengthen foundational literacy.
- Educate Girls: Supports identification, enrolment and retention of out-of-school adolescents, especially girls and vulnerable groups.
- EkStep–AXL: Promotes AI-assisted personalised learning in foundational literacy and numeracy.
- Canva Education: Focuses on digital literacy, creativity, design thinking and innovation among teachers and students.



12. Daily MCQs for Practice (Top 15)

Q1. Which city topped the million-plus population category in the 2026 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan'?

- a. A) Indore
- b. B) Lucknow
- c. C) Jabalpur
- d. D) Delhi

Answer: B) Lucknow

Q2. Which bank became the first Local Area Bank (LAB) to be included in the Second Schedule under the RBI Act, 1934?

- a. A) Subhadra Local Area Bank
- b. B) Coastal Local Area Bank
- c. C) Capital Local Area Bank
- d. D) Krishna Bhima Samruddhi LAB

Answer: B) Coastal Local Area Bank

Q3. The Ministry of Finance secured USD 1 billion in funding from which organization to boost long-term MSME credit?

- a. A) World Bank
- b. B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- c. C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- d. D) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Answer: D) International Finance Corporation (IFC)



Q4. How many new cultural heritage sites from India were added to the UNESCO Tentative List, taking India's total to 73?

- a. A) 2
- b. B) 4
- c. C) 6
- d. D) 8

Answer: B) 4

Q5. Who has been named for the Borlaug CAST Communication Award?

- a. A) M.S. Swaminathan
- b. B) Karim Maredia
- c. C) Runa Khan
- d. D) Tommy Koh

Answer: B) Karim Maredia

Q6. Which institution launched the Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT)?

- a. A) RBI
- b. B) SEBI
- c. C) NITI Aayog
- d. D) Ministry of Environment

Answer: C) NITI Aayog

Q7. The ADB signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with which state government?

- a. A) Gujarat
- b. B) Maharashtra
- c. C) Madhya Pradesh
- d. D) Karnataka

Answer: C) Madhya Pradesh



Q8. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)?

- a. A) Manoj Kumar Balmiki
- b. B) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
- c. C) Kaishab Bihari
- d. D) Sushma Gaudiyal

Answer: B) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana

Q9. Which Indian badminton pair became the first to clinch the China Masters Men's Doubles Title?

- a. A) Kidambi Srikanth & Lakshya Sen
- b. B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty
- c. C) B. Sai Praneeth & HS Prannoy
- d. D) MR Arjun & Dhruv Kapila

Answer: B) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty

Q10. Who was re-elected as Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)?

- a. A) Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh
- b. B) Manoj Mittal
- c. C) Partha Pratim Sengupta
- d. D) Dr. Jitendra Singh

Answer: A) Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh

Q11. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on which date?

- a. A) 5 September
- b. B) 7 September
- c. C) 10 September
- d. D) 15 September

Answer: C) 10 September



Q12. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement proposals worth how much?

- a. A) ₹50,000 crore
- b. B) ₹75,000 crore
- c. C) ₹1.10 lakh crore
- d. D) ₹1.50 lakh crore

Answer: C) ₹1.10 lakh crore

Q13. Which state government signed MoUs with six organisations to integrate AI in school education?

- a. A) Kerala
- b. B) Tamil Nadu
- c. C) Assam
- d. D) Karnataka

Answer: C) Assam

Q14. Where will the 72nd National Film Awards be held this year, shifting from New Delhi?

- a. A) Mumbai
- b. B) Chennai
- c. C) Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
- d. D) Kolkata

Answer: C) Ekta Nagar, Gujarat



Q15. The book “Bhupen Hazarika: Hundred Years of a Wandering Songs” celebrates the legacy of which prominent figure?

- a. A) Lata Mangeshkar
- b. B) Kishore Kumar
- c. C) Dr. Bhupen Hazarika
- d. D) Jagjit Singh

Answer: C) Dr. Bhupen Hazarika



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1. Economy & Finance:

- **GST Collections:** ₹1.99 lakh crore in August 2026.
- **IFC Funding:** USD 1 billion secured to boost MSME credit (via SIDBI).
- **Coastal LAB:** First Local Area Bank to get scheduled bank status from RBI.
- **NITI Aayog:** Launched PACT and ZET Marketplace.
- **Bandhan Bank:** Launched new credit card portfolio (Sparks, Ignite, Flare, Lumina).

2. Defence & Diplomacy:

- **DAC Approvals:** ₹1.10 lakh crore defence procurement approved.
- **BRICS:** Hosted Chief Justices' Forum in New Delhi, Science Meet in Chennai, Sports Meet in Visakhapatnam.
- **Global 6G Initiative:** India joined with USA and 24 other nations.
- **UNESCO:** 4 new Indian sites added to Tentative List (Rangpur-Sivasagar, Colonial Penal Settlement, Nicobarese Cultural Continuity, Painted Haveli Towns).

3. Appointments, Sports & Other News:

- **APPU:** Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh re-elected as Secretary-General.
- **NCSK:** Bhagwat Prasad Makwana appointed as Chairperson.
- **China Masters (Badminton):** Satwik-Chirag won Men's Doubles title.
- **Assam:** Integrating AI in school education via MoUs with Google AI, IIT Madras, etc.
- **Important Day:** World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept 10 ("Changing the Narrative on Suicide").

