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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 (TIME100 AI List, APNIC 62), International Affairs (Global 6G, World Knowledge Forum), Banking & Finance (SBI CETA Desk, ADB Mandate, Bandhan Bank Cards), Science (US-India TRUST Fellowship), Appointments, Awards, and Important Days. Master these updates through the integrated MCQs and quick revision sheet to stay ahead in your banking exam preparation.

1. National Affairs

Sarvam AI Co-founder Vivek Raghavan named among TIME's top 100 AI leaders

The Co-founder of Sarvam AI, Vivek Raghavan, has been named to TIME magazine's TIME100 AI 2026 list of the world's 100 most influential leaders in artificial intelligence. Vivek Raghavan was involved in building Aadhaar, a biometric identification system that consists of a 12-digit unique identity number which residents of India can obtain voluntarily based on their place of residence, biometric and demographic data.

APNIC 62 Hosted by NIXI and ISPAI in Mumbai: The 62nd APNIC Conference (APNIC 62) is being held in Mumbai in September 2026 to discuss AI, cybersecurity and future-ready Internet infrastructure. Hosted by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the Internet Service



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Providers Association of India (ISPAI) with the support of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Government of Maharashtra, APNIC 62 is organized by the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), the region's not-for-profit Internet number registry. The event will bring together technical experts, network operators, policymakers and leaders from the Internet community to examine some of the most significant challenges and opportunities shaping the Internet's future. This includes AI-powered services, network automation, cybersecurity, routing security and Internet governance issues.

2. International Affairs

India joins US, 24 other nations in global initiative to shape next-generation 6G networks: India has joined a global coalition spearheaded by the United States to advance the development of 6G wireless technology. The partnership, which includes 25 nations, aims to align national strategies for 6G and ensure that next-generation networks reflect shared security interests. The initiative was discussed during the G20 Innovation Ministerial, while India has set an ambitious goal of becoming a leading contributor to 6G design, development and deployment by 2030.

Seoul Hosts 27th World Knowledge Forum: The 27th World Knowledge Forum commenced in Seoul, uniting international political figures, scientists, technology innovators, and business executives to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is shaping the future of humanity. This three-day event is being held at The Shilla Seoul and Jangchung Arena, revolving around the theme, "The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order." Political leaders, business executives, academics and technology experts are discussing AI, human-machine collaboration and cybersecurity.



3. Banking, Finance & Economy Updates

SBI launches CETA Facilitation desk to boost India-UK trade

The State Bank of India (SBI) launched the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Facilitation Desk through its UK operations and London Branch in late August 2026.

- **Purpose:** Help businesses in India and the UK maximize the benefits of lower tariffs and new market access from the India–UK CETA, which came into force on July 15, 2026.
- **Services Offered:** Tailored banking solutions, export finance, bill discounting, market-entry support, and buyer-industry connectivity.
- **Broader Goal:** Support the bilateral goal of doubling the current annual trade between India and the UK by FY2030.

ADB Signs First Transaction Advisory Services Mandate in India with Madhya Pradesh: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed its first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate in India with the Madhya Pradesh Government on 7 September 2026. The objective is to develop renewable-energy projects through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). The projects could attract up to US\$1 billion in private investment. ADB will assist in project preparation, financial structuring, procurement and tender development. A solar power facility with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Shajapur is among the projects being developed.

Bandhan Bank launches new credit card range in partnership with Mastercard: Bandhan Bank has entered the credit card segment with the launch of four card variants in partnership with Mastercard. The portfolio includes Sparks, Ignite, Flare and Lumina, aimed at different spending and customer segments. The cards offer rewards and benefits across categories such as grocery, apparel, travel, dining, entertainment and international spending. The bank said customers can apply for the cards through a digital-first process and access card servicing online.

4. Appointments

Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected as Secretary-General of Asian-Pacific Postal Union for Second Term: Vinaya Prakash Singh, an officer of the 1988 batch of the Indian Postal Service, has



been re-elected unopposed as the Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU). This mandate was secured by acclamation during the 14th APPU Congress held in Bangkok on September 4, 2026. His second term is set to commence in January 2027 and will conclude in December 2030.

About the APPU:

- Headquartered in Bangkok, the APPU serves as a Regional Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which is the specialized agency of the United Nations for the postal sector.
- The organization currently comprises 32 member countries committed to fostering regional cooperation and the modernization of postal services.

5. Awards

Kishore Makwana Wins APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Award 2026: National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairman Shri Kishor Makwana will receive the “ APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026” for the Commission’s dedicated service to the country and its important work in the field of social justice. The award recognises the NCSC’s work to protect the rights and interests of Scheduled Caste communities and to promote justice, dignity, equality and social empowerment.



6. Science

US-India TRUST Fellowship Supports Science Research Collaboration

The US-India TRUST Fellowship was officially launched in Bengaluru by U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor to deepen technology and research cooperation between the two countries.

- **Full Name:** Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology (TRUST)
- **Objective:** Support up to 20 U.S. postdoctoral researchers and early-career faculty for 12-month collaborative research projects at premier Indian institutions.
- **Core Research Areas:** Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, energy, space, and defense.
- **Host Institutions:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

India, Sweden aim to leverage AI and emerging tech to foster innovation: India and Sweden aim to leverage AI and emerging technologies to strengthen innovation, enterprise adoption and technology-led growth, while fostering responsible and trusted AI ecosystems. Sweden brings deep industrial, research, and advanced manufacturing expertise, while India offers unmatched scale, digital public infrastructure, and a vast pool of AI talent and testing environments. The IndiaAI Mission held a bilateral dialogue here with a delegation from Sweden under the Sweden-India Technology and AI Corridor (SITAC).

About Sweden:

- Capital: Stockholm
- Prime minister: Ulf Kristersson
- Currency: Swedish Krona



7. Important Days

September 11: National Forest Martyrs Day: National Forest Martyrs Day is observed annually on September 11 in India to honor the brave forest guards, rangers, and community members who sacrifice their lives to protect the country's forests, wildlife, and environment. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change officially declared September 11 as National Forest Martyrs Day in 2013. Theme 2026: "Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests"

8. Daily MCQs for Practice (Top 15)

Q1. Vivek Raghavan, recently named to TIME magazine's TIME100 AI 2026 list, is the co-founder of which company?

- a. A) Krutrim AI
- b. B) Sarvam AI
- c. C) Arya.ai
- d. D) Haptik

Answer: B) Sarvam AI

Q2. The 62nd APNIC Conference (APNIC 62) is being hosted in which Indian city?

- a. A) New Delhi
- b. B) Bengaluru
- c. C) Hyderabad
- d. D) Mumbai

Answer: D) Mumbai



Q3. Which country spearheaded the global coalition for 6G wireless technology that India recently joined?

- a. A) Japan
- b. B) United States
- c. C) South Korea
- d. D) Germany

Answer: B) United States

Q4. The 27th World Knowledge Forum was hosted in which city?

- a. A) Tokyo
- b. B) Seoul
- c. C) Beijing
- d. D) Singapore

Answer: B) Seoul

Q5. SBI launched a facilitation desk to boost trade related to which international agreement?

- a. A) India-UAE CEPA
- b. B) India-Australia ECTA
- c. C) India-UK CETA
- d. D) Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

Answer: C) India-UK CETA

Q6. Which state government signed the first Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) mandate with the ADB?

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

Answer: C) Madhya Pradesh



Q7. Bandhan Bank launched its new credit card range in partnership with which payment network?

- a. A) Visa
- b. B) Mastercard
- c. C) RuPay
- d. D) American Express

Answer: B) Mastercard

Q8. Where is the headquarters of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)?

- a. A) New Delhi
- b. B) Bangkok
- c. C) Manila
- d. D) Tokyo

Answer: B) Bangkok

Q9. Who was recently awarded the “APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026”?

- a. A) S. Somanath
- b. B) Kishore Makwana
- c. C) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
- d. D) Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh

Answer: B) Kishore Makwana

Q10. The US-India TRUST Fellowship focuses on deepening cooperation in which area?

- a. A) Public Health
- b. B) Technology and Research
- c. C) Arts and Culture
- d. D) Primary Education

Answer: B) Technology and Research



Q11. National Forest Martyrs Day is observed annually on which date?

- a. A) 5 September
- b. B) 8 September
- c. C) 11 September
- d. D) 15 September

Answer: C) 11 September

Q12. What does 'T' stand for in the US-India TRUST Fellowship?

- a. A) Transferring
- b. B) Transforming
- c. C) Technology
- d. D) Transitional

Answer: B) Transforming

Q13. The IndiaAI Mission held a bilateral dialogue under SITAC with which country?

- a. A) Switzerland
- b. B) Sweden
- c. C) Singapore
- d. D) South Korea

Answer: B) Sweden

Q14. What is the theme for National Forest Martyrs Day 2026?

- a. A) Forests for Future
- b. B) Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests
- c. C) Save Wildlife, Save Earth
- d. D) Green India, Clean India

Answer: B) Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests



Q15. Bandhan Bank's new credit card portfolio includes Sparks, Ignite, Flare, and:

- a. A) Glow
- b. B) Lumina
- c. C) Radiance
- d. D) Brilliance

Answer: B) Lumina



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1. Economy & Finance:

- **SBI CETA Desk:** Launched to boost India-UK trade under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.
- **ADB TAS Mandate:** Signed with Madhya Pradesh to develop renewable energy PPP projects.
- **Bandhan Bank Cards:** Launched Sparks, Ignite, Flare, and Lumina in partnership with Mastercard.

2. National & International Affairs:

- **APNIC 62:** Hosted in Mumbai to discuss AI and cybersecurity.
- **Global 6G Coalition:** India joined the US-led initiative along with 24 other nations.
- **World Knowledge Forum:** The 27th edition commenced in Seoul, focusing on AI.
- **TIME100 AI:** Sarvam AI Co-founder Vivek Raghavan featured on the list.

3. Science, Appointments & Important Days:

- **TRUST Fellowship:** US-India initiative for tech and research collaboration (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology).
- **APPU:** Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh re-elected as Secretary-General (HQ: Bangkok).
- **Awards:** Kishore Makwana won the APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026.
- **Important Day:** National Forest Martyrs Day observed on September 11 (Theme: "Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests").

