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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Union Cabinet** extended the National Social Assistance Programme, renamed **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana**, for 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of **₹53,428 crore**, revising disability-pension eligibility.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Supreme Court** directed Indian Railways to extend travel-insurance protection to **railway reservation-counter tickets** from **27 October 2026**, bringing eligible offline passengers within the insurance framework.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** A new **GST Standing Committee** will include **Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu** as permanent members, according to the government announcement, to improve tax administration and coordination.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana** completed one year on **11 October 2026**; the agriculture scheme targets **100 districts** by coordinating 36 central schemes across 11 ministries and departments.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** signed agreements with ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India under **PM-SETU** to modernise nine government ITIs in Surat and Visakhapatnam clusters with **₹440 crore** funding.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan** completed **five years on 13 October 2026**, supporting GIS-based integrated infrastructure planning across ministries, states and transport networks under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** constituted a Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being, chaired by **Justice K. V. Viswanathan**, on 11 October 2026 to examine occupational stress and welfare of judicial officers.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The Union Government approved the **DRISHTI project** with an estimated **₹65 crore** allocation for GIS-based property surveys and ownership documentation in Delhi's unauthorised colonies under PM-UDAY.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** launched **two shipbuilding credit-risk insurance products** at the Maritime State Development Council meeting in Mumbai, supporting domestic shipbuilding and export financing.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** **Lakshadweep** was declared a **100% literate Union Territory** under the ULLAS adult-literacy programme, which promotes foundational learning and lifelong education among identified non-literate adults.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Research, Development and Innovation Fund** announced its first cohort of **19 second-level fund managers**, comprising 14 Alternative Investment Funds and five Fund of Research Organisations to support research-led enterprises.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying** launched a new **Digital Brand Identity Manual-compliant website** with multilingual access, designed to make departmental services and public information easier to use.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **India Meteorological Department** introduced a **cyclone-warning and marine-weather Decision Support System** using WebGIS technology to present forecasts for cyclone tracks, rainfall, winds and storm-surge risks.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** Union Health Minister **J. P. Nadda** laid the foundation stone of the **first ICMR High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Centre** at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** The **National Statistics Office** reported an increase in **urban female labour-force participation** in the September 2026 Periodic Labour Force Survey, an important indicator of employment and workforce trends.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** **Indian Railways** reported a **6.14% year-on-year increase** in September 2026 freight loading to approximately **135.35 million tonnes**, compared with 127.52 million tonnes a year earlier.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The government circulated a **draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047** proposing **604 million tonnes** of steel-making capacity, alongside plans for demand growth, technology upgrades and reduced industrial emissions.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** formed a **seven-member committee** to examine the Hockey India League's governance, financial sustainability and measures needed to revive the competition.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** A **Boeing Sukanya STEM laboratory** and aeromodelling training centre opened at Kosala School in **Odisha's Bargarh district** to improve pupils' access to science, technology and aviation-related learning.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **University Grants Commission** issued a **Letter of Intent** on 7 October 2026 for the University of Colorado Denver's proposed degree-granting campus in **Hyderabad**, with an expected 2027 intake.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **National Statistics Office** under MoSPI signed an **MoU with Pahle India Foundation** on 8 October 2026 for collaborative research, data analysis and capacity building in official statistics.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** A **Parliamentary Standing Committee** submitted its **382nd Report** on National Testing Agency reforms on 9 October 2026, proposing stronger examination security, specialist staffing, computer-based infrastructure and grievance redressal.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Ministry of MSME** highlighted the **National SC-ST Hub** on 8 October 2026, an initiative helping Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs access public procurement, training and markets.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** reportedly interacted with India's **WorldSkills team** on 9 October 2026 to highlight vocational skills and international technical competitions; the source's competition-edition number requires confirmation.

- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** The **WWF** and Zoological Society of London highlighted a **73% average decline** in monitored vertebrate wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022 in the reported **Living Planet Report 2026**.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **57th GST Council meeting**, chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on **8 October 2026**, recommended reforms covering GST registration, refunds, adjudication and tax administration under **Article 279A**.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026** was reported as effective from **8 October 2026**, addressing service administration and IPS-deputation requirements; provisions require verification against the enacted text.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Department of Pharmaceuticals** reportedly approved a **30% trade-margin cap** for non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, with the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** overseeing medicine-price regulation.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **UIDAI** reportedly revised its **Aadhaar name-update procedure** on **18 September 2026**, differentiating minor spelling corrections from major identity changes under the Aadhaar framework.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The **Department of Commerce** established an **FTA Utilisation Cell** in October 2026 to help exporters understand tariff preferences, rules of origin and documentation under India's free-trade agreements.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** The **Stanford–Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List 2026** was reported to show **IISc Bengaluru** leading Indian institutions in included researchers, based on citation-related research indicators.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **Ministry of Science and Technology** launched redesigned multilingual websites on 9 October 2026 using **BHASHINI**, making public science information available in **22 languages**.



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2. BANKING & FINANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **Reserve Bank of India** opened a **special US-dollar window** for Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum and Bharat Petroleum and tightened selected foreign-exchange derivative rules in October 2026.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **RBI** raised the minimum daily maintenance requirement for banks' Cash Reserve Ratio balances from **90% to 99%** for the reporting fortnight beginning **16 October 2026**.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **Life Insurance Corporation of India** announced **three new insurance plans** targeting retirement income, health protection and cancer-related financial risks, with availability scheduled from 19 October 2026.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** **Karnataka Bank** launched **Trade Konnect**, a digital platform allowing customers to submit import, export and outward-remittance service requests online, with the aim of simplifying international trade transactions.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** **Federal Bank** launched the **Verto premium savings account** on 14 October 2026, targeting young professionals, executives and entrepreneurs with bundled banking and lifestyle benefits.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **National Institute of Securities Markets** announced **basic and advanced cybersecurity certifications** for professionals in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre ecosystem.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** notified a **Common Advertisement Code** permitting celebrity-led corporate branding by regulated market intermediaries while restricting endorsements of specific investment products and services.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** Renewable-energy company **ReNew** secured a **USD 100 million** debt facility from the Netherlands-based development bank FMO to finance renewable-energy projects under construction in India.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** **NSE International Exchange** and the **London Stock Exchange** signed an MoU to explore cross-border listings, trading connectivity and new exchange-traded products between India and the United Kingdom.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **Reserve Bank of India** reportedly removed **Paytm Payments Bank** from the Second Schedule to the **RBI Act, 1934** on 7 October 2026; licence and scheduled-bank status are distinct.



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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **Union Cabinet** approved a **78-day productivity-linked bonus** worth **₹2,009.61 crore** for about 11.40 lakh eligible non-gazetted railway employees, with a maximum individual payment of ₹17,951.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** reported **5.54% retail inflation** for September 2026, with rural inflation at 6.08% and food inflation at 7.74%.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **International Monetary Fund** raised its forecast for India's FY2026–27 real GDP growth to **7%** in the October 2026 World Economic Outlook, according to the weekly compilation.

- ☐ **ECONOMY** **BMI**, a unit of Fitch Solutions, raised India's FY2026–27 economic growth forecast to **7.5%** from 6.8%, citing resilient economic activity and investment momentum.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** **Adani Enterprises** and US-based Jabil signed a non-binding agreement to explore a **50:50 joint venture** for manufacturing AI and data-centre hardware in India.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **National Land Monetization Corporation** conducted its **first end-to-end electronic auction** involving land linked to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited near the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **World Bank** raised its India FY2026–27 GDP growth projection to **7.1%** from 6.6% in an October report, citing resilient domestic consumption and economic activity.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** projected **7.3% Indian growth in 2026**, as reported in the October international trade and development update.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **National Land Monetisation Corporation** conducted its **first end-to-end e-auction** of RINL land parcels in October 2026, selling **150 plots for ₹366.33 crore** in successful bids on day one.



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4. SUMMITS, MOUS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** India hosted the **first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting** in New Delhi on **13 October 2026** under Amit Shah's chairmanship; participants adopted the Delhi Declaration on regional security cooperation.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** concluded visits to **Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia** on 10 October 2026, discussing bilateral development, education, investment and research cooperation.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** India transferred **₹290 crore** to **Bhutan** to support projects under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan for **2024–2029**, reinforcing bilateral development cooperation.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** India participated in the **20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting** in **Manila, Philippines**, highlighting clean-energy development, regional power connectivity and energy security.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** The **first ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum** was held on **14 October 2026**, discussing Indo-Pacific security, strategic partnerships and collaboration among regional defence researchers.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** The Indian Navy's **INS Tarkash** joined **IBSAMAR IX**, a trilateral maritime exercise involving India, Brazil and South Africa, at Simon's Town, South Africa, during 12–22 October 2026.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** India hosted the **2026 BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Games** in **Ahmedabad** on 12 October, promoting exchanges through traditional sporting activities among participating countries.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** The **BRICS Theatre Festival 2026** opened at the National School of Drama in New Delhi on **12 October**, bringing together performances and cultural exchanges from participating nations.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** The **15th ASEAN–India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee** met at **Jakarta, Indonesia**, from 6 to 9 October 2026 to advance negotiations on modernising trade rules and market access.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** During External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar's** Ghana visit on 7 October 2026, India signed research MoUs linking **ICAR** with Ghana's CSIR-Crops Research Institute and ZSI with the University of Ghana.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** Indian National Security Adviser **Ajit Doval** and Canadian counterpart David Morrison held **security discussions in New Delhi** during 5–7 October 2026 on organised crime, cybercrime, extremism and law-enforcement cooperation.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** India joined a **15-economy ministerial statement** on 7 October 2026 concerning excess manufacturing capacity and non-market practices, discussed in the context of OECD trade cooperation.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** undertook reported **Singapore engagements** with government and business representatives to discuss investment, trade and financial-sector cooperation; the source did not identify a concluded new investment agreement.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Harivansh** led India's delegation to the reported **153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly** in **Arusha, Tanzania**, focused on parliamentary cooperation and governance.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** Indian firm **Hical Technologies** and France's Safran Aerosystems signed an **MoU on 7 October 2026** to explore making complex fuel-system components for **Rafale aircraft** near Bengaluru.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** Swiss President **Guy Parmelin** visited India during **5–7 October 2026** for talks on research and investment, including the **India–EFTA Prosperity Summit**.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** **India Post** and **Blue Dart Express** signed a **parcel-delivery partnership** on 9 October 2026 to expand rural delivery, tracking, last-mile services and e-commerce logistics.

- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** **Tata Power** and Norway's Ocean Sun agreed on 7 October 2026 to pilot a **300-kWp floating solar project** using membrane-based photovoltaic technology at Mulshi reservoir, Maharashtra.
- ☐ **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** visited **Singapore** for high-level engagements with government leaders and business representatives, discussing **economic relations and investment cooperation** between the two countries.



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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Navy** commissioned **INS Mangrol (P82)**, its third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, at **Mumbai on 12 October 2026**; Cochin Shipyard built the vessel.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers** launched **Shreyas**, Yard 3040, a Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel being built for the Indian Navy, at Kolkata on **10 October 2026**.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **INS Sahyadri**, a Shivalik-class stealth frigate, arrived at Vladivostok on 10 October for **INDRA-2026**, the India–Russia naval exercise scheduled for 13–18 October 2026.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **INS Trishul**, a Talwar-class frigate, arrived at **Plymouth, United Kingdom**, on 11 October 2026 for KONKAN-26, a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Navy.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Air Force** concluded **Tarang Shakti-2026** at Jodhpur on 12 October, a multinational air exercise under the theme **"Power in Partnership"** to improve operational interoperability.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Army** launched a **Bharat Rice food-supply initiative** with the Food Corporation of India to strengthen rice distribution to service personnel, including those in Ladakh and Northeast India.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Navy** planned to commission **INS Samarthak**, an indigenously built Multi-Purpose Vessel, on **16 October 2026** to support naval testing, operations and specialist maritime roles.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Navy** handed over command of **Combined Task Force 154** on 14 October 2026; the multinational formation focuses on maritime-security training and capacity building.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Coast Guard** inducted an indigenous **Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III** in Maharashtra to strengthen maritime surveillance, coastal security and search-and-rescue operations.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **Solar Defence and Aerospace** delivered **450 Nagastra-1R loitering munitions** to the Indian Army under an indigenous procurement programme, adding portable precision-strike unmanned systems to the Army's capabilities.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** tested **Quantum Key Distribution** on a live military network at the Proof and Experimental Establishment, Chandipur, Odisha, on **14 October 2026**.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Ministry of Defence** revised its **defence testing facilities SOP** on 7 October 2026, waiving eligible iDEX, TDF and Make project testing charges and reserving **three days quarterly** at proof ranges.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Air Force** and Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies held a **Tarang Shakti seminar** on 9 October 2026 in New Delhi on air power in modern warfare.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **IIT Ropar** awarded its first **MTech in Defence Technology degrees** to **59 officers** of the Armoured Corps Centre and School on 9 October 2026.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** The **Indian Coast Guard** commissioned **ICGS Ajit**, reportedly built by Goa Shipyard Limited, in Mumbai on **9 October 2026**, to strengthen maritime patrol capabilities.



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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Technology Development Board** agreed to support **Peptris Technologies' VIGOR project** with **₹86 crore** for artificial intelligence-assisted pharmaceutical research and drug discovery.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** **IIT Kharagpur** launched the **NDLI-FERMI AI Tutor** on 14 October 2026 to provide guided digital study support, including free preparation resources for GATE and JAM examinations.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** **IBM** and the **MeitY Startup Hub** signed an agreement to support deep-technology startups working in enterprise artificial intelligence, hybrid cloud and quantum computing.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **All India Institute of Ayurveda** organised **KAUMARACON 2026**, an international conference on Ayurvedic paediatrics, in New Delhi on 15 October 2026 to discuss child health and research.

- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **10th India Mobile Congress** at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 8 October 2026, highlighting 5G, 6G, artificial intelligence and digital connectivity.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium** was held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, during **7–9 October 2026**, with five new MoUs and nine working-group white papers reported.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Trojan Project** was reportedly unveiled at the **c0c0n 2026 cybersecurity conference** in Kochi, Kerala; its specific technical objectives and developer were not identified in the announcement.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Ministry of Electronics and IT** selected **CoRover.ai** under a reported ₹3.63-crore contract to build a reusable **agentic AI assistant** for DigiLocker and other public services.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation** granted a reported **type certificate** to the **KOAIR-10L agricultural drone**, supporting authorised agricultural unmanned-aerial operations.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Copernicus Climate Change Service** reported that **September 2026** was the **second-warmest September** globally in its long-running historical temperature-monitoring record, reflecting elevated global temperatures.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** An October 2026 research report described **zinc-oxide nanoparticle technology** for **wastewater treatment**, a potential approach for removing contaminants from industrial or municipal effluent.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **India Meteorological Department** dedicated a **Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System** on **12 October 2026**, using WebGIS maps to support cyclone forecasting and public preparedness.



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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** The presence of **Asiatic lions** in **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat**, highlighted in an October 2026 study, marks an expansion of lion habitat beyond the Gir landscape after roughly 144 years.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** The Union Government proposed **Bharat Stage VII emission norms** for passenger cars from **1 April 2029**, covering stricter exhaust limits and pollution from brakes and tyres; the rules remain proposals.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** **Nameri Tiger Reserve** in Assam received **Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) Approved status**, recognising protected-area management, tiger habitat monitoring and conservation effectiveness, as reported in the October news compilation.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** The **Ladakh administration** reportedly launched a **high-altitude snow leopard wildlife safari** on 8 October 2026, with community participation near Hemis and Changthang conservation landscapes.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** **Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Tripura** reported the birth of Royal Bengal tiger cubs in an October update; the public report did not specify their number.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** The **Kulsi Hydropower Project** in the **Assam–Meghalaya border region** featured in October current affairs over its proposed hydroelectric development and ecological effects; project approval and capacity were not provided.



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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** **President Droupadi Murmu** announced **six gubernatorial appointments and transfers** on **12 October 2026**, including Sudha Yadav for Karnataka and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar for Tamil Nadu.
- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** **Achyuta Samanta** was elected the **first President of the Indian UniSport Federation** at its inaugural meeting in New Delhi, supporting university-level sports development and athlete participation.
- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** was named a **UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate**, supporting public-awareness programmes concerning children and young people, according to the October current affairs reports.
- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** The **Life Insurance Corporation of India** approved **five independent directors** for four-year terms in October 2026, including former bank heads Shyam Srinivasan and David Paul Rasquinha.
- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** **Anup Bagchi** was reported as the incoming **Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank** from 27 October 2026; the appointment and compensation require confirmation against regulatory disclosures.



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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford received the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences on 12 October for research explaining how microeconomic decisions shape macroeconomic stability and economic policy.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Telecommunications entrepreneur Sunil Bharti Mittal was named a Knight of France's Legion of Honour, recognising his contribution to international business cooperation and ties between India and France.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** The traditional Gujarat sweet Ambaji Mohanthal holds a registered Geographical Indication with certificate number 835, issued on 1 October 2026 by India's GI Registry.
- ☐ **BOOKS & AUTHORS** Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar released Sanjay Jagdale: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket in Indore; the biography was authored by Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale and profiles the veteran cricket administrator.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** South African jurist Navanethem "Navi" Pillay received the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, announced by the Norwegian Nobel Committee on 9 October, for contributions to peace and international law.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Indian Institute of Science mathematician Mahesh Kakde was selected for the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for work in algebraic number theory; the international prize carries USD 10,000.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Canadian poet and classicist Anne Carson won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature, announced by the Swedish Academy on 8 October 2026.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Indian pilot Smit Machchhar was reported as selected for Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism after a flight incident; the source's aviation-security account requires independent confirmation.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** The US government reportedly honoured technology leaders including Elon Musk, Sergey Brin, Jensen Huang and Lisa Su with National Medal of Science recognition at an October White House event.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** The National Film Archive of India acquired three 35-mm prints of Sivaji Ganesan films on 8 October 2026, including Thillana Mohanambal and Thiruvilayadal.



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10. SPORTS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **SPORTS** Max Verstappen won the 2026 Singapore Formula One Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit on 11 October, ahead of Charles Leclerc and Kimi Antonelli.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Manikanta Hoblidhar won the men's 100-metre sprint at the 65th National Open Athletics Championships with a time of 10.25 seconds, according to the event report.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Anushka Yadav won women's hammer-throw gold at the 2026 National Open Athletics Championships with a reported best distance of 66.53 metres.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Aakash Raj claimed men's 400-metre gold at the National Open Athletics Championships 2026, competing in the one-lap track sprint event.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma were named the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month, respectively, for September 2026, recognising their international cricket performances.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Putul Sonowal won a bronze medal at the World Bowls Champion of Champions competition, becoming the first Indian medal winner at that event according to the report.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Aditya Mehta won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Cue Sports Championships, adding to India's international success in billiards- and snooker-related disciplines.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Indian shooter Udhayveer Sidhu won gold at an ISSF World Cup in Cairo, demonstrating India's strength in international pistol and rifle shooting competitions.
- ☐ **SPORTS** The National Sports Development Fund, Sports Authority of India and IOCL signed a ₹40 crore two-year partnership to strengthen boxing training and athlete-development programmes.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Para-badminton player Pramod Bhagat and para-table tennis player Bhavina Patel were named India's flag-bearers for the 5th Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Prasar Bharati and In-Dot Sports announced the Kisan Cricket League on 8 October 2026 to identify rural talent through 15-over cricket matches and cultural activities.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Indian golfer Keya Badugu won the reported Southern India Golf Championship, recording a title in domestic competitive golf during October 2026.
- ☐ **SPORTS** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated Services athletes on 12 October 2026 for their performances at the Asian Games in Japan, recognising athletes from the armed forces.

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- ☐ **OBITUARIES** Renowned **mridangam maestro Guruvayur Dorai**, associated with Carnatic classical music and the Pudukottai percussion tradition, died in Chennai on **10 October 2026** aged 91.
- ☐ **OBITUARIES** **Roshan Kumari**, a Kathak exponent of the **Jaipur Gharana** known for rhythmic footwork and classical dance performances, reportedly died in Mumbai on **5 October 2026**.
- ☐ **OBITUARIES** Veteran Indian actor **Nana Patekar**, known for Hindi and Marathi cinema and a **Padma Shri recipient**, died in Goa on **8 October 2026** at the age of 75.
- ☐ **OBITUARIES** Eminent metallurgist **Palle Rama Rao**, former Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology and recipient of the **Padma Vibhushan**, died in Hyderabad on **3 October 2026** aged 89.
- ☐ **OBITUARIES** **Margaret Hamilton**, the pioneering computer scientist who led the MIT team developing software for NASA's **Apollo missions**, died on **30 September 2026** at the age of 90.

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- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The **Kerala government** launched the **WOMN menstrual-hygiene scheme** at Thampanoor KSRTC bus terminal on **11 October 2026**, providing sanitary pads through vending machines for ₹10 per three-pack.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated or laid foundations for more than **₹13,000 crore** of projects in Tamil Nadu on 11 October, including Chennai Metro Phase II infrastructure.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** approved **₹993.64 crore** for improvements to the **Rangpo–Ranipool section of NH-10** in Sikkim, including slope protection, bridges and tunnels for safer Himalayan connectivity.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** reportedly proposed renaming **Noida International Airport** at Jewar as Narendra Modi International Airport on 9 October 2026; a proposal is **not a final notified name**.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The **Central Silk Board** opened grainage and cold-storage infrastructure in **Jorhat, Assam**, on 8 October 2026, supporting annual silkworm-seed production of 30 lakh disease-free layings.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The **Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor** was inaugurated at the **Rudraksh Convention Centre in Varanasi** on **8 October 2026**, commemorating the former Japanese Prime Minister's contributions to India–Japan relations.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The **8th Windergy India trade fair** took place at **Chennai Trade Centre** from **7 to 9 October 2026**, bringing together participants from wind-energy manufacturing, renewable-power policy and technology.

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- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Migratory Bird Day** was marked on **10 October 2026**, the second of its two annual observances, raising awareness of **migratory-bird habitats and conservation**.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Mental Health Day 2026** was observed on **10 October** under the WHO theme **"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"**, calling for participation by people with lived experience.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Day Against the Death Penalty** was observed on **10 October 2026** to encourage discussion of the death penalty, international human rights standards and its implications for justice systems.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **International Day of the Girl Child** was observed on **11 October 2026** under the UN theme **"End child marriage and invest in girls' rights"**.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Arthritis Day** was observed on **12 October 2026** to raise awareness of arthritis and other rheumatic and musculoskeletal conditions, encouraging timely diagnosis and better access to care.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction** was observed on **13 October 2026** under the UN theme **"Resilience Starts at Home"**, emphasising safer housing and household preparedness.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Standards Day** was observed on **14 October 2026** to recognise technical standards and their contribution to product safety, compatibility, quality and international trade.

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- ☐ **Q10. The INDRA-2026 naval exercise involved India and which country?**
 A) United Kingdom B) Russia
 C) France D) Australia
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- ☐ **Q11. Who was appointed Governor of Karnataka under the 12 October 2026 announcement?**
 A) Sudha Yadav B) Dushyant Gautam
 C) Om Prakash Mathur D) Rajendra Arlekar
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- ☐ **Q12. Which two cricketers were named ICC Players of the Month for September 2026?**
 A) Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana B) Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur
 C) Suryakumar Yadav and Jemimah Rodrigues D) Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma
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- ☐ **Q13. World Food Day is observed annually on which date?**
 A) 13 October B) 14 October
 C) 16 October D) 15 October
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- ☐ **Q14. What was the 2026 World Mental Health Day theme?**
 A) Mental health in a changing world B) Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change
 C) Mental health is a universal human right D) Make mental health a global priority
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- ☐ **Q15. Where was the first ICMR High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Centre planned?**
 A) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh B) Leh, Ladakh
 C) Gangtok, Sikkim D) Auli, Uttarakhand
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Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] Exp: The NSAP extension carries a ₹53,428 crore outlay for 2026–27 to 2030–31.

Q2. [A] Exp: The first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting took place in New Delhi on 13 October.

Q3. [C] Exp: The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed five years on 13 October 2026.

Q4. [B] Exp: The RBI special dollar window covered IOCL, HPCL and BPCL.

Q5. [D] Exp: The minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement was revised to 99% from 90%.

Q6. [C] Exp: The Union Cabinet approved a productivity-linked bonus equal to 78 days' wages.

Q7. [A] Exp: The 2026 Economics Nobel went to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford; the prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Q8. [D] Exp: India provided ₹290 crore to Bhutan for its 13th Five-Year Plan.

Q9. [C] Exp: INS Mangrol is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.

Q10. [B] Exp: INDRA-2026 is an India–Russia naval exercise.

Q11. [A] Exp: Sudha Yadav was appointed Governor of Karnataka in the announcement.

Q12. [D] Exp: Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma won the ICC men's and women's Player of the Month awards for September.

Q13. [C] Exp: World Food Day is observed on 16 October.

Q14. [B] Exp: The WHO theme was "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change".

Q15. [A] Exp: The ICMR high-altitude medicine centre was planned for Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.



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