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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. EIL Completes India's First Bamboo-based Bio-Refinery at Numaligarh, Assam.



In September 2025, Engineers India Limited (EIL), a 'Navratna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), completed the mechanical work for India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Numaligarh, Assam, which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 14, 2025.

- The project is being executed for Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited (ABEPL), marking a major milestone in India's renewable energy and green fuel initiatives.
- The refinery uses advanced technology provided by Chempolis Oy of Finland, ensuring high efficiency in converting bamboo feedstock into biofuels and chemicals.
- Designed annual production capacity includes 49,000 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) of bioethanol, 11,000 TPA of acetic acid, and 19,000 TPA of furfural, making it a first-of-its-kind facility in the country.

Key Points:-

(i) EIL executed the project in Engineering,

Procurement, and Construction Management (EPCM) mode, directly scaling up from the demonstration stage to a full-fledged commercial bio-refinery.

(ii) The initiative aligns with India's Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP) and supports the Government of India's broader goals of energy security and achieving Net-Zero emissions by 2070.

2. MoL&E Signs MoUs with Mentor Together & Quikr to Strengthen Job Access via NCS Portal.



On September 8, 2025, the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Mentor Together, a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO), and Quikr, an Indian online marketplace, to enhance job access and career mentoring through the National Career Service (NCS) portal.

• The MoUs were signed during an event held in New Delhi, Delhi, in the presence of Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, MoL&E, and Union Minister of State (MOS) Shobha Karandlaje, MoL&E.

• The main objective of these collaborations is to strengthen the employment ecosystem by ensuring wider job access and providing

personalized career mentoring to the youth, particularly from rural and underserved regions.

Key Points:-

- (i) Under the partnership with Mentor Together, the initiative aims to reach 2 lakh youth in the first year—1 lakh NCS job seekers and 1 lakh entrants under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)—by providing personalized mentoring support from over 24,000 trained professionals with a city- and district-level focus on underserved youth.
- (ii) As part of the renewed MoU with Quikr, over 1,200 daily job listings from Quikr Jobs will be integrated into the NCS portal, expanding employment opportunities for registered users.
- (iii) Quikr's job listings cover more than 1,200 cities across India, providing a wide geographical reach and helping bridge the employment gap by connecting job seekers with recruiters.

3. 5th Edition of Lok Samvardhan Parv Concludes in Kochi, Kerala under PM-VIKAS Framework.

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The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), Government of India (GoI), successfully

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concluded the 5th edition of Lok Samvardhan Parv, held from 26th August to 4th September 2025 at the Marine Drive Exhibition Area in Kochi, Kerala, under the framework of Pradhan Mantri Virasat ka Samvardhan (PM-VIKAS).

- The Lok Samvardhan Parv is a flagship initiative of MoMA, designed to provide minority community artisans, weavers, culinary experts, and entrepreneurs with a structured platform for market linkages, national exposure, and showcasing traditional crafts.
- The event was inaugurated on August 27, 2025, by George Kurian, Union Minister of State (MoS), MoMA and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAH&D).
- The 10-day exhibition featured 100 stalls from artisans representing 25 States/Union Territories (UTs), with displays of crafts including Blue Pottery (Rajasthan), Channapatna Toys (Karnataka), Nettiappattam (Kerala), Banarasi Zari and Chikankari (Uttar Pradesh), Phulkari (Punjab), Bastar Iron Craft (Chhattisgarh), and Madhubani Paintings (Bihar).

Key Points:-

- (i) In addition to crafts, the event showcased 14 food stalls from 6 States/UTs—including Rajasthan, Bihar, Gujarat, and Kerala—highlighting regional cuisines and promoting culinary diversity.
- (ii) Participation included 49 women artisans, 50 men artisans, and 1 transgender artisan, along with 8 women and 6 men culinary experts. The event recorded a footfall of over 46,000 visitors, reflecting strong public engagement.
- (iii) The previous edition of Lok Samvardhan Parv was held at Convocation Ground, Kashmir University, Srinagar, Jammu &

Kashmir (J&K), from April 5 to April 13, 2025, continuing its tradition of rotating venues across India.

4. C. P. Radhakrishnan Elected India's 15th Vice President After Winning Vice-Presidential Poll on 9 September 2025.



On 9 September 2025, Chandrapuram Ponnusamy (C. P.) Radhakrishnan, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee, was declared India's 15th Vice President by the Election Commission of India (ECI), after defeating the INDIA bloc candidate, former Supreme Court Judge B. Sudershan Reddy, by a margin of 152 votes.

- The Vice-Presidential Election 2025 was scheduled via a Gazette notification on 1 August 2025 by the ECI (Election Commission of India), fixing 9 September as both the polling and counting date, with the counting done at Parliament House, New Delhi.

- Out of 781 electors (Members of Parliament from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha), 767 MPs voted; 15 ballots were declared invalid. Radhakrishnan received 452 valid first-preference votes, B. Sudershan Reddy secured 300.

- C. P. Radhakrishnan succeeds Jagdeep Dhankhar, who had resigned from the Vice Presidency on 21 July 2025 due to health reasons, even though his term was supposed to continue till 2027.

Key Points:-

(i) The Returning Officer for the election was P. C. Mody, the Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha, who officially declared the results. The Certificate of Election was signed by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, and Election Commissioners S. S. Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi.

(ii) Radhakrishnan, born on 20 October 1957 in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, had been serving as Governor of Maharashtra since 31 July 2024. Before that, he served as Governor of Jharkhand and held additional charge of Telangana and Puducherry. He has been active in the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) since youth, was elected twice as Member of Parliament from Coimbatore, and has held key roles in BJP state politics.

(iii) The oath-taking ceremony is scheduled for 12 September 2025, to be administered by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. On the very same day as results, leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, J. P. Nadda, as well as senior NDA leaders called on Radhakrishnan.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. NPCI Grants TPAP Approval to Viyona Fintech for Offering UPI Services.



On September 8, 2025, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) granted Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) approval to Viyona Fintech, a digital payments platform, allowing it to offer Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services in partnership with banks.

- With this approval, Viyona Fintech can directly integrate with UPI, enabling seamless, scalable, and compliant digital transactions for collections and payouts in collaboration with partner banks.
- The NPCI approval covers two applications by Viyona—GraamPay and Viyona Pay—both of which can now facilitate UPI-based services for end users.

Key Points:-

- Viyona plans to launch a GraamPay marketplace, connecting farmers directly with buyers to ensure fair pricing, faster digital payments, and wider access to UPI services.
- The TPAP status positions Viyona Fintech as a new entrant in India's digital payments ecosystem, strengthening NPCI's broader vision of expanding UPI adoption across rural and agricultural sectors.

2. IFC Commits Rs.498 Crores to GVMC for Madhurawada Sewerage Project in Visakhapatnam.



On September 8, 2025, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank (WB) Group, committed Rs.498 crores (USD 60 million) to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for the Madhurawada Sewerage System Project in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- The project aims to strengthen sanitation infrastructure in Visakhapatnam, ensuring improved public health, environmental sustainability, and long-term urban resilience.
- The agreement was signed by Victoria Delmon, Head of IFC Asia, and Ketan Garg, Commissioner of GVMC, in the presence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at Amaravati.

Key Points:-

- IFC funding will be disbursed through rupee-denominated Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs), making it the first-ever direct municipal financing in India without a sovereign guarantee.
- The total estimated project cost is Rs.553 crores, with Rs.498 crores from IFC,

Rs.45.64 crores from the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0), and Rs.9.36 crores from GVMC.

(iii) This initiative represents a landmark in India's urban financing model, enabling municipalities to access global capital markets directly for critical infrastructure projects.

MOUs and Agreement

1. Meghalaya Government Signs MoU with Japan's Asean One to Boost Global Career Opportunities for Youth.



In September 2025, the Meghalaya State Skill Development Society (MSSDS), under the Government of Meghalaya, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Japan's Asean One Co. Limited at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, to enhance international employment opportunities for Meghalaya's youth.

- The MoU sets an initial target of training and placing 500 candidates in the first year, with a long-term goal of scaling placements up to 5,000 youth over the next five years.

- The collaboration aims to create employment pathways across multiple high-demand sectors

including healthcare, hospitality, information technology (IT), and other industries, aligning Meghalaya's talent with global job markets.

Key Points:-

(i) As part of the initiative, selected candidates will undergo Japanese language training and cultural orientation programmes, ensuring better adaptability and long-term integration into Japan's workforce.

(ii) The strategic agreement reflects Meghalaya's focus on skill development, overseas employment, and leveraging global partnerships, positioning the state as a hub for international skill mobility.

(iii) This partnership strengthens India-Japan bilateral relations while contributing to Meghalaya's youth empowerment by linking local skills to global opportunities.

2. Telangana Government Signs LoI with Australia's Deakin University to Establish AI Centre of Excellence.



In September 2025, the Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C), Government of Telangana, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with

Australia's Deakin University in Hyderabad to promote Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven innovative solutions supporting governance, digital economy, and public good.

- The LoI was signed by Bhavesh Mishra, Deputy Secretary, ITE&C Telangana, and Iain Martin, Vice-Chancellor (VC), Deakin University.
- As part of the agreement, Deakin University will set up an AI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Telangana, serving as a hub for innovation, research, and application of AI solutions.

Key Points:-

- The Centre, in collaboration with Young Indian Skill University, will deliver market-focused AI courses, global-standard training programmes, and mentorship opportunities for startups, guided by Australian experts.
- The initiative will harness Deakin University's Applied AI expertise to integrate advanced AI solutions across healthcare, governance, education, and entrepreneurship, accelerating Telangana's role as a leading AI-driven economy in India.
- This collaboration positions Telangana as a pioneer in international academia-industry partnerships, aligning skill development with emerging AI technologies for youth empowerment and state growth.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. GoI Extends Ajay Kumar Srivastava's Tenure as MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank Till October 2027.



In September 2025, the Government of India (GoI) extended the tenure of Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), till October 8, 2027, or until further orders. His tenure was earlier set to conclude on December 31, 2025.

- Ajay Kumar Srivastava assumed charge as MD & CEO of IOB on January 1, 2023, succeeding Partha Pratim Sengupta, after having served as the bank's Executive Director since October 2017.
- He began his career in 1991 as a Probationary Officer with Allahabad Bank, which was later merged with Indian Bank in 2020, gaining extensive experience in retail, corporate, and priority sector banking.

Key Points:-

- Under his leadership, IOB achieved a major milestone by exiting the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework, marking a strong turnaround in financial health.
- The Government of India's extension of his tenure until October 8, 2027, reflects confidence in his leadership to steer IOB's continued growth and strengthen its position in the public sector banking space.

SPORTS

1. Uzbekistan Wins CAFA Nations Cup 2025 and India Secures Historic Bronze Medal.



The 2nd edition of the CAFA (Central Asian Football Association) Nations Cup 2025 was held from 29 August to 8 September 2025 across Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan defeated defending champion Iran in the final, while India clinched a historic bronze medal by beating Oman.

- Uzbekistan lifted their first-ever CAFA Nations Cup title by defeating Iran 1–0 in the final. The tournament featured 8 teams, including 6 CAFA members (Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) and 2 invitees, India and Oman.

- The Indian men's national football team, led by Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, secured a third-place finish by defeating Oman 3–2 on penalties in their debut CAFA Nations Cup appearance. This marked India's first-ever international victory over Oman.

Key Points:-

(i) India, ranked 133rd in FIFA rankings, stunned Oman, ranked 79th, to win the bronze medal. Uzbekistan, ranked 55th,

clinched gold, while Iran, ranked 20th, settled for silver.

(ii) In tournament awards, Khojaskar Alijonov (Uzbekistan) was named Best Player, Igor Sergeyev (Uzbekistan) was the Top Goalscorer, Payam Niazmand (Iran) won Best Goalkeeper, and the Fair Play Award was given to Tajikistan.

(iii) The 2025 edition also marked India's entry as a guest team after Malaysia's withdrawal, making their bronze medal finish a significant milestone in Indian football history.

2. Rajgir Sports Academy in Bihar Earns Asian Hockey Federation Affiliation with FIH Support.



In September 2025, the Rajgir Sports Academy, part of the Rajgir Sports Complex in Nalanda district, Bihar, received official affiliation from the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) with the support of the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The announcement was made by FIH President Tayyab Ikram during the event "Grassroots to Glory" held in Rajgir, Bihar.

- The affiliation of Rajgir Sports Academy with AHF marks a major milestone for Bihar, positioning the state as an emerging hub for

world-class hockey tournaments, coaching, and international athlete training in eastern India.

- The Rajgir Sports Academy is the first full-fledged sports academy of Bihar, located within the 90-acre Rajgir Sports Complex, which houses facilities for 22 different sports alongside the establishment of the Bihar Sports University.
- The academy trains athletes in over 24 sports disciplines, making it a multi-sport hub with a strong focus on hockey infrastructure, coaching standards, and youth development at both grassroots and elite levels.

Key Points:-

- (i) Rajgir Sports Complex has already hosted several prestigious events, including the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (2024), the Khelo India Youth Games (2025), and the Men's Asia Cup (2025), showcasing its readiness to conduct international tournaments.
- (ii) With AHF affiliation, athletes and coaches from the academy will now gain access to training, certification programmes, and grassroots development initiatives conducted under the Asian Hockey Federation's technical framework.
- (iii) The academy will also benefit from technical expertise and support from AHF specialists, strengthening Bihar's sports ecosystem and aligning its standards with global hockey development practices under the guidance of both AHF and FIH.

AWARDS

1. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav Confers Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards to Cities for Clean Air Achievements Under NCAP 2025.



On 9 September 2025, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Shri Bhupender Yadav, presented the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards 2025 to 11 best-performing cities from among 130 under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) at the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards & Wetland Cities Recognition Ceremony in New Delhi.

- **Indore (Madhya Pradesh)**, in Category-1 cities (population over 10 lakh), scored a perfect 200 out of 200, and was awarded Rs. 1.5 crore, after undertaking massive afforestation (over 16 lakh trees), adding 120 electric buses plus 150 CNG buses to its public transport fleet.
- **Jabalpur** came second in Category-1 with a score of 199/200 and received Rs. 1 crore in prize money. Its achievements include establishing an 11 MW waste-to-energy plant and significantly increasing green cover.
- **Agra and Surat** tied for third place in Category-1, both scoring 196/200 and each awarded Rs. 25 lakh. Agra focused on remediating legacy waste dumps and planting Miyawaki forests; Surat adopted electric vehicle (EV) policies and maintained about 38% green cover.

Key Points:-

- (i) In Category-2 (cities with population

between 3 to 10 lakh), Amravati (Andhra Pradesh) secured first place with full 200/200, rewarded Rs. 75 lakh, credited for developing over 53 gardens greened, converting 19 acres of barren land into forest, and improving road infrastructure (340 km pavement). Jhansi and Moradabad shared second rank; Alwar took third position.

(ii) For Category-3 cities (population under 3 lakh), Dewas (Madhya Pradesh) ranked first with 193/200 and received Rs. 37.50 lakh for measures including shifting to cleaner fuels. Parwanoo (Himachal Pradesh) came second with 191.5 points, and Angul (Odisha) came third with 191 points and Rs. 12.50 lakh.

(iii) The Ministry released key instruments during the ceremony: guidelines for Ward-Level Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan, a Compendium of Best Practices under NCAP, and highlighted that over ₹1.55 lakh crore has been mobilised for clean air and green infrastructure across the 130 NCAP cities. Also, two cities, Indore and Udaipur, were granted Wetland City Accreditation under the Ramsar Convention.



On 8 September 2025, International Literacy Day (ILD) was observed worldwide under the leadership of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). The theme was “Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era.”

- **International Literacy Day was first proposed at the World Congress of Ministers of Education, Tehran (1965) and officially proclaimed by the UNESCO General Conference, Paris (1966).**

- **The first observance took place on 8 September 1967.**

Key Points:-

(i) In 2025, UNESCO hosted a global event and conference at its Headquarters in Paris, France, which included high-level panels and the International Literacy Prizes ceremony.

(ii) In India, the celebration was organised by DOSEL (Department of School Education & Literacy), MoE (Ministry of Education) at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, where MoS Jayant Chaudhary addressed the gathering.

(iii) Himachal Pradesh became the fourth Indian state to achieve full functional literacy, while the ULLAS Literacy Week 2025 (1–8 Sept) was launched nationwide to mobilise

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. UNESCO’s International Literacy Day 2025
Observed Globally on 8th September.

volunteers, register non-literates, and engage neo-learners.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Indian Navy Launches 11th ACTCM Barge LSAM 25 at Thane, Maharashtra.



In September 2025, the Indian Navy (IN) successfully launched its 11th Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge – Large Sized Ammunition/Missile Barge (LSAM) 25 (Yard 135) at M/s Suryadipta Projects Private Limited (SPPL), Thane, Maharashtra. The ceremony was chaired by Rear Admiral Vishal Bishnoi, Assistant Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition (ACWPBA), Indian Navy.

- The barge has been indigenously designed and built by SPPL, in collaboration with an Indian design firm, and certified by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- The Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, conducted model testing during the design phase to ensure operational readiness.
- These IRS-class barges, with a 100-tonne cargo capacity, support the Indian Navy's logistics by transporting, embarking, and disembarking

ammunition, torpedoes, and missiles to naval ships at both jetties and outer harbors.

Key Points:-

- The induction of LSAM 25 strengthens the Navy's operational commitments by enhancing ammunition-handling efficiency, aligned with 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives.
- In March 2021, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with SPPL, a Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME), for the construction of 11 ACTCM Barges.
- Out of 11 barges, 10 have already been inducted into service. The first ACTCM Barge, LSAM 15 (Yard 125), was launched in February 2023 at the SPPL site in Thane.

2. GeeSpace Launches 11 Satellites for Geli Constellation Using Smart Dragon-3 Rocket from Shandong, China.



On September 9, 2025, at 03:48 Beijing Time, GeeSpace, a Chinese space technology company, successfully launched 11 satellites for its Geli Constellation using the Smart Dragon-3 (SD-3) rocket. The mission was carried out from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center, near Rizhao city in East China's Shandong Province.

- The Geli Constellation is owned by GeeSpace, a subsidiary of Gee Technology Group, and aims to establish a large-scale satellite network to provide Internet of Things (IoT) communication services to global users.
- In its first phase, the constellation will comprise a total of 75 satellites by the end of 2025, strengthening China's role in the global commercial satellite communication sector.
- The 11 satellites launched were deployed into a Sun-synchronous orbit (SSO), which allows them to pass over the same region at consistent local solar times, enabling precise Earth observation and resource monitoring.

Key Points:-

(i) The constellation's purpose includes scientific research, land resource mapping, crop yield prediction, and disaster prevention and relief operations, contributing to agriculture, environmental monitoring, and emergency response.

(ii) The launch vehicle, Smart Dragon-3 (SD-3), was developed by the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT). It is a four-stage solid-propellant carrier rocket designed to deliver spacecraft to Sun-synchronous orbit or Low Earth orbit (LEO).

(iii) The SD-3 rocket has a payload capacity of 1.5 tonnes to a 500 km Sun-synchronous orbit. This launch marked its seventh flight mission, demonstrating growing reliability and China's increasing launch frequency in the small satellite sector.

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Assam	Chief minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma	Governor: Lakshman Acharya
Maharashtra	Chief minister: Devendra Fadnavis	Governor: C. P. Radhakrishnan
Kerala	Chief minister: Pinarayi Vijayan	Governor: Rajendra Arlekar
Central Asian Football Association (CAFA)	President: Rustam Emomali	Headquarters: Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Andhra Pradesh	Chief minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu	Governor: S. Abdul Nazeer
China	President: Xi Jinping	Capital: Beijing
Bihar	Chief minister: Nitish Kumar	Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan
UNESCO	Director-General: Audrey Azoulay	Headquarters: Paris, France
Meghalaya	Chief minister:	Governor: C. H.

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