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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. NaMo App Rolls Out 15-Day 'Seva Parv 2025' Digital Campaign on PM's Birthday.



To mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, the NaMo App has launched a 15-day digital volunteering and citizens' engagement campaign titled Seva Parv 2025. Running from September 17 to October 2, the initiative invites Indians everywhere to take part through interactive modules, acts of service, and creative tributes that reflect the spirit of seva and nation-first values.

- Seva Parv 2025 is a fortnight plus a day digital service festival beginning on PM Modi's birthday (September 17) and culminating on October 2, which is Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.
- There are nine interactive modules on the NaMo App. These include acts of service (tree plantation, blood donation, Swachh Bharat etc.), virtual exhibitions, quizzes, merchandise, trait-matching and more.

Key Points:-

- (i) "Sabka Saath, Sabki Seva – 15 Acts of Service" Module: This allows citizens to choose from 15 predefined seva tasks. Participants can upload selfies of their service acts. There's a leaderboard and

certificates for the most active volunteers.

(ii) Features like the AI Shubhkamna Reel (personal-AI generated birthday greetings), Discover Your Modi Trait, and Know Your NaMo Quiz let users engage creatively. For instance, submitting personal details to generate custom greeting reels, or comparing one's traits with those of the Prime Minister.

(iii) Through World Wishes PM Modi, the campaign showcases real-time wishes from international dignitaries and supporters. Also there are tangible physical items—NaMo merchandise (caps, mugs, T-shirts etc.), and book collections on the PM's life that users can order or gift.

2. PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates and Lays Foundation Stones for Projects Worth Over ₹40,000 Crore in Purnea, Bihar.



On September 15, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Purnea, Bihar, where he launched key development projects across aviation, railways, and water resources, with a total investment exceeding ₹40,000 crore, aimed at boosting connectivity, irrigation, and regional infrastructure.

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Interim Terminal Building at the New Civil Enclave of Purnea Airport and flagged off the first commercial flight from the city, integrating the Seemanchal region into India's aviation map.

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Araria-Galgolia (Thakurganj) Rail Line valued at ₹4,140 crore, which enhances connectivity between north Bihar and North Bengal, ensuring improved passenger and freight movement.

Key Points:-

(i) PM Modi dedicated the completion of electrification works on multiple railway sections, modernising Bihar's railway infrastructure and aligning with India's sustainable rail transport goals.

(ii) He laid the foundation stone for the Bikramshila-Katareah Rail Line, worth ₹2,170 crore, which will create a direct rail link across the river Ganga, reducing travel bottlenecks and improving north-south Bihar connectivity.

(iii) The Prime Minister launched Phase 1 of the Kosi-Mechi Intra-State River Link Project, worth over ₹2,680 crore, designed to expand irrigation, strengthen flood control, and support agricultural resilience across multiple districts in northeastern Bihar.

3. NITI Aayog Launches 'AI for Viksit Bharat Roadmap' & 'Frontier Tech Repository' at Road to India AI Impact Summit 2026.



In September 2025, Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Minister of Railways & Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw jointly launched two landmark Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog during the Road to India AI Impact Summit 2026 held in New Delhi.

- These initiatives mark a strategic step towards India's vision of becoming a global leader in AI and frontier technologies.

- The AI for Viksit Bharat Roadmap is a comprehensive national action plan that emphasizes two key levers: (i) accelerating adoption of AI across industries to enhance productivity, efficiency, and competitiveness, and (ii) transforming Research & Development (R&D) with generative AI to position India as an innovation-driven economy. The roadmap aligns with India's Vision@2047 for economic transformation.

- The roadmap is based on a NITI Aayog report that outlines sector-specific strategies in agriculture, manufacturing, logistics, finance, and healthcare. It highlights AI's potential to add USD 500 billion to India's GDP by 2030, and identifies steps to build scalable data

ecosystems, digital infrastructure, and AI-ready skilled workforce.

Key Points:-

(i) The Frontier Tech Repository is a centralized platform showcasing use cases in AI, blockchain, quantum computing, IoT, and robotics. It serves as a resource hub for startups, governments, policymakers, and enterprises to scale proven solutions.

(ii) The Frontier 50 Initiative under the repository will target 50 Aspirational Districts and Blocks (under ADP – Aspirational Districts Programme & ABP – Aspirational Blocks Programme) where frontier technologies will be deployed to achieve faster saturation in governance, healthcare, financial inclusion, digital education, and rural livelihoods.

(iii) The event also introduced the Frontier Tech Impact Awards for States, an annual recognition where three states will be awarded for excellence in adopting and scaling frontier technologies to deliver measurable socio-economic outcomes in governance, public services, education, and healthcare.

4. PM Modi Inaugurates India's First Greenfield PM MITRA Textile Park in Dhar, MP.



On September 17, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh. It marks India's first greenfield textile park under the PM MITRA scheme and is expected to transform the textile value chain via large-scale investment, employment generation, and heritage preservation.

- The PM MITRA Park in Bhainsola (Behnsola) village, Badnawar tehsil, Dhar district will spread across 2,158 acres. Out of this, approximately 1,300 acres have already been allotted to over 80–91 industrial units even before foundation laying.

- Before the inauguration, investor proposals had crossed ₹23,000 crore. Of these, more than ₹20,000 crore worth of investment had already been secured.

- PM Modi noted that the park will help in continuing the legacy of Maheshwari sarees, a traditional textile product associated with Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, and integrate the full textile value chain—spinning, designing, processing, and exports—from one location.

Key Points:-

(i) The park will include green infrastructure,

common effluent treatment facilities, and utilities like consistent power and water supply. It will also simplify quality checks and ensure raw materials like cotton ("kapas") and silk ("resham") are available.

(ii) It is expected to generate approx. 3 lakh (300,000) direct and indirect jobs. The location in Madhya Pradesh, a major cotton producer, adds strategic advantage for raw material availability, reducing logistic costs and enhancing competitiveness in domestic and global textile markets.

5. DPIIT Commemorates 3rd Anniversary of National Logistics Policy (NLP), Driving Reforms in India's Logistics Sector.



In September 2025, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) marked the third anniversary of the National Logistics Policy (NLP), originally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17th September 2022. Over the past three years, the policy has transformed India's logistics sector through digitization, infrastructure development, and systemic reforms.

- The NLP is closely aligned with the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-

NMP), which integrates infrastructure development and network planning to build a modern, cost-efficient logistics ecosystem.

- The policy aims to reduce India's logistics costs, improve the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) ranking with the target of entering the top 25 countries by 2030, and establish a data-driven decision-support mechanism for efficiency in logistics.

- NLP is implemented through the Comprehensive Logistics Action Plan (CLAP) by DPIIT, which lays down clear actions and timelines to achieve policy outcomes, ensuring accountability across stakeholders.

Key Points:-

(i) The Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) has enabled secure API integration across 30+ digital systems, recording 160 crore+ digital transactions by August 2025.

(ii) Additionally, the Logistics Data Bank (LDB) has tracked 75 million EXIM containers across 101 Inland Container Depots (ICDs), providing single-window visibility and real-time container tracking.

(iii) By August 2025, 27 States/UTs had formulated State Logistics Policies (SLP), while 14 States prepared detailed Logistics Action Plans (LAP). Furthermore, 19 States have granted industry status to logistics, enabling fiscal incentives, tax benefits, and improved ease of doing business in the sector.

INTERNATIONAL

1. WIPO's Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025: India Ranked 38th, Switzerland Tops for 15th Consecutive Year.



In September 2025, the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), in collaboration with the Portulans Institute (PI), released the 18th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025: Innovation at a Crossroads. India ranked 38th globally with a score of 38.1, while Switzerland topped the index for the 15th year in a row.

- India moved to the 38th rank in 2025 (up from 39th in 2024) with an overall score of 38.1, marking major progress compared to its 81st position in 2015.

- Switzerland retained 1st position with a score of 66.0 for the 15th consecutive year. Sweden and the United States of America (USA) secured the 2nd and 3rd spots for the 3rd consecutive year.

- The Global Innovation Index (GII), launched in 2007 by INSEAD, Cornell University, and WIPO, ranks 139 economies based on 80 innovation indicators covering R&D spending, venture capital, high-tech exports, and IP filings.

Key Points:-

(i) The United Kingdom (UK) ranked 6th with a score of 59.1, followed by Finland (7th, 57.7), Netherlands (8th, 57.0), and Denmark (9th, 56.9). China entered the top 10 for the

first time, ranking 10th with 56.6.

(ii) Five Sub-Saharan African countries debuted in the GI: Seychelles (75th), Malawi (125th), Lesotho (132nd), Guinea (133rd), and Congo (137th).

(iii) India ranked 1st among the 37 Lower-Middle-Income (LMI) countries and top in the Central & Southern Asia region. Notably, Bengaluru, Karnataka (21st), Delhi (28th), and Chennai, Tamil Nadu (84th) were listed among the Top 100 Science & Technology Clusters globally.

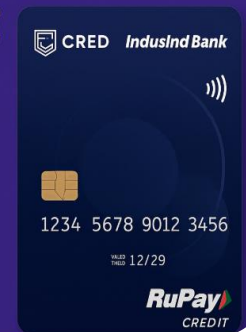
BANKING & FINANCE

1. CRED & IndusInd Bank Launch RuPay Credit Card with 5% E-Commerce Rewards.

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In September 2025, CRED, a fintech company, in collaboration with IndusInd Bank, launched the CRED IndusInd Bank RuPay Credit Card, offering exclusive rewards for e-commerce and offline transactions, including UPI and CRED Scan & Pay.

- The card provides 5% rewards on all e-commerce transactions and 1% rewards on offline payments, including UPI and Scan & Pay. Rewards can be redeemed across 500+ CRED Pay

merchants, 2,000 products in the CRED Store, and 8 lakh hotels through Expedia.

Key Points:-

- (i) Every reward point carries a fixed redemption value of ₹1, ensuring transparency and ease of use across partner platforms and services.
- (ii) The card comes with no joining fees, offers automatic reward application, and features a quick 2-minute digital application process for hassle-free access.
- (iii) Specifically designed for high-credit-score consumers, the card emphasizes flexibility and choice, enabling users to earn and redeem reward points seamlessly across multiple digital ecosystems.

2. SEBI Launches SWAGAT-FI to Attract Long-Term Foreign Investment.



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched the SWAGAT-FI (Simplified Way of Access and Gateway for Investors in Trusts – Foreign Investors) framework to make foreign investment in India more seamless, transparent, and attractive. This initiative primarily targets long-term, low-risk investors such as sovereign wealth funds and pension funds.

- Under SWAGAT-FI, the registration validity for eligible foreign investors has been extended from 3 years to 10 years, ensuring stability and long-term confidence in Indian markets.

- A dedicated digital portal has been introduced, cutting onboarding time for foreign investors to just one week. This reform streamlines the entry process and reduces bureaucratic hurdles.

Key Points:-

- (i) The framework allows investors to use a single demat account for all their investments in India, eliminating the need for multiple accounts and making investment management more efficient.
- (ii) SWAGAT-FI aims to enhance transparency and attract long-term global capital, making foreign investment in India faster, simpler, and more appealing while aligning with India's economic growth vision.

3. CCI Approves Major Acquisitions by Triumph Composites, PNC Infratech, and JSW Paints.



On September 16, 2025, the Competition Commission of India (CCI), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), approved multiple high-value acquisitions,

signaling significant consolidation in India's industrial, infrastructure, and paints sectors.

- CCI approved Triumph Composites Private Limited and Quartz Fibre Private Limited acquiring 100% shareholding of IPM Inc. and OC NL Invest Cooperatief U.A. in Owens-Corning (India) Limited, covering its glass reinforcement business, enabling full operational control and potential market expansion.
- PNC Infratech Limited's acquisition of 95–100% stake in JAL, directly or via a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), strengthens its infrastructure sector footprint and supports long-term strategic growth.
- JSW Paints Private Limited approved for acquiring up to 75% stake in ANIL via Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) and mandatory open offer; the deal, announced in June 2025 for Rs. 8,986 crore, boosts JSW's presence in the Indian paints and coatings market.

Key Points:-

- (i) These acquisitions promote sectoral consolidation in infrastructure, industrial composites, and paints, improve operational efficiency, expand market share, and integrate advanced technological capabilities.
- (ii) CCI, under MCA, ensures fair competition in India. Approving these acquisitions facilitates corporate restructuring, supports foreign and domestic investment, and strengthens India's economic growth trajectory.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. United Nations' International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2025 Observed in India on 16 September.



On 16th September 2025, the world celebrated the 31st International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, also called World Ozone Day (WOD) or Global Ozone Day, emphasizing global awareness on ozone layer protection and its critical role in combating climate change.

- The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2025 is observed under the theme "From Science to Global Action," highlighting the transition from scientific research to concrete global measures to protect the ozone layer.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/RES/49/114 on 19 December 1994, declaring 16th September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The first observance took place on 16th September 1995.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) organized the 31st World Ozone Day in New Delhi. Bhupendra Yadav, MoEF&CC Minister, announced that India is among the first countries globally to implement a Cooling Action Plan to reduce ozone-depleting and climate-warming substances.

Key Points:-

(i) India has achieved a 67.5% reduction in the production and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), contributing significantly to global ozone layer protection and climate mitigation efforts.

(ii) The 27th edition of The Montreal Protocol: India's Success Story was released, documenting India's achievements in phasing out ozone-depleting substances, reflecting the nation's commitment to environmental sustainability and global climate action.

2. UN Observes 2nd International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South on 16 September 2025.

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On 16th September 2025, the United Nations (UN) observed the 2nd International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) for the South, emphasizing the critical role of STI in driving economic growth, sustainable development, and collaboration among Global South countries.

• The International Day of STI for the South was initiated in September 2023 at the Summit on Science, Technology, and Innovation held in Havana. Leaders of the G77 and China agreed to designate 16th September as this observance,

highlighting STI as a tool to address development challenges globally.

• On 9th January 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/RES/78/259, officially declaring 16th September each year as the International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South, reinforcing the use of STI to achieve sustainable development goals.

• The resolution emphasizes leveraging scientific and technological advancements to support the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day was first observed on 16th September 2024, setting the stage for annual global recognition of STI in the Global South.

Key Points:-

(i) Robust Research and Development (R&D) is crucial to achieving the 2030 SDGs, addressing global challenges including poverty, inequality, climate change, and pandemics. Despite global R&D spending reaching USD 2.5 trillion in 2022, most investment is concentrated in developed countries and China, leaving the Global South underfunded.

(ii) High-income countries account for 77% of global R&D expenditure, while low-income countries account for just 0.3%, reflecting the urgent need for targeted investments in the Global South to strengthen research capacity and innovation ecosystems.

(iii) The 2025 event was held virtually by UNESCO IESALC and UNOSSC, highlighting the South-South University Cooperation Network (SSUCN) and Regional Hubs to promote collaboration in

higher education, research, and innovation across the Global South.

3. UN Observes 3rd International Day for Interventional Cardiology on 16th September 2025



The UN observes the International Day for Interventional Cardiology on 16th September to raise awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) and promote minimally invasive heart treatments. 2025 marks its 3rd observance.

- **UNGA resolution A/RES/76/302 (2nd September 2022) declared 16th September as the International Day for Interventional Cardiology, inviting WHO support.**
- **The day was first observed on 16th September 2023 to promote cardiovascular health and early treatment options.**

Key Points:-

(i) The date commemorates the first coronary angioplasty in 1977 by Dr. Andreas Roland Grüntzig at University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland. It is a cardiology branch using minimally invasive, catheter-based procedures, offering faster recovery than open-heart surgery.

(ii) Includes angioplasty, stenting, and valve repairs; treats Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), structural heart disorders, and Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD).

(iii) CVDs caused 17.9 million deaths in 2019 (32% of global deaths), mostly in low- and middle-income countries. Major risks: diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, and smoking.

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