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1. PM Modi Attends RSS 100th Year Celebration and Unveils Rs.100 Coin & Stamp Featuring Bharat Mata.



On October 1, 2025, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi attended the centenary celebration of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as the Chief Guest at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. The occasion marked the unveiling of a special Rs.100 commemorative coin and postage stamp, both released to honour the 100-year journey of the RSS and symbolizing Bharat Mata's image on Indian currency for the first time.

- The grand event commemorated 100 years of the RSS, a milestone marking its contributions to India's socio-cultural and national development. PM Narendra Modi, as the Chief Guest, praised the RSS for its century-long service in promoting unity, patriotism, and nation-building rooted in Indian culture and values.

- A Rs.100 commemorative coin was officially released during the event. The coin, made of 99.9% silver, weighs 40 grams and has a diameter of 44 millimeters with 200 serrations. Its obverse features the Lion Capital of Ashoka, while the reverse portrays Bharat Mata in Varada Mudra (gesture of blessing), seated on a

lotus with a lion beside her—marking the first-ever depiction of Bharat Mata on an Indian coin.

- Alongside the coin, a commemorative postage stamp was launched depicting RSS swayamsevaks participating in the 1963 Republic Day Parade. The stamp symbolizes the RSS's historical commitment to national service, discipline, and patriotic spirit throughout India's post-independence journey.

Key Points:-

(i) The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was founded on September 27, 1925, in Nagpur, Maharashtra, by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar (Dr. K.B. Hedgewar). Established as a volunteer-based organization, its mission was to foster Hindutva (Hindu cultural nationalism), social unity, and discipline among the Hindu community while nurturing the idea of a self-reliant and culturally proud India.

(ii) Over the decades, RSS played a crucial role in social reform and relief activities during India's freedom struggle and post-independence reconstruction. It gradually expanded its work into education, healthcare, and cultural sectors, pursuing its guiding vision of "Sarvangeena Unnati"—meaning the all-round development of the nation.

2. UPSC Enters 100th Year; Chairman Dr. Ajay Kumar Launches 'My UPSC Interview' Portal and Unveils New Logos in New Delhi.



On October 1, 2025, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) commenced its centenary year, marking 100 years of shaping India's civil services. During the 99th Foundation Day celebrations held in New Delhi, UPSC Chairman Dr. Ajay Kumar launched a new anecdote portal titled 'My UPSC Interview: From Dream to Reality' and unveiled both the new UPSC logo and the centenary logo.

- The year 2025 marks a historic milestone as the Union Public Service Commission enters its 100th year since its establishment in 1926. Over the decades, UPSC has played a pivotal role in building India's administrative framework by selecting and nurturing officers dedicated to national governance and public service.

- As part of the centenary celebrations, Dr. Ajay Kumar launched a new digital initiative—'My UPSC Interview'—aimed at collecting real-life experiences of civil servants, both serving and retired, who appeared before the UPSC Interview Board. The portal serves as an inspiration for future aspirants and a record of personal journeys in civil services.

- Through the newly launched portal, UPSC invites contributions from current and former civil servants who wish to share their stories of determination and achievement. Interested

individuals can submit their entries online until December 31, 2025, making this a nationwide storytelling initiative reflecting India's bureaucratic evolution.

Key Points:-

(i) The redesigned UPSC logo features the National Emblem at its center, representing authority and service to the nation. Surrounding it is a wreath of banyan leaves, signifying wisdom, endurance, and resilience.

(ii) At the base, a ribbon inscribed with 'Sangh Lok Seva' in Hindi underscores the commission's ethos of duty, accountability, and dedication to the public.

(iii) The newly unveiled Centenary Logo features a flowing wave motif, symbolizing UPSC's century-long journey of progress, adaptability, and continuity. The design culminates in the number '100', with the UPSC logo positioned within the final zero—representing its enduring legacy and commitment to excellence in public service over the last century.

3. Union Cabinet Approves Higher MSP for Rabi Crops 2026–27 and Launches 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' with ₹11,440 Crore Outlay.



In September 2025, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved two major agricultural initiatives—an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for six major rabi crops for the 2026–27 marketing season, and the launch of the ‘Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses’ to boost India’s self-sufficiency in pulse production. These decisions aim to ensure remunerative prices for farmers and promote sustainable agricultural growth.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved revised MSPs for six key rabi crops—Wheat, Barley, Gram, Lentil (Masur), Rapeseed & Mustard, and Safflower—for the upcoming 2026–27 marketing season.

- As per the approval, the new MSP rates per quintal are: Wheat – ₹2,585; Barley – ₹2,150; Gram – ₹5,875; Lentil (Masur) – ₹7,000; Rapeseed & Mustard – ₹6,200; and Safflower – ₹6,540. These revised rates are designed to cover the cost of production while ensuring an additional margin for farmers’ profitability.

- Among all crops, Safflower received the highest absolute MSP hike of ₹600 per quintal, reflecting the government’s push towards diversification in oilseed cultivation. This move supports India’s efforts to reduce dependence

on imported edible oils and strengthen domestic oilseed production.

Key Points:-

(i) The Cabinet also approved a new six-year scheme—‘Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses’—with a total financial outlay of ₹11,440 crore. The mission is aimed at achieving self-reliance in pulse production through area expansion, yield improvement, and infrastructure strengthening across major pulse-growing states.

(ii) This newly sanctioned mission was initially proposed by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF), during the presentation of the Union Budget for FY2025–26.

(iii) The GoI has set an ambitious target to raise domestic pulse production from 24.2 million tonnes (MT) in 2024–25 to 35 MT by 2030–31. The mission’s implementation will ensure greater farmer participation, reduced import dependency, and enhanced national food security through efficient resource utilization and productivity gains.

4. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Launches ‘NIELIT Digital University’ to Boost Digital Education and Inaugurates 5 New NIELIT Centres Across India.



On October 2, 2025, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Ministry of Railways (MoR), launched the 'NIELIT Digital University (NDU)' in New Delhi, Delhi. The initiative aims to expand access to quality education in advanced digital technologies across India.

- The NIELIT Digital University (NDU), operated by the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), is designed as a comprehensive online platform for advanced technology education, focusing on digital inclusion and nationwide skill enhancement.

- During the launch event, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw virtually inaugurated five new NIELIT Centres in Muzaffarpur (Bihar), Balasore (Odisha), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Daman (Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu), and Lunglei (Mizoram), expanding the institute's regional reach.

- NIELIT signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with major organizations, including Microsoft for digital education technologies, Zscaler for cybersecurity programs, Dixon Technologies for electronics manufacturing training, CCRYN for integrating yoga and technology, and Future Crime for cybercrime education.

Key Points:-

(i) The NDU aims to democratize access to high-quality, industry-relevant education in cutting-edge areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, cloud computing, and electronics manufacturing, aligning with India's Digital India and Skill India initiatives.

(ii) A panel discussion followed the launch on the theme "Role of AI in Digitalization of Education," focusing on how Artificial Intelligence can transform learning methodologies, improve access, and build future-ready digital skills in India.

5. TASL and Airbus to Establish India's First Private Final Assembly Line in Vemagal, Karnataka



On October 1, 2025, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Airbus announced the establishment of India's first private-sector Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Vemagal, Karnataka, to manufacture the Airbus H125 helicopter. The initiative marks a key milestone in strengthening India's indigenous aerospace manufacturing capabilities.

- The new assembly line will be located in the Vemagal Industrial Area and will include

Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facilities along with helipads for final testing. It represents Airbus' second assembly collaboration with TASL after the C295 aircraft plant in Vadodara, Gujarat.

- The production at the Vemagal facility is expected to begin in 2026, with the first India-assembled Airbus H125 helicopter scheduled for delivery in 2027, showcasing India's growing self-reliance in aerospace manufacturing.

Key Points:-

- The plant will cater to both domestic and international markets across South Asia, manufacturing the single-engine H125 helicopter known for its versatility in civil aviation, disaster management, police operations, and high-altitude missions.
- The project aligns with the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative, promoting indigenous manufacturing, enhancing defense capabilities, and reducing dependence on foreign imports in the aerospace sector.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. RBI Holds Repo Rate at 5.5% and Maintains 'Neutral' Stance in 4th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Committee Meeting FY 2025–26.



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted its 57th and 4th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting of the financial year 2025–26 from September 29 to October 1, 2025, under the chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of RBI. The MPC unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.5%, maintaining a 'Neutral' stance amid moderating inflation and ongoing fiscal transmission effects.

- The 4th Bi-Monthly MPC Meeting was chaired by Shri Sanjay Malhotra and attended by MPC members Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Shri Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh, Dr. Poonam Gupta, and Shri Indranil Bhattacharyya.

- All MPC members voted unanimously to retain the repo rate at 5.5% under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF). The RBI stated that the decision was taken to balance inflation control with the need to support economic growth, keeping monetary conditions steady.

Key Points:-

- The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate remained at 5.25%, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate were held at 5.75%. Similarly, the Reverse Repo Rate stood at 3.35%, the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 3.00%, and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) at

18.00%, ensuring overall monetary stability.

(ii) The Monetary Policy Committee decided to continue with the 'Neutral' stance, emphasizing flexibility in responding to future inflationary pressures and economic developments.

(iii) According to the MPC, inflation has moderated but earlier monetary policy actions and fiscal measures are still filtering through the economy. Hence, it was considered prudent to maintain current rates to observe the full impact of previous decisions before any policy adjustment, ensuring sustainable growth with price stability.

2. ADB Approves USD 190 Million Loan for Indore Metro Rail Project to Boost Urban Mobility and Sustainability.



In October 2025, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 190 million loan to support the Indore Metro Rail Project in Madhya Pradesh (MP). The initiative aims to enhance urban mobility, reduce pollution, and promote inclusive growth, with operations expected by January 2030.

- The Indore Metro Rail Project, implemented by Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation

Limited (MPMRCL), will construct an 8.62 kilometre (km) underground metro line featuring 7 stations. The line will connect congested city areas to Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport, addressing traffic challenges and improving commuter convenience.

- The metro system will integrate advanced facilities, including ramps, lifts, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance, and emergency response systems.

- The project is designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately 12,414 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) equivalent per year, contributing to climate change mitigation and promoting a cleaner urban environment in Indore.

Key Points:-

(i) The metro line will be connected with existing bus services and feeder routes, ensuring seamless multimodal transport. This integration will enhance access to educational institutions, markets, and key commercial hubs, improving overall urban connectivity.

(ii) ADB will work with the city's existing TOD technical assistance programs to strengthen Indore's TOD planning and policy framework.

MOUs and Agreement

1. DPIIT Signs MoU with Thermo Fisher Scientific to Boost Biotech Startup Innovation in India.



On October 1, 2025, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Thermo Fisher Scientific (TFS), a global leader in life sciences tools and services, to strengthen India's biotechnology startup ecosystem and accelerate innovation.

- The partnership between DPIIT and Thermo Fisher Scientific aims to support over 500 biotechnology startups across India within three years through strategic advisory, access to technology, mentorship programs, and investor networking to promote innovation-driven growth.

- Under the collaboration, TFS and DPIIT's Bharat Startup Grand Challenge (BSGC) will jointly launch BioVerse, an integrated platform designed to identify, mentor, and fund promising biotech entrepreneurs, fostering a sustainable innovation ecosystem.

Key Points:-

(i) The BioVerse Challenge will identify and support 100 top-performing biotech startups by offering mentorship, access to advanced Research and Development (R&D) facilities, and investor connections to help

commercialize their innovations.

(ii) The BioVerse Mentors Circle will train 400 additional startups in biotech entrepreneurship, while the BioVerse Alumni Network will continue to offer long-term mentorship, guidance, and funding support for sustained business development.

(iii) This strategic collaboration aligns with the Startup India initiative and DPIIT's vision to make India a global hub for biotechnology innovation, promoting entrepreneurship, research excellence, and technological advancement in the life sciences sector.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Sanjay Chalke Appointed as New CEO of Capgemini India, to Succeed Ashwin Yardi.



In October 2025, Capgemini SE, a French multinational company specializing in digital and consulting services, announced the appointment of Sanjay Chalke as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Capgemini India. He will assume office from January 1, 2026, succeeding Ashwin Yardi, who will retire as CEO and take on the role of non-executive Chairman.

Key Points:-

(i) Sanjay Chalke brings over 25 years of industry experience, with a strong background in leading delivery transformation initiatives for global clients. His expertise spans multiple sectors and strategic program leadership roles.

(ii) Prior to Capgemini, Chalke held senior leadership positions at Siemens, Covansys, and DXC Technologies (formerly CSC), including Global Head for SAP Practice, Application & Solutions, demonstrating his proficiency in large-scale IT and consulting projects.

(iii) Chalke joined Capgemini in 2016 as Vice President, Delivery Transformation, and has since progressed through various leadership roles, including Executive Vice President and Head of Sogeti India. In 2024, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) before being named CEO of Capgemini India.

23, 2025. The announcement was made in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in the presence of Sports Minister Sunil Kumara Gamage, officials from Sri Lanka's Cricket Association for the Visually Handicapped, and representatives from the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI).

● **The tournament is being organized jointly by the CABI and Sri Lanka's Cricket Association for the Visually Handicapped, marking a major milestone in promoting blind women's cricket internationally.**

● = **The competition will feature teams from Australia, England, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the United States of America (USA). The format includes 21 league matches, followed by two semi-finals and a final to determine the champion.**

Key Points:-

(i) **Venues – India Leg:** The opening matches will be hosted in New Delhi, followed by games in Bengaluru, Karnataka, providing a platform for competitive blind women's cricket across major Indian cities.

(ii) **Venues – Sri Lanka Leg:** The concluding matches, including the semi-finals, final, and the closing ceremony, will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, highlighting the collaborative spirit between the two countries in advancing women's blind cricket.

SPORTS

1. India and Sri Lanka to Co-Host Inaugural Women's T20 World Cup – Cricket for the Blind in November 2025.



India and Sri Lanka will jointly host the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup – Cricket for the Blind from November 11 to November

2. Indian Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver at 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Norway.



Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu secured a silver medal in the 48kg category at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships held in Forde, Norway. She also set new national records in the Clean & Jerk and total lift, marking her third World Championship medal.

- Mirabai Chanu lifted a total of 199kg in the 48kg division, setting new Indian national records with 115kg in Clean & Jerk and 199kg in total lift. This medal adds to her previous World Championship successes, making it her third medal at this level.
- North Korea's Ri Song-gum dominated the event by winning three gold medals in the 48kg category. Ri set new world records with a 91kg snatch, a 122kg Clean & Jerk, and a total lift of 213kg.
- Thailand's Thanyathon Sukcharoen claimed the bronze medal with a total lift of 198kg, finishing just behind Mirabai Chanu in this closely contested event.

App and Web Portal

1. Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Launches 'MY Bharat' Mobile App to Empower Youth Engagement and Leadership.



In October 2025, Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, who heads the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E), launched the 'MY Bharat' Mobile Application (App) during an event held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The app is part of the MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) platform, an initiative aimed at fostering youth leadership and social engagement under the Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA), MYAS.
- The MY Bharat Mobile App has been designed and developed by the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). It represents the government's effort to digitize youth participation mechanisms and connect India's young citizens with nation-building opportunities.
- The app provides users with seamless access to volunteering, internship, mentorship, and learning opportunities, ensuring holistic youth development. It supports Hindi and English languages, with more regional languages expected to be added soon to enhance accessibility across India.

Key Points:-

- (i) To ensure rural inclusion, the Common Services Centres (CSCs) have been

integrated with the MY Bharat portal, enabling youth from remote areas to register, participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 Quiz, and explore multiple engagement programs through the app.

(ii) The MY Bharat App allows youth participation in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 Quiz, designed to promote awareness and leadership skills among India's young generation.

(iii) Since the launch of the MY Bharat platform on October 31, 2023, the initiative has witnessed remarkable growth, engaging over 1.81 crore youth and 1.20 lakh organisations nationwide. The launch of the mobile app in 2025 further strengthens this digital movement by expanding access and interactivity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. United Nations Marks 19th International Day of Non-Violence on October 2, 2025.

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OCTOBER 2, 2025



The United Nations (UN) observes the International Day of Non-Violence annually on October 2, coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. In India, this day is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti, honoring

Gandhi's philosophy of peace and non-violence. In 2025, the observance marks the 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 19th International Day of Non-Violence.

- The day reinforces Gandhi's vital message, "Say No to Violence," highlighting non-violence (Ahimsa) as a cornerstone of activism. The 2025 observance includes a special commemorative event organized by the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in New York, USA.

- The UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the International Day of Non-Violence through resolution A/RES/61/271 on June 15, 2007, following a proposal by Iranian Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi. The day was first observed globally on October 2, 2007.

- Born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat, Gandhi is recognized as the "Father of the Nation." He studied in London and became a key leader in India's struggle for independence, advocating non-violent resistance during events like the Dandi March (1930) and the Quit India Movement (1942). Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948, in New Delhi.

Key Points:-

(i) In India, the International Day of Non-Violence is marked by tributes at Raj Ghat (New Delhi), along with cultural and educational programs. Public campaigns promote Gandhi's ideals, and the day coincides with Swachh Bharat initiatives like Swachhata Hi Seva 2025, which runs from September 17 to October 2, 2025.

(ii) Gandhi's principles of non-violence and truth (Ahimsa) remain central to his legacy. His leadership and philosophy continue to inspire global movements for peace, and his birth anniversary is observed worldwide to

honor his enduring influence.

(iii) The 2025 edition, themed Swachhotsav, combines civic responsibility and mobilization of millions across India for nationwide cleanliness drives, linking the values of non-violence and social service to public engagement campaigns.

2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2025 Observed Globally from October 1 to 31.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) is observed annually worldwide from October 1 to 31 to raise awareness about breast cancer, encourage early detection, support patients, and promote research for prevention and treatment. The 2025 theme is "Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters."

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in October 1985 as a collaborative initiative between the American Cancer Society and pharmaceutical company Imperial Chemical Industries, aiming to educate the public about breast cancer and promote early detection.

- October is celebrated internationally as "Pink Month," emphasizing awareness campaigns, education, and advocacy to support women and men affected by breast cancer worldwide.

Key Points:-

(i) The pink ribbon is the universal symbol of breast cancer awareness, representing hope, courage, and solidarity with patients and survivors. It is used extensively in campaigns, merchandise, and events during BCAM.

(ii) The pink ribbon emerged as a breast cancer awareness symbol in the early 1990s in the United States of America (USA). It gained widespread recognition in 1992 through campaigns led by Estée Lauder and Self Magazine, becoming synonymous with global breast cancer advocacy.

OBITUARY

1. Renowned Classical Vocalist Pandit Chhannul Mishra Passes Away at 89.



On October 2, 2025, Padma Vibhushan awardee and eminent classical vocalist Pandit Chhannul Mishra passed away at the age of 89 in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Born on August 3, 1936, in Hariharpur, Azamgarh, UP, he was celebrated for his contributions to Hindustani classical music and folk traditions.

- Pandit Chhannul Mishra was initially trained by his father, Badri Prasad Mishra, and later

received guidance from renowned musicians Shambhu Bhattacharya and Ustad Ghani Khan of the Kirana Gharana. His training rooted him deeply in the Banaras Gharana tradition.

- He represented the Banaras Gharana, known for infusing folk elements and emotional depth into classical ragas and semi-classical genres. He specialized in Purab Ang Gayaki, a classical style originating in UP and Bihar.

Key Points:-

(i) Mishra excelled in pure classical forms like Khyal and semi-classical genres including Thumri, Dadra, Kajri, Hori, and Chaiti. He was affectionately known as the “Voice of Banaras” for his soulful renditions.

(ii) He mentored numerous disciples, ensuring the continuity of his Purab Ang Gayaki tradition. His influence significantly shaped the next generation of classical vocalists within the Banaras Gharana.

(iii) He received multiple honors, including the Naushad Award (1995), Bihar Sangeet Shiromani Award (1999), UP Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2000), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2010), Padma Bhushan (2010), and Padma Vibhushan (2020) for his outstanding contributions to Indian music.

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Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	Chairman : Dr. Ajay Kumar	Headquarters : New Delhi
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)	Union Minister : Ashwini Vaishnaw	Headquarters : New Delhi
Airbus	CEO: Guillaume Faury	Headquarters : Blagnac, France
RBI	Governor : Sanjay Malhotra	Headquarter : Mumbai
Asian Development Bank(ADB)	President : Masato Kanda (Japan)	Headquarters : Mandaluyong City, Manila, the Philippines
Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)	President: Mahantesh G Kivadasannavar	Founded: 2011