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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. President Droupadi Murmu approves High Court bench in Ladakh.

[01 SEP 2026] -



President Droupadi Murmu promulgated The Union Territory of Ladakh (Sitting of the Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026 on 27 August 2026. The regulation establishes a bench of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh within Union Territory of Ladakh. Judges and divisions may hold sittings at locations designated by Chief Justice with prior approval of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, improving access to higher judicial remedies for residents of geographically remote areas.

Key Highlights:

- President Droupadi Murmu promulgated regulation for High Court bench in Ladakh.
- Regulation was promulgated on 27 August 2026.
- Official title is The Union Territory of Ladakh Sitting of the Bench of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh Regulation, 2026.
- Regulation establishes bench of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh.
- Regulation was issued by Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister approved proposal on 20 August 2026.
- Judges and divisions can hold sittings at Ladakh locations designated by Chief Justice.
- Judicial sittings require prior approval of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.
- Chief Justice can order Ladakh cases to be heard at Srinagar or Jammu.
- Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena welcomed regulation.
- Notification was issued within seven days of Union Cabinet decision.
- Regulation improves physical access to higher judicial remedies in remote areas.
- It will reduce time and cost for litigants in Ladakh.

Additional Information:

- High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh was established in 1928.
- It is common High Court for Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- High Court principal seats are in Srinagar and Jammu.
- Union Territory of Ladakh was formed on 31 October 2019.
- Ladakh was created under Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.
- Ladakh is Union Territory without a legislature.

2. India and Uzbekistan upgrade ties to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 29-30 August 2026, during which India and Uzbekistan elevated their bilateral relationship to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The decision coincided with 15th anniversary of India-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership. Both countries expanded cooperation in critical minerals, defence and Digital Public Infrastructure, set bilateral trade target of USD 5 billion by 2030 and established new coordination mechanisms at Foreign Ministers level.

Key Highlights:

- PM Narendra Modi visited Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 29-30 August 2026.
- India and Uzbekistan upgraded ties to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- Upgrade coincided with 15th anniversary of India-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership.
- Original India-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership was signed in 2011.
- Cooperation expanded in critical minerals, defence and Digital Public Infrastructure.
- PM Modi was conferred Uzbekistan prestigious Oliy Darajali Do'stlik Order.
- India and Uzbekistan set bilateral trade target of USD 5 billion by 2030.
- Current bilateral trade volume is over USD 1 billion.
- Long-term arrangement was established for supply of uranium to India.

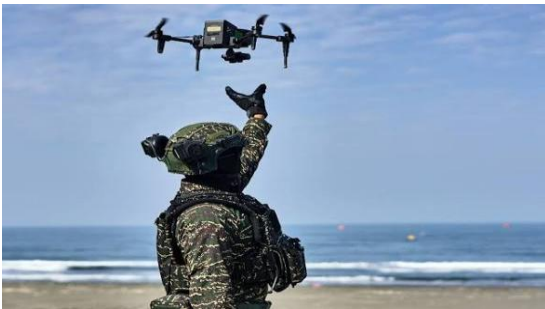
- Agreements were signed for mining and critical minerals cooperation.
- Coordination Council was established at level of Foreign Ministers.
- Existing Joint Commission was elevated from secretary-level to ministerial-level.
- Letter of Intent was signed for restoration of Fayaz Tapa and Kara Tapa Buddhist sites in Termez.

Additional Information:

- Uzbekistan capital is Tashkent.
- Uzbekistan currency is Uzbekistani Som.
- Uzbekistan is one of world only two double-landlocked countries.
- Uzbekistan is member of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- Uzbekistan is also member of Commonwealth of Independent States.
- India is largest democracy to provide Line of Credit for development projects in Uzbekistan.

3. Taiwan approves USD 7.6 billion budget for locally made drones.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Taiwan Parliament approved NT\$240 billion, equivalent to USD 7.6 billion, budget on 27 August 2026 for domestic production of drones to strengthen national defence. The outlay will be spread across six years through annual general budgets. Procurement focuses on coastal surveillance, attack and surface drones, including development and deployment of Mighty Hornet III unmanned aerial vehicle. Taiwan will also develop non-red supply chains to ensure zero reliance on Chinese-made components.

Key Highlights:

- Taiwan Parliament approved domestic drone-production budget on 27 August 2026.
- Total approved outlay is NT\$240 billion.
- Budget is equivalent to USD 7.6 billion.
- Funding will be spread across six years.
- Funds will be included in annual general budget.

- Budget is not structured as special budget.
- Procurement will cover coastal surveillance drones.
- Attack drones and surface drones are also included.
- Mighty Hornet III unmanned aerial vehicle will be developed and deployed.
- Taiwan earmarked record NT\$1.1 trillion for 2027 defence budget.
- Defence spending is projected to exceed 3 percent of GDP.
- Non-red supply chains will ensure no reliance on Chinese-made components.
- Programme strengthens cybersecurity and asymmetric warfare capabilities.

Additional Information:

- NCSIST stands for National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology.
- NCSIST is Taiwan primary defence technology and drone-development research institution.
- NCSIST is located in Taichung, Taiwan.
- Taiwan capital is Taipei.
- Taiwan currency is New Taiwan Dollar.
- Lai Ching-te is President of Taiwan.

4. India and China agree on eight-point consensus for boundary talks.

[01 SEP 2026] -



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Chinese officials in Beijing on 28 August 2026, where India and China agreed on an eight-point consensus aimed at resolving boundary disputes. The framework focuses on boundary stabilisation, early-harvest plan for immediate border concerns and de-escalation. The consensus came before scheduled visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to Delhi in September 2026 and represents ongoing dialogue to manage bilateral boundary issues.

Key Highlights:

- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Chinese officials in Beijing.
- Meeting was held on 28 August 2026.

- India and China agreed on eight-point consensus for boundary talks.
- Consensus aims to address India-China boundary disputes.
- Framework focuses on boundary stabilisation.
- Agreement includes early-harvest plan for immediate border concerns.
- Framework aims at de-escalation of border tensions.
- Consensus came before planned Delhi visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping in September 2026.
- Ajit Doval is National Security Advisor of India.
- National Security Advisor advises Prime Minister on national and international security.

Additional Information:

- National Security Advisor position was established in 1998 by Government of India.
- Brajesh Mishra was first National Security Advisor of India.
- United Nations Security Council was established in 1945 under United Nations Charter.
- United Nations Security Council has five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members.
- United Nations Security Council headquarters is in New York, United States.

5. Donald Trump renames Lake Ontario as Lake America.

[01 SEP 2026] -



United States President Donald Trump signed executive order on 27 August 2026 to officially rename Lake Ontario as Lake America with immediate effect. The order directs United States Department of the Interior to update official naming conventions and records. Secretary Doug Burgum has been assigned to oversee administrative transition. Lake America is one of five Great Lakes and serves as border between United States state of New York and Canadian province of Ontario.

Key Highlights:

- United States President Donald Trump renamed Lake Ontario as Lake America.
- Executive order was signed on 27 August 2026.
- Renaming took effect immediately.

- Department of the Interior will update official naming conventions and records.
- Secretary Doug Burgum will oversee administrative transition.
- Lake America is one of five Great Lakes of North America.
- Lake serves as border between New York state and Ontario province of Canada.
- Lake Ontario was smallest Great Lake by surface area.
- Lake Ontario was 14th largest lake in world by surface area.

Additional Information:

- Five Great Lakes are Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario or Lake America.
- Great Lakes contain approximately 21 percent of world surface freshwater by volume.
- United States Department of the Interior manages and conserves federal lands and natural resources.
- Department of the Interior headquarters is in Washington, D.C.
- Department of the Interior was established on 3 March 1849.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1. Delhi tops India in own revenue share for FY25.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Reserve Bank of India released 2025 Handbook of Statistics on Indian States on 30 August 2026, placing Delhi first in own revenue share for FY25 at 93.2 percent. Haryana ranked second at 80.4 percent, followed by Telangana at 78.4 percent, Karnataka at 77.3 percent and Tamil Nadu at 75.5 percent. The own-revenue-share metric measures fiscal self-reliance using Budget Estimates for 2024-25 and is calculated as Own Tax Revenue plus Own Non-Tax Revenue divided by Revenue Receipts multiplied by 100.

Key Highlights:

- RBI released 2025 Handbook of Statistics on Indian States on 30 August 2026.
- Delhi ranked first in own revenue share for FY25.
- Delhi recorded own revenue share of 93.2 percent.

- Haryana ranked second with 80.4 percent own revenue share.
- Telangana ranked third with 78.4 percent.
- Karnataka recorded 77.3 percent own revenue share.
- Tamil Nadu recorded 75.5 percent own revenue share.
- Manipur recorded lowest own revenue share at 10.0 percent.
- Nagaland recorded 12.5 percent own revenue share.
- Arunachal Pradesh recorded 12.8 percent own revenue share.
- Tripura and Mizoram recorded 16.6 percent and 19.6 percent respectively.
- Metric uses Budget Estimates for 2024-25 to assess revenue self-reliance.
- Formula is Own Tax Revenue plus Own Non-Tax Revenue divided by Revenue Receipts multiplied by 100.
- Difference between Delhi and Manipur was 83.2 percentage points.
- Delhi recorded lowest fiscal deficit among analysed states and Union Territories.
- Telangana topped ranking for highest guarantees burden as percentage of GSDP.
- Himachal Pradesh recorded highest pension burden in India for FY25.

Additional Information:

- Reserve Bank of India was established on 1 April 1935.
- RBI was established under RBI Act, 1934.
- RBI creation was recommended by Hilton Young Commission.
- RBI was nationalised on 1 January 1949.
- RBI headquarters is in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Own Tax Revenue includes taxes directly collected by State government.
- Own Non-Tax Revenue includes dividends, royalties, user charges and fees.

SPORTS

1. IIT Madras launches Phiball, a three-team basketball variant.

[01 SEP 2026] -



IIT Madras launched Phiball on 29 August 2026, on eve of National Sports Day. Phiball is a faster three-team variant of basketball played on a circular court. The game was designed by Professor Sathyanarayana N. Gummadi, Dean of Students at IIT Madras, as hybrid of basketball and netball. Phiball has a circular pitch of 26-metre diameter and three goal posts with portable backboard-less rims. It is named after Golden Ratio Phi, whose approximate value is 1.618.

Key Highlights:

- IIT Madras launched Phiball on 29 August 2026.
- Phiball is a faster three-team basketball variant.
- Game is played on circular court.
- Phiball was designed by Professor Sathyanarayana N. Gummadi.
- Professor Gummadi is Dean of Students at IIT Madras.
- Game is hybrid of basketball and netball.
- Circular pitch has diameter of 26 metres.
- Court includes three goal posts with portable backboard-less rims.
- Teams must attempt a shot within 24 seconds after gaining possession.
- Players can take maximum three dribbles in one hold.
- No-offense zone is a 1.6-metre restricted perimeter below rim.
- Entry into no-offense zone nullifies points.
- Phiball is named after Golden Ratio Phi.
- Golden Ratio Phi has approximate value of 1.618.
- Game can be played on dirt, clay or grass with setup cost below ₹30,000.
- Phiball was inspired by Omegaball, a three-sided football variant launched in April.

Additional Information:

- National Sports Day is celebrated annually on 29 August in India.
- National Sports Day marks birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- IIT Madras was established in 1959.
- IIT Madras was established with assistance from former West German government.

- IIT Madras is located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- IIT Madras has consistently ranked as top engineering institute in India by NIRF.

2. India finishes eighth in FIH Men Hockey World Cup 2026.

[01 SEP 2026] -



India concluded FIH Men Hockey World Cup 2026 campaign in eighth position after losing placement match to Belgium by 3-4 in penalty shootout on 28 August 2026. The placement match was played at Belifus Arena in Wavre, Belgium. FIH Men Hockey World Cup is organised every four years. India won its only gold medal in tournament history in 1975 edition held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Key Highlights:

- India finished eighth in FIH Men Hockey World Cup 2026.
- India lost placement match to Belgium by 3-4 in penalty shootout.
- Match was played on 28 August 2026.
- Placement match was held at Belifus Arena in Wavre, Belgium.
- India secured eighth position in tournament.
- FIH Men Hockey World Cup is organised every four years.
- First Men Hockey World Cup edition was held in 1971.
- First edition was hosted in Barcelona, Spain.
- India won its only Men Hockey World Cup gold medal in 1975.
- 1975 edition was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Additional Information:

- FIH stands for International Hockey Federation.
- FIH was established in 1924.
- FIH headquarters is in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- FIH governs international field hockey and indoor field hockey.
- Belgium capital is Brussels.
- Belgium currency is Euro.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. National Small Industry Day observed on 30 August.

[01 SEP 2026] -



India observed National Small Industry Day on 30 August 2026 to recognise role of small-scale enterprises in manufacturing output, economic growth and industrial development. The observance commemorates launch of comprehensive policy package for small-scale sector on 30 August 2000. Small industries account for more than 30 percent of total national output and support vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat through manufacturing, employment and entrepreneurship.

Key Highlights:

- India observed National Small Industry Day on 30 August 2026.
- Day recognises role of small-scale enterprises in national economy.
- Small industries contribute to manufacturing output and economic growth.
- Observance supports industrial development and entrepreneurship.
- Day commemorates comprehensive policy package launched on 30 August 2000.
- Policy package was created specifically for small-scale sector.
- Small industries are key drivers of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- Small enterprises account for more than 30 percent of total national output.
- National Small Industries Corporation supports sector through training and capacity-building programmes.

Additional Information:

- NSIC stands for National Small Industries Corporation Limited.
- NSIC was established in 1955.
- NSIC is ISO 9001:2015 certified Government of India Enterprise.
- NSIC works under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- NSIC headquarters is in New Delhi.

- Revised MSME classification came into effect on 1 July 2020.
- Micro enterprise has investment below ₹1 crore and turnover below ₹5 crore.
- Small enterprise has investment below ₹10 crore and turnover below ₹50 crore.
- Medium enterprise has investment below ₹50 crore and turnover below ₹250 crore.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Gujarat launches India first state-level Sports Genomics Programme.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Gujarat launched India first state-level Sports Genomics Programme in Gandhinagar on 28 August 2026 to scientifically profile and develop athletes for high-level competitions. The programme studies genetic and physiological characteristics such as muscle composition, endurance, metabolism, exercise-response efficiency, recovery rates and injury-susceptibility patterns. The initiative is intended to strengthen scientific athlete development and preparation for 2030 Commonwealth Games.

Key Highlights:

- Gujarat launched India first state-level Sports Genomics Programme.
- Programme was launched in Gandhinagar on 28 August 2026.
- Initiative is first-of-its-kind at state level in India.
- Programme aims to scientifically profile athletes for high-level competitions.
- Sports Genomics studies genetic and physiological characteristics of athletes.
- Programme studies muscle composition and endurance capabilities.
- It analyses metabolism and exercise-response efficiency.
- Recovery rates and injury-susceptibility patterns are also examined.
- Programme studies relationship between genetic variations and athletic traits.
- It adds scientific dimension to traditional sports training.

- Sports Genomics can support personalised training through DNA-based metabolic and physiological data.
- Gujarat programme supports preparation for 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- Initiative aims to identify athletes capable of competing at national and international levels.

Additional Information:

- Sports Genomics is emerging field that studies genetic variation and athletic performance.
- Gujarat capital is Gandhinagar.
- Gujarat is preparing sports infrastructure and talent pools for 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- National Sports Day is celebrated annually on 29 August in India.
- National Sports Day commemorates birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Tamil Nadu notifies three elephant corridors in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Tamil Nadu government notified three new elephant corridors in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary on 28 August 2026 to facilitate safe wildlife movement between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The corridors are located in Hosur Forest Division and are important for trans-Cauvery migration of elephants. All three corridors lie entirely within Reserved Forest boundaries, ensuring that no revenue villages or private lands are affected by the notification.

Key Highlights:

- Tamil Nadu notified three new elephant corridors on 28 August 2026.
- Corridors are located in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary.
- All three corridors are situated in Hosur Forest Division.
- Corridors facilitate trans-Cauvery migration of elephants between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
- Jawalagiri-Ulibanda-Thaggatti corridor is 18.50 km long.
- Jawalagiri-Ulibanda-Thaggatti corridor covers 3,241.53 hectares.

- Jawalagiri-Panai-Anchetty corridor extends for 20.90 km.
- Jawalagiri-Panai-Anchetty corridor covers 6,881.47 hectares.
- Bilikkal-Jawalagiri corridor is 2.20 km long.
- Bilikkal-Jawalagiri corridor has width ranging from 0.66 km to 1.50 km.
- Two committees identified 41 potential elephant corridors across Tamil Nadu landscapes.
- All three notified corridors are completely within Reserved Forest boundaries.
- No revenue village or private land is affected by the three corridor notifications.
- Madras High Court allowed notification process in Thally-Bilikkal-Jawalagiri area along with eviction proceedings.

Additional Information:

- Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary protects elephant habitat in Melagiri hills.
- Sanctuary links Bannerghatta National Park in Karnataka with Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Elephant corridor is narrow strip of land connecting two larger wildlife habitats.
- Elephant corridors help maintain genetic diversity of elephant populations.
- They also help reduce human-wildlife conflict.
- Asian Elephant was declared National Heritage Animal of India in 2010.
- Asian Elephant is listed under Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

GENERAL & OTHER NEWS**1. iFMS integrates with Meri Fasal Mera Byora and AgriStack for fertiliser management.**

[01 SEP 2026] -



Integrated Fertilizer Management System entered new phase of data-driven fertiliser management on 30 August 2026 through integration with Meri Fasal Mera Byora and AgriStack. The system connects over 14 crore Aadhaar-linked fertiliser buyers, more than 2.5 lakh retailers and approximately 7 crore metric tonnes of annual fertiliser-sale transactions. Platform was developed and technically

supported by National Informatics Centre for Department of Fertilizers and manages annual fertiliser subsidy of nearly ₹2 lakh crore.

Key Highlights:

- iFMS integrated with Meri Fasal Mera Byora and AgriStack on 30 August 2026.
- Integration creates new phase of data-driven fertiliser management.
- iFMS connects more than 14 crore Aadhaar-linked fertiliser buyers.
- System monitors over 2.5 lakh fertiliser retailers.
- Platform tracks about 7 crore metric tonnes of annual fertiliser-sale transactions.
- National Informatics Centre developed and technically supports platform.
- System works for Department of Fertilizers.
- Platform manages annual fertiliser subsidy of nearly ₹2 lakh crore.
- New digital layer enables verified fertiliser-sale transactions.
- Mobile app-based booking system is integrated with AgriStack IDs.
- QR-based booking verifies land ownership and fertiliser requirements.
- Vehicle Location Tracking System strengthens fertiliser supply chain.
- Tracking system identifies delays and unusual movement patterns in fertiliser consignments.
- e-Bill System was inaugurated on 1 January 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- e-Bill System integrates with Public Financial Management System and eliminates physical movement of subsidy bills.

Additional Information:

- iFMS stands for Integrated Fertilizer Management System.
- NIC stands for National Informatics Centre.
- AgriStack is digital agriculture framework using farmer and farm-related data.
- PFMS stands for Public Financial Management System.
- Department of Fertilizers works under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

2. India records nearly 80% decline in malaria cases and deaths.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Union Health Ministry reported on 28 August 2026 that India achieved nearly 80 percent decline in malaria cases and deaths between 2015 and 2025. The number of high-burden districts declined from 155 to 33, while 160 districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases between 2022 and 2025. India is working toward malaria elimination by 2030 through Test, Treat and Track strategy, District Action Plans and Village Action Plans.

Key Highlights:

- India recorded nearly 80 percent decline in malaria cases between 2015 and 2025.
- India also recorded nearly 80 percent decline in malaria deaths during same period.
- High-burden malaria districts declined from 155 to 33.
- A total of 160 districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases from 2022 to 2025.
- Remaining 33 high-burden districts are spread across nine States and Union Territories.
- These 33 districts accounted for 64 percent of total malaria cases in 2025.
- They accounted for 54 percent of total malaria deaths in 2025.
- High-burden areas include Mizoram, Odisha, Tripura, Assam and Andhra Pradesh.
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Maharashtra are also included.
- India follows Test, Treat and Track strategy for malaria elimination.
- District Action Plans are deployed in high-burden zones.
- Village Action Plans are used in malaria-prone areas.
- India is committed to Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating malaria by 2030.

Additional Information:

- Malaria is life-threatening disease caused by Plasmodium parasites.
- Malaria is transmitted through bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.
- NCVBDC stands for National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control.

- NCVBDC is nodal agency for malaria, dengue, lymphatic filariasis, kala-azar, Japanese encephalitis and chikungunya.
- National Health Mission operates under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- National Health Mission was launched in 2013 by subsuming NRHM and NUHM.

3. FSSAI proposes red hexagonal warning labels for HFSS packaged foods.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Food Safety and Standards Authority of India submitted compliance affidavit to Supreme Court on 28 August 2026 proposing mandatory red hexagonal pictorial warning labels for High Fat, Sugar and Salt packaged foods. Warning will apply when a product is high in two or more nutrients among added sugar, added salt and added saturated fat. Proposed labels will be one point larger than back-of-pack nutrition information and will be available in Hindi and English.

Key Highlights:

- FSSAI proposed red hexagonal warning labels for HFSS packaged foods.
- FSSAI submitted compliance affidavit to Supreme Court on 28 August 2026.
- HFSS stands for High Fat, Sugar and Salt.
- Warning label will be red hexagonal pictorial warning.
- Warning applies to products high in two or more specified nutrients.
- Nutrients include added sugar, added salt and added saturated fat.
- Proposed warning label will be one point larger than back-of-pack nutrition information.
- Labels will be available in Hindi and English.
- Framework aligns with ICMR-NIN Dietary Guidelines 2024.
- Guidelines provide thresholds for total sugar and fat per 100 gm.
- Framework uses HFSS definition from 2022 draft notifications and parliamentary discussions.

Additional Information:

- FSSAI stands for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
- FSSAI is statutory body established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
- FSSAI works under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- FSSAI headquarters is in New Delhi.
- NIN stands for National Institute of Nutrition.
- NIN was founded in 1918 by Sir Robert McCarrison.
- NIN is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- NIN works under Indian Council of Medical Research.

4. India sets first national standards for mortuary infrastructure.

[01 SEP 2026] -



Directorate General of Health Services finalised India first national minimum standards for mortuary and post-mortem infrastructure on 30 August 2026. Standards were developed by National Council for Clinical Establishments to replace fragmented state-level codes. The guidelines prescribe requirements for cold storage, staffing, autopsy facilities, location, design, biomedical waste compliance and fire-safety clearance in mortuaries across India.

Key Highlights:

- DGHS finalised India first national minimum standards for mortuary infrastructure.
- Standards were finalised on 30 August 2026.
- Guidelines cover mortuary and post-mortem infrastructure.
- National Council for Clinical Establishments developed standards.
- Standards replace fragmented state-level mortuary codes.
- Cold storage temperature must be maintained from 4 degrees Celsius to 8 degrees Celsius.
- Each facility must have minimum capacity for four bodies.
- Every body must receive unique serial number.
- Separate storage is mandatory for Medico-Legal Case remains.
- Mortuaries must be located on ground floor.
- Mortuaries must have dedicated entry points away from general patient traffic.

- Morgues are prohibited in basements and near hospital waste-disposal sites.
- Corridors must be eight feet wide and ceilings must be at least 10 feet high.
- Facilities handling up to 100 annual autopsies require two doctors, two technicians and two assistants.
- Autopsy block must cover 4,000 square feet with 600 square feet operatory area.
- Compliance with Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2018 and fire-safety clearances is mandatory.

Additional Information:

- Clinical Establishments Registration and Regulation Act was enacted in 2010.
- Act provides registry of clinical establishments and minimum standards for public health facilities.
- DGHS is technical wing of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- DGHS advises government on medical and public health matters.
- DGHS implements several health schemes in India.

5. Norway King Harald V passes away and Crown Prince Haakon succeeds.

[01 SEP 2026] -



King Harald V of Norway, described as Europe oldest monarch, passed away at age of 89 in Oslo on 28 August 2026. Crown Prince Haakon succeeded his father as new King of Norway. King Harald V ascended throne in 1991 after death of his father King Olav V and served as head of state for about 35 years. He was credited with modernising Norwegian monarchy and had spent part of childhood in exile in United States during World War II.

Key Highlights:

- King Harald V of Norway passed away at age of 89.
- He passed away in Oslo on 28 August 2026.
- King Harald V was Europe oldest monarch.
- Crown Prince Haakon succeeded King Harald V as new King of Norway.
- King Harald V ascended throne in 1991.

- He succeeded his father King Olav V.
- He served as Norway head of state for approximately 35 years.
- King Harald V was credited with modernising Norwegian monarchy.
- He spent part of childhood in exile in United States during World War II.
- He was first Norwegian-born prince since Olav Haakonsson in 1370.
- King Harald V represented Norway in sailing at Olympic Games in 1964, 1968 and 1972.

Additional Information:

- Norway capital is Oslo.
- Norway currency is Norwegian Krone.
- Norway is unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy.
- Norway shares borders with Sweden, Finland and Russia.
- Norway is located in Northern Europe.