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NATIONAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

1. DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR COMPLETION & VADODARA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Context

Major railway and infrastructure projects were inaugurated, dedicated or launched in Vadodara, Gujarat, with the total value of the development works exceeding ₹35,000 crore. The occasion also highlighted the completion of more than 2,800 km of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors.

About the Topic

Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) are high-capacity railway routes designed primarily for freight movement. They separate a large share of freight traffic from passenger routes, improving logistics efficiency, reducing transit time and supporting industrial corridors.

Key Facts

- The combined Dedicated Freight Corridor network is now described as more than 2,800 km.
- The Western DFC links the Jawaharlal Nehru Port area with Dadri in the National Capital Region.
- The Eastern DFC provides a major freight route toward northern and eastern India.
- DFCs are closely connected with PM Gati Shakti, multimodal logistics and industrial competitiveness.

Relevant Background

India's railway freight system historically carried heavy freight on mixed-use routes shared with passenger services. The DFC programme was conceived to create dedicated high-capacity freight infrastructure and improve the national logistics network.

Historical Background

The Dedicated Freight Corridor programme emerged from the early-2000s policy push to strengthen freight capacity. The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited was incorporated in 2006 to plan and execute the corridor programme.

2. INA MUSEUM AT MOIRANG: HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY

Context

The Vice-President visited the INA Museum at Moirang in Manipur and paid tribute to the contribution and sacrifices associated with the Indian National Army.

About the Topic

Moirang is historically associated with the Indian National Army (INA), which operated under the leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during the Second World War. The INA sought to end British rule through armed struggle and mobilisation of Indian personnel.

Key Facts

- Moirang is in Bishnupur district of Manipur.
- The INA flag was hoisted at Moirang in April 1944 during the Burma campaign.
- The INA is closely associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.
- The INA Museum preserves artefacts and memories connected with this phase of India's freedom struggle.

Relevant Background

The INA operated in association with Japanese forces in the Burma theatre and entered northeastern India in 1944. The Imphal–Kohima campaign became one of the major turning points of the Burma campaign.

Historical Background

The INA was first formed under Mohan Singh in 1942 from Indian prisoners of war captured by Japan. It was reorganised under Subhas Chandra Bose in 1943, after which it became a major symbol of militant anti-colonial nationalism.

3. DR. BHUPEN HAZARIKA: 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Context

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was remembered on his 100th birth anniversary for his immense contribution to music, literature, cinema and the cultural identity of Assam and the Northeast.





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About the Topic

Bhupen Hazarika was an Assamese singer, composer, lyricist, filmmaker and cultural figure whose work crossed linguistic and regional boundaries. His compositions often addressed humanism, social justice, identity and cultural unity.

Key Facts

- Bhupen Hazarika was born in 1926 in Sadiya, Assam.
- He received the Bharat Ratna in 2019, posthumously.
- He was a recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award and Padma Vibhushan.
- His work is strongly associated with Assamese culture and the wider cultural life of Northeast India.

Relevant Background

Hazarika studied at Banaras Hindu University and later pursued higher education in the United States, including at Columbia University. His exposure to diverse cultural traditions influenced his artistic work.

Historical Background

His career developed during the formative decades after Independence, when regional-language cinema and music became important instruments of cultural expression. He helped bring Assamese music and themes to national audiences.

ECONOMY, BANKING & FINANCE

4. GLOBAL FINTECH FEST 2026: INDIA'S DIGITAL FINANCE PUSH

Context

The seventh Global Fintech Fest 2026 opened in Mumbai on 8 September, highlighting India's fintech journey, UPI and the wider role of digital public infrastructure.

About the Topic

The Global Fintech Fest is a major platform for discussion among policymakers, financial institutions, technology companies, innovators and investors. The 2026 edition placed emphasis on expanding fintech beyond payments and on emerging technologies.

Key Facts

- The 7th edition is being held in Mumbai from 8 to 11 September 2026.
- UPI remains a central example of India's Digital Public Infrastructure-led financial innovation.
- Key themes include agentic AI, tokenisation, quantum technologies and cybersecurity.
- The broader agenda includes credit, insurance, savings, investments and pensions in addition to payments.

Relevant Background

India's digital finance ecosystem combines digital identity, interoperable payments and consent-based data sharing. UPI enables real-time bank-to-bank payments through interoperable systems.

Historical Background

The fintech transformation accelerated after the expansion of Aadhaar, mobile connectivity and Jan Dhan accounts. UPI was launched in 2016 and subsequently became a major component of India's digital payments ecosystem.

5. INDIA'S REAL GDP GROWS 7.8% IN Q1 FY 2026-27

Context

India's real GDP growth for April–June 2026 was estimated at 7.8%, while real GVA growth was estimated at 8.2%. The estimates use the revised national accounts framework with 2022–23 as the base year.

About the Topic

GDP measures the value of final goods and services produced within the domestic economy during a specified period. Real GDP removes the effect of price changes to measure changes in actual output more meaningfully.

Key Facts

- Real GDP for Q1 FY 2026-27 was estimated at ₹81.36 lakh crore.
- Nominal GDP was estimated at ₹88.27 lakh crore, recording 10.3% growth.
- Real GVA grew by 8.2%.
- The new national accounts series uses 2022–23 as the base year.





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Relevant Background

GDP can be measured through production, expenditure and income approaches. GVA measures the value added by individual producers, industries and sectors before taxes less subsidies on products are incorporated to arrive at GDP.

Historical Background

India periodically updates the base year and methodology of national accounts to reflect structural changes in the economy, improve data coverage and incorporate better price and production information.

6. INDIA'S AUGUST FUEL DEMAND FALLS TO A TWO-YEAR LOW

Context

India's petroleum-product consumption in August 2026 declined from July levels, with total fuel demand reported at about 18.61 million metric tonnes, the lowest monthly level since September 2024.

About the Topic

Petroleum demand is an important indicator of transport activity, industrial use and broader energy consumption. Changes in fuel demand can also influence imports, the current account and inflation through energy prices.

Key Facts

- August 2026 fuel consumption was reported to be 6.3% lower than July.
- The reported monthly demand was about 18.61 million metric tonnes.
- Petrol, diesel and other petroleum products have different demand patterns across transport and industry.
- India remains highly dependent on imported crude oil for its energy needs.

Relevant Background

Crude oil is processed in refineries into petroleum products such as petrol, diesel, aviation turbine fuel, LPG and petrochemical feedstocks. Domestic fuel demand is influenced by economic activity, mobility, prices and seasonal factors.

Historical Background

India's energy strategy has increasingly combined conventional fuels with renewable energy, biofuels, electric mobility and efforts to improve energy efficiency.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SPACE

7. DEFENCE ACQUISITION COUNCIL CLEARS PROPOSALS WORTH ABOUT ₹1.1 LAKH CRORE

Context

The Defence Acquisition Council accorded Acceptance of Necessity for a large set of military procurement proposals estimated at about ₹1.1 lakh crore for the armed forces.

About the Topic

The Defence Acquisition Council is the apex body in the Ministry of Defence for considering major capital acquisition proposals. Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) is an important approval stage before subsequent procurement procedures.

Key Facts

- The proposals cover the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Items include CBRN reconnaissance vehicles, Advanced Light Helicopters, Arudhra radars and mine-laying systems.
- Marine Gas Turbines and ground-based multi-purpose jammers are among the approved capabilities.
- Approximately 98% of the approved procurements are intended to be sourced from Indian industry.

Relevant Background

Defence procurement seeks to balance operational requirements, technology acquisition, indigenous capability and fiscal constraints. The procurement framework has progressively emphasised domestic design, development and manufacturing.

Historical Background

India's defence indigenisation policy expanded significantly after the introduction of successive positive indigenisation lists, defence corridors and reforms aimed at increasing domestic production and reducing import dependence.





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8. ISRO AND INDIA'S NEW SPACE-SECTOR MODEL

Context

Recent discussion on greater private participation in India's space sector prompted clarification that ISRO will remain central to space research, strategic missions and advanced technology while routine manufacturing and commercial activities can increasingly involve industry.

About the Topic

India's space-sector reforms seek to expand the role of private companies without removing ISRO from its core scientific and strategic responsibilities. IN-SPACe acts as the principal interface for authorising and promoting private space activities.

Key Facts

- ISRO remains the country's principal institution for space research and strategic missions.
- IN-SPACe promotes, enables and authorises non-governmental space activities.
- NSIL commercialises and transfers space technologies and services developed within the national space ecosystem.
- The reform model seeks to expand launch, satellite, manufacturing and downstream space applications.

Relevant Background

A modern space economy includes launch services, satellite manufacturing, remote sensing, communications, navigation, space-based data and downstream applications.

Historical Background

India's space programme began with a strong public-sector research orientation. Policy reforms since 2020 have encouraged private participation, while the Indian Space Policy 2023 further clarified institutional roles.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

9. TRUMP–PUTIN PHONE CALL: DIPLOMACY OVER THE UKRAINE WAR

Context

U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a phone conversation on 8 September concerning efforts to end the Russia–Ukraine war and the future of U.S.–Russia relations.

About the Topic

The call formed part of continuing diplomatic efforts surrounding the Ukraine conflict. The discussion also reflected the strategic importance of direct communication between major powers during an ongoing war.

Key Facts

- The conversation focused primarily on the Ukraine conflict and diplomatic efforts.
- The Kremlin described the call as constructive.
- Both sides indicated the importance of maintaining communication channels.
- The issue has implications for European security, sanctions, energy markets and global geopolitics.

Relevant Background

The Russia–Ukraine war has affected European security architecture, energy markets, food supply chains, sanctions policy and relations among NATO, Russia, the United States and other powers.

Historical Background

The present conflict escalated into a full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, following years of tensions after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and conflict in eastern Ukraine.

10. INDIA–JAPAN CRICKET ENGAGEMENT & 75 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Context

Japan announced its squad for a one-off T20I against India scheduled for 22 September 2026, with the match linked to the commemoration of 75 years of India–Japan diplomatic relations.

About the Topic

The sporting event provides a cultural and people-to-people dimension to the broader India–Japan relationship, which includes strategic, economic, technological and Indo-Pacific cooperation.

Key Facts

- The one-off T20I is scheduled for 22 September 2026.





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- Japan's squad is led by Kendal Kadowaki-Fleming.
- India are the reigning T20 World Cup champions in the contemporary cricket context.
- The event is linked with the 75th anniversary of India–Japan diplomatic relations.

Relevant Background

India and Japan cooperate in infrastructure, investment, technology, maritime security, supply-chain resilience and the Indo-Pacific.

Historical Background

India and Japan established diplomatic relations in 1952. The relationship has evolved from economic engagement into a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

ENVIRONMENT, GEOGRAPHY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT

11. KARNATAKA RAINFALL DEFICIT AND DROUGHT DECLARATIONS

Context

By early September, most districts of Karnataka had recorded below-normal rainfall, prompting the state government to consider additional taluks for drought classification.

About the Topic

Drought classification is based on a combination of rainfall, agricultural conditions, water availability and other indicators under state and national disaster-management frameworks.

Key Facts

- Reports indicated that 30 of Karnataka's 31 districts had below-normal rainfall.
- More than 100 taluks had already been classified as drought-hit.
- Rainfall deficits can affect drinking water, irrigation, crop yields and hydropower.
- Catchment areas in the Malnad and coastal regions are important for river systems originating in Karnataka.

Relevant Background

Meteorological drought refers to deficient precipitation, while agricultural drought relates to inadequate soil moisture for crops. Hydrological drought concerns reduced streamflow, groundwater and reservoir levels.

Historical Background

India's drought-management approach has moved from relief-oriented responses toward early warning, water conservation, crop diversification, watershed development and climate-resilient agriculture.

12. FLOOD-DROUGHT CONTRAST: THE COMPLEXITY OF MONSOON HYDROLOGY

Context

Recent rainfall patterns in parts of India illustrate how rainfall deficiency at the seasonal scale can coexist with localised flooding caused by intense short-duration rainfall and river or drainage responses.

About the Topic

Floods and droughts are not always opposite conditions at the same spatial and temporal scale. A district can experience seasonal rainfall deficit while still facing damaging flash floods or river flooding after concentrated rainfall events.

Key Facts

- Seasonal rainfall totals can conceal large variations in the timing and intensity of rainfall.
- Urban flooding is influenced by drainage capacity, land use and impervious surfaces.
- River flooding depends on catchment rainfall, upstream inflow, reservoir operations and channel conditions.
- Climate variability can increase the frequency of high-intensity rainfall episodes.

Relevant Background

The Indian monsoon is characterised by strong spatial and temporal variability. Monsoon depressions, local convection, orographic rainfall and breaks in monsoon activity can produce sharply contrasting conditions.

Historical Background

Traditional flood management focused heavily on embankments and structural measures. Modern disaster management increasingly combines structural works with forecasting, early warning, watershed management and community preparedness.





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EDUCATION, SOCIAL SECTOR, HEALTH & SCHEMES

13. 9TH RASHTRIYA POSHAN MAAH 2026

Context

The ninth Rashtriya Poshan Maah is scheduled to begin on 9 September 2026, with a strong focus on Anganwadi Centres and community ownership of nutrition outcomes.

About the Topic

Rashtriya Poshan Maah is the annual National Nutrition Month campaign designed to strengthen awareness and action on maternal and child nutrition, infant feeding, growth monitoring, hygiene and related behaviours.

Key Facts

- Poshan Maah is observed every September.
- The 2026 campaign theme is "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari".
- The campaign emphasises dietary diversity, adequate protein intake and fresh, nutritious meals.
- Anganwadi Centres are central to nutrition, early childhood care and community-level services.

Relevant Background

POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched in 2018 as a multi-ministerial convergence mission. Mission Poshan 2.0 subsequently brought major nutrition-related interventions under an integrated framework.

Historical Background

The Anganwadi system originated under the Integrated Child Development Services launched in 1975. It evolved into a nationwide network providing supplementary nutrition, preschool education, health referral and related services.

SPORTS

14. ISHAN KISHAN'S 270 IN THE DULEEP TROPHY FINAL

Context

East Zone captain Ishan Kishan scored 270 runs in the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

About the Topic

The Duleep Trophy is a premier domestic first-class cricket tournament in India, traditionally organised on a zonal basis and used as an important pathway for red-ball players.

Key Facts

- Ishan Kishan scored 270 off 334 deliveries.
- East Zone posted a total of 708 in the innings.
- The match was played at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai.
- The performance strengthened attention on Kishan's red-ball credentials.

Relevant Background

First-class cricket consists of multi-day matches played under laws broadly associated with red-ball cricket. Domestic tournaments help selectors assess players for higher-level Test cricket.

Historical Background

The Duleep Trophy was inaugurated in 1961–62 and named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji, an Indian-born cricketer who played for England.

15. INDIA–JAPAN ONE-OFF T20I AND SPORTS DIPLOMACY

Context

The announced one-off India–Japan T20I adds a sporting dimension to the commemorative programme linked with 75 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

About the Topic

Sports diplomacy uses sporting exchanges to strengthen people-to-people contact, mutual understanding and international goodwill. Cricket is also becoming more visible in countries where it has historically had a smaller footprint.

Key Facts

- The match is scheduled for 22 September 2026.





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- Japan's squad is led by Kendel Kadowaki-Fleming.
- The match is connected with the 75th anniversary of India–Japan diplomatic relations.
- Japan's participation reflects the expansion of cricket beyond its traditional major markets.

Relevant Background

The T20 format uses a maximum of 20 overs per side and is shorter than ODI and Test cricket. It has helped international cricket reach newer audiences.

Historical Background

Japan became an ICC member in the 1990s and has gradually developed domestic cricket structures. India has used sports exchanges as part of wider cultural diplomacy with partner countries.





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National Affairs	Moirang INA Museum	Moirang is associated with the INA's 1944 flag-hoisting in Manipur.
Art & Culture	Bhupen Hazarika	The legendary Assamese cultural figure was remembered on his 100th birth anniversary.
Economy	Global Fintech Fest 2026	The 7th edition is being held in Mumbai from 8–11 September 2026.
Economy	Q1 FY 2026-27 GDP	India's real GDP growth was estimated at 7.8% in April–June 2026.
Economy	GDP Base Year	The revised national accounts series uses 2022–23 as the base year.
Defence	DAC Procurement	The Defence Acquisition Council cleared proposals of about ₹1.1 lakh crore.
Defence	Indigenisation	About 98% of the approved defence procurements are intended to be sourced from Indian industry.
Space	ISRO–Private Sector Model	ISRO remains central to strategic missions while private participation is expanding through reforms.
International	Trump–Putin Call	The 8 September call focused on the Ukraine war and diplomatic efforts.
India–Japan	Diplomatic Anniversary	A one-off India–Japan T20I is linked with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations.
Environment	Karnataka Rainfall	30 of Karnataka's 31 districts were reported to have below-normal rainfall by early September.
Social Sector	Poshan Maah 2026	The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah carries the theme "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari".
Sports	Duleep Trophy	Ishan Kishan scored 270 for East Zone in the 2026-27 final.

