

NATIONAL**▪ National Conference on Women's Empowerment Held in Tirupati**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the National Conference on the Empowerment of Women in Tirupati, organized by the Parliamentary and Legislative Committee on Empowerment of Women. He underlined that women's participation is vital for inclusive growth and highlighted the recent law providing 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies.

▪ 5th All India Rajbhasha Sammelan, 2025

On Hindi Day (14 Sept 2025), Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 5th Rajbhasha Sammelan at Gandhinagar. Key launches included the Sarathi Platform for official use of Hindi and the Hindi Shabd Sindhu Kosh, a digital encyclopedia to be completed by 2029.

▪ National Agricultural Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025

The National Agricultural Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025 began in New Delhi on 15 September, chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan as part of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan. The two-day meet brings together scientists, policymakers, and farmer representatives to plan Rabi crops. Key objectives include promoting climate-resilient, water-efficient practices, improving input efficiency, strengthening farmer advisory systems, and aligning strategies with national food security and income goals.

▪ India to Host 89th IEC General Meeting 2025

India will host the 89th International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) General Meeting from 15–19 September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organised by BIS. The event includes an exhibition (16–19 Sept) with 75 exhibitors on smart lighting, electric mobility, and electronics. Public entry is free with registration. This is India's fourth time hosting the IEC GM.

▪ India Launches World's First All-Women Tri-Service Sailing Expedition

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off 'Samudra Pradakshina', the world's first all-women tri-service circumnavigation mission, from Mumbai. Led by 10 officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, the nine-month expedition aboard the indigenously-built IASV Triveni will cover 26,000 nautical miles, crossing the Equator twice and rounding Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn, and Cape of Good Hope, returning in May 2026.

▪ **16th Combined Commanders' Conference 2025 Inaugurated**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference at Eastern Command Headquarters, Kolkata, attended by top defense officials including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, NSA Ajit Doval, and CDS General Anil Chauhan. Held under the theme "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future", the conference focuses on modernizing the Indian Armed Forces through joint operational planning, adoption of AI, drones, and cyber technologies, promoting defense indigenization, and enhancing inter-agency coordination to strengthen national security.

▪ **Amit Shah Unveils India's Largest Sports Complex in Ahmedabad**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest and most advanced sports complex at Naranpura, Ahmedabad. Equipped with an international aquatic center, world-class indoor and outdoor arenas, and residential facilities for athletes, the complex is designed to host major global tournaments like the Commonwealth Games.

▪ **14th Sirarakhong Hathei Chilli Festival Celebrated in Manipur**

The 14th Sirarakhong Hathei Chilli Festival was inaugurated in Sirarakhong Village, Ukhrul district, Manipur, celebrating the GI-tagged Hathei chilli famed for its aroma, flavour, and vibrant red colour. The three-day event featured cultural performances, a buyer-seller meet, tree plantation under '*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*', and ceremonial flag hoisting. The festival aims to promote agri-tourism, strengthen market linkages for farmers, highlight Manipur's unique agricultural identity, and encourage biodiversity and environmental conservation.

▪ **India Rises to 38th in Global Innovation Index 2025**

India has climbed to 38th place in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 released by WIPO, up from 48th in 2020. It ranks #1 among lower-middle-income economies and in the Central & Southern Asia region, reflecting the nation's strengthening research, innovation ecosystem, and technology-driven growth. This is an important topic for competitive exams under international reports, science & tech, and India's global performance.

- **India Launches National Geothermal Energy Policy**

India's first National Geothermal Energy Policy has been launched by MNRE to harness Earth's heat for power, heating, and other uses. The policy promotes R&D, public-private partnerships, and technological innovation, with MNRE as the regulatory body. Ten geothermal provinces—including the Himalayas, Cambay Basin, and Aravalli Range—offer an estimated 10 GW potential, advancing clean energy and net-zero goals.

- **Uttarakhand Hosts India's First International Fencing Event**

Uttarakhand hosted the Asian Cadet Cup India-2025 in Haldwani, inaugurated by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami on 19 September 2025. Organised by the Fencing Association of India at Manaskhand Hall, the tournament is India's first-ever international fencing event, featuring over 250 athletes from India and countries including Tajikistan, Syria, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Indonesia.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Albania Appoints World's First AI Cabinet Minister**

Albania appointed Diella, the world's first AI-powered cabinet minister, to oversee public procurement. Integrated into the E-Albania portal, Diella ensures transparency, reduces corruption, and handles bureaucratic tasks digitally. This historic move makes Albania the first country to give an AI a cabinet-level role, advancing digital governance.

LEGAL

- **Justice M. Sundar Sworn in as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court**

Justice M. Sundar was sworn in as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court on September 15, 2025, at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. The oath was administered by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. He succeeds Justice Kempaiah Somashekar, who retired on September 14, 2025, after a brief tenure.

▪ **India Finalises DPDP Rules, Announces AI Summit 2026**

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) rules have been finalised after 3,000+ consultations and will be notified by September 2025, marking a milestone in India's data governance. Alongside, India will host the AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi on 19–20 February, to be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi with global participation. The government also plans to expand AI infrastructure with 38,000 GPUs and set up around 600 AI/Data Labs to boost R&D, training, and inclusive digital growth. These steps strengthen digital sovereignty, enhance tech capacity, and position India as a global AI leader.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **15th September** - Engineers Day 2025: Theme - “Deep Tech & Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade”.
- **15th September** - International Day of Democracy 2025: Theme - “Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action”.
- **16th September** - World Ozone Day 2025: Theme - “From Science to Global Action”.
- **18th September** - World Bamboo Day 2025: Theme - “Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design.”
- **18th September** - International Equal Pay Day 2025

SPORTS

▪ **India Defeats Switzerland in Davis Cup 2025**

India defeated ninth-seeded Switzerland 3–1 in the Davis Cup World Group I tie at Biel, securing a place in the 2026 Qualifiers and ending a 32-year wait for an away win against a European nation.

▪ **Jaismine Lamboria Wins Gold at 2025 World Boxing Championships**

Jaismine Lamboria secured gold in the 57kg women's category at the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool, defeating Poland's Julia Szeremeta 4-1. The victory marks a major comeback after her early exit at the Paris Olympics and establishes her among the world's top featherweight boxers.

- **India Wins First Ever Speed Skating World Championship Golds**

India made history at the 2025 Speed Skating World Championships in China as Anandkumar Velkumar and Krish Sharma won gold medals, marking the country's first World Championship titles in the sport. Anandkumar claimed gold in the senior men's 1000m sprint and bronze in the 500m, becoming India's first senior category medalist, while Krish Sharma also secured top honors, establishing India on the global speed skating stage.

- **Anish Giri and Vaishali Rameshbabu Triumph at 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss**

At the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Dutch Grandmaster Anish Giri secured first place in the Open section, while Indian Grandmaster Vaishali Rameshbabu claimed the Women's title, both with a score of 8/11.

- **Marium Fatima Becomes Bihar's First Woman FIDE Master in Chess**

Marium Fatima from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has become the state's first Woman FIDE Master (WFM), earning the prestigious title from FIDE. Her achievement marks a historic milestone for Bihar in national and international chess, highlighting the growing prominence of women in Indian sports.

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AWARDS

- **77th Primetime Emmy Awards 2025 Winners**

The 77th Primetime Emmy Awards were held on 14 September 2025 at the Peacock Theater, Los Angeles, honoring the best of 2024–2025 television. Major winners included Severance (Drama Series), The Studio (Comedy Series), and Adolescence (Limited Series). Top acting awards went to Britt Lower (Lead Actress, Drama), Sterling K. Brown (Lead Actor, Drama), Jean Smart (Lead Actress, Comedy), Seth Rogen (Lead Actor, Comedy), Cristin Milioti (Lead Actress,

Limited Series), and Stephen Graham (Lead Actor, Limited Series). Writing and directing honors included Dan Gilroy (*Andor*), Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg (*The Studio*), and Philip Barantini (*Adolescence*). The awards celebrated excellence across genres including drama, comedy, limited series, talk, and reality shows.

- **Muzaffarpur Tops Inspire Award 2025 Rankings**

Muzaffarpur district ranked first in the Inspire Award 2025 with 7,403 student submissions, surpassing cities like Bengaluru, Jaipur, and Lucknow. The rankings, released on 13 September by the DST under the Inspire Award–MANAK scheme, highlight Bihar's growing education innovation.

- **Mohanlal to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023**

Malayalam superstar Mohanlal has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023, India's highest cinematic honour. The award will be presented at the 71st National Film Awards on September 23, 2025, in recognition of his versatile performances and remarkable contribution to Indian cinema.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Acharya Devvrat Sworn In as Maharashtra Governor**

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat took oath as the Governor of Maharashtra at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. The oath was administered by Bombay High Court Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar. He succeeds C.P. Radhakrishnan, recently elected Vice-President of India.

- **Dr. Sima Sami Bahous Reappointed as Executive Director of UN Women**

UN Secretary-General António Guterres reappointed Dr. Sima Sami Bahous for a second term as Executive Director of UN Women. Her renewed tenure coincides with the launch of the Strategic Plan 2026–2029, where she reaffirmed her commitment to advancing women's rights and gender equality globally.

- **2018 World Cup Winner Samuel Umtiti Retires from Football**

French defender Samuel Umtiti, a 2018 FIFA World Cup champion, announced his retirement from professional football at 31 due to chronic knee injuries. In an emotional social media video, he thanked clubs and fans for their support throughout his career.

OBITUARIES

▪ **Bharatanatyam Exponent Sarada Hoffman Passes Away at 96**

Sarada Hoffman, fondly called Chinna Sarada or Sarada teacher, passed away on 14 September 2025 in California at 96. Born in 1929 at Adyar, Chennai, she was a stalwart of Bharatanatyam and a pillar of the Kalakshetra Foundation.

▪ **Hollywood Legend Robert Redford Passes Away at 89**

Robert Redford, iconic actor, director, and founder of the Sundance Film Festival, passed away on September 16, 2025, at 89. Renowned for his six-decade-long career, he was a pioneer in both mainstream and independent cinema, leaving a lasting impact on filmmakers and audiences worldwide.

▪ **Assamese Singer Zubeen Garg Dies in Scuba Diving Accident**

Legendary Assamese singer Zubeen Garg passed away at 52 following a scuba diving accident in Singapore while visiting to perform at the North East Festival. He was rescued unconscious and taken to hospital but could not be revived, leaving fans and the cultural community in shock.

▪ **Former Meghalaya CM D.D. Lapang Passes Away**

D.D. Lapang, veteran leader and four-time Chief Minister of Meghalaya, passed away in Shillong on 13 September 2025 at the age of 91. He was a key figure in the state's politics for over three decades.

▪ **Legendary Boxer Ricky Hatton Passes Away**

Ricky Hatton, nicknamed "The Hitman" and one of Britain's most celebrated boxing champions, passed away on 14 September 2025 at the age of 46. Known for his fearless style and passionate fan following, Hatton made a lasting impact on the sport.