

NATIONAL**▪ Himachal Pradesh Declared Fully Literate with 99.3% Rate**

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced at Ullas Mela 2025 in Shimla that Himachal Pradesh has achieved a 99.3% literacy rate, becoming a fully literate state on International Literacy Day.

▪ Operation Rahat: Indian Army Leads Flood Relief in North India

The Indian Army's Western Command is conducting massive HADR operations under Operation Rahat, evacuating over 6,000 people, treating 13,000, and delivering 48 tons of relief supplies across flood-hit Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

▪ Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 to Launch 'Swacchotsav'

The Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2025 campaign will run from September 17 to October 2 under the theme "Swacchotsav", blending festive celebrations with cleanliness and sustainability. The campaign will focus on Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs), legacy dumpsite elimination, and SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivar for sanitation workers, aiming to make cleanliness a community-driven, sustainable lifestyle.

▪ Ministry Launches Adi Sanskriti, World's First Digital University for Tribal Culture

Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the Beta version of Adi Sanskriti at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The platform blends tradition with technology through three pillars—Adi Vishwavidyalaya (digital academy offering 45 courses), Adi Sampada (repository of 5,000+ cultural documents), and Adi Haat (online marketplace for tribal artisans). It aims to preserve heritage while creating global livelihood opportunities.

▪ India Opens First Overseas Atal Innovation Centre in Abu Dhabi

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's first overseas Atal Innovation Centre (AIC) at the IIT Delhi–Abu Dhabi campus. The centre, under the Atal Innovation Mission, will act as a hub for research, entrepreneurship, and Indo-Emirati collaboration in innovation and knowledge exchange.

▪ **India Introduces Fastest Train 'Namo Bharat' on Delhi-Meerut RRTS**

India has formally entered a new phase of regional transit with the launch of Namo Bharat, the country's fastest train operating at 160 km/h on the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).

▪ **IIMA Opens First International Campus in Dubai**

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) inaugurated its first overseas campus in Dubai. The ceremony, led by Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and India's Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, marks a historic milestone in Indian higher education and strengthens the India–UAE partnership in innovation, leadership, and global talent development.

▪ **PM Modi to Inaugurate Mizoram's First Rail Link to Aizawl**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate Bairabi-Sairang railway project, Mizoram's first railway connectivity to its capital Aizawl. The 51 km line, connecting Bairabi (near the Assam border) with Sairang (20 km from Aizawl), makes Aizawl the fourth Northeast capital to be linked by rail after Guwahati, Agartala, and Itanagar.

▪ **PM Modi Launches 'Gyan Bharatam Portal' for Manuscript Digitisation**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Portal' at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, during the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam. Designed as a national platform for manuscript digitisation and preservation, the portal will serve as a central digital repository accessible to scholars and the public, featuring AI-driven tools for search and translation, research and publication support, training for conservation, and global collaborations—marking a major step in safeguarding and promoting India's ancient knowledge systems.

INTERNATIONAL

- **102-Year-Old Kokichi Akuzawa Becomes Oldest Man to Summit Mount Fuji**

In a record-breaking achievement, 102-year-old Kokichi Akuzawa successfully scaled Mount Fuji, becoming the oldest man ever to conquer Japan's tallest peak. His feat, officially recognized by Guinness World Records.

- **CP Radhakrishnan Elected as India's 15th Vice President**

CP Radhakrishnan, former Tamil Nadu BJP president and Maharashtra Governor, was elected as the 15th Vice President of India, defeating opposition candidate B. Sudershan Reddy. The election saw a record turnout of 98.3% by parliamentarians.

- **Guyana President Irfaan Ali Re-elected for Second Term**

Guyana President Irfaan Ali won a second term after the general election.

- **France Appoints Sébastien Lecornu as New Prime Minister**

President Emmanuel Macron appointed Sébastien Lecornu as France's Prime Minister, replacing François Bayrou.

- **US HIRE Act 2025 Threatens India's IT Sector**

The proposed Halting International Relocation of Employment (HIRE) Act 2025 in the US could impose a 25% excise tax on payments to foreign entities for services benefiting US consumers, alongside disallowing tax deductions. Set to apply from 31 December 2025, the law aims to curb outsourcing and fund domestic workforce programs.

- **Norway's Labour Party Wins Second Term**

Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre's Labour Party secured 87 of 169 seats, for a second consecutive term.

- **Nepal's First Woman Chief Justice Becomes Prime Minister**

Nepal President Ram Chandra Poudel appointed former Chief Justice Sushila Karki as the country's new Prime Minister, making her Nepal's first woman Chief Justice to also serve as Prime Minister.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **8th September** - International Literacy Day 2025: Theme - “Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era.”
- **8th September** - World Physiotherapy Day 2025: Theme – “Healthy Ageing: Preventing Frailty and Falls”
- **10th September** - World Suicide Prevention Day 2025: Theme – “Changing the Narrative on Suicide”
- **11th September** - National Forest Martyrs Day 2025: Theme – “Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests”.
- **11th September** - Digvijay Diwas
- **13th September** - World First Aid Day 2025: Theme – “First Aid and Climate Change”.
- **14th September** – Hindi Diwas, 2025

SPORTS

- **India Defeats Korea 4-1 to Win Asia Cup 2025**

India reclaimed the Asia Cup after eight years, beating defending champions South Korea 4-1 in the final at Rajgir, Bihar. With this fourth Asia Cup title, India also secured direct qualification for the 2026 Hockey World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands.

- **US Open 2025: Alcaraz and Sabalenka Reign Supreme**

The US Open 2025 concluded at Arthur Ashe Stadium with unforgettable performances. Carlos Alcaraz cemented his dominance by defeating Jannik Sinner in the men's singles final, while Aryna Sabalenka made history by successfully defending her women's singles crown against Amanda Anisimova. In doubles, Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos lifted the men's title, Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe claimed the women's crown, and the Italian duo Sara Errani and

Andrea Vavassori secured victory in mixed doubles, making this edition one of the most memorable in recent years.

- **India to Host 28th Asian Table Tennis Team Championships in Bhubaneswar**

India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships from October 11–15, 2025, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The tournament will feature elite men's and women's team competitions and act as a qualifier for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships, with the top 13 teams in each category earning qualification.

- **India Wins Historic Gold in Men's Compound Team at World Archery Championships**

India clinched its first-ever gold in the men's compound team event at the World Archery Championships in Gwangju, South Korea. The trio of Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini, and Prathamesh Fuge edged past France 235–233 in a final, scripting history for Indian archery.

- **India Creates History at CAFA Nations Cup 2025**

India clinched bronze at the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 by defeating Oman 3-2 in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. Udanta Singh netted the equaliser, while Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's crucial saves sealed India's first-ever win over Oman and its maiden medal at the tournament—a major boost for Indian football.

- **ICC Launches 'Will to Win' Campaign Ahead of Women's World Cup 2025**

With the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 set to begin on September 30 in Guwahati with India vs Sri Lanka, the ICC has launched its 'Will to Win' campaign, celebrating determination and resilience in women's cricket. The 13th edition will conclude with the final on November 2, 2025.

AWARDS

- **Anuparna Roy Wins Best Director at Venice Film Festival's Orizzonti Section**

Anuparna Roy won the Best Director award in the Orizzonti section at the 82nd Venice Film Festival for her film Songs of Forgotten Trees. The only Indian entry in the category, the film's moving depiction of two migrant women in Mumbai earned global acclaim.

▪ **NRI Entrepreneur Younus Ahamed Bags Camel International Award 2025**

Younus Ahamed, Executive Director of Dotspace Coworking in the Middle East, has been awarded the Camel International Award 2025 in Dubai for his exemplary global business leadership.

▪ **RBI to Release ₹100 Commemorative Coin Honouring Dr. Bhupen Hazarika**

In a centenary tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, the RBI issued a ₹100 commemorative coin on September 13, 2025. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveil the coin in Guwahati, marking the start of celebrations honouring the legendary singer, poet, and cultural icon.

▪ **Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2025 & Wetland City Awards**

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav honoured India's top cities for clean air and wetland conservation. Indore, Jabalpur, Agra, and Surat topped the NCAP rankings, while Indore and Udaipur received Ramsar Wetland City accreditation, raising India's total Ramsar sites to 91. The initiative promotes circular economy practices, sustainable urban planning, and environmental campaigns, including planting 75 crore saplings under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam and creating 75 Nagar Vans.

▪ **Dr. Manmohan Singh Posthumously Honoured with P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award**

Late former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh has been posthumously awarded the P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics for his pivotal role in India's 1991 economic reforms. His wife Gursharan Kaur accepted the award in New Delhi, presented by former Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Alia Bhatt Becomes Global Face of Levi's**

Levi's has appointed Bollywood star Alia Bhatt as its new global brand ambassador, marking a strategic shift in denim fashion.

- **Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat Gets Additional Charge of Maharashtra**

Following C. P. Radhakrishnan's election as Vice-President, President of India appointed Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat to hold additional charge of Maharashtra, ensuring continuity of constitutional and executive functions until a new Governor is appointed.

BOOKS

- **Arundhati Roy Releases Memoir on Mother Mary Roy**

Arundhati Roy, acclaimed author of *The God of Small Things*, has returned to publishing with her memoir *Mother Mary Comes to Me*, released on September 2, 2025.



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