

Weekly One Liners 01st to 07th of September 2025

GST Rate Cuts 2025: What's Cheaper, What's Costlier for Consumers

The government has announced major **GST rate cuts in 2025**, making essentials, healthcare, education, and even automobiles more affordable. From daily-use goods to farming equipment and electronics, here's a quick look at **what's cheaper and what's costlier for consumers**.

Save Big on Daily Essentials

Items	From	To
Hair Oil, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Soap Bar, Tooth Brushes, Shaving Cream	18%	5%
Butter, Ghee, Cheese & Dairy Spreads	12%	5%
Pre-packaged Namkeens, Bhujia & Mixtures	12%	5%
Utensils	12%	5%
Feeding Bottles, Napkins for Babies & Clinical Diapers	12%	5%
Sewing Machines & Parts	12%	5%

Uplifting Farmers & Agriculture

Items	From	To
Tractor Tyres & Parts	18%	5%
Tractors	12%	5%
Specified Bio-Pesticides, Micro-Nutrients	12%	5%
Drip Irrigation System & Sprinklers	12%	5%
Agricultural, Horticultural or Forestry Machines for Soil Preparation, Cultivation, Harvesting & Threshing	12%	5%

Relief in Healthcare Sector

Items	From	To
Individual Health & Life Insurance	18%	Nil
Thermometer	18%	5%
Medical Grade Oxygen	12%	5%
All Diagnostic Kits & Reagents	12%	5%
Glucometer & Test Strips	12%	5%
Corrective Spectacles	12%	5%

Automobiles made affordable

Items	From	To
Petrol & Petrol Hybrid, LPG, CNG Cars (not exceeding - 1200 CC & 4000mm)	28%	18%
Diesel & Diesel Hybrid Cars (not exceeding - 1500 CC & 4000mm)	28%	18%
3 Wheeled Vehicles	28%	18%
Motor Cycles (350 CC & below)	28%	18%
Motor Vehicles for transport of goods	28%	18%

Affordable Education

Items	From	To
Maps, Charts & Globes	12%	Nil
Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons & Pastels	12%	Nil
Exercise Books & Notebooks	12%	Nil
Eraser	12%	Nil

Save on Electronic Appliances

Items	From	To
Air Conditioners	28%	18%
Television (above 32") (including LED & LCD TVs)	28%	18%
Monitors & Projectors	28%	18%
Dish Washing Machines	28%	18%

PROCESS REFORMS

Registration

- Automatic registration within 3 working days for applicants: identified by the system based on data analysis.
- Who determines that he would not pass Input Tax Credit exceeding ₹2.5 Lakh per month and opts for the Scheme.

Refund

- Sanction of Provisional Refunds by proper officer, through system based risk evaluation for:
- Zero Rated Supplies
- Supplies with Inverted Duty Structure

2025 Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025

On **August 31, 2025**, Educate Girls, officially known as the **Foundation to Educate Girls Globally**, achieved a historic feat by becoming the **first Indian organisation** to win the **Ramon Magsaysay Award**, one of Asia's most prestigious honours. The award recognises the NGO's relentless efforts in transforming the educational landscape for out-of-school girls in India's remotest regions.

This year's other awardees include **Shaahina Ali** from the Maldives for her work in environmental conservation and **Flaviano Antonio L Villanueva** of the Philippines for supporting marginalised communities.

About Educate Girls: Vision and Achievements

Founded in **2007** by **Safeena Husain**, a graduate of the London School of Economics, Educate Girls was born out of a mission to tackle **female illiteracy** in India. Husain left her corporate career in San Francisco and returned to India with a single-minded focus: to bring every girl child into school.

Impact at Scale

Starting in the desert villages of Rajasthan, Educate Girls identified communities most resistant to girls' education. The NGO's grassroots model led to:

- **Enrolment and retention** of over **2 million girls**
- Expansion to **30,000+ villages** across India
- **School retention rate exceeding 90%**

Innovation: Development Impact Bond (DIB)

In **2015**, the NGO pioneered the **world's first Development Impact Bond in education**, linking investor funds to measurable educational outcomes. This model attracted global attention and catalysed scalable interventions in India's rural education sector.

Pragati: Empowering Young Women

Recognising the educational gap among adolescent girls and young women, Educate Girls launched **Pragati**, an open-schooling programme aimed at learners aged 15–29. Starting with 300 participants, the programme now supports **over 31,500 learners**, helping them resume education and access better life opportunities.

Why the Organisation Was Awarded

According to the **Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)**, Educate Girls was selected for its **"commitment to addressing cultural stereotyping through the education of girls and young women, liberating them from the bondage of illiteracy and infusing them with skills, courage, and agency to achieve their full human potential."**

This recognition reflects the power of grassroots movements and innovative education financing to enact long-lasting social change.

Understanding the Ramon Magsaysay Award

Origins and Prestige

Established in **1957** by the **Rockefeller Brothers Fund** and the **Philippine government**, the **Ramon Magsaysay Award** is often dubbed the **"Asian Nobel Prize."** It celebrates exemplary **leadership, integrity, and public service**.

Over the years, more than **300 individuals and organisations** across Asia have been honoured. Notable past Indian recipients include:

- **Arvind Kejriwal** (former Delhi CM, 2006)
- **Ravish Kumar** (journalist, 2019)
- **Bezwada Wilson** (activist, 2016)
- **Sonam Wangchuk** (environmentalist, 2018)

The Ceremony and Legacy

The award is formally presented each year on **November 7** at the **Metropolitan Theatre in Manila**, Philippines, and commemorates the birth of **Ramon del Fierro Magsaysay**, former President of the Philippines (born **August 31, 1907**). He was a WWII guerrilla leader, automobile mechanic, and a leader who rose from humble beginnings to become a symbol of people-centric governance.

His presidency was marked by anti-corruption reforms and a deep trust in the common citizen's dignity. His untimely death in a plane crash in **1957** gave rise to the award in his memory, celebrating "greatness of spirit" in public service.

National Affairs

- **India's First Tempered Glass Facility:** Inaugurated in Noida (Optimus Electronics & Corning), ₹70 crore investment, 25 million units/year Phase 1 capacity, boosting *Make in India*.
- **Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) Tolling:** Launched at Choryasi, Gujarat, enabling barrier-free FASTag tolling, reducing congestion, fuel use, and emissions.
- **Adi Vaani AI Translator:** India's first AI-powered tool for tribal languages (Santali, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi), preserving linguistic diversity and aiding digital inclusion.
- **India-Japan Critical Minerals Pact:** Cooperation on exploration, supply chains, and clean energy resilience, signed during PM Modi's Tokyo visit.
- **1,938 e-Government Services Integrated:** Across all 36 states/UTs via DigiLocker & e-District, covering certificates, welfare applications, and bill payments.
- **IEPFA Launches Women-Led Financial Initiative:** Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority launched Phase II of Niveshak Didi program in Hyderabad to empower rural women with financial literacy through peer-to-peer education.
- **NCERT Celebrates 65th Foundation Day with Digital Launches:** National Council launched Bal Vatika TV Channel, DIKSHA 2.0 with AI support, and PRASHAST 2.0 disability screening tools aligned with NEP 2020 on September 1, 2025.
- **Vikram-3201 Launch:** India unveils its first indigenously developed 32-bit microprocessor Vikram-3201, marking a major milestone in semiconductor self-reliance and designed for extreme space environments.



- **Bihar Women Empowerment:** PM Modi launches Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited with ₹105 crore funding to provide low-interest loans to rural women entrepreneurs.
- **Cotton Farmer Support:** Union Textiles Minister launches Kapas Kisan App to streamline cotton procurement under MSP scheme with self-registration and payment tracking features.
- **Coconut Farmer Aid Boost:** Coconut Development Board announces major financial aid increase with sapling support rising from ₹4 to ₹45 and replanting aid from ₹40 to ₹350.
- **BHARATI Startup Initiative:** APEDA launches program to support 100 agri-food startups aiming to boost India's agri-food exports to \$50 billion by 2030.
- **₹1,500 Crore Mineral Recycling Scheme:** Union Cabinet approves incentive scheme under National Critical Mineral Mission to boost recycling from e-waste and battery scrap, targeting 270 kiloton capacity by 2030-31.
- **UPSC Centre of Excellence:** UPSC Chairman announces establishment of knowledge hub to share best practices among UPSC and 27 State Public Service Commissions.
- **SC Recommends 26 Judges:** Supreme Court Collegium recommends 26 new appointments to Allahabad High Court, including 14 judicial officers and 12 advocates, to address 76 vacancies.
- **Silver Hallmarking Revolution:** India introduces voluntary HUID-based silver hallmarking from September 1, 2025, with new BIS standard IS 2112:2025 adding digital identification codes for enhanced consumer protection.
- **India's Largest Container Terminal:** PM Modi and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong virtually inaugurate PSA Mumbai Terminal Phase-II at JN Port with 4.8 million TEU capacity and direct rail connectivity to Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- **Unified Pension Scheme Rules:** Centre notifies UPS rules under NPS for central government employees, offering retirement after 20 years instead of 25 and operational from April 1, 2025.
- **President Droupadi Murmu** awarded the **National Awards to Teachers**, stressing the need for **smart teachers** and **inclusive education** under **NEP 2020**.
- **Angikaar 2025**, a last-mile outreach campaign under **PMAY-U 2.0**, will run till **October 31** to promote housing and beneficiary schemes in **5,000+ cities**.
- **NITI Aayog** aims to double **pulses production** to **51.57 million tonnes** by 2047 with cluster farming, climate-smart tech, and seed quality improvements.

States in the News

- **Odisha E-Bus Push:** Odisha ranks *5th in India* with 450 e-buses, surpassing West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh; CRUT to expand fleet beyond 1,000 across Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Berhampur, etc., with charging stations, smart ticketing, and QR/NCMC payments.
- **Gangtok Safety Ranking:** Gangtok ranks 5th safest city for women in India with 70.4% score in NARI 2025 report, surpassing national safety benchmark of 65%.
- **Chhattisgarh Power Capacity Reaches 30,000 MW:** State's power generation capacity grows from 1,400 MW in 2000 to 30,000 MW, with plans to add another 30,000 MW through ₹3 lakh crore investments.
- **Meghalaya Autumn Calendar 2025:** Tourism department launches cultural calendar featuring international festivals, Cherry Blossom Festival, and global music events to boost local economy.
- **Maharashtra Extends Working Hours:** Cabinet approves amendments allowing private sector employees to work 10-12 hours daily, aligning with labor reforms in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and other states.
- **Royal Bhutan Temple Inauguration:** Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurate Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple in Rajgir, Bihar on September 4, 2025, strengthening India-Bhutan spiritual ties.
- **India's First Vulture Portal:** Assam launches www.thevulturenetwork.org on International Vulture Awareness Day (September 2, 2025), developed by Gauhati University students for vulture conservation awareness.
- **Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** launched a **green hydrogen pilot plant** and infrastructure projects worth **₹59 crore** at **Tuticorin Port**, Tamil Nadu.

International Affairs

- **China Pledges \$2 Billion at SCO Summit:** At 2025 SCO Summit, China announced \$2 billion in grants and loans, 100 local projects, expanded scholarships, and Tianjin Declaration on responsible AI development.
- **PM Modi Outlines India's Vision at SCO Summit:** At 25th SCO Summit in Tianjin, PM Modi emphasized three pillars - Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity - while proposing Civilizational Dialogue Forum and supporting global governance reforms.
- **SCO Declaration Condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack:** Tianjin Declaration strongly condemned April 22, 2025 Pahalgam terror attack, reaffirming united stance against terrorism and calling for enhanced intelligence sharing.
- **Afghan Student Scholarships:** India announces 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan students aged 18-35 for academic year 2025-26 through ICCR's e-VidyaBharati portal covering nine Indian universities.

- **WHO Suicide Warning:** World Health Organization reports suicide accounts for 1 in 100 deaths globally with 7.27 lakh cases in 2021, calling for urgent action to protect young people.
- **India-Singapore Defence Cooperation:** During Singapore PM Lawrence Wong's first official visit, both nations agree to deepen defence cooperation focusing on technology co-development while celebrating 60 years of diplomatic ties.
- **Nepal Social Media Ban:** Nepal bans 26 unregistered social media platforms including Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, X, YouTube, and Viber following Supreme Court directive requiring formal registration.
- **Singapore backs India's plan** to patrol the **Malacca Strait**, strengthening **maritime security** under the **Act East policy**.
- **Anutin Charnvirakul** won **Thailand's PM election** with **63% votes**, defeating the ruling party amid political unrest.
- **26 countries**, including **France, US, and UK**, pledged **postwar security** to **Ukraine** during the **Kyiv Allies Summit** in Paris.
- After **Angela Rayner's resignation**, **David Lammy** became **UK Deputy PM**, Justice Secretary, and Lord Chancellor in a major **cabinet reshuffle**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India-Japan Climate Partnership:** Both countries sign Joint Credit Mechanism under Paris Agreement Article 6.2 to strengthen carbon trading and drive green investments worth ₹10 trillion.
- **India-EFTA Trade Pact:** Free trade agreement with European Free Trade Association becomes effective October 1, 2025, featuring first-of-its-kind legally binding sustainability clauses.

Books and Authors

- **New Book Launch:** Amish Tripathi launches "The Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath," second book in Indic Chronicles series, at Crossword Kempas Corner with celebrities including Ravi Dubey and Jimmy Shergill in attendance.



Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Insurance Sector Reform:** Govt proposes **100% FDI in insurance** via automatic route (replacing 74% cap), aiming to attract global players, boost innovation, improve capital adequacy, and deepen insurance penetration with IRDAI regulatory oversight.
- **Private Capex Outlook:** RBI's Aug 2025 bulletin projects private corporate capex to grow 21.5% to ₹2.67 lakh crore in FY26, led by infrastructure (especially power), supported by healthy balance sheets, strong funding access, lower interest rates, and easing inflation.
- **RBI Governor Statement:** RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra says India is on track to become the *world's 3rd-largest economy*, citing 7.8% GDP growth in Q1 FY26 and Jan Dhan Yojana's 55 crore accounts driving financial inclusion and economic resilience.
- **India Post Payments Bank Marks 8th Anniversary:** IPPB celebrated its foundation day on September 1, 2025, showcasing reach to over 12 crore customers across 5.57 lakh villages through 1.64 lakh post offices and 1.90 lakh postal agents.
- **India's GST Collection Hits ₹1.86 Trillion in August:** GST revenue reached ₹1.86 trillion in August 2025, showing 6.5% year-on-year growth despite global challenges, with GST Council meeting planned for reform discussions.
- **Current Account Deficit Narrows to \$2.4 Billion:** India's CAD stood at 0.2% of GDP in Q1 FY26 compared to 0.9% deficit in Q1 FY25, supported by increased services receipts and remittances up 18%.
- **GDP Growth Forecast:** Morgan Stanley upgrades India's FY26 GDP growth forecast to 6.7% from 6.2%, citing strong Q1 growth of 7.8% and anticipated GST cuts boosting domestic demand.
- **Tata-Merck Partnership:** Tata Electronics signs MoU with Merck to accelerate India's semiconductor ecosystem supporting the upcoming ₹91,000 crore Fab facility in Dholera, Gujarat.
- **Services PMI Hits 15-Year High:** India's services sector PMI rises to 62.9 in August 2025, driven by strong domestic and international demand, though causing fastest price rise in a decade.
- **FDI Grows 15% in Q1:** Foreign direct investment increases to USD 18.62 billion in April-June FY26, with US investments tripling to USD 5.61 billion despite tariff challenges.
- **Aadhaar Authentication Milestone:** UIDAI records over 221 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions in August 2025, including 18.6 crore face authentication transactions using AI-based technology.

- **UPI Transaction Limit Boost:** NPCI increases UPI limits to ₹5 lakh per transaction and ₹10 lakh daily aggregate for verified merchants in capital markets, insurance, and government sectors effective September 15, 2025.
- **DPIIT-ICICI Startup Partnership:** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signs MoU with ICICI Bank to launch Startup Engagement Programme offering accelerator facilities and mentorship to DPIIT-recognized startups.
- **Citibank** appointed **Kaustubh Kulkarni** as co-head of **Asia-Pacific Investment Banking**, reflecting regional leadership expansion.
- **RBI** approved **R Gandhi's reappointment** as **Yes Bank Chairman** till **May 2027**, reinforcing experienced central leadership.

Appointments/Resignations

- **UAE Ambassador:** Dr. Deepak Mittal, 1998-batch IFS officer, appointed as India's new Ambassador to UAE succeeding Sunjay Sudhir.
- **FSSAI CEO:** Shri Rajit Punhani, 1991-batch IAS officer from Bihar cadre, takes charge as new CEO of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India from September 1, 2025.
- **New Mines Secretary:** Piyush Goyal, 1994-batch IAS officer from Nagaland cadre and former NATGRID CEO, assumes charge as Secretary of Ministry of Mines on September 4, 2025, succeeding V.L. Kantha Rao.
- **Justice Shree Chandrashekhar** took oath as **Chief Justice of Bombay High Court**, replacing **Justice Alok Aradhe**.
- **Skechers** signed **cricketer Mohammed Siraj** as its **brand ambassador**, expanding into **cricket footwear** in India.

Defence News

- **Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0:** Indian Army conducts *large-scale drill* in Arunachal Pradesh's Kameng region, showcasing drones, precision strikes, AI-enabled tactics, indigenous weapons, and synergy with civil defence industry under *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.
- **Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia Takes Maintenance Command:** Air Marshal Ghuratia AVSM VSM assumed charge as Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at IAF Headquarters, bringing 37 years of distinguished service including UN Mission experience.
- **Indian Army Departs for Yudh Abhyas 2025:** Madras Regiment contingent left for Fort Wainwright, Alaska for 21st India-US joint military exercise focusing on arctic warfare, interoperability and multi-domain operations from September 1-14.
- **India-Thailand Military Exercise:** Exercise MAITREE-XIV begins in Meghalaya with 120 Indian Army personnel from Madras Regiment and 53 Royal Thai Army personnel participating until September 14.

- **DRDO** transferred **advanced materials technologies** to firms like **BHEL**, **JSPL**, and **SAIL**, aiding **self-reliance in defence**.

Awards and Recognitions

- **T.C.A. Kalyani Becomes New Controller General of Accounts:** Ms. Kalyani, 1991-batch ICAS officer with 34 years experience, assumed charge as 29th CGA, marking milestone in women's leadership in fiscal roles.
- **President Appoints New High Court Judges:** Constitutional appointments made to Allahabad and Kerala High Courts including Arun Kumar as Judge and permanent elevation of Additional Judges to strengthen judicial capacity.
- **IIT-Madras Tops NIRF Rankings:** IIT-Madras retains top position in NIRF Rankings 2025 for seventh consecutive year, followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT-Mumbai across 17 categories.
- **Prof. V.K. Gokak Award:** Anand V. Patil, recipient of Bal Sahitya award from Kendra Sahitya Academy, will be honored with Prof. V.K. Gokak award on September 7 in Bengaluru by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.
- **Teacher's Day 2025:** India celebrates Teacher's Day on September 5 honoring Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan with theme "Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners" featuring National Awards for Teachers and cultural programs nationwide.

Summits and Conferences News

- **India-China SCO Meeting:** PM Modi and President Xi meet after 10 months in Tianjin SCO Summit; agree on resumption of direct flights, border trade, Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, tourism visas, and pledge to rebuild trust while cooperating on terrorism, trade, and Global South issues.
- **Semicon India 2025:** PM Modi inaugurates Semicon India 2025 in New Delhi highlighting India's semiconductor ambitions with 10 projects worth ₹1.5 lakh crore and participation from 48+ countries.

Ranks and Reports

- **Global Peace Index 2025:** Singapore ranked *6th globally and 1st in Asia* for peace (score 1.357), while India remains at 115th (score 2.229); Iceland retains top spot, reflecting India's continuing internal and border security challenges.
- **UDISE+ 2024-25 Report:** India crosses the *one crore teachers milestone* with a 6.7% rise since 2022-23; PTR at all levels (10:1 to 21:1) is within NEP 2020 norms, dropout rates fall (Preparatory 2.3%, Middle 3.5%, Secondary 8.2%), GER improves, single-teacher schools reduce, and infrastructure access (electricity 93.6%, internet 63.5%) shows strong gains.

Sports News

- **ICC-Google Partnership:** To digitally enhance women's cricket experience ahead of the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup and 2026 T20 World Cup.
- **Badminton World Championships 2025:** India's men's doubles pair *Satwik-Chirag* defeat Malaysian rivals Chia-Yik 21-12, 21-19 in Paris (same venue as 2024 Olympic loss), securing their 2nd World Championships medal and assuring India of at least a bronze.
- **Oscar Piastri Wins Dutch Grand Prix 2025:** McLaren's Piastri claimed victory at Zandvoort while teammate Norris faced mechanical failure, reshaping championship standings with Piastri extending 34-point lead.
- **Record ₹40 Crore Prize for Women's Cricket World Cup:** ICC announced USD 4.48 million prize for 2025 Women's World Cup winners, marking 239% increase from 2022 with tournament co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka from September 30.
- **Mitchell Starc Retires from T20 Internationals:** Australian fast bowler with 79 wickets in 65 T20I matches decided to focus on Test and ODI formats, six months ahead of next T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.
- **Badminton World Championships:** New Delhi selected to host 2026 Badminton World Championships in August, marking the event's return to India after 17 years since Hyderabad 2009.
- **World Boxing Championships Begin:** Championships kick off in Liverpool under new governing body World Boxing, featuring India's strong contingent led by Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain, and Sumit Kundu.
- **Anti-Doping Breakthrough:** India's NIPER Guwahati and NDTL develop rare Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite Reference Material to enhance global anti-doping efforts, launched by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- **Cricket Legend Retires:** Veteran leg-spinner Amit Mishra retires at 42 after 25-year career featuring three IPL hat-tricks, 22 Tests, 36 ODIs, and participation in India's 2013 Champions Trophy victory.

Science and Technology News

- **Tiny Computer Developed for Cosmic Dawn Mission:** Raman Research Institute created compact single-board computer for PRATUSH mission to detect 21-cm hydrogen signals from early universe by placing instrument on Moon's far side.
- **IIT Jodhpur AI Innovation:** Institute pioneers AI development for Indian languages and cultural heritage through Vision, Language and Learning Group, creating scene text recognition tools for 13 Indian languages.

- **ISRO announced its new spaceport in Tamil Nadu** will be operational by **December 2026**, supporting **small satellite launches**.
- A rare **82-minute total lunar eclipse** or **Blood Moon** will occur on **September 7-8**, visible across **Asia, Africa, and Europe**.

Important Days News

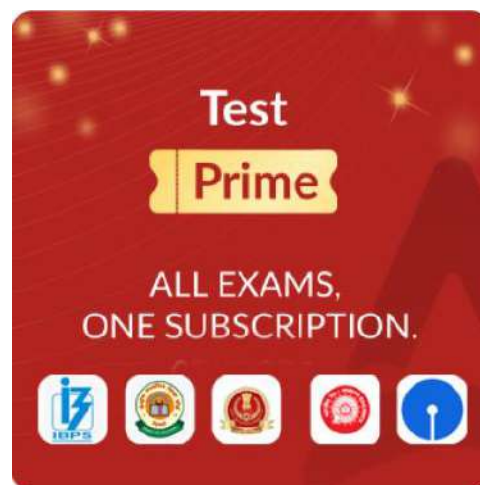
- **National Nutrition Week 2025 (Sept 1-7):** Theme "*Eat Right for a Better Life*", promoting balanced diets, mindful eating, and tackling malnutrition.
- **World Coconut Day 2025 Celebrated:** September 2 marks World Coconut Day celebrating Asian Pacific Coconut Community founding, with India as world's third-largest coconut producer supporting millions through coconut industry products.
- **Skyscraper Day 2025:** September 3 marks Skyscraper Day celebrating the birth anniversary of Louis H. Sullivan, the "father of skyscrapers" who championed "form follows function" principle.
- India celebrates **Teacher's Day** on **September 5** to honour the birth anniversary of **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, the second President of India and a distinguished philosopher and academician

Obituaries News

- **Fashion Icon Passes Away:** Legendary Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani dies at 91, known globally as "Re Giorgio" for building a €2.3 billion fashion empire with signature modern Italian elegance.

Miscellaneous News

- **Rare Dragonfly Rediscovery:** *Crocothemis erythraea*, usually seen in Europe and Himalayas, reconfirmed in Western Ghats (Kerala & Tamil Nadu) above 550m; likely a relic species from the Ice Age, highlighting biodiversity richness and fragility of Shola-grassland ecosystems.



Static Takeaways

Organisation / State / Nation	Static Information	Head/Leader (2025)
NITI Aayog	Established: 2015, HQ: New Delhi	Chairperson: PM Narendra Modi , CEO: B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
Odisha	Capital: Bhubaneswar	CM: Mohan Charan Majhi , Governor: Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati
Chhattisgarh	Capital: Raipur, Known as "Rice Bowl of India"	CM: Vishnu Deo Sai , Governor: Ramen Deka
Meghalaya	Capital: Shillong	CM: Conrad K. Sangma , Governor: C H Vijayashankar
Maharashtra	Capital: Mumbai	CM: Devendra Fadnavis , Governor: C.P. Radhakrishnan
Bihar	Capital: Patna	CM: Nitish Kumar , Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan
Assam	Capital: Dispur	CM: Himanta Biswa Sarma , Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Tamil Nadu	Capital: Chennai	CM: M.K. Stalin , Governor: R.N. Ravi
Nepal	Capital: Kathmandu, Currency: Nepalese Rupee	PM: KP Sharma Oli , President: Ram Chandra Paudel
Singapore	Known as "Lion City"	PM: Lawrence Wong , President: Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Thailand	Capital: Bangkok, Currency: Baht	PM: Anutin Charnvirakul , King: Maha Vajiralongkorn (Rama X)
Tata Electronics	Subsidiary of Tata Group	Chairman (Tata Sons): N. Chandrasekaran
Yes Bank	Founded: 2004, HQ: Mumbai	Chairman: R. Gandhi , MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar
FSSAI	Established: 2008, HQ: New Delhi	CEO: Rajit Punhani , Chairperson: Punya Salila Srivastava
DRDO	Founded: 1958, HQ: New Delhi	Chairman: Dr. Samir V. Kamat
ICC	Founded: 1909, HQ: Dubai	Chairman: Jay Shah , CEO: Sanjog Gupta
ISRO	Founded: 1969, HQ: Bengaluru	Chairman: Dr. V. Narayanan
Raman Research Institute	Founded: 1948, Bengaluru	Director: Prof. Tarun Souradeep