

Weekly One Liners 29th Sept to 05th of October 2025

Indian Cricket Team Won 9th Asia Cup title 2025

In a match that lived up to the fierce rivalry, India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025. Chasing 147 in a tense final, India recovered from a shaky 20 for 3 to reach the target at 150 for 5, thanks to a match-winning knock from Tilak Varma. Varma's calm and calculated 69 not out, supported by Shivam Dube's 33 off 22 balls, ensured India lifted the trophy in a game that will be remembered as one of the most gripping India-Pakistan encounters in recent history.

Awards List of Asia Cup 2025

- **Man of the Match:** Tilak Varma
- **Most Valuable Player of Tournament:** Kuldeep Yadav
- **Player of the Tournament:** Abhisek Sharma

Atmosphere & Rivalry

- The clash was more than cricket, layered with political tension between India and Pakistan earlier this year.
- Gestures, crowd emotions, and coaching instructions all reflected the charged atmosphere.
- This was also the first India-Pakistan Asia Cup final in 41 years, adding historic weight to the contest.

Static GK Facts

- **Asia Cup founded:** 1984, governed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
- **Formats:** Played in ODI and T20I formats, alternating depending on the upcoming ICC tournament.
- **India's record:** With this win, India now has 9 Asia Cup titles—the most by any team.
- **Other winners:** Sri Lanka (6 titles), Pakistan (2 titles).
- **2025 final venue:** Dubai International Stadium, UAE.
- **Notable Indian performers:** Tilak Varma (final's hero), Kuldeep Yadav (4/30), Shivam Dube (all-round cameo).



RBI Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy 2025

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, under Governor **Sanjay Malhotra**, announced its **Monetary Policy 2025** on keeping the **repo rate unchanged at 5.5%** and maintaining the policy stance as **'Neutral'**. The decision was **unanimously** taken by all MPC members.

The RBI also revised its **FY26 GDP growth estimate upwards to 6.8%** (from 6.5% earlier) and **cut CPI inflation forecast to 2.6%** (from 3.1% earlier), signaling optimism on growth with controlled inflationary pressures.

Key Highlights of RBI Monetary Policy 2025

1. Policy Measures

- Repo Rate: **Unchanged at 5.50%**
- Stance: **Neutral**
- CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio): **3%**
- SDF (Standing Deposit Facility) Rate: **5.25%**
- MSF (Marginal Standing Facility) Rate: **5.75%**
- Bank Rate: **5.75%**
- MPC: **Unanimous decision to keep rates unchanged**

2. GDP Growth Projections

- **FY26 GDP growth estimate** revised to **6.8%** (from 6.5%).
- **Quarterly GDP growth estimates:**
 1. **Q1 FY26:** 6.5% (unchanged)
 2. **Q2 FY26:** 7.0% (raised from 6.7%)
 3. **Q3 FY26:** 6.4% (cut from 6.6%)
 4. **Q4 FY26:** 6.2% (cut from 6.3%)
- **Q1 FY27:** 6.4% (cut from 6.6%).

3. CPI Inflation Forecast

- **FY26 CPI inflation forecast:** Cut to **2.6%** (from 3.1%).
- **Quarterly estimates:**
 1. **Q2 FY26:** 2.1% (cut from 3.4%)
 2. **Q3 FY26:** 3.1% (cut from 3.9%)
 3. **Q4 FY26:** 4.4% (unchanged)
- **Q1 FY27:** 4.9%

This indicates an **improving inflation trajectory**, giving RBI more room to support growth.

4. Developmental and Regulatory Policies

- **Re-KYC Camps for Jan Dhan Accounts** – Focus on micro insurance and pension scheme enrolments.
- **Standardised Procedure for Claim Settlement** – For deposit accounts of deceased customers to improve transparency and efficiency.
- **RBI Retail Direct Enhancements** – Introduction of **Auto-bidding facility** for investments and reinvestments in T-bills.

National Affairs

- **Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative Launched:** MoHUA pairs 72 mentor cities with 200 mentee cities under structured mentorship program to transform urban sanitation through knowledge transfer and best practices.
- **India's First Integrative Oncology Centre Opens:** Ministry of Ayush inaugurates groundbreaking IORCC at AIIA Goa combining Ayurveda, Yoga, and modern oncology for holistic cancer care on 10th National Ayurveda Day.
- **Cold Desert Biosphere Joins UNESCO Network:** Himachal Pradesh's Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve becomes India's 13th entry in UNESCO's World Network, while two new Bihar Ramsar Sites bring total to 93.
- **Historic Cheetah Milestone at Kuno:** Mukhi becomes first India-born cheetah to reach adulthood with 61% cub survival rate, as program expands to 27 cheetahs including 16 born domestically.
- **World Food India 2025 Attracts ₹1 Lakh Crore:** Food processing sector receives massive investment commitments from 26 companies, promising direct employment for 64,000+ people across multiple states.
- **Sacred Theatres Recognized by UNESCO:** India's ritual theatres including Kutiyattam, Mudi yettu, Ramman, and Ramlila have been designated as Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO, with Sangeet Natak Akademi ensuring their preservation through training and documentation.
- **Sound Alerts Mandatory for EVs from October 2027:** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways proposes mandatory Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS) for all electric vehicles starting October 1, 2027, with new models requiring compliance from October 2026 to enhance pedestrian safety.
- **RSS Centenary Commemorated:** PM Modi released special coin and stamp marking 100 years of RSS (1925-2025), founded by K.B. Hedgewar, now India's largest voluntary organisation contributing to education, health, and disaster relief.
- **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Approved:** Union Cabinet launches ₹11,440 crore six-year initiative (2025-31) targeting 350 lakh tonnes pulses production, 310 lakh hectares cultivation, and benefiting 2 crore farmers with 100% assured MSP procurement.
- **MY Bharat Mobile App Launched for Youth:** Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launches digital platform with 1.81 crore youth registrations, offering AI-enabled resume building, volunteering opportunities, and access through 5 lakh+ Common Services Centres.
- **NIELIT Digital University Platform Inaugurated:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw opens NDU Platform focusing on AI, Cybersecurity, Data Science, and Semiconductors, alongside five new NIELIT centres to democratize quality digital education.

- **UPSC Celebrates 100 Years:** Union Public Service Commission marks centenary on October 1, honoring a century of merit-based recruitment, transparency, and conducting world's largest competitive exams for civil services.
- **India's First Dugong Reserve Gets IUCN Recognition:** Palk Bay's 448.34 sq. km Dugong Conservation Reserve in Tamil Nadu receives official IUCN recognition during 2025 World Conservation Congress, protecting 12,250 hectares of seagrass meadows.
- The **Union Government** approved an **MSP hike** for all **Rabi crops** for the **2026–27 season**, with the **highest rise of ₹600** for **safflower**.
- PM **Narendra Modi's** radio show, **Mann Ki Baat**, completed **11 years** and **126 episodes**, promoting **citizen engagement** and **social change**.
- **NHAI** will install **QR code boards** on **National Highways** offering info on **emergency contacts**, **facilities**, and **project details**.

States in the News

- **Unmesha International Literature Festival in Patna:** Hosted September 25-28, 2025, with writers from 15 countries and 100+ languages, Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan attended closing ceremony celebrating Bihar's heritage.
- **Balod Becomes Child Marriage-Free District:** Chhattisgarh's Balod declared India's first child marriage-free district with zero cases in 2 years across all 436 panchayats and 9 towns, CM sets statewide elimination goal by 2028-29.
- **Gaj Rakshak App Launched in Madhya Pradesh:** MP launched elephant tracking app for Bandhavgarh to reduce human-elephant conflicts with real-time alerts, as elephant population grew from 40 (2018) to 65.
- **Bathukamma Festival Creates Two Guinness Records:** Telangana's harvest festival sets world records for largest floral arrangement and most synchronized female dance participants, celebrating Goddess Gauri during Navratri.
- A museum honoring **artist A Ramchandran** opens in **Kollam, Kerala** on **October 5**, showcasing his **legacy in Indian art** and **human themes**.

International Affairs

- **India-Bhutan Approve First Rail Projects:** India and Bhutan have approved historic rail connectivity projects worth ₹4,033 crore—Kokrajhar-Gelephu and Banarhat-Samtse lines—to boost bilateral trade and enhance Bhutan's access to Indian ports under India's ₹10,000 crore support commitment.

- **India's EFTA Free Trade Agreement Effective October 1:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the FTA with EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland) will be operational from October 1, 2025, as India continues negotiations with US, EU, and other nations while rising as the 4th largest economy.
- **India Re-Elected to ICAO Council Part II:** India secures re-election during 42nd ICAO Assembly in Montreal, recognizing its major contribution to international civil aviation safety, security, and sustainability.
- **India-EFTA TEPA Takes Effect:** Trade partnership with Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein comes into force at Prosperity Summit, pledging USD 100 billion investment over 15 years and creating 1 million direct jobs.
- **India and China will resume direct flights by late October 2025,** aiming to **normalize ties** and **enhance exchanges**.

Books and Authors

- Journalist **Harinder Baweja** launched her memoir '**They Will Shoot You, Madam**', chronicling **40 years** of reporting from **conflict zones**.
- T.N. Khoshoo's "**Mahatma Gandhi and the Environment**" explores **Gandhiji's ecological philosophy**, focusing on **sustainability** and **village empowerment**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **RBI Mandates Two-Factor Authentication from April 2026:** Reserve Bank of India makes 2FA mandatory for all digital payments starting April 1, 2026, replacing SMS OTPs with flexible authentication methods including biometrics, tokens, and risk-based authentication to reduce fraud risks.
- **SIDBI's Net Profit Surges 19.5% to Record High:** Small Industries Development Bank of India reported an all-time high net profit of ₹4,811 crore in FY25, a 19.5% increase, with balance sheet exceeding ₹5.6 lakh crore and maintaining excellent asset quality with Gross NPA at 0.04%.
- **RBI Allows Working Capital Loans Using Gold as Raw Material:** In a major reform effective October 1, 2025, RBI permits banks to provide working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as raw material, previously limited only to jewellers, aimed at boosting industrial growth and banking sector resilience.
- **India's Industrial Output Grows 4% in August:** Industrial production rose 4% in August 2025 with mining rebounding strongly at 6% and electricity at 4.1%, but manufacturing slowed to 3.8% and consumer non-durables slumped 6.3%, indicating subdued private investment and patchy consumption.

- **India Leads Global Dairy Production:** India contributes nearly 25% of global milk supply, employing over 8 crore farmers with milk production increasing 63.56% in the past decade, supported by schemes like Rashtriya Gokul Mission and White Revolution 2.0 for nutrition and rural income security.
- **RBI Maintains Repo Rate at 5.5%:** Reserve Bank kept repo rate unchanged with neutral stance, revised FY26 GDP growth upwards to 6.8%, and cut CPI inflation forecast to 2.6% from 3.1%.
- **ADB Cuts India's Growth Forecast:** Asian Development Bank downgraded India's FY26 growth projection to 6.5% from 6.7%, citing US tariffs affecting 60% of Indian exports with 50% tariff hike.
- **RBI Establishes Payments Regulatory Board:** Six-member PRB set up under Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra to regulate all domestic and cross-border payment systems.
- **GST Collections Reach ₹1.89 Lakh Crore:** September 2025 collections rise 9.1% year-on-year driven by GST 2.0 reforms and rate rationalization on 375 items, with average monthly FY26 collections nearing ₹2 lakh crore.
- **ADB Lowers India's Growth Forecast:** Asian Development Bank cuts FY26 GDP growth projection to 6.5% from 6.7%, citing impact of elevated 50% U.S. tariffs on 60% of Indian exports.
- **OpenAI hit a \$500 billion valuation** after a **\$6.6 billion share sale** to **SoftBank**, driven by demand for **ChatGPT Enterprise** and **AI models**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Rajeev Verma Appointed Delhi Chief Secretary:** 1992-batch IAS officer Rajeev Verma from AGMUT cadre has been appointed as Delhi's new Chief Secretary effective October 1, 2025, succeeding Dharmendra, bringing extensive experience including Finance & Revenue Secretary and Principal Commissioner of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- **Gaurav Banerjee to Lead Sony Pictures India Till 2029:** Gaurav Banerjee appointed as MD and CEO of Sony Pictures Networks India (Culver Max Entertainment) for five-year term until August 2029, with company operating 28 TV channels and SonyLIV OTT platform, reporting ₹6,511 crore revenue and ₹840 crore net profit in FY24.
- **Shirish Chandra Murmu Appointed RBI Deputy Governor:** Current Executive Director takes over from Rajeshwar Rao for three-year term starting October 9, 2025, to strengthen central bank's leadership amid economic challenges.
- **Shailesh Chandra Named Tata Motors MD & CEO:** Three-year appointment effective October 1, 2025, while continuing as MD of Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, with major leadership restructuring across TML divisions.

- **New Chiefs for CISF and ITBP:** Praveer Ranjan (AGMUT cadre) appointed DG of CISF, Praveen Kumar (1993 batch IPS) took charge as DG of ITBP guarding Indo-China border.
- **Major General G. Srinivas Heads CDM:** Appointed Commandant of College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, known for logistics planning during Operation Sindoor under Western Command.
- **New Bank CEOs Appointed:** Government names Asheesh Pandey as MD & CEO of Union Bank of India and Kalyan Kumar as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India for three-year terms.

Defence News

- **Indian Army Celebrates 199th Gunners Day:** Artillery Regiment marks September 28 with wreath-laying ceremony at National War Memorial, commemorating nearly two centuries of service since 1827.
- **BSF Launches AI-Powered Border Command Centre:** Border Security Force inaugurated an AI and GIS-based Decision Support System command centre integrating sensor feeds and incident data to enhance border security on Pakistan and Bangladesh borders, using machine learning to predict smuggling hotspots and infiltration routes.
- **Exercise Drone Kavach in Arunachal Pradesh:** Spear Corps under Eastern Command conducted drone warfare exercise (September 25-28) focusing on counter-drone systems and tactical manoeuvres, preceded by successful Mount Gorichen Expedition at 6,488m.

Awards and Recognitions

- **DRDO Wins BusinessLine Changemaker Award:** Defence Research organisation receives Changemaker of the Year recognition for indigenous strategic technologies leadership, while Azim Premji Foundation gets Iconic Changemaker Award.
- **Diljit Dosanjh Nominated for International Emmy:** Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh received a Best Actor nomination at the International Emmy Awards 2025 for his role in Imtiaz Ali's Amar Singh Chamkila, India's sole entry with the film also nominated in TV movie/mini-series category, winners to be announced November 24 in New York.
- **Andhra Pradesh Wins Global Tourism Award 2025:** AP Tourism Department received award in New Delhi for innovation in sustainable tourism, eco-friendly projects, and digital promotion campaigns.

- **Novotel Vijayawada Varun Named Best 5-Star Hotel:** Won Andhra Pradesh Tourism Excellence Award 2025 with 233 rooms, presented by CM Chandrababu Naidu to manager Manish Pathak.
- **President Honours President's Bodyguard:** President Droupadi Murmu presented Diamond Jubilee Silver Trumpet and Banner to India's oldest regiment (established 1773), marking 75 years of post-independence service.
- **BDU Professor Wins TANSa Award:** Prof. R. Arthur James from Bharathidasan University's Marine Science department won TANSa 2022 for Environmental Science with ₹50,000 prize for sustainable research.
- **India received the ISSA Award 2025** for expanding social security coverage from **19% to 64.3%, covering 940 million citizens.**

Summits and Conferences News

- **11th World Green Economy Summit Begins:** Dubai hosts 3,300+ participants from 30+ countries under theme "Innovating for Impact," co-hosted with WETEX 2025, focusing on climate finance and net-zero targets.
- **National Conference on Land & Disaster Management** began in **Gandhinagar**, focusing on **digitizing land records** and using **indigenous tech** for **disaster resilience**.

Ranks and Reports

- **Manipur Tops Violent Crimes in 2023:** NCRB data shows Manipur recorded 14,427 violent crimes in 2023, a 20x jump from 631 in 2022, including 5,421 riots and 6,203 arson cases linked to Meitei-Kuki ethnic conflict.
- **Shah Rukh Khan leads as India's first billionaire actor** with ₹12,000 crore, followed by **Juhi Chawla, Hrithik Roshan, Karan Johar, Amitabh Bachchan, and Akshay Kumar.**
- **Mukesh Ambani tops the Hurun India Rich List 2025** with ₹9.55 lakh crore, followed by **Gautam Adani and Roshni Nadar** as richest woman.

Sports News

- **India Clinches 7th SAFF U-17 Football Title:** Young team defeats Bangladesh 4-1 in penalty shootout after 2-2 draw in Colombo, cementing dominance in regional youth tournaments.
- **12th World Para Athletics Championship Begins:** Nine-day event at New Delhi's JLN Stadium features 1,000+ athletes from 100+ nations with India fielding 70+ competitors including medal favorites.

- **India Wins 9th Asia Cup Cricket Title:** Tilak Varma's unbeaten 69* guides thrilling victory over Pakistan, chasing down 147 in high-stakes final with BCCI announcing ₹21 crore prize for champions.
- **Sheetal Devi Wins Maiden World Championship Gold:** India's para archer Sheetal Devi clinched her first gold at World Archery Para Championships 2025 in Gwangju, Korea, defeating Turkiye's Oznur Cure Girdi 146-143 in Women's Compound Open final, also securing silver in team event and bronze in mixed team competition.
- **ICC-UNICEF Launch Promise to Children Campaign:** International Cricket Council and UNICEF launched the "Promise to Children" campaign during 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup, supported by Ayushmann Khurrana and Smriti Mandhana, promoting children's rights including education, healthcare, and protection from violence.
- **Chris Woakes Retires from International Cricket:** England all-rounder Chris Woakes announced retirement after 14-year career spanning 217 matches, taking 396 wickets and scoring 3,705 runs, including key contributions to England's 2019 Cricket World Cup and 2022 T20 World Cup victories.
- **Abhishek Sharma Breaks ICC T20I Batting Record:** India's left-handed opener achieves highest-ever rating of 931 points in ICC Men's T20I Batter Rankings, surpassing Dawid Malan's 2020 record with 314 runs in Asia Cup.
- **India Secures Gold-Silver in Para Javelin:** Sandip Sanjay Sargar wins gold with 62.82m personal best and Sandeep Chaudhary claims silver with 62.67m at World Para Athletics Championships Men's Javelin F44.
- **Mirabai Chanu bagged silver in the 48kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships, setting two national records.**

Science and Technology News

- **Biomedical Research Career Programme Phase III Approved:** Cabinet sanctions ₹1,500 crore initiative (2025-31) jointly funded by DBT and Wellcome Trust UK, targeting 2,000+ researcher training and capacity building in Tier-2/3 cities.
- **Australia approved lecanemab, a drug to slow Alzheimer's progression in early-stage patients, though it's costly and has side effects.**

Important Days News

- **World Heart Day 2025 Observed:** September 29 global awareness day emphasizes "Small Lifestyle Changes, Big Health Benefits" theme promoting heart health through

diet, exercise, stress management and avoiding harmful habits.

- **International Translation Day Observed September 30:** International Translation Day 2025 honors translators, interpreters, and language professionals in bridging cultures, established by International Federation of Translators in 1991 on the feast day of St. Jerome, patron saint of translators, celebrating translation's role in promoting multilingualism and supporting UN's six official languages.
- **International Day of Older Persons 2025:** Observed on October 1 with theme "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action," highlighting elders as active drivers of change, with UN passing Resolution 58/13 for treaty protecting senior citizens' rights.
- **Telugu Language Day in Saudi Arabia:** SATA and TDP NRI Committee celebrated with 2,000+ Telugu NRIs, highlighting Andhra's P4 model for poverty-free growth by 2047, with 100+ NRIs pledging support for vulnerable families.
- **World Animal Day 2025 marked 100 years, with the theme "Save Animals, Save the Planet!", linking animal welfare to environmental protection.**

Obituaries News

- **G G Parikh, Gandhian Socialist, Passes Away:** Freedom fighter and "Saint of the Socialists" dies at 100 on October 2, 2025 in Mumbai, leaving legacy of Quit India movement participation and social activism.
- **Pandit Chhannulal Mishra Dies at 89:** Padma Bhushan awardee and Banaras Gharana master of Hindustani classical music passes away in Mirzapur, celebrated for blending folk and classical styles.



Static Takeaways

Name	HQ / Location	Established / Launch	Core Scope / Notes	Leadership (verify now)
Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Dubai, UAE	1983	Continental cricket body for Asia	Mohsin Naqvi (President)
Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Mumbai, India	1935	India's central bank	Sanjay Malhotra (Governor)
Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), RBI	Mumbai, India	2016	Statutory 6-member rate-setting body	Chaired by RBI Governor (Sanjay Malhotra)
Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	India (nationwide)	2014	Financial inclusion: zero-balance a/cs, RuPay cards, DBT	Under Dept. of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance (programme—not a single "head")
Sangeet Natak Akademi	New Delhi, India	1953	India's national academy for performing arts	Dr. Sandhya Purecha (Chairperson)
Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)	Nagpur, India	1925	Volunteer socio-cultural organisation	Mohan Bhagwat (Sarsanghchalak)
Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	New Delhi, India	1926	Central recruitment for All-India/Central Services	Dr. Ajay Kumar
NIELIT	New Delhi, India	1994	Skilling & certification in electronics/IT	Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi (Director-General)
ICAO	Montréal, Canada	1947	International civil aviation standards	Juan Carlos Salazar (Secretary-General)
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	Geneva, Switzerland	1960	Trade bloc: IS, LI, NO, CH	Kurt Jäger (Secretary-General)
SIDBI	Lucknow, India	1990	MSME development finance	Shri Manoj Mittal
DRDO	New Delhi, India	1958	Defence R&D	Dr. Samir V. Kamat (Chairman / Secy DDR&D)
Azim Premji Foundation	Bengaluru, India	2001	Philanthropy, school education	Anurag Behar (CEO); Azim Premji (Founder–Chair)
International Emmy Awards (IATAS)	New York, USA	1973	TV awards (outside US primetime)	Bruce L. Paisner (President & CEO)
Andhra Pradesh Tourism Dept.	Amaravati, AP	—	State tourism promotion	
Novotel Vijayawada Varun	Vijayawada, AP	—	Accor group hotel (tourism award ref.)	(verify now) — Hotel GMs rotate; confirm with property/Accor page
President's Bodyguard Regiment	New Delhi, India	1773	Oldest regiment; ceremonial/operational roles	
TANSA (TN State Academy of Sciences)	Chennai, TN	1986	State science awards (TANSA Awards)	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Manila, Philippines	1966	Multilateral development bank (Asia-Pacific)	Masatsugu Asakawa (President)
Border Security Force (BSF)	New Delhi, India	1965	India's border guarding force (Pak/Bangla borders)	Daljit Singh Chawdhary
College of Defence Management (CDM)	Secunderabad, India	1970	Tri-service management education	Major General G. Srinivas
MoHUA	New Delhi, India	1952 (as ministry lineage)	Urban development, housing, SBM-U	Hardeep Singh Puri (Cabinet Minister)

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Ministry of Ayush	New Delhi, India	2014 (as AYUSH)	Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy	Sarbananda Sonowal (Cabinet Minister)
MoRTH	New Delhi, India	1966	Roads, highways, transport	Nitin Gadkari (Cabinet Minister)
Ministry of Food Processing Industries	New Delhi, India	1988	Food processing & value addition	Chirag Paswan (Cabinet Minister)
Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses	India	2025	Pulses production & MSP-backed procurement	
MY Bharat App	India	2023	Youth engagement & opportunities	
Rashtriya Gokul Mission	India	2014	Indigenous cattle genetic improvement	
White Revolution 2.0	India	2014–15 onward	Dairy productivity push	
World Food India 2025	New Delhi, India	2025 (edition)	Global food processing investment meet	
India	Capital: New Delhi	—	Currency: INR	PM: Narendra Modi; President: Droupadi Murmu
China	Capital: Beijing	—	Currency: CNY (Yuan)	President: Xi Jinping; Premier (PM): Li Qiang
Pakistan	Capital: Islamabad	—	Currency: PKR	PM: Shehbaz Sharif; President: Asif Ali Zardari
Bangladesh	Capital: Dhaka	—	Currency: BDT (Taka)	PM: Sheikh Hasina; President: Mohammed Shahabuddin
Egypt	Capital: Cairo	—	Currency: EGP	President: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi; PM: Mostafa Madbouly
Brazil	Capital: Brasília	—	Currency: BRL (Real)	President: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
Mexico	Capital: Mexico City	—	Currency: MXN (Peso)	President: Claudia Sheinbaum
Japan	Capital: Tokyo	—	Currency: JPY (Yen)	PM: Fumio Kishida
Switzerland	Capital: Bern	—	Currency: CHF	
Norway	Capital: Oslo	—	Currency: NOK	PM: Jonas Gahr Støre
Iceland	Capital: Reykjavík	—	Currency: ISK	PM: Bjarni Benediktsson; President: Guðni Th. Jóhannesson
Liechtenstein	Capital: Vaduz	—	Currency: CHF	PM: Daniel Risch; Head of State: Prince Hans-Adam II
Bhutan	Capital: Thimphu	—	Currency: BTN/INR	PM: Tshering Tobgay; King: Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
Dubai, UAE	Capital (UAE): Abu Dhabi	—	Currency: AED	President (UAE): Mohamed bin Zayed; PM: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Himachal Pradesh (Cold Desert Biosphere)	HP, India	—	UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve	
Bihar (Ramsar Sites)	Bihar, India	—	Multiple wetlands (India total 90+ as of 2024)	
Tamil Nadu (Palk Bay—Dugong Reserve)	TN, India	2022 (reserve notified)	India's 1st dugong reserve; IUCN note 2025	
Goa (Oncology Centre—AIIA Goa)	Goa, India	—	Integrative oncology centre context	
Chhattisgarh – Balod District	Chhattisgarh, India	—	Child-marriage-free district note	

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Madhya Pradesh – Bandhavgarh	MP, India	NP 1968	Tiger reserve / eco-tourism	
Telangana – Bathukamma Festival	Telangana, India	—	Floral festival (Guinness record 2025 note)	
Patna, Bihar – Literature Festival (Unmesha)	Patna, Bihar	—	Intl. literature festival venue	
Union Bank of India	Mumbai, India	1919	PSB; tagline “Good People to Bank With”	Asheesh Pandey
Central Bank of India	Mumbai, India	1911	PSB; tagline “Central to You Since 1911”	Kalyan Kumar
Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve	Himachal Pradesh, India	—	UNESCO World Network member	
Palk Bay Dugong Conservation Reserve	Tamil Nadu, India	2022	Seagrass & dugong habitat (448+ sq km)	

