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## World Coconut Day 2025: 2 September

- Every year on September 2, World Coconut Day is celebrated.
- It is celebrated to promote the importance of coconuts and their contributions to various aspects of life.
- The theme of World Coconut Day 2025 is **“Uncovering Coconut's Power, Inspiring Global Action.”**
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the benefits of coconut cultivation and consumption.
- Every year, coconut-producing countries around the world celebrate 2 September as World Coconut Day, which is the foundation day of the International Coconut Community (ICC).
- It was first celebrated in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
- The APCC was an intergovernmental organization founded in 1969 to promote, coordinate, and harmonize the coconut industry in the Asia-Pacific region.
- In 2017, the APCC was upgraded to a global organization and renamed the International Coconut Community (ICC).
- India is a founding member of the ICC.
- Coconut cultivation is spread over 12.2 million hectares in more than 90 countries, producing approximately 67 billion coconuts annually.



## Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the plenary session of the SCO Summit in Tianjin, China



- He said that double standards on terrorism cannot be accepted.
- He called terrorism one of the greatest threats to humanity.
- He stressed that it must be opposed in every form.
- He noted that India has suffered from terrorism for more than four decades.
- He thanked the nations that supported India after the Pahalgam terror attack.
- He said India has always played a constructive role in the SCO.
- He explained that India's approach to the SCO is built on three pillars.
- These pillars are Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity.
- Prime Minister Modi also spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- He also exchanged views with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

- Modi and Xi had wide-ranging talks. These discussions focused on rebuilding and improving India-China relations.
- PM Modi compared border peace to an insurance policy for India-China relations.
- Both leaders agreed to use existing mechanisms to maintain peace.
- They also agreed to avoid any disturbances to the broader relationship.
- In recent months, India and China have taken steps to reset strained ties.
- These ties had been badly damaged by the Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020.
- **SCO Tianjin Summit 2025** is the 25th meeting of the Heads of State Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- It took place in Tianjin, China from August 31 to September 1, 2025.
- This was the fifth time China has hosted the SCO summit.

## **Global Peace Index 2025: Iceland Tops Again, India Ranked 115th Among 163 Nations**

- **The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025**, compiled by the **Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)**, ranked 163 countries, covering **99.7%** of the world's population.
- **Iceland retained the top spot** as the most peaceful country in the world, a position it has consistently held since 2008, due to low crime, strong social trust, and absence of an army.
- **India ranked 115th with a GPI score of 2.229**, showing a 0.58% improvement in peacefulness compared to last year.
- The top 10 most peaceful nations are Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand, Finland, Austria, Switzerland, Singapore, Portugal, Denmark, and Slovenia, with Europe dominating the upper rankings.
- Least peaceful regions include the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa; countries at the bottom are Russia, Ukraine, Sudan, DR Congo, and Yemen, with South Africa also showing a decline.
- The index is based on three parameters – societal safety and security, ongoing domestic or international conflict, and militarisation.

**Global Peace  
Index 2025:  
India Rises to  
Rank 115 Amid  
Global Peace  
Decline**

## India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility inaugurated in Noida

- India's first Tempered Glass Manufacturing Facility for Mobile Devices was inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw at Noida.
- The facility has been established by Optiemus Electronics in collaboration with Corning Incorporated, USA.
- High-quality tempered glass will be produced under the globally recognized brand "Engineered by Corning."
- The manufactured products will be supplied to both domestic and international markets.
- The minister stated that indigenous tempered glass production is a big boost for Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- He informed that a Made in India chip is also expected to be rolled out soon.
- Electronics manufacturing in India has grown six times in 11 years, reaching a production value of ₹11.5 lakh crore.
- More than ₹3 lakh crore worth of exports and employment for 2.5 million people have been generated in this sector.
- The factory established in Noida with an initial investment of Rs. 70 crores has a state-of-the-art infrastructure.
- The raw material will be molded into fully tempered and high-quality glass.
- Phase 1 of the Noida facility has an annual capacity of 25 million units and will provide jobs to 600 people.
- In Phase 2, capacity will rise to 200 million units with an investment of ₹800 crore, creating 4,500 direct jobs.



## India is emerging as a Global Healthcare Innovator: CII MedTech Summit

- The 17th CII Global MedTech Summit 2025 was organised in New Delhi under the theme ‘Innovating for a Healthier Future.’
- Global perception of India has shifted from being a market to being recognized as a healthcare innovator.
- Union Pharmaceuticals Secretary Amit Agrawal urged innovators and investors to collaborate with the government to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The summit discussed future opportunities in India’s medical technology sector.
- India is witnessing sustained double-digit growth in the healthcare industry.
- India has taken major steps towards self-reliance by beginning local production of advanced medical equipment.
- Devices such as MRI and CT scan machines, mammography units, ventilators, stents, dialysis machines, heart valves, and implants—once thought impossible to manufacture domestically—are now being produced in the country.
- The government is setting up three dedicated medical device parks, upgrading infrastructure, and implementing a production-linked incentive scheme to support manufacturing.



## **The first multi-lane free-flow tolling in Gujarat is to be implemented by NHAI**

- An agreement was signed between Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL) (promoted by NHAI) and ICICI Bank for India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system.
- The system will be implemented at Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat.
- The contract was signed in the presence of NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav.
- The signing of the contract agreement is a major step towards barrier-free tolling, which will enable seamless electronic toll collection through FASTag.
- Choryasi Fee Plaza will become the first barrier-free toll plaza in the country.
- Additionally, an agreement for MLFF tolling was also signed for Gharaunda Fee Plaza in Haryana on NH-44.
- NHAI plans to roll out MLFF tolling at 25 National Highway plazas in the current financial year.
- The system will enable FASTag and Vehicle Registration Number-based tolling using RFID readers and ANPR cameras.
- Vehicles will no longer be required to stop at toll plazas, reducing congestion and travel time.
- The system is expected to enhance fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and improve toll revenue collection.
- MLFF tolling is seen as a milestone towards a transparent, efficient, and technology-driven highway network in India.



## **The government launched Aadi Vaani—an AI translator for tribal languages**

- The beta version of Adi Vani, the Central government's artificial intelligence-based translation model for tribal languages in India, was launched.
- The beta version of Adi Vaani is India's first AI-powered translator for tribal languages.
- The initiative has been developed under Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs announced that the tool will promote tribal empowerment and inclusivity.
- Adi Vaani aims to preserve India's vast tribal linguistic diversity.
- The translator will bridge communication gaps between tribal and non-tribal communities.
- The project combines advanced AI technologies to protect and promote the tribal culture across India.
- The initiative is in line with India's constitutional values of cultural diversity.
- By developing such tools, India is being positioned as a leader in AI-driven preservation of endangered languages.



## **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the Janrakshak projects under Dial 112 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

- Dial 112 combines police, ambulance, fire, women, child, and disaster helplines into one emergency number.
- A fleet of 1000 Janrakshak PCR vans was launched.
- These vehicles are fitted with GPS, wireless sets, light bars, and trained staff.
- The Gujarat government will spend ₹92 crore each year on this project.
- It will be run through a 24x7 State Emergency Response Centre in Ahmedabad.
- The Mansa Police Station received BIS certification.
- The project is supported by a modern control room. It has 150 seats and will link all emergency services for quick response.



# **“National Ayush Mission and Capacity Building in States” summit will be organized at the All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi**

- The conference will be led by Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav, who holds independent charge of Ayush as well as being Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare.
- The summit will focus on incorporating state-level and grassroots inputs to strengthen and broaden the scope of the National Ayush Mission (NAM).
- NAM is a flagship program that promotes holistic health by integrating Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homeopathy.
- This summit concludes a series of six thematic discussions announced by the Prime Minister during the 4th Chief Secretaries’ Conference in 2025.
- The six meetings were designed to advance capacity building by engaging central, state, and UT officials at multiple levels.
- NITI Aayog identified “National Ayush Mission and Capacity Building in States” as the final theme and appointed the Ministry of Ayush as the lead ministry.
- The summit reflects the Government of India’s resolve to strengthen Ayush as a central part of the healthcare system.
- It also underscores the need for States and UTs to build stronger institutional capacity to fully realize the objectives of the National Ayush Mission.

**DEPARTMENTAL  
SUMMIT 2025**

**National Ayush Mission and  
Capacity Building in States**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025  
**Venue:** All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi

**Technical Sessions**

- ▶ Financial Management, Monitoring, and Evaluation
- ▶ Organizational Structure Review, including HR strengthening and Capacity Building
- ▶ Integration of Ayush with modern healthcare services including Public Health Programs

## **NeGD has achieved pan-India integration of nearly 2,000 e-government services on DigiLocker and e-District Platforms**

- **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)** has linked close to 2,000 digital public services through DigiLocker and e-District platforms.
- This coverage now spans all 36 states and union territories of India.
- People can use these platforms to get certificates, avail welfare schemes, pay bills, and access other government services easily.
- The move makes services more accessible and transparent.
- Among the states, Maharashtra leads with 254 integrated services.
- Delhi follows with 123, Karnataka with 113, Assam with 102, and Uttar Pradesh with 86.
- In total, 1,938 services are currently active nationwide.
- NeGD also plans to expand by adopting AI-based tools to improve delivery.
- Formed in 2009 under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, NeGD operates as an Independent Business Division within the Digital India Corporation.
- Since its establishment, it has played a key role in managing programmes and executing e-Governance projects.
- It also provides expert guidance and technical support to ministries, state governments, and other agencies.



## **Ministry of Tourism Launches ‘Paryatan Mitra/Paryatan Didi’ to Promote Responsible Tourism Across India”**

- The **Ministry of Tourism** launched the **National Responsible Tourism Initiative – Paryatan Mitra/Paryatan Didi** – targeting local service providers like cab/auto drivers, hotel staff, tour guides, vendors, students, and marginalized communities.
- The initiative aims to provide training on tourism awareness, cleanliness, safety, sustainability, and high standards of hospitality for tourists.
- Piloted at six destinations – Orchha, Gandikota, Bodh Gaya, Aizawl, Jodhpur, and Shri Vijaya Puram – since August 15, 2024, the program has already trained 4,000+ people, as informed by Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in Rajya Sabha.



## India–Japan Seal 10-Year Roadmap with ₹60,000 Crore Investment Target

- **Japan** set an ambitious investment target of 10 trillion yen (~₹60,000 crore) in India over the next decade, as part of a 10-year roadmap to strengthen the India–Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.
- The two countries signed 13 key agreements, covering defence cooperation, economic security, digital public infrastructure, mobility of 50,000 Indian workers to Japan, and supply chain resilience in critical sectors like semiconductors, clean energy, telecom, and minerals.
- A comprehensive defence framework was agreed upon to address contemporary security challenges, alongside stronger cooperation in space exploration including ISRO–JAXA lunar-polar mission (Chandrayaan-5 collaboration).



## **Jio Payments Bank plans India's 1st auto-investing savings account**

- **Jio Payments Bank (JPB)** plans to launch “Savings Pro”, India’s first product that will automatically invest idle **savings account deposits** into overnight mutual funds for better returns.
- Currently, Jio Payments Bank offers only 2.5% savings interest (since June 2025), while overnight mutual funds typically provide 5–6% annualized returns with next-day liquidity.
- The product aims to help customers earn higher returns seamlessly, without manually transferring money between savings accounts and mutual funds.

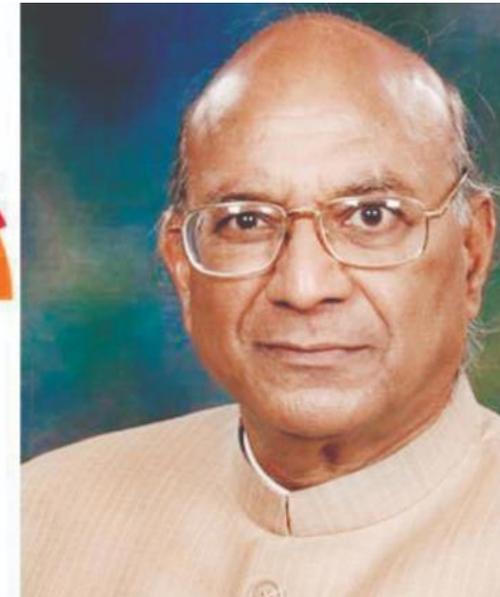


## **Mahendra Mohan Gupta Elected Chairman of PTI Board**

- **Mahendra Mohan Gupta**, of Jagran Prakashan Ltd. (publisher of Dainik Jagran), has been elected as the **Chairman of Press Trust of India's (PTI) Board** of Directors, succeeding K.N. Shanth Kumar of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd.
- V. Shreyams Kumar of the Mathrubhumi group has been elected as the Vice-Chairman of the PTI Board.
- The election was held during the Board of Directors' meeting after PTI's Annual General Meeting at its headquarters in New Delhi.

### **Recent Appointments**

- **Head of Newly Formed AI and Services Transformation Unit by TCS** – Amit Kapur
- **MD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** – Akash Tripathi
- **President of Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** – Ajay Singh
- **Chairperson of Payments Council of India for 2025–2027**– Vishwas Patel
- **Co- Chairperson of Payments Council of India for 2025–2027** – M N Srinivasu



## **India to Send First-Ever National Team to Pickleball World Cup**

- The **Indian Pickleball Association (IPA)**, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, concluded its **two-day national selection trials at the IPA Centre of Excellence in Ahmedabad**.
- Over 140 top players from across India competed for spots on the national pickleball team, with selections in Open, Under-16, and 50+ categories.
- For the first time, India will send an official national pickleball team to the Pickleball World Cup in Florida, USA, from October 27 to November 2, sanctioned by the Global Pickleball Federation.
- Selected players will undergo focused training under the IPA's high-performance team before the international event, marking a historic milestone for Indian pickleball.



**INDIAN**  
PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

## **New Delhi to host World Badminton Championships in August 2026**

- New Delhi will host the Badminton World Championships in August next year.
- The announcement was made by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) during the closing ceremony of the 2025 Championships in Paris.
- The competition will return to India after 17 years and to Asia after four years.
- In 2009, the World Championships were held in Hyderabad. The last time an Asian city hosted the championships was in 2018, when it was held in China's Nanjing.
- Over the years, a host of Indians have secured medals at the Badminton World Championships, with PV Sindhu being the most successful campaigner, winning five medals, including a gold, two silver and two bronze.
- In the recent editions, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, and ace singles player H S Prannoy have bagged medals.
- Prakash Padukone, Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponappa have also won medals for India in the World Championships.

