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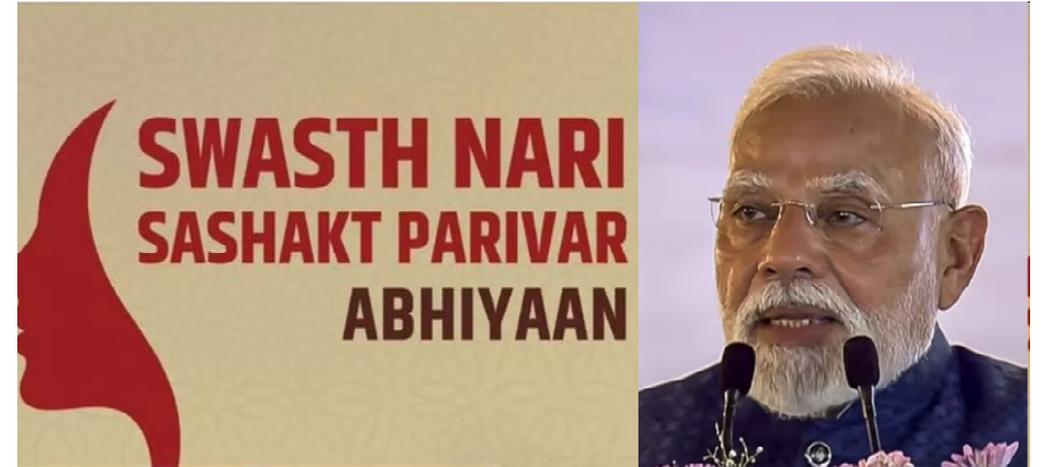
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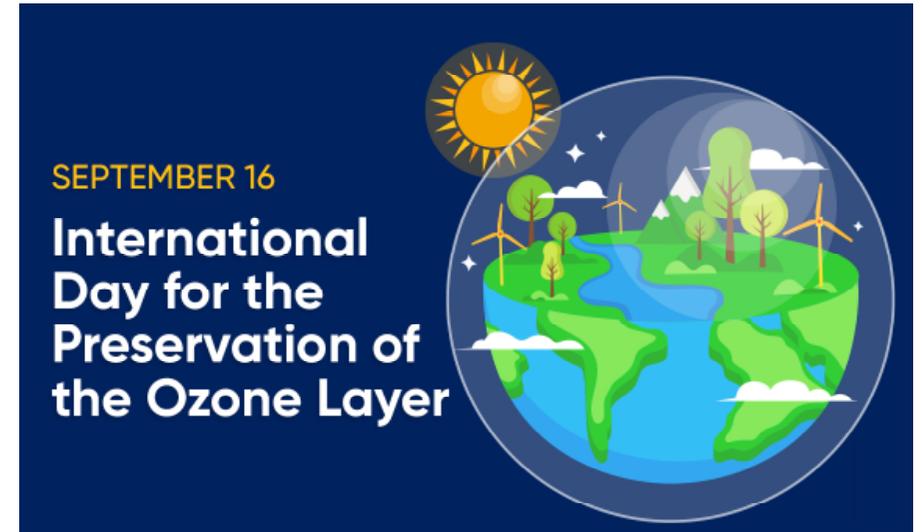
'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar' Campaign will be inaugurated by PM Modi on September 17

- ✓ Along with 16-day nationwide health camp Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, PM Modi will also launch eighth Poshan Maah.
- ✓ Under Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, over one lakh health camps will be organised.
- ✓ This will make it the largest ever health outreach for women and children in the country.
- ✓ The initiative is a collaboration between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- ✓ The campaign will conclude on October 2. These camps will provide health check-ups and screenings.
- ✓ They will target non-communicable diseases like cancer, anaemia, tuberculosis, and sickle cell disease.
- ✓ The campaign will also promote healthy lifestyle habits. It will focus on preventing obesity and improving nutrition.
- ✓ Voluntary blood donation will also be encouraged.
- ✓ The activities will take place at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Community Health Centres, and district hospitals.



International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer/World Ozone Day 2025: 16 September

- ✓ Every year on 16 September, the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, or World Ozone Day, is celebrated.
- ✓ The theme of World Ozone Day 2025 is “From science to global action.”
- ✓ In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly had declared 16 September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- ✓ It is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987.
- ✓ In the history of the United Nations, the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol were the first treaties to achieve universal ratification on 16 September 2009.
- ✓ At the 28th Meeting of the Parties of the Montreal Protocol, signatories of the protocol agreed to end the use of hydrofluorocarbons phase-wise.
- ✓ The ozone layer is the shield of gas that protects the Earth from the sun’s harmful UV rays.
- ✓ The depletion of the ozone layer can cause skin cancer in humans and the destruction of the ecosystem.



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Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025 has been approved by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

- ✓ The **DPM(Defence Procurement Manual) 2025** aims to modernize and simplify the Ministry of Defence's revenue procurement processes, aligning them with modern warfare needs.
- ✓ It emphasizes **self-reliance** in supplying the Armed Forces under the Revenue Head for operations and sustenance.
- ✓ The manual enhances **coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force**, enabling faster approvals and higher military readiness.
- ✓ It ensures **timely access to essential resources at reasonable costs**.
- ✓ The manual encourages participation from **private firms, MSMEs, start-ups, and DPSUs**, boosting innovation and industry involvement.
- ✓ Replacing the 2009 version, DPM 2025 governs procurement worth about **Rs. 1 lakh crore** for the current financial year.
- ✓ The updated manual includes the **latest technology for transparency, fairness, and accountability** in procurement.



- ✓ A new section promotes **innovation and indigenization** through collaboration with industries, research bodies, and institutes like IITs and IISc.
- ✓ It relaxes rules for new entrants: **no liquidated damages (LD) during prototype development**, minimal LD (0.1%) post-development, capped at 5%, and 10% only for major delays.
- ✓ **Suppliers can receive guaranteed orders for up to five years**, while Competent Financial Authorities (CFAs) now have greater powers, including postponing bid opening dates without prior approval.
- ✓ A **15% upfront growth margin** is allowed for aircraft and naval maintenance; limited tendering is permitted for specialized items up to Rs. 50 lakh, while larger contracts require **competitive bidding**

2nd National Anti-Narcotics Task Force Conference - New Delhi (September 16-17, 2025)

- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the second national conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) heads in New Delhi on 16 September.**
- ✓ The conference will bring together top Anti-Narcotics Task Force officials from all 36 States and Union Territories.
- ✓ Representatives from various central government departments will also attend the conference.
- ✓ During the conference, Amit Shah will release the Narcotics Control Bureau's Annual Report for 2024.
- ✓ He will also launch a new digital platform for the disposal of seized drugs.
- ✓ The conference will be held over two days, on the 16th and 17th of September.
- ✓ The aim is to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission for a drug-free India.
- ✓ This year's theme of the conference is "United Resolve, Shared Responsibility."



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- ✓ The Narcotics Control Bureau is organising the conference.
- ✓ The conference will provide a platform for coordinated national action against drug trafficking and abuse.
- ✓ Participants will assess the progress made by different agencies in fighting the drug problem.
- ✓ They will also discuss a forward-looking strategy to enhance anti-narcotics operations.
- ✓ The discussions will also focus on the national security risks posed by narcotics.
- ✓ Improving coordination among enforcement agencies will be another major focus.
- ✓ In 2021, Amit Shah directed all States and Union Territories to establish dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Forces.
- ✓ The first national ANTF conference was held in April 2023

Over Rs. 17,500 crore development projects inaugurated by PM Modi in Manipur and Mizoram

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched major development projects during his visit to Manipur.
- ✓ He announced initiatives worth over Rs. 7,300 crore in Churachandpur.
- ✓ He also inaugurated projects worth more than Rs. 1,200 crore in Imphal.
- ✓ In Churachandpur, he addressed a public gathering.
- ✓ Modi said India is on its way to becoming the world's third-largest economy.
- ✓ He emphasized that development must reach every region, including the Northeast.
- ✓ Earlier in the day, Modi also visited Aizawl in Mizoram.
- ✓ He launched and laid foundation stones for projects worth over Rs. 9,000 crore.



- ✓ The projects cover sectors like transport, energy, and sports.
- ✓ One key project was the Bairabi-Sairang rail line.
- ✓ It cost over Rs. 8,000 crore and connects Mizoram's capital to the national railway network.
- ✓ Modi said this railway will directly connect Sairang to Delhi through the Rajdhani Express.

India's First Bamboo-Based Bio-Ethanol Plant Inaugurated in Golaghat, Assam

- ✓ India's first bamboo-based bio-ethanol plant inaugurated by PM Modi in Golaghat district of Assam.
- ✓ PM Modi said the project is a major step toward achieving energy self-sufficiency.
- ✓ He said it would help reduce India's dependence on imported fuels.
- ✓ The plant will use bamboo to produce bio-ethanol.
- ✓ This promotes clean energy and supports local raw materials.
- ✓ The Prime Minister noted that India is among the world's top five countries in solar power capacity.
- ✓ He also laid the foundation stone for a polypropylene unit at the refinery site.
- ✓ Earlier in the day, he visited Darrang district and launched the construction of a new medical college.
- ✓ He also initiated work on a new nursing college and a GNM school.
- ✓ Modi virtually launched the building of a bridge over the Brahmaputra River.



- ✓ The bridge will connect Narengi in Guwahati with Kuruwa in Darrang.
- ✓ He also launched the Guwahati Ring Road project from the same venue.
- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the event.
- ✓ Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri were also present.

77th Emmy Awards (2025) - Winners List

- ✓ The 77th Emmy Awards ceremony was held in Los Angeles.
- ✓ The glamorous evening celebrated the best shows and performances aired between June 2024 and May 2025.
- ✓ Winners were chosen through the Television Academy's peer-based voting system, in which members voted within their fields of expertise.
- ✓ Awards were presented across multiple genres, including drama, comedy, limited series, and television movies.
- ✓ *The Pitt* won Best Drama Series, while *The Studio* won Best Comedy Series.
- ✓ *Adolescence* was awarded Best Limited or Anthology Series, and *Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy* won Best Television Movie.
- ✓ In acting categories, Noah Wyle (*The Pitt*) won Best Actor in a Drama Series, and Britt Lower (*Severance*) won Best Actress in a Drama Series.



- ✓ Jean Smart (*Hacks*) received Best Actress in a Comedy Series, while Seth Rogen (*The Studio*) won both Best Actor in a Comedy Series and Best Directing for a Comedy Series.
- ✓ Adam Randall (*Slow Horses*) won Best Directing for a Drama Series, highlighting outstanding creative talent in direction.
- ✓ In limited or anthology categories, Stephen Graham (*Adolescence*) won Best Actor, and Cristin Milioti (*The Penguin*) won Best Actress.

The 5th **edition of the Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS)**
will be hosted by India in Chennai in 2027

- ✓ The event will coincide with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- ✓ The decision to hold the summit in Chennai was taken unanimously at the 4th CGGS in Rome on 11–12 September.
- ✓ Delegates from 115 countries and international organisations had participated in the Rome summit.
- ✓ The Chennai summit will feature an International Coast Guard Fleet Review and a World Coast Guard Seminar.
- ✓ The platform is expected to focus on maritime challenges and enhance global cooperation.
- ✓ Director General of ICG Paramesh Sivamani, during the ceremonial handover in Rome, emphasised that maritime threats cannot be addressed by any single nation.
- ✓ It was highlighted that the Chennai meet will strengthen interoperability, trust, and collaboration among global Coast Guards.



- ✓ The Italian Coast Guard was lauded for hosting the Rome summit, while appreciation was expressed for the Japan Coast Guard's role as CGGS Secretariat.
- ✓ During the event, Sivamani held discussions with the Commandant of the Italian Coast Guard under the framework of the India-Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan (2025-2029).
- ✓ Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in maritime security, environmental protection, crime prevention, and capacity building.

The 'National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Campaign 2025' began in New Delhi

- ✓ On 15 September 2025, a two-day National Agriculture Conference-Rabi Abhiyan 2025 began at Pusa Campus, New Delhi.
- ✓ The conference is being chaired by Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ✓ State Agriculture Ministers, senior officials, scientists, and policy makers from across the country are participating in it.
- ✓ Preparations, production targets, and strategies for the Rabi sowing season 2025–26 will be discussed.
- ✓ For the first time, the Rabi Conference is being organized for two days under the direction of the Union Agriculture Minister.
- ✓ On the first day, deliberations between central and state-level officials will take place, while the second day will focus on discussions with Agriculture Ministers and Union Ministers of State.
- ✓ Special emphasis will be placed on effective delivery of improved seeds and the latest technologies to farmers.



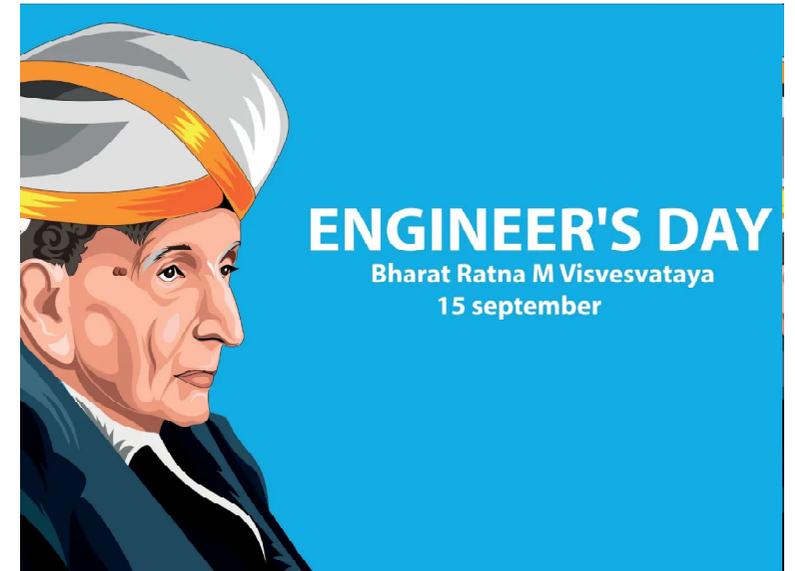
- ✓ For the first time, scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendras have also been invited to share their field experiences and challenges and help plan future strategies.
- ✓ Best practices from different states will be showcased along with expert insights on weather forecasting, fertilizer management, and agricultural research.
- ✓ The conference is expected to guide action plans for Rabi 2025–26, boost farmers' income, promote sustainable agriculture, and strengthen national food security.

15 September - Engineer's Day (India)

- ✓ India observes National Engineers' Day on September 15th each year to honor the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a pioneering figure in engineering. Declared in 1968, this day celebrates his monumental contributions to the field.
- ✓ Flood Control and Irrigation: He is best known for his pioneering work in flood control and irrigation projects. His design of the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam in Mysuru
- ✓ Automatic Water Floodgates: In 1903, he developed an innovative system of automatic water floodgates, which were installed at the Khadakwasla Dam in Pune.
- ✓ Visvesvaraya played a critical role in the planning of the city of Hyderabad, improving its drainage and water supply systems.

Honors and Recognition:

- ✓ In 1955, he was awarded India's highest civilian honor, the Bharat Ratna, for his exceptional service to the nation.
- ✓ Sir M. Visvesvaraya was appointed in 1911 as a "Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire (CIE)" by King Edward VII.



- ✓ In 1915, he was conferred the title of “Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire (KCIE)” for his contributions to the public good.
- ✓ He presided over the Indian Science Congress in 1923.

National Conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Empowerment of Women - Tirupati (September 14-15, 2025)

- ✓ On September 14-15, 2025, the **National Conference of Parliamentary and Legislative Committees on Empowerment of Women** was held in Tirupati. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla presided over the event.
- ✓ The conference was organized with the theme “**Women-Led Development for Viksit Bharat**”.
- ✓ Two major topics were discussed: **Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)** and **Empowering Women to Face Challenges of Emerging Technologies**.
- ✓ **Gender Responsive Budgeting** means allocating budgetary resources keeping women’s needs in mind. It focuses on women’s health, education, and employment opportunities. India has been implementing GRB since 2005–06.
- ✓ **Women Empowerment** includes enhancing women’s participation in education, healthcare, economic and political fields. In rural areas, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) play a vital role in strengthening women’s positions.



- ✓ Representatives of both **Parliamentary and State Legislative Committees on Women Empowerment** participated in the conference. Ideas and decisions related to women's welfare were discussed.
- ✓ The Union Government has presented **Gender Budget Statements** under GRB from 2014–15 to 2025–26.
- ✓ The **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023** aims to provide **33% reservation for women** in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. This was a key point of discussion.
- ✓ The main barriers to women empowerment are lack of education, health issues, financial dependency, and low political representation. The conference concluded that budgeting, training, awareness, and technology adoption are essential to overcome these challenges.

RBI Launches Interactive Microsite to Educate Public on Indian Banknotes and Security Features

- ✓ **RBI** has launched a **new microsite on Indian currency** (<https://indiancurrency.rbi.org.in>) to educate the public about **banknotes** in an engaging and interactive way.
- ✓ The portal provides detailed insights into design and security features of banknotes, including a unique 360-degree view to distinguish genuine notes from counterfeit ones.
- ✓ It incorporates multimedia tools like videos, audio guides, animations, and interactive games to make learning about currency more accessible and enjoyable.
- ✓ A dedicated section explains the process for exchanging old, damaged, or withdrawn notes, ensuring clarity for the public and strengthening financial literacy.

