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National and State News

- **AATAL Lab Inauguration:** Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the AATAL facility under Mission Mausam at IITM Delhi to analyze pollutant composition and provide 72-hour air quality.
- **GBPNIHE Nodal Designation:** The Ministry of Environment designated GBPNIHE, Almora, as the nodal agency to coordinate ICIMOD activities on glacier melt, biodiversity, and climate resilience in the Indian Himalayan region.
- **139th Mann Ki Baat Episode:** PM Narendra Modi addressed the 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat on October 25, 2026, marking 12 years of the broadcast.

Govt Scheme & Policies

- **RELIEF Scheme:** The Department of Commerce extended Component II of the RELIEF initiative till 31 March 2027; it offers 95% risk coverage for exporters. **Mission Karmayogi:** Uttar Pradesh ranked first in India for implementing Mission Karmayogi focused on capacity building of government officials.
- **State Veterinary Policy:** Rajasthan will formulate its first dedicated State Veterinary Policy to enhance rural livestock health infrastructure.

Banking & Financial News

- **30th FSDC Meeting:** Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi.
- **Quantum Banking Innovation:** C-DAC and Bank of India (BOI) signed an MoU to collaborate on quantum financial innovation and the adoption of emerging technologies in banking.
- **Core Sector Growth:** India's core industrial growth accelerated to 9% in September 2026 (highest since April 2024), driven by coal, refinery products, and iron ore.
- **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR):** BSE Limited signed an agreement with MMTC-PAMP India Private Limited to jointly develop and expand India's EGR market.
- **Retail Inflation:** Retail inflation in India rose to a nearly two-year high of 5.5% in September 2026, compared with 8% in August 2026.

Awards & Honours

- **Good Design Award (Japan):** Shabari Naturals won Japan's G-Mark Global Design Award for tribal art packaging featuring Warli, Gond, and Chitrakathi art forms.
- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026:** Indian macro photographer Sitaram Raul won the 'Behaviour: Invertebrates' category for his image Shifting Sand (capturing a scorpion in Rajasthan's Thar Desert).
- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 (Grand Title):** Federico Veronesi (Italy) won the adult grand title for The Aftermath.

Appointments

- **Defence Secretary:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) extended Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh's tenure by one year, until 31 October 2027.

Summits & Conferences

- **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum:** Hosted by India in New Delhi at the Parliament House Complex on 26–27 October 2026 under the theme "Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development."

MoUs & Agreements

- **India-Sri Lanka:** The SAMHiTA (South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive) Project, executed by India International Centre with GoI grants, signed an MoU to digitize 100 manuscripts at Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo.

Science & Tech

- **Ebola Vaccine Trial:** The Democratic Republic of Congo launched its first clinical trial named Tumaini in Bunia, Ituri province.
- **ISRO:** Announced plans to expand India's space infrastructure to four functional launch pads by 2029, including a dedicated 2,000-acre SSLV launch complex at Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.

Defence News

- **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2026):** The Indian Navy will conduct IPRD-2026 from 3 to 5 November 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- **Badr Memorandum of Understanding:** Signed between Pakistan, Turkey, Qatar, and Indonesia in Doha for defense industrial cooperation and technology sharing.

Environment News

- **Cyclone Arnab:** Severe cyclonic storm formed over the Bay of Bengal and forecast by IMD to make landfall along the Andhra Pradesh (between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam) and Yanam coasts on 28 October 2026,

Sports News

- **Formula 1:** Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) won the 2026 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

Important Days

- **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026:** Observed by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) from 26 October to 1 November 2026 under the theme "Probity for Prosperity"

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