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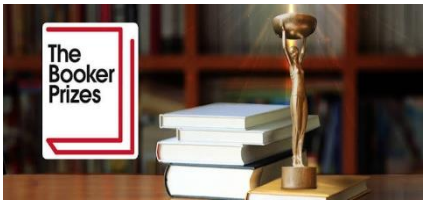
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Awards and Honours



- **Booker Prize 2026**: Six shortlisted authors—Marlon James, Douglas Stuart, M. John Harrison, Luke Kennard, Rebecca Perry and Elizabeth Strout. Each receives £2,500; the winner receives £50,000 in November.

Appointments and Persons in News



- **Lionel Messi:** Ended his 21-year international career after Argentina's 3–0 win over Benin in Buenos Aires; Argentina's top scorer (126 goals) and most-capped player (208 appearances).
- **Dr. S. Jaishankar's Africa Tour**: External Affairs Minister began a five-day visit to Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia (6–10 October 2026) to strengthen trade, defence and technology ties.



- **Guy Parmelin**: Swiss Confederation President continued his 5–7 October India visit to expand economic cooperation under India–EFTA TEPA.

Government Schemes, Policies and Welfare Initiatives

- **DDU-GKY 2.0:** Ministry of Rural Development scheduled hybrid workshops in Shillong, Vijayawada, Mumbai and Dharamshala to brief Project Implementing Agencies on the new portal for training 34,920 rural youth across 14 States/Union Territories.
- **PMCSPY:** ₹313.30 crore allocated for tea plantation workers' housing, education and healthcare infrastructure across North Bengal tea estates.

Sports and Games

- **Messi's Farewell Match:** Scored a 71st-minute penalty against Benin at Buenos Aires' Monumental Stadium before 85,000 spectators.
- **Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026:** Joint Indian Army–UAE Army exercise continued at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand (5–18 October), focusing on high-altitude warfare, drone operations and tactical rock climbing.



Science, Space and Technology

- Unified Agentic AI Platform: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology selected Indian AI startup CoRover.ai, developers of BharatGPT, to build a government-services AI assistant platform, beginning with DigiLocker.
- India's Space Economy: Valued at USD 9 billion, supported by over 440 registered space startups and expanding private satellite operations authorised by IN-SPACe.

Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- **India–Ghana Dialogue:** Dr. S. Jaishankar held discussions with Ghana's Foreign Minister Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa on pharmaceutical partnerships, capacity building and defence cooperation.
- **India–EFTA TEPA**: First anniversary marked, targeting USD 100 billion in foreign direct investment and one million jobs over 15 years.

Books, Authors and Important Days

- **World Cerebral Palsy Day:** 6 October; promotes accessibility, equal rights and inclusion for people with cerebral palsy.
- **World Habitat Day 2026:** 6 October; observed on the first Monday of October to highlight sustainable urban development and adequate shelter rights.
- German-American Day: 6 October; celebrates German-American heritage and cultural contributions.



- **National Wildlife Week 2026:** 2–8 October; theme: "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife."

Miscellaneous

- **IMF World Economic Outlook:** Projected India as the fastest-growing major economy in 2026, with 7.0% GDP growth, ahead of China (4.5%) and the United States (2.3%).
- Drone Pilot Training: Zuppa Geo Navigation and TNUAVC began establishing indigenous drone-training laboratories at Army Regimental Centres for Agniveers and defence personnel.

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