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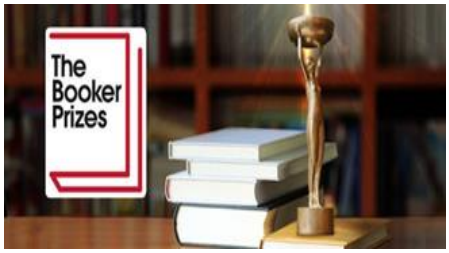
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Awards and Honours



- Booker Prize 2026: Six shortlisted novels:
  - The End of Everything — M. John Harrison
  - The Disappearers — Marlon James
  - Black Bag — Luke Kennard
  - May We Feed the King — Rebecca Perry
  - The Things We Never Say — Elizabeth Strout
  - John of John — Douglas Stuart
- Each author receives £2,500; the November winner receives £50,000.
- Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism: Captain Smit Machchhar to be honoured by President Isaac Herzog for preventing an attack aboard a flydubai flight and safeguarding passengers.

Appointments and Persons in News

- First IUSF President: Professor Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, elected first President of the Indian UniSport Federation at its inaugural Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
- Deputy Election Commissioner: Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of 2010-batch Indian Administrative Service officer Prakash Rajpurohit through 8 April 2030.
- Dr. S. Jaishankar's Africa Tour: External Affairs Minister visited Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia from 6–10 October 2026 to strengthen trade, defence and development ties.

Government Schemes, Policies and Welfare Initiatives

- Multilingual DST and MoS&T Portals: Dr. Jitendra Singh launched redeveloped websites supporting 22 regional languages through BHASHINI artificial intelligence integration.
- DDU-GKY 2.0 Workshop: Ministry of Rural Development held its third hybrid regional workshop in Mumbai on 9 October to brief Project Implementing Agencies on the new portal for training 34,920 rural youth.
- DRISHTI Project: Government approved the ₹65-crore project under PM-UDAY to accelerate geographic information system-based property verification and ownership rights in Delhi's unauthorised colonies.

Sports and Games

- Asian Para Games 2026: Pramod Bhagat (para-badminton) and Bhavina Patel (para-table tennis) named Indian contingent flag bearers for the opening ceremony in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

- Kisan Cricket League: Prasar Bharati and In-Dot Sports launched the league in New Delhi, using artificial intelligence-enabled screening and digital auditions to identify rural cricketing and singing talent.
- Indian UniSport Federation: Approved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to establish a unified university sports platform across India.

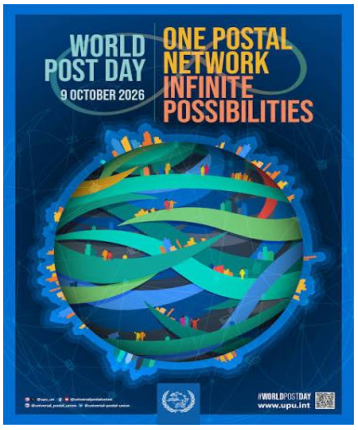
Science, Space and Technology

- Multilingual DST Portals: Redeveloped Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Science and Technology websites comply with Digital Brand Identity Manual 3.0 and Guidelines for Indian Government Websites 3.0 standards, providing single-window access to research grants, fellowships and startup notifications.
- Unified Agentic AI Platform: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology selected CoRover.ai, developers of BharatGPT, to build a government-services AI assistant platform, starting with DigiLocker.

Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- India–Africa Cooperation: Dr. S. Jaishankar held bilateral meetings in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia and announced India's next Jaipur Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in Ethiopia.
- India–EFTA TEPA: On its first anniversary, EFTA members reaffirmed tariff coverage on 92.2% of tariff lines, accounting for 99.6% of Indian exports.

Books, Authors and Important Days



- **World Post Day**: 9 October; commemorates the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in Bern, Switzerland, in 1874. Theme: "One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities."
- World Egg Day 2026: 9 October; observed on the second Friday of October under "Protein that Powers and Protects."
- World Sight Day 2026: 9 October; observed on the second Thursday of October to raise awareness about vision impairment and blindness prevention.
- National Postal Week 2026: 9–15 October; launched across India to highlight technological innovations and customer-centric postal services.
- Book Release: Sanjay Jagdale: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket, authored by Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale, released by Sunil Gavaskar in Indore, documenting former selector Sanjay Jagdale's life.

Miscellaneous



- **Guruvayur Dorai**: Renowned Carnatic mridangam maestro and Padma Shri awardee passed away in Chennai at age 91.
- Maharashtra Postal Week: Chief Postmaster General Ramchandra K. Jayabhaye released a World Post Day special cancellation in Mumbai and reported 28%–39% growth across mail, parcel and insurance verticals.

- Special Forex Window for Oil Marketing Companies: Reserve Bank of India operationalised a dedicated foreign-exchange window for Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited to meet daily dollar requirements.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- INS Shreyas: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited launched the Indian Navy's third Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel in Kolkata.
- India Energy Week 2027: New Town Convention Centre, Kolkata, confirmed as host venue for 28–31 January 2027.
- PMCSPY: North Bengal Development Department coordinating ₹313.30 crore in welfare funding for housing, healthcare and education infrastructure across North Bengal tea estates.
- Swachh Bharat Innovation Centre: Established by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, to support clean-technology startups and sanitation research.

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