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1. Sports

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India win Women's Asia Cup 2026, beating Sri Lanka by 72 runs in Dubai

14 Sep

- The Prime Minister congratulated the Indian Women's Cricket Team on winning the Asia Cup.
- India beat Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on 13 September 2026.
- It was India's eighth Women's Asia Cup title overall and their fourth in the Twenty20 format.

India Wins Both Junior Hockey Asia Cups: Men Take Sixth Title, Women Retain Crown

13 Sep

- The Prime Minister congratulated India's Junior Men's Hockey Team on winning the Asia Cup 2026 with a 4-1 win in the final, and the Junior Women's team on retaining their title unbeaten.
- The men beat Korea 4-1 for a record sixth title; the women beat China 1-0 for a third title in a row.
- Both teams qualified for their FIH Junior World Cups in 2027.

2. Awards & Honours

1 article

72nd National Film Awards to be presented at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, on 22 September

08 Sep

- The President of India will present the 72nd National Film Awards on 22 September 2026 at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat, honouring Indian cinema of 2024.
- The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has decided to hold future editions in different states and cities rather than only in the National Capital.
- 'Article 370' was adjudged Best Feature Film, 'Bhangaar' Best Non-Feature Film and 'Ram-Nami' Best Documentary; Mammootty ('Bramayugam') and Kartik Aaryan ('Chandu Champion') share Best Actor, Yami Gautam is Best Actress and Randeep Hooda wins Best Debut Director.

3. Appointments

1 article

Bhagwat Prasad Makwana Takes Charge as Chairperson of Safai Karamcharis Commission

09 Sep

- Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK); the Government appointed him to the post on 6 September 2026.
- He has earlier been Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Safai Karamchari Commission of Uttarakhand, an Independent Director on the NHPC board, and a Member of the Central Monitoring Committee under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

- He holds a Master's degree in Economics and has worked on the welfare and empowerment of Scheduled Caste communities.

4. Summits & Conferences

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18th BRICS Summit: New Delhi Declaration Adopted as BRICS Marks 20 Years

12 Sep

- BRICS leaders adopted the 140-paragraph New Delhi Declaration at the XVIII BRICS Summit (New Delhi, 12-13 September 2026) under the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'.
- The summit marked 20 years of BRICS (2006-2026); two commemorative postage stamps were released.
- The Declaration condemned the 22 April 2025 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, opposed carbon border adjustment mechanisms, and called for UNSC, IMF, World Bank and WTO reform.
- PM Modi proposed a BRICS Continuity and Implementation Mechanism, a BRICS Reform Roadmap and a Seafarers Emergency Support Network.
- China will chair BRICS in 2027 and host the XIX Summit.

BRICS Business Forum in Delhi Pushes Local-Currency Trade and Open Markets

11 Sep

- The BRICS Business Forum met in New Delhi on 11 September 2026, ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam on 12-13 September under India's Chairship.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal asked members to open markets, simplify regulatory procedures and diversify supply chains, noting that BRICS accounts for nearly one-fourth of global trade.
- He urged BRICS countries to link their payment systems and trade in each other's local currencies, citing UPI's 250 billion-plus transactions a year.
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said 2026 marks 20 years of institutionalised BRICS cooperation and named supply-chain connectivity and trade facilitation as priorities.
- Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said intra-BRICS trade rose from USD 84 billion in 2003 to nearly USD 1.2 trillion in 2024.

9th ASEAN-India Agriculture and Forestry Ministerial adopts new 2026-2030 plan of action

10 Sep

- The Ninth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (9th AIMMAF) was held in New Delhi on 9 September 2026, organised by DARE/ICAR.
- It was co-chaired by India's Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Secretary of the Philippines' Department of Agriculture, representing the ASEAN chair for agriculture and forestry.
- The meeting reviewed the 2021-2025 Medium-Term Plan of Action and looked ahead to a new Plan for 2026-2030 built on four cooperation areas.
- India held bilateral talks with Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Myanmar on the sidelines, covering germplasm exchange, market access, expert deputation and a pending MoU.
- The Tenth AIMMAF will be convened in 2028.

5. Schemes & Committees

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Incentive Scheme for Domestic PNG Connections Rewards Gas Firms with Cheaper APM Gas

13 Sep

- The Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections, launched on 18 August 2026 and in effect from 1 September 2026, rewards city gas companies for adding active, billed household connections.
- For every billed domestic connection above a fixed minimum per Geographical Area, a CGD entity gets an extra 200 SCM of low-priced domestic APM gas, replacing costlier LNG it buys for its CNG (Transport) segment.
- The payback period on a household connection is expected to fall from about ten years to nearly three; the scheme runs in two tranches over six months.
- India had 1.74 crore domestic PNG connections as of 18 August 2026, with PNGRB-authorised entities in 309 Geographical Areas covering the entire mainland.
- Supporting steps: an Accelerated Approval Framework with uniform Right-of-Way charges, a push for 5% VAT on natural gas, National PNG Drive 2.0 and a unified registration portal.

DILRMP 3.0 guidelines launched: Rs 565.50 crore GIS Land Stack, universal Bhu-Aadhaar, Registration Seva Kendras

10 Sep

- Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Operational Guidelines for DILRMP 3.0 at Krishi Bhawan on 10 September 2026.
- DILRMP 3.0 is a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs 565.50 crore for 2026–2031, 100% centrally funded and released in performance-linked phases through PFMS.
- Its core is a GIS-based 'Land Stack': State Land Stacks, linked through APIs, federate into a National Land Stack that joins cadastral maps, Records of Rights, registrations and court cases.
- Every land parcel gets a 14-digit Bhu-Aadhaar (ULPIN), and 75 high-footfall Sub-Registrar Offices become Registration Seva Kendras modelled on Passport Seva Kendras.
- Earlier phases digitised 99.90% of Records of Rights and 97% of cadastral maps and computerised 99% of Sub-Registrar Offices.

Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 to run from 17 September to 17 October

10 Sep

- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal reviewed State and UT preparedness for Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026, to be observed from 17 September to 17 October 2026.
- The theme is 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat', with focus areas spanning Cleanliness Target Units, Swachh Paathshala, SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivirs, Jan Bhagidari and Swachhata se Samriddhi.
- A nationwide Shramdaan, 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath', is planned for 1 October, with Swachh Bharat Diwas drives and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' plantation on 2 October.

DILRMP 3.0 to build GIS-enabled Land Stack with Rs 565.50 crore outlay

09 Sep

- The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, will launch the Operational Guidelines for DILRMP 3.0 (2026-2031) on 10 September 2026.
- DILRMP 3.0 runs as a Central Sector Scheme with an anticipated outlay of Rs 565.50 crore, covering all States and Union Territories over five years.

- The shift is from record digitisation to a GIS-enabled 'Land Stack' treated as Digital Public Infrastructure, integrating maps, ownership, registration and revenue court cases.
- Interventions include Universal Bhu-Aadhaar (14-digit ULPIN) for every land parcel, paperless registration, a Registration Repository, RCCMS for revenue courts and completion of the NAKSHA urban pilot.
- 75 Sub-Registrar Offices are to be upgraded into 'Registration Seva Kendras' at an outlay of Rs 37.5 crore.

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah launched at Varanasi with focus on dietary diversity, protein

09 Sep

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, under the theme 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari'.
- The campaign runs from 9 September to 8 October 2026 and focuses on dietary diversity and adequate protein intake, fresh hot cooked meals at Anganwadi Centres, community ownership through Anganwadi Management Committees and SNP menu boards, nutrition and early stimulation, and ten years of PMMVY.
- More than 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres serve over 7.5 crore children, 1.10 crore pregnant and lactating women and nearly 16 lakh adolescent girls.
- Two lakh Anganwadi Centres are being upgraded into Saksham Anganwadis, of which about 24,000 have been approved in Uttar Pradesh.
- PMMVY has completed ten years, transferring over Rs 21,000 crore by Direct Benefit Transfer to more than 4.65 crore mothers.

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah to launch from Varanasi with Anganwadi Centres at its core

08 Sep

- The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah will be launched on 9 September 2026 at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- Its central theme is 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari', built on five priorities: dietary diversity and protein, fresh hot cooked meals, community ownership through Anganwadi Management Committees, nutrition-linked early childhood development, and ten years of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.
- Poshan Maah is the September campaign of Mission Poshan 2.0, the unified nutrition mission of the Ministry of Women and Child Development that merged POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anganwadi Services (ICDS) and the Scheme for Adolescent Girls.
- As on 31 July 2026, the network covered 13.99 lakh Anganwadi Centres, 13.30 lakh Anganwadi workers and about 8.94 crore beneficiaries, tracked on the Poshan Tracker.
- The 8th edition, launched on 17 September 2025 from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, recorded 14.33 crore activities in convergence with more than 20 Ministries.

International Literacy Day 2026 marked as ULLAS drives the push for a fully literate India

08 Sep

- The Ministry of Education held the national-level celebration of International Literacy Day 2026 in New Delhi, with Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary saying literacy and education must be reimagined as instruments of empowerment and active citizenship.
- The event was organised by the Department of School Education & Literacy around this year's theme, 'Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity'.

- Tripura Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said the state had reached a 95.6% literacy rate, crossing the Centre's benchmark for being declared fully literate.
- A Literacy Fortnight is running from 1 to 14 September 2026, and an ULLAS Mela at National Bal Bhawan brings together participants from 29 States and UTs.
- The Minister argued that literacy must extend beyond reading and writing to comprehension, financial literacy and digital literacy.

6. Defence

4 articles

Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise on Illicit Maritime Activities Concludes at Visakhapatnam

12 Sep

- A three-day Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Table Top Exercise ran from 9 to 11 September 2026 at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam.
- Its theme was a 'Coordinated Response to Illicit Maritime Activities in the Indian Ocean Region': maritime terrorism, narcotics, human trafficking and IUU fishing.
- Participants reviewed SOPs and information-sharing arrangements for Maritime Domain Awareness, in line with the MAHASAGAR vision.

INS Mysore reaches Lumut for fourth edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana

10 Sep

- INS Mysore arrived at Lumut, Malaysia, on 9 September 2026 for the fourth edition of the India-Malaysia bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Laksamana.
- The exercise covers harbour and sea phases, cross-deck visits and operational interactions aimed at interoperability between the two navies.
- The deployment is aligned with India's MAHASAGAR vision and the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026.

IAF to hold Dronathon-2026 at Pokhran range for indigenous drone and counter-drone systems

08 Sep

- The Indian Air Force is organising Dronathon-2026 to let domestic manufacturers demonstrate Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (CUAS) capabilities.
- It runs from 14 to 16 September 2026 at the Pokhran range, Jaisalmer, with static displays and live demonstrations to evaluate combat effectiveness.
- Focus areas are surveillance and reconnaissance, autonomous operations, swarm technologies and electronic warfare, aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat.

IAF and Japan Air Self Defence Force to hold Veer Guardian-2026 at Jodhpur

08 Sep

- The Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) will hold the bilateral air exercise Veer Guardian-2026 at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 9 to 22 September 2026.

- The IAF fields the indigenous LCA Tejas along with Su-30 MKI and Rafale; the JASDF participates with its F-2A fighter aircraft.
- The fourteen-day schedule covers advanced operational missions, mission planning conferences, subject-matter-expert exchanges, and engineering and aerospace-safety interactions.

7. Science & Tech

4 articles

World's Longest Steel Slag Road at Raigarh Earns Guinness Record for CSIR-CRRI

12 Sep

- A 1.85-km road at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, built by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute with Jindal Steel, won the Guinness World Record for the 'World's Longest Road Built with Processed Steel Slag Aggregates'.
- The technology turns steel slag, a steel-making by-product, into road aggregates; the Minister said it can cut construction cost by about 40% and give four times the strength of conventional roads.
- CSIR-CRRI and Jindal Steel signed a Technology Transfer Agreement and launched the 'Steel Grit' brand.
- CSIR-CRRI has a work order for a 40-km steel slag road from Jindal Steel's Angul plant in Odisha.

First OPU-IVF Calf Born in Uttarakhand's Badri Cattle via ICAR-NDRI and GBPUAT Pantnagar

12 Sep

- A Badri female calf, produced through Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization (OPU-IVF), was born on 11 September 2026 after a Badri embryo was transferred into a Sahiwal recipient cow.
- The work is a collaboration of ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (Karnal) and G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (Pantnagar), funded by the Uttarakhand Biotechnology Council, Haldi.
- Oocytes came from genetically valuable Badri donor cows; semen came from a superior Badri bull supplied by the Uttarakhand Livestock Development Board.
- The programme, begun in 2023, has also produced cloned Badri embryos; OPU-IVF and cloned embryos are next to be transferred into Sahiwal, crossbred and Badri recipients.
- Badri, a small hill breed registered by ICAR-NBAGR in 2016, is Uttarakhand's first registered cattle breed.

ORV Sagar Manthan launched: India's first indigenously built ocean research vessel

09 Sep

- The Ocean Research Vessel ORV Sagar Manthan (Yard 3041) was launched at Rishi Bankim Shipyard, Kolkata, on 9 September 2026.
- It was designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers for the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The vessel is built under Vertical-4 (Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration) of the Deep Ocean Mission at an approximate cost of Rs 840 crore, with a projected service life of 30 years.
- It will gradually replace the 43-year-old ORV Sagar Kanya, procured from Germany in 1983; delivery for commissioning to NCPOR/MoES is scheduled for 2028.

UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK and Sandbox at Global Fintech Fest

09 Sep

- UIDAI launched the Aadhaar Face Authentication SDK (Software Development Kit) and the Aadhaar Face Authentication Sandbox at the Global Fintech Fest 2026.
- The SDK embeds face authentication inside native Android and iOS apps, removing the need for users to switch between applications, and carries AI/ML-based liveness and anti-spoofing checks.
- The Sandbox lets organisations test the full authentication journey — consent, face capture, liveness, error handling — including failure cases such as invalid digital signatures, timeouts and spoofing attempts, without external biometric hardware.
- UIDAI also released a 'Playbook on ease of Onboarding' for BFSI entities joining the Aadhaar authentication ecosystem.

8. Environment

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Mangrove GIS Portal Launched at Bhuj; Gujarat Restores 27,652 ha Under MISHTI

13 Sep

- At a mangrove workshop in Bhuj, Kachchh, on 13 September 2026, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the Mangrove GIS (MGIS) Portal and released the Mangroves Atlas of Gujarat.
- Under MISHTI, Gujarat has restored 27,652 ha against its 2023-27 target of 29,250 ha, including 12,450 ha in Kori Creek.
- The Guneri Inland Mangrove Village Biodiversity Management Committee was felicitated for its community-led conservation.

9. Banking & Finance

2 articles

Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 Takes Effect on 1 October, Replacing the 1891 Law

11 Sep

- The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 will come into force on 1 October 2026, appointed by a Gazette notification dated 10 September 2026.
- It received the President's assent on 13 August 2026 and replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- The new Act is technology-neutral: it recognises banking records kept in physical, electronic, digital, virtual, cloud-based and other contemporary forms.
- Certification of banking records is simplified and standardised, and may be done through manual, digital or electronic signatures.
- A court must record a 'special cause' in writing before summoning a bank official where the bank is not a party to the proceedings.

Global Fintech Fest 2026 opens in Mumbai on agentic AI, tokenisation and quantum

08 Sep

- The 7th Global Fintech Fest is being held in Mumbai from 8 to 11 September 2026 and was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 8 September.
- Its theme is 'Potential to Impact: Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum — Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance'.
- The principal organisers are the Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India and the Fintech Convergence Council, with support from MeitY, the Department of Financial Services, the MEA's NEST Division, NITI Aayog, RBI, SEBI, IFSCA and PFRDA.
- UPI processed 2,365.8 crore transactions worth Rs 29.88 lakh crore in July 2026 and 24,509 million transactions in August 2026; it handles nearly half of global real-time digital transaction volume and is live in 11 countries.
- The Prime Minister set a four-point agenda for the sector: top-grade cybersecurity, ethical data protection standards, a regulator-industry innovation ecosystem, and a fintech consumer protection index.

10. National

2 articles

DRI seizes 362 tonnes of Pakistan-origin dry dates routed through UAE

14 Sep

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized more than 362 metric tonnes of Pakistan-origin dry dates under Operation Deep Manifest.
- Thirteen containers were intercepted at a Container Freight Station at Ambad, Nashik, with documents declaring the UAE as the country of origin.
- The goods had actually moved from Karachi to Jebel Ali, where they were transferred into different containers and a different vessel before shipment to India.
- India has prohibited the direct or indirect import or transit of all Pakistan-origin goods since 2 May 2025.

Ayush Economy at USD 43.4 Billion as India Marks 11th Ayurveda Day

14 Sep

- India marks the 11th Ayurveda Day on 23 September 2026 with the theme 'Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow'.
- The Ayush market grew from USD 2.85 billion in 2014 to USD 43.4 billion in 2023, with exports rising from USD 1.09 billion to USD 2.16 billion.
- The first exclusive All-India Survey on Ayush found Ayush awareness at 94.8 per cent in rural and 96 per cent in urban areas.
- NITI Aayog released a 'Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global' in July 2026, looking ahead to 2047.

11. International

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India chairs BRICS in 2026; 18th Summit in New Delhi on 12-13 September

10 Sep

- India holds the BRICS Chairship for 2026, its fourth after 2012, 2016 and 2021, and hosts the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 12-13 September 2026.
- The Chairship theme is 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability', with the Global South's priorities at its centre.
- BRICS now has 11 full members accounting for 49.5% of world population, 40% of global GDP and 26% of global trade.
- More than 350 meetings across 25 cities were held during India's Chairship, producing outcomes in agriculture, health, energy, MSMEs and logistics.
- A Partner Country category created alongside the 2024-25 expansion drew ten countries in 2025 without altering full membership.

9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry held in New Delhi

09 Sep

- The 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held on 9 September 2026 in New Delhi, co-chaired by India's Union Agriculture Minister and the Philippines' Secretary of Agriculture.
- It was preceded by the 10th ASEAN-India Agriculture Working Group Meeting on 8 September 2026, with 45 delegates from 11 ASEAN Member States.
- Ministers welcomed 'ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future' and the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sectoral Plan 2026-2030, and looked ahead to the ASEAN-India Medium-Term Plan of Action for Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry 2026-2030.
- The 'India-ASEAN Friendship Spike for Agriculture and Forestry' was unveiled as a symbol of the partnership.
- The 10th Ministerial Meeting will be convened in 2028.

WHO South-East Asia Region adopts Dili Declaration; India wins two SEARO awards

08 Sep

- Health Ministers of the WHO South-East Asia Region adopted the Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health: Equity in Specialized Care at the 79th Session of the Regional Committee (RC79) held in Timor-Leste.
- India told the ministerial roundtable that medical colleges have risen from 387 to 858 since 2014 (up 121.71%), MBBS seats from 51,348 to 1,42,464 (up 177.45%) and PG seats from 31,185 to 86,287 (up 176.69%).
- India received two WHO South-East Asia Regional awards — for sustaining elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus over a decade, and for leadership on noncommunicable diseases through primary healthcare.
- The Declaration commits member states to workforce planning, task-sharing, teleconsultation networks, palliative care integration and a regional network of health professional regulators.
- It recalls the 2023 Delhi Declaration on strengthening primary healthcare and is anchored in the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

12. Polity & Governance

5 articles

Hindi Diwas 2026: 6th All India Official Language Conference held in Navi Mumbai

14 Sep

- Hindi Diwas 2026 was marked alongside the 6th All India Official Language Conference at Navi Mumbai, with the Union Home Minister as Chief Guest.
- The date commemorates the Constituent Assembly's decision of 14 September 1949 to adopt Hindi in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union.
- The Rajbhasha Kirti and Rajbhasha Gaurav Awards were conferred, with the Department of Financial Services taking a first prize and DARPG a special Rajbhasha Utkrishtata Sammaan.
- Language-technology initiatives were highlighted — Kanthasth 2.0 with over five crore sentences, the Hindi Shabd Sindhu dictionary and the Bharti translation tool.
- Thirteen volumes of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language's reports have been completed, four submitted to the President since 2019.

Ministry of Coal Gears Up for Special Campaign 6.0 with E-Waste Focus

14 Sep

- Special Campaign 6.0 for disposal of pending matters will run from 2 to 31 October 2026, with e-waste collection, segregation and disposal as its special theme.
- The Ministry of Coal reported its Campaign 5.0 record: over 1.13 crore sq ft cleared, 14,017 metric tonnes of scrap disposed and Rs 56.85 crore earned.
- DARPG rated the Ministry top performer in Space Freed and third in Revenue Earned among all Union Ministries and Departments in Campaign 5.0.
- Preparatory meetings for Campaign 6.0 were held on 1 September 2026 with nodal officers of CIL and its subsidiaries, NLCIL, SCCL, CCO and CMPFO.

E-Commerce Rules amended: dark-pattern audits, sponsored-listing labels from 1 January 2027

10 Sep

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has notified the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020.
- Platforms must stop manipulating search results, label sponsored listings prominently, and show both the reduced and the prior price - the prior price being the lowest at which the item was offered in the preceding 30 days.
- Every e-commerce entity must join the National Consumer Helpline convergence process; the NCH received 17,71,622 grievances in 2025, of which 5,11,196 (about 29 per cent) concerned e-commerce.
- Compliance with the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023 becomes mandatory, with a yearly self-audit and a prominently displayed compliance certificate.
- The amended Rules come into force on 1 January 2027.

TRAI repeals 2012 regulations capping television advertisement duration

10 Sep

- TRAI issued the Standards of Quality of Service (Duration of Advertisements in Television Channels) (Repealing) Regulations, 2026 (4 of 2026) on 10 September 2026, repealing its 2012 regulations along with all orders and directions issued under them.

- The 2012 regulations enforced a ceiling of twelve minutes of advertising in a clock hour, a quality-of-service measure mirroring rule 7(11) of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting omitted that sub-rule by a Gazette notification of 21 August 2026, leaving TRAI's parallel regulation inconsistent with the parent rule.

Ladakh Lt Governor given additional charge of Jammu and Kashmir

08 Sep

- The President appointed Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lt. Governor of Ladakh, to discharge the functions of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir in addition to his own duties.
- The arrangement covers the period of leave of Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Union Territories are administered by the President through an administrator appointed by him under Article 239, which is the source of this power.