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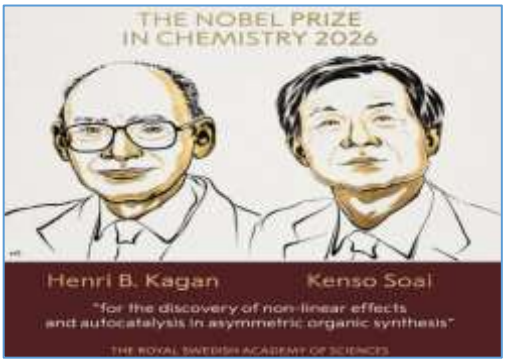
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1. Awards & Honours



- **Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2026)**
  - Awarded to French chemist Henri Boris Kagan and Japanese chemist Kenso Soai for their pioneering discoveries in nonlinear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.

2. Appointments, Retirements & Persons in News

- **Reconstitution of the Press Council of India (PCI)**
  - The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) reconstituted the PCI by nominating 13 new journalists (six editors and seven working journalists) under the provisions of the PCI Act, 1978.

3. Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **GST Council's 57th Meeting Reforms**
  - Major changes introduced to ease compliance, including recommendations to remove arrest powers for certain GST officers, raise prosecution thresholds, and move toward a faceless assessment model akin to income tax.
- **NSO's First-Ever National Household Travel Survey**
  - Released by MoSPI (NSO), the survey highlighted commuting patterns and expenditures, revealing that urban workers incur significantly higher average monthly commuting costs compared to rural counterparts.



4. Science, Space & Technology, Environment

- **Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India (2026-2030)**
  - Released by MoSPI, this strategy framework aligns India's environmental accounting efforts with the United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) to track sustainability goals.
- **Upcoming Public Consultation on Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
  - The Union IT Ministry announced a structured consultation paper focusing heavily on AI safety, accountability, and the rising threat of deepfakes.

6. Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **12th National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026)**



- Conducted by the Indian Coast Guard off the Paradip coast (Odisha), focusing on simulated mass-rescue operations and interoperability with foreign observers.

- **PM's Call for Global Cybercrime Framework**
  - Speaking at the India Mobile Congress, the Prime Minister stressed the need for integrated international cooperation to combat cross-border cyberfraud and safeguard digital trust.

7. Important Days



- **World Post Day 2026**
  - **Date:** October 9
  - **Theme:** *"World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities"*
  - **Significance:** Marks the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) establishment in Bern, Switzerland (1874).

8. Miscellaneous

- **Environmental Clearance for Greenfield Puri Airport Project (Regional Proximity Impact)**
  - MoEFCC granted CRZ and environmental clearances for the Shree Jagannath International Airport at **Sipasarubali, Puri (Odisha).** Given its proximity and regional connectivity boost to Eastern India's tourism **corridor (connecting West Bengal and Odisha pilgrim circuits),** it holds economic importance for eastern regional development.