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Awards and Honours	
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1	**Singapore Airlines** ranked 1st globally, while **Air India** ranked 57th at the **Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026**. 
2	Jharkhand's traditional folk drum, the **Mandar**, received a **Geographical Indication** tag.  **About Mandar** • A traditional **double-headed clay percussion drum** (Avanaddha Vadya) central to Chota Nagpur tribal communities like the **Santhals and Mundas**. • Granted the **GI Tag** under the 1999 Act through the Chennai registry, it is played during major regional festivals like **Sarhul and Karma**. **Other GI tags of Jharkhand** 1.**Sohrai-Khovar Painting:** Jharkhand's **first-ever GI tag** (2020). **2.Kuchai Silk & Bamboo Craft:** Premium organic wild silk.

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3	❖ India added five new sites to its **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage Tentative List**, including four from **Madhya Pradesh**.  • **Bagh Cave Paintings (Madhya Pradesh)**: Rock-cut Buddhist caves featuring ancient murals similar to Ajanta. • **Temples of the Chambal Valley (Madhya Pradesh):** A cluster of early medieval Hindu temples built by the Gurjara-Pratiharas. • **Udaigiri Caves (Madhya Pradesh):** 5th-century rock-cut caves hosting the famous colossal Varaha relief. • **Ginnorgarh Fort (Madhya Pradesh):** A historic hill fort inside Ratapani Sanctuary, famous for its parrot population. • **Sites of Satyagraha (India & South Africa):** Transnational landmarks (spanning multiple states/provinces) linked to Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent movement. ❖ A UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List is an official inventory of cultural, natural, or mixed heritage sites that a country plans to nominate for full inscription on the World Heritage List.

Appointments and Persons in News	
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1	**Dhirendra Ojha** was re-employed as the **Principal Director General** of the **Press Information Bureau**. 
2	**Captain Smit Machchhar** averted a major catastrophe and saved **174 lives** after surviving a mid-air stabbing attack by his co-pilot on a **flydubai** flight. 

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3	**Lavanya R. Mundayur** was appointed **Chair and Managing Director** of **New India Assurance Company Limited**. 

Government Schemes, Policies and Welfare Initiatives	
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1	The Ministry of Environment released implementation guidelines for **National Coastal Mission 2.0**.
2	The Union Cabinet approved the **Green Energy Corridor Phase-III** with a **₹1.86 lakh crore** outlay for renewable energy transmission.
3	The Ministry of Power notified stricter **Corporate Average Fuel Economy Phase-3** emission norms for passenger vehicles from **2027 to 2032**.
4	India's first indigenous **PRAMAAN** forest and wood certification scheme was officially launched. 
5	The Ministry of Home Affairs launched **PRAHAAR**, a new seven-pillar counter-terrorism strategy. 
6	The '**People's Plan Campaign 2026–27**' was launched to prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plans.
7	Central ministries conducted nationwide cleanliness events under the '**Swachhata Hi Seva**' campaign. 

Sports and Games	
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1	**11-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan** became the youngest **Woman Grandmaster** at the **46th Chess Olympiad** in **Samarkand**. 

Summits, Bills and International Affairs	
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1	Media accreditation opened for the **57th International Film Festival of India** scheduled for **November** in **Goa**. 

Miscellaneous	
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1	The **Union Public Service Commission** completed its centenary of **100 years** on **1 October 2026**.
2	**NABKISAN** Finance listed India's first **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Social Bond** on the **National Stock Exchange**.
3	**Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority** secured India's first blue financing loan of **$70 million** from the **International Finance Corporation** for Shore Power Supply.
5	**Goa** enforced mandatory four-way source segregation for waste under its revised **Solid Waste Management Rules 2026**.

West Bengal Specific	
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2	**Reliance Industries** planned a **Digha** submarine cable station and **Rajarhat** data hub, while the **Adani Group** committed a **₹1 lakh crore** investment and a new hospital.
4	The State Tourism Department signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Archaeological Survey of India** to restore and market **135 heritage monuments**.
5	The state launched '**Reform Utsav**' to integrate **1.29 lakh hectares** of watershed management into Gram Sabha planning.
6	The State Government partnered with the **United Nations** and the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** to deploy universal accessibility guidelines across **Durga Puja** pandals.
7	**₹1,200 Crore** was allocated to implement the **Ghatal Master Plan** to address seasonal flooding in **West Midnapore**.
8	Construction began on a **₹539.17 crore** extended port gate project at **Sripur Char** in **Balagarh**.

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