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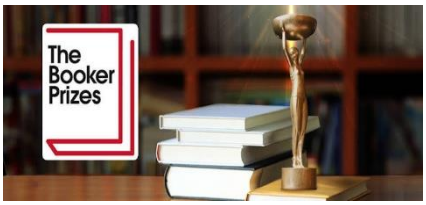
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1. Awards and Honours

- 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.



2. 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.



3. 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.

4. 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.



5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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."

8. 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.

9. 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: Kolkata continued preparations as host city for the fifth edition in January 2027.
- PMCSPY: North Bengal Development Department coordinated welfare disbursements and infrastructure projects for tea plantation workers across North Bengal.

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