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CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2026

Awards

The Indian physicist who has become the first Indian to be awarded the Oskar Klein Medal, an annual international award of physics awarded by the Stockholm University and the Nobel Committee for Physics of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences – **Shri Ashoke Sen**

The Indian industrialist and founder of Bharti Enterprises who has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour), the highest civilian award in France – **Sunil Bharti Mittal**

Defence

The 11th edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise conducted at Banyuwangi, Indonesia from 27 October to 06 November 2026 is named – **Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI**

The 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise conducted at Visakhapatnam from 21 to 26 Oct 2026 is named – **SIMBEX 2026**

The fifth edition of India-Australia Joint Military Exercise conducted at the Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 19 October to 01 November 2026 is named – **AUSTRAHIND 2026**

The India-UK bilateral maritime exercise conducted off Plymouth, UK, from 08 Oct to 15 Oct 2026 was named – **Exercise KONKAN-26**

The first of two Multi-Purpose Vessels built by M/s Larsen and Toubro Ltd under the Government of India's Make in India initiative commissioned by Indian Nay at Naval Base, Karwar is named – **INS Samarthak**

The venue of 9th edition of India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime (IBSAMAR) exercise conducted from 12 Oct to 19 Oct 2026 – **Simon's Town, South Africa**

The bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) held from 13 to 18 Oct 2026 at Vladivostok, Russia is named – **Exercise INDRA 2026**

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The India-UAE Joint Military Exercise conducted at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand from 05 to 18 October 2026 is named – **MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026**

Persons

The veteran Indian actor and filmmaker, winner of several awards including 3 National Film Awards and Padma Shri, who passed away on 08 October 2026 – **Viswanath 'Nana' Patekar**

The English novelist and politician, author of bestselling book Kane and Abel and First Among Equals, who passed away on 05 October 2026 – **Jeffrey Archer**

The present Vice Chief of the Air Staff who has chosen to be the next Chief of Air Staff with effect from October 31, 2026 succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh – **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM**

Sports

The Spanish footballer of London City Lioness club, who has been awarded the Ballon d'Or Feminin 2026 – **Alexia Putellas**

The English footballer of Bayern Munich club, who has been awarded the (men's) Ballon d'Or 2026 – **Harry Kane**

The England cricketer who has scored the fastest double century in men's ODI (202 runs in 116 balls) in a match against Sri Lank in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, breaking the record held by Indian cricketer Shubman Gill – **Harry Brook**

Miscellaneous

The rank of India in the Global Hunger Index 2026 published jointly by Welthungerhilfe (WHH), the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) at Ruhr University Bochum, and the Swiss organization Helvetas – **100**

The lake in Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh which has been added by Ramsar Convention to its list of Wetlands of International Importance – **Sauj Jheel**

The lake in Chandigarh which has been added by Ramsar Convention to its List of Wetlands of International Importance – **Sukhna Lake**

XX Asian Games 2026

Host: Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan

Motto: **Imagine One Asia**

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Mascot: **Honohon**

Official theme song: **Beyond the Sky**

Held from 19 September to 04 October 2026

Participating countries: 45

Opened by: Naruhito, Emperor of Japan

Opening and Closing ceremonies held at: **Paloma Mizuho Stadium, Nagoya**

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	169	89	83	341
2.	Japan	83	95	91	269
3.	South Korea	39	43	68	150
4.	India	21	27	37	85
5.	Uzbekistan	21	25	24	70

Indian Medals by Sports

#	Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Archery	5	2	2	9
2.	Shooting	3	8	4	15
3.	Boxing	3	0	3	6
4.	Wrestling	2	2	2	6
5.	Cricket	2	0	0	2

Indian flag bearers at the opening ceremony: **Manu Bhaker and Pawan Sehrawat**

Indian flag bearer at the closing ceremony: **Neeru Dhanda**

5th Asian Para Games 2026

Host: **Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan**

Motto: **Imagine One Heart**

Mascot: **Uzumin**

Held from 18 October to 24 October 2026

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Participating countries: 45

Opened by: **Naruhito, Emperor of Japan**

Opening and Closing ceremonies held at: **Paloma Mizuho Stadium, Nagoya**

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	China	207	117	111	435
2.	Japan	64	60	62	186
3.	Uzbekistan	45	49	51	145
4.	India	30	35	49	114
5.	South Korea	29	38	33	100

Nobel Prizes 2026

#	Field	Winners	Contribution
1.	Medicine	Karl Deisseroth	for their discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics
		Georg Nagel	
		Peter Hegemann	
2.	Chemistry	Henri B. Kagan	for the discovery of non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis
		Kenso Soai	
3.	Physics	Francis Halzen	for decisive contributions of the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin
4.	Peace	Navi Pillay	for her efforts to promote peace and international law
5.	Economic Sciences	Robert Hall	for microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation
		Michael Woodford	
6.	Literature	Anne Carson	for her bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with classical tradition has created new forms for contemporary literature

Important Days of October 2026

International Day of Older Persons: 01 October 2026
Designated by : United Nations General Assembly
First Observed in: 1991
Theme: **The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives**

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International Day of Non-Violence: 02 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2007
World Teachers' Day: 05 October 2026 Established by : UNESCO Theme: **Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures** First Observed in: 1994
World Habitat Day: 1st Monday of October (05 October 2026) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1986 Theme: **Adequate Housing for All**
World Post Day: 09 October 2026 Designated by : Universal Postal Union First Observed in: 1969 Theme: **One postal network, infinite possibilities**
World Sight Day: 08 October 2026(2nd Thursday of October) Designated by : International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Theme: **Love Your Eyes** First Observed in: 2000
World Mental Health Day: 10 October 2026 Designated by : World Health Organisation Theme: **Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change** First Observed in: 1992
International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: **End child marriage and invest in girls' rights!** First Observed in: 2012
International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction: 13 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: **Resilience Starts at Home** First Observed in: 1989
International Day of Rural Women: 15 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2008 Theme: **Rural Women Farmers Caring for Mother Nature**
World Food Day: 16 October 2026 Designated by : Food and Agricultural Organisation Theme: **Innovate Today, Nourish Tomorrow** First Observed in: 1980

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International Day for Eradication of Poverty: 17 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly Theme: **United for Peace and Human Rights** Focus: **Safe Homes for All** First Observed in: 1993
World Development Information Day: 24 October 2026 Designated by : United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 1972
United Nations Day: 24 October 2026 The day marks the coming into effect of the UN Charter (the founding document of UNO) in 1945.
World Day for Audiovisual Heritage: 27 October 2026 Designated by : UNESCO First Observed in: 2005 Theme: **Your Window to the World**
World Cities Day: 31 October 2026 Designated by : UN General Assembly Theme: **Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All** First Observed in: 2014

New Governors

#	Name	State
1.	Shri Braj Mohan Ram	Odisha
2.	Dr. Sudha Yadav	Karnataka
3.	Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen	Uttarakhand
4.	Shri Dushyant Gautam	Sikkim
5.	Shri Om Prakash Mathur	Keralam
6.	Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Tamil Nadu

2026 IIFA Awards

- Best Picture- **Dhurandhar** directed by Aditya Dhar
- Best Director - **Aditya Dhar** for Dhurandhar
- Best Actor - **Ranveer Singh** for Dhurandhar
- Best Actress - **Aneet Padda** for Saiyaara

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