

The week from 31 August 2026 to 6 September 2026

Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, to participate in the high profile 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Leadership Summit. During the summit, he actively engaged with key regional leaders to enhance vital economic connectivity, strengthen robust counter-terrorism cooperation, and foster deep technological partnerships across all member states.

During an official and highly productive visit to Tashkent, India and Uzbekistan officially elevated their bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership. Both nations jointly established an ambitious target of reaching five billion dollars in bilateral trade by the year 2030, with a major focus on energy, digital infrastructure, and space cooperation.

Millions of citizens across India celebrated the auspicious festival of Krishna Janmashtami with immense devotion and vibrant festive fervour. Temples and schools nationwide organised elaborate cultural pageants, traditional dance performances, and exciting dahi handi events, which brilliantly highlighted the rich mythological heritage of the country.

India observed Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm to honour the birth anniversary of the visionary leader and former president, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Students across the nation organised special morning assemblies, cultural programmes, and thoughtful plays to express profound gratitude to educators for dedicatedly shaping young minds.

Major food delivery platform Zomato announced a strict, uncompromising zero-tolerance policy against restaurants selling deceptive analogue dairy substitutes such as fake cheese or paneer. The company explicitly reserved its rights to immediately delist any non-compliant restaurant partners in order to safeguard strict consumer health and safety standards.

Prominent environmental forums spotlighted India's leading global role in successfully protecting and nurturing the vulnerable Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros. Conservationists heavily praised innovative community-led anti-poaching initiatives that have remarkably stabilized endangered wildlife populations within protected national parks.

The prestigious Venice Film Festival successfully concluded its glittering annual cinematic showcase, celebrating highly innovative international films, independent documentaries, and artistic digital storytelling. This global event brought together acclaimed directors and artists from across the world to honour creative excellence on the silver screen.

International rescue agencies dramatically intensified emergency operations following catastrophic and severe flash floods that struck regions across Nepal and Tibet. Emergency responders worked tirelessly through extremely difficult and hazardous terrain to locate missing residents and clear blocked critical infrastructure caused by extreme monsoon weather.



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