

The week from 7 September 2026 to 13 September 2026

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, bringing together leaders under an expanded 11-member framework. The summit successfully adopted the comprehensive New Delhi Declaration, fostering international cooperation on sustainable development, economic resilience, and digital infrastructure while urging restraint in regional conflicts.

On the sidelines of the New Delhi BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Both leaders welcomed steady progress in bilateral relations, emphasising that maintaining peace and tranquillity along the border remains vital for cooperation.

The Supreme Court of India firmly rejected a six-month extension request filed by the high-powered committee tasked with defining the Aravalli hills range. Consequently, the apex court instructed the panel to submit its definitive environmental conservation report before the end of November.

India successfully tested its advanced indigenous one-way attack drone at the Pokhran test range. This successful trial marks a significant technological leap in domestic aerospace manufacturing, defense preparedness, and unmanned aerial capabilities for national security.

Communities worldwide actively marked UNESCO's International Literacy Day with great enthusiasm. Schools organised special book-reading campaigns and digital literacy workshops, emphasising the vital role of education in empowering youth and eradicating global poverty.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 28th Western Zonal Council meeting hosted in Goa. Chief ministers and senior delegates from Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa convened during this high-level session to resolve complex interstate infrastructure, security, and developmental policy matters.

The nation solemnly observed National Forest Martyrs Day to honour forest rangers and wildlife conservationists who sacrificed their lives. These brave individuals protect vulnerable flora, endangered fauna, and critical natural habitats from relentless illegal poaching and encroachment.

Mount Anak Krakatau erupted dynamically, sending dense ash plumes into the atmosphere and prompting the temporary suspension of flight operations at Jakarta's international airport. Local authorities also closed nearby schools temporarily to protect students from falling volcanic ash and subsequent air irritation.



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