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Polity and Governance

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan - 2026

6th Year Milestone, Campaign touched 34.54 crore citizens, incl. 13.70 crore youth and 10.64 crore women.

• **Activities –** >31.40 lakh awareness events conducted; >1.67 lakh Nasha Mukti Mitras engaged.

• **Training –** >1.67 lakh volunteers and leaders trained to identify addiction and support care.

• **Facilities –** >755 new de-addiction centres set up, including district centres, jail facilities.

• **Digital Support –** Launch of NMBA 2.0 mobile app for locating treatment centres.

• **Pledges –** >34 lakh Nasha Mukti pledges taken; National Mass Pledge planned by Sep 2026.

• **Vision –** Part of Naya Bharat, Nasha Mukt Bharat; strengthens prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and community participation.

Economy

India’s Data Centre Capacity 2026

• **Growth –** Installed capacity surged from 375 MW (2020) to 1.57 GW (Aug 2026).
• **Projection –** Expected to reach 8 GW by 2030.
• **Drivers –** Expanding digital economy, cloud computing, AI, high-speed connectivity.
• **Investments –** USD 70B underway + USD 90B announced projects; NIC centres in Delhi, Pune, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar + 37 state data centres.
• **Policy Support –** Infrastructure status, fiscal incentives, tax holiday (till 2047) for foreign cloud providers.
• **AI and Semiconductors –** IndiaAI Mission, Semicon India Phase-II, PLI 2.0 for IT hardware.
• **Clean Energy –** Green Energy Rules, Hydrogen Mission, SHANTI Act + advanced cooling technologies.
• **Standards –** Bureau of Indian Standards norms on Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE), Carbon Usage Effectiveness (CUE), Cooling Efficiency Ratio (CER) and Water Usage Effectiveness (WUE); Energy Conservation Codes and Sustainable Building Code 2024.

Defence

First Dronathon-2026

Indian Air Force launched first Dronathon-2026 at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer (September 14–16).

• **Participants –** >20 defence companies, start-ups, MSMEs, DPSUs, innovators showcased unmanned systems.

• **Focus –** Assess Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) technologies under realistic operational conditions; move from demo to operational effect.

• **Capabilities –** Surveillance and reconnaissance, autonomous operations, swarm technologies, electronic warfare and Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CUAS).

• **Roadmap –** Release of IAF UAS Roadmap to guide industry innovation.

• **Highlight –** Demonstration of "Vayu UTtaM" multi-mode Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) system for real-time drone tracking and airspace safety.

Miscellaneous

International Day for South-South Cooperation

International Day for South-South Cooperation is an official United Nations observed annually on September 11.

• It celebrates the economic, social, and political collaboration among developing countries.

• **Theme –** *"Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development".*

• **Milestone –** Formal launch of Global Alliance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation by UNOSSC.

• **Focus –** Connect country priorities with shared expertise, renewable energy, digital public goods, sustainable agriculture.

World First Aid Day 2026

Recently, World First Aid Day was observed on September 12 2026, annually on second Saturday of September.

• **Organizer –** International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

• **Theme –** "First Aid in Migration Contexts".

• **Goal –** Promote basic life-saving skills for public before medical professionals arrive.

• **Focus –** Ensure accessible emergency care for everyone regardless of background.

National Hindi Diwas 2026

Union Home Minister inaugurated 6th All India Official Language Conference at CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Navi Mumbai, on National Hindi Diwas.

• Celebrated every year on Sep 14; marks 1949 Constituent Assembly adoption of Hindi in Devanagari script as Union's official language (Article 343).

• **Awards –** Rajbhasha Gaurav and Rajbhasha Kirti Awards (2025–26) presented to ministries, PSUs, banks and individuals.

• **Celebrations –** Book launches, exhibitions, essay contests, poetry recitals, skits nationwide.

International Day of Democracy 2026

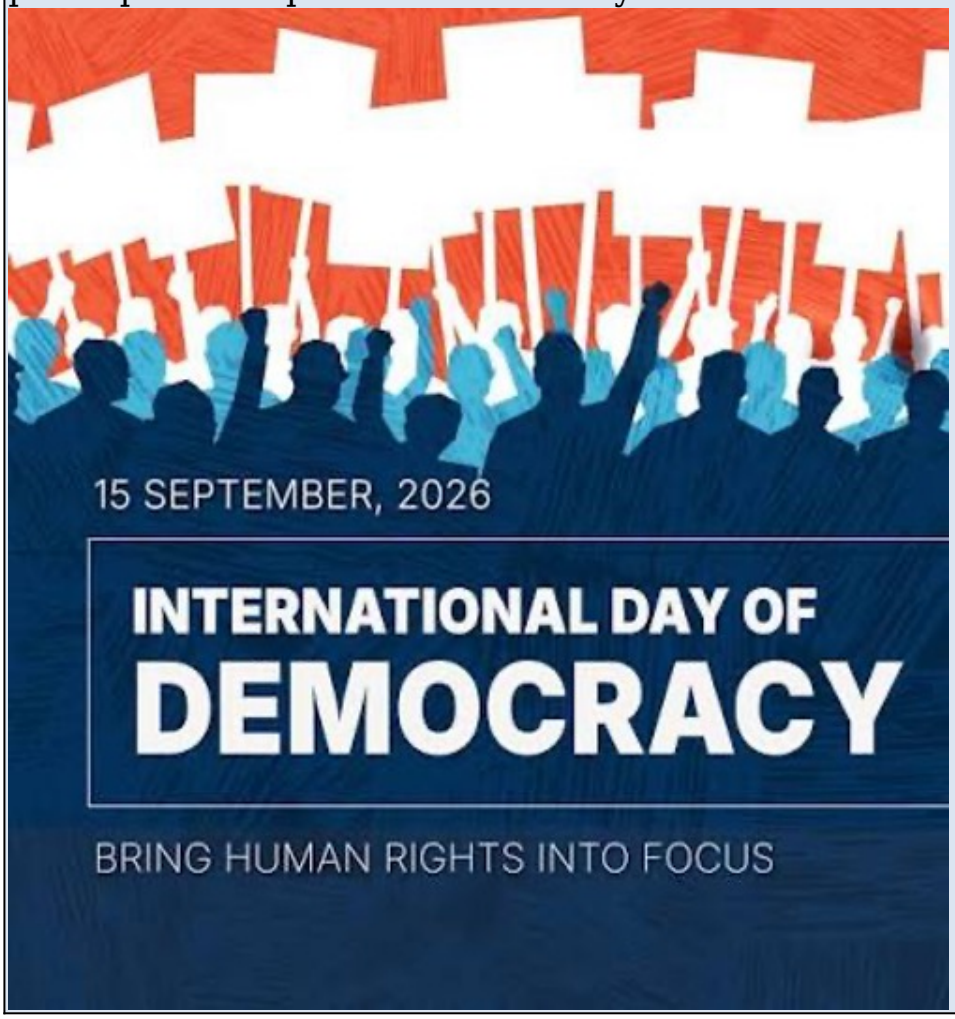
Observed globally on September 15; commemorates Inter-Parliamentary Union's Universal Declaration on Democracy.

• **Theme 2026** – Deliberative democracy builds trust and resilient societies.

• **Goals –** Review global democracy, encourage citizen participation and dialogue, protect fundamental rights (freedom of expression, accountability, rule of law).

• **History –** Established by UNGA in 2007; first observed in 2008.

• **Significance –** Highlights inclusive decision-making, human rights, public participation as pillars of democracy worldwide.



National Engineers' Day 2026

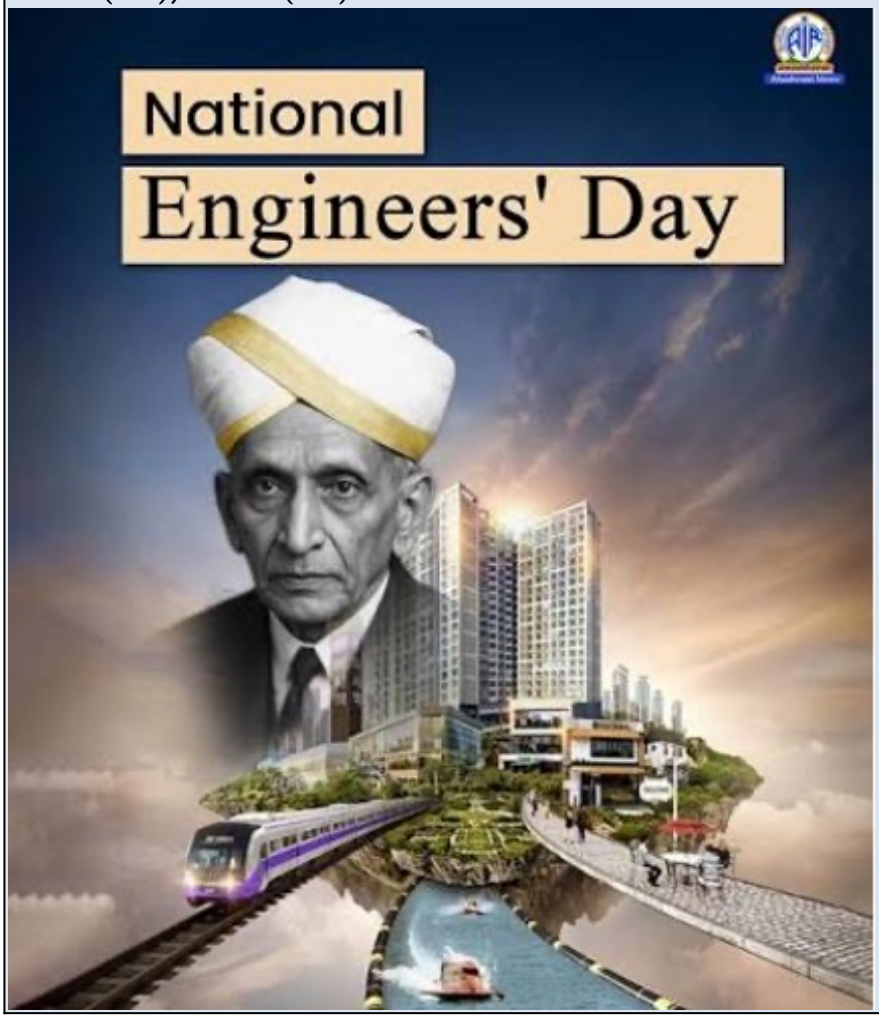
• **Date –** Observed annually on September 15 to mark birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya (1861–1962).

• **Life and Work –** Diwan of Mysore (1912–18); known as Father of Modern Mysore; key role in KRS Dam, flood management, irrigation, Visakhapatnam port protection.

• **Books –** Authored Planned Economy for India, Reconstructing India, Memoirs of My Working Life.

• **Honour –** Awarded Bharat Ratna (1955) for contributions to industry and public works.

• **Today's Engineers –** India produces 1.5M graduates annually; IITs (23), NITs (31), IIITs (26).



Dhiraj Bommadevara – World Cup Final Gold

Dhiraj Bommadevara became first Indian male recurve archer to win World Cup Final gold.

• **Event –** Victory at Saltillo, Mexico; defeated Japan's Nakanishi Junya 6-5 in shoot-off (10-9).

• **Journey –** Powered through quarterfinals and semifinals with dominant run.

• **Historic –** Ended 16-year wait since Jayanta Talukdar's bronze (Edinburgh 2010).

• **Legacy –** Dola Banerjee remains only other Indian with World Cup Final gold (Dubai 2007, women's individual).

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