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1. Smriti Mandhana Makes History, Breaks Mithali Raj's International Run Record

On September 3, 2026, in Dubai, Smriti Mandhana scored 124 runs off 64 balls against Hong Kong, taking her total international run tally to 10,880 and surpassing Mithali Raj's record of 10,868 runs. Her innings featured 14 fours and 7 sixes, bringing her total number of international centuries to 18. By scoring 124 runs in the Women's T20 Asia Cup, she eclipsed Chamari Athapaththu's record of 119 runs. Additionally, she became the first Indian woman to score two T20 International centuries; her previous century was an unbeaten 112 against England in 2025.



2. National Teachers' Award 2026 — Honoring Outstanding Contributions in the Education Sector

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers' Award 2026 upon 48 school teachers at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on September 5, 2026. The awards are being organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education, and the winners have been selected through a three-stage online process. The 48 awardees comprise 26 men and 22 women, representing 27 states, 7 Union Territories, and 6 central government organizations. In India, Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and the National Teachers' Award honors the contributions of outstanding teachers.



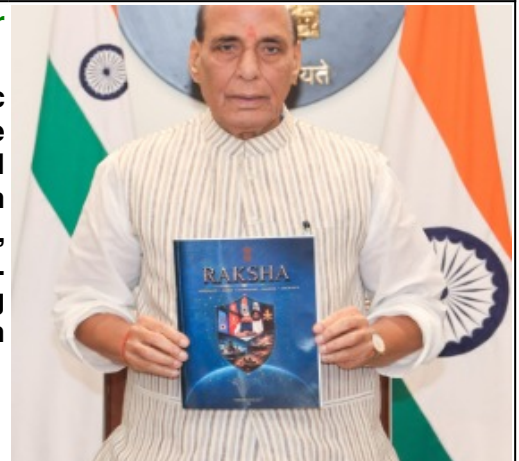
3. Indian-origin Anil Chakravarthy to become Adobe's new CEO

Adobe has appointed Anil Chakravarthy as the company's next President and CEO; his appointment will be effective from December 1, 2026, and Shantanu Narayen will become Executive Chairman. Chakravarthy has been with Adobe since 2020 and has led Digital Experience and Worldwide Field Operations. He has played a pivotal role in AI-based products, Enterprise Customer Solutions, the Adobe Experience Platform, and the integration of Workfront and Semrush. Prior to Adobe, he served as CEO of Informatica and worked at Symantec, VeriSign, and McKinsey & Company.



4. 'Raksha' Strategic Document to Chart a New Course for India's Defence Diplomacy

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the 'Raksha' strategic document, which will define the direction and priorities of India's defence diplomacy for the coming decade. Its objective is to strengthen bilateral and multilateral security partnerships by aligning defence diplomacy with foreign policy. Key pillars of the document include strategic partnerships, capacity building, the indigenous defence industry, and defence exports. Regarding maritime security, emphasis has been placed on reinforcing India's role as a key security provider and first responder in the Indian Ocean Region.



5. ChatGPT 6 Astra and Agentic AI — A Step Towards Autonomous Artificial Intelligence

According to available information, OpenAI developed "ChatGPT 6 Astra" on September 3, 2026, with the aim of autonomously completing complex, multi-step computer tasks. Astra is presented as an instance of Agentic AI capable of working with local files to generate presentations, spreadsheets, and reports. It was reportedly trained using over 100,000 GPUs to enhance its reasoning and complex task execution capabilities.



6. Successful launch of EOS-05 via GSLV-F17 boosts India's Earth observation capabilities

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the Earth imaging satellite EOS-05 from Sriharikota using the GSLV-F17 rocket and placed it into its designated orbit. EOS-05 is capable of observing Earth in visible, infrared, multi-spectral, and hyper-spectral bands from an altitude of approximately 36,000 km. Its data can be utilized in sectors such as agriculture, environmental monitoring, natural resource assessment, and disaster management. GSLV-F17 marks the 19th launch of the GSLV mission and demonstrates India's capability to place heavy payloads into GTO or Sub-GTO orbits.



7. US \$1 Commemorative Coin Honoring Trump; Discussion Surrounding the Image of a Living President on Currency

The US Mint has released a \$1 commemorative coin honoring President Donald Trump to mark the United States' 250th anniversary. The coin features Trump's portrait, the Seal of the President of the United States, and the inscriptions "Liberty," "In God We Trust," and "1776-2026." On July 4, 250,000 special coins bearing a "4 July" mark were released, sparking interest among collectors. A key point of discussion is the depiction of a living president, which is considered extremely rare on US currency; Calvin Coolidge was the last historical example of this in 1926.



8. 'Correct the Map' Resolution at the UN: Global Debate on Map Projections

The United Nations General Assembly has approved the 'Correct the Map' resolution, which aims to promote world maps that more accurately depict the actual surface area of continents. Introduced by Togo, the resolution garnered support from 164 countries, while the United States opposed it and six nations abstained from voting. The Mercator projection depicts polar regions as larger and equatorial regions as relatively smaller, whereas the Equal Earth Projection offers a better representation of actual surface area.



1. How many runs did Smriti Mandhana score against Hong Kong?

A - 112 runs

B - 119 runs

C - 124 runs

D - 128 runs

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2. How many school teachers will be honored with the National Teachers' Award 2026?

A - 40

B - 48

C - 50

D - 52

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3. Anil Chakravarthy has been appointed as the next President and CEO of which company?

A - Informatica

B - Adobe

C - Symantec

D - VeriSign

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4. To which sector does the 'Raksha' document pertain?

A - Agricultural Policy

B - Defence Diplomacy

C - Education Policy

D - Health Policy

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5. As what type of AI has ChatGPT 6 Astra been presented?

- A - Generative AI B - Agentic AI
C - Reactive AI D - Rule-based AI

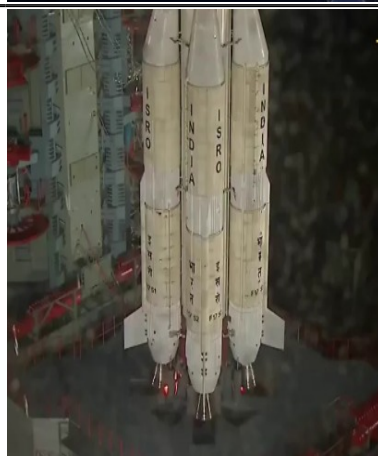
OpenAI developed ChatGPT 6 Astra on September 3, 2026, with the aim of autonomously completing complex computer tasks via Agentic AI. Astra can work on local files, while challenges such as data privacy, cybersecurity, and human oversight are also significant aspects of its usage.



6. Which rocket was used to launch the EOS-05 satellite?

- A - PSLV-C60 B - GSLV-F17
C - SSLV-D4 D - GSLV-F15

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7. On what occasion was the commemorative coin issued?

- A - America's 200th anniversary B - America's 250th anniversary
C - America's 300th anniversary D - 100 years of independence

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8. Which organization approved the 'Correct the Map' resolution?

- A - World Bank B - United Nations General Assembly
C - UNESCO D - IMF

The United Nations General Assembly approved the 'Correct the Map' resolution, which aims to promote world maps that more accurately depict the actual surface area of continents. The proposal from Togo received support from 164 countries; the Equal Earth Projection represents actual surface area better than the Mercator projection.



One Liner

1. Which Indian rocket was used to launch EOS-05? - **GSLV-F17**
2. A \$1 commemorative coin was issued in honor of which president on the occasion of the USA's 250th-anniversary celebrations? - **Donald Trump**
3. How many school teachers in total will be honored with the National Teachers' Award 2026? - **48 teachers**
4. Which map projection, depicting the actual area of continents more accurately, has been in the spotlight? - **Equal Earth Projection**
5. Whose record of 119 runs did Smriti Mandhana break in the Women's T20 Asia Cup? - **Chamari Athapaththu**
6. Anil Chakraborty will become the CEO and President of which company starting December 1, 2026? - **Adobe**
7. As what type of AI system has ChatGPT 6 Astra been presented? - **Agentic AI**
8. The 'Defence' strategic document sets the direction for the coming decade for which of India's policies? - **Defence Diplomacy**
9. Which country presented the 'Correct the Map' proposal at the United Nations General Assembly? - **Togo**
10. How many runs did Smriti Mandhana score against Hong Kong to break Mithali Raj's international run record? - **124 runs**