

Highlights of 01 September 2026 Current Affairs

- North Korean leader Kim Jong Un appointed **Kim Song-gi** as the country's new Defense Minister. Announced by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), Kim Song-gi—previously serving as the director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army—replaced **No Kwang-chol**.
- A seven-year-old Indian-origin boy, **Jivyan Reddy Dhruva**, has made headlines in the United Kingdom by acing a high-level mathematics exam nearly a decade ahead of schedule. Jivyan scored **196 out of 240** across three papers in the **Pearson Edexcel GCSE Higher Mathematics** examination. He secured a **Grade 8** (equivalent to an A), an exam typically taken by 16-year-old teenagers. Originally from Andhra Pradesh, Jivyan lives with his family in South Ruislip, west London. Until February 2026, he attended a mainstream primary school, after which his parents shifted him to home education to better accommodate his advanced learning pace.
- NASA recently launched its cutting-edge **Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope** aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. Headed to the second Sun-Earth Lagrange point (L2)—roughly 1 million miles away—this bus-sized observatory is specifically engineered to be a "discovery machine" capable of finding the weird, the rare, and the unusual across the cosmos. Roman features a wide-field infrared camera that matches the sensitivity of the Hubble Space Telescope but surveys the sky **1,000 times faster**, with a field of view more than 100 times wider.
- India has signed a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) via the U.S. **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** route to procure the **Javelin anti-tank guided missile (ATGM)** system for the Indian Army. Valued at **₹292 crore**, the limited-quantity emergency procurement aims to address critical operational requirements, while establishing frameworks for future **co-production** between Indian entities and U.S. manufacturers (Lockheed Martin and RTX).
- Argentina clinched their third Women's Hockey World Cup title by defeating host and defending champions the Netherlands in a tense final, winning **3-1 in a penalty shootout** after regulation time ended in a 1-1 draw. Goalkeeper **Cristina Cosentino** delivered a stellar performance during the shootout to secure the victory, ending the Netherlands' dominant multi-year run on home soil.
- JSW MG Motor India has introduced the **Hector Tomahawk PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle)**, marking India's entry into mainstream mass-market plug-in hybrids. Powered by a **1.5-litre petrol engine** paired with a permanent-magnet electric motor and a **20.5 kWh battery pack**. Delivers a pure electric range of over **115 km** and a massive **combined driving range of over 1,100 km** on a full fuel tank and fully charged battery.
- London-based **Prudential Plc** (through its subsidiary Prudential Corporation Holdings) successfully sold a **2% stake** (approx. 9.89 million shares) in **ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC)** via an open market transaction.
- Stock exchanges BSE and NSE together imposed a combined penalty of **₹59.14 lakh** on three major public sector undertakings (PSUs) in the power sector—**NTPC, SJVN, and REC**. The fines were levied due to non-compliance with SEBI's Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) regulations—specifically **Regulation 17(1)**—pertaining to the shortfall in appointing the requisite number of **independent directors** and maintaining the mandated board composition.

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Topic	Details
North Korea	Capital – Pyongyang Currency – North Korean Won Supreme Leader – Kim Jong Un
United Kingdom	Capital – London Currency – Pound Sterling Prime Minister – Andy Burnham
NASA	Full form – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Established – July 29, 1958
Indian Defence Leadership	Chief of Defence Staff – General N.S. Raja Subramani First CDS – General Bipin Rawat First Chief of the Indian Army – Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Current Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) – General Dhiraj Seth
Argentina	Capital – Buenos Aires Currency – Argentine Peso President – Javier Milei