

Highlights of 03 September 2026 Current Affairs

- Retired Air Marshal **Jeetendra Mishra** has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust** in Ayodhya. He was selected from a massive pool of **5,585 applicants** through a multi-stage screening process overseen by a high-powered search committee headed by retired Justice Permod Kohli. A decorated veteran who retired in April 2026 after nearly four decades of service, Mishra previously served as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Air Command and was awarded the **Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal** for his leadership during *Operation Sindoor*.
- The Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) upgraded India's long-term foreign and local currency issuer ratings by one notch from '**BBB+**' to '**A-**', assigning a **Stable outlook**. The upgrade is anchored by India's robust real GDP growth, structural reforms like **GST and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**, improved fiscal expenditure quality, and a significantly healthier banking sector. JCR noted a sharp drop in the gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio to **1.8%**, a fiscal deficit reduction to **4.4% of GDP** in FY2026, and ample foreign exchange reserves buffering against external volatility.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports declared the **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA) 2024**, honoring four individuals for outstanding achievements in outdoor adventure. **Baljeet Kaur** and **Skalzang Rigzin** (Land Adventure), **Rimo Saha** (Water Adventure), and **Shiv Prasad Chamoli** (Lifetime Achievement). No award was conferred under the Air Adventure category this year. Each winner receives a statuette, a certificate, and a cash prize of **₹15 lakh**, to be presented by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan alongside the National Sports Awards.
- The **Gollala Gudi Temple** in Palampet village, Mulugu district, Telangana, has been officially declared a **Monument of National Importance** by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) via a Gazette notification. Built during the **Kakatiya dynasty** (12th to 14th centuries), the temple is situated southwest of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple. It is structured as a **Trikotalaya** (a three-sanctum temple facing east) featuring intricate Kakatiya-style carvings, detached shrines with *dvarapalas*, and wall niches housing sculptures of Hindu deities like Vishnu, Ganesha, and Mahishasuramardini.
- India has been officially awarded the hosting rights for the inaugural **ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027**, taking over from Sri Lanka. The tournament will be held from **February 14 to February 28, 2027**, featuring six top cricketing nations competing in a round-robin format, followed by a final. Matches will be played across two venues—the Cricket Club of India in **Mumbai** and the International Cricket Stadium in **Vadodara**—with competing teams including Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa, and Sri Lanka.
- Researchers from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Advanced Centre of Research in High Energy Materials (ACRHEM) at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) have secured a patent for **BAM-H24**. Formally designated as N¹, N¹, N¹, N⁴, N⁴, N⁴-hexaethylbut-2-yne-1,4-diaminiumdodecaborane, BAM-H24 is an advanced **boron-, hydrogen-, and nitrogen-rich energetic compound**. The compound is designed to serve as a high-efficiency solid rocket propellant fuel, fuel additive, or

burn-rate accelerator, delivering **superior specific impulse** and **low ignition delay** while maintaining strong thermal stability and non-hygroscopic properties.

- Argentina legend **Lionel Messi** has officially announced his retirement from international football, bringing the curtain down on a historic 21-year career with the *Albiceleste*. Messi made the news public via social media, revealing that he originally wrote his farewell statement on July 21—two days after Argentina's 1–0 defeat to Spain in the **2026 FIFA World Cup final**. He noted that the passing of his father, Jorge, in early August reinforced his conviction to step away.
- **INS Nipun** is the second *Nistar*-class **Diving Support Vessel (DSV)** commissioned into the Indian Navy. Formally inducted on **August 31, 2026**, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, under the command of Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.