

Highlights of 04 September 2026 Current Affairs

- Former Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain **Abhinandan Varthaman** has joined Goa-based regional airline **FLY91** as a commercial pilot after completing nearly 22 years of military service. Commissioned into the IAF, he famously became a household name globally following the **February 27, 2019**, aerial engagement near the Line of Control while flying a MiG-21 Bison. He was subsequently awarded the **Vir Chakra** (India's third-highest wartime gallantry award) by the President of India in November 2021.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced plans to build an international-standard **Tamil Nadu Olympic City** in Chennai. The project will be developed by the **Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)**. The integrated sports complex will house world-class sports arenas, modern equipment, high-performance training centers, and dedicated **sports science and sports medicine facilities** for injury rehabilitation and performance enhancement.
- **World Skyscraper Day** is observed annually on **September 3** to honor architectural and engineering achievements in high-rise construction, coinciding with the birth anniversary of pioneer architect **Louis H. Sullivan**. According to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH), any building standing **300 meters (984 feet) or higher** is categorized as a "supertall" skyscraper.
- Constituted under **Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013**, and operational since **June 1, 2016**, NCLAT is a apex quasi-judicial appellate body headquartered in New Delhi. To hear and dispose of appeals against orders passed by the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)**, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), the Competition Commission of India (CCI), and the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). Comprises a Chairperson (historically a judicial luminary, such as a former Supreme Court judge) along with a mix of **Judicial and Technical Members** appointed by the Central Government.
- The Kerala government has announced the establishment of a dedicated **Coconut Park** in collaboration with the Coconut Development Board. The project was declared by Kerala Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan during the launch of the country-wide World Coconut Day 2026 celebrations on **September 2, 2026**. To shift focus from raw cultivation to advanced **processing, packaging, branding, and export-oriented value addition**, creating new avenues for entrepreneurship, investments, and global market linkages.
- The Tamil Nadu government introduced the **Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation (Amendment) Bill, 2026** in the State Assembly to overhaul and accelerate the industrial approval process. Proposes a strict **21-day time cap** for processing regulatory business clearances (excluding public/local holidays and central laws where statutory limits are longer) to ensure predictability.
- **Lahore**, Pakistan, has been officially named the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27**. Made during the **26th SCO Council of Heads of State summit** held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, coinciding with Pakistan assuming the rotating chairmanship of the bloc for the 2026–27 term. Pakistan's tenure theme is **"Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity."** Recognized for its rich Mughal heritage, Sufi traditions, and colonial architecture—featuring UNESCO World Heritage sites like the **Lahore Fort** and **Shalimar Gardens**.

- Indian cricket star **Smriti Mandhana** became the all-time leading run-scorer in women's international cricket, touching **10,880 runs** across formats. She achieved the feat by smashing **124 runs off just 64 balls** (including 14 fours and 7 sixes) against Hong Kong during the Women's T20 Asia Cup match in Dubai on September 3, 2026. She broke former India captain **Mithali Raj's long-standing record of 10,868 runs**.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the **GSLV-F17** mission carrying **EOS-05** (also known as GISAT-1A). Launched on **September 4, 2026, at 2:55 AM IST** from the Second Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This marks India's **first-ever imaging satellite to operate from a geosynchronous orbit** (approx. 36,000 km altitude), giving it a persistent, continuous view of the Indian region rather than periodic passes like Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the **"RAKSHA" strategy document**, establishing a comprehensive 10-year roadmap for India's defence diplomacy (2026–2036). To align national security objectives with proactive global cooperation, fostering a rules-based international order and long-term regional stability.
- National Wildlife Day 2026 Observed annually on **September 4** (with additional commemorations on February 22 linked to Steve Irwin). Established in **2005** by animal behaviorist and philanthropist **Colleen Paige** to raise global awareness about wildlife preservation, endangered species, and ecosystem protection. To spotlight escalating environmental threats—such as habitat destruction, pollution, poaching, and climate change—and to emphasize that biodiversity conservation involves protecting local flora and fauna alongside national parks. Distinct from *World Wildlife Day*, which is a global UN-backed observance celebrated annually on **March 3**.
- **Anil Chakravarthy** has been named the next President and CEO of **Adobe**, effective **December 1, 2026**. He succeeds long-serving CEO **Shantanu Narayen**, who will transition to the role of Executive Chair of Adobe's Board of Directors. Having joined Adobe in January 2020 as EVP and General Manager of the Digital Experience business, Chakravarthy was promoted to President of Digital Experience and worldwide field operations in December 2021, spearheading key AI-powered platforms like *GenStudio* and strategic acquisitions such as *Workfront* and *Semrush*. An alumnus of **IIT Varanasi** (Bachelor's in Computer Science & Engineering) and the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, where he earned his Master of Science and Ph.D.
- OpenAI officially unveiled its flagship AI architecture, **ChatGPT 6 Astra**, on **September 3, 2026**. Pre-trained on a massive infrastructure utilizing **over 100,000 GPUs**, marking a generational leap in computing power and autonomous logic. Moves away from standard prompt-response chats to **agentic workflow automation**, capable of operating computers, handling multi-step tasks independently, and interfacing directly with local files and browsers.

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Topic	Details
Indian Air Force	Chief of the Air Staff – Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh
Tamil Nadu	Chief Minister – C. Joseph Vijay Governor – Rajendra Arlekar
Kerala	Chief Minister – V.D. Satheesan Governor – Rajendra Arlekar Capital – Thiruvananthapuram
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	Full form – Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Headquarters – Beijing, China Established – June 15, 2001
Pakistan	Prime Minister – Shehbaz Sharif Capital – Islamabad Currency – Pakistani Rupee
ISRO	Full form – Indian Space Research Organisation Chairman – Dr. V. Narayanan Established – August 15, 1969