

Highlights of 05 September 2026 Current Affairs

- Teachers' Day Celebrated annually in India on **September 5** (marking the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan). Established in **1962** when Dr. Radhakrishnan, upon becoming India's President, requested that his birthday be dedicated to honoring the nation's teaching community rather than celebrating him individually. President **Droupadi Murmu** will confer awards on **48 distinguished school teachers** in New Delhi, selected through a rigorous three-stage process across states, UTs, and central bodies. **India vs. World Teachers' Day:** India observes Teachers' Day on September 5, whereas **World Teachers' Day** is an international observance celebrated globally on **October 5** (instituted by UNESCO/ILO in 1994).
- National Teachers Awards 2026 Ceremony is organized by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, on **September 5, 2026**.
 - Venue:** Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
 - Conferred By:** President **Droupadi Murmu**.
 - The Awardees:** A total of **48 school teachers** (26 males and 22 females) representing 27 states, 7 UTs, and 6 central government organizations have been chosen through a rigorous three-stage online selection process.
- Italian Prime Minister **Giorgia Meloni** marked **1,413 consecutive days** in office, making her administration the longest-serving uninterrupted government in Italy since World War II. She surpassed the previous post-war record held by late Prime Minister **Silvio Berlusconi's** second government (1,412 days from 2001 to 2005). Historically volatile, Italy has seen roughly 68 governments in the past 80 years, making Meloni's tenure a rare marker of domestic political stability. Her administration has overseen a drop in unemployment to near-record lows (~5%) and maintained steady fiscal discipline alongside strong backing for Ukraine, altering her initial perception among European Union allies from a nationalist outsider to a pragmatic mainstream leader.
- The US Mint launched the **2026 Semiquincentennial President Donald Trump \$1 Coin** as part of America's 250th anniversary celebrations, triggering massive public demand and long virtual queues. Initial supplies sold out rapidly; 25-coin rolls (priced at \$61) and 100-coin bags (priced at \$154.50) went out of stock within hours. The gold-colored coin (made of copper, zinc, manganese, and nickel) features a portrait of President Donald Trump on the obverse alongside "*LIBERTY*", "*IN GOD WE TRUST*", and **1776–2026**. The reverse displays the **Presidential Seal** with the number "**250**" on the eagle's breast shield. The US Mint struck **250,000 special coins on July 4 featuring a unique "July 4th" privy mark**, which were randomly mixed into customer rolls and general circulation.
- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued an update forecasting a **near-100% probability** that the developing El Niño will persist through **February 2027**. Current trends indicate it will steadily intensify into a **very strong El Niño event** before peaking toward the end of 2026, driven by unusually warm surface and subsurface ocean temperatures in the equatorial Pacific (Niño 3.4 index spiking up to +2.6°C). Typically associated with below-normal monsoon rainfall, higher temperatures, and potential dry spells, threatening kharif yields, rural economies, and water security. A **positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)**—forecasted at a seasonal mean of around +0.9°C for September–

November 2026—is expected to act as a crucial natural buffer, helping offset some of El Niño's adverse drying impacts on the Indian subcontinent.

- UN Votes for New World Map to Show Africa's True Size, The UN General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted the **“Correct the Map” resolution**, backing a global shift away from the traditional Mercator projection toward map options that accurately represent continental sizes. Championed by **Togo** on behalf of the **African Union (AU)**, the non-binding resolution passed with **164 votes in favor**, 6 abstentions, and **1 opposing vote (the United States)**. It promotes the use of the **Equal Earth projection** (introduced in 2018), which preserves the proportional surface areas of landmasses.
- The **36th First Annual Ig Nobel Prize ceremony** was held on **September 3, 2026**, at the Zurich Convention Center in Switzerland (marking the first time the ceremony moved to Europe due to US visa concerns). Sponsored by the science humor magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*, the prizes celebrate genuine scientific research that **"first makes you laugh, and then makes you think"**. Winners received a custom-built hand-crafted trophy (featuring a mushroom and a foot theme for 2026) alongside a hyper-inflated **10 trillion Zimbabwean dollar banknote**.
- India's foreign exchange reserves surged by **\$11.475 billion** to touch an all-time high of **\$740.803 billion** for the week ended August 28, 2026. This follows a massive jump of \$12.422 billion in the previous week, marking consecutive weekly expansions exceeding \$11 billion.
- **Nvidia** entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the leading open-source AI platform **Hugging Face** for **\$12.93 billion**. Approximately **\$11.9 billion** is allocated for shareholders, while up to **\$1 billion** in equity-based retention incentives is reserved for Hugging Face employees. The transaction is slated to close in the first half of 2027. Hugging Face acts as a foundational hub for over **18 million developers**, hosting more than **3 million models, 500,000 datasets, and 1 million applications** utilized by over 200,000 enterprises.
- The Malaysian government declared a localized state of emergency in the **Serian district** of **Sarawak** state (on the island of Borneo) after air pollution reached critical heights. The API reading in Serian spiked to **519**, dramatically clearing the threshold of **300** (classified as hazardous) and crossing the emergency activation limit of **500**. Transboundary toxic haze generated by intense seasonal **forest and land clearance fires in neighboring Indonesia** (particularly across Kalimantan and Sumatra). Implementation of strict local health safeguards, including the closure of hundreds of schools, suspension of construction and outdoor work sites, and multi-day **cloud-seeding operations** authorized via cross-border coordination to induce rainfall.