

Highlights of 07 September 2026 Current Affairs

- President **Droupadi Murmu** appointed senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP **Dr. Dinesh Sharma** as the new Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He succeeds retired Admiral **D.K. Joshi**, who served in the post for nearly nine years since October 2017. Dr. Sharma, 62, previously served as the **Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh** (2017–2022) and has also functioned as a Vice-Chairperson on the panel of the Rajya Sabha. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands serve as a vital geopolitical outpost, housing India's sole tri-service theater command (Andaman and Nicobar Command) near critical international maritime trade routes.
- Indonesia's **Mount Anak Krakatau** (located in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra) experienced a major eruption on September 6, 2026, sending an ash plume up to **50,000 feet** into the atmosphere. Volcanic ash triggered temporary closures and runway checks at Jakarta's **Soekarno-Hatta International Airport**, impacting over **300 flights** (including dozens of international routes). The volcano remains at **Alert Level 3** (the third tier on Indonesia's four-stage volcanic warning scale), sharing status with other active peaks like Mount Semeru and Mount Merapi. Anak Krakatau ("Child of Krakatau") emerged from the ocean in **1927** as the successor to the infamous **1883 Krakatau volcano**, which caused historic global devastation. Indonesia's intense volcanic activity stems from its location along the **Pacific Ring of Fire**, specifically at the subduction zone where the Indo-Australian Plate pushes beneath the Eurasian/Sunda Plate.
- Indian badminton stars **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** won the **China Masters Super 750** men's doubles title in Shenzhen, becoming the **first Indian men's doubles pair to win the tournament**. They overcame a slow start to defeat China's home favorites **He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu 11-21, 21-13, 21-17** in a thrilling 70-minute final. The victory marks sweet redemption after the duo finished as runners-up at the same tournament in both **2023 and 2025**. This is their **second major Super 750 title of the 2026 season** (following the Singapore Open) and the **10th BWF World Tour title** of their decorated partnership.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved an application by the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** to acquire an aggregate holding of **up to 9.99%** of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in **ICICI Bank**. The approval is valid for **one year** from the date of the letter (September 4, 2026 to September 4, 2027), failing which the clearance will stand cancelled. As of the June 2026 quarter, LIC held a **4.35% stake** in ICICI Bank, giving it regulatory headroom to potentially more than double its holding up to the 9.99% cap. This follows a similar RBI nod granted to LIC in August 2026 to scale its stake up to **9.99% in HDFC Bank** (where it held around 4.11%).
- **Jeeraphool** is a traditional, native short-grain aromatic rice indigenous to the northern hills agro-climatic region of **Chhattisgarh** (predominantly the Surguja and Balrampur districts). Named because its small grains visually resemble cumin seeds (*jeera*) and it possesses a distinct floral aroma (*phool*). It was officially granted the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag in March 2019**, protecting its regional identity and market value. Heavily cultivated by local tribal farming communities (**Scheduled Tribes accounting for over 95% of producers** in key surveyed regions), preserving age-old

indigenous agricultural wisdom and traditional food cultures (used in dishes like *Chausela* and *Anarsa*).

- The Central Government appointed **eight new Chief Justices** to various High Courts across India, following recommendations made by the Supreme Court Collegium. The appointments are formally made by the **President of India** under the provisions of the Indian Constitution, announced via Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.
 - **Key Appointees & High Courts:**
 - **Calcutta HC:** Justice Ravindra V Ghuge
 - **Bombay HC:** Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi
 - **Patna HC:** Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao
 - **Rajasthan HC:** Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal
 - **Punjab and Haryana HC:** Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra
 - **Chhattisgarh HC:** Justice Krushna Ram Mohapatra
 - **Madhya Pradesh HC:** Justice Alpesh Yeshvant Kogje
 - **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh HC:** Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati
- India voted in favor of a UN General Assembly resolution (tabled by Togo) titled **“Correct the Map: Rebalancing Global Cartographic Representation and Promotion of Equitable Representation of the World’s Regions, Particularly Africa.”** The resolution encourages the global adoption of **equal-area map projections** (such as the Equal Earth projection) to correct historical size distortions found in traditional maps like the Mercator projection, which disproportionately magnifies landmasses in the Global North while shrinking Africa and other regions. The resolution passed overwhelmingly by **164 votes to 1**, with the United States being the sole dissenting nation. While backing the cartographic principle of proportional land representation, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) explicitly clarified that the vote does not constitute an endorsement of any specific international border layout, maintaining that **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh must strictly be depicted according to India's official maps.**
- India is hosting the **18th BRICS Summit** under its 2026 chairmanship. Scheduled for **September 12–13, 2026**, at **Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.** *"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"*. Centered around amplifying the voice of the **Global South**, reforming multilateral governance bodies (like the UN Security Council, IMF, and WTO), advancing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), local-currency trade settlements, and boosting supply chain resilience. The summit brings together leaders from the expanded **11-member bloc** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Indonesia) alongside partner countries and outreach invitees.
- The **second edition of Exercise Veer Guardian**, a bilateral air-combat exercise between the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF)**. Scheduled from **September 9 to September 22, 2026**, at **Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.** This marks the **first time that Japan is deploying its fighter aircraft to India** for a joint exercise. The JASDF has deployed **three F-2A fighter aircraft** (from the 8th Air Wing, Tsuiki Air Base) alongside approximately 110 personnel, supported by C-2 transport aircraft. Designed to boost bilateral interoperability, foster operational synergy, enable mutual exchanges on tactical air-combat maneuvering, and deepen defense cooperation under the **Japan-India Special Strategic and Global Partnership.**

