

Highlights of 09 September 2026 Current Affairs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Global Fintech Fest 2026** in Mumbai on September 8, 2026. Jointly organized by the Payments Council of India (PCI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC), alongside key regulatory bodies like the RBI, SEBI, and IFSCA. Centered on **AI, Tokenisation, and Quantum Computing**—specifically highlighting *Agentic AI* for real-time decision-making, tokenization for fractional asset ownership, and quantum-safe cryptography.
- **Himalaya Diwas** is observed annually on **September 9** (formally declared in Uttarakhand in 2015) to emphasize the ecological, cultural, and economic significance of the Himalayan ecosystem. Highlights alarming scientific data regarding accelerated glacier retreat and declining snow cover in the **Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH)** region, which threatens India's long-term water security.
- iPhone manufacturing and assembly in India are primarily anchored in **Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka**, with deep component and supply-chain ecosystems also operating across **Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh**.
- Rajasthan's historic **Shekhawati havelis** have officially been included in **UNESCO's Tentative List**, marking a major step toward potential international World Heritage recognition. The proposal encompasses heritage properties and historic mansions across **14 towns** in northeastern Rajasthan. Included Towns Alsisar, Bissau, Chirawa, Churu, Dundlod, Fatehpur, Jhunjhunu, Khetri, Laxmangarh, Mandawa, Mahansar, Nawalgarh, Ramgarh, and Sikar. Renowned worldwide for their elaborate **fresco paintings** (depicting mythology, wildlife, social history, and 19th/early 20th-century technological transitions), grand courtyards, and ornate facades built by wealthy merchant families.
- The **27th World Knowledge Forum (WKF)** opened in **Seoul, South Korea**, running from **September 8 to 10, 2026**, hosted across the Jangchung Arena and The Shilla Seoul. **The Theme:** *"The Promethean Moment: Architecting the Co-Intelligence Order."* Artificial intelligence, human-machine co-intelligence, global economic shifts, cybersecurity, quantum computing, and the socio-economic implications of rapid technological automation.
- **Kishor Makwana**, Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has received **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jan Seva Puraskar 2026**. Presented at the **16th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2026** in New Delhi.
- A **503-member Indian contingent** received a grand send-off in New Delhi for the Asian Games 2026, featuring **over 300 first-time debutants**. Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President P.T. Usha unveiled the official contingent jersey. Tied directly to India's strategic push for the **2036 Olympics**, backed by a ₹36,000+ crore infrastructure development roadmap.
- The **Pickleball World Cup 2026** was held in **Da Nang, Vietnam**, with participation from 82 nations. India achieved its best-ever international standing by finishing **4th overall**, a major improvement from its 7th-place finish in the previous edition. India secured a total of **41 medals**, comprising:
 - **7 Gold medals**
 - **17 Silver medals**

- **17 Bronze medals**
Represented by **48 players** competing across Kids, Juniors, Open, Seniors, and Masters categories. Notable team segments included the Juniors and Open teams reaching the quarterfinals, led by key players and captains.
- A flagship state health insurance program by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (formerly known as the Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Scheme) providing cashless medical care to eligible families. Offers health coverage of **up to ₹25 lakh per annum** per family. Encompasses more than **3,250 medical and surgical procedures**, including advanced treatments like oncology, cardiology, organ transplantations (heart, liver, kidney), and up to one year of post-operative follow-up medicines and consultations.

Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Permanent residency in Andhra Pradesh.
- Annual family income below **₹5 lakh**.
- Possession of an eligible White Ration Card, Rice Card, AAY, RAP, or TAP card.
- Landholding limits under 35 acres and owning no more than one personal four-wheeler.
- India has joined a multinational initiative alongside the United States and **24 other nations** to guide the development of next-generation **6G telecommunications infrastructure**, launched on **September 7, 2026**. Establishing secure, competitive, future-proof wireless networks with ultra-low latency and advanced machine connectivity that will succeed 5G technology. India's participation was facilitated through high-level consultations between US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada, which also covered AI, data centers, and potential US investments in the **India Semiconductor Mission 2.0**. Tied closely to the **G20 Innovation Ministers' Meeting** (held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in September 2026), where participating nations adopted the G20 Innovation Ministerial Statement emphasizing emerging technologies and productivity.
- **Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra** was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the **Punjab and Haryana High Court**. The Oath administered by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria at the Punjab Lok Bhawan in Chandigarh. Notably, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his cabinet skipped the ceremony in protest. Previously served as a judge at the **Allahabad High Court** before being transferred to the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh embarked on a **three-day official visit to Sri Lanka** to strengthen bilateral defense and military cooperation between the two nations. Expanding maritime security collaboration in the Indian Ocean Region, enhancing joint military interoperability, and advancing strategic defense partnerships under India's **Neighbourhood First** policy. Defence industrial collaboration, capacity building, joint exercises, and ensuring regional stability and security in the southern Indian Ocean.
- Seventeen-year-old sprinter **Neil Samraj** (from Tamil Nadu) shattered the **Under-18 (U-18) 100m national record** twice within the span of an hour at the National Youth Athletics Championships in Ludhiana.

Record-Breaking Times:

- Clocked **10.53 seconds** in the semifinals (breaking the previous national mark of 10.63s set by Anshu Rajak in 2023).
- Further lowered it to a stunning **10.46 seconds** in the final to win the gold medal, cementing his status as India's fastest-ever U-18 sprinter.