

Highlights of 10 September 2026 Current Affairs

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) removed the requirement for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investing **exclusively in government securities (G-Secs)** to furnish investor-group details. Expanding on a September 2025 exemption (which previously applied only to the Fully Accessible Route), this new directive applies **irrespective of the investment route** used. Follows a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) circular from June 2026 that withdrew concentration limit requirements for FPIs investing in G-Secs via the General Route, rendering investor-group identification obsolete for these entities. Took effect immediately, with depositories, custodians, and Designated Depository Participants (DDPs) instructed to update their systems.
- The European Union announced a **€200 million (~\$232 million)** investment and partnership package for Greenland, unveiled in Nuuk. Jointly signed by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen, and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

Core Priority Sectors:

- **Critical Raw Materials:** Advancing sustainable mining ventures (such as the Amitsoq graphite project and Malmbjerg molybdenum project) to build resilient supply chains.
- **Digital Connectivity:** Upgrading satellite-based internet infrastructure across remote settlements in East and North Greenland.
- **Clean Energy:** Financing preparations for new hydropower plants and regional climate resilience.
- Following a successful trial run supervised by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the crucial **Dayod-Hanogi tunnel section** on the Kiratpur-Manali four-lane highway is set to open for public traffic. Part of the strategic Pandoh-Takoli project section (costing roughly ₹2,600 crore). Initially, two twin-tube tunnels measuring approximately **2.8 km and 650 meters** connected by a high-level bridge near Khotinalla will be opened. Bypasses one of the most hazardous, landslide-prone stretches along the Beas river between Mandi and Kullu, drastically reducing travel time, curbing bottleneck delays, and ensuring safer, all-weather connectivity for commuters and tourists heading to Kullu-Manali.
- The Himachal Pradesh government has introduced a mandatory **dress code for teachers** in all CBSE-affiliated schools across the state, set to take effect from **October 1**. Designed to promote professional decorum and discipline on campus, teachers are required to wear formal, decent attire while discouraging casual clothing like jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers during school hours. School principals and local education authorities have been tasked with monitoring compliance and ensuring uniformity across academic institutions.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in a major **14-day bilateral air exercise** with the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF). India has deployed its frontline fighter aircraft—**Tejas (Indigenous Light Combat Aircraft), Su-30MKI, and Rafale**—showcasing the nation's multi-role combat capabilities on the international stage. Enhancing tactical interoperability, mutual cooperation, and pilot proficiency between the two air forces while reinforcing defense ties within the Indo-Pacific security framework.

- Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** on an official bilateral visit to **Australia and New Zealand** commencing September 9, 2026, aimed at deepening maritime security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific. High-level talks with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Chief Vice Admiral Matthew Buckley and Australian defence leadership to review operational interaction, interoperability, and info-sharing. Bilateral consultations with Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) Chief Rear Admiral Garin Golding, building upon the newly established bilateral *Maritime Cooperation Arrangement* and Strategic Partnership. Joint maritime security, capacity building, emerging naval technologies, training exchanges, and regional stability.
- **John Ternus** officially assumed office as the **Chief Executive Officer of Apple**, succeeding Tim Cook. Cook, who served as CEO for 15 years, transitioned to the role of Executive Chairman of Apple's Board of Directors. A long-tenured company insider who joined Apple's product design team in 2001, Ternus previously served as the Senior Vice President of Hardware Engineering from 2021 to 2026, where he oversaw the development of major product lines including the iPhone, iPad, Mac, and AirPods.
- Himachal Pradesh was awarded a **national-level honour** in New Delhi on **International Literacy Day** (September 8, 2026) for successfully attaining fully literate state status. The state recorded an impressive literacy rate of **99.55%**, making it the **second-highest literate state** in the country after Goa (99.7%). Achieved through the implementation of the centrally sponsored **New India Literacy Programme (ULLAS)** across all 12 districts, registering nearly 94,930 learners and 19,232 volunteer teachers. The state government has now set an ambitious target of achieving **100% literacy during 2026–27**, shifting its focus toward lifelong learning, digital literacy, and vocational skills.
- **Karan Rajendra Darda** (Executive Director of Lokmat Media Group) was elected as the **President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS)** for the **2026–27** term. His appointment was announced during the 87th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the INS held on **September 7, 2026**, succeeding Vivek Gupta (Sanmarg).
- For the first time in its seven-decade history, the **National Film Awards ceremony** is moving out of New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan. The **72nd National Film Awards** ceremony will be hosted at **Ekta Nagar (Kevadia)**, Gujarat—near the Statue of Unity—on **September 22, 2026**. President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to present the honors to **92 award winners** from across the Indian film industry. A special structural dome with a seating capacity of around 1,000 guests has been arranged at the Statue of Unity bus bay area to host the landmark event.
- The 9th edition of **Rashtriya Poshan Maah** was launched on **September 9, 2026**, at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. **The Theme: “Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari”** (*Our Anganwadi Centers, Our Responsibility*), placing grassroots Anganwadi network operations at the core of community-led nutrition and early childhood development.
- UIDAI Launches Face Authentication SDK & Sandbox unveiled by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) at the **Global Fintech Fest 2026** in Mumbai. This allows banks, fintechs, and government bodies to embed UIDAI's native face authentication directly into their mobile apps (Android and iOS), eliminating the need for the secondary *Aadhaar FaceRD* app.