

Highlights of 11 September 2026 Current Affairs

- **TRISHNA** (*Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment*) is a joint Earth observation mission developed collaboratively by India's **ISRO** and the French space agency **CNES**. Planned for launch aboard India's **PSLV** into a **sun-synchronous orbit** at an altitude of **761 kilometers** with a 5-year design life. High-resolution monitoring of terrestrial water stress and usage, urban heat islands, glacier dynamics/snow-melt runoff, coastal/inland water quality, and volcanic thermal anomalies.
- Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** led a high-level state delegation at the **Odisha Investors Meet – UAE 2026** in Dubai. Showcasing Odisha's industrial ecosystem, port-led infrastructure, and ease of doing business to global investors, alongside deepening engagement with the non-resident **Odia diaspora**.
- The **One District One Cuisine (ODOC)** scheme is designed to identify, document, and globally promote traditional culinary heritage and signature local food items across administrative districts. First rolled out by the Government of Uttar Pradesh (initially launched during UP Day celebrations), mapping out hundreds of regional food specialties. Over **208 traditional dishes** have been mapped and documented across the state's 75 districts, encompassing a rich variety of street foods, sweets, beverages, and staple main courses.
- Nepal's Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, **Gauri Kumari Yadav**, submitted her resignation to Prime Minister Balendra Shah. She is the third minister to step down from the cabinet since the government took office in late March 2026. Her resignation followed intense political backlash and complaints from the private sector regarding a severe cooking gas (LPG) shortage in the Kathmandu Valley. During a parliamentary committee meeting, Yadav sharply criticized the private sector, accusing 58 operating gas companies of creating artificial shortages and defying government directives, threatening to revoke all of their operating licenses.
- Algeria officially severed diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), giving the Emirati ambassador **48 hours to leave the country**. Algiers cited a series of persistent, "**provocative and hostile acts**" and internal meddling after exhausting all diplomatic avenues to preserve bilateral relations. Alongside the diplomatic rupture, Algeria announced the **closure of its airspace to all UAE-registered civilian and military aircraft** (excluding commercial flights to Algiers airport temporarily scheduled through the end of 2026).
- The \$20 million contribution by Anuradha and Vikas Sinha to the University of North Texas marks a landmark milestone in higher education funding centered on deep-tech infrastructure. Having transitioned from civil engineering studies in India to prominent tech careers in the United States, the couple's donation emphasizes a commitment to fostering ethical, responsible, and practical mastery over next-generation technologies.
- **Nirmal district** in northern Telangana has emerged **first in India**, with women accounting for **78% of all informal workers**—the highest share recorded for any district nationwide. Based on the maiden district-level estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) from the **Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE)**. Nirmal also tops the country in terms of

women ownership, with **nearly 80% of its proprietary establishments owned by women.**

- SEBI & RBI Launch 'Demat 2.0' Pilot for Corporate Bond Tokenisation. Jointly announced by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey at the **Global Fintech Fest 2026** in Mumbai. **Demat 2.0** is a next-generation market infrastructure pilot testing the issuance, holding, trading, and settlement of corporate bonds using **Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT)** and smart contracts. Integrates directly with the Reserve Bank of India's wholesale **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC / e₹-W)** via the **Unified Market Interface (UMI)**, enabling instant **atomic settlement** (simultaneous transfer of funds and securities). The pilot successfully debuted with major issuances aggregating **₹1,025 crore** by entities like REC Limited, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), and IIFL. The initiative does not create a new asset class; tokenized bonds retain the exact same ISIN, legal character, rights, and regulatory framework as conventional dematerialized bonds.
- HDFC Bank successfully secured complete legal relief after the **High Civil Court of Bahrain** dismissed all **seven lawsuits** filed against the lender by investors regarding Credit Suisse Additional Tier 1 (AT1) bonds. The Bahrain court issued favorable final orders in the last two proceedings on **September 9, 2026**, following the rejection of five similar matters between July and August 2026. The Bahrain court issued favorable final orders in the last two proceedings on **September 9, 2026**, following the rejection of five similar matters between July and August 2026.