

Highlights of 14 September 2026 Current Affairs

- **Hindi Diwas** is observed annually across India on **September 14** to commemorate the adoption of Hindi (written in the Devanagari script) as the official language of the Union. On **September 14, 1949**, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the compromise formula (moving past intense debates between regional factions) recognizing Hindi as an official language under **Articles 343 to 351** of the Constitution. The tradition of celebrating Hindi Diwas officially began on **September 14, 1953**. Hindi is designated as the **Official Language (Rajbhasha)** of the Union of India, not the "National Language" (India recognizes no single national language to honor its rich linguistic diversity). On this day, the Union Government confers prestigious honors like the **Rajbhasha Awards** to ministries, public sector undertakings (PSUs), and nationalized banks for excellence in promoting Hindi. Not to be confused with **World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas)**, which is celebrated globally on **January 10**.
- German tennis star **Alexander Zverev** defeated American player Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-2 to win the **2026 US Open men's singles title**, claiming his second Grand Slam crown of the season after his French Open victory. This major win cements Zverev's dominance in a stellar year, while 23-year-old Ben Shelton marked a career-best performance by reaching his maiden Grand Slam final and rising to a career-high No. 4 world ranking.
- India defeated Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final in Dubai to claim a record-extending eighth Women's Asia Cup title. Powered by stellar half-centuries from Shafali Verma (68) and Smriti Mandhana (59), India posted a total of 183/5. In response, destructive spells from spinners Shree Charani (4/20) and Deepti Sharma (3/19) restricted Sri Lanka to 111, successfully avenging India's 2024 final defeat.
- Ganesh Chaturthi 2026 begins on September 14, marking the 10-day celebration of the birth of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. The auspicious time for installing the idol (*Ganesh Sthapana*) is between 11:02 AM and 1:31 PM, with the festival culminating in *Visarjan* on Anant Chaturdashi on September 25, 2026.
- India is hosting the **World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026** at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from **September 15 to 18, 2026**. This marks a major milestone as the first time the prestigious global event is being held in South Asia.
- India achieved a historic "golden double" at the **AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026** in Moqi, China, by winning both the men's and women's hockey titles.
- Following the conclusion of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated China as the incoming chair for **2027**, where it will host the **19th BRICS Summit**.
 - As the grouping enters its third decade, PM Modi emphasized that the international community expects tangible, practical outcomes from BRICS rather than mere declarations.
- India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to **9.92%** in August 2026, up from 9.78% in July, driven by increasing price pressures across fuel, food, and manufacturing sectors.
- **SEMICON India 2026** is the premier global conference and exhibition for the semiconductor and electronics industry. Marking its fifth edition, the event gathers

international chipmakers, policymakers, innovators, and investors to scale up India's rapidly growing semiconductor manufacturing and design ecosystem.

- India has taken a major step forward in its pursuit of clean, limitless nuclear fusion energy by successfully installing a new **82.6 GHz, 400 kW gyrotron** on the **Steady State Superconducting Tokamak (SST-1)** machine. The system is installed at the Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.