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Ladakh Launches India's First Snow Leopard Safari



- Ladakh launched India's first high-altitude wildlife safari focused on snow leopards during Wildlife Week celebrations in Leh.
- The initiative is implemented by the Snow Leopard and High-Altitude Nature (SHAN) Conservation Society, in collaboration with the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Ladakh.
- Proposed safari locations include Hemis National Park, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Nubra, Zaskar, Sham, Kargil and Drass.

India's First 3D-Printed Rural Housing Pilot Launched in A.P.

- The project was launched at Burripalem village in Guntur district, with houses planned in Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem.
- The project will construct 177 houses in Burripalem, Obulnayudupalem under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G).
- The Ministry of Rural Development is the central implementing authority, while the CSIR–Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, is involved in the project's technical planning and oversight, according to pre-launch reporting.

Nameri Tiger Reserve Receives CA|TS-Approved Status

- Nameri Tiger Reserve in Assam received Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS)-Approved status.
- CA|TS stands for Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards, a globally recognised framework for assessing the effectiveness of tiger conservation and protected-area management.
- CA|TS was launched in 2013 at the first Asian Parks Congress in Japan.

GST Council Removes Arrest Powers of Tax Officers

- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council recommended significant changes to the Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017, to rationalise offences and reduce compliance burdens.
- The Council recommended omission of Section 69 of the CGST Act, which provides for the power to arrest in specified GST-related offences.
- It recommended increasing the monetary threshold for prosecution from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore. The GST Council is a constitutional body established under Article 279A of the Constitution of India.

India and Mali Mark World Cotton Day at UN Headquarters



- India and Mali commemorated World Cotton Day on 7 October 2026 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States.
- Theme of event was "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership."
- Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, highlighted cotton's association with Mahatma Gandhi, the spinning wheel, self-reliance and India's freedom struggle.

Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Civilian Heroism Award



- Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, employed by Flydubai, will receive Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism for his bravery during a mid-air emergency.
- The incident occurred on 30 September 2026 aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also invited Machchhar to attend Israel's Independence Day celebrations.

Anne Carson Wins the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026



- Canadian poet, essayist and translator Anne Carson won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The award was announced by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm, Sweden.
- She was recognised for her bold and inventive literary works that engage with classical traditions and create new forms of contemporary literature.

Padma Shri Kathak Dancer Roshan Kumari Passes Away



- Renowned Indian classical dancer, choreographer and Padma Shri awardee Roshan Kumari passed away at the age of 82 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- She was a prominent exponent of Kathak, one of India's eight recognised classical dance forms, and belonged to the Jaipur gharana.
- She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathak in 1975 for her contribution to Indian classical dance.

IMPORTANT COMMODITY – LEADING COUNTRIES

Natural Rubber	–	Thailand
Cotton	–	India
Coffee	–	Brazil
Cocoa	–	Côte d'Ivoire
Tea	–	China
Jute	–	India
Palm Oil	–	Indonesia

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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World Post Day 2026 is observed on October 9 with the theme "One postal network, infinite possibilities".