

News Summary: October 1, 2025

Here's a summary of the news from the newspaper dated October 1, 2025.

National News: Electoral and Industrial Updates

Final Electoral Roll for Bihar Released

The **Election Commission** has released the final electoral roll for the upcoming **Bihar Assembly election**, listing **7.42 crore voters**. This follows a Special Intensive Revision (SIR, a standard process to update voter lists), the first in **22 years**, which involved removing **65 lakh names** from an initial draft and later adding over **21.53 lakh new voters**. The ruling parties in Bihar stated they welcomed the list, while the opposition RJD stated they would review it before commenting.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Bihar is India's third most populous state with over 12.4 crore population as per 2011 census.

9 Workers Killed at Ennore Power Plant

Nine migrant workers from Assam were killed and one was injured after scaffolding collapsed at a construction site for the **Ennore SEZ thermal power project** near **Chennai**. The workers were building the twenty-feet-high concrete arch in the power plant, when the structure gave way. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh for the families.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Tamil Nadu generates about 15% of India's total thermal power and has the second-highest installed power capacity after Gujarat.

Ladakh Unrest and Monsoon Report

Ladakh Unrest Continues

Following the Leh Apex Body's decision, the **Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA)** has also withdrawn from talks with the Centre scheduled for **October 6**. The groups have set conditions to resume dialogue, including an impartial judicial probe into the civilian killings during the **September 24** protests and the unconditional release of detainees. The Ladakh administration suspected detained activist Sonam Wangchuk of suggesting "self-immolation" and "overthrow of government," linking him to the protests. Meanwhile, the The Congress party has demanded a full investigation into the shooting of civilians.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Ladakh became a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, separated from Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 reorganization.

Monsoon Rainfall 8% Above Normal in 2025

India received **8% more monsoon rainfall** than normal this year, making it the **fifth-highest** since **2001**, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Rainfall was uneven across regions: northwest India received a record **27% excess**, while central and southern India also had above-average rain. Meanwhile, eastern and northeastern India faced a deficit, receiving only **80% of their usual rainfall**, the second-lowest since **2011**.

UPSC Prelims Fact: India receives about 75% of its annual rainfall during the Southwest Monsoon (June-September), crucial for agriculture and."

Key Context: NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) was established in **1986** under Ministry of Home Affairs and publishes annual 'Crime in India' reports since **1953**, serving as India's central repository of crime statistics.



NCRB "Crime in India 2023" Report

Road Accident Deaths

Over **1.73 lakh** people were killed in road accidents in **2023**, a **1.6% increase** from the previous year. Speeding and careless driving was the leading cause, accounting for nearly **46% of the victims**.

Farmer Suicides

A total of **10,786 farmers and agricultural workers** committed suicide in **2023**.

Crimes Against Children

Cases of crime against children saw a **9.2% increase**, with **1,77,335 cases** registered in **2023**.

International Relations

01

U.S. Gives Hamas Ultimatum on Gaza Peace Plan

President Donald Trump has given Hamas "three or four days" to respond to his 20-point peace plan for Gaza, which Israel has reportedly backed. The plan calls for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages within 72 hours, the disarmament of Hamas, and a gradual Israeli withdrawal. A temporary temporary transitional authority, headed by Mr. Trump, in charge of establishing security and humanitarian relief.

UPSC Prelims Fact: The Gaza Strip covers 365 sq km and is one of the most densely populated areas in the world with over 2 million people.

02

Jaishankar Meets Canadian Foreign Minister

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with his Canadian counterpart, Anita Anand, in New York, ahead of her visit to India on October 13-14. The meeting is expected to improve relations between both nations, which were strained in 2023. On their agenda were talks regarding ongoing investigations related to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar and the extradition process of Gurpatwant Pannun, who was implicated in a plot to assassinate another man.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Canada has the largest Sikh population outside India (about 7.7 lakh) and is home to over 18 lakh people of Indian origin.

03

Centre Invokes MLAT with Singapore in Zubeen Garg's Death Probe

The Indian government has formally invoked the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with Singapore to seek cooperation in the investigation into the death of Assamese singer Zubeen Garg. The treaty will allow Indian authorities full access to case details and assistance from Singaporean officials.

UPSC Prelims Fact: India has signed MLATs with 42 countries to facilitate cooperation in criminal investigations and asset recovery.

Economy & Business

 **Key Context:** ADB, headquartered in Manila, was established in 1966 and India is a founding member with 6.3% voting share, making it the 4th largest shareholder after Japan, USA, and China.

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- **ADB** Lowers **India's** Growth Forecast to **6.5%**: The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has downgraded **India's GDP** growth forecast for the current financial year to **6.5% from 6.7%**, citing the impact of the **50% tariffs** imposed by the U.S. The outlook for **2026-27** has also been revised downwards to **6.5%**.
- Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) pulled out ₹23,885 crore from Indian stocks in September, marking the third consecutive month of net outflows. Between January and September 2025, FPIs have withdrawn ₹1.54 lakh crore from Indian equities. Analysts attribute this to uncertainty over U.S. tariffs, while high valuations and a rotation of funds towards China have also been cited.

UPSC Prelims Fact: FPIs were regulated under SEBI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2019, replacing the earlier FII regime.

- The Centre has extended the **Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) incentive scheme** for exporters until **March 31, 2026**.

UPSC Prelims Fact: RoDTEP replaced the earlier Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Science & Technology

Scientists Warn Against Polar Geoengineering

A new study reports that **five prominent geoengineering concepts** proposed for polar regions—including **stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI)** and building **underwater sea walls**—are not viable and could cause severe, far-reaching environmental damage. The study concludes that these methods fail to meet essential criteria for responsible climate intervention and carry risks like "**termination shock**," where a sudden halt to a project could cause global temperatures to skyrocket. The authors emphasize that **lowering carbon emissions** remains the most promising way to address climate change.

UPSC Prelims Fact: The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the global average, a phenomenon known as Arctic Amplification, making it a focus for climate intervention studies

NASA's IMAP Mission to Study Heliosphere

NASA launched the **Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP)** on **September 24** to study the **heliosphere**—the protective bubble created by the sun's solar wind that shields the solar system from cosmic rays. The probe will travel to the **Sun-Earth Lagrange point 1 (L1)** to map the heliosphere's boundary, trace how particles are accelerated, and improve **space weather forecasting**.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Lagrange Points are positions in space where gravitational forces of two large bodies balance, creating stable orbital positions. L1 point is 1.5 million km from Earth towards the Sun

Sports



Women's ODI World Cup: India Beats Sri Lanka

India made a winning start to its Women's ODI World Cup campaign, defeating co-host Sri Lanka by **59 runs (DLS method)** in Guwahati. Despite an early wobble, India was powered by crucial half-centuries from all-rounder **Deepti Sharma (53)** and World Cup debutant **Amanjot Kaur (57)**. **Deepti** also starred with the ball, taking key wickets to help them to an unlikely victory.

UPSC Prelims Fact: The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup is held every 4 years, and India won it once in 2017 under Mithali Raj's captaincy



Sumit Antil Wins Third Straight World Title in Para Athletics

Two-time Paralympic champion **Sumit Antil** won his **third consecutive world title** in the men's javelin throw (**F64 category**), setting a new championship record with a throw of **71.37m**. India had a productive day, also securing a 1-2 finish in the F44 javelin, with **Sandip** and **Sandeep Chaudhary** taking silver.

UPSC Prelims Fact: Para Athletics classifications use letters (T for Track, F for Field) and numbers (11-20 for visual impairment, 31-38 for cerebral palsy, 40-47 for amputees)



Asia Cup Trophy Controversy Continues

The deadlock over the presentation of the **Asia Cup trophy** to India continues after the **BCCI** staged a walkout from an **ACC board meeting**. The move came after **ACC President Mohsin Naqvi** did not propose handing over the trophy during the meeting, following India's refusal to accept it from him at the final in **Dubai**.

UPSC Prelims Fact: The Asia Cup in cricket was first held in 1984 and is organized by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), with India being the most successful team with 8 titles