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India marks 10th anniversary of surgical strikes that demonstrated to the world a new example of Narendra Modi government's counter-terrorism policy. On September 28–29, 2016, Indian Army carried out targeted surgical strikes on terrorist launch pads across the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK). The operation was launched as a direct and decisive military response to the Uri terror attack earlier that month, where 19 Indian soldiers lost their lives. The anniversary highlights a decade of evolved national security measures. The government noted that the resolve shown in 2016 laid the groundwork for subsequent bold actions, including the 2019 Balakot airstrike and Operation Sindoor in 2025. In his Mann ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the 2016 surgical strike against terrorist hideouts as a historic milestone. He said, the surgical strike highlighted the role of the Indian Army in carrying out the operation across the LoC. Mr Modi recalled how the world was astonished by the manner in which Indian soldiers crossed the LoC to take action against terrorism. Prime Minister said that India's counter-terrorism approach has continued to evolve over the past decade, citing the Balakot airstrike and Operation Sindoor as examples.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said, India seeks global stability, but not at the cost of its strategic autonomy. Mr Singh was addressing a Defence Conclave in New Delhi yesterday . He said, India does not seek to occupy the territory of any country but will take all necessary measures to protect its security and strategic autonomy if threatened. He said, as long as a neighbouring country continues to support terrorism, India is entitled to take all necessary measures against it.

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah flagged off the country's first LNG-powered train from Sabarmati station in Gujarat yesterday , marking railways' shift towards cleaner energy. The train uses a dual-fuel system powered by diesel and Liquefied Natural Gas. The initiative is being seen as a step towards greener rail transport and India's net-zero carbon goals. Mr Shah also launched a series of railway development projects worth more than 1,500 crore rupees. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Mr Shah said, Indian Railways has undergone major transformation over the past 12 years.

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The proposed three-day nationwide bank strike which was to begin from today has been deferred. It was confirmed by All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA). The decision in this regard was taken following an agreement with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). In a social media post, the AIBEA said that this decision was taken after a meeting held between the Indian Banks' Association and the United Forum of Bank Unions last night on the issues related to the strike.

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The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying will launch the Livestock Insurance Portal in New Delhi today. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh will launch the portal, marking an important milestone in the digital transformation of livestock insurance services in the country. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying said that the portal will provide a single, integrated digital platform for livestock insurance. It will enable streamlined policy issuance, claim processing, monitoring and reporting, in case of animals insured under the Livestock Insurance Scheme. The Portal will also be available in 11 regional languages apart from Hindi and English, enabling livestock farmers to access information and services in languages familiar to them.

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And, Assam Rifles observed World Tourism Day 2026 by organising a Community Clean-Up Drive at Zubza yesterday. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness, civic responsibility and the importance of maintaining clean and sustainable surroundings. The clean-up drive witnessed active participation by Assam Rifles personnel and members of the local community. Participants undertook cleanliness activities in and around the designated areas, contributing towards a cleaner and healthier environment.

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