

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 16-23 (PART 1)

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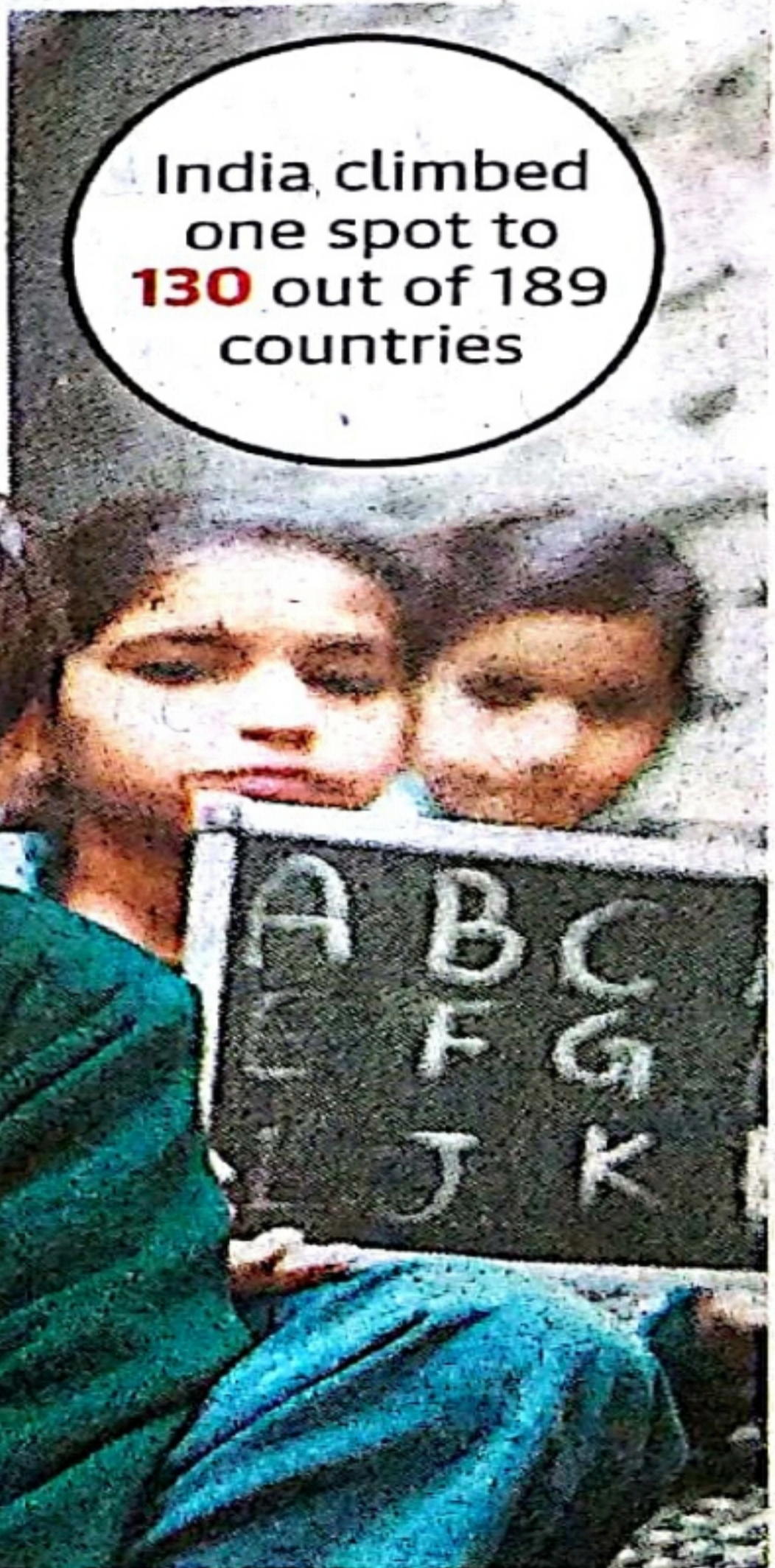
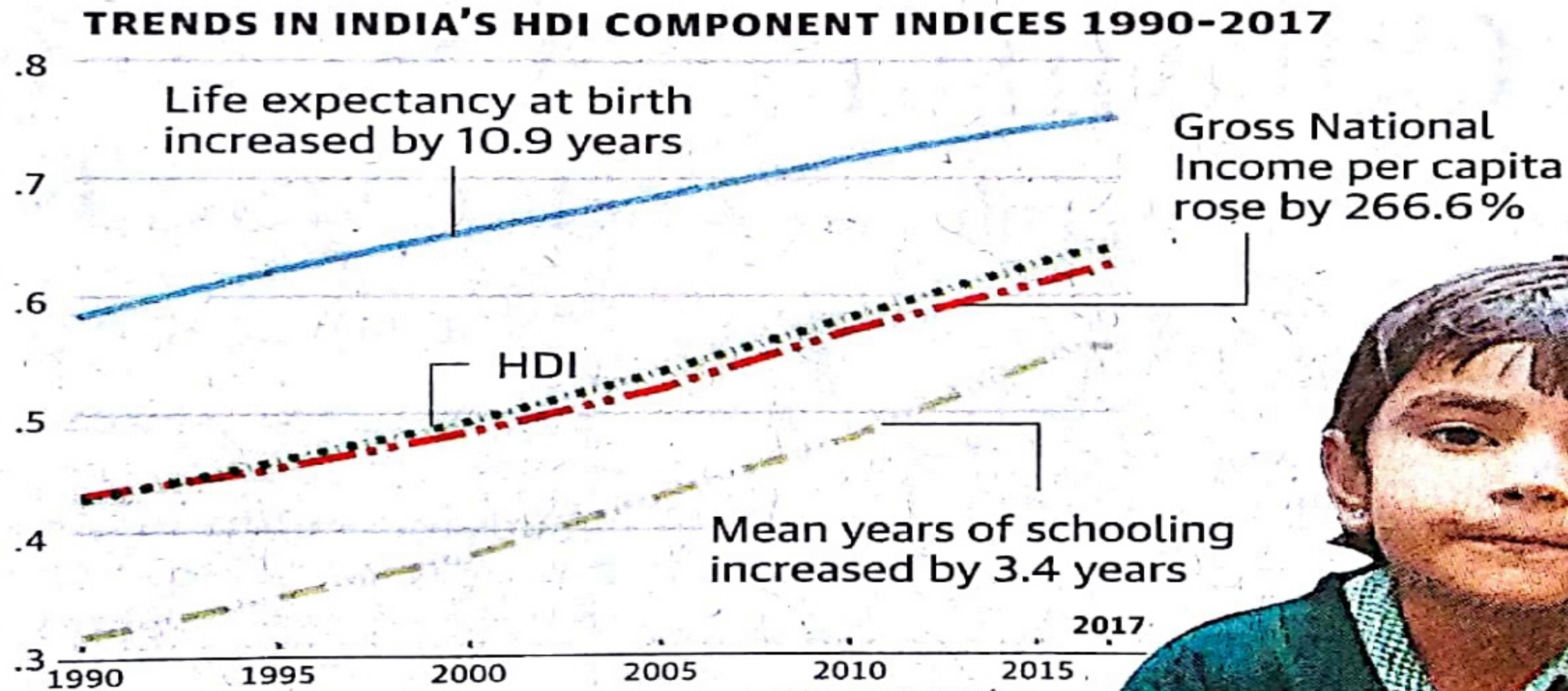
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1. Human Development Index(HDI)

- HDI released by UNDP
- India climbed spot to 130 out of 189 countries
- HDI assessed on 3 dimensions:
 1. *Life expectancy at birth*
 2. *Mean years of schooling*
 3. *Per Capita Income*

Progress amid **inequality**

India's Human Development Index value for 2017 is 0.640 - a 49.8% rise from the 1990 figure. But, as inequality in a country increases, the loss in human development also increases. Thus, when India's HDI value is adjusted for inequality, it falls to 0.468 (IHDI) - a loss of 26.8%



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HDI assesses three dimensions:
A long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living

▪ However, due to inequality in the distribution of the HDI dimension indices, inequality-adjusted HDI is measured

2. Government steps to stabilise rupee

- Dollar outflows, trade wars and high global crude oil prices have hit India despite strong fundamentals.
- Government plans to take measures to cut down “non-necessary” imports, ease overseas borrowing norms for the manufacturing sector and relax rules around banks raising masala bonds, or rupee-denominated overseas bonds.

3. Hyderabad Karnataka Vimochana Day

- The Nizam refused to accede to India until his rule was overthrown by force.
- Following the 'police action' against the Nizam, Hyderabad province and its citizens became independent on **17 September 1948**.
- This day is celebrated by the Karnataka government as the Hyderabad-Karnataka liberation day.

■ Added to this was the failure of the State Governments, after Kannada-speaking areas in the Hyderabad province consisting of Gulbarga, Raichur, Bidar and Koppal districts, popularly known as Hyderabad Karnataka region, merged with the Mysore State in 1956, to focus attention and bring these districts on par with the developed districts of the State.

4. Swachhata Hi Seva Movement

- The movement aims at fulfilling Bapu's dream of a Clean India.
- The objective of the campaign is to mobilise people between 15th September and 2nd October, reigniting the "jan aandolan" for sanitation.
- Launched by Ministry of Sanitation & Drinking Water.

5. Hyderabad International Airport

- Hyderabad International Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport) was awarded Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award in the 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category.
- The award was bestowed in recognition of airport's relentless efforts towards service excellence and customer delight.

5. Govt. links Pravasi Divas with Kumbh

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is a celebratory day observed on 9 January by the Republic of India to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.
- The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January 1915.

- The 15th edition of the event will be held in January 2019 in Varanasi, close to the site of the 'Ardh Kumbh' in Allahabad.
- The government has decided to move the date to facilitate NRI Kumbh Mela visitors, and “maximise their experience” during their visit to India.

6.ZBNF

- Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), developed by Subhash Palekar, a 69-year-old farm philosopher from Maharashtra.
- It can ensure a minimum annual income of ₹3 lakh an acre for farmers.

- What exactly is ZBNF?
- It means compensating the cost of production of the main crop by the income from inter-crops.
- Also, none of the farm inputs should be purchased from the market.
- We should be able to either prepare or get all these inputs at our own farm.
- More importantly, the inputs should not harm natural resources such as the soil and environment

7. MPLADS

- The MPLADS allots 5 crore per year to each Member of Parliament (MP) to be spent on projects of their choice in their constituency.
- The scheme is funded and administered through the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Projects are to be recommended to and implemented by the district-level administration.

8. The Green Agriculture Project

- The Green Agriculture project synergises biodiversity conservation, agriculture production, and development
- It is being implemented in five landscapes adjoining Protected Areas/Biosphere Reserves: Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

- It envisages a transformation in Indian agriculture for global environmental benefits by addressing land degradation, climate change mitigation, sustainable forest management, and biodiversity conservation.
- FAO is partner organisation in implementation of project.

9. Ozone Day

- 16 September - World Ozone Day,
- Theme of 2018 - “keep cool and carry on” by celebrating the work so far, continuing to protect the ozone layer and accelerating action to take an even bigger bite out of climate change.

10. Montreal Protocol

- The Montreal Protocol, the international treaty that protects the ozone layer, has been also keeping our planet cooler for years,
- It helped phase out ozone-depleting substances that are also potent warming gases.

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