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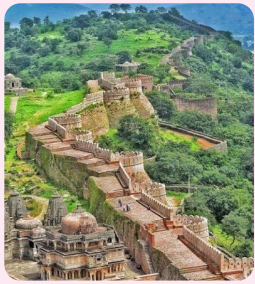
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NATIONAL EVENTS

Kumbhalgarh Fort Recognized as World's Second Longest Continuous Wall by UNESCO

May 25, 2026

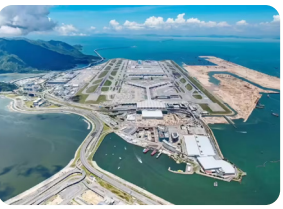
UNESCO survey has recognized the Kumbhalgarh Fort as the second longest continuous intact wall in the world after the Great Wall of China. This fort is located in Rajsamand district of Rajasthan and it one of the medieval architecture marvels which showcases the Rajput engineering, military strategy and cultural heritage. The wall runs through the mountains, forests and valleys and making it as India's one of the most remarkable engineering feats.



India's First Offshore Airport Approved in Maharashtra

June 30, 2026

Maharashtra is set to become home to India's first offshore airport, marking a major milestone in the country's aviation infrastructure. The ambitious project has



Narendra Modi Becomes India's Longest Continuously Serving Elected Prime Minister

June 10, 2026

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved the yet another historic milestone in his political journey on 10th of June, 2026. As on 10th of June he completed 4,399 consecutive days in office and he surpassed the record of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru and became the country's longest continuously serving elected Prime Minister. This achievement showcases his popularity, electoral dominance and strong leadership over more than a decade.



received in-principle approval from Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. The airport will be developed off the coast of Palghar district and is expected to significantly improve air connectivity in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). The project aims to address the growing demand for aviation infrastructure while overcoming land constraints in one of India's most densely populated regions.

India Ranks 13th in QS World Future Skills Index 2027

June 24, 2026

India has secured the 13th position in the QS World Future Skills Index of 2027 and it highlights the country's growing readiness for the artificial intelligence-driven future. The latest report which was released by the global higher education analytics firm QS has recognized India as one of the strongest-performing lower-middle-income



economies in preparing for the AI-led economic transformation.

Department of Posts Starts Drone-Based Mail Transmission in Remote Himachal Areas

June 15, 2026

The Department of Posts has launched the drone-based mail transmission service in Himachal Pradesh. It started transporting mail and parcels through drones between Mandi Head Post Office and Rehardhar Branch Post Office and will dramatically reduce the delivery time in the difficult mountainous terrain. This initiative reflects the government's focus on the emerging technologies which improve the public service delivery and strengthen connectivity in remote regions of country.



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Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, formally known as 'National Child Award', is awarded by the Government of India, to children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments in six categories- Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports. It is India's Highest Civilian Honour bestowed upon exceptional achievers in the age group 5-18 years and carries a cash reward of INR. 1,00,000/-.



Pooja Pal, a 17-year-old from Agehra village in Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, created a low-cost, "Dust-Free Thresher" to reduce agricultural air pollution. Using scrap metal, tin sheets, and a fan, her machine traps flying husk and dust particles in an internal water container.



Her inspiring creation was driven by a simple observation: she noticed children coughing and choking on dust near traditional wheat threshers. Despite growing up in a home without electricity or toilets, the daughter of a daily-wage laborer took matters into her own hands.

The "Bhusa-Dhool Separation Machine" filters out harmful agricultural particles, protecting farmers and children from breathing toxic dust.

Her grassroots innovation earned her the prestigious national INSPIRE Award. Pooja was selected as the only student from Uttar Pradesh to join 53 other students from across India for the Sakura Science High School Programme in Japan.

Quiz - 21

CURRENT AFFAIRS

- Niokolo-Koba National Park, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?
- National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually in India on which day?
- Satkosia Tiger Reserve is located in which state?
- The Malaprabha River, that was recently seen in news, is a tributary of which river?
- Who has recently been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
- Mount Erebus, that was recently seen in news, is located in which continent?
- Which country launched its first space weather monitoring satellite SOLAR-1?
- The 'Flamingo Revolution', that was recently in news, is associated with which country?
- The Hargila Bird is primarily found in which two Indian states?
- The Arul Mihu Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple, that was recently seen in news, is located in which country?
- Ulsoor Lake, that was recently seen in news, is located in which city?
- The 2nd edition of the "Mango Magic Festival" was held in which country?

Quiz-20 Answers

- Karnataka
- Leh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Dengue
- Chandigarh
- Assam
- Karnataka
- Bangladesh
- April 7
- Deendayal Port (Gujarat)

Answers to Quiz-21 in the next issue.

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Science and Information Technology

LMO Contactless Load Measurement System

July 1, 2026

India's Technology Development Board (TDB), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), provided financial assistance to Puretronics India Private Limited on 30 June 2026 for the commercialisation of its Load Magnetic Overload (LMO) Sensor. The company describes the LMO Sensor as India's first fully contactless programmable load measurement system.



What is Brachy bacterium netajii?

June 29, 2026

Brachy bacterium netajii is a newly identified bacterial species isolated from the Hooghly River in West Bengal, India. The strain was obtained from areas affected by industrial runoff and was proposed as Brachy bacterium netajii sp. nov. after polyphasic taxonomic characterisation of strain DNPG3T.



Bioremediation is the use of microorganisms, plants, or enzymes to break down pollutants into less harmful substances. Brachy bacterium netajii degrades p-nitrophenol (PNP), a toxic industrial chemical used in dyes and pesticides, into harmless by-products.

Lake Laach Magma Reservoir Mapped in 3D

June 27, 2026

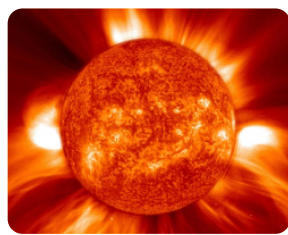
Lake Laach, also called Laacher See, is a volcanic lake in the Eifel volcanic region of western Germany. A German research team used passive seismology, microearthquake data and fibre-optic sensing to map the magma reservoir beneath the lake in three dimensions.



Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejections Thermal Evolution

July 2, 2026

Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejections (ICMEs) are large solar eruptions that travel from the Sun to Earth and interact with the solar wind and the geomagnetic field. A long-term statistical study by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, examined ICME thermal behaviour at 1 Astronomical Unit (AU) using observations from 1995 to 2024 across Solar Cycles 23, 24 and the rising phase of 25.



heat on 26 June 2026 at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu. The facility uses the Copper-Chlorine thermochemical cycle and receives nuclear process heat from the Fast Breeder Test Reactor. Hydrogen can be produced by thermochemical water-splitting processes that use heat instead of direct electricity for part of the chain reaction.

NASA Rover Detects Complex Carbon Molecules on Mars

June 25, 2026

NASA's Perseverance rover detected complex, macromolecular carbon in two Martian mudstones on 24 June 2026. The samples came from the Bright Angel outcrop in Neretva Vallis within Jezero Crater on Mars. Jezero Crater contains an ancient lake basin and delta deposits that are used in planetary science to study past water activity on Mars.



PM Pushes e-Zero FIR Rollout for Cybercrime

June 25, 2026

On 24 June 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 52nd PRAGATI meeting and directed states to implement the integrated digital e-Zero FIR system for cyber fraud cases. The system is linked to the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs and is designed for high-value cyber financial fraud complaints. A Zero FIR can be registered at any police station, regardless of territorial jurisdiction, before transfer to the competent police station for investigation. The system is meant for complaints of financial fraud above ₹10 lakh that are filed through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal or the helpline number 1930.



India Inaugurates Nuclear-Heat Hydrogen Facility

June 27, 2026

India inaugurated the world's first hydrogen production facility using nuclear process



India Conducts First Jet Aircraft GAGAN Landing

June 27, 2026

India conducted its first satellite-based landing system approach on a jet engine aircraft on 27 June 2026 at Udaipur airport. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation used an IndiGo Airbus A320 for the approach through GAGAN, which is India's Satellite-Based Augmentation System for civil aviation. GAGAN stands for GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation developed jointly by the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Airports Authority of India.



Jonathan Becomes World's Oldest Known Land Animal

June 19, 2026

Jonathan, a Seychelles giant tortoise classified as Aldabrachelys gigantea hololissa, is estimated to be 194 years old in 2026. He is recognised as the world's oldest known living land animal and lives on the grounds of Plantation House in Saint Helena, a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean. On 17 June 2026, Jonathan was named a Guinness World Records Icon.



23 June 2026. The system is installed at the National Supercomputing Center in Shenzhen and recorded a performance of 2.198 exaflops, equal to more than 2 quintillion calculations per second.

Five Eyes Warns of AI Cybersecurity Risks

June 23, 2026

The Five Eyes intelligence alliance issued a joint warning on 22-23 June 2026 on cybersecurity risks linked to advanced artificial intelligence models. The alliance comprises cybersecurity agencies from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The alliance has long coordinated on signals intelligence and cyber security matters.



Plastic-Eating Bacteria Break Down PVC Microplastics

June 19, 2026

Researchers at the Faculty of Science, Cairo University in Egypt identified bacterial strains capable of degrading polyvinyl chloride (PVC) microplastics in June 2026. Polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, is a synthetic polymer used in pipes, cables, flooring, packaging, and medical products. The study was published in Microbial Cell Factories and indexed in the National Library of Medicine.



NASA Names Artemis III Crew for Historic 2027 Moon Mission Test Flight

June 10, 2026

NASA has announced the crew for the Artemis III mission which is scheduled for the 2027. This mission will serve as the critical test flight designed to validate the complex spacecraft rendezvous and docking operations in the Earth orbit before future lunar landings. It features the both NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA).

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PM Narendra Modi Conferred Seychelles' 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' Presidential Distinction

June 29, 2026

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' Presidential honour. Respectable President of Seychelles Dr Patrick Herminie conferred this award on 28th June, 2026 to Indian Prime Minister. This recognition highlights the growing role of the PM Modi's in the areas like climate action, Blue Economy promotion, environmental conservation, and the sustainable development.



Zojila Tunnel Breakthrough Achieved: India Nears All-Weather Connectivity with Ladakh

June 10, 2026

On 9th of June, 2026 India had achieved the successful breakthrough of the main tunnel of the Zojila Tunnel Project at Minamarg in Ladakh's Kargil district. This breakthrough brings the country one step close to establishing the year around connectivity between the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. This project is expected to improve the transportation, tourism, trade, regional development and strategic military mobility at the India's one of the challenging mountainous regions.



Bharat Taxi Launched in Gujarat

June 29, 2026

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has officially launched the Bharat Taxi in the State of Gujarat on 27th June, 2026. Bharat Taxi is designed around the government's vision of "Sahakar Se Samridhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation) and Bharat Taxi seeks to provide drivers, called as "Sarathis", with ownership, financial security and dignity while offering commuters reliable transport services. This platform currently supports multiple transport categories, including the two-wheelers, auto-rickshaws and four-wheel taxis. Its objective is to create a transparent and sustainable transport ecosystem that will directly benefit both commuters and service providers.



MY Bharat Earns Guinness World Records Title for Largest Online Quiz Participation

June 5, 2026

India's Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) has been awarded a Guinness World Records (GWR) title for the highest number of users completed an online quiz within one week. This recognition was earned via Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) Quiz which had witnessed the massive participation from young citizens across the country.



India Sets Record with 7 Schools Shortlisted for World's Best School Prizes 2026

June 27, 2026

Indian schools have achieved the milestone as total 7 Indian schools secured places in Top 10 for the World's Best School Prizes 2026. It is the highest number of schools shortlisted by any other country in just single year after the prestigious awards commenced in 2022. This achievement highlights the global recognition of the Indian schools in areas such as innovation, community engagement, environmental action and excellence in education.



International Events

Italy Becomes the UNESCO World Heritage Capital with 61 Protected Sites

June 29, 2026

Italy has officially become the UNESCO World Heritage Capital after reaching 61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the highest number recorded by any country in the world. This remarkable achievement highlights Italy's extraordinary cultural heritage, ancient history, architectural marvels, and breath taking natural landscapes.



Out of the 61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 55 are Cultural Heritage Sites and 6 are Natural Heritage Sites, reflecting the country's unparalleled contribution to world civilization. The recognition further strengthens Italy's position as one of the world's most visited cultural tourism destinations.

UPI to Become Operational in Seychelles

June 29, 2026

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is targeted to become operational in Seychelles by the end of 2026. India and Seychelles signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for UPI implementation during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Seychelles, which concluded on 29 June 2026.



UN Chief António Guterres Launches Global Methane Action Plan Amid Escalating Climate Crisis

June 24, 2026

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has issued strong warning about the growing dangers of climate change. He was speaking in London during the period of the unusually high temperatures and he revealed a new global Call to Action on Methane and urged the governments, industries, and technology companies to take immediate steps to reduce emissions.



UAE Sets Minimum Social Media Age at 15

June 18, 2026

The United Arab Emirates Cabinet approved a resolution on 18 June 2026 that sets 15 years as the minimum age for creating, using, or operating personal social media accounts. The rule applies to social media platforms available in the UAE

or targeting users in the country, including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube. Users aged 15 and 16 are allowed to access social media with enhanced protective measures, including age-appropriate content classification, restricted interaction with unknown users, regulated usage time, and parental controls.

Telangana-Iran Agreement to Digitise Rare Manuscripts

June 15, 2026

The Department of Heritage, Telangana signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Noor International Microfilm Centre, Iran Cultural House, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Delhi, on 15 June 2026 for the digitisation, preservation, conservation, and cataloguing of rare manuscripts, paintings, books, and archival records.



India Appoints Rudra Gaurav Shresth as Türkiye Envoy

June 12, 2026

On 11 June 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs appointed Rudra Gaurav Shresth as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Türkiye. He is an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1999 batch and was serving as India's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran before this posting.



Canada Plans Social Media Ban for Under-16 Users

June 9, 2026

Canada's federal government announced plans on 8 June 2026 to introduce legislation that

Operation Amistad: India Launches Humanitarian Relief Mission to Venezuela After Devastating Earthquake

June 27, 2026

Balendra Shah who is popularly known as 'Balen' was sworn as the country's 47th Prime Minister on March 27, 2026. The 35-year-old leader from the Rastriya Swatantra Party took oath at the President's Office in Sheetal Niwas. His appointment was made by President Ram Chandra Paudel under constitutional provisions and its shows change in the Nepal's political outlook.



Haldia Seaport Designated as Immigration Post

June 23, 2026

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs designated Haldia seaport in West Bengal as an immigration post on 22 June 2026. The notification made Haldia the 41st seaport immigration post along India's coastline. An immigration post is a notified entry or exit point where immigration clearance is carried out for foreign nationals and Indian citizens travelling across international borders.



France to Get First Traditional Hindu Temple Built with Indian Stones

June 19, 2026

France set to witness the historic inauguration of its first traditional Hindu temple and it is scheduled for the September 2026. This announcement was made by the members of the Indian diaspora in France and it is as a proud moment for the Hindu community and the symbol of the growing cultural ties between India and France.



includes a ban on social media use for children under 16 years of age. The proposal is part of a wider online harms bill that is expected to be tabled in the House of Commons on 10 June 2026.

PERSON IN NEWS

Green Oscars 2026: Two Indian Women Win Prestigious Whitley Awards for Environmental Conservation

June 25, 2026

India has once again earned global recognition in environmental conservation as two remarkable Indian women were honoured with the 2026 Whitley Awards, popularly known as the Green Oscars. The award recognises outstanding grassroots conservation leaders from across the world for their efforts in protecting biodiversity and restoring ecosystems. The Indian winners this year are Parveen Shaikh and Dr Barkha Subba, who were recognised for their impactful conservation work and were each awarded £50,000 to support their ongoing environmental initiatives.



Sudarsan Pattnaik Becomes First Indian to Win Russia Grand Sand Master Cup 2026

June 13, 2026

Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik from Odisha became the first Indian to win the prestigious Russia Grand Sand Master Cup of 2026. He received this award at the II International Festival of Sand Sculpture in Russia on 11th of June, 2026. Pattnaik was honoured for his exceptional contribution to the sand art and his thought provoking sculpture highlighting the issue of Global Warming.



Indian soldiers win first World Rowing Cup gold

June 30, 2026

Indian soldiers Havildars Lakshay and Ujjwal Kumar Singh won India's first gold medal at a World Rowing Cup on 27 June 2026. They are serving members of the Indian Army and are associated with the Army Rowing Node in Pune. The medal came at World Rowing Cup Stage 3 in Lucerne, Switzerland, in the Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x) event. The Indian pair finished the race in 6 minutes and 26.09 seconds.



Save Environment

White-rumped Vulture Conservation Challenges

July 1, 2026

The white-rumped vulture is a Critically Endangered scavenger bird listed under the IUCN Red List. It occurs in South and South-East Asia, and its conservation involves poisoning control, carcass management, captive breeding, and protection from power line hazards.

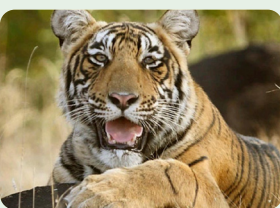


Vultures feed on animal carcasses and help remove carrion from the environment. Their decline has been linked to carcass poisoning, habitat change, and electrocution from overhead power infrastructure.

Satkosia Tiger Reserve Tiger Reintroduction Gets NTCA Approval

July 1, 2026

Satkosia Tiger Reserve in Odisha received in-principle approval from the National Tiger Conservation Authority on 30 June 2026 for resuming tiger reintroduction. The reserve had



no tigers at the time of the June 2026 assessment, and the earlier reintroduction attempt in 2018 had failed.

All-India Tiger Estimation 2026

June 29, 2026

The sixth cycle of the All-India Tiger Estimation (AITE) began in January 2026 across India. The exercise uses field surveys, camera traps and genetic sampling to assess tiger numbers and habitat conditions.



The All-India Tiger Estimation is a nationwide wildlife census for Panthera tigris. India conducted the previous estimation in 2022, when the tiger population was estimated at 3,682, which was about 75% of the global wild tiger population.

India Reaches Landmark of 100 Ramsar Sites with Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary

June 5, 2026

India achieved the significant milestone in the environmental conservation as the Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary which is popularly known as the Surha

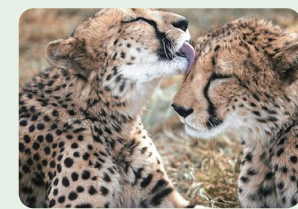


Tal in the state of Uttar Pradesh has become the 100th Ramsar Sites of the India. This was announced on the World Environment Day 2026 and it marks another achievement of India's efforts to protect wetlands and biodiversity. Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed happiness after the recognition and praises the country's commitment to preserving the ecologically important ecosystems.

Cheetahs Roar Back in India After 70 Years, Mission Hits Major Milestone

May 22, 2026

India's ambitious restoration mission Project Cheetah is showing the strong momentum as the India's cheetah population rises to 53 which includes 33 cheetahs born in India. Cheetah were once declared extinct in the country and now making a remarkable comeback through one of the conservation programs.



Project Great Indian Bustard Adds Three New Chicks, Captive Population Reaches 94

June 15, 2026

India's efforts to save the critically endangered

species the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) has achieved another milestone as the Respectable Union Environment Minister Bhopender Yadav has announced that the three new chicks have recently been added to the Project Great Indian Bustard (GIB) conservation breeding program. With these inclusions, the captive population of the GIB has reached to 94 birds and showcases the steady progress for conservation.



Delhi Gets 18 New Namoo Oxygen Parks Under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign

June 6, 2026

On World Environment Day 2026, the Government of India and the Delhi Government have inaugurated the total 18 Namoo Oxygen Parks across Delhi under the nationwide 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. The parks have been developed to function as the urban green lungs, helping to improve air quality, enhance biodiversity and to provide recreational spaces for citizens.



Sports

World's Tallest Lionel Messi Statue Revealed in Argentina as a Historic Tribute

June 23, 2026

As Lionel Messi become the FIFA World Cup top scorer in the history of the game. So, Argentina has revealed the world's tallest statue which is dedicated to the football icon Lionel Messi. His massive 26 metre and 70 tonnes monument announcement has quickly become the major attraction for the football fans and tourists all around the world.



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Smashes Fastest List A Fifty in History During India A vs Sri Lanka A Final

June 22, 2026

India's teenage sensation and young prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi smashed the fastest half century ever recorded in the List-A cricket during the Tri-Nation Series final between India A and Sri Lanka A on 21st of June, 2026. He scored the fifty in just 11 deliveries at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium and broke the 20-year-old record and announced himself as the one of the brightest young talents in world cricket.



Cristiano Ronaldo Becomes First Player to Score in Six FIFA World Cups

June 24, 2026

Football legend and global icon Cristiano Ronaldo achieved historic milestone as he becomes the first player in football history to score in the six different FIFA World Cup tournaments. He achieved the milestone during Portugal's dominant 5-0 victory over Uzbekistan in the 2026 FIFA World Cup. This historic performance came after the disappointing result from the first match against DR Congo.



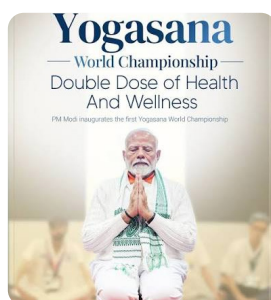
across the United States, Canada and Mexico, Messi surpassed Germany's legendary striker Miroslav Klose and reached a record tally of 18 World Cup goals. At the same time, France's Kylian Mbappé has intensified the race by reaching 16 goals, equalling Klose's previous benchmark and emerging as the strongest contender to challenge Messi's newly created record.



PM Modi Inaugurates First World Yogasana Championship 2026 in Ahmedabad

June 5, 2026

Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the First World Yogasana Championship 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 4th of June, 2026. This event brings together the athletes from different countries and it represents the major step toward establishing Yogasana as the competitive sport at the international level.



FIFA World Cup 2026: Lionel Messi Becomes All-Time Leading Goal Scorer, Mbappé Narrows the Gap

June 23, 2026

The FIFA World Cup 2026 has added another historic moment to football's biggest stage as Argentina captain Lionel Messi became the highest goal scorer in FIFA World Cup history. During the ongoing tournament hosted

History Created! Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Cricketer Ever to Play 200 T20 Internationals

June 22, 2026

Indian Captain Harmanpreet Kaur has achieved the historic milestone as she became the first player in the history of cricket, whether it's men's or women's, to feature in 200 T20 Internationals. She has achieved this milestone against South Africa in an ongoing Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in Old Trafford, Manchester.



Satwik-Chirag Create History, Win Singapore Open 2026 Men's Doubles Title

June 1, 2026

Indian Badminton duo Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have won the Singapore Open 2026 men's doubles title. This victory not just ended their two-year wait for the BWF World Tour trophy but also created history as they have become the first Indian doubles pair to win the prestigious Singapore Open. They defeated the world No. 3 Indonesians Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Shohibul Fikri in the exciting final which had lasted 73 minutes.



RCB Win IPL 2026 Final by 5 Wickets, Defend Title Against Gujarat Titans

May 31, 2026

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 title by defeating Gujarat Titans (GT) by 5 wickets in the final played at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. After winning the toss, RCB opted to bowl first and restricted Gujarat Titans to 155/8 in 20 overs. Washington Sundar was the top scorer for GT with an unbeaten 50 runs off 37 balls, while Rasikh Salam Dar starred for RCB with 3 wickets for 27 runs. Chasing



Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Norway Chess 2026 Title

June 6, 2026

India's young chess prodigy Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian ever to win the prestigious Norway Chess tournament. The 20 year old Chennai born player produced the brilliant performance in the final round and defeated the Germany's Vincent Keymer to claim the prestigious title. His victory is landmark achievement.



156 runs for victory, RCB successfully reached the target with five wickets in hand to defend their IPL crown and become back-to-back champions.

India's Esha Singh Wins Gold with World Record Score at ISSF World Cup Munich

May 29, 2026

Esha Singh delivered the excellent performance of her career at the SSF World Cup in Munich and created the history by world record breaking gold medal in the women's 25m pistol event. She did just this at the age of 21 and outperformed the biggest names in the international shooting which includes Paris Olympic Champion Yang Jinn and former world champion Doreen Vennekamp.



Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Hits Record 65 Sixes in IPL 2026, Surpasses Chris Gayle

May 28, 2026

A fifteen-year-old teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, as he broke the iconic record of Chris Gayle for most sixes in single edition of IPL. He achieved this milestone against the Sunrisers Hyderabad in Eliminator of IPL 2026 at Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium in New Chandigarh. He also became the youngest player to score the 600 runs in an IPL season.

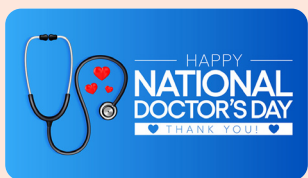


Health and Fitness

National Doctors' Day 2026

July 1, 2026

On July 1st, every year India celebrates National Doctors' Day and recognises the dedication, compassion and invaluable services of doctors who work tirelessly to safeguard public health. This day recognizes the medical professionals who diagnose illnesses, perform life-saving treatments and stand at the forefront during health emergencies. The day adds significance as it not just highlights the achievements of doctors but also their own physical and mental well-being.



Aarogya Setu 2.0 and ABDM Launch

June 29, 2026

Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda launched Aarogya Setu 2.0 and linked digital health initiatives on 29 June 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Aarogya Setu 2.0 has been redesigned from



a COVID-19 contact-tracing application into a Personal Health Record application under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The application allows users to create and manage an Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), share digital health records with consent, and use a scan-and-share facility for registration at healthcare facilities.

Anaemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan Guidelines Released

June 29, 2026

The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister released the operational guidelines for the Anaemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan in New Delhi on 29 June 2026. It is a public health programme for prevention, detection, and management of anaemia in priority population groups. Anaemia is a condition marked by low haemoglobin concentration in blood and is commonly linked with iron deficiency, folate deficiency, vitamin B12 deficiency, chronic disease, and parasitic infections.



e-Sushrut@Clinic Digital Health System

June 29, 2026

The Union Health Ministry is set to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic Digital Health System on 29 June 2026 in New Delhi. Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda will unveil the platform, which is a cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) for small outpatient clinics, primary health centres, health and wellness centres, and sub-centres across India.



India Expands QR Codes on Critical Medicines

June 26, 2026

The Union Health Ministry notified amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1945, on 25 June 2026 to extend QR-code based traceability to vaccines, anti-cancer medicines, antimicrobials, narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs. The revised framework places these medicines under Schedule H2 of the Drugs Rules and requires manufacturers to print or affix QR



codes on primary packaging, or on secondary packaging when space is insufficient.

Ministry of Ayush Launches Yoga Park Portal to Promote Preventive Healthcare Across India

June 17, 2026

Ayush Ministry has launched the Yoga Park Portal; it is a nationwide initiative which aims to transform the existing public parks into the dedicated community wellness hubs. This initiative seeks to make yoga, meditation and preventive healthcare as a regular part of everyday life by utilizing the accessible public spaces across urban and rural India.



World Sickle Cell Day 2026

June 19, 2026

On 19th of June, World Sickle Cell Day was observed to raise the awareness about the Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). It is world's one of the most common inherited blood disorders. This day serves as the important platform to educate people about the causes, symptoms, prevention strategies and challenges faced by the millions of patients worldwide.