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1. Historic Achievement by 13-Year-Old Chinese Swimmer Yu Zidi: All Eyes on the 2026 Asian Games

Young Chinese swimmer Yu Zidi, born on October 16, 2012, is set to compete in the 2026 Asian Games. She won a bronze medal as part of China's 4x200m freestyle relay team at the World Aquatics Championships. Her outstanding performance in the 200m individual medley has established her as a rising talent in world swimming. The 20th Asian Games will be held in Aichi and Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4, 2026.



2. Sarala Puraskar 2026: Odia poet Ashutosh Parida honored for 'Vishwas De Prithvi'

Odia poet, essayist, and former CSIR-IMMT scientist Ashutosh Parida has been honored with the Sarala Puraskar 2026 for his poetry collection 'Vishwas De Prithvi'. This annual literary award is presented by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT) and carries a cash prize of ₹7 lakh. The award presentation ceremony for the Sarala Puraskar 2026 will be held on October 25, 2026, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Guru Durga Charan Ranbir and Damodar Behera will be honored with the Ila-Bansidhar Panda Kala Samman 2026 for their lifelong contributions to the arts.



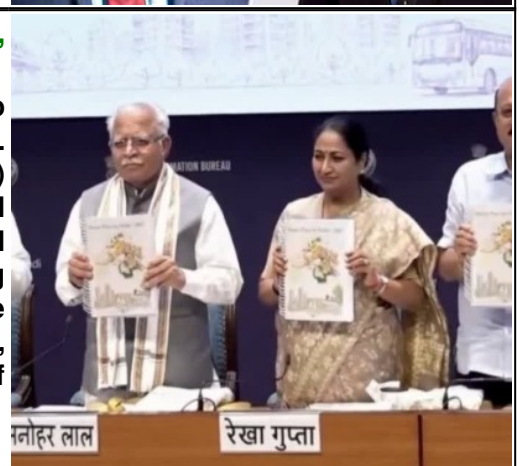
3. Appointment of S. Somanath and Reappointment of Anand Mahindra to the RBI Central Board

The Central Government has appointed former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath as a part-time non-official director on the RBI Central Board. His appointment is effective from August 20, 2026, for a period of four years or until further orders. Anand Mahindra, Chairman of the Mahindra Group, has also been reappointed as a part-time non-official director on the RBI Central Board. The Central Board of Directors, constituted under the RBI Act, 1934, comprises the Governor, up to four Deputy Governors, and other directors appointed by the Central Government.



4. Delhi Master Plan-2047: A New Roadmap for an Inclusive, Green, and Global Capital

The Master Plan for Delhi-2047 (MPD-2047) aims to transform Delhi into an inclusive, sustainable, climate-resilient, and globally competitive city. The plan targets the development of approximately 40 lakh (4 million) housing units, an additional 12 lakh (1.2 million) homes through land pooling, and a 600 km road network. It promotes Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and a multi-modal transport system by integrating metro, RRTS, bus, and cycling networks. Provisions include the ecological restoration of the Yamuna floodplain, net-zero development, the conservation of 1,500 heritage properties, and the development of Narela and Dwarka as new growth centers.



5. Veteran Actress Sowcar Janaki Passes Away: End of an Era in Indian Multilingual Cinema

Renowned Indian actress Sowcar Janaki passed away in Chennai on August 21, 2026, at the age of 94. She began her career as a radio artist with All India Radio (AIR) and later carved a distinct niche for herself in South Indian cinema. Her first major film was 'Shavukaru' (1950), and she acted in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam films. She was honored with the Padma Shri in 2022 for her significant contributions to Indian cinema.



6. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Becomes Bangladesh's 23rd President

Bangladesh has elected Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as its 23rd President. In the election held on August 20, 2026, he secured 255 votes, while his rival, Oli Ahmed, received 88 votes. This marked the first time since 1991 that a presidential election in Bangladesh involved a contest between multiple candidates. Bangladesh is a parliamentary democracy where the President serves as the Head of State and the Prime Minister as the Head of Government.



7. Government's Major Move on Rising Sugar Prices: Duty-Free Import of 1 Million Tonnes of Raw Sugar Allowed

The Government of India has permitted the duty-free import of 1 million metric tonnes (10 lakh tonnes) of raw sugar until October 31, 2026. This authorization has been granted by the DGFT under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) mechanism to boost domestic supply and control prices. The move addresses rising demand during the festive season, as wholesale and retail sugar prices have seen a significant increase. The government has also imposed stock limits—restricted to 15 days of consumption—for large bulk consumers, effective from September 1, 2024, to November 30, 2026.



8. National Space Day: Celebrating India's Space Pride and the Historic Success of Chandrayaan-3

National Space Day is celebrated annually in India on August 23rd, a date designated to commemorate the historic success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. On August 23, 2023, the Vikram lander achieved a successful soft landing in the lunar south polar region. With this feat, India became the fourth nation to achieve a soft landing on the Moon and the first to land in the south polar region. The landing site of Chandrayaan-3 has been named 'Shiv Shakti Point,' while the impact site of Chandrayaan-2 has been named 'Tiranga Point.'



1. In which event did Yu Zidi win a bronze medal at the World Aquatics Championships?

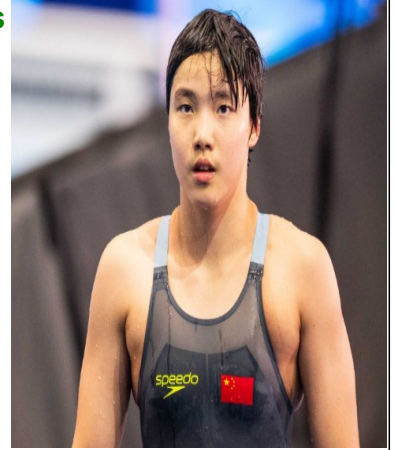
A - 4×100m freestyle relay

B - 200m butterfly

C - 4×200m freestyle relay

D - 200m backstroke

Young Chinese swimmer Yu Zidi has made a mark in world swimming by winning the bronze medal in the 4×200m freestyle relay at the World Aquatics Championships. The 20th Asian Games will be held in Aichi and Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4, 2026.



2. Who was honored with the Sarala Puraskar 2026?

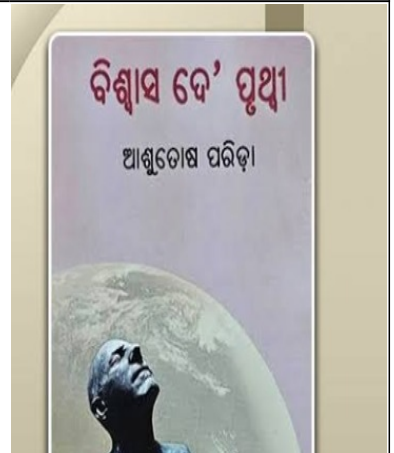
A - Ashutosh Parida

B - Damodar Behera

C - Durga Charan Ranbir

D - Aparna Mohanty

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3. To which position has S. Somanath been appointed?

A - RBI Governor

B - RBI Deputy Governor

C - Part-time non-official director of the RBI Central Board

D - Finance Secretary

The Central Government has appointed former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath as a part-time non-official director on the RBI Central Board, while Anand Mahindra has been reappointed. Both appointments are effective for four years starting August 20, 2026, and the RBI Central Board is constituted under the RBI Act, 1934.



4. Approximately how many housing units have been planned under MPD-2047?

A - 20 lakh

B - 30 lakh

C - 40 lakh

D - 50 lakh

The objective of the Master Plan for Delhi-2047 (MPD-2047) is to transform Delhi into an inclusive, sustainable, climate-resilient, and globally competitive city. The plan places special emphasis on housing, land pooling, TOD-based transport, Yamuna floodplain restoration, net-zero development, heritage conservation, and the development of Narela and Dwarka.



5. Where did Sowcar Janaki begin her career?

- A - Doordarshan
B - All India Radio
C - Films Division
D - Prasar Bharati

Renowned Indian actress Sowcar Janaki passed away on August 21, 2026, at the age of 94. She contributed to Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam cinema and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022.



6. Who was elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh?

- A - Mohammed Shahabuddin
B - Oli Ahmad
C - Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir
D - Hafiz Uddin Ahmed

Bangladesh elected Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as its 23rd President; he secured 255 votes in the election held on August 20, 2026. This was the first contested presidential election since 1991; in Bangladesh, the President is the Head of State, while the Prime Minister is the Head of Government.



7. What quantity of raw sugar has the Government of India permitted to be imported duty-free?

- A - 5 lakh metric tonnes
B - 8 lakh metric tonnes
C - 10 lakh metric tonnes
D - 15 lakh metric tonnes

The Government of India has permitted the duty-free import of 10 lakh metric tonnes of raw sugar under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) until October 31, 2026. To control rising prices and festive demand, stock limits equivalent to 15 days of consumption have also been imposed on large bulk consumers.



8. What name has been given to the landing site of Chandrayaan-3?

- A - Tiranga Point
B - Shiv Shakti Point
C - Vikram Point
D - Pragyan Point

In India, National Space Day is celebrated annually on August 23rd to commemorate the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3. With this achievement, India became the fourth country to perform a soft landing on the Moon and the first to land in the south polar region.



One Liner

1. What quantity of raw sugar did the Government of India permit to be imported duty-free until October 31, 2026? - **10 lakh metric tonnes**
2. In which year was Sowcar Janaki honored with the Padma Shri for her contribution to Indian cinema? - **2022**
3. Under which mechanism was the duty-free sugar import permitted? - **Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)**
4. For which poetry collection was Ashutosh Parida honored with the Sarala Award 2026? - **'Vishwas De Prithvi'**
5. What is the target year for the development of Delhi under the Master Plan for Delhi-2047 (MPD-2047)? - **2047**
6. Who was elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh on August 20, 2026? - **Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir**
7. What name has been given to the landing site of Chandrayaan-3? - **Shiv Shakti Point**
8. Yu Zidi, one of the youngest medalists at the World Aquatics Championships, is a swimmer from which country? - **China**
9. When is National Space Day celebrated annually in India? - **August 23**
10. To which position on the RBI Central Board was S. Somanath appointed, effective August 20, 2026? - **Part-time non-official director**