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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **Alexander Zverev won the 2026 US Open men's singles title**
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1. Alexander Zverev Wins 2026 US Open Men's Singles Title

Germany's Alexander Zverev won the 2026 US Open men's singles title by defeating Ben Shelton. He beat Shelton 6-3, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-2 in the final. With this victory, Zverev secured his second Grand Slam title of 2026. Despite Shelton's impressive performance, the wait for an American male US Open champion continues; Andy Roddick remains the last American champion, having won in 2003.



2. India Wins Women's Asia Cup for a Record 8th Time

India defeated Sri Lanka to clinch the Women's Asia Cup title for a record eighth time, remaining unbeaten throughout the tournament. Shafali Verma scored the fastest half-century off just 24 balls, while Smriti Mandhana provided a strong start by scoring 59 runs. India posted a total of 183/5 and, backed by a brilliant performance from the spinners, prevented Sri Lanka from reaching the target. This victory also served as redemption for the loss against Sri Lanka in the 2024 final and reinforced India's dominance in women's cricket.



3. India's Golden Double Title at the Junior Asia Cup 2026

India achieved a double championship victory by winning gold medals in both the men's and women's categories at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026, held in Moki, China. The Indian women's team secured their third consecutive title by defeating hosts China 1-0, with Sanika Chandrakant Mane scoring the decisive goal. The Indian men's team clinched their sixth Junior Asia Cup title by defeating South Korea 4-1. Anmol Ekka emerged as the tournament's top scorer with 17 goals, while Vivek Lakra's brilliant goalkeeping also contributed to India's success.



4. WCEF 2026 in India for the First Time—A Global Platform for the Circular Economy

The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 is being organized in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from September 15 to 18; this marks the first time the event is being held in South Asia. Its theme is "Circular Economy: Transformation for People and Prosperity," emphasizing resource reuse, recycling, and sustainable production. Over 2,000 delegates from more than 65 countries will discuss finance, investment, innovation, digitalization, technology, and sustainable development. WCEF 2026 will strengthen India's role within the Global South and bolster international cooperation in the fields of sustainable consumption, production, and the circular economy.



5. WPI inflation rises to 9.92% in August 2026 — Sharp price pressure in fuel and power

India's WPI-based inflation rose to 9.92% in August 2026, up from 9.78% in July (based on the 2022-23 base year). The fuel and power sector recorded the highest inflation at 22.93%, while inflation stood at 7.76% for primary articles and 8.37% for manufactured products. Inflation in the WPI food index also increased to 7.05%, signaling rising price pressures on food items. While WPI measures wholesale prices, CPI measures retail prices; CPI-based inflation serves as the key indicator for the RBI's monetary policy.



6. Major Milestone in India's 'Artificial Sun' Mission—82.6 GHz Gyrotron Installed in SST-1 Tokamak

An 82.6 GHz, 400 kW gyrotron has been installed on the SST-1 tokamak at the Institute for Plasma Research in Gujarat, a move that will boost research into controlled nuclear fusion. In the SST-1, ultra-hot plasma—required for a fusion process similar to that of the Sun—is controlled via magnetic confinement. The new gyrotron will assist in heating the plasma using high-frequency microwave energy and maintaining it for extended periods. Controlled fusion is a potential clean energy technology for the future, capable of playing a pivotal role in India's energy security and the transition to a low-carbon economy.



7. India Emphasizes 'Global South' and Tangible Outcomes at the 18th BRICS Summit

At the conclusion of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India handed over the presidency to China, which will host the 19th BRICS Summit in 2027. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the need for tangible, result-oriented cooperation within BRICS—moving beyond mere declarations—and highlighted the importance of prioritizing the interests of the Global South. Chinese President Xi Jinping also stressed the need to strengthen BRICS' active role in international affairs and its representation of Global South interests.



8. World Ozone Day — Ozone Layer Protection and Global Environmental Cooperation

World Ozone Day is observed annually on September 16 to raise awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and the need for its protection. The Montreal Protocol was signed on September 16, 1987, and the United Nations designated this date as World Ozone Day in 1994. Substances such as CFCs, halons, and other ozone-depleting substances damage the ozone layer, potentially impacting human health and ecosystems. The Montreal Protocol and the 2016 Kigali Amendment have played a crucial role in ozone protection, and India is a signatory to these agreements.



1. Who won the 2026 US Open Men's Singles title?

- A - Ben Shelton
B - Alexander Zverev
C - Andy Roddick
D - Jannik Sinner

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2. How many times has India won the Women's Asia Cup title?

- A - Sixth time
B - Seventh time
C - Eighth time
D - Ninth time

India won the Women's Asia Cup title for a record eighth time by defeating Sri Lanka and remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. Following the fastest half-century by Shafali Verma and a 59-run innings by Smriti Mandhana, Indian spinners delivered a brilliant performance to seal the victory.



3. In how many categories did India win the title at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026?

- A - One
B - Two
C - Three
D - Four

India achieved a double championship by winning titles in both the men's and women's categories at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026 held in Moki, China. The women's team defeated China 1-0 and the men's team defeated South Korea 4-1; Anmol Ekka was the top scorer with 17 goals.



4. Representatives from more than how many countries are participating in WCEF 2026?

- A - 25
B - 40
C - 50
D - 65

The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 is being organized in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from September 15–18, 2026; this marks the event's first edition in South Asia. Centered on the theme "Circular Economy: Transformation for People and Prosperity," the forum will promote sustainable production, recycling, innovation, and Global South cooperation, bringing together over 2,000 delegates from more than 65 countries.



5. What was India's WPI inflation in August 2026?

- A - 7.76% B - 8.37%
C - 9.92% D - 22.93%

India's WPI inflation rose to 9.92% in August 2026, up from 9.78% in July; the highest inflation of 22.93% was recorded in the fuel and power sector. The base year for WPI is 2022-23, and it measures wholesale prices, whereas CPI measures retail prices and serves as the key indicator for the RBI's monetary policy.



6. Where is the SST-1 Tokamak located?

- A - Maharashtra B - Gujarat
C - Tamil Nadu D - Rajasthan

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7. Who will host the 19th BRICS Summit?

- A - India B - China
C - Russia D - Brazil

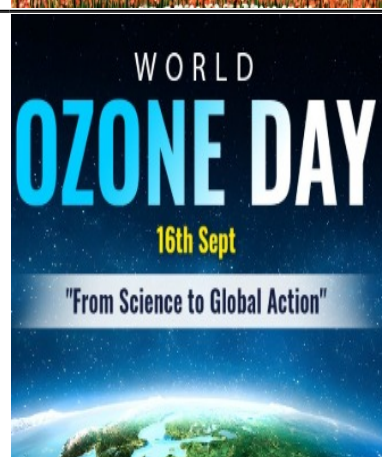
At the conclusion of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India handed over the presidency for the 2027 19th BRICS Summit to China, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized concrete and result-oriented cooperation. Xi Jinping spoke about strengthening the interests and international role of the Global South within BRICS, and a bilateral meeting between India and China also took place during the summit.



8. When was the Montreal Protocol signed?

- A - 1972 B - 1985
C - 1987 D - 1994

World Ozone Day is observed on September 16; the Montreal Protocol was signed on this day in 1987, and the United Nations declared it World Ozone Day in 1994. CFCs and other ozone-depleting substances damage the ozone layer, whereas the Montreal Protocol and the 2016 Kigali Amendment have played a significant role in its preservation.



One Liner

1. Which Indian player scored the highest number of goals (17) in the men's category at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026? - **Anmol Ekka**
2. Who won the 2026 US Open men's singles title? - **Alexander Zverev**
3. What are the frequency and power of the new gyrotron installed on the SST-1 tokamak? - **82.6 GHz and 400 kW**
4. In which Indian city is the WCEF 2026 being organized? - **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
5. What was India's WPI-based inflation rate in August 2026? - **9.92%**
6. In which two categories did India win titles at the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026? - **Men's and Women's Hockey**
7. For the record-breaking how many-th time did India win the Women's Asia Cup title? - **Eighth time**
8. Which Indian player became the fastest to score a half-century in the Women's T20 Asia Cup? - **Shafali Verma**
9. On which date is World Ozone Day observed every year? - **September 16**
10. Which American player did Alexander Zverev defeat in the 2026 US Open final? - **Ben Shelton**