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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **Tavengwa Mukuhlangi becomes the new ICC Vice President**
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1. Tavengwa Mukuhllani becomes the new ICC Vice-Chairman.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has elected Zimbabwe Cricket Chairman Tavengwa Mukuhllani as the new ICC Deputy Chairman, a role he will hold until November 2027. He replaces Imran Khwaja and becomes the first ICC Deputy Chairman of Zimbabwean origin. Mukuhllani brings extensive experience in cricket administration, having previously served on several key ICC committees. His appointment comes ahead of the 2027 Men's Cricket World Cup, which will be co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.



2. Manu Bhaker and Tajinderpal Singh Toor named India's flag-bearers for the 2026 Asian Games

India has selected Manu Bhaker and Tajinderpal Singh Toor as flag-bearers for the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games. Manu Bhaker achieved the distinction of being the first post-independence Indian athlete to win two medals at a single Olympic Games, having secured two bronze medals at the Paris Olympics 2024. Tajinderpal Singh Toor has won the shot put gold medal at two consecutive Asian Games. The 2026 Asian Games will be held in Nagoya, Japan, where the flag-bearers will formally represent the Indian contingent.



3. India's Key Medal-Winning Sports at the Asian Games and the 2026 Challenge

Athletics, shooting, wrestling, kabaddi, and tennis have been India's major medal-winning sports at the Asian Games, with athletics accounting for the highest tally of 283 medals. Up to the Hangzhou 2022 Games, India has won 85 gold medals in athletics, 16 in shooting, and 11 in wrestling. In kabaddi, India has secured 13 medals—11 of which are gold—while in tennis, the country has won a total of 34 medals. India will aim to further boost its medal tally at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 by leveraging these traditionally strong sports.



4. Moody's Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7%

Moody's Ratings has raised its forecast for India's real GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year from 6% to 7%, reflecting the resilience of the Indian economy. India's GDP growth stood at 7.8% in the April-June 2026 quarter, driven by contributions from investment, manufacturing, domestic demand, and the services sector. The crisis in West Asia poses risks of rising crude oil prices, an increased import bill, inflation, and pressure on the rupee, while El Niño could impact food inflation. The government continues to face the challenge of balancing economic growth, capital expenditure, subsidies, and fiscal consolidation.



5. New Initiative for High-Altitude Floriculture in Ladakh at 10,600 Feet

Two floriculture zones spanning 40 acres have been developed at Choglamsar and Stakna in Ladakh's Leh district—situated at an altitude of 10,600 feet—where over 2.5 million (25 lakh) plants have been cultivated. The project primarily involves 2.4 million Lilium and 100,000 Gladiolus plants, with plans to develop a model floriculture center at Choglamsar. The initiative aims to diversify local farmers' income, boost employment and entrepreneurship, and link Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperative societies with flower cultivation and marketing. This project presents an innovative example of the potential for climate-resilient agriculture, agricultural value chains, and commercial floriculture in high-altitude regions.



6. 'Gondhal' Selected as India's Official Entry for the 99th Oscars

On September 18, 2026, the Film Federation of India selected the Marathi film 'Gondhal', directed by Santosh Davkhar, as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards. Chosen from a total of 33 films, 'Gondhal' is set to represent India in the 'Best International Feature Film' category. The film blends Maharashtra's traditional 'Gondhal' folk and religious performance art with a modern narrative and highlights the preservation of folk culture. The cast includes actors such as Kishore Kadam and Ishita Deshmukh, with music composed by Ilaiyaraaja; the film has also received accolades at various film festivals.



7. Revision in Passport Validity for Children Under 15 Years of Age

The Ministry of External Affairs has amended the rules regarding the validity of ordinary passports for children under 15 years of age under the Passport (Amendment) Rules, 2026. According to the new rule, such passports will remain valid for 5 years or until the child attains the age of 18, whichever is earlier. This amendment pertains to Rule 12(1A) of the Passport Rules, 1980, and applies exclusively to ordinary passports issued to children under 15. This age-based validity clarifies the administrative procedures and documentation requirements for minors' passports and international travel.



8. World Alzheimer's Day — Emphasis on Dementia Awareness and Care

World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on September 21st, aiming to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia while providing better support to patients and their families. Alzheimer's is a progressive neurodegenerative disease and the most common cause of dementia, affecting memory, thinking skills, and the ability to perform daily activities. With the aging population, dementia is emerging as a significant public health challenge, necessitating geriatric care and long-term support. Managing modifiable risk factors—such as physical inactivity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity—can contribute to healthy aging and brain health.



1. Who has been elected as the new Deputy Chairman of the ICC?

A - Imran Khwaja

B - Tavengwa Mukuhani

C - Jay Shah

D - Roger Binny

The ICC has elected Tavengwa Mukuhani, the Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, as the new Deputy Chairman until November 2027, making him the first ICC Deputy Chairman of Zimbabwean origin. This appointment comes ahead of the 2027 Men's Cricket World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia.



2. Who is India's female flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games?

A - P. V. Sindhu

B - Manu Bhaker

C - Mirabai Chanu

D - Sift Kaur Samra

India has selected shooter Manu Bhaker and shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor as flag-bearers for the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games. The Asian Games will be held in Nagoya, Japan; Bhaker is a double medalist from the Paris Olympics 2024, while Toor is a two-time consecutive Asian Games gold medalist in shot put.



3. How many total medals has India won in athletics up to the Hangzhou 2022 Games?

A - 183

B - 283

C - 383

D - 203

India's major medal-winning sports at the Asian Games include athletics, shooting, wrestling, kabaddi, and tennis, with athletics accounting for the highest tally of 283 medals. Up to the Hangzhou 2022 Games, the tally includes 11 gold medals out of 13 total medals in kabaddi and a total of 34 medals in tennis. India will place special emphasis on these games—Aichi-Nagoya 2026.



4. What is Moody's Ratings' projection for India's GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year?

A - 5%

B - 6%

C - 7%

D - 8%

Moody's Ratings has raised its projection for India's real GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year from 6% to 7%, while GDP growth stood at 7.8% during the April-June 2026 period. Amidst risks of inflation driven by the West Asia crisis, rising oil prices, and El Niño, the government faces the challenge of balancing growth, subsidies, capital expenditure, and fiscal consolidation.



5. At what altitude have the floriculture zones in Ladakh been developed?

- A - 8,500 feet B - 9,200 feet
C - 10,600 feet D - 12,000 feet

Floriculture zones spanning 40 acres have been developed at Choglamsar and Stakna in the Leh district of Ladakh at an altitude of 10,600 feet, with over 2.5 million plants cultivated. The project aims to diversify farmers' income, promote employment and entrepreneurship, and link Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperative societies with commercial flower cultivation and marketing.



6. Which film is India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards?

- A - Homebound B - Gondhal
C - Dorothy D - Ang

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7. What is the new validity period for passports issued to children under the age of 15?

- A - 2 years B - 3 years
C - 5 years or until the age of 18 D - 10 years

Under the Passport (Amendment) Rules, 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs has fixed the validity of ordinary passports for children under the age of 15 at either 5 years or up to the age of 18, whichever is earlier. This change pertains to Rule 12(1A) of the Passport Rules, 1980, and applies only to ordinary passports issued to children under 15 years of age.



8. What type of disease is Alzheimer's?

- A - Infectious disease B - Genetic disease
C - Neurodegenerative disease D - Skin disease

World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on September 21st, aiming to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia and to provide support to patients and their families. Alzheimer's is a progressive neurodegenerative disease and a leading cause of dementia; modifiable risk factors include physical inactivity, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity.



One Liner

1. What is Moody's Ratings' projection for India's GDP growth for the financial year 2026-27? - **7%**
2. Which film has been selected as India's official entry for the 99th Academy Awards? - **'Gondhal'**
3. At approximately what altitude have floriculture zones been developed in the Leh district of Ladakh? - **10,600 feet**
4. On which date is World Alzheimer's Day observed every year? - **September 21**
5. Who will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Asian Games? - **Manu Bhaker and Tajinderpal Singh Toor**
6. Who has been elected as the new Vice-Chairman of the ICC? - **Tavengwa Mukuhani**
7. What is the new maximum validity for ordinary passports issued to children under the age of 15? - **5 years or until the age of 18, whichever is earlier**
8. Tavengwa Mukuhani has become the first ICC Vice-Chairman from which country? - **Zimbabwe**
9. Which flowers are primarily being cultivated in the new floriculture zones of Ladakh? - **Lilium and Gladiolus**
10. Which sport has won the highest number of medals for India in the Asian Games up to Hangzhou 2022? - **Athletics**