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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **India's achievements at the ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun 2026: Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar wins trap gold**
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1. India's Achievement at ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun 2026: Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar Wins Trap Gold

On September 18, 2026, at the ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun held in Porpetto, Italy, India's 15-year-old Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar won the gold medal in the men's trap event. Yugan hit 27 out of 30 targets in the final, while Italy's Francesco Tanfoglio won the silver medal. Sabira Haris secured the bronze medal in the women's trap event, opening India's medal account in Porpetto. Earlier, in the Cairo leg, India had won a total of 16 medals—5 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze.



2. India's Stellar Start at Asian Games 2026: Two Silver Medals in Shooting and a Confirmed Medal in MMA

India kicked off its medal campaign at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with success in shooting, where Elavenil Valarivan won two silver medals—one in the individual event and one in the team event—in the 10m air rifle category. In the individual event, Elavenil scored 252.4 points, while Japan's Hinata Taichi won the gold medal and set a new Asian Games record. Suchika Tariyal secured India's first-ever MMA medal at the Asian Games by reaching the semi-finals of the women's Traditional MMA 60kg event. Indian athletes also made a brilliant start in hockey, table tennis, badminton, and cricket, with the women's hockey team defeating Uzbekistan 19-0.



3. NGT International Conference 2026: Global Discourse on Strengthening Environmental Justice and Climate Governance

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) organized an international conference titled "The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics" in New Delhi on September 19–20, 2026, with representatives from 17 countries participating. Discussions at the conference covered topics such as climate change, climate justice, the circular economy, biodiversity, sustainable energy, and forest conservation. The NGT was established under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, for the expeditious and effective disposal of environmental matters—a mandate linked to Articles 21, 48A, and 51A(g) of the Constitution.



4. Tamil Nadu's 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram' Scheme: 1-Gram Gold Ring for Newborns in Government Hospitals

Under the Tamil Nadu government's 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam' scheme, eligible newborns delivered in government hospitals will be gifted a 1-gram gold ring. The scheme has been implemented retrospectively from June 22, 2026, with arrangements to distribute the rings at the time of hospital discharge starting September 28. In the first phase, 1.28 lakh rings have been prepared; the state records approximately 7.8 lakh births annually, with about 53% of deliveries taking place in government hospitals.



5. Leadership Change at Berkshire Hathaway: Warren Buffett Becomes Chairman Emeritus; Howard Buffett Appointed New Chairman

On September 18, 2026, Warren Buffett stepped down as Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway to assume the role of Chairman Emeritus, while remaining a member of the board. His son, Howard G. Buffett, was appointed Non-Executive Chairman, whereas Greg Abel will continue to oversee the company's day-to-day operations as CEO. Berkshire Hathaway is a diversified global conglomerate operating across sectors such as insurance, energy, railways, manufacturing, and retail, with a market value of approximately \$1.1 trillion in 2026.



6. Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke, 1965 War Vir Chakra Awardee, Passes Away

Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke, an Indian Air Force veteran and Vir Chakra awardee—remembered for his gallantry during the 1965 India-Pakistan War—has passed away at the Base Hospital in New Delhi. On September 7, 1965, over Kalaikunda, Cooke and Flying Officer Subodh Chandra Mangin confronted a much larger Pakistani air force contingent; Cooke succeeded in shooting down an F-86 Sabre jet. For this daring action, he was awarded the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award.



7. India Tops Global Business Climate Survey 2026: Swedish Companies View Indian Business Environment Positively

India ranked at the top in the assessment of the business environment for Swedish companies across 41 global markets in the SCCI's Global Business Climate Survey 2026. Business sentiment regarding India and Vietnam remained positive within the Asia-Pacific region, with India identified as a key market offering high growth and investment potential. Despite global economic and geopolitical uncertainties, Swedish companies maintained a positive outlook on India's business environment.



8. World Rhino Day 2026: Global Awareness on Rhino Conservation, Biodiversity, and Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade

World Rhino Day is observed annually on September 22nd, aiming to raise awareness about rhino conservation and the threats they face, such as poaching, trafficking, and habitat loss. There are five extant rhino species globally, with the Indian one-horned rhino being of particular importance to India. Its primary habitat in India is Assam's Kaziranga National Park, while Pobitora, Orang, Manas, and West Bengal's Jaldapara are also significant conservation areas.



1. Who won the gold medal in the Men's Trap event at the 2026 ISSF Junior World Cup Shotgun?

- A - Francesco Tanfoglio
C - Arjun

- B - Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar
D - Udhav Singh Rathore

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2. Who won two silver medals in shooting for India at the 2026 Asian Games?

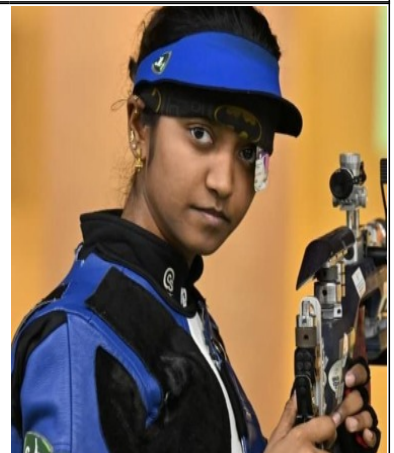
- A - Hinata Taichi

- B - Suchika Tariyal

- C - Elavenil Valarivan

- D - Sonam Maskar

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3. What was the theme of the NGT's International Conference 2026?

- A - Climate Justice for All

- B - The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics

- C - Global Environment Protection

- D - Sustainable Development and Ecology

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4. The 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam' scheme is an initiative of which state government?

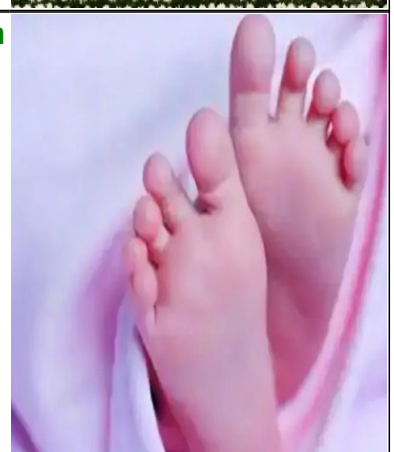
- A - Kerala

- B - Tamil Nadu

- C - Karnataka

- D - Andhra Pradesh

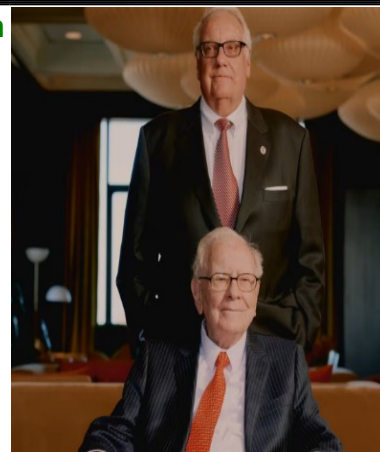
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5. Which position did Warren Buffett assume at Berkshire Hathaway on September 18, 2026?

- A - CEO
B - Non-Executive Chairman
C - Chairman Emeritus
D - Managing Director

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6. In which war did Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke gain renown for his valour?

- A - 1947-48 Indo-Pak War
B - 1962 Indo-China War
C - 1965 Indo-Pak War
D - 1971 Indo-Pak War

Vir Chakra awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke passed away in New Delhi; during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan War, he shot down an F-86 Sabre jet over Kalaikunda. He was awarded the Vir Chakra—India's third-highest wartime gallantry award—for his valour, and this incident stands as a significant example of the Indian Air Force's courage and strategic capability.



7. How many global markets were assessed in the SCCI Global Business Climate Survey 2026?

- A - 31
B - 41
C - 51
D - 61

In the SCCI Global Business Climate Survey 2026, which assessed 41 global markets, Swedish companies identified India as a top market for the business environment and highlighted it as a key market with high growth and investment potential. An India-Sweden Strategic Partnership was established on May 17, 2026, emphasizing enhanced cooperation in trade, investment, innovation, green transition, and supply chains.



8. How many living species of rhinoceros are found in the world?

- A - 3
B - 4
C - 5
D - 6

World Rhino Day is observed annually on September 22 to raise awareness about rhino conservation and issues such as poaching, wildlife trafficking, and habitat loss. There are 5 living species of rhinoceros in the world, while Kaziranga National Park in Assam is the primary habitat for the one-horned rhinoceros in India.



One Liner

1. Who won the men's trap gold medal at the 2026 ISSF Junior World Cup? - **Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar**
2. Which country topped the assessment of the business environment across 41 markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026? - **India**
3. How many shots did Yugan Sakthivel Muthukumar hit in the final of the 2026 ISSF Junior World Cup? - **27 shots**
4. Which gallantry award did Alfred Tyrone Cooke receive for the aerial battle of Kalaikunda during the 1965 war? - **Vir Chakra**
5. Under Tamil Nadu's 'Thaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam' scheme, a gold ring weighing how many grams will be given to newborns? - **1 gram**
6. Who became the new Non-Executive Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway? - **Howard G. Buffett**
7. What was the theme of the 2026 NGT International Conference? - **The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics**
8. Under which Act was the National Green Tribunal (NGT) established? - **National Green Tribunal Act, 2010**
9. Which athlete secured India's first MMA medal at the 2026 Asian Games? - **Suchika Tariyal**
10. Who won the individual silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the 2026 Asian Games? - **Elavenil Valarivan**