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1. Savita Punia Becomes India's Most-Capped Female Hockey Player

Indian women's hockey team goalkeeper Savita Punia set the record for the highest number of international appearances in Indian women's hockey by playing her 321st senior international match on September 21, 2026. She surpassed Vandana Katariya's record of 320 matches. This milestone was achieved during a match against Indonesia at the 2026 Asian Games held in Japan. Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹10 lakh to honor Savita's achievement; she made her international debut in 2009 and has represented India in numerous major competitions, including three Olympic Games.



2. Asian Games 2026: India Dominates in Shooting; Suchika Tarial Makes History in MMA

On the second day of the Asian Games 2026 held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, India won four medals—two silver and two bronze—bringing its total medal tally to six. In shooting, Himanshu Dhillon won silver and Rudranksh Patil won bronze; both also secured a silver medal in the team event alongside Parth Mane. Suchika Tarial won bronze in the women's Traditional MMA 60kg event, securing India's first-ever MMA medal at the Asian Games. In team events, India defeated Indonesia 17-1 in women's hockey, Japan 49-23 in kabaddi, Bangladesh 3-0 in badminton, and Pakistan 3-0 in table tennis.



3. 72nd National Film Awards 2026: National Recognition for Regional Languages and Diversity in Indian Cinema

The National Film Awards are premier honors in the Indian film industry, established in 1954 to promote creativity, technical excellence, and social relevance. The 72nd National Film Awards honor films released in 2024; the winners were announced on July 18, 2026, and the ceremony was held on September 22, 2026, at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 will be conferred upon Anant Nag, who has acted in over 300 films across six Indian languages and was honored with the Padma Bhushan in 2025.



4. Nagaland's film 'Angh' wins Platform Prize at TIFF 2026; Naga cinema gains global recognition

Nagaland filmmaker Theja Rio's film 'Angh' won the prestigious Platform Prize at TIFF 2026, receiving a trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 Canadian dollars. Shot in the Konyak language, the film depicts the tribal culture and social transformation of 1960s Nagaland, as well as the circumstances arising from the arrival of an American missionary. Through the TIFF Platform Prize, 'Angh' has secured a new pathway to eligibility for the International Feature Film category at the 99th Academy Awards.



5. SLINEX-26: Strengthening India-Sri Lanka Naval Cooperation; 13th Bilateral Maritime Exercise in Visakhapatnam

The 13th edition of the bilateral naval exercise SLINEX-26 between India and Sri Lanka is being held in Visakhapatnam from September 17–21, 2026, with the aim of enhancing maritime cooperation and operational coordination. INS Kavaratti and INS Jyoti from India and SLNS Sindurala from Sri Lanka are participating in the exercise. The exercise comprises an initial harbour phase—featuring professional interactions, exchange of best practices, and cultural activities—followed by a sea phase that emphasizes interoperability.



6. Chandni Chowk's Historic Town Hall to Become a Global Heritage Centre; Conservation to Boost Tourism

The Delhi Government and the MCD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on September 20, 2026, to develop the historic Town Hall in Delhi's Chandni Chowk into a Global Heritage Centre. Built between 1860 and 1866, the building served as the Municipal Corporation headquarters until 2010, and plans are now in place for its conservation and adaptive reuse. The project involves developing a museum, cultural facilities, and tourism activities through 'Adaptive Reuse,' thereby boosting heritage tourism.



7. Country's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone in Gwalior: Investment of ₹5,500 Crore and Potential for Over 18,000 Jobs

The development of the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior is expected to attract an investment of approximately ₹5,500 crore and generate over 18,000 direct jobs. This TMZ will be developed as an industrial cluster hosting 24–25 telecom manufacturers across an area of about 170 acres; a common testing lab costing around ₹500 crore is also proposed. Following investor roadshows in Delhi and Mumbai, 24 companies have initiated the application process to set up manufacturing plants, while Madhya Pradesh has prepared a special incentive package.



8. International Day of Sign Languages 2026: Emphasizing Human Rights and Inclusion of Deaf People through Sign Languages

International Day of Sign Languages is observed annually on September 23; the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed this day in 2017 through resolution A/RES/72/161. The theme for 2026 is "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights," aiming to promote the human rights of deaf individuals and their equal participation through sign languages. This day holds special significance in 2026, marking the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the CRPD and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).



1. How many senior international matches did Savita Punia complete on September 21, 2026?

A - 300

B - 310

C - 321

D - 325

Indian women's hockey goalkeeper Savita Punia surpassed Vandana Katariya's record of 320 matches by playing her 321st senior international match on September 21, 2026. Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹10 lakh to honor this achievement, attained against Indonesia at the 2026 Asian Games; Savita had made her international debut in 2009.



2. How many medals in total did India win on the second day of the 2026 Asian Games?

A - 2

B - 3

C - 4

D - 5

On the second day of the 2026 Asian Games, India won 4 medals—including 2 silver and 2 bronze—bringing the total medal count to 6; Himanshu Dhillon, Rudrankksh Patil, and Parth Mane secured medals in shooting. Suchika Tariyal won a bronze medal in the Traditional MMA 60kg category, marking India's first-ever MMA medal at the Asian Games, while India also registered victories in hockey, kabaddi, badminton, and table tennis.



3. Who will be awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2024?

A - Mammooty

B - Anant Naq

C - Kartik Aaryan

D - Rajkumar Periasamy

The National Film Awards were instituted in 1954; the 72nd National Film Awards honor films released in 2024. The awards were announced on July 18, 2026, and the ceremony was held on September 22, 2026, at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. Anant Nag is set to receive the 2024 Dadasaheb Phalke Award, while 'Article 370' was named Best Feature Film, Rajkumar Periasamy Best Director, Mammooty and Kartik Aaryan joint Best Actors, and Yami Gautam Best Actress.



4. Which award did 'Angh' win at TIFF 2026?

A - Golden Peacock

B - Platform Prize

C - Jury Grand Prix

D - Audience Award

‘Angh’, a Konyak-language film by Nagaland filmmaker Theja Rio, won the Platform Prize at TIFF 2026, receiving a trophy and a cash prize of 20,000 Canadian dollars. Set against the backdrop of tribal culture in 1960s Nagaland, the film gains a new pathway to eligibility for the International Feature Film category at the 99th Academy Awards through the Platform Prize.



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5. SLINEX-26 is a naval exercise conducted between India and which country?

A - Bangladesh

B - Sri Lanka

C - Maldives

D - Indonesia

The 13th edition of the SLINEX-26 bilateral naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka is being held in Visakhapatnam from September 17–21, 2026, focusing on maritime cooperation, operational coordination, and interoperability. India's INS Kavaratti and INS Jyoti, along with Sri Lanka's SLNS Sindurala, participated in the exercise; launched in 2005, SLINEX serves as a significant platform for maritime cooperation and mutual trust between the two nations in the Indian Ocean region.



6. In which area is Delhi's historic Town Hall located?

A - Karol Bagh

B - Chandni Chowk

C - Connaught Place

D - Lajpat Nagar

On September 20, 2026, the Delhi Government and the MCD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop the historic Town Hall in Chandni Chowk into a global heritage center. Built between 1860 and 1866, the building will house a museum as well as cultural and tourism facilities through a process of adaptive reuse; the DTTDC will prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the approximately 12,180-square-meter complex.



7. Where is the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) being developed?

A - Bhopal

B - Indore

C - Gwalior

D - Jabalpur

The development of the country's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior is expected to attract an investment of approximately ₹5,500 crore and generate over 18,000 direct jobs; it will be developed as an industrial cluster for 24–25 telecom manufacturers across an area of about 170 acres. A common testing lab worth ₹500 crore is proposed for the project, and 24 companies have applied to set up plants; Gwalior's connectivity and the annual output of approximately 25,000 engineering graduates serve as key pillars for this initiative.



8. What is the theme for the International Day of Sign Languages 2026?

A - Sign Language for All

B - Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights

C - Inclusive Communication for All

D - Deaf Rights and Social Justice

The International Day of Sign Languages is observed annually on September 23; it was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2017 under resolution A/RES/72/161. The theme for 2026 is "Declaring Deaf People's Human Rights." The year 2026 holds special significance as it marks 20 years of the CRPD and the 75th anniversary of the WFD. Meanwhile, in India, the ISLRTC was established on September 28, 2015, and is dedicated to training, research, and resource development regarding Indian Sign Language.



One Liner

1. What is the theme of the International Day of Sign Languages 2026? - **“Declaring Deaf People’s Human Rights”**
2. Savita Punia set a record in Indian women's hockey by completing how many senior international matches in September 2026? - **321 matches**
3. Which prestigious award did the film ‘Angh’ win at TIFF 2026? - **Platform Award**
4. Who won India's first medal in MMA at the 2026 Asian Games? - **Suchika Tariyal**
5. What is the approximate proposed investment for the Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior? - **₹5,500 crore**
6. On which date is the International Day of Sign Languages observed every year? - **September 23**
7. Into what is Delhi's historic Town Hall planned to be developed? - **Global Heritage Centre**
8. What is the estimated cost of the common testing lab proposed for the Gwalior TMZ? - **₹500 crore**
9. SLINEX-26 is the 13th bilateral naval exercise conducted between India and which country? - **Sri Lanka**
10. Who was awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024 at the 72nd National Film Awards? - **Anant Nag**