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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **Mirabai Chanu wins historic silver medal at Asian Games 2026, India wins weightlifting medal after 28 years**
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1. Mirabai Chanu's Historic Silver at 2026 Asian Games; India Ends 28-Year Weightlifting Medal Drought

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal in the women's 49kg weight category by lifting a total of 198 kg. This marks her first Asian Games medal and ends India's 28-year medal drought in weightlifting. Previously, Karnam Malleswari had won a silver medal at the 1998 Bangkok Asian Games; the gold went to Ri Song-gum, and the bronze to Wijayana Luluk Diani. On September 23, India also won medals in events including skeet shooting, badminton, and soft tennis; notably, Jai Meena's bronze in soft tennis marked India's first-ever Asian Games medal in the sport.



2. Rajat Sharma Re-elected NBDA President: Leadership Shift in India's News Broadcasting and Digital Media Sector

Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, has been unanimously re-elected as the President of the NBDA for the 2026-27 term. The NBDA is the apex industry body for news and current affairs television and digital broadcasters in India, comprising 29 major broadcasters. During the 19th AGM, Jayant Mammen Mathew of MM TV was inducted into the board, while Rachna Burman and Kshipra Jatana were appointed as permanent directors. The NBDA serves as a crucial institutional platform for self-regulation, industry representation, and addressing issues related to news broadcasting within the media industry.



3. Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced: Six Novels in the Running; Winner to be Revealed on November 9

Six novels have been shortlisted from 163 entries for the Booker Prize 2026, featuring authors such as Marlon James, Douglas Stuart, and Elizabeth Strout. Past winners Marlon James (2015) and Douglas Stuart (2020) are among the contenders, while Rebecca Perry has made the shortlist for the first time. Historian Mary Beard chairs the 2026 judging panel, and the shortlisted works explore diverse themes including identity, power, family, history, and social isolation. Established in 1969, the Booker Prize awards £50,000 to the winner and £2,500 to each shortlisted author.



4. RBI Amends Valuation Norms for AIFI Investments in InvITs and REITs

The RBI has amended the rules regarding the classification, valuation, and operation of InvIT and REIT units within the investment portfolios of All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs). Listed InvITs and REITs will be valued in accordance with the RBI's existing norms for listed securities. Unlisted units will be valued based on the Net Asset Value (NAV) reported by the respective InvIT/REIT; however, if the NAV is unavailable or the units are infrequently traded, the value will be considered as ₹1. This amendment aims to bring clarity and uniformity to the valuation process, while existing RBI norms will continue to apply to other unlisted instruments.



5. 8 Years of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY: India's Flagship Initiative Towards Universal Health Coverage

Ayushman Bharat–PM-JAY was launched in September 2018 from Ranchi with the aim of protecting vulnerable sections from the financial burden of medical treatment. Under the scheme, eligible families receive health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per year, along with cashless and paperless treatment at empanelled hospitals. The scheme encompasses over 60 crore people, with more than 48.54 crore Ayushman cards issued and over 38,000 hospitals empanelled. Primary healthcare services are being strengthened through 'Ayushman Arogya Mandirs,' and senior citizens aged 70 and above have also been brought under the scheme's ambit.



6. WEF Chief Economists' Outlook 2026: India's growth prospects receive the strongest global assessment

India's growth prospects were viewed positively in the WEF's September 2026 Chief Economists' Outlook; 98% of economists expected moderate or better growth, while 74% anticipated strong or very strong growth. Robust domestic demand is the primary driver of India's growth, whereas growth prospects for China and Europe were assessed as relatively weak. The WEF has projected India's GDP growth at 6.7% for 2026-27, though high energy prices, geopolitical tensions, and economic fragmentation remain key risks. Despite an improvement in global economic sentiment, 97% of economists identified geopolitical conflicts as a major potential source of uncertainty for the coming year.



7. Andhra Pradesh Police Launches CDMF and SafeStay AP: Boosting Smart Policing with AI and Drone Technology

On September 22, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Police launched the CDMF and SafeStay AP digital platforms in Guntur to enhance crime prevention and surveillance. Through CDMF, police drone live feeds, AI-based surveillance, and analytics will be managed on a centralized platform. SafeStay AP will strengthen security and police coordination by providing occupancy information regarding individuals staying in hotels and PG accommodations. This initiative promotes preventive policing and situational awareness through AI, drones, data-driven policing, and digital forensics.



8. World Pharmacists Day 2026: Emphasizing the Role of Pharmacists in Safe and Effective Healthcare Services

World Pharmacists Day is observed annually on September 25th, aiming to highlight the contributions of pharmacists to healthcare and promote the safe and rational use of medicines. The initiative was launched by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), with the date chosen to coincide with the federation's founding day. The theme for 2026 is "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," focusing on the role pharmacists play in addressing global health requirements. In India, pharmacists play a crucial role in ensuring the quality, proper use, and distribution of medicines, as well as facilitating last-mile delivery of healthcare services in rural and remote areas.



1. In which weight category did Mirabai Chanu win a silver medal at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A - 48 kg B - 49 kg
C - 50 kg D - 53 kg

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Mirabai Chanu won a silver medal in the women's 49 kg category by lifting a total weight of 198 kg, thereby ending India's 28-year medal drought in weightlifting at the Asian Games. Prior to this, Karnam Malleswari had won silver in 1998; meanwhile, Jai Meena secured India's first Asian Games medal in soft tennis.



2. Who was re-elected as the President of NBDA for 2026-27?

- A - Jayant Mammen Mathew B - Rajat Sharma
C - Rachna Barman D - Kshipra Jatana

Rajat Sharma was unanimously re-elected as the President of NBDA for 2026-27; the NBDA comprises India's TV and digital broadcasters of news and current affairs. At the 19th AGM, Jayant Mammen Mathew of MM TV was inducted into the board, while Rachna Barman and Kshipra Jatana were appointed as permanent directors.



3. How many novels have been shortlisted for the 2026 Booker Prize?

- A - 4 B - 5
C - 6 D - 8

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4. For which institutions has the RBI amended the regulations concerning InvITs and REITs?

- A - NBFC B - AIFI
C - SEBI D - Public Sector Banks

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5. What is the annual health cover provided per family under Ayushman Bharat-PM-JAY?

A - ₹2 lakh

B - ₹3 lakh

C - ₹5 lakh

D - ₹10 lakh

Ayushman Bharat-PM-JAY was launched from Ranchi in September 2018, providing eligible families with a cashless and paperless health cover of up to ₹5 lakh per year. The scheme encompasses over 60 crore people, more than 48.54 crore Ayushman cards, and over 38,000 empanelled hospitals; senior citizens aged above 70 years have also been brought under its ambit.



6. What is the WEF's projected GDP growth rate for India for 2026-27?

A - 5.9%

B - 6.2%

C - 6.7%

D - 7.1%

In the WEF's 'Chief Economists' Outlook' (September 2026), India's economic growth was viewed as robust, with the GDP growth projection for 2026-27 set at 6.7%, primarily driven by strong domestic demand. However, high energy prices, geopolitical tensions, and economic fragmentation remain key risks, with 97% of economists identifying geopolitical conflicts as a major source of global uncertainty.



7. When did the Andhra Pradesh Police launch the CDMP and SafeStay AP platforms?

A - 20 September 2026

B - 21 September 2026

C - 22 September 2026

D - 25 September 2026

On 22 September 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Police launched the CDMP and SafeStay AP digital platforms in Guntur for crime prevention and surveillance, utilizing AI, drones, and data-driven policing. CDMP centralizes live drone feeds and AI analysis, while SafeStay AP strengthens security and police coordination through occupancy information from hotels and PGs.



8. Which organization initiated World Pharmacists Day?

A - WHO

B - UNICEF

C - FIP

D - UNESCO

World Pharmacists Day is observed annually on 25 September, aiming to promote the contribution of pharmacists to healthcare services and the safe and rational use of medicines. The theme for 2026 is "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," focusing on the role of pharmacists in addressing global health requirements.



One Liner

1. What is the theme for World Pharmacists Day 2026? - **“Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs”**
2. How many novels are included in the shortlist for the 2026 Booker Prize? - **6**
3. What is the acronym for the centralized drone surveillance portal launched by the Andhra Pradesh Police in September 2026? - **CDMP**
4. According to the WEF Chief Economists’ Outlook (September 2026), what is the projected GDP growth for India in 2026-27? - **6.7%**
5. Who was re-elected as the President of NBDA for 2026-27? - **Rajat Sharma**
6. According to new RBI regulations, what value will be assigned to unlisted InvIT/REIT units if the NAV is unavailable? - **₹1**
7. What is the annual health cover provided to an eligible family under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY? - **₹5 lakh**
8. On which date is World Pharmacists Day observed every year? - **September 25**
9. In which weight category did Mirabai Chanu win a silver medal at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026? - **49 kg**
10. What kind of information does the 'SafeStay AP' application primarily provide? - **Occupancy information for hotels and PGs**