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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- **India's impressive performance at the 2026 Asian Games: Gold in shooting, a flurry of medals in athletics take the total medal count to 23**
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1. India's Stellar Performance at Asian Games 2026: Gold in Shooting, Medal Haul in Athletics, and Total Medal Count Reaches 23

At the 20th Asian Games 2026 held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, India won a total of 23 medals—comprising 2 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze—by September 25. In shooting, Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet clinched the gold medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event with an Asian record score of 484.6 points. The team of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Rudranksh Patil, and Neeraj Kumar won the silver medal in the 50m rifle 3-positions event.



2. BCCI appoints Muthoot Fincorp as title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028

The BCCI has appointed Muthoot Fincorp as the title sponsor for India's international cricket matches until March 2028, with a total deal value of up to ₹150 crore and a per-match payment of approximately ₹4.3 crore. Previously, IDFC First Bank held the title sponsorship with a payment of ₹4.2 crore per match. The BCCI has also appointed Campa, SBI Life, and ChatGPT as Associate Partners for domestic cricket, with the total partnership value reported to exceed ₹130 crore. According to a WPP Media report, India's sports sponsorship market stood at ₹7,942 crore in 2025, with cricket accounting for an 89% share.



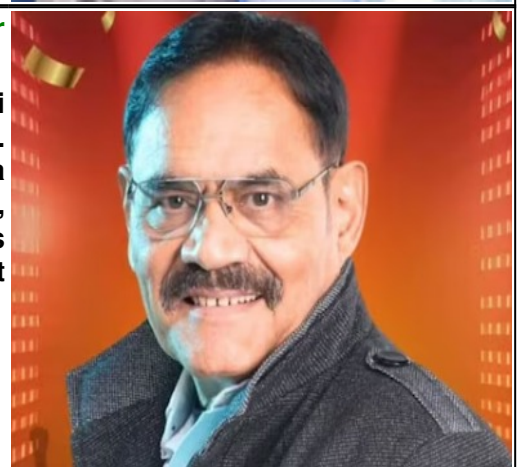
3. Punjab Government Raises DA/DR for Employees and Pensioners to 50%

The Punjab government has increased the Dearness Allowance (DA) for state employees and the Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners from 42% to 50%, effective from September 1, 2026. This hike aims to maintain the real purchasing power of employees and pensioners amidst rising inflation. The decision is expected to benefit approximately 4 lakh employees and 3.5 lakh pensioners, entailing a financial implication of around ₹250 crore. An increase in DA/DR raises the state's revenue expenditure, which can exert pressure on fiscal space and developmental or capital expenditure.



4. Veteran actor Mushtaq Khan passes away; a film career spanning five decades comes to an end

Mushtaq Khan, a renowned character and supporting actor in Hindi cinema, passed away in Mumbai on September 24, 2026, at the age of 56. He began his film career in 1980 with Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai and acted in over 500 films. His notable films include Aashiqui, Gadar, Welcome, Hera Pheri, Gadar 2, and Stree 2. Best known for his role as 'Ballu' in Welcome, Khan's long career exemplified the significant contribution of character actors to Indian cinema.



5. India Ranks 31st in TTDI 2026; Asia-Pacific Region Shows Rapid Progress in Tourism Development

India ranked 31st out of 110 economies in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026, while Japan secured the top spot. Rather than focusing on tourist numbers or revenue, this index evaluates policies, infrastructure, connectivity, resources, and conditions for sustainable development within the tourism sector. Between 2024 and 2026, 92% of the economies saw an improvement in their TTDI scores, with a 2.1% increase recorded in the global average score.



6. FSSAI Proposal: Ban on selling non-dairy products as 'Paneer'; focus on consumer protection

On September 24, 2026, the FSSAI issued a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011, proposing a ban on selling non-milk-based products under the name 'Paneer'. Products falling under the 'Dairy Analogue' category will be prohibited from using the word 'Paneer' in their names or on their labels to prevent consumer confusion. The FSSAI has invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders regarding this proposal within 60 days; this is not yet a final rule. This initiative relates to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, food labeling, and consumer protection.



7. India-Netherlands Collaboration for the Kalpasar Project: Focus on Water Security, Coastal Engineering, and Climate Resilience

On September 24, 2026, during the 9th India International Water Week, India and the Netherlands signed two tripartite MoUs for Gujarat's Kalpasar Project, involving the CWC, the Kalpasar Department, Deltares, and TU Delft. The Kalpasar Project aims to meet the water requirements—particularly of the Saurashtra region—by developing a freshwater reservoir in the Gulf of Khambhat. Key areas of collaboration include hydraulic-hydrological modeling, coastal engineering, salinity management, and climate-resilient infrastructure.



8. World Rabies Day 2026: Emphasis on the 'One Health' Approach for Rabies Elimination

World Rabies Day is observed annually on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies and promote efforts toward its elimination. Rabies is a viral, zoonotic, and nearly 100% fatal—yet preventable—disease, with infected dogs being the primary source. The theme for 2026 is "Act Now: You, Me, Communities," emphasizing the 'One Health' approach and community participation. In India, key strategies for rabies control under the National Rabies Control Programme include animal vaccination, timely Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), and scientific dog population management.



1. Who won the gold medal for India in the 10m air pistol mixed team event?

- A - Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet** **B - Manpreet Kaur and Gulveer Singh**
C - Baranika Elangovan and Neeraj Kumar **D - Seema Kumari and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar**

By September 25, India had won 23 medals—2 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze—at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026. In shooting, Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet won gold, while in athletics, Gulveer Singh and the mixed 4×400m relay team, among other Indian athletes, secured medals.



2. Whom has the BCCI appointed as the title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028?

- A - IDFC First Bank** **B - Muthoot Fincorp**
C - SBI Life **D - Campa**

The BCCI has appointed Muthoot Fincorp as the title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028; the total deal is worth ₹150 crore, with a payment of approximately ₹4.3 crore per match. Campa, SBI Life, and ChatGPT have become Associate Partners for domestic cricket, while cricket accounted for an 89% share of India's sports sponsorship market in 2025.



3. To what percentage has the Punjab government raised the Dearness Allowance (DA) for employees?

- A - 45%** **B - 48%**
C - 50% **D - 52%**

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4. With which film did Mushtaq Khan begin his film career?

- A - Aashiqui** **B - Welcome**
C - Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai **D - Hera Pheri**

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5. What was India's rank in the TTDI 2026?

- A - 21st B - 31st
C - 41st D - 51st

In the WEF's Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2026, India ranked 31st out of 110 economies, while Japan secured the top spot; 92% of the economies saw an improvement in their scores between 2024 and 2026. India's natural and cultural resources are key strengths, whereas improvements are needed in tourism infrastructure, human resources, the business environment, and environmental sustainability.



6. FSSAI has proposed banning the use of which name for non-dairy-based products?

- A - Dahi (Curd/Yogurt) B - Paneer (Cottage Cheese)
C - Butter D - Ghee

FSSAI has issued a draft proposal to ban the sale of non-dairy 'Dairy Analogue' products under the name 'Paneer' to prevent consumer confusion regarding food labeling. Objections and suggestions regarding this proposal have been invited within a 60-day period, and it is not yet a final rule; this initiative relates to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



7. With which state is the Kalpasar Project associated?

- A - Maharashtra B - Gujarat
C - Rajasthan D - Madhya Pradesh

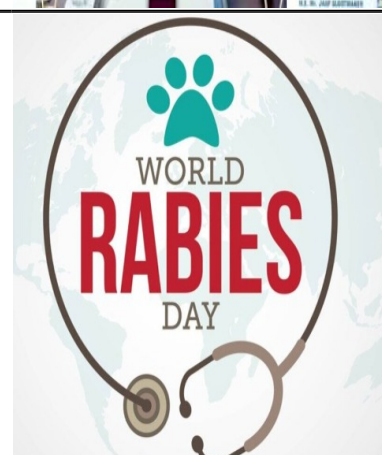
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8. What type of disease is rabies?

- A - Bacterial and non-communicable B - Viral and zoonotic
C - Fungal and non-communicable D - Parasitic and genetic

World Rabies Day is observed annually on September 28 to raise awareness about rabies and promote efforts towards its elimination; the theme for 2026 is "Act Now: You, Me, Communities." Rabies is a nearly 100% fatal yet preventable zoonotic disease; India's National Rabies Control Programme, animal vaccination, timely PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis), and scientific dog population management play crucial roles in its control.



One Liner

1. Which country secured the first position in the TTDI 2026? - **Japan**
2. What was India's rank in the TTDI 2026? - **31st**
3. What is the value of the BCCI's title sponsorship agreement with Muthoot Fincorp? - **₹150 crore**
4. Who won the gold medal for India in the 10m air pistol mixed team event? - **Suruchi Singh and Kamaljeet**
5. With which film did actor Mushtaq Khan begin his film career? - **Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai**
6. Whom did the BCCI appoint as the title sponsor for international cricket matches until March 2028? - **Muthoot Fincorp**
7. From what percentage to what percentage did the Punjab government increase the Dearness Allowance (DA) for employees? - **From 42% to 50%**
8. With which state is the Kalpasar Project associated? - **Gujarat**
9. How many total medals did India win at the 2026 Asian Games by September 25? - **23 medals**
10. On which date is World Rabies Day observed every year? - **September 28**