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## TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

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## 1. India's Stellar Performance at the 2026 Asian Games: Remarkable Achievements in Squash, Athletics, and Shooting

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won silver medals in the women's and men's singles squash events, respectively; Anahat became the first Indian woman to win a medal in this event. In athletics, Yash Veer Singh, Gulveer Singh, and Murali Sreeshankar won silver medals, while Rohit Yadav secured a bronze. Vithya Ramraj broke P.T. Usha's 42-year-old national record while winning the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles with a time of 54.75 seconds. In shooting, Esha Singh clinched the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol event.



## 2. India Wins Silver at 2026 Chess Olympiad; Uzbekistan Clinches Gold

India won the silver medal with 18 match points in the Open section of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, held in Samarkand on September 27, 2026. In the final round, the match between India and Hungary ended in a 2-2 draw; Arjun Erigaisi secured a victory, while D. Gukesh suffered a defeat, and the matches involving Praggnanandhaa and Nihal Sarin ended in draws. Host nation Uzbekistan won the gold medal with 20 match points after defeating Ukraine 2.5-1.5, while Germany secured the bronze medal. This continues the recent trend of chess success for both nations; India had won the Olympiad gold in 2024, and Uzbekistan had won it in 2022.



## 3. Global Cooling Pledge 2026: Promoting Sustainable Cooling and Heat Resilience; Inaugural 'Cool Leaders' Awards Presented

The inaugural 'Cool Leaders Awards' were presented at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly held in Singapore in September 2026, honoring Singapore and the UAE for their contributions to sustainable cooling. The UNEP-led Cool Coalition is a global multi-stakeholder network launched in 2019 that promotes energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling. The Global Cooling Pledge was launched at COP28 (2023) with the goal of reducing cooling-related emissions by 68% by 2050 and improving the average energy efficiency of air conditioners by 50% by 2030.



## 4. India's Best-Ever Performance at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026: Secures 10th Place in Global Skills Competition

India secured 10th place at the WorldSkills Competition 2026 held in Shanghai, China, marking its best-ever performance in the event. The country won 6 silver medals and 20 Medals of Excellence across categories such as Bakery, Dental Prosthetics, Digital Media Design, and Retail Sales. India participated in 11 new skill categories for the first time, reflecting a shift from traditional trades towards digital technology and Industry 4.0-based skills.



## 5. Lalit Kala Akademi Awards Conferred Upon 20 Artists at the 65th National Exhibition of Art (2026)

Lalit Kala Akademi Awards were presented to 20 artists at the 65th National Exhibition of Art (2026), organized by the Lalit Kala Akademi. For this exhibition, 2,495 artists from 27 states and Union Territories submitted 6,175 artworks, out of which 270 were selected for display. The artworks utilized diverse mediums—including painting, sculpture, printmaking, and mixed media—as well as materials such as terracotta, ceramics, marble, copper, and wood. Established in 1954, the Lalit Kala Akademi plays a pivotal role in the development of visual arts in India, the encouragement of artists, and the preservation of cultural diversity.



## 6. Plan for 150 TPD e-methanol plant in Kandla to boost green shipping fuel in India

A plan is underway to set up a 150 TPD (tonnes per day) e-methanol plant at Deendayal Port in Kandla, Gujarat, to be jointly developed by DPA and APCL. This project, valued at approximately ₹2,300 crore, will be completed in two phases, with a proposed investment split of 76:24 between DPA and APCL. E-methanol is a low-carbon fuel produced from green hydrogen and CO<sub>2</sub>; it is particularly suitable for use in green shipping and international maritime transport. Aligned with the National Green Hydrogen Mission, this project will help develop an integrated value chain spanning renewable energy → green hydrogen → e-methanol → green shipping.



## 7. Livestock Insurance Portal 2026: Protecting Farmers' Livestock from Financial Risk and Digitizing Insurance Services

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) launched the Livestock Insurance Portal on September 28, 2026, aiming to provide insurance services on an integrated digital platform. Services such as policy issuance, claim processing and tracking, monitoring, and reporting will be managed digitally through the portal. This initiative is linked to the National Livestock Mission (NLM), under which beneficiaries bear 15% of the insurance premium while the government covers 85%, providing insurance coverage for various categories of livestock.



## 8. International Translation Day 2026: The Importance of Linguistic Diversity, Cultural Dialogue, and Global Cooperation

International Translation Day is observed annually on September 30th, aiming to honor the contributions of translators and promote linguistic and cultural dialogue. The United Nations General Assembly officially designated this day on May 24, 2017, selecting September 30th in honor of St. Jerome. In a multilingual country like India, translation plays a crucial role in enhancing access to administration, education, the judiciary, and digital services for diverse linguistic communities.



## 1. Who won the silver medal in women's singles squash at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026?

A - Anahat Singh

B - Esha Singh

C - Vithya Ramraj

D - Gulveer Singh

At the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won silver medals in squash singles, while Yash Veer Singh, Gulveer Singh, Murali Sreeshankar, and Rohit Yadav secured medals in athletics. Vithya Ramraj broke P.T. Usha's 42-year-old national record in the 400m hurdles with a time of 54.75 seconds, while Esha Singh won a silver medal in the 25m pistol event.



## 2. Which medal did India win in the Open category of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2026?

A - Gold

B - Silver

C - Bronze

D - No medal

India won the silver medal with 18 match points in the Open category of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad held in Samarkand on September 27, 2026, while Uzbekistan won gold with 20 points and Germany secured the bronze medal. In the final round, the match between India and Hungary ended in a 2-2 draw; Arjun Erigaisi recorded a win, D. Gukesh suffered a defeat, and the matches involving Praggnanandhaa and Nihal Sarin ended in draws.



## 3. Which countries were awarded the inaugural 'Cool Leaders Awards'?

A - India and UAE

B - Singapore and UAE

C - Singapore and India

D - UAE and Japan

Singapore and UAE were honored with the 'Cool Leaders Awards' for the first time at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly held in Singapore in September 2026; the Cool Coalition promotes sustainable and energy-efficient cooling. Launched at COP28 (2023), the Global Cooling Pledge aims to reduce cooling-related emissions by 68% by 2050 and improve the average energy efficiency of new air conditioners by 50% by 2030.



## 4. What position did India secure in the WorldSkills Competition 2026?

A - 8th

B - 9th

C - 10th

D - 11th

India achieved its best-ever performance by securing the 10th position at the WorldSkills Competition 2026 held in Shanghai, winning 6 silver medals and 20 Medals of Excellence. India participated in 11 new skill categories for the first time, reflecting a growing focus on digital technology and Industry 4.0-based skills.



**5. How many artists were awarded the Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 65th National Exhibition of Art in 2026?**

- A - 15                                      B - 18  
C - 20                                      D - 25

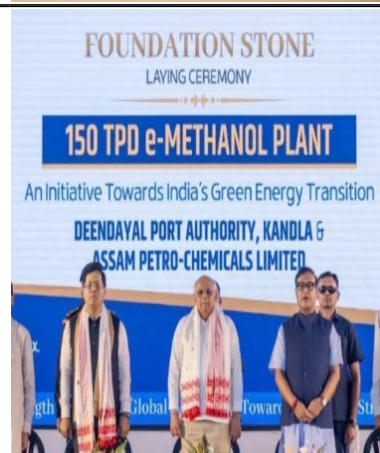
Awards were presented to 20 artists at the Lalit Kala Akademi's 65th National Exhibition of Art in 2026, while 270 artworks were selected for display out of 6,175 entries submitted by 2,495 artists from 27 states and Union Territories. Established in 1954, the Lalit Kala Akademi promotes Indian visual arts and cultural diversity through painting, sculpture, printmaking, and mixed media.



**6. What is the capacity of the proposed e-methanol plant at Deendayal Port?**

- A - 100 TPD                                      B - 150 TPD  
C - 200 TPD                                      D - 250 TPD

An e-methanol plant with a capacity of 150 TPD will be set up at Deendayal Port in Kandla, Gujarat, at a cost of ₹2,300 crore; it will be jointly developed by DPA and APCL. E-methanol is a low-carbon fuel produced from green hydrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> that will help promote green shipping under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.



**7. Which department launched the Livestock Insurance Portal?**

- A - Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare                                      B - Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
C - Department of Rural Development                                      D - Department of Fisheries

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Livestock Insurance Portal on September 28, 2026, making insurance services—such as policy issuance, claims, tracking, monitoring, and reporting—digitally accessible. Under this initiative, linked to the National Livestock Mission, the government bears 85% of the premium while the beneficiary bears 15%; RFID technology will be used for the digital identification of livestock.



**8. In whose honor was the date for International Translation Day chosen?**

- A - Saint Peter                                      B - Saint Jerome  
C - Saint Paul                                      D - Saint Augustine

International Translation Day is observed annually on September 30; the United Nations General Assembly declared it an official day on May 24, 2017, and it is celebrated in honor of Saint Jerome. In a multilingual country like India, translation plays a vital role in linguistic-cultural dialogue, education, administration, and the judiciary, while AI, machine translation, and NLP are enhancing digital linguistic accessibility.



## One Liner

1. In which year was the Lalit Kala Akademi established? - **1954**
2. Which medal did India win in the Open category of the 2026 Chess Olympiad? - **Silver medal**
3. Which technology has been approved for the digital identification of animals on the livestock insurance portal? - **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)**
4. What position did India secure at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026? - **10th position**
5. Who became the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in women's singles squash at the 2026 Asian Games? - **Anahat Singh**
6. What is the target set by the Global Cooling Pledge for the reduction of cooling-related emissions by 2050? - **68%**
7. Which countries received the first 'Cool Leaders Award' at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026? - **Singapore and the United Arab Emirates**
8. How many silver medals did India win at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026? - **6 silver medals**
9. How many artists were awarded the Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 65th National Art Exhibition 2026? - **20 artists**
10. What will be the total production capacity of the proposed e-methanol plant in Kandla? - **150 tonnes per day (TPD)**