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1. Asian Games 2026: India's Golden Performance and Historic Clean Sweep in Compound Archery

On Day 11 of the Asian Games 2026, India delivered a stellar performance, winning a total of seven medals, including four gold and three bronze. In compound archery, India achieved a clean sweep by winning gold medals in all three events: the women's team, men's team, and mixed team categories. Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai won gold in mixed team trap shooting, while India secured three bronze medals in boxing and wrestling. The Indian women's hockey team reached the final, and both the men's and women's squash teams advanced to the semi-finals, bolstering India's medal prospects.



2. Shubman Gill's Historic Double Century: Fastest ODI Double Ton and India's Record Run-Chase

On September 30, 2026, Shubman Gill set the record for the fastest double century in ODI cricket by reaching the milestone in 117 balls against the West Indies, finishing unbeaten on 223 off 133 balls. Chasing West Indies' total of 405/7, India scored 406/2 in 43.3 overs to secure a historic eight-wicket victory. Gill and Rohit Sharma shared a 255-run opening partnership, with Rohit scoring 101 off 75 balls. This was Gill's second ODI double century and his 11th ODI century in just 68 innings, a feat that saw him claim several significant records.



3. UN's First Political Declaration on Sea-Level Rise: Safeguarding Sovereignty and Maritime Rights of Small Island Nations

On September 24, 2026, the UN General Assembly adopted its first political declaration addressing the existential threats posed by sea-level rise, recognizing it as a challenge linked to development, security, and the economy, alongside environmental concerns. The declaration underscored the importance of the continuity of statehood, sovereignty, and UN membership for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and low-lying coastal nations. It emphasized legal certainty regarding the maritime interests of coastal states, highlighting the stability of maritime zones and associated rights established under UNCLOS.



4. GI Tag for Jharkhand's Traditional 'Mandar' Instrument: Preserving Tribal Culture and Traditional Craft

Jharkhand's traditional percussion instrument, the 'Mandar', has received the GI (Geographical Indication) tag, thereby safeguarding its unique cultural and geographical identity. The Mandar is a double-headed instrument; its body is primarily crafted from red clay or fine clay and leather, and its sound is distinctive due to traditional manufacturing techniques. It plays a vital role in the tribal and folk music and dance traditions of Jharkhand, featuring prominently in festivals, religious rituals, agricultural celebrations, and social gatherings.



5. Expansion of Asiatic Lions into Barda: Restructuring of Porbandar Forest Division and Secondary Habitat Conservation

The Gujarat government has restructured the Porbandar Forest Division to strengthen wildlife conservation by developing Barda as a secondary habitat for Asiatic lions. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary serves as a crucial alternative habitat for lions outside the Gir region, particularly as the lion population in Gujarat has risen from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025. Developing secondary habitats and wildlife corridors allows for better management of risks associated with over-reliance on a single area, disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and human-wildlife conflict.



6. 'Aadhaar Samvad 2026': UIDAI's 5 New Initiatives; Boosting Good Governance and Citizen-Centric Services through Digital Identity

On September 29, 2026, UIDAI organized 'Aadhaar Samvad' in Kolkata to mark the 17th Aadhaar Day and launched five new initiatives for citizen-centric digital services. These include face authentication for ePDS, offering a consent-based and contactless alternative when fingerprint authentication proves difficult. The SWIK Portal 2.0 and Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA (Lite) Framework aim to simplify authorized Aadhaar authentication usage and reduce infrastructure requirements for low-volume users.



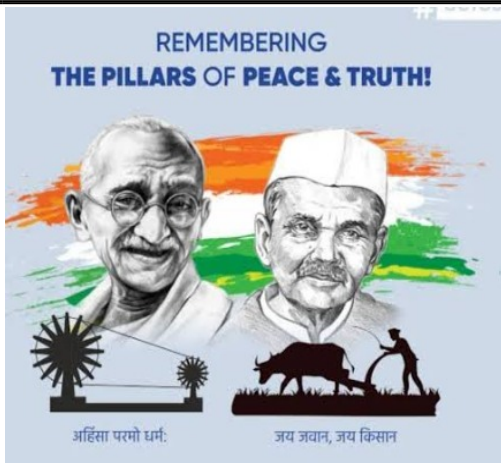
7. Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri Becomes Morocco's First Female Prime Minister: The Challenge of Forming a Coalition Government After Parliamentary Elections

On September 29, 2026, King Mohammed VI of Morocco appointed Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri as the country's first female Prime Minister, tasking her with forming a new government. Her party, the PAM, won 97 seats in the 395-member House of Representatives; consequently, she must form a coalition with other parties to establish a government. El Mansouri is a former Mayor of Marrakesh and has served as the Minister of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing, and Urban Policy, bringing extensive experience in both local and national governance.



8. October 2: International Day of Non-Violence, Gandhi Jayanti, and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti—A Legacy of Indian Independence, Non-Violence, and Ethical Leadership

International Day of Non-Violence and Gandhi Jayanti are observed annually on October 2; the United Nations declared this observance in 2007 to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi guided the Indian independence movement through the principles of Truth (Satya), Non-Violence (Ahimsa), and Satyagraha, while also introducing concepts such as Gram Swaraj (village self-rule), Swadeshi (self-reliance), Trusteeship, and Sarvodaya (universal upliftment).



1. How many total medals did India win on the 11th day of the 2026 Asian Games?

- A - 5
B - 6
C - 7
D - 8

On the 11th day of the 2026 Asian Games, India won a total of 7 medals—comprising 4 gold and 3 bronze—including gold medals in all three compound archery team events. Gold was secured in trap shooting, while bronze medals were won in boxing and wrestling; additionally, the women's hockey team reached the final and the squash teams advanced to the semi-finals.



2. In how many balls did Shubman Gill complete his double century in ODIs?

- A - 110 balls
B - 115 balls
C - 117 balls
D - 120 balls

On September 30, 2026, Shubman Gill set the record for the fastest double century in ODI cricket by reaching the milestone in 117 balls against the West Indies, eventually scoring an unbeaten 223 off 133 balls. Chasing a target of 405/7, India scored 406/2 in 43.3 overs to win by 8 wickets, featuring a 255-run partnership between Gill and Rohit Sharma.



3. By what acronym are small island nations that are particularly affected by sea-level rise known?

- A - LDCs
B - SIDS
C - BRICS
D - LLDCs

On September 24, 2026, the UN General Assembly adopted the first political declaration addressing the existential threats posed by sea-level rise, emphasizing the sovereignty, statehood, and the stability of maritime rights of SIDS and low-lying coastal nations. The declaration advocated for climate adaptation, early warning systems, coastal protection, climate finance, and nature-based solutions—such as mangroves—while ensuring legal certainty under UNCLOS.



4. Which traditional musical instrument from Jharkhand has received the GI tag?

- A - Nagada
B - Mandar
C - Dholak
D - Mandar

The 'Mandar,' a traditional double-headed percussion instrument from Jharkhand, has been awarded the GI tag; this safeguards its unique cultural and geographical identity and enhances recognition for traditional artisans. The Mandar plays a vital role in tribal and folk music and dance during festivals, religious rituals, and agricultural celebrations; consequently, this GI recognition is expected to boost local handicrafts, cultural tourism, and the rural economy.



5. Which region is being developed as a secondary habitat for Asiatic lions in Gujarat?

- A - Gir National Park
C - Kutch

- B - Barda
D - Nalsarovar

The Gujarat government has initiated the development of Barda as a secondary habitat for Asiatic lions by reorganizing the Porbandar Forest Division, thereby strengthening wildlife conservation and habitat expansion. Amidst the rise in the lion population from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025, emphasis is being placed on wildlife corridors, scientific monitoring, habitat development, and human-wildlife conflict management under 'Project Lion'.



6. In which city did UIDAI organize 'Aadhaar Samvad' on September 29, 2026?

- A - New Delhi
C - Kolkata

- B - Mumbai
D - Bengaluru

On September 29, 2026, UIDAI organized 'Aadhaar Samvad' in Kolkata on the occasion of the 17th Aadhaar Day and launched five new initiatives for citizen-centric digital services, with face authentication for ePDS being a key highlight. The SWIK Portal 2.0, Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA (Lite) Framework, Token Management System, and the new UIDAI website aim to make Aadhaar services simpler, more secure, and more accessible.



7. Who was appointed as the first female Prime Minister of Morocco?

- A - Najla Bouden
C - Amina Hakki

- B - Fatima Zahra El Mansouri
D - Sara Zafrani

On September 29, 2026, King Mohammed VI of Morocco appointed Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri as the country's first female Prime Minister; her party, PAM, won 97 seats in the 395-member house, necessitating a coalition to form the government. The new government will face challenges such as employment, inflation, and healthcare and social services, alongside the responsibility of developing infrastructure for the 2030 FIFA World Cup.



8. During which period did Lal Bahadur Shastri serve as the Prime Minister of India?

- A - 1959–1964
C - 1966–1971

- B - 1964–1966
D - 1971–1977

The International Day of Non-Violence, Gandhi Jayanti, and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti are observed annually on October 2nd; Gandhi guided the freedom movement through ideals such as truth, non-violence, Satyagraha, Gram Swaraj (village self-rule), and Swadeshi (self-reliance). Lal Bahadur Shastri served as Prime Minister from 1964 to 1966 and coined the slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' (Hail the Soldier, Hail the Farmer), linking this day to themes of ethical leadership, national security, and agricultural self-reliance.



One Liner

1. In how many compound archery team events did India win gold medals at the 2026 Asian Games? - **In 3 events**
2. On which date are the International Day of Non-Violence and Gandhi Jayanti celebrated every year? - **2 October**
3. When was the UN General Assembly's political declaration on sea-level rise adopted? - **24 September 2026**
4. How many total medals did India win on the 11th day of the 2026 Asian Games? - **7 medals**
5. In how many balls did Shubman Gill complete a double century in an ODI against the West Indies? - **In 117 balls**
6. Which traditional percussion instrument from Jharkhand was awarded the GI tag? - **Mandar**
7. By what acronym is the group of vulnerable nations most affected by sea-level rise known? - **SIDS**
8. Which new authentication option did UIDAI introduce for ePDS? - **Face authentication**
9. Who was appointed as Morocco's first female Prime Minister on 29 September 2026? - **Fatima Zahra El Mansouri**
10. What was the recorded number of Asiatic lions in Gujarat in 2025? - **891**