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- **Asian Games 2026: Manu Francis-Prince Noble win silver in 49er sailing, India's first sailing medal**
- **Rohit Sharma completed 12,000 runs in ODI cricket, becoming the third Indian batsman after Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli to do so.**
- **Narendra Bhushan took over as Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**
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- **California bans child marriage: AB 1267 sets minimum marriage age at 18**
- **India's manufacturing sector picks up pace in September 2026, HSBC Manufacturing PMI rises to 55.1**
- **Intelligent Traffic Management System project worth ₹1,789.52 crore approved in Delhi**

1. Asian Games 2026: Manu Francis and Prince Noble Win Silver in 49er Sailing; India's First Sailing Medal

At the 2026 Asian Games, Manu Francis and Prince Noble secured a silver medal in the men's 49er skiff sailing event, marking India's first sailing medal of the games. The Indian sailors accumulated a total of 23 points across nine races to finish in second place. India has won 24 sailing medals in Asian Games history, including a solitary gold medal from the 1982 New Delhi Games. Manu and Prince had previously won bronze medals at the 2022 and 2023 Asian Sailing Championships and triumphed in the 2026 Indian selection trials.



2. Rohit Sharma completes 12,000 runs in ODI cricket; becomes the third Indian batsman to do so after Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli

On September 30, 2026, Rohit Sharma completed 12,000 ODI runs during the match against the West Indies in Guwahati, becoming the third Indian and the seventh batsman globally to achieve this feat. He reached this milestone in 282 innings, making him the second-fastest batsman to score 12,000 runs after Virat Kohli. In the match, Rohit scored 101 runs off 75 balls—marking his 35th ODI century—and became the first batsman to hit 200 ODI sixes in India. Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill shared a record opening partnership of 255 runs, helping India chase down a target of 406 runs and defeat the West Indies by 8 wickets.



3. Narendra Bhushan Assumes Charge as Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Narendra Bhushan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on October 1, 2026. Prior to this, he served as Secretary of the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development and possesses over three decades of administrative experience across central and state governments. He has held various key positions in sectors such as energy, infrastructure, industry, agriculture, IT, Panchayati Raj, and land resources. His new role at the MoEFCC involves overseeing policies related to environmental conservation, forest management, biodiversity, and climate change.



4. Flydubai Flight Emergency: Indian Pilot Smit Machhar to be Honoured with 'Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award'

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has announced the 'Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award' for Flydubai's Indian pilot, Captain Smit Machhar, in recognition of his courage and dedication to duty. Despite sustaining serious injuries during a cockpit incident on flight FZ1073—en route from Dubai to Tel Aviv on September 30, 2026—he played a crucial role in ensuring the safety of the aircraft. The plane made an emergency landing in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, where Machhar received medical treatment before being airlifted to Dubai. Machhar, who has family ties to Rajkot, grew up in Mumbai and serves as a Boeing 737 captain with Flydubai.



5. Anup Kumar Saha to be MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank from January 1, 2027

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Anup Kumar Saha as the MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank; his three-year tenure will commence on January 1, 2027. He will succeed Ashok Vaswani, whose term ends on December 31, 2026; the appointment has been approved under Section 35B of the RBI Act. Saha possesses over 32 years of experience and has held key roles at organizations such as BHEL, GE Capital, ICICI Bank, and Bajaj Finance. He holds a B.Tech degree from IIT Kharagpur and an MBA from IIM Lucknow, with expertise in retail banking, consumer finance, digital banking, and data analytics.



6. Total Ban on Child Marriage in California: Minimum Marriage Age Set at 18 Under AB 1267

California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed AB 1267, setting the minimum age for marriage and domestic partnership at 18. The new law eliminates previous provisions that allowed minors to marry with parental consent or court permission. This law will take effect on January 1, 2027, making California one of the U.S. states to ban child marriage without exceptions. This move addresses social justice issues such as child protection, education, health, gender equality, and protection against forced marriage.



7. India's manufacturing sector gains momentum in September 2026; HSBC Manufacturing PMI rises to 55.1

India's HSBC Manufacturing PMI rose to 55.1 in September 2026 from 52.8 in August, marking the fastest expansion in the manufacturing sector in seven months. New orders and production accelerated due to robust domestic demand and increased export demand from Brazil, Europe, the UAE, and the US. Employment, raw material purchases, and finished goods inventories also increased, boosting corporate confidence regarding future demand. However, rising demand was accompanied by increases in input costs and selling prices, making it necessary to monitor cost inflation.



8. Approval for ₹1,789.52 Crore Intelligent Traffic Management System Project in Delhi

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved an ITMS project worth ₹1,789.52 crore for Delhi, aimed at reducing traffic congestion and travel time. The project will be implemented over 24 months in three phases, covering 42 traffic corridors with 1,092 adaptive signals and 1,029 enforcement sites. The AI-based system will assist in controlling traffic signals in real-time, prioritizing emergency vehicles, and automatically detecting traffic violations. Delhi Police will implement the project, while C-DAC will provide technical supervision; the ITMS will feature the capability to integrate future technologies via open standards and APIs.



1. In which event did Manu Francis and Prince Noble win a silver medal at the 2026 Asian Games?

A - 49er Skiff

B - 470 Skiff

C - Laser Skiff

D - Windsurfing

At the 2026 Asian Games, Manu Francis and Prince Noble secured India's first sailing medal by winning silver in the men's 49er Skiff event. The duo accumulated 23 points across nine races. India has won 24 sailing medals at the Asian Games, while Manu and Prince had previously won bronze medals at the 2022 and 2023 Asian Sailing Championships.



2. In how many innings did Rohit Sharma complete 12,000 ODI runs?

A - 242

B - 282

C - 300

D - 314

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3. Which ministry's Secretary did Narendra Bhushan take charge of on October 1, 2026?

A - Ministry of Rural Development

B - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

C - Ministry of Agriculture

D - Ministry of Home Affairs

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4. Which award was announced for Captain Smit Machhar?

A - Gujarat Gaurav Puraskar

B - Vishisht Gujarat Garima Puraskar

C - Sardar Patel Puraskar

D - Gujarat Shaurya Puraskar

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5. Which bank is Anup Kumar Saha set to lead as MD and CEO?

- A - HDFC Bank B - ICICI Bank
C - Kotak Mahindra Bank D - Axis Bank

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6. What is the minimum age for marriage set in California?

- A - 16 years B - 17 years
C - 18 years D - 21 years

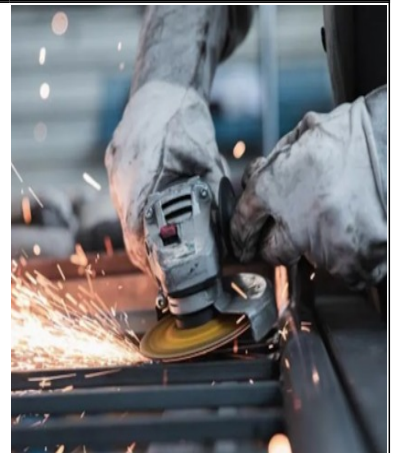
California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1267, setting the minimum age for marriage and domestic partnership at 18 years, with no exceptions for minors. This law will come into effect on January 1, 2027, and will promote child protection and gender equality by eliminating the previous provision allowing minor marriages with parental consent or court permission.



7. What was India's HSBC Manufacturing PMI in September 2026?

- A - 50.8 B - 52.8
C - 54.1 D - 55.1

India's HSBC Manufacturing PMI rose to 55.1 in September 2026 from 52.8 in August, marking the fastest expansion of the manufacturing sector in seven months. Robust domestic and export demand drove increases in new orders, production, and employment; however, concerns regarding cost-push inflation persisted due to rising input costs and sales prices.



8. What is the total cost of the Delhi ITMS project?

- A - ₹1,289.52 crore B - ₹1,589.52 crore
C - ₹1,789.52 crore D - ₹1,989.52 crore

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One Liner

1. Narendra Bhushan belongs to which batch of IAS officers? - **1992 batch**
2. Rohit Sharma became which Indian batsman to score 12,000 ODI runs? - **Third**
3. Where did Flydubai flight FZ1073 make an emergency landing? - **Tabuk, Saudi Arabia**
4. What was India's HSBC Manufacturing PMI in September 2026? - **55.1**
5. What is the total cost of the Delhi ITMS project? - **₹1,789.52 crore**
6. Which award did the Gujarat government announce to confer upon Captain Smit Machhar? - **Vishisht Gujarat Garima Puraskar**
7. Narendra Bhushan assumed the office of Secretary of which ministry on October 1, 2026? - **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**
8. Who won the silver medal for India in 49er skiff sailing at the 2026 Asian Games? - **Manu Francis and Prince Noble**
9. Anup Kumar Saha will become the MD and CEO of which bank starting January 1, 2027? - **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
10. In how many innings did Rohit Sharma complete 12,000 ODI runs? - **282 innings**