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1. Leadership Change in Indian Women's Cricket: Smriti Mandhana Named New Captain



On October 6, 2026, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) appointed Smriti Mandhana as the new full-time white-ball captain of the Indian women's cricket team. She replaces Harmanpreet Kaur, who stepped down from the captaincy across all formats but will continue to be part of the team as a player. Under Harmanpreet's leadership, India achieved several significant milestones, including success at the 2025 Women's Cricket World Cup and winning two gold medals at the Asian Games. Mandhana brings experience from leading RCB to WPL titles in 2024 and 2026, marking the beginning of a new era of leadership in Indian women's cricket.

2. Carlos Alcaraz Wins Japan Open 2026, Becomes Champion for the Second Consecutive Time



Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz won the Japan Open 2026 title in Tokyo on October 6, 2026, defeating Jiri Lehecka 7-6(4), 6-4. With this victory, Alcaraz secured the Japan Open title for the second consecutive time, marking his third ATP title of the 2026 season. The Japan Open is a hard-court tournament on the ATP Tour and is considered a significant event in the Asian tennis circuit. Returning after a wrist injury, this victory served as a strong indication of Alcaraz's impressive return to competitive form.

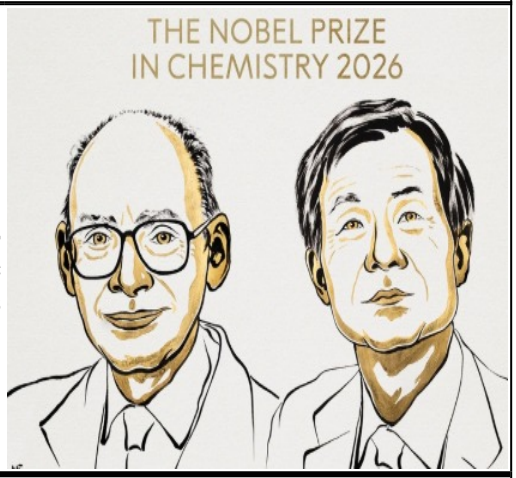
3. Novak Djokovic Wins China Open 2026, Claims 102nd Tour-Level Title



Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic won the China Open 2026 title in Beijing on October 6, 2026, after Alex de Minaur withdrew from the match due to injury. With this victory, Djokovic improved his record at the China Open to 34-0, marking his seventh title at the tournament. At the age of 39, he became the oldest player to win an ATP 500 title and secured the 102nd tour-level title of his career. This is Djokovic's first ATP title of 2026, ending a title drought that had lasted nearly 11 months.

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4. 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai Honored for Pioneering Work in Asymmetric Organic Synthesis



The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was jointly awarded to Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai for their contributions regarding non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis. Kagan's research helped elucidate how small changes in a catalyst's chirality can lead to significant effects on chemical selectivity. Soai demonstrated the self-amplification of small molecular imbalances through asymmetric autocatalysis, thereby advancing the understanding of chirality. This research is crucial for developing more selective chemical processes in fields such as pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, agrochemicals, and advanced materials.

5. Indian Mathematician Mahesh Kakde Honored with the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Contributions to Algebraic Number Theory



Mahesh Kakde, a mathematician and professor at the Bengaluru-based IISc, has been awarded the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for his contributions to algebraic number theory. Established in 2005, this prize is conferred by the ICTP and the IMU and carries a cash award of US$10,000. Kakde's key research focuses on advanced mathematical topics such as Iwasawa theory, the Gross-Stark conjecture, and the Brumer-Stark conjecture. His work also relates to Hilbert's 12th problem and contributes significantly to understanding the complex structures of modern algebraic number theory.

6. Sagarmanthan 2026: Deliberations on Global Maritime Cooperation, Blue Economy, and Ocean Governance in New Delhi

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— THE GREAT OCEANS DIALOGUE —

Blue Geographies, New Aspirations
Trade, Technology, and Trust at Sea

The third edition of 'Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026' is being held in New Delhi from October 7 to 9, 2026, organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). It aims to foster global cooperation on maritime trade, shipping, ports, maritime technology, sustainable development, and ocean governance. The 2026 dialogue places special emphasis on issues such as secure maritime routes, global supply chains, green shipping, technological innovation, and the blue economy.

7. Monthly incentive for ASHA workers in Delhi doubled; focus on maternal-child health and newborn screening



The Delhi government has increased the monthly incentive for ASHA workers from ₹3,000 to ₹6,000, benefiting approximately 6,690 workers. ASHA workers serve as a crucial link between the community and the healthcare system in areas such as maternal and child health, immunization, nutrition, family welfare, and health awareness. Initiatives like the Nursing Home Management System Portal and the expansion of 'Mission ANMOL' aim to digitize health services and screen 2.5 lakh newborns. Additionally, a new SOTTO building was inaugurated at G.B. Pant Hospital, which will strengthen the coordination of organ donation, tissue donation, and transplant activities.

8. World Post Day 2026: Emphasizing the Importance of Global Communication and Inclusive Postal Services



World Post Day is observed annually on October 9, highlighting the socio-economic importance of global postal services and their role in connecting people. Established in 1969, the day commemorates the founding of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on October 9, 1874; the UPU is headquartered in Bern, Switzerland. In India, India Post plays a pivotal role in ensuring access to communication, banking, insurance, and government services in rural areas. In the digital age, the postal network is evolving into a crucial medium for e-commerce, parcel delivery, financial inclusion, and last-mile connectivity.

1. Who has become the new full-time white-ball captain of the Indian women's cricket team?

A - Harmanpreet Kaur **B - Smriti Mandhana**

C - Shafali Verma **D - Mithali Raj**

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2. Who won the Japan Open 2026 title?

A - Jiri Lehecka **B - Carlos Alcaraz**

C - Novak Djokovic **D - Daniil Medvedev**

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C - Carlos Alcaraz **D - Jiri Lehecka**

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4. Who were jointly awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

A - Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai **B - Henri B. Kagan and Mahesh Kakde**

C - Kenso Soai and Carlos Alcaraz **D - Henri B. Kagan and Novak Djokovic**

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C - Henri B. Kagan D - C.N.R. Rao



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6. Which edition of 'Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026' is being organized?

A - First B - Second

C - Third D - Fourth



The third edition of 'Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026' is being organized by the MoPSW and ORF in New Delhi from October 7–9, 2026. The dialogue emphasizes global cooperation on issues such as maritime trade, green shipping, global supply chains, technological innovation, ocean governance, and the blue economy.

7. To what amount has the Delhi government increased the monthly incentive for ASHA workers?

A - ₹4,000 B - ₹5,000

C - ₹6,000 D - ₹7,000



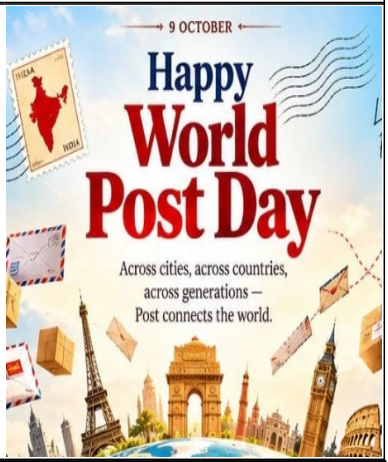
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8. Where is the headquarters of the UPU located?

A - Paris, France B - Geneva, Switzerland

C - Bern, Switzerland D - Rome, Italy



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One Liner

1. Which concept related to the sustainable use of marine resources is being specially emphasized at Sagarmanthan 2026? - Blue Economy

2. Which scientists were awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry? - Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai

3. Which player did Carlos Alcaraz defeat in the final of the 2026 Japan Open? - Jiří Lehečka

4. On which date is World Post Day celebrated every year? - October 9

5. By winning the 2026 China Open, which career tour-level title did Novak Djokovic secure? - 102nd

6. To what amount did the Delhi government increase the monthly incentive for ASHA workers from ₹3,000? - ₹6,000

7. When was Smriti Mandhana appointed as the new captain of the Indian women's cricket team? - October 6, 2026

8. What did Djokovic's unbeaten record at the China Open 2026 reach in terms of matches? - 34-0

9. In which city is 'Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026' being organized? - New Delhi

10. For his contribution to which field did Mahesh Kakde receive the 2026 Ramanujan Prize? - Algebraic Number Theory