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1. Asian Para Games 2026: Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel to be India's flag-bearers



Badminton player Pramod Bhagat and para table tennis player Bhavina Patel have been selected as India's flag-bearers for the Asian Para Games 2026. The fifth edition of the Asian Para Games is scheduled to be held from October 18 to 24, 2026, in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Pramod Bhagat has won six medals at the Asian Para Games, while Bhavina Patel won a silver medal in the women's singles Class 4 event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. India achieved its best-ever performance at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2022, winning a total of 111 medals, including 29 gold medals.

2. Press Council of India (PCI): Central Government Selects 13 Working Journalist Members

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PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA

The Central Government has selected 13 working journalist members—comprising six editors and seven other journalists—for the 15th term of the Press Council of India (PCI) under the Press Council Act, 1978. The Press Council of India is a statutory, independent, and quasi-judicial body aimed at safeguarding the freedom of the press and upholding journalistic standards. Its key functions include laying down norms of journalistic conduct, examining complaints related to the press, and promoting accountability and impartiality in the media. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai has been named the Chairperson of the Council for a three-year term ending in April 2026.

3. Nobel Prizes 2026: Announcements for Medicine, Physics, and Chemistry; focus also on other categories



The announcements for the 2026 Nobel Prizes are scheduled for October, covering six categories: Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences. In the field of Medicine, the work of Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel relates to optogenetics and light-sensitive ion channels. Contributions regarding neutrino research in Physics and asymmetric organic synthesis in Chemistry have been highlighted in this report. The Literature prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy, the Peace prize by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, and the Economic Sciences prize by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

4. The RBI cancelled Paytm Payments Bank's license and removed it from the Second Schedule.



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking license of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) and removed it from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934. Banks included in the Second Schedule are known as 'Scheduled Banks' and enjoy certain special privileges under relevant statutory provisions. The RBI had previously taken several regulatory measures, including a ban on onboarding new customers in March 2022 and restrictions on deposits and credit-related activities in 2024.

5. Exchange of Two MoUs Between India and Ghana for Cooperation in Science, Education, and Agricultural Research



During External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's visit to Ghana, India and Ghana exchanged two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to foster cooperation in scientific research, education, capacity building, and agricultural research. The first MoU was signed between the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the University of Ghana, while the second was between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Ghana's CSIR-Crops Research Institute. These agreements aim to promote biodiversity conservation, agricultural development, knowledge sharing, and food security.

6. Nabkisan Finance Lists India's First Dedicated Social Bond for the WASH Sector



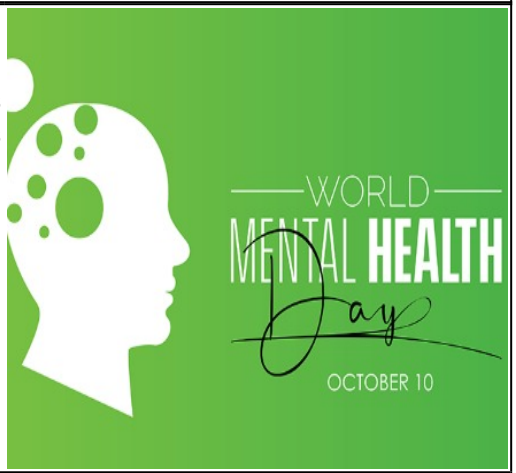
Nabkisan Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD, raised ₹180 crore by listing a social bond dedicated to the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector; the bond carries a coupon rate of 8.10% and a tenure of five years. Proceeds from the bond will be utilized to improve access to safe drinking water, sanitation facilities, and infrastructure for rural and underserved communities. The bond was subscribed 1.8 times and has received CRISIL AAA (Stable) and CARE AAA (Stable) ratings. Water.org supported the initiative as a technical advisor; this move exemplifies the integration of social financing with sustainable development.

7. Nana Patekar: Contribution to Indian Cinema, National Film Awards, and Social Initiatives for Farmer Welfare



Nana Patekar, whose real name was Vishwanath Patekar, was a renowned actor in Hindi and Marathi cinema who began his film career with the 1978 movie Gaman. He received three National Film Awards for his performances in Parinda, Krantiveer, and Agni Sakshi, and was honored with the Padma Shri in 2013. His notable films include Ab Tak Chhappan, Apaharan, Welcome, and Natsamrat. In 2015, he co-founded the Naam Foundation with actor Makarand Anaspure; the organization works towards farmer welfare, water conservation, drought relief, and rural development.

8. World Mental Health Day 2026: The Need for Awareness and Accessible Treatment



World Mental Health Day is observed annually on October 10; it was initiated in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH). Its objective is to raise awareness about mental health, reduce social stigma, and improve access to mental health services. In India, the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), Tele-MANAS, and the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, play a crucial role in promoting mental health services and rights. Key challenges include a shortage of mental health services, a lack of specialists, and social discrimination; addressing these requires awareness, timely treatment, and accessible healthcare services.

1. Who have been selected as India's flag-bearers for the 2026 Asian Para Games?



A - Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel B - Neeraj Chopra and P.V. Sindhu
C - Sumit Antil and Avani Lekhara D - Krishna Nagar and Deepa Malik

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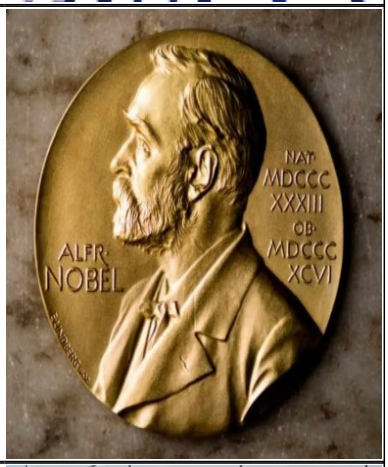
2. How many working journalist members have been selected for the 15th term of the Press Council of India (PCI)?



A - 11 **B - 13**
C - 15 D - 18

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3. In how many categories are the Nobel Prizes awarded for the year 2026?



A - 4 B - 5
C - 6 D - 8

The 2026 Nobel Prizes are to be awarded in six categories, including Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences; research related to optogenetics and light-sensitive ion channels has been highlighted in the field of Medicine. The Literature Prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy, the Peace Prize by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, and the Economic Sciences Prize by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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4. Which institution cancelled the banking license of Paytm Payments Bank Limited?



A - Securities and Exchange Board of India **B - Reserve Bank of India**
C - Ministry of Finance D - State Bank of India

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5. How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were exchanged between India and Ghana?

A - 1 **B - 2**

C - 3 **D - 4**



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6. Which company raised ₹180 crore through a social bond dedicated to the WASH sector?

A - NABARD **B - Nabkisan Finance Limited**

C - State Bank of India **D - Life Insurance Corporation of India**



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7. What is Nana Patekar's real name?

A - Vishwanath Patekar **B - Makarand Patekar**

C - Vishwanath Anaspure **D - Nana Deshmukh**



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8. On whose initiative was World Mental Health Day started?

A - World Health Organization (WHO) **B - UNICEF**

C - World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) **D - UNESCO**



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One Liner

1. With which sport are Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel associated? - Pramod Bhagat—Para-badminton; Bhavina Patel—Para table tennis

2. Optogenetics is primarily used for the study and control of what? - Studying and controlling the activities of specific cells, such as neurons, using light

3. What is the main objective of South-South cooperation? - Exchange of knowledge, technology, resources, and development-related experiences among developing countries

4. Which Indian institution participated in the agreement regarding agricultural research cooperation between India and Ghana? - Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

5. What is the full form of WASH? - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

6. Which two athletes have been named as India's flag-bearers for the 2026 Asian Para Games? - Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel

7. In which schedule of the RBI Act, 1934, is the list of scheduled banks provided? - Second Schedule

8. Under which Act was the Press Council of India (PCI) established? - Press Council Act, 1978

9. On which date is World Mental Health Day observed every year? - October 10

10. Which organization did Nana Patekar and Makarand Anaspure establish for farmers' welfare and water conservation? - NAAM Foundation