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TODAY NEWS HIGHLIGHT

- Oscar Whitfield awarded 'Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026'
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- Wholesale Price Index based inflation rose to 11.39% in September 2026
- Mexico's Merida tops the Friendliest Cities Index 2026, Delhi among the least friendly cities
- The Indo-French joint TRISHNA satellite mission – a significant initiative in agriculture, water scarcity and climate monitoring
- JOSH campaign launched in 55 districts of 11 states to eliminate TB
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1. Oscar Whitfield Wins 'Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026' Award



On October 14, 2026, 14-year-old British photographer Oscar Whitfield was named the 'Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026' for his black-and-white photograph titled 'Labour of Love.' The competition is organized by the Natural History Museum in London, and 2026 marks its 62nd edition. The winning image, captured in Zimbabwe, depicts a dung beetle rolling a ball of dung. The competition received 65,403 entries from 121 countries and territories. Dung beetles play a crucial role in recycling nutrients, improving soil quality, and decomposing organic matter, thereby helping to maintain the balance of the ecosystem.

2. Union Cabinet Approves Strategic Sale of 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the sale of a combined 60.72% stake held by the Government of India and LIC in IDBI Bank for approximately ₹52,878 crore. '10955230 Canada Inc.', backed by Fairfax Financial Holdings, emerged as the successful bidder with a bid of ₹81 per share. Following the transaction, the Government of India is proposed to retain a 15% stake and LIC a 19% stake, while the strategic buyer will acquire a 60.72% stake. The completion of the transaction is subject to necessary regulatory and statutory approvals, including those from the RBI.

3. Wholesale Price Index-based inflation rises to 11.39% in September 2026



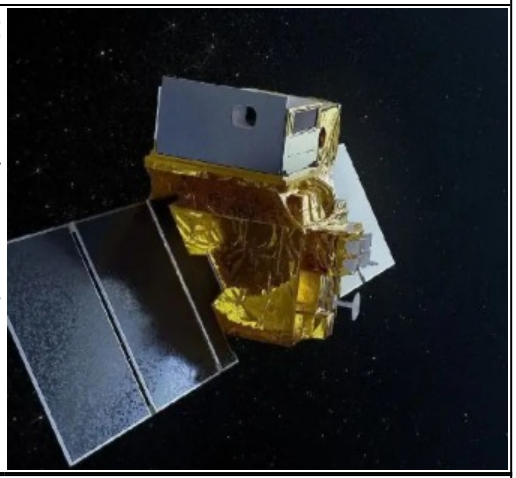
According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India rose to 11.39% in September 2026, up from 9.92% in August. Inflation in the fuel and power sector reached 25.85%, while food inflation stood at 8.14%, signaling mounting pressure on prices. Inflation for manufactured goods also increased to 9.76%, which could impact the costs of production, transportation, and distribution. The WPI measures changes in the prices of goods at the wholesale level and is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; it does not directly include the prices of services.

4. Mérida, Mexico, Tops the 2026 'Friendliest Cities' Index; Delhi Ranks Among the Least Friendly



In the 2026 'Friendliest Cities' Index, Mérida (Mexico) secured the top spot with 95 points, followed by Glasgow (Scotland) in second place and Bogotá (Colombia) in third. The travel platform Fernwayer compiled this index by analyzing over 1.2 million comments on Reddit concerning 200 cities. India's capital, Delhi, received 43.6 points, placing it among the cities with the lowest scores, while Buenos Aires received 42 points. Since this ranking is based on tourists' online accounts and their perceptions of local behavior, it should not be considered definitive proof of the true nature of a city's residents.

5. Joint India-France TRISHNA Satellite Mission — A Significant Initiative for Agriculture, Water Scarcity, and Climate Monitoring



TRISHNA (Thermal Infrared Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment) is a joint Earth observation satellite mission between ISRO and the French space agency, CNES. It aims to study surface temperature, evapotranspiration, and vegetation status. The mission will assist in assessing irrigation requirements in agriculture, water scarcity, the urban heat island effect, glacial dynamics, and climate change. It will feature a Thermal Infrared (TIR) instrument developed by CNES, alongside visible, near-infrared, and SWIR instruments developed by ISRO.

6. Launch of the JOSH Campaign for TB Eradication Across 55 Districts in 11 States



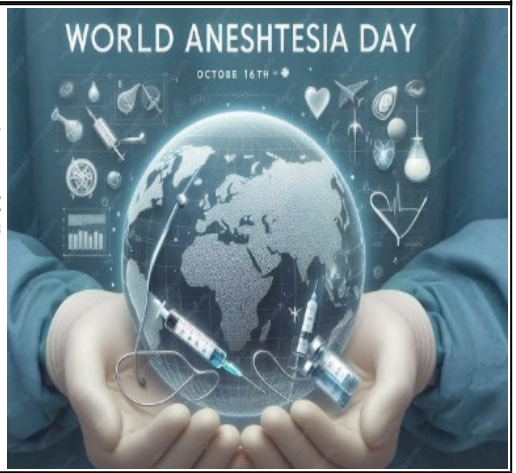
On October 13, 2026, the Government of India launched the JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) campaign on a pilot basis across 55 districts in 11 states, aimed at eradicating tuberculosis (TB). The initiative seeks to raise awareness, encourage early screening and treatment, and reduce the social stigma associated with the disease. Volunteers from 'MY Bharat', NCC cadets, and designated officials will participate in the campaign, using social media to raise awareness about TB. Between 2015 and 2024, India recorded a 21% decline in new TB cases and a 28% reduction in the TB-related mortality rate.

7. First Meeting of BIMSTEC Home Ministers in New Delhi; 'Delhi Declaration' Approved to Combat Terrorism and Organized Crime



The first meeting of BIMSTEC Home Ministers was held in New Delhi on October 13, 2026, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. During the meeting, the 'Delhi Declaration'—focused on regional security—was approved. BIMSTEC was established on June 6, 1997, through the Bangkok Declaration and comprises seven member nations: India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand. The meeting emphasized enhancing cooperation to tackle terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, cybercrime, and illicit financial flows.

8. World Anesthesia Day 2026 – Important role of anesthesia in safe surgery

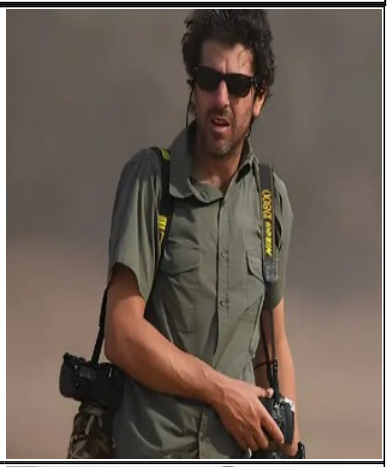


World Anesthesia Day is celebrated every year on 16 October to raise awareness about the importance of anesthesia in surgery, patient safety and pain management. On October 16, 1846, American physician William Thomas Green Morton publicly demonstrated anesthesia using ether at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The main types of anesthesia are general, regional, and local anesthesia, which are used to control pain and sensation during surgery.

1. Who won the 'Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year' award for the year 2026?

A - Oscar Whitfield B - David Attenborough

C - William Morton D - Michael Nichols



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2. What is the proposed value for the sale of a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank?

A - ₹42,878 crore **B - ₹52,878 crore**

C - ₹62,878 crore D - ₹72,878 crore



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A - 8.14% B - 9.92%

C - 11.39% D - 25.85%



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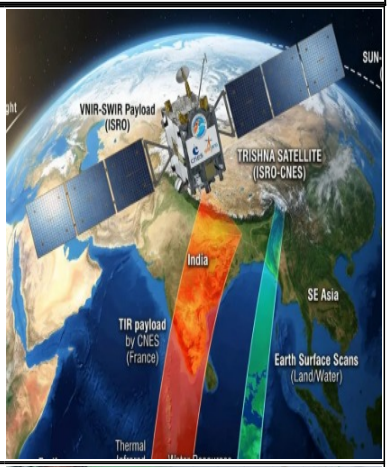
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C - NASA and ESA **D - CNES and JAXA**

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6. The JOSH campaign has been launched for the eradication of which disease?

A - Malaria **B - Dengue**

C - Tuberculosis (TB) **D - Polio**

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C - Dhaka **D - Bangkok**

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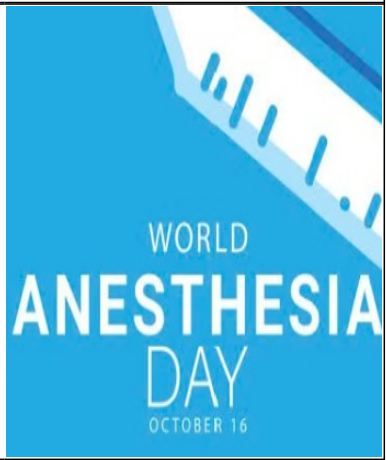


8. Who conducted the public demonstration of ether anesthesia in the year 1846?

A - Alexander Fleming **B - William Thomas Green Morton**

C - Edward Jenner **D - Louis Pasteur**

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One Liner

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5. In which year was BIMSTEC established through the Bangkok Declaration? - 1997

6. What is the primary objective of the JOSH campaign in terms of public participation for the eradication of a specific disease? - Tuberculosis (TB)

7. Who won the 'Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year' award in 2026? - Oscar Whitfield

8. On which date is World Anaesthesia Day celebrated every year? - October 16

9. What was the successful bid price per share for the strategic sale of IDBI Bank? - ₹81 per share

10. Which insect is depicted in the winning photograph titled 'Labour of Love'? - Dung Beetle