

Current Affairs

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Khelo India Tribal Games 2026

- Honorable Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya announced that the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 (KITG) will be held in Chhattisgarh. This edition will held from March 26 to April 6 2026.
- This is the first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games & will take place across three cities Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Sarguja.
- List of Seven Medal Events Tribal Games 2026
- Athletics
- Football
- Hockey
- Weightlifting
- Archery, Swimming, Wrestling



Jasprit Bumrah Reaches 500 International Wickets

- Indian fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah completed 500 wickets in international cricket. This achievement came during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 semifinal against England. The achievement came at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai when Bumrah dismissed England captain Harry Brook on the first ball of his spell.
- The Jasprit Bumrah 500 wickets milestone came during the crucial semifinal match of the T20 World Cup 2026. Jasprit Bumrah bowled the fifth over of England's innings and gave wicket to the Indian team immediately.
- His international career statistics include,
 - Test cricket: 234 wickets in 52 matches
 - ODI cricket: 149 wickets in 89 matches
 - T20 Internationals: 117 wickets in 94 matches
 - Total: 500 international wickets
- Some of the top wicket takers for India include,
 - Anil Kumble – 953 wickets (Tests, ODIs)
 - Ravichandran Ashwin – 765 wickets (Tests, ODIs, T20Is)
 - Harbhajan Singh – 707 wickets (Tests, ODIs, T20Is)
 - Kapil Dev – 687 wickets (Tests, ODIs)
 - Ravindra Jadeja – 634 wickets (Tests, ODIs, T20Is)



Amit Shah Launches 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' Mascots

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah soft launched digital tools and unveiled the mascots. These mascots named are 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' for Census 2027 in New Delhi.
- The government unveiled 'Pragati' (female) and 'Vikas' (male) as official mascots of Census 2027 digital census India.
- The mascots represent gender equality and equal participation of women and men in national development.
- Census-2027 digital census India will be the first population census conducted entirely using digital technology.
- The Government of India formally initiated the process through a Gazette Notification on 16 June 2025.
- Digital platforms developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) will support the entire census operation.
- Over 3 million enumerators, supervisors and officials will participate in the Census-2027 digital census India exercise.



NITI Aayog and UNICEF Join Hands

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to improve nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks

across India. This collaboration focuses on strengthening maternal and child nutrition services in underserved regions.

- The agreement was signed by Rohit Kumar who is Mission Director of the Aspirational Districts and Blocks Programme at NITI Aayog and Arjan de Wagt Deputy Representative of UNICEF India.
- The NITI Aayog UNICEF partnership focuses on improving nutrition and health outcomes in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks.
- The collaboration will promote multi stakeholder engagement to address nutrition challenges in underserved areas.
- Both institutions will work together to strengthen implementation systems for health and nutrition interventions at the block level.
- Under the NITI Aayog UNICEF partnership UNICEF will leverage its **IMPAct4Nutrition (I4N)** platform.
- The platform will help mobilize businesses, public sector enterprises and industry associations to support nutrition programmes.
- The aim is to channel Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds into nutrition-focused initiatives in Aspirational Districts and Blocks.



GeM Celebrates 7 Years of SWAYATT Initiative

- The Government e Marketplace (GeM) celebrated the completion of seven years of the SWAYATT initiative. This is a flagship programme designed to promote the inclusive public procurement across India.
- SWAYATT Initiative was Launched on 19 February in the year 2019. The SWAYATT initiative on GeM focuses on helping startups, women entrepreneurs, youth, SHGs and micro enterprises.

- The SWAYATT initiative on GeM supports for Startups, Women and Youth Advantage through e Transactions. The programme was introduced to democratize government procurement and expand opportunities for small enterprises.
- The Government e Marketplace (GeM) is the India's online procurement portal designed to simplify the purchase of goods and services by government departments. It promotes the transparency, efficiency and digital governance in public procurement.
- The SWAYATT initiative on GeM which was launched in 2019. It focuses on increasing participation of startups, women entrepreneurs, youth led enterprises and SHGs.



International Women's Day

- The United Nations officially recognised the day in 1975, and it has since become a public holiday in many countries. This year focuses on the legal gaps that still exist worldwide. Data shows that women currently hold only about 64% of the legal rights that men do globally.
- The United Nations has announced the official theme for 2026 as "**Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls.**"
- On the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2026, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi extended his greetings to all those who have been positively impacted by the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.
- Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on 7 March in India to spread awareness about affordable generic medicines and promote their use among citizens.
- Date: 7 March (every year)

- First observed: 2019 Organised by: Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India
- Related scheme: Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana
- Main objective: Promote quality generic medicines at affordable prices.
- Theme Recent celebrations emphasized the theme: “**Daam Kam – Dawai Uttam**” (Low Price – High Quality Medicine).

Medicines made truly affordable

50-80% cheaper medicines

Jan Aushadhi Kendras sell quality medicines at prices **50-80% lower than branded alternatives**

Healthcare that's easy on the pocket

₹40,000 CRORE Saved

That's how much people across India have already saved **by buying medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games will be held in which state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Chhattisgarh

Explanation: The first Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 will be organized in Chhattisgarh from 26 March to 6 April 2026 to promote sports talent among tribal communities.

2. Which of the following cities will host events of the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026?

- (a) Raipur
- (b) Jagdalpur
- (c) Surguja
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above

Explanation: The games will be organized across three cities: Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Surguja.

3. Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah completed 500 international wickets during which tournament?

- (a) ICC Cricket World Cup 2023
- (b) ICC Champions Trophy 2025
- (c) ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026
- (d) Asia Cup 2024

Answer: (c) ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

Explanation: Jasprit Bumrah reached the milestone of 500 international wickets during the semifinal of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 against England.

4. Jasprit Bumrah took his 500th international wicket by dismissing which player?

- (a) Joe Root
- (b) Ben Stokes
- (c) Harry Brook
- (d) Jos Buttler

Answer: (c) Harry Brook

Explanation: Bumrah dismissed Harry Brook at Wankhede Stadium to reach the milestone.

5. Who unveiled the mascots 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' for Census 2027?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Piyush Goyal

Answer: (b) Amit Shah

Explanation: Union Home Minister Amit Shah introduced the mascots for Census 2027 in New Delhi.

6. Which organization developed the digital platforms for Census 2027?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NIC
- (c) C-DAC
- (d) DRDO

Answer: (c) C-DAC

Explanation: The digital infrastructure for the census is being developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.

7. Which organizations signed a Statement of Intent to improve nutrition in Aspirational Districts?

- (a) NITI Aayog and WHO
- (b) NITI Aayog and UNICEF
- (c) UNICEF and WHO
- (d) World Bank and UNICEF

Answer: (b) NITI Aayog and UNICEF

Explanation: NITI Aayog partnered with UNICEF to enhance nutrition and health outcomes.

8. The SWAYATT initiative on GeM was launched in which year?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2018

- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020

Answer: (c) 2019

Explanation: The SWAYATT Initiative was launched on 19 February 2019 under the Government e-Marketplace.

9. What is the theme of International Women's Day 2026?

- (a) Women in Leadership
- (b) DigitALL: Innovation and Technology
- (c) Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls
- (d) Gender Equality Today

Answer: (c) Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls

Explanation: The theme for International Women's Day 2026 announced by the United Nations is "Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls."

10. Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed in India on which date?

- (a) 5 March
- (b) 6 March
- (c) 7 March
- (d) 8 March

Answer: (c) 7 March

Explanation: Jan Aushadhi Diwas is celebrated every year on 7 March to promote affordable generic medicines under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.