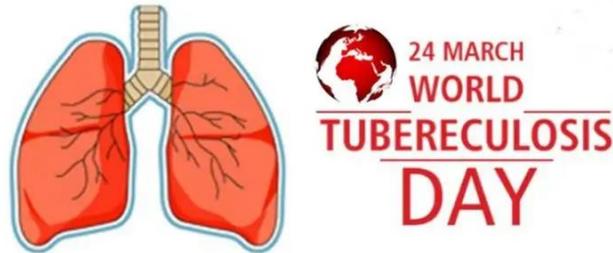


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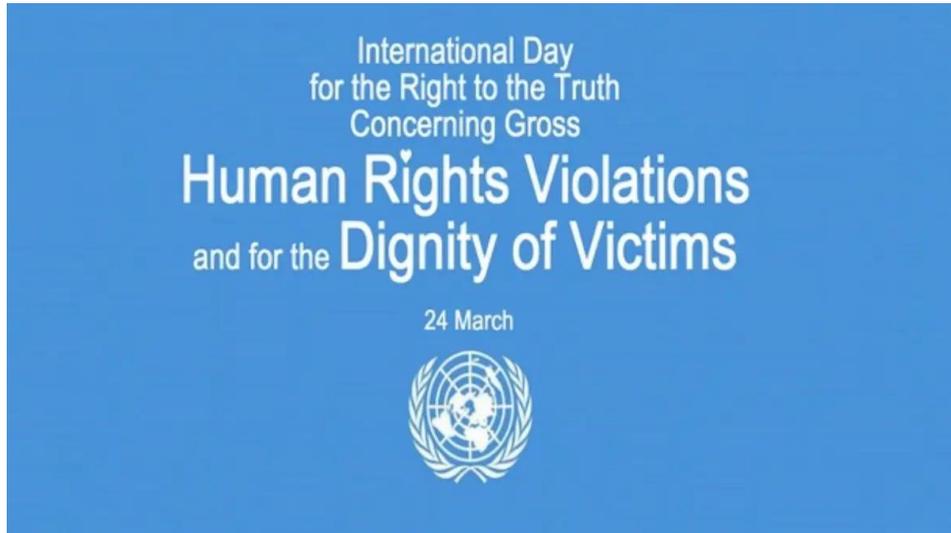
World TB Day 2026

- World TB Day 2026 is observed on 24 March around the world. This year's theme comes with a powerful message '**Yes! We Can End TB**' at a time when tuberculosis continues to affect millions people worldwide.
- Despite the being preventable and treatable disease nearly 10.7 million people fell ill and 1.23 million died from TB in 2024. Since the year 2000 around 83 million lives have been saved and it showcase that progress is possible.
- The date commemorates a historic scientific breakthrough which made in 1882. AT that time Dr. Robert Koch discovered the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis which causes TB. Discovery has laid the foundation for the diagnosis and treatment and mark paradigm shift medical history.
- The theme for 2026 is '**Yes! We Can End TB: Led by Countries, Powered by People**' which reflects optimism and urgency.
- Tuberculosis mainly affects the lungs and it causing symptoms such as persistent cough, fever, night sweats and weight loss.
- Early diagnosis is vital to prevent complications and stop transmission.
- Prevention strategies like to include maintaining good hygiene, ensuring proper ventilation and vaccination.
- Public awareness plays a vital role in encouraging people to seek timely medical help.



International Day for the Right to Truth 2026

- The International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed on 24 March. The day reminds the world about the importance of justice, transparency and human dignity.
- The right to truth is a fundamental human right which allows the victims and their families to know what happened during serious human rights violations.
- This includes cases like enforced disappearances, torture, killings and abductions.
- The date 24 March was chosen to honor the Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero of El Salvador who was assassinated on this day in 1980.
- He was the strong voice against human rights violations and he stood for the protection of vulnerable communities.
- Romero was killed while delivering mass after openly criticizing violence and injustice carried out by powerful forces.



ICC Player of the Month February 2026

- Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan has been announced as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for February 2026. This comes after his outstanding performance in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.
- Farhan delivered the good performance for his team and he was tournament's highest run getter and made history. Also he make the record as the highest runs in any single edition surpassing the Virat Kohli's previous record.
- He emerged as the highest run-getter in the competition.
- Scored nearly 383 runs in 7 matches with an average of 76.60.
- At the Strike rate of 160.25 he scored 2 centuries and 2 half-centuries



India Open 2026 Final

- India's young squash sensation Anahat Singh has once again winning the India Open 2026 and with this it marking her second consecutive JSW Indian Open title.
- The 18 year old defeated Egypt's World No. 29 Hana Moataz in a outstanding performance on March 22, 2026. This games also showcasing her growing dominance on the international stage.
- Alongside Anahat Singh, Abhay Singh has also clinched the men's title at the India Open and it also highlights India's growing strength in squash.



Inside the Global Terrorism Index 2026

- The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) released and the report highlights the complex global picture where terrorism remains a serious threat in modern times despite notable declines in deaths and incidents.
- In the year 2025 5,582 people were killed across 2,944 attacks and the report reflects a 28% drop in deaths and 22% fall in incidents compared to the previous year.
- The GTI 2025 report indicates that terrorism has reduced around the world but the risk is still present and far from over. Both deaths and incidents have seen noticeable declines.
- Key Global Trends are
 - Deaths decreased by 28% in 2025
 - Terror incidents dropped by 22%

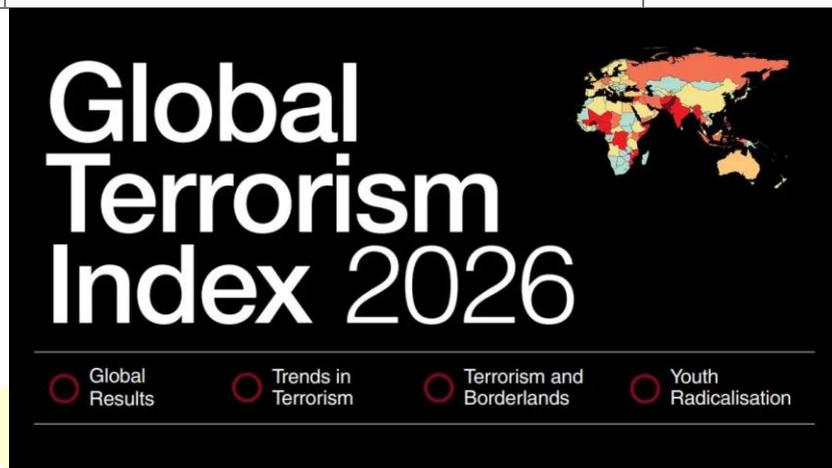
- 81 countries improved while only 19 worsened
- Terrorism impact is becoming more concentrated geographically
- **Top 10 Countries (Global Terrorism Index 2026)**

Rank	Country	Score
1	Pakistan	8.574
2	Burkina Faso	8.324
3	Niger	7.816
4	Nigeria	7.792
5	Mali	7.586
6	Syria	7.545
7	Somalia	7.391
8	Democratic Republic of the Congo	7.171
9	Colombia	7.116
10	Israel	6.79

India & Its Neighbouring Countries (with Rank)

Country	Rank	Score
Pakistan	1	8.574
Afghanistan	11	6.678
Myanmar	14	6.245
India	13	6.428
Bangladesh	42	2.286

China	54	1.311
Nepal	89	0.288
Bhutan	100	0
Sri Lanka	100	0



WMO Warns Earth's Climate

- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued a serious warning in 2026. The warning stating that the Earth's climate system is 'flashing red' due to accelerating global warming effect.
- According to the its latest report the planet's energy imbalance has reached a 65-year high, It means that more heat is being trapped than released.
- One of the most alarming findings is that the oceans are absorbing over 90% of excess heat which are generated by global warming.
- This has serious long term consequences and will impact on the earth temperature.
- Oceans: 91% of excess heat
- Land: 5%
- Ice melt: 3%
- Atmosphere: 1%
- Even if emissions will reduce oceans will continue warming due to stored heat.
- The report also highlights that greenhouse gas concentrations are too at historic highs and this will drive the climate crisis further at high level.

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) reached levels not seen in 2 million years
- Methane and nitrous oxide reached levels unseen in 800,000 years



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World TB Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 21 March
- B. 22 March
- C. 23 March
- D. 24 March

Answer: D. 24 March

2. What is the theme of World TB Day 2026?

- A. End TB Now
- B. Together Against TB
- C. Yes! We Can End TB: Led by Countries, Powered by People
- D. Stop TB Globally

Answer: C. Yes! We Can End TB: Led by Countries, Powered by People

3. Who discovered the bacterium that causes tuberculosis?

- A. Louis Pasteur
- B. Alexander Fleming
- C. Robert Koch

D. Edward Jenner

Answer: C. Robert Koch

4. The International Day for the Right to Truth is observed in memory of whom?

A. Mahatma Gandhi

B. Nelson Mandela

C. Óscar Arnulfo Romero

D. Martin Luther King Jr.

Answer: C. Óscar Arnulfo Romero

5. Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for February 2026?

A. Babar Azam

B. Joe Root

C. Sahibzada Farhan

D. Kane Williamson

Answer: C. Sahibzada Farhan

6. How many runs did Sahibzada Farhan score in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026?

A. 350

B. 383

C. 400

D. 420

Answer: B. 383

7. Who won the India Open 2026 women's squash title?

A. Joshna Chinappa

B. Dipika Pallikal

C. Anahat Singh

D. Nicol David

Answer: C. Anahat Singh

8. Which country ranked 1st in the Global Terrorism Index 2026?

A. India

B. Afghanistan

C. Nigeria

D. Pakistan

Answer: D. Pakistan

9. According to the WMO report, what percentage of excess heat is absorbed by oceans?

A. 75%

B. 80%

C. 91%

D. 95%

Answer: C. 91%

10. Which organization released the climate warning report in 2026?

A. WHO

B. UNEP

C. NASA

D. World Meteorological Organization

Answer: D. World Meteorological Organization

