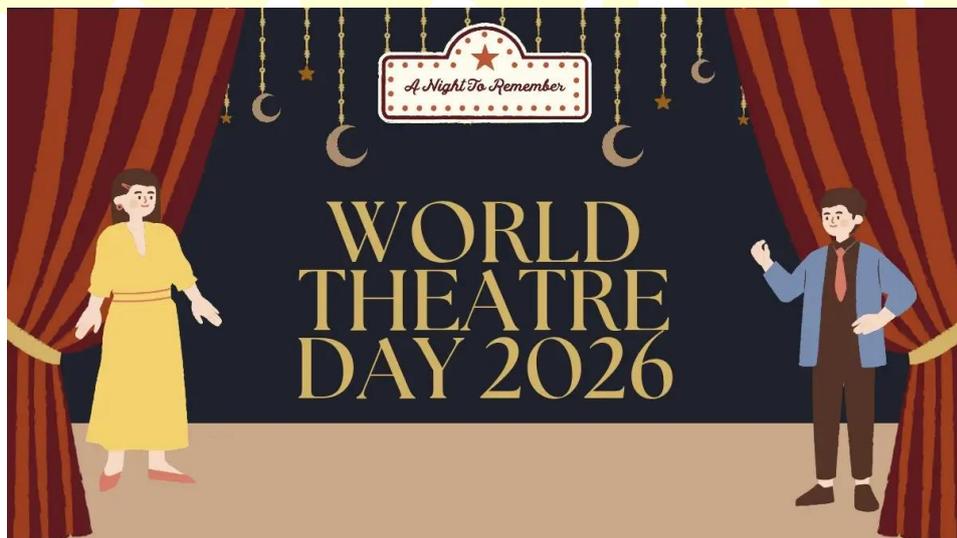


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World Theatre Day 2026

- World Theatre Day 2026 is observed on the March 27. The day celebrating the timeless art of the theatre and its powerful impact and benefits to the society. Initially it was initiated by the International Theatre Institute in 1961.
- This day brings together the artists, performers and audience from around the world to honour storytelling through stage performances. World Theatre Day 2026 Theme is '**Theatre and a Culture of Peace**' .
- World Theatre Day was first celebrated in 1962, and it marks the opening of the Theatre of Nations season in Paris, France. The initiative was launched by the International Theatre Institute to promote theatre globally and to recognize its cultural importance.



Olympics Transgender Ban 2028

- International Olympic Committee announced on that the transgender women and DSD (Differences of Sex Development) athletes are no longer to be allowed to compete in female categories at the Olympics.

- The rule will apply to Los Angeles Olympics for year 2028. The decision is aimed at ensuring fairness in competition and also introduced mandatory SRY gene screening for athletes who want to participate in women's events.
- The IOC have updated policy and introduces a one-time SRY gene screening to determine the eligibility for female categories.
- The SRY gene is typically present on the Y chromosome and it plays a key role in male biological development.
- Athletes will undergo the testing through simple methods such as saliva, cheek swabs or blood samples.
- The decision comes after several years of the global debate over the participation of transgender and DSD athletes in women sports.
- According to IOC President Kirsty Coventry the move is based on the scientific evidence and it aims to ensure fair competition and athlete safety.



India Wins Two Bronze Medals at Asia Cup Archery Stage 1

- India has delivered the mix of promising performance at the Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament Stage 1 after winning two bronze medals. With this also securing multiple spots in the finals.
- **Women's Recurve Team Shines**
- The trio of Ruma Biswas, Kirti and Ridhi Phor had delivered a commanding performance to defeat Malaysia 5-1.
- **Men's Compound Team Recovers for Bronze**

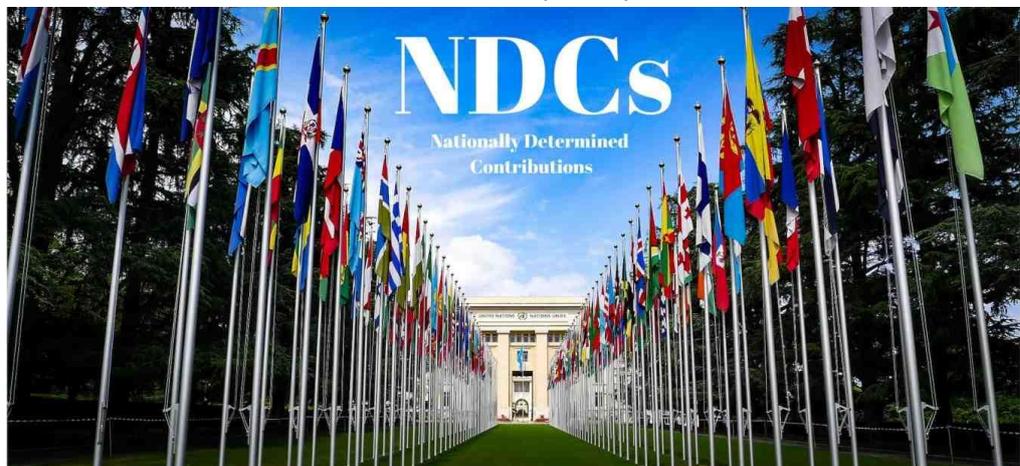
- The experienced trio of Rajat Chauhan, Rishabh Yadav and Uday Kamboj initially suffered a narrow semifinal loss to Vietnam but they have bounced back strongly.
- **Recurve Archery:**
- Used in the Olympics
- Bow tips curve outward
- Requires the high precision and control
- **Compound Archery:**
- Uses a pulley system for better accuracy
- Not part of the Olympics
- Allows higher scoring consistency



India Approves New NDC Targets for 2031-2035

- Union Cabinet under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi has approved the India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for 2031-2035. The new targets are to be submitted to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**.
- The targets are aimed to significantly reduce emissions and boost clean energy. India have come long way with the environmental efforts and it will trying to come closer to 2070 net Zero target.

- Updated NDC of India reflects the higher level of climate ambition while balancing development needs. These targets are part of the global commitments under the Paris Agreement to combat climate change.
- The new goals are focus on three major pillars,
 - Emission reduction,
 - Clean energy transition
 - Carbon sequestration
- Key Targets Announced
 - 47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP
 - 60% installed power capacity from non fossil sources
 - 3.5-4 billion tonnes carbon sink via forests and tree cover
- The original 2015 NDC targets included to reducing emissions intensity by 33-35% and achieving 40% non fossil energy capacity by 2030.
- Notably, India has achieved the,
 - 36% emission intensity reduction (by 2020)
 - 52.57% non fossil power capacity (Feb 2026)
- Key government schemes supporting this transition include,
 - Green Hydrogen Mission
 - PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana
 - Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes
 - PM-KUSUM scheme for solar energy in agriculture
- India is also actively collaborating globally through initiatives like,
 - International Solar Alliance (ISA)
 - Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)



Cuba Blackout 2026

- Cuba's power grid collapsed once again and left the entire nation in darkness for the third time in the month of March. The outage highlights the deepening energy crisis in Cuba which is driven by ageing infrastructure, fuel shortages and geopolitical tensions.
- The state-run electricity authority also confirmed the total blackout in country and while restoration efforts are ongoing.
- The recurring blackouts are not sudden incidents in the country but the result of long-standing structural issues.
- The country's ageing electricity infrastructure has been deteriorating for over the years and also making it highly vulnerable to system failures.
- Many power plants are operate beyond their intended lifespan and also it increasing the risk of breakdowns.
- The mentioned below combined factors are create a fragile energy system that frequently collapses under pressure.
- Outdated and poorly maintained power plants
- Limited domestic fuel production
- Irregular oil imports
- High dependency on external suppliers



PM Modi to Attend G7 Summit 2026

- Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will attend the upcoming G7 Summit 2026. This summit is scheduled from June 15 to 17 in France.

- His participation was confirmed through an official communication by the French foreign ministry after the diplomatic discussions involving Foreign Minister of India S. Jaishankar.
- The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal bloc of the world's leading industrialized & economically strong nations like United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada, along with the European Union.
- Formed in the 1975 and the G7 plays a crucial role in shaping global policies related to,
 - Economic stability and growth
 - International security
 - Climate change
 - Trade and development



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Theatre Day is celebrated every year on:

- A) March 25
- B) March 26
- C) March 27
- D) March 28

Answer: C) March 27

2. World Theatre Day was initiated by which organization?

- A) UNESCO
- B) International Theatre Institute

- C) United Nations
- D) ICCR

Answer: B) International Theatre Institute

3. What is the theme of World Theatre Day 2026?

- A) Theatre for Change
- B) Acting for Humanity
- C) Theatre and Culture
- D) Theatre and a Culture of Peace

Answer: D) Theatre and a Culture of Peace

4. The new Olympic policy on transgender athletes was announced by:

- A) FIFA
- B) BCCI
- C) International Olympic Committee
- D) ICC

Answer: C) International Olympic Committee

5. The new Olympic rule will be लागू (implemented) from which event?

- A) Paris Olympics 2024
- B) Tokyo Olympics 2021
- C) Los Angeles Olympics 2028
- D) Brisbane Olympics 2032

Answer: C) Los Angeles Olympics 2028

6. The SRY gene is mainly associated with:

- A) Female development
- B) Plant growth
- C) Male biological development
- D) Brain functioning

Answer: C) Male biological development

7. India won how many bronze medals at Asia Cup Archery Stage 1?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

Answer: B) Two

8. Which type of archery is included in the Olympics?

- A) Compound Archery
- B) Traditional Archery
- C) Recurve Archery
- D) Field Archery

Answer: C) Recurve Archery

9. India's updated NDC targets are submitted under which framework?

- A) WTO
- B) IMF
- C) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- D) World Bank

Answer: C) UNFCCC

10. The G7 Summit 2026 will be held in which country?

- A) USA
- B) Germany
- C) Japan
- D) France

Answer: D) France