

Monthly Current Affairs

March 2026

New Delhi Hosts World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026

- The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in New Delhi. And it will take place from March 11 to March 13. In which the bringing together athletes from across the world.
- The World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 will see participation from athletes representing India, Russia, Nepal, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Serbia, Bosnia and Egypt.
- The 1st New Delhi World Para Athletics Grand Prix, held in 2025. In which India deliver an outstanding performance. The host nation finished first in the medal tally and demonstrating the strength of its para-athletics program.
- Indian athletes won 134 medals, including 45 gold, 40 silver and 49 bronze medals. With around 150 Indian athletes participating this event highlighted the depth and potential of India's para sports ecosystem.



ICC Women's ODI Rankings

- Indian opener Smriti Mandhana has retained the No.1 position in the latest ICC Women's ODI batting rankings, reaffirming her status as one of the most

consistent performers in international women's cricket. The rankings were released by the International Cricket Council.

- Mandhana continues to dominate the ODI format with her elegant stroke play and ability to anchor innings at the top of the order. Her consistent performances have kept her ahead of other top batters in women's international cricket.
- Indian middle-order batter Jemimah Rodrigues dropped to 12th position in the updated rankings. The fall comes after India suffered a 0–3 defeat in the ODI series against the Australia women's national cricket team.
- Players from the New Zealand women's national cricket team made notable progress in the latest rankings update following strong performances in their ODI series against the Zimbabwe women's national cricket team.
- New Zealand captain Amelia Kerr delivered an outstanding performance in the series.
- Took four wickets in the first ODI.
- Followed it with a seven-wicket haul in Dunedin in the second match.
- Became only the seventh player in women's ODI history to take seven or more wickets in a single match.
- Two other New Zealand players also gained positions in the ODI batting rankings.
- Brooke Halliday jumped eight places to 11th after smashing a brilliant 157 off 117 balls* in the first ODI against Zimbabwe.
- Maddy Green moved up four spots to joint 22nd, scoring 67 runs in the first ODI and an unbeaten 27 in the second match*.
- Their performances helped New Zealand take a 2–0 lead in the three-match ODI series.
- There were also changes in the Women's T20I rankings after the series between the Sri Lanka women's national cricket team and the West Indies women's national cricket team.
- **Women's ODI Rankings**

- Smriti Mandhana – India
- Harmanpreet Kaur – India
- Jemimah Rodrigues – India
- Amelia Kerr – New Zealand
- Brooke Halliday – New Zealand
- Maddy Green – New Zealand
- Hasini Perera – Sri Lanka
- Imesha Dulani – Sri Lanka
- Kavisha Dilhari – Sri Lanka
- Afy Fletcher – West Indies



Supreme Court Allows Withdrawal of Life Support in Harish Rana

- The Honorable Supreme Court of India has allowed the withdrawal of life support in the Harish Rana passive euthanasia case. Which is marking the significant moment in the legal and ethical debate which was surrounding end of life decisions in the country.
- The court has directed AIIMS Delhi to admit Harish Rana and provide all necessary facilities to carry out the process of withdrawing artificial life support.

- Harish Rana sustained severe head injuries in 2013 after falling from the fourth floor of his paying guest accommodation while studying at Panjab University.
- Passive euthanasia refers to the withdrawal or withholding of medical treatment that artificially prolongs the life of a patient with no chance of recovery. Instead of actively causing death the medical support that keeps the patient alive is gradually removed.



World Wildlife Day 2026

- World Wildlife Day is a United Nations international observance that celebrates wild animals and plants while promotes global conservation efforts. This day marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on **3 March 1973**.
- CITES is the global agreement that regulates international trade in endangered species to ensure their survival in the wild.
- World Wildlife Day reminds the world to,
- To Protect endangered species
- To Preserve natural habitats
- To Reduce wildlife crime
- To Promote sustainable use of biodiversity
- World Wildlife Day highlights urgent global realities,
- Over 1 million species are at risk of extinction.

- Coral reefs sustain 25% of marine life.
- Wildlife habitats are shrinking due to human activities.
- Only 4% of mammals on Earth are truly wild today.



Project HANUMAN

- A step toward wildlife conservation and public safety. The Deputy CM of Andhra Pradesh Pawan Kalyan has launched Project HANUMAN. This Project to tackle the growing issue of human-wildlife conflict in Andhra Pradesh.
- Focus on reducing human wildlife conflict in vulnerable districts
- Deployment of rapid response teams for emergency situations
- Use of technology and monitoring systems
- Strengthening coordination between forest officials and local communities
- Awareness campaigns to prevent risky human behavior near forest zones
- Under Project HANUMAN, authorities plan to,
- Improve early warning systems
- Strengthen forest boundary protection
- Use data driven monitoring to track wildlife movement
- Train local communities in safety measures
- Enhance compensation and relief mechanisms



India – Finland Joint Statement

- **1. Historic State Visit to India**

President of Finland **Alexander Stubb** visited India from **4–7 March 2026** at the invitation of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. The visit included meetings in **New Delhi and Mumbai** and participation in the **11th Raisina Dialogue**, where the Finnish President delivered the keynote address.

- **2. High-Level Bilateral Engagement**

President Stubb met **President Droupadi Murmu** and held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Modi. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in political, economic, and technological sectors.

- **3. Strategic Partnership Announced**

India and Finland agreed to elevate their relationship to a **Strategic Partnership in Digitalization and Sustainability**, reflecting shared interests in innovation, green development, and emerging technologies.

- **4. Cooperation in Emerging Technologies**

Both leaders emphasized collaboration in **AI, 5G, 6G, quantum computing, and high-performance computing**, recognizing digital transformation as a driver of inclusive economic growth.

- **5. Support for AI Development**

Finland congratulated India for hosting the **AI Impact Summit 2026**, and both countries stressed the need for **safe, trustworthy, and inclusive development of artificial intelligence**.

- **6. Boost to Trade and Investment**

Leaders encouraged businesses to utilize opportunities from the **India–EU Free**

Trade Agreement (FTA) and set a goal to **double India–Finland bilateral trade by 2030**.

- **7. Focus on Sustainable Development**
Both countries highlighted cooperation in **climate action, biodiversity protection, and sustainable development goals (SDGs)** to address global environmental challenges.
- **8. Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation**
India and Finland reaffirmed their commitment to a **rules-based international order**, with the **United Nations at its core**, and supported reforms in global institutions.
- **9. Finland Supports India’s UNSC Bid**
Finland reiterated its support for **India’s permanent membership in a reformed UN Security Council**, emphasizing the need for a more representative global governance system.
- **10. People-to-People and Research Collaboration**
Both nations agreed to strengthen exchanges among **students, researchers, professionals, and businesses**, promoting innovation and mutual understanding.
- **Conclusion**
The visit marked a significant step in **deepening India–Finland relations**, focusing on **digital innovation, sustainability, trade expansion, and multilateral cooperation**, while laying the groundwork for a future-oriented strategic partnership.



- 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 come during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 semifinal against England. The achievement come 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.



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.**"

Jan Aushadhi Day

- 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**

Mojtaba Khamenei Becomes Iran's New Supreme Leader

- Mojtaba Khamenei has been chosen as the new Supreme Leader of Iran After the death of his father. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was dead in US-Israel strikes in 2026.

- Mojtaba Khamenei is aged 56 and he is the second son of Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Despite coming from the background he has largely remained a low profile figure in the country's politics.
- Mojtaba Khamenei – A new Supreme Leader of Iran (2026)
- Son of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
- Selected by the Assembly of Experts
- Previously a low-profile cleric with alleged political influence
- Leadership transition occurs amid major West Asia conflict



Indonesia Social Media Ban for Children Under 16 Announced

- The Indonesia social media ban for children under 16 will begin its implementation from March 28, 2026. Authorities stated that the enforcement will happen gradually as social media companies adjust their systems to comply with the new regulations.
- Under the new rule, platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Roblox, and Bigo Live will not allow accounts created by users younger than sixteen years.
- Technology companies will be required to introduce stricter verification measures to ensure minors cannot access these platforms.

- Australia introduced restrictions on social media access for minors in December 2025. And also leading to millions of accounts being removed. Countries such as France, Spain and the United Kingdom are also exploring similar regulations aimed at protecting young users online.



Hurun Rich List 2026

- Recently released The Hurun Rich List 2026 has revealed that India now has 308 billionaires. And by that placing the country third globally after the United States and China in terms of population of billionaire.
- The list highlights the rapid growth of wealth creation and entrepreneurship in India. According to the report India has been added 57 new billionaires in the past year. Although 27 individuals dropped out of the list which resulting in a net increase of 24 billionaires compared to last year.
- The Hurun Rich List 2026 shows a good rise in the wealth of India's billionaire class. The total wealth hold by Indian billionaires increased by 10 percent year on year and to reaching ₹112.6 trillion.
- In the Hurun Rich List 2026 Reliance Chairman Mr. Mukesh Ambani has retained the his position as both India's richest person and Asia's richest individual.
- Net worth: ₹9.8 trillion
- Growth: 9 percent increase compared to last year
- Globally, the cities with the highest number of billionaires include,
- New York – 146 billionaires
- Shanghai – 120 billionaires
- Beijing – 107 billionaires
- London – 102 billionaires
- The Hurun Rich List 2026 also highlighted the demographic profile of India's wealthiest individuals.

- Average age of Indian billionaires: 67 years
- Global average age: 65 years
- The youngest billionaire in India is Ritesh Agarwal founder of Oyo aged 32, with a net worth of ₹14,440 crore.



George Russell Wins Australian Grand Prix 2026

- Mercedes driver George Russell won the Formula 1 2026 Australian Grand Prix. As they securing the first victory of the new F1 season at the Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit. This race featured an intense early fight between Russell and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.
- And with multiple lead changes in the opening laps. Mercedes eventually dominated the race strategy and finished with a one two result And as a Kimi Antonelli finished second.
- Several dramatic moments shaped the Formula 1 2026 season opener in Melbourne. Oscar Piastri's home race ended before it began as the McLaren driver crashed on the way to the starting grid.
- Max Verstappen recovered from 20th position after a crash in qualifying to finish sixth.



Indian Railways Launches 'SHINE' App

- Indian Railways launched the SHINE app to strengthen workplace safety and empower women employees across the organization. This initiative was made operational on March 8 2026, on **International Women's Day**.
- The SHINE app Indian Railways has been introduced the dedicated digital mechanism that allows women employees to lodge complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace quickly and securely.
- The system is integrated with the Human Resources Management System (HRMS) used by railway employees.
- The SHINE app of the Indian Railways has been developed to ensure that complaints are handled confidentially and addressed quickly by the relevant authorities. Once a complaint is submitted then it is received by the committee designated to deal with workplace harassment cases.



Iran Pulls Out of FIFA World Cup 2026

- Iran has officially withdrawn from the FIFA World Cup 2026. As it is creating major discussion in the global football community. This announcement was made by Iran's Sports Minister Ahmad Donyamali.
- The Iran FIFA World Cup withdrawal is simply connected to the ongoing conflict involving Iran, United States and Israel. This conflict has caused heavy casualties and created a tense geopolitical situation in the region.
- Iran's Sports Minister Ahmad Donyamali strongly criticized the United States.
- As Earlier Iran officially confirmed its withdrawal FIFA President Gianni Infantino had mentioned that the Iranian football team would be welcome in the United States for the tournament.
- He had even discussed the situation with US President Donald Trump while reviewing preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2026.



Amol Palekar to Receive META Lifetime Achievement Award 2026

- Veteran actor and filmmaker Amol Palekar will be honored with the META Lifetime Achievement Award 2026 at the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META).

- This honor will be presented during the 21st edition of the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards. this Awards will be held in New Delhi from March 19 to March 25, 2026.
- Apart from theatre legend Amol Palekar is widely known for his contributions to Hindi cinema during the 1970s. He became popular for portraying realistic and relatable middle class characters. He played this role during that time when larger than life heroes dominated the film industry.



India's First Digital Twin Platform

- V. O. Chidambaranar Port has achieved a major milestone in India's maritime sector by launching the Digital Twin initiative, becoming the first port in India to adopt this advanced technology for port management.
- A Digital Twin is a real-time virtual replica of physical infrastructure and operations. In the case of V.O. Chidambaranar Port, the platform digitally replicates:
 - Port infrastructure
 - Operational assets
 - Vessel movements
 - Cargo operations, Maritime ecosystem
- **Advanced Technologies Used in the Platform**
 - IoT sensors for equipment and infrastructure monitoring
 - GPS tracking for vessel and cargo movement

- LiDAR mapping for precise spatial monitoring
- Drone imaging for aerial surveillance
- CCTV networks for security and operational visibility
- The Digital Twin initiative aligns with national maritime development strategies such as:
 - Maritime India Vision 2030
 - Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
- These initiatives, supported by Narendra Modi, aim to promote digitalisation, operational efficiency, and global competitiveness of Indian ports.



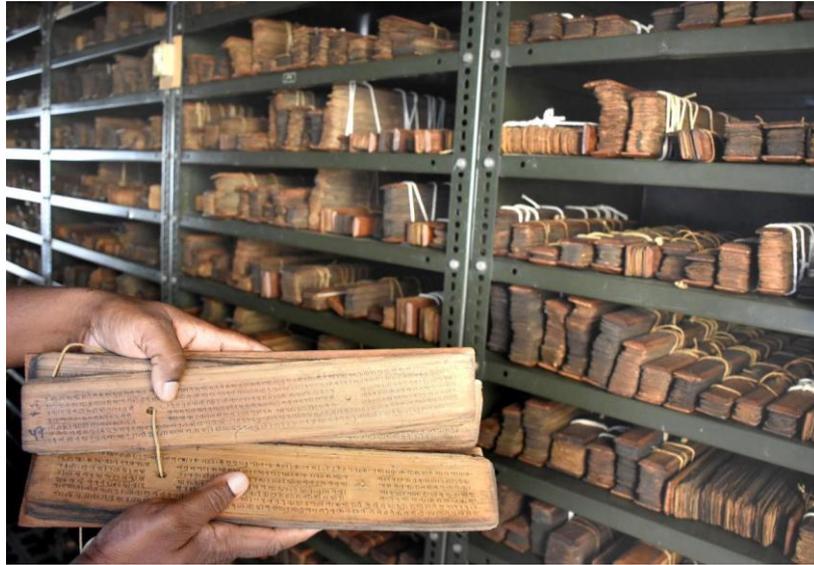
Vairamuthu Wins 2025 Jnanpith Award

- The renowned Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu has been conferred with the prestigious Jnanpith Award for 2025. This award is recognizing his outstanding contribution for the Tamil literature and poetry.
- The Jnanpith Award 2025 for Vairamuthu honors his decades of literary and creative contributions. He is known for his unique style and poetic depth and he has played an important role to bring Tamil poetry and literature to the wider audience.
- Since the start of this award in 1961 the Jnanpith Award has honored many of India's most writers.
- To winning the award is considered a milestone achievement in the literary world.



National Mission For Manuscripts

- Government has launched Gyan Bharatam Mission as a major initiative under the Ministry of Culture. It aims to Survey, Document, Conserve, Digitize, and make accessible Manuscripts located in academic Institutions, Museums, Libraries, and Private collections across India.
- To support the initiative, the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) has sanctioned Rs.491.66 crore for the period 2025-2031.
- This Mission has been mandated to establish a nation-wide network of Cluster Centers (CCs) and Independent Centers (ICs) across the country to carry out above mentioned activities and more than 40 CCs and ICs have been onboarded so far in this direction.
- In addition, 28 States / UTs have also been onboarded so far to act as the Nodal Coordinating Authority for the mission's implementation within the State / UT concerned.
- Gyan Bharatam Mission uses a systematic, technology-driven framework to protect India's manuscript heritage.
- This framework includes scientific conservation & restoration through preventive and curative methods, high standard digitization of manuscripts, centralized access to digitized data through NDR, data security through LTO-9 tapes and cloud-based backup with disaster recovery systems.



Oscars 2026

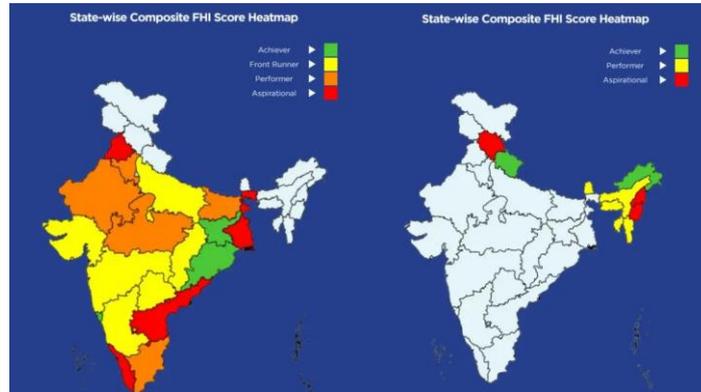
- Jessie Buckley has won the Best Actress award at the Oscars 2026. This award she won for her remarkable performance in Chloe Zhao's historical drama which named the Hamnet.
- Michael B. Jordan won the Best Actor award at the Oscars 2026. This award he won for his performance in Ryan Coogler's film 'Sinners'. This award was announced during the 98th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles.
- The film '**One Battle After Another**' has won the Best Picture award at the Oscars 2026. This film win marking the biggest victory of the 98th Academy Awards. This film was produced by Adam Somner, Sara Murphy and Paul Thomas Anderson.



Fiscal Health Index 2026

- As per the latest Fiscal Health Index 2026 released by NITI Aayog, the state of Odisha emerging as the top performing state once again. This report evaluates the fiscal strength of states for FY 2023-24. Which is focusing on key indicators such as revenue, expenditure quality and debt sustainability.
- The Fiscal Health Index 2026 comes at a time when the states are account for nearly one third of India's total public debt and it making fiscal discipline crucial.
- State of Odisha has retained its position as the best performing state in the Fiscal Health Index 2026,.
- And it is continuing its status as an Achiever.
- The state achieved a score of 73.1 and which is significantly ahead of other states.

Rank	State	FHI Score
1	Odisha	73.1
2	Goa	54.7
3	Jharkhand	50.5
4	Gujarat	49.9
5	Maharashtra	45.0
6	Chhattisgarh	44.3
7	Telangana	44.3
8	Uttar Pradesh	41.9
9	Karnataka	41.7
10	Madhya Pradesh	37.8



Indian Animated Film CHYIMI Wins Best Director Award

- Indian animation film gained international recognition. This come after the animated short film CHYIMI won the Best Director Award at the New York Short Animation Festival (NYSAF) 2026. This film was directed by Dr. Partha Sarathi Mahanta.
- This win of CHYIMI at NYSAF 2026 represented the major moment for Indian animation in international film festivals.
- This New York Short Animation Festival is known for the showcasing innovative animated short films from across the world.
- After the winning the Best Director NYSAF 2026 award places CHYIMI among globally recognized animated works.
- The New York Short Animation Festival (NYSAF) is an international event that celebrates creativity, originality and craftsmanship in the animated storytelling.
- The filmmakers and animators from around the world participate in the festival by presenting their animated short films.



National Para Athletics Championship 2026

- The National Para Athletics Championship 2026 is set to take place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar In Odisha. This will be bringing together top para athletes from around the India. This event will shows the participation from 1,460 athletes an it will representing 28 states.
- Also this time along with teams from the Border Security Force (BSF) and Services Sports Control Board (SSCB). This championship will be held from March 19 to March 21, 2026 and the total 145 medal games to held.
- Participation of 1,460 para athletes
- Representation from 28 states and institutional teams
- A total of 145 medal events
- Venue: Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- Top participants include,
- Mariyappan Thangavelu – Gold (Rio), Silver (Tokyo), Bronze (Paris Paralympics)
- Sumit Antil – Double Paralympic gold medallist
- Defending champions Haryana will participate with the largest contingent in the championship.
- The state has continuously performed well in national-level athletics and is expected to be a strong contender again.



International Day of Happiness 2026

- International Day of Happiness is celebrated globally on **March 20**. And this day as recognized by the United Nations to promote happiness and well-being as universal human goals.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared the March 20 as the International Day of Happiness through Resolution 66/281 in 2012.
- Bhutan played the key role to initiate the concept behind International Day of Happiness. Since the 1970s the country has focused on Gross National Happiness (GNH) instead of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a measure of progress.



Finland Tops World Happiness Report 2026

- The World Happiness Report 2026 has once again ranked the Finland as the happiest country in the world. World Happiness Report 2026 highlights the social media's negative impact on the youth's well-being.
- This report highlights the strong well being in Nordic nations and also points to declining happiness levels in parts of Western Europe and the Americas. The World Happiness Report 2026 is published by the Wellbeing Research Centre.
- **Top 10 Happiest Countries**
- Finland
- Iceland
- Denmark
- Costa Rica
- Sweden
- Norway
- Netherlands
- Israel
- Luxembourg
- Switzerland
- The World Happiness Report 2026 is published by the Wellbeing Research Centre.
- And this year it highlights which is the growing global concern about social media is negatively impacting youth happiness, especially in Western countries.
- Major findings are like,
- Increased screen time reduces well being
- Negative impact is higher among teenagers and young adults
- Teenage girls are particularly affected
- Social comparison and online pressure contribute to stress
- The World Happiness Report 2026 social media impact showed the worrying decline in well-being among young people under 25.

- Countries affected are,
- United States
- Canada
- Australia
- New Zealand
- India is ranked at the **116th** with a life evaluation score of around the 4.536.
- India position in ranking is in the lower half of the global rankings and also indicating challenges in factors such as social support, income levels, corruption and freedom to make life choices.
- **India's Neighbouring Countries – Rankings**
- China – Rank 65 (6.074)
- Nepal – Rank 99 (5.147)
- Pakistan – Rank 104 (4.868)
- Sri Lanka – Rank 134 (4.013)
- Bangladesh – Rank 127 (4.319)
- **Key factors considered for the ranking.**
- GDP per capita
- Healthy life expectancy
- Social support (having someone to rely on)
- Freedom to make life choices
- Generosity and trust
- Perception of corruption



GSI Declared Kalinjar Fort a Geo-Heritage Site

- National geo Heritage Site designation conferred to Kalinjar fort Hill In Banda and it was declared by the Geological Survey of India (GSI). This recognition will bring attention to one of India's most unique geological formations.
- The move is not just about science but it is about history, tourism and local growth. The site records billions of years of Earth's evolution and making it both rare and valuable.
- Geo Heritage Site declaration by GSI to Fort will highlights the importance of preserving rare geological landmarks. It is located in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh and this now officially recognized for its scientific and natural value.
- This heritage structure is famous for a rare geological feature known as the Eparchaeon Unconformity. This formation represents a massive time gap in Earth's geological history and also making it extremely valuable for scientific study.
- A National Geo-Heritage Site is a location recognized for its unique geological features and scientific importance. These sites helps to researchers to study Earth's history and natural processes.



ICC Women's Player of the Month for February 2026

- India's pace bowler **Arundhati Reddy** has been named ICC Women's Player of the Month for February 2026. This recognition comes after following her outstanding performance in the T20I series against Australia.
- Arundhati Reddy marks an important moment in her career as she grab her first ICC Player of the Month award. Her performance stood out in a high pressure series against a Australian team on away tour.



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



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



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 to ensuring fairness in competition and also introduced mandatory SRY gene screening for athletes who are 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.

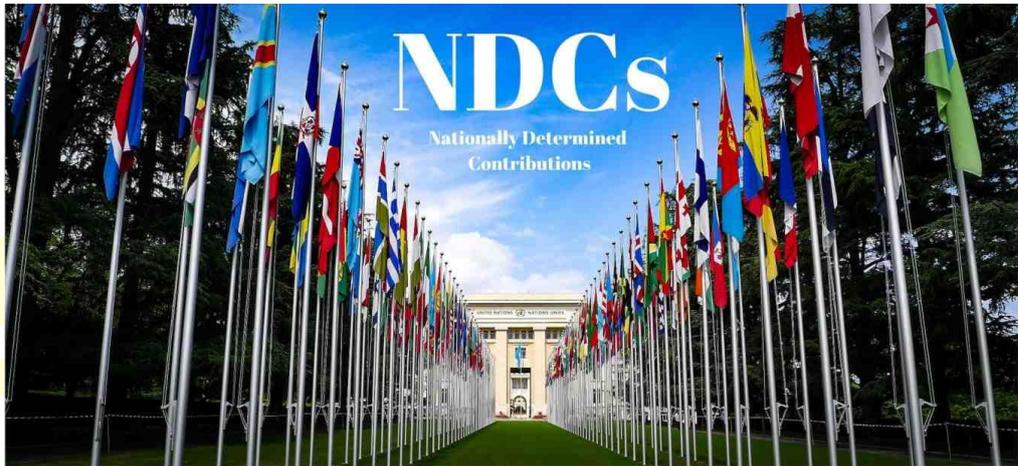
- The decision comes after several years of the global debate over the participation of transgender and DSD athletes in women sports.
- According to IOC President Kirsty Coventry the move is based on the scientific evidence and it aims to ensure fair competition and athlete safety.



India 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)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 is being held in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Bengaluru

Answer: C. New Delhi

Explanation: The event is being hosted in New Delhi from March 11 to March 13, 2026, with participation from several countries.

2. Who holds the No.1 position in the latest Women's ODI batting rankings released by the International Cricket Council?

- A. Amelia Kerr
- B. Alyssa Healy
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Meg Lanning

Answer: C. Smriti Mandhana

Explanation: Indian opener Smriti Mandhana retained the No.1 position in the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings.

3. The Supreme Court of India allowed withdrawal of life support in which case?

- A. Aruna Shanbaug Case
- B. Rajiv Mehra Case
- C. Harish Rana Case
- D. Manoj Kumar Case

Answer: C. Harish Rana Case

Explanation: The Supreme Court permitted passive euthanasia in the case involving Harish Rana, who suffered severe brain injuries in 2013.

4. World Wildlife Day is observed every year on:

- A) 5 June
- B) 22 April
- C) 3 March
- D) 28 February

Answer: C) 3 March

Explanation: World Wildlife Day is celebrated on 3 March to mark the signing of CITES in 1973.

5. World Wildlife Day commemorates the signing of which international agreement?

- A) Paris Agreement
- B) Kyoto Protocol

- C) Convention on Biological Diversity
- D) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Answer: D) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Explanation: CITES regulates international trade in endangered species to ensure their survival.

6. Project HANUMAN was launched in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: D) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: Project HANUMAN aims to reduce human–wildlife conflict in Andhra Pradesh.

7. Project HANUMAN primarily focuses on:

- A) Increasing tourism
- B) Industrial development
- C) Reducing human–wildlife conflict
- D) Expanding forest land for mining

Answer: C) Reducing human–wildlife conflict

Explanation: The project aims to enhance safety through rapid response teams, monitoring systems and community awareness.

8. India and Finland aim to achieve what target regarding bilateral trade by 2030?

- A. Triple trade value
- B. Double trade value
- C. Maintain current trade level
- D. Reduce trade deficit

Answer: B. Double trade value

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. According to the Hurun Rich List 2026, India ranks which position globally in terms of number of billionaires?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

Answer: C

Explanation:

India ranks third globally, after the United States and China, with 308 billionaires.

16. Who won the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix 2026?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. George Russell
- D. Lewis Hamilton

Answer: C

Explanation:

George Russell of Mercedes won the 2026 Australian Grand Prix at the Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit, marking the first victory of the season.

17. Lakshya Sen finished runner-up in the All England Open Badminton Championship 2026 after losing to:

- A. Viktor Axelsen
- B. Lin Chun-Yi
- C. Kento Momota
- D. Anthony Sinisuka Ginting

Answer: B

Explanation:

India's Lakshya Sen lost the men's singles final to Taiwan's Lin Chun-Yi at the All England Open 2026 in Birmingham.

18. India plans to increase inter-regional power transmission capacity to how many gigawatts (GW) by 2027?

- A. 130 GW
- B. 135 GW

- C. 143 GW
- D. 150 GW

Answer: C

Explanation: The government aims to increase transmission capacity from 120 GW to 143 GW by 2027.

19. The SHINE app launched by Indian Railways is mainly designed for:

- A. Online ticket booking
- B. Passenger safety monitoring
- C. Reporting workplace harassment complaints by women employees
- D. Train tracking system

Answer: C

Explanation: The SHINE app allows women employees to securely report cases of workplace sexual harassment.



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20. The SHINE app is integrated with which system used by railway employees?

- A. Railway Reservation System
- B. Train Management System
- C. Human Resources Management System (HRMS)
- D. National Rail Database

Answer: C

Explanation: The app is integrated with the HRMS platform, used by Indian Railways employees.

21. Which country announced its withdrawal from the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A. Russia
- B. Iran
- C. Qatar
- D. Turkey

Answer: B. Iran

Explanation: Iran officially announced its withdrawal due to geopolitical tensions involving the United States and Israel.

22. Who is the President of FIFA who commented on Iran's participation in the World Cup?

- A. Aleksander Čeferin
- B. Gianni Infantino
- C. Thomas Bach
- D. Sheikh Salman

Answer: B. Gianni Infantino

Explanation: Gianni Infantino is the President of FIFA and had earlier expressed hope that Iran would participate in the tournament.

23. Veteran actor Amol Palekar will receive the META Lifetime Achievement Award at which event?

- A. National Film Awards
- B. International Film Festival of India
- C. Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards
- D. Filmfare Awards

Answer: C. Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards

Explanation: Amol Palekar will be honored at the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) 2026 for his lifetime contribution.

24. Which port became the first in India to launch a Digital Twin platform for port management?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- B. Paradip Port
- C. Visakhapatnam Port
- D. V. O. Chidambaranar Port

Answer: D

Explanation: V. O. Chidambaranar Port launched India's first Digital Twin initiative, enabling real-time monitoring of port infrastructure, vessels, and cargo operations.

25. Which company is establishing a semiconductor assembly facility in Gujarat?

- A. Intel
- B. Qualcomm
- C. Micron Technology
- D. Nvidia

Answer: C

Explanation: Micron Technology announced plans to build a semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Gujarat.

26. The Jnanpith Award for 2025 has been conferred on which Tamil poet and lyricist?

- A. Gulzar
- B. Vairamuthu
- C. Javed Akhtar
- D. Vikram Seth

Answer: B. Vairamuthu

27. The Jnanpith Award was first instituted in which year?

- A. 1955
- B. 1961
- C. 1970
- D. 1985

Answer: B. 1961

28. José Antonio Kast has taken oath as the President of which country?

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Chile
- D. Peru

Answer: C. Chile

29. The Gyan Bharatam Mission launched by the Government of India aims to preserve what?

- A. Ancient temples
- B. Historical monuments
- C. Manuscripts and written heritage
- D. Traditional art forms

Answer: C. Manuscripts and written heritage

30. Who directed the animated film "CHYIMI"?

- A. S. S. Rajamouli
- B. Partha Sarathi Mahanta
- C. Anurag Kashyap
- D. R. Balki

Answer: B. Partha Sarathi Mahanta

