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India Retains No. 1 Spot in ICC ODI Rankings

- India retained the No. 1 position in the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings after the annual update on 11 June 2026. India's rating stood at 118 points, while New Zealand held second place with 113 points and Australia remained third with 109 points.
- The ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings are a points-based system for One Day International cricket. The rankings assign rating points to full member teams based on match results and the strength of opposition.
- The annual update gives full weightage of 100 per cent to matches played since May 2025. It gives half weightage of 50 per cent to results from the previous two years. This method is used by the International Cricket Council for its annual recalculation of team rankings in limited-overs cricket.
- South Africa moved ahead of Pakistan to take fourth place in the ODI rankings. South Africa had 102 points, while Pakistan had 98 points after the update. Australia remained the reigning ODI World Cup champions and kept third place with an unchanged rating of 109 points.
- India also held the top position in the ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings after the annual update carried out in the previous week.
- The ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings use rating points to compare international teams in One Day Internationals.
- India was ranked No. 1 in the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings on 11 June 2026.
- New Zealand was second with 113 rating points after the annual update.
- South Africa moved to fourth place ahead of Pakistan in the updated rankings.



UNHCR Reports First Global Displacement Decline

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) recorded a decline in global forced displacement in 2025, the first fall in a decade. By the end of 2025, an estimated 117.8 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide, compared with 123.2 million at the end of 2024.
- Forced displacement includes refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, and other people uprooted by conflict, persecution, or violence. The global refugee population stood at 41.6 million at the end of 2025, while 68.6 million people remained internally displaced.
- About 14.7 million displaced people returned home in 2025. This included 4.4 million refugees and 10.3 million internally displaced persons, with major returns recorded in Afghanistan, Sudan, and Syria. Refugee returns in 2025 were the second highest since records began 60 years ago. Many returns took place under insecure conditions and with limited access to basic services.
- At least 32.3 million new internal displacements occurred within national borders in 2025. The largest numbers were recorded in the Islamic Republic of Iran, with 10 million, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with 9.7 million. Resettlement and sponsorship arrivals for refugees fell to 81,800 in 2025 from 188,800 in 2024.
- UNHCR publishes annual displacement estimates based on refugee, asylum, and internal displacement data. The 2025 figure of 117.8 million remained one of the highest global displacement totals on record.



India Pledges \$2.5 Million to UNRWA

- India announced a 2.5 million contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on 11 June 2026. The amount is the first tranche of India's annual 5 million assistance to UNRWA for Palestinian refugees.
- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East was established in 1949 by the United Nations General Assembly. UNRWA provides education, healthcare, relief, and social services to Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.
- India's 2.5 million contribution is meant for UNRWA's core programmes and services. India released the second tranche of 2.5 million on 18 November 2024 and completed its annual 5 million contribution for 2024-25.
- India released the first tranche of 2.5 million on 18 July 2024 as part of the same annual commitment. Between October 2023 and November 2024, India provided about 135 metric tonnes of humanitarian aid to Palestine in four tranches.
- India has supported a two-state solution in the Israel-Palestine conflict for several decades. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations stated this position during a United Nations Security Council meeting on 11 June 2026.
- UNRWA was created in 1949 and works under a mandate of the United Nations General Assembly.

- India's annual contribution to UNRWA for 2024-25 was 5 million in two equal tranches of 2.5 million each.
- India provided about 135 metric tonnes of humanitarian aid to Palestine between October 2023 and November 2024.
- India had provided \$35 million to UNRWA until 2023-24 for core programmes and services.



Saudi Arabia Lifts Five-Year Ban on Lebanese Imports

- Saudi Arabia lifted its five-year ban on imports from Lebanon on 10 June 2026. The ban had covered Lebanese products after an initial restriction on fruits and vegetables in April 2021.
- The Saudi authorities extended the 2021 restriction to all Lebanese products because of concerns over drug smuggling in shipments. Captagon, a synthetic stimulant, was among the narcotics linked to the smuggling cases. The ban remained in force for five years before the 2026 decision.
- Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the resumption of Lebanese exports to the Kingdom. The decision followed a request from Lebanese President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam. Lebanon and several Gulf states had faced strained relations for years because of regional tensions involving Iran and Hezbollah.
- Saudi Arabia linked the lifting of the ban to steps taken by the Lebanese government to rebuild state institutions. The Kingdom also referred to efforts by Lebanon to curb drug smuggling through commercial shipments. Lebanese

authorities have faced repeated scrutiny over the use of agricultural exports for narcotics concealment.

- Lebanon exports fruits, vegetables, and other agricultural products to Gulf markets. Saudi Arabia is one of the largest economies in West Asia and a major destination for Lebanese exports. The 2026 decision formed part of a wider pattern of diplomatic and commercial engagement between Lebanon and Gulf countries.



India Validates First Indigenous HPV Test

- India has validated Truenat HR-HPV-Plus, an indigenous human papillomavirus test developed by Goa-based Molbio Diagnostics for cervical cancer screening. The validation involved researchers from AIIMS New Delhi, Indian Council of Medical Research institutes, and the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer in France.
- Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is a group of viruses, and persistent infection with high-risk types is linked to cervical cancer. Truenat HR-HPV-Plus detects eight high-risk HPV types that account for about 95% of cervical cancers. Cervical cancer is a malignant disease of the cervix, which is the lower part of the uterus.
- India records about 127,000 new cervical cancer cases and about 80,000 deaths each year.



Andaman Islands Set Guinness Record for Underwater Human Tower

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands set a Guinness World Record for the “Tallest Human Stack Underwater” on 3 May 2026 at the Lighthouse dive-site on Swaraj Dweep, also known as Havelock Island. The underwater formation used 14 scuba divers and reached a height of 22.3 metres.
- The human stack remained stable underwater for three minutes. Lieutenant Governor D.K. Joshi was among the participants in the record attempt. Guinness World Records adjudicator Rishi Nath verified the record on site and presented certificates to the Andaman and Nicobar administration.
- This record was the second Guinness World Record achieved by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in two consecutive days. The first record was for the “Largest National Flag Unfurled Underwater” on 2 May 2026.
- The Andaman and Nicobar administration organised the event with support from the Indian Navy, the Indian Coast Guard, and the Andaman and Nicobar Police. Swaraj Dweep is one of the islands in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago and is known for scuba diving sites in the Bay of Bengal.
- Guinness World Records is a global record-keeping organisation founded in 1955.
- Swaraj Dweep was earlier known as Havelock Island.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a Union Territory of India.
- Scuba diving is an underwater activity that uses self-contained breathing equipment.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which country retained the No. 1 position in the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings after the annual update on 11 June 2026?

- A) Australia
- B) New Zealand
- C) India
- D) South Africa

Answer: C) India

2. What was India's rating in the ICC Men's ODI Team Rankings released in June 2026?

- A) 109
- B) 113
- C) 118
- D) 102

Answer: C) 118

3. According to the UNHCR report, how many people were forcibly displaced worldwide by the end of 2025?

- A) 123.2 million
- B) 117.8 million

- C) 68.6 million
- D) 41.6 million

Answer: B) 117.8 million

4. Which organization publishes annual estimates of global forced displacement?

- A) UNICEF
- B) IOM
- C) UNDP
- D) UNHCR

Answer: D) UNHCR

5. India announced a contribution of \$2.5 million to which UN agency in June 2026?

- A) UNESCO
- B) UNHCR
- C) UNRWA
- D) UNICEF

Answer: C) UNRWA

6. UNRWA was established by the United Nations General Assembly in which year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1947
- C) 1949
- D) 1951

Answer: C) 1949

7. Saudi Arabia lifted its five-year ban on imports from which country in June 2026?

- A) Syria
- B) Jordan
- C) Lebanon
- D) Iraq

Answer: C) Lebanon

8. Truenat HR-HPV-Plus, recently validated in India, is used for screening which disease?

- A) Breast Cancer
- B) Cervical Cancer
- C) Ovarian Cancer
- D) Uterine Fibroids

Answer: B) Cervical Cancer

9. The indigenous HPV test Truenat HR-HPV-Plus was developed by which company?

- A) Bharat Biotech
- B) Serum Institute of India
- C) Molbio Diagnostics
- D) Biocon

Answer: C) Molbio Diagnostics

10. The Guinness World Record for the “Tallest Human Stack Underwater” was achieved at which island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A) North Sentinel Island
- B) Ross Island
- C) Car Nicobar Island
- D) Swaraj Dweep

Answer: D) Swaraj Dweep