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PM Modi Visits UNESCO World Heritage Prambanan Temple

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid visit to iconic Prambanan Temple Complex in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 8th of July, 2026, it reaffirms centuries old cultural and civilizational ties between India and Indonesia.
- This visit was marked by the unveiling of a plaque, which launched the ASI-led conservation and restoration project at the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- This restoration initiative follows the understanding reached during the Honorable President Prabowo Subianto's State Visit to India in the year 2025, when both countries agreed to explore India's assistance into preserving the historic temples.
- It was constructed during the 9th century by the Sanjaya Dynasty. This temple was built to honor the Hindu Trimurti,
 - Lord Shiva
 - Lord Vishnu
 - Lord Brahma
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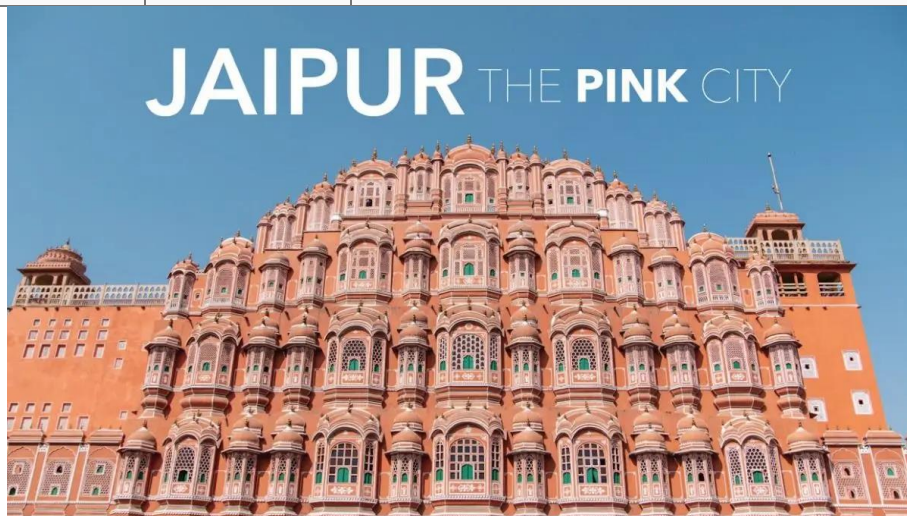


World’s Happiest Cities in Happy City Index 2026

- Jaipur made a remarkable global achievement, as the city became the only Indian city to be included in the top 10 in the Happy City Index 2026, and it ranked 6th globally. Jaipur was acknowledged for the quality of life, rich heritage, good governance, and developing urban infrastructure.
- As per the latest report of the Happy City Index 2026, which recognises cities for their governance, health, environment, mobility, economy, and overall well-being. By the way, Jaipur is the only Indian city in the list, with London being the number one-ranked city in the world.

Rank	City	Country
1	London	United Kingdom
2	New York City	United States
3	Paris	France
4	Tokyo	Japan
5	Madrid	Spain
6	Jaipur	India
7	Rome	Italy

8	Dubai	United Arab Emirates
9	Berlin	Germany
10	Barcelona	Spain



Geneva to Host Global AI Summit in 2027

- Switzerland will host a global AI summit in Geneva on June 21-22, 2027. The summit is linked to international discussions on artificial intelligence governance, trustworthy AI, and multilateral cooperation among governments, international organisations, scientists, businesses, and civil society.
- The Geneva summit is planned as a platform for stable and effective processes for global discussions on AI governance. Its stated themes include the responsible, safe, and human-centred use of artificial intelligence, along with broader questions on prosperity, progress, and public welfare.
- The host city announcement was made during the AI for Good Global Summit in Geneva on July 8, 2026. Federal Councillor Albert Rosti confirmed Switzerland's role as host during the opening address of that event.
- The Geneva AI Summit 2027 follows earlier editions held in Bletchley Park in 2023, Seoul in 2024, Paris in 2025, and New Delhi in 2026. The United Arab Emirates is scheduled to host a future AI summit in 2028.



India, Kyrgyzstan Launch Manas–Mahabharata Studies Centre

- An Indian delegation visited Kyrgyzstan from 4 July to 7 July 2026 for the inauguration of the International Centre for Civilizational Studies “Manas and Mahabharata” in Bishkek.
- The centre was established through cooperation between the Manas National Academy in Kyrgyzstan and the Centre for Studies of International Relations (CSIR) in New Delhi.
- The Manas National Academy is a Kyrgyz institution associated with the study of the national epic Manas. The Centre for Studies of International Relations is based in New Delhi and works on academic and policy-oriented international studies. The new centre has been set up as a joint platform for comparative civilisational studies.
- Manas is the Kyrgyz epic tradition and one of the longest oral epics in the world. The Mahabharata is a Sanskrit epic from ancient India and is among the two major Sanskrit epics, the other being the Ramayana. The centre will study the epic traditions of both texts, along with history, culture, and intercultural dialogue.



Gujarat Unveils Data Centre Policy 2026-29

- Gujarat launched its first Data Centre Policy 2026-29 on 9 July 2026 in Gandhinagar. The policy targets investment of ₹6 lakh crore and a data centre capacity of 7.5 GW. It covers hyperscale data centres, cloud infrastructure, and AI-powered digital services.
- The policy seeks to position Gujarat as a destination for digital infrastructure projects. It provides a framework for data centre development, project approvals, power access, and water supply. The Department of Science and Technology serves as the nodal agency for implementation and clearances.
- The policy includes capital subsidy, interest subsidy, and a power tariff subsidy of ₹1 per unit for 20 years. It also provides 100% reimbursement of SGST and electricity duty for 20 years, stamp duty exemption, and assistance for desalination plants.
- Data centre operators must source at least 51% of their electricity from renewable energy. This requirement is part of the policy's sustainability conditions for large digital infrastructure facilities. Dholera Special Investment Region has been identified as a primary hub for hyperscale data centres.
- The region receives an exclusive 2.5% capital subsidy on eligible investments under the policy. Two new cable landing stations have also been planned in Gujarat. Cable landing stations are coastal facilities where submarine communication cables connect to terrestrial networks.



India Launches World's First Once-Weekly Insulin Awiqli

- India launched Awiqli, the world's first once-weekly basal insulin, on 9 July 2026. The drug contains **insulin icodec** and is marketed by Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk. In India, Awiqli is approved for adults with Type 1 diabetes and Type 2 diabetes.
- Basal insulin is a long-acting insulin used to maintain blood glucose levels between meals and during sleep. Daily basal insulin regimens usually require 365 injections a year, while once-weekly insulin reduces this number to 52 injections annually.
- Awiqli is designed for patients who need long-term insulin therapy and use injectable treatment for diabetes management.
- Awiqli is supplied with a FlexTouch pen device. The insulin icodec molecule binds to the blood protein albumin, which extends its action over seven days. The 700-unit pack is priced at Rs 2,611 in India, and its per-unit cost is about 30 to 40 per cent lower than existing daily insulin units.
- India is the seventh country to introduce Awiqli. In the United States, the same product is approved only for adults with Type 2 diabetes. Clinical trials have found glycaemic control with Awiqli to be comparable to or better than daily basal insulin, with a higher risk of hypoglycaemia in some Type 1 diabetes patients.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited which UNESCO World Heritage Site in Indonesia on 8 July 2026?

- A) Borobudur Temple
- B) Tanah Lot Temple
- C) **Prambanan Temple Complex**
- D) Besakih Temple

Answer: C) Prambanan Temple Complex

Explanation: PM Narendra Modi visited the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Prambanan Temple Complex in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and launched an ASI-led conservation and restoration project.

2. Prambanan Temple was built during the 9th century by which dynasty?

- A) Sailendra Dynasty
- B) **Sanjaya Dynasty**
- C) Majapahit Dynasty
- D) Mataram Dynasty

Answer: B) Sanjaya Dynasty

Explanation: The Prambanan Temple Complex was constructed by the Sanjaya Dynasty and is dedicated to the Hindu Trimurti—Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.

3. Which Indian city ranked 6th globally in the Happy City Index 2026?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mumbai
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) **Jaipur**

Answer: D) Jaipur

Explanation: Jaipur became the only Indian city to feature in the Top 10 of the Happy City Index 2026, securing the 6th position.

4. Which city topped the Happy City Index 2026?

- A) Paris
- B) Tokyo
- C) New York City
- D) **London**

Answer: D) London

Explanation: London ranked first in the Happy City Index 2026, followed by New York City and Paris.

5. Which country will host the Global AI Summit in June 2027?

- A) France
- B) India
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) **Switzerland**

Answer: D) Switzerland

Explanation: Geneva, Switzerland, will host the Global AI Summit on 21–22 June 2027, focusing on AI governance and responsible AI development.

6. The International Centre for Civilizational Studies 'Manas and Mahabharata' has been inaugurated in which city?

- A) Tashkent
- B) Astana
- C) **Bishkek**
- D) Dushanbe

Answer: C) Bishkek

Explanation: The centre was inaugurated in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, through collaboration between the Manas National Academy and India's Centre for Studies of International Relations.

7. Gujarat's Data Centre Policy 2026–29 aims to attract investments worth approximately:

- A) ₹2 lakh crore
- B) ₹3.5 lakh crore
- C) ₹4.8 lakh crore
- D) **₹6 lakh crore**

Answer: D) ₹6 lakh crore

Explanation: Gujarat's first Data Centre Policy targets investments of ₹6 lakh crore and plans to create 7.5 GW of data centre capacity.

8. Under Gujarat's Data Centre Policy 2026–29, data centre operators must obtain at least what percentage of electricity from renewable energy sources?

- A) 25%
- B) 40%
- C) **51%**
- D) 75%

Answer: C) 51%

Explanation: The policy mandates that at least 51% of electricity consumed by data centres must come from renewable energy.

9. Which pharmaceutical company launched the world's first once-weekly basal insulin 'Awiqli' in India?

- A) Pfizer
- B) Sanofi
- C) Eli Lilly
- D) **Novo Nordisk**

Answer: D) Novo Nordisk

Explanation: Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk introduced Awiqli, containing insulin icodec, for adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

10. Awiqli, launched in India in July 2026, contains which active ingredient?

- A) Insulin Glargine
- B) Insulin Detemir
- C) Insulin Degludec
- D) **Insulin Icodec**

Answer: D) Insulin Icodec

Explanation: Awiqli contains insulin icodec, the world's first once-weekly basal insulin, reducing insulin injections from 365 to 52 per year for eligible patients.