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International Day of Friendship 2026

- The **International Day of Friendship** is observed every year on **30 July** to promote friendship, peace, solidarity, and mutual understanding among people across the world. The observance highlights the role of friendship in overcoming differences of culture, religion, ethnicity, and nationality, thereby contributing to a more peaceful and inclusive global society.
- **Background**
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** officially proclaimed the International Day of Friendship in **2011**. The initiative builds upon the **Culture of Peace**, adopted by the UN in **1997**, which encourages dialogue, tolerance, and cooperation among nations.
- The United Nations places special emphasis on involving young people in promoting friendship, as they play a crucial role in building peaceful societies.
- **Significance**
- The day serves as a reminder that friendship and mutual respect are essential for preventing conflicts and promoting sustainable peace. Educational institutions, youth organizations, and communities across the world organize awareness programmes, cultural exchanges, and social activities to strengthen human relationships.
- **Key Points**
- **Date:** 30 July
- **Declared By:** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- **Year Declared:** 2011
- **Foundation Initiative:** Culture of Peace (1997)
- **Objective:** Promote friendship, peace, and global harmony



World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026

- The **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** is observed annually on **30 July** to raise awareness about human trafficking and promote measures to protect victims while strengthening international efforts to combat this serious crime.
- **Theme for 2026**
- The theme for **2026** is:
- **"Trapped Behind the Scam."**
- The campaign highlights the increasing use of fake employment opportunities and online scams by organized criminal groups to exploit vulnerable individuals.
- **About Human Trafficking**
- Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, or harbouring of persons through:
 - Force
 - Threats
 - Fraud
 - Deception
 - Abuse of power
 - Exploitation of vulnerability
- Victims are often subjected to forced labour, sexual exploitation, cyber fraud, and other forms of abuse.
- **Significance**

- The observance encourages stronger international cooperation, improved law enforcement, victim protection, and public awareness to eliminate trafficking networks and safeguard human rights.
- **Key Points**
- **Date:** 30 July
- **Declared By:** UNGA (2013)
- **Theme 2026:** Trapped Behind the Scam
- **Focus:** Prevent trafficking, prosecute offenders, protect victims



Omni Card Introduces India's First UPI-Based Flexi Benefits Wallet

- Corporate expense management platform **Omni Card**, developed by **Eroute Technologies Private Limited**, has introduced **India's first UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet**, offering employees a digital platform to utilize tax-efficient benefits through seamless UPI payments.
- **Key Features**
- The wallet enables employees to:
- Make UPI Scan-and-Pay transactions.
- Manage multiple employee benefit categories through a single digital wallet.
- Spend benefits conveniently while remaining tax compliant.
- The platform operates on an **RBI-licensed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)** and can be used at nearly **60 million UPI-enabled merchants** across India.
- Employees can utilize benefits under categories such as:

- Meals
- Fuel
- Telecom
- Books & Periodicals
- Gadgets
- **Significance**
- The launch represents a significant innovation in digital employee benefits by combining India's expanding UPI ecosystem with corporate financial management, offering convenience, transparency, and efficient benefit utilization.
- **Key Points**
- **Company:** Omni Card
- **Developer:** Eroute Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- **Innovation:** India's first UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet
- **Platform:** RBI-licensed PPI
- **Acceptance:** Nearly 60 million UPI merchants



Commonwealth Games 2026

- India delivered another impressive performance at the **Commonwealth Games 2026** in **Glasgow, Scotland**, winning **one gold and two silver medals** in athletics. The performances further strengthened India's medal tally and demonstrated the country's growing success in para-athletics and track-and-field events.
- **Medal Winners**
- **Dilip Mahadu Gavit**
- Indian para-athlete **Dilip Mahadu Gavit** won the **gold medal** in the **Men's 100m T47** event with an outstanding performance.
- **Mohammed Basil Morssinganakathi**

- India's **Mohammed Basil Morssinganakathi** secured the **silver medal** in the same event, giving India a historic one-two finish.
- **Murali Sreeshankar**
- Long jumper **Murali Sreeshankar** earned the **silver medal** in the **Men's Long Jump**, narrowly missing the gold medal by only six centimetres.
- **Significance**
- These achievements reflect India's continued progress in athletics and para-sports while showcasing the country's expanding talent at international sporting events.
- **Key Points**
- **Venue:** Glasgow, Scotland
- **Gold:** Dilip Mahadu Gavit (Men's 100m T47)
- **Silver:** Mohammed Basil Morssinganakathi (Men's 100m T47)
- **Silver:** Murali Sreeshankar (Men's Long Jump)



ISSF World Cup 2026

- India concluded its campaign at the **ISSF World Cup 2026** with an impressive haul of **four medals**, underlining the country's growing strength in international shooting competitions.
- **Medal Winners**
- India secured:
- **Gold:** Esha Singh – Women's 25m Pistol
- **Silver:** Sainyam Vij – Women's 10m Air Pistol
- **Bronze:** Manu Bhaker – Women's 25m Pistol

- **Bronze:** Sonam Maskar & Himanshu Dhillon – 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
- The final medal came in the **10m Air Rifle Mixed Team** event.
- **Overall Performance**
- India finished the tournament with:
- **1 Gold**
- **1 Silver**
- **2 Bronze**
- **Significance**
- The performance highlights India's consistent rise in international shooting and reflects the effectiveness of training and athlete development programmes.
- **Key Points**
- **Tournament:** ISSF World Cup 2026
- **Total Medals:** 4
- **Gold:** Esha Singh
- **Final Medal:** Bronze – Mixed Team Event



Ajinkya Rahane Announces Retirement Cup 2026

- Former Indian captain **Ajinkya Rahane** has announced his retirement from international cricket, bringing an end to a distinguished career that spanned all formats of the game.
- **Career Highlights**
- Rahane represented India with distinction in Tests, One-Day Internationals, and T20 Internationals. Known for his calm leadership and dependable batting, he

played several memorable innings in overseas conditions and captained India in important international matches.

- While announcing his retirement, Rahane thanked the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**, the **Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)**, his family, teammates, and his wife for their constant support throughout his cricketing journey.
- **Significance**
- Rahane's retirement marks the conclusion of an important chapter in Indian cricket. His contributions as both a batsman and leader will continue to inspire future generations of cricketers.
- **Key Points**
- **Player:** Ajinkya Rahane
- **State:** Maharashtra
- **Role:** Former India Captain
- **Acknowledged:** BCCI, MCA, family, teammates



Global Rank in Pro-Competitive Reforms

- India has significantly improved its global position in promoting competitive markets by moving from **82nd to 57th place** in the **Market Distortions Performance Index**, reflecting the success of structural economic reforms undertaken over the past decade.
- **About the Report**

- The ranking was published in the report titled "**India's Next Growth Frontier: Reducing Anti-Competitive Market Distortions to Build on India's 2010–2023 Reform Progress.**"
- The assessment evaluated countries on:
 - Protection of Property Rights
 - Domestic Competition
 - International Competition
- **Reasons for Improvement**
 - India's progress has been attributed to reforms such as:
 - Goods and Services Tax (GST)
 - Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)
 - Regulatory reforms
 - Trade facilitation
 - Competition law reforms
- **Significance**
 - The improvement reflects India's efforts to create a transparent, competitive, and investment-friendly economic environment while strengthening long-term economic growth.
- **Key Points**
 - **Rank Improved:** 82nd to 57th
 - **Index:** Market Distortions Performance Index
 - **Major Reforms:** GST, IBC, Competition Act



India Targets 100 Crore 5G Users by 2030

- India has set an ambitious goal of connecting **100 crore (1 billion) people** to **5G services by 2030**, reinforcing its position as one of the world's fastest-growing digital economies.
- **Background**
- India launched commercial **5G services on 1 October 2022**. Since then, telecom operators have rapidly expanded network coverage across the country.
- Within approximately two-and-a-half years, nearly **50 crore users** adopted 5G services.
- **Network Expansion**
- Key achievements include:
 - Investment of approximately **₹4.5 lakh crore**
 - Installation of nearly **5 lakh telecom towers**
 - Coverage extended to **99.6% of districts**
 - More than **4.69 lakh operational 5G Base Transceiver Stations (BTS)**
- **Future Outlook**
- According to Telecom Secretary **Neeraj Mittal**, India is expected to reach **1 billion 5G subscribers by 2030**, accounting for nearly **74% of all mobile subscriptions**.
- **Significance**
- The expansion of 5G will accelerate digital transformation, support smart cities, improve industrial automation, enhance healthcare and education services, and strengthen India's digital infrastructure.
- **Key Points**
- **Launch Date:** 1 October 2022
- **Target:** 100 crore 5G users by 2030
- **Investment:** ₹4.5 lakh crore
- **Coverage:** 99.6% of districts
- **Expected Share:** 74% of mobile subscribers by 2030



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The International Day of Friendship is observed every year on:

- A) 21 September
- B) 20 July
- C) 30 July
- D) 5 June

Answer: C) 30 July

2. The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in:

- A) 2005
- B) 2008
- C) 2011
- D) 2015

Answer: C) 2011

3. The theme of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026 is:

- A) End Human Trafficking Now
- B) Freedom for Every Child

- C) Breaking the Chains
- D) "Trapped Behind the Scam"

Answer: D) "Trapped Behind the Scam"

4. Omni Card, developed by Eroute Technologies Private Limited, has launched India's first:

- A) AI-based Digital Banking Platform
- B) CBDC Wallet
- C) Digital Rupee Card
- D) UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet

Answer: D) UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet

5. The UPI-based Flexi Benefits Wallet introduced by Omni Card operates on an RBI-licensed:

- A) Payment Bank Platform
- B) Small Finance Bank Platform
- C) Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)
- D) Digital Banking Unit (DBU)

Answer: C) Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)

6. At the Commonwealth Games 2026, Dilip Mahadu Gavit won the gold medal in:

- A) Men's Long Jump
- B) Men's 200m T47
- C) Men's 400m T47
- D) Men's 100m T47

Answer: D) Men's 100m T47

7. India finished the ISSF World Cup 2026 with a total of:

- A) 2 Medals
- B) 3 Medals
- C) 4 Medals
- D) 5 Medals

Answer: C) 4 Medals

8. Which Indian shooter won the gold medal in the Women's 25m Pistol at the ISSF World Cup 2026?

- A) Manu Bhaker
- B) Rhythm Sangwan
- C) Sainyam Vij
- D) Esha Singh

Answer: D) Esha Singh

9. India improved its position in the Market Distortions Performance Index from:

- A) 75th to 60th
- B) 80th to 62nd
- C) 82nd to 57th
- D) 90th to 70th

Answer: C) 82nd to 57th

10. India has set a target of connecting how many people to 5G technology by 2030?

- A) 50 Crore
- B) 75 Crore
- C) 90 Crore
- D) 100 Crore (1 Billion)

Answer: D) 100 Crore (1 Billion)