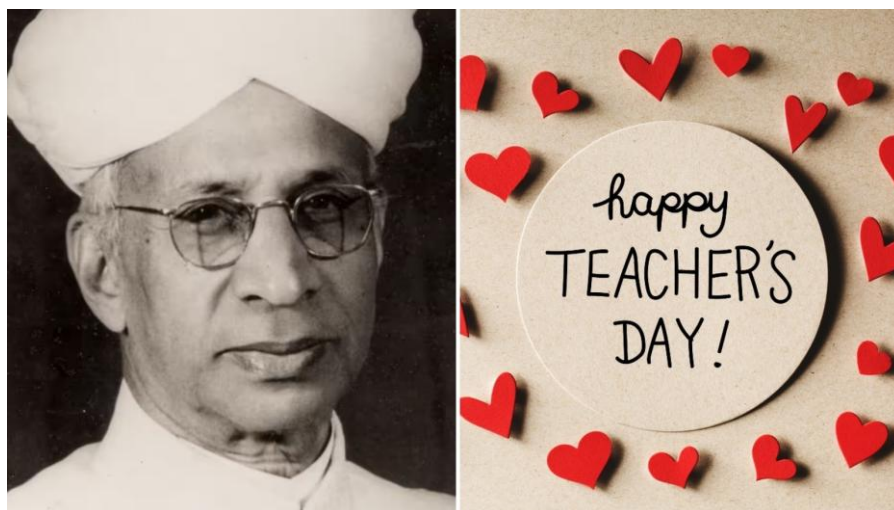


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Teachers' Day 2026

- Teachers' Day is observed across India every year on 5 September to honour teachers and mentors for their contribution to education and society.
- The day is associated with Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born on 5 September 1888 at Tiruttani in the erstwhile Madras Presidency. He studied at Madras Christian College and later became a professor of philosophy at institutions including the University of Mysore and the University of Calcutta.
- Dr. Radhakrishnan also held two of India's highest constitutional offices. He served as India's first Vice President from 1952 to 1962 and became the second President of India in 1962, serving until 1967.
- Key Facts
- Teachers' Day: 5 September
- Birth anniversary: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- Born: 5 September 1888
- Birthplace: Tiruttani
- First Vice President of India: 1952–1962
- Second President of India: 1962–1967



Ig Nobel Prize 2026 Winners

- The 36th Ig Nobel Prize ceremony was held on 3 September 2026 at the Zurich Convention Center, Switzerland.
- The Ig Nobel Prize recognises scientific research that may initially appear unusual, humorous or strange but can nevertheless encourage people to think about important scientific questions. The awards are associated with the publication Annals of Improbable Research.

Category	Winners/Researchers	Research Topic
Chemistry	Sanchari Banerjee, Subrahmanyam Ramaswamy, et al.	Studied protein crystals from cockroach milk and their energy content
Technology	Changhong Cao, Jianyu Li, et al.	Investigated mosquito blood-sucking mouthparts as ultra-fine 3D-printing nozzles
Medicine	Dr. Tokuji Unno, posthumously	Examined airflow and pressure changes associated with blowing the nose

Soil Science	Pia Viviani, Atlant Bieri, et al.	Buried cotton underwear across 25 countries to study soil life
Physics	Zhao Pan, Kavee Thuraiarajah, et al.	Developed splash-free urinal designs using fluid impact angles
Evolution	Matilda Brindle, Stuart West, Catherine F.	Talbot Studied how kissing may have evolved among animal species



Smriti Mandhana Becomes Leading Run-Scorer

- Indian women's cricket star Smriti Mandhana created a major record on 3 September 2026 during India's Women's T20 Asia Cup match against Hong Kong in Dubai.
- Mandhana scored a spectacular 124 runs from 64 balls, including 14 fours and 7 sixes. Her innings took her international career tally to 10,880 runs, allowing her to surpass former Indian captain Mithali Raj, who had accumulated 10,868 international runs.
- Mandhana's innings also helped India post 193/5, their second-highest total in the Women's T20 Asia Cup. India won the match by 138 runs.

- Her seven sixes took her T20I six tally to 95, making her India's leading six-hitter in women's T20Is ahead of Harmanpreet Kaur.

Rank	Player	Country	Runs
1	Smriti Mandhana	India	10,880
2	Mithali Raj	India	10,868
3	Suzie Bates	New Zealand	10,740
4	Charlotte Edwards	England	10,273
5	Stafanie Taylor	West Indies	10,007



Malaysia Declares Emergency as Serian Haze Index Hits 519

- Malaysia declared an emergency in Serian district of Sarawak after extremely hazardous air pollution caused by thick haze linked to forest fires in neighbouring Indonesia.
- The Air Pollution Index (API) in Serian reached 519, far exceeding Malaysia's hazardous threshold of 300. An API level above 500 can trigger an emergency declaration.

- The haze has been primarily associated with forest fires in Indonesia. Sarawak and Indonesia share the island of Borneo, allowing smoke to cross the border under favourable weather conditions.
- Key Facts
- Affected district: Serian
- State: Sarawak
- Country: Malaysia
- API recorded: 519
- Hazardous threshold: 300
- Emergency level: Above 500
- Major cause: Forest-fire haze from Indonesia
- Island: Borneo



Giorgia Meloni Becomes Italy's Longest-Serving Postwar Prime Minister

- Giorgia Meloni became the longest continuously serving postwar Prime Minister of Italy on 4 September 2026, completing 1,413 consecutive days in office.
- Meloni became Prime Minister on 22 October 2022 and leads the Brothers of Italy (Fratelli d'Italia) party. She is also Italy's first woman Prime Minister.
- She surpassed the previous postwar continuity record of 1,412 days, held by Silvio Berlusconi during his second administration from June 2001 to April 2005.
- On 4 September 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Meloni on X. Meloni responded by highlighting cooperation between India and Italy,

including their work on the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).



India Wins Nine Medals at International Earth Science Olympiad 2026

- India won nine medals at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026, held in Turin, Italy, from August 20 to 27, 2026. The four-member Indian student team won four gold, three silver, and two bronze medals, which marked the country's best-ever performance in the competition.
- The International Earth Science Olympiad is an annual international competition for secondary school students in Earth science subjects. It includes written examinations, practical assessments, field investigations, and project-based tasks in geology, meteorology, oceanography, and astronomy.
- The Indian contingent comprised Soumik Mandal, Aaron Maiti, Riddhi Ranjan, and Mohammed Ehtesham Rizvi. The students were selected from about 17,000 national applicants and trained through camps at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and Anna University, Chennai.
- Soumik Mandal won gold in the individual written and practical examinations and recorded the third-highest individual score in the 19-year history of the IESO. Ranjan and Mandal won gold in the International Team Field Investigation, while Maiti won gold in the Earth Science Project.
- IESO events usually test both individual and team performance through theory, practical work, and field-based problem solving. The competition is linked to

Earth system studies, which include the lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere.



India and Japan will Play Their First Men's T20 International

- India and Japan will play their first men's T20 International on 22 September 2026 at the Sano International Cricket Ground in Tochigi Prefecture, Japan.
- The match has been named the Suzuki Cup and will begin joint celebrations for 75 years of India-Japan diplomatic relations, which will be formally completed in 2027.
- A T20 International, or T20I, is a recognised international cricket match played between two national teams in the Twenty20 format. Each side bats for a maximum of 20 overs, and the format is governed by the International Cricket Council.
- India and Japan established diplomatic relations in 1952. The year 2027 will mark 75 years of formal diplomatic ties between the two countries, and the 22 September 2026 fixture will open the related celebrations.
- Sport 75 is a bilateral initiative linked to sporting cooperation and human exchanges between India and Japan. The initiative was agreed during a summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Teachers' Day in India is observed annually on:

- A. 2 September
- B. 5 September
- C. 8 September
- D. 11 September

Answer: B. 5 September

2. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan served as India's first Vice President from:

- A. 1947–1952
- B. 1950–1955
- C. 1952–1962
- D. 1962–1967

Answer: C. 1952–1962

3. The 36th Ig Nobel Prize ceremony in 2026 was held at:

- A. Geneva Convention Centre
- B. Zurich Convention Center
- C. Stockholm City Hall
- D. Paris Convention Centre

Answer: B. Zurich Convention Center

4. Who became the leading run-scorer in international women's cricket with 10,880 runs?

- A. Mithali Raj
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur

C. Smriti Mandhana

D. Suzie Bates

Answer: C. Smriti Mandhana

5. What was the Air Pollution Index recorded in Serian, Malaysia?

A. 319

B. 419

C. 519

D. 619

Answer: C. 519

6. Giorgia Meloni became Italy's longest continuously serving postwar Prime Minister after completing:

A. 1,213 days

B. 1,312 days

C. 1,412 days

D. 1,413 days

Answer: D. 1,413 days

7. India won how many medals at the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026?

A. 6

B. 7

C. 8

D. 9

Answer: D. 9

8. Where was the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026 held?

A. Rome, Italy

B. Turin, Italy

C. Milan, Italy

D. Venice, Italy

Answer: B. Turin, Italy

9. India and Japan are scheduled to play their first men's T20 International on:

A. 15 September 2026

B. 20 September 2026

C. 22 September 2026

D. 25 September 2026

Answer: C. 22 September 2026

10. The India-Japan men's T20 International will be played at:

- A. Tokyo Dome
- B. Sano International Cricket Ground
- C. Osaka Cricket Stadium
- D. Yokohama International Stadium

Answer: B. Sano International Cricket Ground