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Digvijay Diwas 2026

- **Digvijay Diwas** is observed every year on **11 September** to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's historic address at the **Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893**. His opening words, "Sisters and Brothers of America," became one of the most memorable moments of the event.
- The Parliament of the World's Religions was organised from **11 September to 27 September 1893** and brought together representatives of different religions and denominations. Swami Vivekananda represented Hinduism and used the international platform to introduce the world to India's spiritual traditions and the philosophy of **Vedanta**.
- **Message of Religious Harmony**
- Vivekananda strongly opposed religious intolerance, fanaticism and sectarian divisions. His message emphasised **religious unity, universal brotherhood and peaceful coexistence**.
- The significance of Digvijay Diwas goes beyond remembering a historic speech. His ideas remain relevant in today's interconnected world, particularly in discussions about tolerance, harmony and mutual respect.
- His broader philosophy also highlighted the importance of **education, self-respect, character building and service to humanity**.

Key Facts

- **Digvijay Diwas:** 11 September
- **Associated with:** Swami Vivekananda
- **Historic event:** Parliament of the World's Religions
- **Place:** Chicago, USA
- **Year:** 1893
- **Core message:** Religious harmony and universal brotherhood
- **Philosophy highlighted:** Vedanta



National Forest Martyrs Day 2026

- **National Forest Martyrs Day** is observed on **11 September** to honour forest personnel who have lost their lives while protecting India's forests and wildlife. The day is also associated with the historic **Khejarli sacrifice of 1730**, when members of Rajasthan's Bishnoi community resisted the cutting of Khejri trees.
- **The Khejarli Sacrifice**
- The historic incident took place in **Khejarli village in Rajasthan in 1730**. Officials of the Jodhpur Kingdom arrived in the village to cut Khejri trees. Members of the Bishnoi community opposed the tree felling and stood in defence of the environment.
- The movement was led by **Amrita Devi Bishnoi**, who became an enduring symbol of environmental protection. According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **more than 360 people lost their lives** during the episode.
- **Modern Significance**
- The day also pays tribute to forest guards, officers and other forest personnel who face serious risks while protecting forests and wildlife from activities such as **illegal tree felling and poaching**.
- The Khejarli episode is remembered as an important example of community-led environmental conservation in India.



Nirbhay Choudhary Breaks Men's Hammer Throw National Record

- Indian athlete **Nirbhay Choudhary** created a new national record in the men's hammer throw on **10 September 2026** at the **Indian Athletics Final Series in New Delhi**.
- Choudhary produced a throw of **71.02 metres**, surpassing the previous Indian record of **70.73 metres**, which had been set by **Neeraj Kumar in 2016**.
- **About Hammer Throw**
- Hammer throw is a field event in athletics. The athlete swings and rotates a heavy metal ball attached to a wire and handle before releasing it into the field. The distance is measured from the throwing circle to the nearest point where the implement lands.
- National records represent the best performances officially recognised within a country under the applicable athletics rules. In India, such records are maintained by the **Athletics Federation of India**.
- The Indian Athletics Final Series in New Delhi served as an important competitive event for Indian athletes preparing for major international competitions, including the **Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**.



Tanya Chaudhary Sets National Hammer Throw Record

- Tanya Chaudhary, a 22-year-old athlete from Uttar Pradesh, set a new national record in the women's hammer throw with a throw of 68.35 metres at the Indian Athletics Series Final in New Delhi on 10 September 2026.
- She won the gold medal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and finished ahead of Anushka Yadav, who recorded 66.34 metres.
- The women's hammer throw is a track and field throwing event in which athletes rotate and release a metal ball attached to a wire and grip. The standard implement used in senior women's competition weighs 4 kilograms, and the event is governed internationally by World Athletics.
- The Indian Athletics Series Final is a domestic athletics competition conducted in India under the athletics calendar. The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi has hosted major national and international athletics events, including track and field meets and multi-sport competitions.
- Tanya Chaudhary trains under coach Sachin Yadav at the Sri Krishna Inter College Ground in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh. The venue has produced several Indian hammer throwers, and Tanya Chaudhary received a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh under the Athletics Federation of India's incentive system for event winners.



Shree Charani Becomes Fastest Indian to 50 T20I Wickets

- Indian left-arm spinner **Shree Charani** achieved a major milestone on **10 September 2026**, becoming the fastest Indian bowler across men's and women's cricket to reach **50 wickets in T20 Internationals**.
- She achieved the feat in her **29th international match**, breaking the previous Indian record of 30 matches held by **Kuldeep Yadav**.
- Charani claimed her 50th wicket by dismissing **Bangladesh opener Juairiya Ferdous**, who was caught by wicketkeeper **Richa Ghosh** during the sixth over.
- She finished the match with figures of **1 wicket for 14 runs in four overs**, including one maiden over, as India defeated Bangladesh by **40 runs** in the Women's Asia Cup semifinal in Dubai.
- **Global Milestone**
- Charani also became the **joint second-fastest bowler in women's T20I cricket** to reach 50 wickets. She matched the achievement of **Leigh Kasperek of New Zealand** and **Anisa Mohammed of the West Indies**.
- China's **Mengting Liu** remains the fastest, reaching 50 wickets in 28 matches.



Gujarat Allocates ₹301 Crore for 2030 CWG

- Gujarat announced a financial allocation of ₹301 crore for preparations related to the 2030 Commonwealth Games during the monsoon session of the state assembly on 10 September 2026. The state has secured the hosting rights for the Games and has signed the Host Collaboration Agreement for the event.
- Of the total allocation, ₹200 crore has been kept for the host fee, which has already been paid under the collaboration agreement. The remaining amount includes ₹100 crore provided under the revenue head in the previous financial year and ₹1 crore kept as a token capital provision.
- Ahmedabad will serve as the primary hub for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. The Games are scheduled to be held in October 2030, and the city has been identified as the main centre for planning and event operations.
- A dedicated planning company named Amdavad 2030 Commonwealth Games Organisation was formed under the Companies Act on 12 August 2026. The state sports ministry has held consultations with Commonwealth Sport, the Indian Olympic Association, and international sports federations for event preparation.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Digvijay Diwas is observed every year on which date?

- A. 9 September
- B. 10 September
- C. 11 September
- D. 12 September

Answer: C. 11 September

2. Swami Vivekananda delivered his historic speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in which year?

- A. 1889
- B. 1891
- C. 1893
- D. 1895

Answer: C. 1893

3. National Forest Martyrs Day is associated with the historic sacrifice at Khejarli in which year?

- A. 1720
- B. 1730
- C. 1740
- D. 1750

Answer: B. 1730

4. Who led the Bishnoi community's resistance against the cutting of Khejri trees at Khejarli?

- A. Amrita Devi Bishnoi
- B. Rani Gaidinliu
- C. Medha Patkar
- D. Gaura Devi

Answer: A. Amrita Devi Bishnoi

5. Nirbhay Choudhary set a new Indian national record in which event?

- A. Javelin throw
- B. Shot put
- C. Discus throw
- D. Hammer throw

Answer: D. Hammer throw

6. What distance did Nirbhay Choudhary achieve to set the men's hammer throw national record?

- A. 68.35 metres
- B. 69.73 metres
- C. 70.73 metres
- D. 71.02 metres

Answer: D. 71.02 metres

7. Shree Charani became the fastest Indian bowler to reach how many T20I wickets?

- A. 40
- B. 45
- C. 50
- D. 55

Answer: C. 50

8. Shree Charani achieved the milestone of 50 T20I wickets in her how many international matches?

- A. 27th
- B. 28th
- C. 29th
- D. 30th

Answer: C. 29th

9. How much has Gujarat allocated for preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games?

- A. ₹201 crore
- B. ₹251 crore
- C. ₹301 crore
- D. ₹351 crore

Answer: C. ₹301 crore

10. Which city will serve as the primary hub for the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Gujarat?

- A. Surat
- B. Vadodara
- C. Rajkot
- D. Ahmedabad

Answer: D. Ahmedabad