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Vishwakarma Jayanti 2026

- Vishwakarma Jayanti 2026 is to be celebrated on Thursday, September 17, which is traditionally the day when Lord Vishwakarma is worshipped. In Hindu tradition, Lord Vishwakarma is believed to be the **divine architect and craftsman**.
- The festival is particularly popular among artisans, engineers, architects, craftsmen, industrial workers, and all those who have professions that make them use tools and do skilled labor. Vishwakarma Jayanti falls on the same day as Kanya Sankranti – the entry of the Sun into Virgo.
- In Hinduism, Lord Vishwakarma is considered as God in the form of an architect, craftsman, and creator. He is known as the one who creates celestial cities, palaces, weapons, and many more things.
- Vishwakarma is said to be the creator of various things like Lanka, Dwarka, Indraprastha, along with the weapons created for Gods like Shiva's Trishul, Vishnu's Sudarshan Chakra, and Indra's Vajra. Even the Pushpaka Vimana was created by him.



Hyderabad Liberation Day 2026

- Hyderabad Liberation Day is marked on September 17 to mark the amalgamation of the Hyderabad State in the Indian Union in 1948. **Operation Polo** commenced on September 13, 1948, while the surrender of the Hyderabad State Forces took place on September 17, 1948.
- At the time of independence in 1947, Hyderabad was the largest princely state in British India and was headed by Mir Osman Ali Khan, the Seventh Nizam of Hyderabad. With the abolition of paramountcy of the British, the Nizam wanted Hyderabad to remain as a separate entity rather than joining India at once.
- On November 29th, 1947, a Standstill Agreement was concluded between India and Hyderabad that aimed to maintain the status quo till the further negotiations. Nevertheless, tensions also escalated with political unrest inside the state.
- The Razakars were one of the most influential forces which were involved in escalating political turmoil in Hyderabad. Simultaneously, the struggle of peasants of Telangana region, which commenced in 1946, posed a challenge to the prevailing feudal order.
- Initially, Hyderabad remained as a separate state. The States Reorganisation Act, 1956 brought about a rearrangement of the regions of Hyderabad according to language lines.
- The Telugu-speaking Telangana region was combined with Andhra Pradesh whereas the **Marathi-speaking and the Kannada-speaking areas** of the erstwhile **Hyderabad State** were included within other neighboring states.
- The Telangana region has since been engaged in a prolonged struggle for separate statehood due to a number of reasons including those relating to development, employment, education and implementation of safeguards. Telangana was made into a separate state on **2nd June 2014**.



Michael Kremer Appointed World Bank Group Chief Economist

- World Bank President **Ajay Banga** has named Michael Kremer, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, as **World Bank Group Chief Economist** and Senior Vice President for Development Economics.
- This comes at a time when some of the developmental challenges include job creation, access to healthcare and education, private investments, and technology
- Michael Kremer won the **Nobel Prize in Economics** along with **Abhijit Banerjee** and **Esther Duflo in 2019** for using experimentation to tackle poverty around the world.
- The World Bank is a global financial institution that provides loans, grants, and technical advice to developing countries to reduce poverty and promote economic development.
- **Founded:** Established in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference, it officially began operations in 1946.
- **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., United States.
- **Core Goals:** To end extreme poverty and foster shared prosperity on a livable planet.

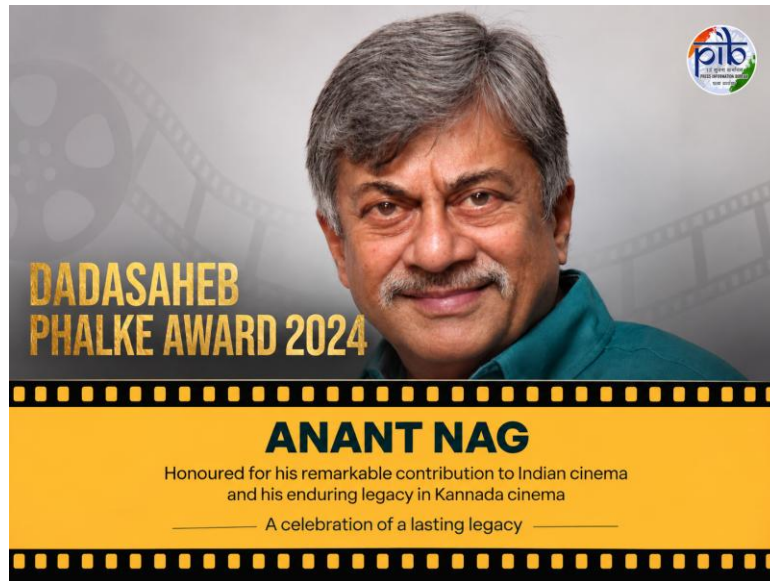


Anant Nag to Get Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- Veteran Kannada actor Anant Nag has been named as the recipient of the Prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024. He has been awarded for his contribution to the Indian cinema.
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award is awarded for distinguished contribution towards the growth and development of Indian cinema. As per the National Film Awards rules, it is an annual award under the National Film Awards which is awarded with a Swarna Kamal, cash prize of ₹15 lakh and shawl.
- This award will be presented to him at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony in Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat, on September 22nd, 2026.
- Anant Nagarkatte born on September 4, 1948, in Shirali of Uttara Kannada district in Karnataka and he started his acting career in the world of theatre.
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Year of award	Recipient of award
2022	Mithun Chakraborty

2023	Mohanlal
2024	Anant Nag



Brendan Taylor Breaks Sachin Tendulkar's ODI Career Record

- According to Cricinfo, the ODI career of Taylor is now 22 years and 148 days old surpassing Tendulkar's record of 22 years and 91 days. Sanath Jayasuriya of Sri Lanka is at number three on the list.
- Most ODI runs: 18,426
- Most ODI appearances: 463
- First player to hit an ODI double hundred: 200 against South Africa in 2010
- Tendulkar played ODIs from 1989 to 2012.
- Taylor made his ODI debut playing for Zimbabwe against Sri Lanka in April 2004 and went on to become one of the best batters of the nation. Ahead of this Tuesday's game, he had scored 6,704 runs in 207 games in ODIs, including 11 hundreds, a national record for Zimbabwe.
- The 40-year-old had initially retired from international cricket in 2021.
- But Taylor came back into international cricket in 2025 when Zimbabwe was preparing for the 2027 ODI World Cup to be co-hosted by Zimbabwe's neighbouring countries, South Africa and Namibia.



PM Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2026

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **SEMICON India 2026**, the **fifth edition** of the event, at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, India, on 17th September, heralding the start of a three-day event centered on the semiconductor and electronics ecosystem of India.
- The event will be held from 17th to 19th September and will see the gathering of semiconductor companies, policymakers, investors, research institutions, startups, academia and students.
- The event, which is organized by India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and SEMI, has been given the theme “**Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem.**”
- India’s electronic manufacturing sector has seen much growth over the last decade.
- According to government figures, the production of electronics grew from ₹1.9 lakh crore in 2014-15 to ₹12 lakh crore in 2024-25.
- Exports of electronics grew from about ₹38,000 crore to ₹3.3 lakh crore in the period.
- Mobile phone production increased from ₹18,000 crore to ₹5.45 lakh crore, and mobile phone exports from ₹1,500 crore to ₹2 lakh crore.
- The Semicon India Programme was launched in the year 2022 to develop a comprehensive ecosystem of semiconductors in India. The scope of the programme includes designing, manufacturing, assembling, testing, packaging, and making modules of the semiconductor chips.



India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar Inaugurated in Sambalpur

- India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar was inaugurated at Sambalpur in Odisha on 16 September 2026. The radar is located at Jamadarpali in Sambalpur and functions as a Make in India installation under Mission Mausam.
- A Doppler Weather Radar is a meteorological instrument that uses the Doppler effect to measure the movement of precipitation particles and wind within clouds. It is used for short-range weather monitoring, storm tracking, and rainfall estimation.
- The Sambalpur radar provides meteorological data within a 250 km radius and has a 150-metre resolution. The system updates observations every 10 minutes and is the third Doppler radar in Odisha after Paradip and Gopalpur.
- Mission Mausam is a Government of India initiative linked to the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The programme includes expansion of radar, satellite, and observation systems for weather and climate services.
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh stated that 40 to 50 more Doppler radars are planned across India under Mission Mausam. The target is to take the national radar network to nearly 100 radars within the next two years.



Sethuraman Panchanathan Wins 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award

- Sethuraman Panchanathan has been named the recipient of the 2026 Arthur M. Bueche Award by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). The award will be presented on 4 October 2026 in Washington, D.C., during the 2026 NAE Annual Meeting.
- Panchanathan is the first Indian American and the first Arizonan to receive the award in its more than 40-year history.
- The Arthur M. Bueche Award was established in 1982 and 1983 by the National Academy of Engineering. It honours an engineer for dedication to science and technology, active involvement in United States science and technology policy, promotion of technological development, and strengthening relationships among industry, government, and universities.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Vishwakarma Jayanti 2026 is being observed on which date?

- A. September 15
- B. September 16
- C. September 17
- D. September 18

Answer: C. September 17

2. In Hindu tradition, Lord Vishwakarma is regarded as the divine _____.

- A. Warrior
- B. Architect and craftsman
- C. Teacher
- D. King

Answer: B. Architect and craftsman

3. Hyderabad Liberation Day is observed on September 17 to commemorate the integration of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union in:

- A. 1946
- B. 1947
- C. 1948
- D. 1950

Answer: C. 1948

4. Who was the ruler of Hyderabad State at the time of India's independence?

- A. Mir Osman Ali Khan
- B. Bahadur Shah Zafar
- C. Mirza Ghalib
- D. Tipu Sultan

Answer: A. Mir Osman Ali Khan

5. Michael Kremer was appointed as the World Bank Group's:

- A. President
- B. Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics
- C. Managing Director
- D. Secretary-General

Answer: B. Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics

6. Michael Kremer received the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 2019 along with:

- A. Raghuram Rajan and Esther Duflo
- B. Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo
- C. Amartya Sen and Abhijit Banerjee
- D. Paul Krugman and Abhijit Banerjee

Answer: B. Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

7. Who has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2024?

- A. Mithun Chakraborty
- B. Mohanlal
- C. Anant Nag
- D. Naseeruddin Shah

Answer: C. Anant Nag

8. Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor surpassed whose record for the longest career in ODI cricket?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Sanath Jayasuriya
- D. Ricky Ponting

Answer: B. Sachin Tendulkar

9. What is the theme of SEMICON India 2026?

- A. Digital India: Semiconductor Revolution
- B. Chips for a New India
- C. Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem
- D. Semiconductor India: From Design to Export

Answer: C. Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem

10. India's 51st Doppler Weather Radar was inaugurated at which location?

- A. Paradip, Odisha
- B. Gopalpur, Odisha
- C. Sambalpur, Odisha
- D. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Answer: C. Sambalpur, Odisha