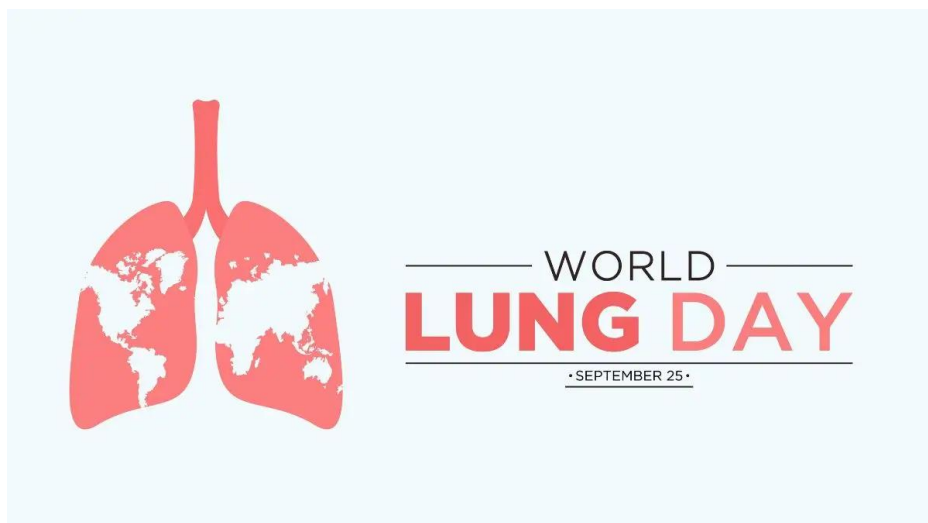


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World Lung Day 2026

- World Lung Day is observed every year on September 25th to spread awareness concerning the lungs and respiratory diseases. The campaign of 2026 is spearheaded by the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) and other partner organizations.
- The official theme for the year 2026 is **“A Lifetime of Lung Health”** which calls for a call of duty to support healthy lungs through out our lives.
- World Lung Day is a worldwide respiratory-health awareness campaign that helps bring awareness regarding the diseases, prevention, research and availability of respiratory care.
- The lungs are directly involved in the process of oxygen intake and expulsion of carbon dioxide from the body. According to the WHO, lung health is a key determinant of overall wellbeing, and exposure to risk factors and infections in early childhood affects lung development.



Pandit Deendayal Birth Anniversary 2026

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's birthday is celebrated annually on 25 September. 2026 will see the celebration of his 110th birth anniversary. Born in 1916, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was a political philosopher, author, and organizer who was a member of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Bharatiya Jana Sangh.
- The philosophy associated with him includes Antyodaya and Integral Humanism. 25 September has been declared as Antyodaya Diwas by the Government of India in 2014 in association with the idea of 'touching the last man of society'.
- Date: 25 September 2026
- Day: Friday
- Year of Birth: 1916
- Birth Anniversary: 110th
- Place of Birth: Nagla Chandrabhan, Uttar Pradesh
- Related Festival: Antyodaya Diwas
- Government of India declared **25 September 2014 as Antyodaya Diwas** to commemorate the 98th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. On the same occasion, the Ministry of Rural Development renamed its programme for rural skill development programme as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya died on 11 February 1968. He was discovered lying near Mughalsarai railway station in the state of Uttar Pradesh after his travel by train.
- The former Mughalsarai railway station has been renamed to Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction railway station. In 2017, the proposal to rename the station was accepted by the Union government and was done by the Uttar Pradesh government in 2018.



Asian Games 2026

- India secured two medals in athletics at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya on September 24. The mixed 4x400m relay team comprising of Manu TS, M.R. Poovamma, Vishal TK and Vithya Ramraj clinched silver in 3:14.46 with an impressive performance from Vithya in the last lap.
- Before that, Seema Kumari won bronze in women's 10,000m in 32:50.05 and ended India's 16-year-long drought in the event.

Position	Team	Time
Gold	Bahrain	3:12.87
Silver	India	3:14.46
Bronze	Vietnam	3:14.54

Women's 10,000m: Top Results

Position	Athlete	Country
Gold	Winfred Yavi	Bahrain
Silver	Nozomi Tanaka	Japan

Bronze	Seema Kumari	India
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India Wins Shooting Gold at Asian Games 2026

- The Indian shooters secured their first shooting gold medal in the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026 when Suruchi Inder Singh and Kamaljeet emerged victorious in the 10m air pistol mixed team event on September 25.
- The Indian shooters shot an Asian record of 484.6 points in the final to emerge on top of South Korea and Iran. This was the second gold medal that India won in the Asian Games. India's shooters suffered some defeats in the individual games, which made their success in the mixed team game very significant.
- India's shooters clinched the gold with a final score of total 484.6 points, 6.6 points ahead of South Korea.
- The gold medal won in shooting increased India's medal tally to 19 medals: 2 gold, 8 silver, and 9 bronze, according to reports released after the Games.
- The performance also ensured that shooting became one of India's gold medal-winning disciplines at the ongoing games.
- The 20th Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya 2026, are being organized in Japan from September 19 to October 4, 2026. The Olympic Council of Asia recognizes Aichi-Nagoya as the host nation and India as one of the participating nations.

Positi ons	Countri es	Scor e	Meda ls
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1	India	484.6	Gold
2	South Korea	478.0	Silver
3	Iran	415.8	Bronze



Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2027

- Lonely Planet has chosen Gujarat and Darjeeling Himalayan Railways as two Indian items that have made it to the list of Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027: 25 destinations and 25 travel experiences.
- While Lonely Planet describes Gujarat because of its salt flats, wildlife and heritage, Darjeeling Himalayan Railways, known popularly as the Toy Train, has been chosen because of its special mountain journey.
- There are many relevant static facts concerning the status of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. This railway is considered to be an excellent example of a hill passenger railway as well as having many innovative engineering techniques for overcoming hilly areas.
- This railway uses a 2-foot (0.610 metres) gauge track and runs from New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling via Ghoom.

Region	Destinations	Experiences
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North America	5	5
Europe	5	5
Caribbean, Central and South America	4	4
Africa and the Middle East	3	3
Oceania	3	3
Asia	5	5
Total	25	25



12 Years of Make in India

- On 25th of September, 2014, the Make in India campaign was initiated in an attempt to transform the India into a manufacturing and innovation powerhouse at the international level.
- The Make in India project was centered on investment promotion, innovation support, and the creation of world-class infrastructure. The governance

approach adopted by Make in India had a connection with the idea of “**Minimum Government, Maximum Governance**”.

- According to the government, the manufacturing gross value added at constant prices has been growing at a CAGR of 10.88% between 2022-23 and 2025-26 on the revised national accounts. Manufacturing sub-index of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew by 7.0% in April-July 2026 over April-July 2025.

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Indian Squash Players Secure Three Medals at Asian Games

- India secured three squash medals at the Asian Games 2026 on 25 September 2026. **Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar** reached the mixed doubles semifinals, while **Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh** entered the women's and men's singles semifinals respectively.
- Squash at the Asian Games includes men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles. A place in the semifinals guarantees at least a bronze medal in squash because both losing semifinalists receive bronze medals.
- Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar defeated the Philippines pair of David Pelino and Jemyca Aribado 11-3, 11-5 in the mixed doubles quarterfinals. Their entry into the semifinals assured India of one medal in the mixed doubles event.
- Veer Chotrani lost to Pakistan's Muhammad Irfan 3-1 in the men's singles quarterfinals. The result ended India's chance of adding another medal in that specific quarterfinal match.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the official theme of World Lung Day 2026?

- A. Healthy Lungs, Healthy Life
- B. A Lifetime of Lung Health
- C. Breathe Better, Live Better
- D. Lung Health for All

Answer: B. A Lifetime of Lung Health

2. In 2026, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's which birth anniversary was observed?

- A. 100th
- B. 105th
- C. 110th
- D. 115th

Answer: C. 110th

3. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was born at which place?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Nagla Chandrabhan, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kanpur
- D. Prayagraj

Answer: B. Nagla Chandrabhan, Uttar Pradesh

4. Who won the bronze medal in the women's 10,000m at the Asian Games 2026 according to the source?

- A. Winfred Yavi
- B. Nozomi Tanaka
- C. Seema Kumari
- D. Vithya Ramraj

Answer: C. Seema Kumari

5. Which Indian pair won gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the Asian Games 2026?

- A. Manu TS and Vithya Ramraj
- B. Suruchi Inder Singh and Kamaljeet
- C. Seema Kumari and Kamaljeet
- D. Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar

Answer: B. Suruchi Inder Singh and Kamaljeet

6. Which two Indian entries were selected by Lonely Planet for its Best in Travel 2027 list?

- A. Kerala and Nilgiri Mountain Railway
- B. Gujarat and Darjeeling Himalayan Railway
- C. Rajasthan and Kalka-Shimla Railway
- D. Goa and Konkan Railway

Answer: B. Gujarat and Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

7. On which date was the Make in India campaign launched?

- A. 15 August 2014
- B. 2 October 2014
- C. 25 September 2014
- D. 26 January 2015

Answer: C. 25 September 2014

8. The Make in India initiative was associated with which governance approach?

- A. One Nation, One Policy
- B. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance
- C. Maximum Government, Maximum Governance
- D. Digital Government, Digital India

Answer: B. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance

9. Which Indian players reached the mixed doubles semifinals in squash at the Asian Games 2026?

- A. Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh
- B. Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar
- C. Joshna Chinappa and Anahat Singh
- D. Velavan Senthilkumar and Abhay Singh

Answer: B. Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar

10. A place in the squash semifinals at the Asian Games guarantees at least which medal?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. No medal

Answer: C. Bronze