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Bhagat Singh Birth Anniversary 2026

- Bhagat Singh 119th Birth Anniversary 2026 is observed on 28 September 2026. Born on 28 September 1907 in Banga, Lyallpur district, Punjab Province of British India (now Pakistan), Bhagat Singh emerged to be one of the greatest revolutionaries in the Indian independence movement.
- Bhagat Singh's affiliation with Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), political articles, and involvement in revolutionary work and his execution in 1931 will all be significant elements of modern Indian history.
- Bhagat Singh was a part of revolutionary groups, and he was involved in the process of changing the name of Hindustan Republican Association to Hindustan Socialist Republican Association. HSRA was formed in the year 1928 in the assembly of revolutionaries in Feroz Shah Kotla in Delhi.
- Following the death of Lala Lajpat Rai due to the injuries he suffered when he was lathied by the police during demonstrations against the Simon Commission, Bhagat Singh and his fellow members decided to attack the responsible policeman.
- On 17 December 1928, Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and their associates killed J.P. Saunders, the Lahore policeman, under an identity mistake.
- Bhagat Singh was awarded capital punishment in the Lahore Conspiracy Case and was hanged with his co-conspirators Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar on 23 March 1931 in Lahore. He was 23 years old at the time.



India Wins Silver Medal in Samarkand

- India managed to grab the silver medal in the 2026 Chess Olympiad held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan after the match draw against Hungary in round eleven (which was the last round) of the championship on 27 September.
- India concluded its campaign in the Chess Olympiad with 18 match points and 28.5 game points which was the same as Germany but managed to beat the latter on tiebreaks. Uzbekistan emerged victorious to claim the gold medal with 20 match points whereas Germany bagged the bronze medal.
- India had a possibility of winning the gold medal in the finals of the 2026 Chess Olympiad if they win the match against Hungary and the match result of Uzbekistan vs Ukraine is favorable for them.
- India finally drew 2-2 with Hungary where D Gukesh lost to Gleb Dudin, Arjun Erigaisi defeated Peter Leko, and the other two boards resulted in draws: R Praggnanandhaa drew with Richard Rapport and Nihal Sarin drew with Benjamin Gledura.
- Arjun's win was extremely important in winning the silver medal as Gukesh lost the match.
- **India vs Hungary: Final Round**

Board	Indian Player	Opponent	Result
Board 1	D Gukesh	Gleb Dudin	Loss

Board 2	Arjun Erigaisi	Peter Leko	Win
Board 3	R Praggnanandhaa	Richard Rapport	Draw
Board 4	Nihal Sarin	Benjamin Gledura	Draw
Position	Team	Match Points	Medal
1	Uzbekistan	20	Gold
2	India	18	Silver
3	Germany	18	Bronze



Esha Singh Wins Silver in Women's 25m Pistol

- Indian Esha Singh bagged the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol individual event of the Asian Games 2026 held in Nagoya, Japan on September 28. Esha qualified for the final with a total of 580 points and then had to go through several shoot-offs for a medal in the event.

- In the gold medal shoot-off, she competed against Chinese Xiao Jiaruixuan. While both shooters were tied at 38 points at the end of the regular final round, Esha failed the last shot and ended up taking the second position while Kim Hyon Suk from North Korea won bronze.
- Qualifying as eighth with 580 points in qualifying, Esha beat Chinese Taipei's Yen-Ching Cheng who also qualified as eighth with 580 points. Esha had 22 inner tens (X). Only the top eight shooters were able to make it to the final round.
- The two-time Olympics medallist, Manu Bhaker failed to qualify for the individual final, after placing 11th in qualifications with a score of 579-18x. The top eight shooters made the cut for the medals round.
- India also failed to win a medal in the women's 25m rapid fire pistol team event. The team consisting of Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rahi Sarnobat placed fifth with a combined score of 1727-56x.



India's First LNG-Powered Train Flagged Off

- India's first LNG-powered train flagged off from Sabarmati Railway Station in the Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on September 27th 2026, by Respecatble Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- This venture seeks to utilize LNG as an alternative fuel source in the operations of railways through the adoption of a dual-fuel LNG-diesel model. As per the government, the idea behind this project is to reduce diesel consumption, save on fuel costs, and facilitate cleaner railway operations.
- This train is not fueled by LNG alone. The Driving Power Cars (DPCs) in this train have been modified to run on both LNG and diesel.

- In essence, the process enables the engine to alternate fuel usage based on availability. LNG can substitute diesel usage by up to 40%, while the dual-fuel setup ensures that the train runs even in cases of unavailability of LNG. The modified system still maintains the capacity of the conventional diesel engine.
- This particular conversion project is about two Driving Power Cars, each one having 1,400 HP power, which have been converted for LNG-diesel dual fuel operations.
- A total distance of more than 2,000 kilometers has been covered during the field trials conducted prior to the introduction of the technology. The first LNG-diesel DEMU train has reportedly been running on Sabarmati to Mahesana junction.



India-Netherlands Sign MoUs

- India and the Netherlands have forged collaboration in the water domain via two Tripartite MoUs concerning the Kalpasar Project in Gujarat.
- The MoUs were executed by the Central Water Commission of India and the Kalpasar Department of the Government of Gujarat on one side and the Netherlands-based organizations Deltares and TU Delft on the other side.
- Kalapasar Project, or Gulf of Khambhat Project, is a water resources project of Gujarat. It involves the construction of a massive freshwater lake in the Gulf of Khambhat by constructing a barrier or barrage.
- In the project, it is planned to use freshwater from the rivers like Narmada, Mahi, Dhadhar, and Sabarmati river to form the lake. This project is aimed at overcoming water shortage and increasing freshwater availability especially in the Saurashtra region.



India's First Port-Based E-Methanol Facility

- A port-based plant for e-methanol production in the port of Kandla in the state of Gujarat, India, is under consideration as one of the initiatives for cleaner fuel for ships.
- This project is being implemented through cooperation of Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd (APCL). This plant is going to have a production capacity of 150 tonnes per day (TPD).
- It was announced by the government in the month of January 2026 that there would be an investment of over ₹1,200 crore for 150-TPD project and that it could create over 3,500 jobs directly or indirectly. DPA will provide port-side infrastructure like pipeline connectivity and fuel handling facility and APCL will set up the production unit.
- E-methanol, or electro-methanol, is manufactured through the use of green hydrogen and CO₂ captured from the atmosphere, with renewable electricity powering the entire production process.
- The fuel is under consideration as a potential alternative for industries where electrification may prove to be more difficult, such as shipping, industrial operations, and chemicals manufacturing.



India Ranks 10th at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

- India finished 10th at the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, China, which concluded on 27 September 2026. Team India won six silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence at the global skills event.
- The WorldSkills Competition is an international vocational skills contest held for young professionals in multiple trades and technical disciplines. The 48th edition took place in Shanghai from 22 to 27 September 2026, with competition rounds held from 23 to 26 September 2026.
- India's six silver medallists were Smriti Nambiar in Bakery, Mohammed Salam in Dental Prosthetics, Kovid Ajay Gangrade in Digital Interactive Media Design, Parth Vohra in Industrial Design Technology, Mehrunissa Begum in Logistics and Freight Forwarding, and Saniya Joshi in Retail Sales. Smriti Nambiar also received the Best of the Nation recognition on 27 September 2026.
- India improved from 13th place at WorldSkills Lyon 2024 to 10th place at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026. The 2026 result was India's first entry into the top 10 at the WorldSkills Competition.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In 2026, which birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh was observed on 28 September?

- A. 115th
- B. 117th
- C. 119th
- D. 121st

Answer: C. 119th

2. In which year was the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) formed?

- A. 1925
- B. 1927
- C. 1928
- D. 1930

Answer: C. 1928

3. Which medal did India win at the 2026 Chess Olympiad in Samarkand?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. Fourth position

Answer: B. Silver

4. How many match points did India secure at the 2026 Chess Olympiad?

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 20

Answer: C. 18

5. Who won the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol individual event at the Asian Games 2026?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Esha Singh
- C. Rahi Sarnobat
- D. Xiao Jiaruixuan

Answer: B. Esha Singh

6. India's first LNG-powered train uses which type of fuel system?

- A. LNG-only system
- B. Hydrogen-electric system
- C. LNG-diesel dual-fuel system
- D. CNG-diesel system

Answer: C. LNG-diesel dual-fuel system

7. The Kalpasar Project is associated with which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B. Gujarat

8. What is the proposed production capacity of India's first port-based e-methanol facility at Kandla?

- A. 50 tonnes per day
- B. 100 tonnes per day
- C. 150 tonnes per day
- D. 250 tonnes per day

Answer: C. 150 tonnes per day

9. India secured which position at the WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 competition?

- A. 7th
- B. 8th
- C. 10th
- D. 13th

Answer: C. 10th

10. How many silver medals did Team India win at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 8

Answer: C. 6