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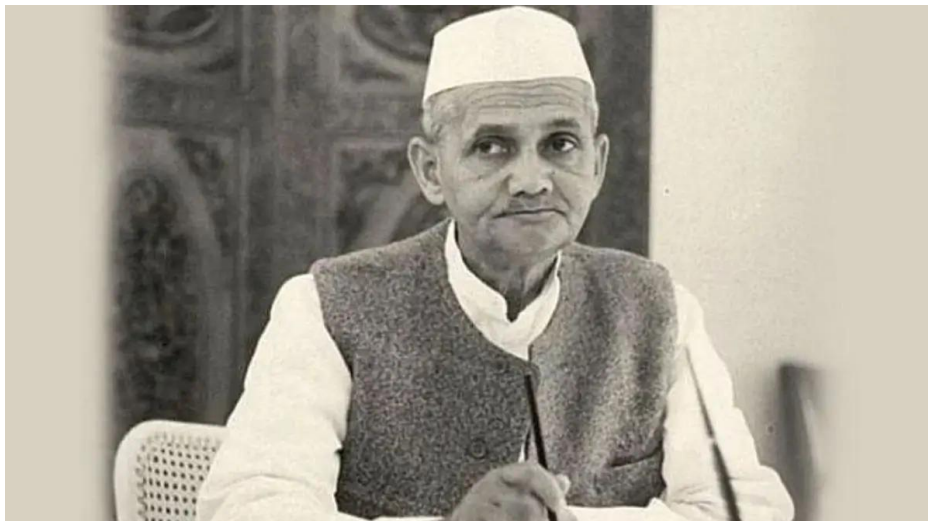
International Day of Non-Violence 2026

- International Day of Non-Violence 2026 would be celebrated on October 2 across the globe. This day is observed on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, who was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat.
- The events in India on this day include the paying homage and prayers held at Raj Ghat, New Delhi, which is a memorial site for Gandhi.
- Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, at Porbandar, which was part of Kathiawar in today's Gujarat state. Gandhi went for higher studies in London and arrived in South Africa in 1893, where his experiences of racial discrimination had a profound impact on his political and social views.
- October 2 is important not only for India but also internationally. In 2007, the United Nations declared October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence through a resolution of the General Assembly.



Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti 2026

- The Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti 2026 will be celebrated on October 2nd which is the **122nd birthday** of the late Indian PM, Lal Bahadur Shastri. He was born on **October 2, 1904**, in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh, India, and later emerged as India's PM during a very crucial time after the demise of Jawaharlal Nehru.
- Shastri held the office of the Prime Minister from June 9, 1964, until the January 11, 1966. During his time in power, India fought a war against Pakistan in 1965, faced food shortages, and took steps to increase agriculture production.
- Shastri became part of the freedom movement during his early years and participated in different movements against the British regime. In answer to the call made by Mahatma Gandhi during the Non-Cooperation Movement, he quit his studies to join the national movement.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri became the Prime Minister of India on June 9, 1964, following the death of Jawaharlal Nehru.
- His period in office continued for around 19 months until his death on January 11, 1966
- The slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" is best known as the slogan used by Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- This slogan emphasized the significance of soldiers and farmers in the national security and food security of the country. The slogan gained popularity in a time when India had to face the 1965 war and food shortages in the country.



India Women's Recurve Archery Team Wins Maiden Asian Games Gold

- India made history in the 19th Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games by winning its first ever gold medal in the women's recurve archery team category when it beat South Korea 5-3 in the gold medal final.
- Ankita Bhakat, Kirti Sharma and Kumkum Mohod did well against the Korean combination of Kang Chaeyoung, Oh Yejin and Lee Yunji.
- This was after India claimed a bronze medal at the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games in the women's recurve archery team category.
- Both India and South Korea were tied at 54 and 56 points respectively in the initial two sets. The third set turned the game around owing to the trouble that South Korea faced in their shooting.
- South Korea managed to shoot three consecutive arrows in an 8, with 52 being their total in the set. India seized the moment and shot for 55 to win the set.
- India booked its berth for the gold-medal match following its 5-1 win against China in the semifinal game.
- This was the first time that India qualified for the Asian Games women's recurve team final match. Afterward, India managed to clinch the gold medal following a win against South Korea in the gold medal match with a score of 5-3.



Lovlina Borgohain Wins Asian Games 2026 Gold

- The Indian boxers scored in the women's 75kg boxing competition, where Lovlina Borgohain bagged a gold medal at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games, which took place in 2026 on October 2. Borgohain defeated Chinese Bao Ziyi to claim the gold medal by winning the match 5-0.
- This gold medal was won on Borgohain's 29th birthday, thus making it one of the most memorable days for the Indian boxer. Borgohain is the second Indian women boxer who won the Asian Games gold medal after MC Mary Kom won the title in 2014.
- Counter-punching technique was chosen by Borgohain against the aggressive opponent – Bao Ziyi. Although Bao started strong and pressured in the first round, Borgohain countered well, thus winning the first round 3-2.
- Borgohain performed better round by round, she won the second round 4-1 and had a lead of 2-0. In the third round, Borgohain continued counter-punching Bao's attacks.
- Finally, Borgohain won the fourth round 5-0 to win the match
- This was Lovlina Borgohain's success story of being the second Indian female boxer after MC Mary Kom who has secured Asian Games gold medal.
- Mary Kom bagged gold medal in women's 51 kg category in the 2014 Asian Games held at Incheon. Borgohain clinched the women's 75kg gold medal in 2026.
- Lovlina Borgohain before securing gold medal, secured her place in the semifinals after defeating Kazakhstan's Natalya Bogdanova 3-2 in a tight game.
- This was the first time any Indian female boxer managed to secure consecutive semifinals of Asian Games. She had reached to the final of women's 75kg category at Hangzhou 2022, where she secured silver medal.
- World Boxing had reported Borgohain's 3-2 victory over Natalya Bogdanova in semifinal and finalized women's 75kg final between Borgohain and China's Bao Ziyi.



Ankush Panghal Wins Asian Games Men's 80 kg Gold

- Indian boxer Ankush Panghal won the gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing category at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya on 2 October 2026. He defeated South Korea's Kim Min-seong 4-0 in the final bout. This was India's first Asian Games gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing category.
- Boxing at the Asian Games is contested under weight categories and follows international amateur boxing rules. The men's 80 kg division is one of the middleweight categories in modern boxing competitions.
- Panghal won gold in the men's 80 kg event at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow two months before the Asian Games final. He also won gold in the 80 kg category at the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem in Czechia in July 2026.
- In the semifinal on 29 September 2026, Panghal defeated reigning world champion Fazliddin Erkinboev 4-1. In 2025, he won silver at the World Boxing Cup finals in New Delhi after finishing runner-up to England's Oladimeji Shittu.
- The 80 kg class is used in men's boxing events in several international tournaments. Weight categories in boxing are fixed to ensure fair competition between athletes of similar body mass.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed every year on which date?

- A) 15 August
- B) 2 October
- C) 5 September
- D) 26 January

Answer: B) 2 October

2. In which year did the United Nations General Assembly declare 2 October as the International Day of Non-Violence?

- A) 2005
- B) 2006
- C) 2007
- D) 2008

Answer: C) 2007

3. Lal Bahadur Shastri became the Prime Minister of India on:

- A) 27 May 1964
- B) 9 June 1964
- C) 15 August 1964
- D) 11 January 1966

Answer: B) 9 June 1964

4. Which slogan is closely associated with Lal Bahadur Shastri?

- A) Inquilab Zindabad
- B) Jai Hind

- C) Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan
- D) Vande Mataram

Answer: C) Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan

5. Which country did India defeat in the final to win the women's recurve team gold at the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) Kazakhstan

Answer: C) South Korea

6. Who among the following was NOT a member of India's women's recurve archery team that won gold at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Ankita Bhakat
- B) Kirti Sharma
- C) Kumkum Mohod
- D) Lovlina Borgohain

Answer: D) Lovlina Borgohain

7. Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in which category at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Women's 51 kg boxing
- B) Women's 60 kg boxing
- C) Women's 69 kg boxing
- D) Women's 75 kg boxing

Answer: D) Women's 75 kg boxing

8. Whom did Lovlina Borgohain defeat in the final of the women's 75 kg boxing event?

- A) Natalya Bogdanova
- B) Bao Ziyi
- C) Kang Chaeyoung
- D) Oh Yejin

Answer: B) Bao Ziyi

9. Ankush Panghal defeated which boxer in the men's 80 kg final at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Fazliddin Erkinboev
- B) Oladimeji Shittu

- C) Kim Min-seong
- D) Bao Ziyi

Answer: C) Kim Min-seong

10. What was Ankush Panghal's final score against Kim Min-seong in the men's 80 kg boxing final?

- A) 5–0
- B) 4–1
- C) 4–0
- D) 3–2

Answer: C) 4–0