

Daily Current Affairs

03 October 2026

Smit Machchhar to Receive Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award

- The Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has made an announcement about awarding the Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award to the captain of Flydubai Captain Smit Machchhar for his heroic deed during a mid-air emergency situation on a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv.
- Despite the fact that Smit Machchhar has been severely injured during this incident, he helped the plane land safely. As the Gujarat government states, this award acknowledges his bravery and dedication.
- It was reported that the government has offered him a reward of ₹25 lakh.
- Smit Machchhar is an Indian pilot working in Flydubai airlines. He came into fame because of the mid-air emergency situation with Flydubai flight FZ1073 that flew from Dubai to Tel Aviv.
- As the information goes, there was some altercation involving the co-pilot of the plane that took place in the cockpit. Machchhar was injured during this altercation, however, he managed to bring the plane down safely in Saudi Arabia.



India Beat Pakistan to Win Asian Games 2026 Men's Cricket Gold

- India secured gold in the men's cricket final of the Asian Games 2026 by beating Pakistan in the Asian Games held at Korogi Sports Park in Nisshin, Japan. India scored 211/6 in 20 overs owing to significant contributions from Abhishek Sharma and Tilak Varma.
- Despite putting up an impressive effort in chasing the target set by India, Pakistan failed to make it, as the Indian bowling unit performed well during the last few overs of the match.
- Match played between India and Pakistan.
- Indian team posted the huge total of 211 and loose 6 wickets.
- Pakistan just short of 19 runs to chase the Gold medal.
- Final was match played at the Korogi Sports Park, Nisshin, Japan.
- Tilak Verma and Abhishek Sharma scored half centuries for the India.
- Hasan Nawaz was lone batter for the Pakistan who scored 96 runs.
- India: Gold
- Pakistan: Silver
- Sri-Lanka: Bronze



COP31 2026

- The **31st Conference of the Parties (COP31)** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** will take place in Antalya, Türkiye, from November 9 to 20, 2026.
- This event will witness the participation of delegates from almost all countries to discuss global measures for combating climate change in terms of its mitigation, adaptation, financing, and implementing the Paris Agreement.
- COP31 will also comprise CMP21, the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and CMA8, the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.
- The minister of environment, urbanization and climate change for Turkey, Murat Kurum will be the president of COP31.
- Chris Bowen, Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy, will chair the official climate negotiations. This is in line with the agreement reached between Türkiye and Australia since both countries had been bidding for the hosting of COP31.
- The main focus of COP31 will be the implementation of the Paris Agreement which seeks to enhance global climate response and ensure that global temperatures will not rise above 2°C and work toward keeping the temperature rise below 1.5°C.
- India hosted the COP8, which was held in New Delhi in 2002. During the meeting, the Delhi Ministerial Declaration was adopted. This declaration placed emphasis on sustainable development and the implementation of climate obligations, taking into account the different capacities of developed and developing nations.



G7 Agrees to Release 100 Million Barrels of Oil

- The Group of Seven (G7) agreed on 2 October 2026 to release 100 million barrels of oil and fuel products from emergency reserves.
- The coordinated release involves Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union, and it is managed through the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- The G7 is an intergovernmental forum of seven advanced economies. Its members are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, with the European Union participating in meetings.
- Strategic petroleum reserves are government-held stocks of crude oil and petroleum products maintained for supply disruptions. Such reserves are used by major economies during market shocks, wars, sanctions, or transport bottlenecks.
- The International Energy Agency was created in 1974 after the oil crisis and is based in Paris, France. It coordinates emergency oil stock releases among member states and also tracks global oil supply, demand, and stock levels.
- The G7 also pledged not to impose export restrictions on energy and energy products among its members. The release was planned over four months, with a front-loaded diesel release in the first 20 days.



Indian Women's Golf Team Wins Historic Asian Games Silver

- The Indian women's golf team won the silver medal at the Asian Games on 3 October 2026 at the Kasugai Country Club East Course. The team finished with a score of 14-under 546 in the women's team event, while China won gold with 22-under.
- Golf has been part of the Asian Games programme in multiple editions, with team and individual events conducted under stroke-play format. The women's team event at the Asian Games uses cumulative scores from team members across the competition rounds.
- The Indian team included Pranavi Sharath Urs, Aditi Ashok, and Diksha Dagar. Pranavi Sharath Urs, Aditi Ashok, and Diksha Dagar formed the three-member side that secured India's first medal in the women's team event at the Asian Games.
- Pranavi Sharath Urs won the gold medal in the women's individual stroke play event on 3 October 2026. She finished at 15-under-par 265 and won by one stroke, while Shannon Xuan Yin Tan of Singapore and Yin Ruoning of China shared silver at 14-under.



Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold

- The Indian Women's Hockey Team won the gold medal at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026 in Nagoya, Japan. India defeated China 1-0 in the final and secured its first women's hockey gold at the Asian Games in 44 years, after the previous title in 1982.
- The Asian Games are a continental multi-sport event governed by the Olympic Council of Asia. Hockey has been a regular medal sport in the Asian Games programme, with India, China, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia among the notable teams in women's competition.
- Lalremsiami scored the only goal in the 10th minute with a reverse-stick strike. Goalkeeper Savita Punia made key saves, including a penalty stroke stop, to preserve India's 1-0 lead against the defending champions.
- The gold medal secured direct qualification for the Indian women's hockey team for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹11 lakh for each player and ₹5.5 lakh for each support staff member of the winning squad.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which award is Captain Smit Machchhar set to receive from the Gujarat Government?

- A) Gujarat Ratna Award
- B) Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award
- C) Sardar Patel Award
- D) Gujarat Gaurav Puraskar

Answer: B) Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award DCA 03 October 2026

2. What was the flight number of the Flydubai flight involved in the mid-air emergency involving Captain Smit Machchhar?

- A) FZ1027
- B) FZ1073
- C) FZ1173
- D) FZ1037

Answer: B) FZ1073 DCA 03 October 2026

3. Which team won the gold medal in men's cricket at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) India
- D) Bangladesh

Answer: C) India DCA 03 October 2026

4. Where is COP31 scheduled to be held in 2026?

- A) Paris, France

- B) Dubai, UAE
- C) Antalya, Türkiye
- D) New Delhi, India

Answer: C) Antalya, Türkiye DCA 03 October 2026

5. Who will serve as the President of COP31?

- A) Chris Bowen
- B) Murat Kurum
- C) António Guterres
- D) Sultan Al Jaber

Answer: B) Murat Kurum DCA 03 October 2026

6. How many barrels of oil and fuel products did the G7 agree to release from emergency reserves?

- A) 50 million barrels
- B) 75 million barrels
- C) 100 million barrels
- D) 150 million barrels

Answer: C) 100 million barrels DCA 03 October 2026

7. Which organisation is managing the coordinated G7 emergency oil-stock release?

- A) OPEC
- B) World Bank
- C) International Energy Agency
- D) International Monetary Fund

Answer: C) International Energy Agency DCA 03 October 2026

8. Which medal did the Indian women's golf team win at the 2026 Asian Games?

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

Answer: B) Silver DCA 03 October 2026

9. Who scored India's only goal in the women's hockey final against China at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Savita Punia
- B) Aditi Ashok
- C) Lalremsiami
- D) Diksha Dagar

Answer: C) Lalremsiami DCA 03 October 2026

10. The gold medal in women's hockey at the 2026 Asian Games secured direct qualification for India for which Olympics?

- A) 2024 Paris Olympics
- B) 2026 Winter Olympics
- C) 2028 Los Angeles Olympics
- D) 2032 Brisbane Olympics

Answer: C) 2028 Los Angeles Olympics