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World Teachers' Day 2026

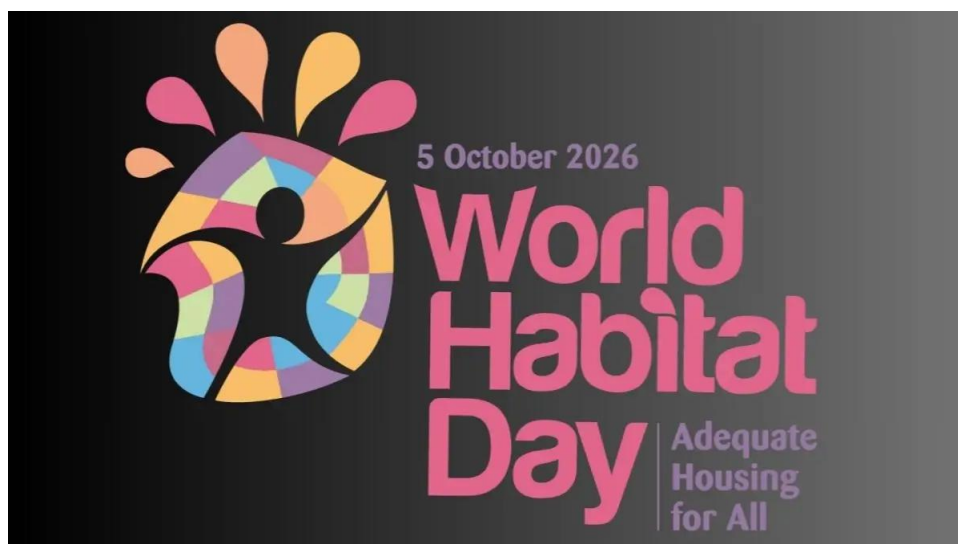
- World Teachers' Day is observed each year on October 5 to pay tribute to the contributions made by teachers to education as well as to the working environment of teachers.
- For 2026, the day observes 60 years of the adoption of the ILO-UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers in 1966, with the theme, "Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures."
- October 5 was chosen for the observance of the adoption of the 1966 Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This recommendation was adopted on October 5, 1966, in an intergovernmental conference called by UNESCO in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- It established international standards regarding,
 - Rights and responsibilities of teachers
 - Teacher preparation
 - Professional development
 - Recruitment
 - Employment
 - Conditions of teaching and learning



World Habitat Day 2026

- World Habitat Day is celebrated every year on the first Monday in the month of October as a way of bringing to light the state of the human settlements and the crucial need for adequate housing. For the year 2026, it will be celebrated on October 5.
- The United Nations has decided on “**Adequate Housing for All**” as the theme for this year’s celebration.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared World Habitat Day in 1985, and its first observance took place in 1986.
- It urges governments, organisations, and communities to reflect on human settlements planning and development.
- Fast-paced urbanization may lead to the emergence of such problems as,
 - Shortage of housing
 - Slums, Traffic congestion
 - Strain on water and sanitation
 - Solid waste management
 - Air pollution, Urban disparities
 - Climate vulnerability

- World Habitat Day is directly connected to Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11), which seeks to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



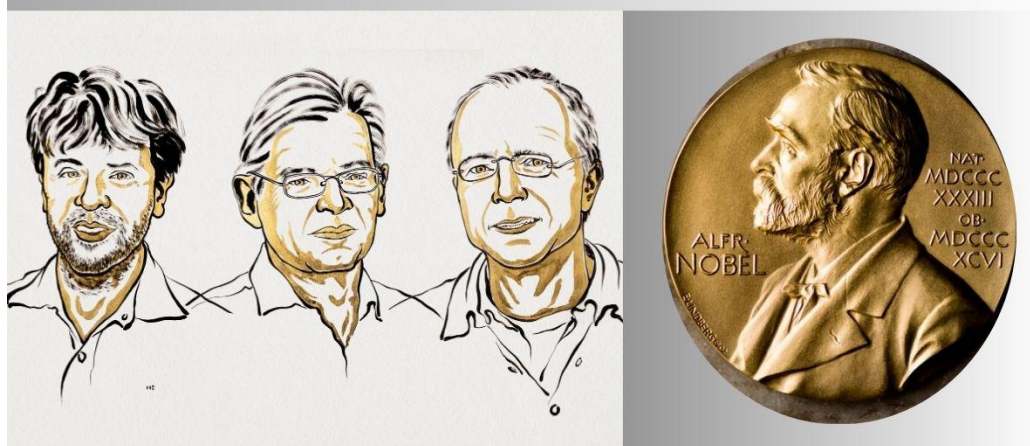
2026 Nobel Medicine Prize

- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2026 was awarded jointly to Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel in recognition of their discoveries regarding light-gated ion channels and optogenetics.
- Their research findings have revolutionised neuroscience by providing a means to manipulate the functions of individual neurons with light.

Laureate	Institution	Major Scientific Contributions
Karl Deisseroth	Stanford University & Howard Hughes Medical Institute, USA,	Utilization of channelrhodopsin as a light-switch for neurons
Peter Hegemann	Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	Identification of light-sensitive channelrhodopsin proteins in algae

Georg Nagel	University of Würzburg, Germany	Some fundamental aspects of channelrhodopsin identification
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NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE 2026



Asian Games 2026

- India finished their Asian Games 2026 with a **4th place** performance after achieving an impressive medal haul on the 15th day. The team managed to secure 85 medals, including 21 gold medals, 27 silver medals, and 37 bronze medals, and thereby overtook Uzbekistan who managed to win 21 gold medals but fewer silver medals than India.
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Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	169	89	83	341
2	Japan	83	95	91	269
3	South Korea	39	43	68	150

4	India	21	27	37	85
5	Uzbekistan	21	25	24	70
6	Iran	19	18	15	52
7	Thailand	18	13	21	52
8	Kazakhstan	12	24	48	84



19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention

- The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) Convention is scheduled to take place in Kolkata, West Bengal, during January 7 to 9, 2027. The three-day convention will be hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) along with the West Bengal Government.
- The convention will see the participation of members of the Indian diaspora community as well as other stakeholders from all around the world.
- Event: 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention
- Date: January 7–9, 2027
- Venue: Kolkata, West Bengal
- Organizer: Ministry of External Affairs
- Partner: Government of West Bengal
- Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Every year Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) is celebrated on January 9 as it is the anniversary of the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on January 9, 1915.

- It is also the day which marks the engagement of India with its overseas Indian community. PBD Convention is a forum to interact with the Government of India, state governments and members of the Indian diaspora. First PBD Convention was celebrated in 2003.



Project Cheetah Reaches 60 Cheetahs at Kuno National Park

- Five cheetah cubs were born at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on 5 October 2026 to KJP21, an India-born female cheetah. The birth raised India's cheetah population to 60, including 41 cheetahs born on Indian soil.
- Project Cheetah began on 17 September 2022 with the arrival of eight cheetahs from Namibia. India later received 12 cheetahs from South Africa in February 2023 and nine cheetahs from Botswana in February 2026. The project is the first intercontinental translocation of a large carnivore into India.
- Kuno National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh and serves as the main site for cheetah reintroduction in India. Of the 60 cheetahs in India, 53 are in Kuno National Park and three are in Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Kuno also recorded earlier births in 2026, including five cubs born to Namibian cheetah Jwala in March 2026.
- The latest litter introduced the Botswanan genetic lineage in India because the father is a male cheetah from Botswana.
- In September 2026, India-born female cheetah KGP12 gave birth to four cubs at Kuno National Park, taking the population to 56. In April 2026, an earlier litter of four cubs born to KGP12 did not survive after a leopard attack.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Teachers' Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 2 October
- B. 5 October
- C. 10 October
- D. 15 October

Answer: B. 5 October

2. What is the theme of World Teachers' Day 2026?

- A. Teachers at the Heart of Education
- B. Education for a Better Future
- C. Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures
- D. Empowering Teachers for Global Education

Answer: C. Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures

3. What is the theme of World Habitat Day 2026?

- A. Sustainable Cities for All
- B. Adequate Housing for All
- C. Housing and Urban Development
- D. Safe Cities, Better Future

Answer: B. Adequate Housing for All

4. The 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded for discoveries related to which field?

- A. Gene editing
- B. Quantum biology
- C. Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics
- D. Stem-cell therapy

Answer: C. Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics

5. Which of the following was NOT a 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine laureate mentioned in the source?

- A. Karl Deisseroth
- B. Peter Hegemann
- C. Georg Nagel
- D. Jennifer Doudna

Answer: D. Jennifer Doudna

6. How many total medals did India win at the Asian Games 2026 according to the source?

- A. 70
- B. 75
- C. 85
- D. 95

Answer: C. 85

7. India secured which position in the Asian Games 2026 medal table?

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Fourth
- D. Fifth

Answer: C. Fourth

8. Where will the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention 2027 be held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Bengaluru

Answer: C. Kolkata

9. On which date did Project Cheetah reach a population of 60 cheetahs in India?

- A. 2 October 2026
- B. 5 October 2026
- C. 8 October 2026
- D. 15 October 2026

Answer: B. 5 October 2026

10. Project Cheetah was launched in India on which date?

- A. 15 August 2022
- B. 17 September 2022
- C. 26 January 2023
- D. 5 October 2023

Answer: B. 17 September 2022