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World Post Day 2026

- World Post Day 2026 take place on October 9 with the theme “One postal network, infinite possibilities.” It celebrated the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) back in 1874.
- According to the UN statement of 2026, postal networks are still used to connect different communities and deliver not only mail but also financial, digital, and social services.
- The UN stressed the importance of the global postal system which has about 660,000 offices and 4.6 million employees.
- The founding treaty was ratified by 22 states forming the General Postal Union and introducing one unified postal area for easier exchange of correspondence between different countries. Later in 1878, with the growing number of member countries, the organization received the name Universal Postal Union.
- It was the 1969 UPU Congress held in the Tokyo that decided to celebrate October 9 as the day of UPU each year. The 1984 UPU Congress in Hamburg officially renamed the holiday as World Post Day. Thus, October 9 celebrations started in 1969, while the name of the holiday originated in 1984.



Anne Carson Awarded Nobel Prize in Literature 2026

- Canadian writer, Anne Carson who won several awards in her lifetime, has been chosen as the recipient of the Nobel Prize in the Literature for the year 2026 for her unique literary creations which have connections with the classical literary heritage.
- The Nobel Committee said about Carson, “For her pioneering and original oeuvre, characterized by her playful interplay with the classical tradition, which has created new forms of literature.”
- Anne Carson was born on 21 June 1950 in Toronto, Canada. She is a famous poet, essayist, translator and a literary critic of classical literature.
- The Nobel Prize in Literature 2026 was awarded to Anne Carson for the following reason: “for her daring and innovative literary production, which through playful interaction with the classical tradition, has developed new forms of contemporary literature.”



Navi Pillay Wins 2026 Nobel Peace Prize

- Navanethem “Navi” Pillay was awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize on 9 October 2026. The South African jurist was recognised for efforts to promote peace and international law. Jørgen Watne Frydnes, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, announced the award in Oslo.
- The Nobel Peace Prize is one of six Nobel Prizes established under the will of Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. It is awarded by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, whose five members are appointed by the Norwegian Parliament.

- The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901. The committee cited Pillay's work to strengthen international legal institutions and support the prosecution of war crimes and genocide.
- The 2026 prize carries a gold medal and 12 million Swedish kronor, equivalent to approximately US\$1.2 million. The ceremony is scheduled to take place in Oslo on 10 December, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death in 1896.
- Pillay served as a judge of the International Criminal Court and as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014. The International Criminal Court, established by the Rome Statute, is a permanent court that prosecutes individuals for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.



Pilot Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Presidential Award

- The Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar has been chosen to receive the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism for his heroic deed in an alleged cockpit attack aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073 on September 30, 2026.
- The Israeli President Isaac Herzog made the announcement on October 8 when he was presenting awards to six Israeli passengers for helping to restrain the alleged attacker. The pilot himself suffered serious injuries but assisted in opening the cockpit door.
- On 8th October, President Isaac Herzog awarded the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism to 6 Israeli citizens for helping manage the situation on the Flight FZ1073.

- They were,
- Tali Manes
- Zvika Manes
- Yaniv Hayoun
- Dr Shota Musayev
- Asaf Rajuan
- Or Pardilov



Jewar Airport to Be Renamed Narendra Modi International Airport

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal on 9 October 2026 to rename Noida International Airport at Jewar as “Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar”.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced the decision in Lucknow after a Cabinet meeting. The airport is located at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Cabinet’s proposal names the airport after Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The stated purpose is to honour his 25-year journey of public service as head of a government. The proposed name is “Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar”; the existing name is Noida International Airport.
- Approval by the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet is a state-level step in the naming process. The final decision on naming or renaming an airport in India rests with the Union Cabinet. The approved name is subsequently notified in the Gazette of India, the official publication used for government notifications.

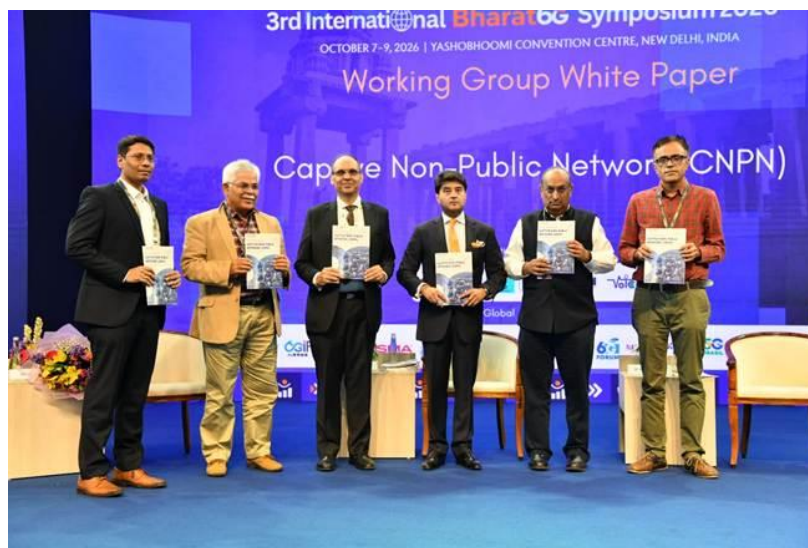
- Airport names in India may be associated with a city, region, public figure or other designated name. The Union Cabinet makes the final decision on an airport's name or a proposed change to it. Gazette notification formalises the approved name for official use.
- The proposed name includes both "Noida" and "Jewar", linking the airport to its wider regional identity and its location. The renaming proposal concerns the airport's name; the facts provided do not specify a change to its ownership, location or operational structure.



Bharat 6G Symposium Opens in New Delhi

- The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 is being held from 7 to 9 October at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi. Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the symposium on 8 October.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) organised the event alongside the India Mobile Congress 2026.
- 6G is the name commonly used for the sixth generation of mobile communication systems. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) uses the term IMT-2030 for its framework for international mobile telecommunications beyond 5G.
- The ITU's Recommendation M.2160-0, approved in November 2023, sets out the framework and overall objectives for IMT-2030. 6G research includes work on artificial-intelligence-native networks, spectrum use, network sustainability and communications technologies.

- The Bharat 6G Alliance brings together Indian stakeholders from industry, academia, research and government to develop a 6G ecosystem. Its work includes collaboration on research, development, standards and international engagement.
- The alliance organised the symposium with participation from policymakers, telecom operators, global technology alliances, industry leaders, academic institutions and research organisations.
- At the 8 October inauguration, the Bharat 6G Alliance signed five Memoranda of Understanding with GSMA, one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, 6G Industry Forum (6GIF) and VoICE. The alliance also released nine white papers prepared by its working groups.
- A joint report titled “Progress towards the 6G Principles of the New Delhi Declaration: Actions, Outcomes and Outlook – First Edition, October 2026” was released at the ceremony.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of World Post Day 2026?

- A. Connecting People Through Innovation
- B. One postal network, infinite possibilities
- C. Postal Services for a Digital World
- D. A Connected World Through Communication

Answer: B. One postal network, infinite possibilities

2. In which year was the Universal Postal Union (UPU) established?

- A. 1869
- B. 1872
- C. 1874
- D. 1878

Answer: C. 1874

3. Who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026 according to the supplied current-affairs material?

- A. Margaret Atwood
- B. Anne Carson
- C. Haruki Murakami
- D. Salman Rushdie

Answer: B. Anne Carson

4. Who received the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 according to the supplied material?

- A. Navi Pillay
- B. António Guterres
- C. Malala Yousafzai
- D. Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Answer: A. Navi Pillay

5. Navi Pillay served as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from which year to which year?

- A. 2004–2010
- B. 2006–2012
- C. 2008–2014
- D. 2010–2016

Answer: C. 2008–2014

6. Which Indian pilot was selected for Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism following the Flydubai Flight FZ1073 incident?

- A. Captain Smit Machchhar
- B. Captain Abhinandan Varthaman
- C. Captain Varun Singh
- D. Captain Mohana Singh

Answer: A. Captain Smit Machchhar

7. What is the proposed new name of Noida International Airport at Jewar, according to the supplied material?

- A. Atal International Airport, Noida
- B. Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar
- C. Gautam Buddha International Airport
- D. Noida-Jewar National Airport

Answer: B. Narendra Modi International Airport, Noida-Jewar

8. Which Article of the ITU framework is associated with IMT-2030 in the supplied material?

- A. Recommendation M.2160-0
- B. Recommendation M.1457
- C. Recommendation M.2012
- D. Recommendation M.1645

Answer: A. Recommendation M.2160-0

9. Where was the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 held?

- A. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- B. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- C. Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
- D. Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Answer: C. Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi

10. How many Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) did the Bharat 6G Alliance sign at the symposium inauguration on 8 October 2026?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Nine

Answer: C. Five