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World Arthritis Day 2026

- The World Arthritis Day 2026 is observed on Monday, October 12, to mark the impact of arthritis and other RMDs. It was launched in 1996 by the Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI). The yearly observance draws attention to the influence of RMDs on physical movement, function, and quality of life.
- For 2026, the theme for the event will be 'Achieve Your Dreams', as championed by the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR), focusing on aspirations of those with RMDs and how they can be fulfilled.
- The theme for World Arthritis Day 2026 is '**Achieve Your Dreams**'. This theme has been continued in the current year from the theme which was set out for the period of 2025–2026 by EULAR.
- The World Arthritis Day is intended to increase awareness about the consequences of arthritis and other RMDs for one's well-being and social life. These diseases might be detrimental to the ability to move around, to work, to study, to take care of one's family, and to engage in all sorts of daily activities.



NHRC To Mark 33 Years

- On 12th of October 2026, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, marks its 33rd Foundation Day celebrations at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Chief Guest for the occasion will be Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India.
- The occasion is expected to focus on the Commission's efforts towards safeguarding human rights and addressing grievances and recommending relief to the aggrieved parties.
- In the past 33 years since its inception in 1993, NHRC has been striving to safeguard and uphold human rights through handling of complaints, investigation, making recommendations, etc.
- As mentioned in the Foundation Day message of the Commission, NHRC has been able to deal with 24,33,716 cases, out of which 3,100 were suo motu cases.
- It has also recommended monetary compensation above ₹274 crore in 9,085 cases where there was violation of human rights.
- Following the programme on Foundation Day, there will be a national conference on the issue of right to water as an issue of human rights. The theme of the conference is **"Water, the Nectar of Life: Right to Water for Human Dignity."**



**National Human
Rights Commission**

Sunil Bharti Mittal to Receive France's Highest Civilian Honour

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, the founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, is set to be conferred with the honor of Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor

by the French President Emmanuel Macron. On 28th of October, 2026, Sunil Mittal will receive the honor at the French Embassy in New Delhi.

- This honor is awarded in recognition of the contributions of the Mittal towards fostering economic relations between India and France in the field of telecommunications and satellite communications.
- As per Bharti Enterprises, Mittal's journey in France started in 1992 when the French company Compagnie Générale des Eaux entered into a collaboration with him for introducing mobile telephony in India.
- The Legion of Honor (Légion d'honneur) is the highest honor of France. The award is awarded for distinguished services in civil and military careers.
- Napoleon Bonaparte created the award on 19 May 1802 when he was the First Consul of France. It honors individual merit regardless of the social and professional standing of individuals. The award is made to French citizens and foreigners for their distinguished services to France.
- The order has five classes of distinction as follows,
 - Chevalier (Knight) – the lowest class of the order
 - Officier (Officer)
 - Commandeur (Commander)
 - Grand Officier (Grand Officer)
 - Grand-Croix (Grand Cross) – the highest class of the order



Udhayveer Sidhu Wins Cairo 10m Air Pistol Gold

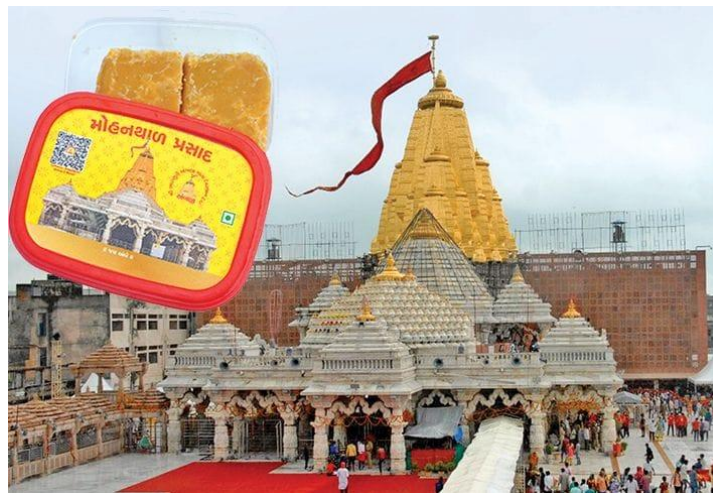
- Indian shooter Udhayveer Sidhu won the men's 10m air pistol gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt, on 11 October 2026. The 24-year-old scored 240.6 points in the final, securing his first World Cup medal in this event.
- Sidhu entered the eight-shooter final after placing fourth in qualification with 585 points. Germany's Christian Reitz won silver with 240.1 points, 0.5 points behind Sidhu. Italy's Paolo Monna took bronze with 219.8 points.
- Reitz is a multi-Olympic medallist. The ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Cairo runs from 8 to 16 October 2026. Sidhu's victory is his first major international success and first World Cup medal in the 10m air pistol event.
- The International Shooting Sport Federation is the international governing body for Olympic shooting sport. It was established in 1907 as the International Shooting Union and adopted its present name in 1998.



Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad Receives GI Tag

- Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad, the traditional sweet offering at Ambaji Temple in Gujarat, received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag on 8 October 2026. The application was submitted on 1 October 2026 by the Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Devsthan Trust.
- The certificate was handed over on 11 October 2026, the first day of the Sharadiya Navratri festival.

- A GI identifies goods as originating in a particular territory, region or locality, where a quality, reputation or other characteristic is linked to that geographical origin. In India, GIs are registered under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- The GI Registry operates under the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. The Act covers agricultural, natural and manufactured goods.
- A registered GI is protected for 10 years and can be renewed for further periods of 10 years. Registration gives authorised users the right to use the GI for the registered goods and provides legal protection against unauthorised use.
- Ambaji Temple is in Banaskantha district, Gujarat, and is among India's prominent Shaktipeeths. Mohanthal is made from gram flour, sugar and ghee. The sweet is offered as prasad at the temple and is associated with its religious and culinary traditions.
- The application for Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad's GI tag was filed by the Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Devsthan Trust. The certificate handover took place during Sharadiya Navratri in 2026.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. What was the theme of World Arthritis Day 2026?

- A. Healthy Living for All
- B. Achieve Your Dreams
- C. Move Towards a Better Future
- D. Together Against Arthritis

Correct Answer: B. Achieve Your Dreams

Q2. In which year was World Arthritis Day first established?

- A. 1990
- B. 1993
- C. 1996
- D. 2000

Correct Answer: C. 1996

Q3. Who was scheduled to attend the NHRC's 33rd Foundation Day as the Chief Guest?

- A. President of India
- B. Prime Minister of India
- C. Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant
- D. Union Home Minister

Correct Answer: C. Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant

Q4. In which year was the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) established in India?

- A. 1947
- B. 1976
- C. 1993
- D. 1999

Correct Answer: C. 1993

Q5. What is the theme of the NHRC's national conference on the right to water?

- A. Water for Sustainable Development
- B. Water, the Nectar of Life: Right to Water for Human Dignity
- C. Clean Water for Every Citizen
- D. Water Security for a Better Tomorrow

Correct Answer: B. Water, the Nectar of Life: Right to Water for Human Dignity

Q6. Which French honour was Sunil Bharti Mittal scheduled to receive?

- A. Order of Merit
- B. Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour
- C. Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour
- D. Order of the Star of Europe

Correct Answer: C. Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour

Q7. Who established France's Legion of Honour in 1802?

- A. Louis XIV
- B. Napoleon Bonaparte
- C. Charles de Gaulle
- D. Emmanuel Macron

Correct Answer: B. Napoleon Bonaparte

Q8. Which Indian shooter won gold in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo on 11 October 2026?

- A. Saurabh Chaudhary
- B. Sarabjot Singh
- C. Udhayveer Sidhu
- D. Anish Bhanwala

Correct Answer: C. Udhayveer Sidhu

Q9. Which country hosted the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol event mentioned in the presentation?

- A. France
- B. Egypt
- C. Germany
- D. Italy

Correct Answer: B. Egypt

Q10. Under which Indian legislation are Geographical Indications (GIs) registered and protected?

- A. Trade Marks Act, 1999
- B. Copyright Act, 1957
- C. Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
- D. Patents Act, 1970

Correct Answer: C. Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999