

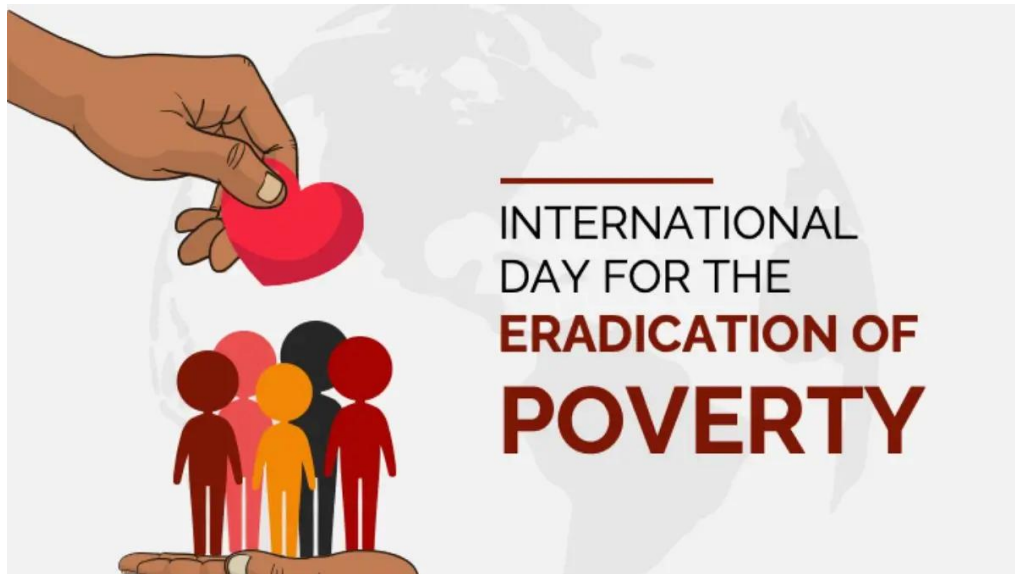
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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2026

- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is annually held on 17 October in order to draw attention to the problems of poverty and social exclusion and, above all, the protection of human dignity.
- In 2026, the Day will be devoted to **“Safe Homes for All”** with regard to the larger theme of **“United for Peace and Human Rights”** for 2026-2028.
- The observance originated on 17 October 1987 when around 100,000 people came together in Trocadéro, Paris, France. The occasion honored the poor who had suffered from poverty, hunger and violence. It recognized that poverty was a human right abuse.

Sustainable Development Goals	Relation
Goal 1: No Poverty	Eliminate poverty in all its forms everywhere
Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities	Limit inequalities both within and between countries
Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	Promotes safe, resilient and the sustainable communities
Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Facilitate peace, inclusiveness and access to justice



World Food Day 2026

- World Food Day is marked annually on **16 October** with an aim to address issues of hunger, nutrition, and sustainable food systems in the world. The theme of this year's observation will be "**Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow.**", emphasizing the role that innovation can play in enhancing food production, preservation, distribution, and nutritious diets.
- While there is no scarcity of food production in the world that would prevent the global population from being well-fed, there still remain millions of people who suffer from hunger and billions of those who cannot afford a nutritious diet.
- "Let's Innovate for Today. Let's Feed Tomorrow" is the theme for World Food Day 2026. FAO has chosen this theme to highlight the importance of innovation in creating food systems that are inclusive, sustainable and resilient.
- World Food Day is commemorated on October 16th as it is the anniversary of the establishment of FAO in 1945. FAO is an organization that focuses on nutrition, boosting productivity in agriculture, rural development, and sustainable food production.
- World Food Day is directly related to the second Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 2), which was set out by UN member countries as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Goal SDG 2 entails the elimination of hunger, food security, improvement of nutrition and promotion of sustainable agriculture until 2030.



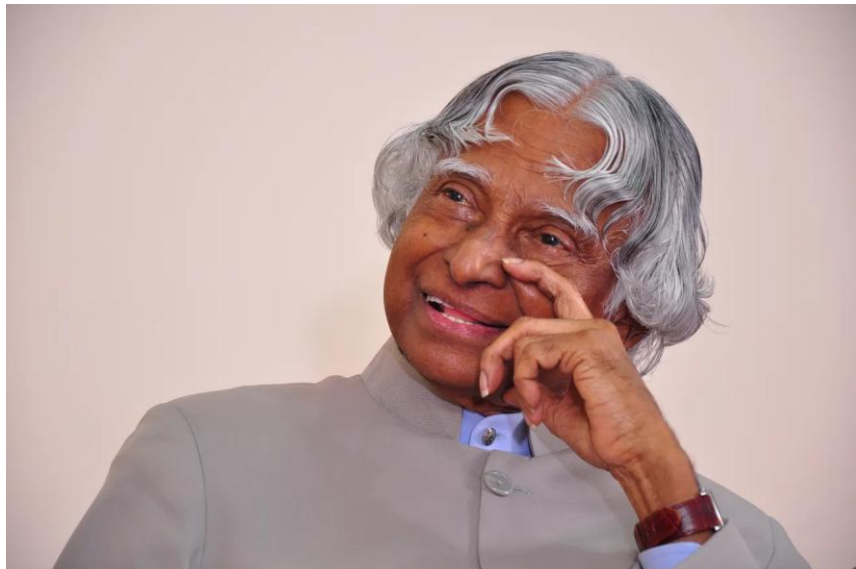
Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026

- Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 to be celebrated on 15 October 2026 to commemorate the contribution of women farmers to Indian agriculture and development.
- The national-level celebration organised by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The celebration coincide with the International Day of Rural Women. It will be held as part of the International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026 as declared by the United Nations.
- The theme of Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 is **“Role of Women Farmers in Developing Agriculture and Developed India.”**



World Students' Day 2026

- World Students' Day is celebrated on 15 October in relation with the birthday of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India and an eminent scientist working in the field of aerospace.
- Kalam, who was born in 1931, inspired many generations through his work in space research, missile research, education and development of the country. His 95th birthday will be celebrated on 15 October 2026.
- He was one of the leading aerospace scientists in India and served as the President of the country from 25 July 2002 till 25 July 2007. He was also known as 'The People's President' owing to his approachable nature and interaction with youth.
- Bharat Ratna (1997)
- Padma Bhushan (1981)
- Padma Vibhushan (1990)
- Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration
- Veer Savarkar Award
- Honorary Doctorates



Henley Passport Index 2026

- According to the October 2026 edition of the Henley Passport Index that came out on October 9, India is ranked at number 84, along with Algeria and Mauritania.

- Despite the improvement from number 85 as was the case with the index published in October 2025, the number of countries where Indians can go without getting their visas beforehand has decreased from 57 to 55.
- **The Main Categories Are**
- **Visa-free entry:** no visa is required for an eligible visit, however, there are other conditions for entering this country.
- **Visa on arrival:** visa or permission is needed after arrival according to the requirements of the destination country.
- **Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA):** it is an electronic travel authorization which may be needed by eligible travelers before departure.
- **Electronic visa (e-visa):** this visa type usually requires pre-trip approval via the internet.

Country or Group	October 2026 Ranking Access	Score
Singapore	1st	193
Japan	2nd	188
South Korea	2nd	188
United Arab Emirates	2nd	188
India	84th	55



World Health Summit 2026

- World Health Summit 2026 was held in Berlin, Germany, with the new funding pledges, research insights, and innovations tackling some of the world's health concerns. This summit was held under the theme of **"From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health"**.
- Notable highlights at the summit included a €250 million initiative for women's health in Bangladesh, a \$100 million initiative aimed at reducing stillbirths, and emerging health concerns like the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) and nuclear war.
- The World Health Summit was established in 2009 and is conducted yearly in Berlin. It is run by the World Health Summit Foundation, which is a subsidiary of Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin.
- This summit involves participants drawn from government, science, private sector and civil society who are concerned about international health issues.



Pakistan To Chair World Bank and IMF Boards in 2027

- Pakistan was designated incoming Chair of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund for 2027 on 16 October 2026. The announcement was made during the plenary session of the 2026 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The IMF and the World Bank were established at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference. Their Boards of Governors are their highest decision-making bodies, with each member country represented by a governor and an alternate governor. Governors are generally finance ministers or central bank governors.

- The WBG and IMF have separate Boards of Governors, although their Annual Meetings are held jointly. The chairmanship of the Boards is distinct from the executive leadership of the institutions: the World Bank Group has a president, while the IMF is led by a managing director.
- Pakistan's Minister for Economic Affairs, Ahad Khan Cheema, was announced as incoming chair. Cheema also serves as Pakistan's governor to the World Bank. Pakistan last held the chairmanship in 1953, before the 2027 appointment.
- Pakistan is engaged in a USD 7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme and a USD 1.4 billion Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) arrangement with the IMF.
- The EFF provides support to countries facing medium-term balance-of-payments problems, while the RSF provides longer-term financing for eligible countries addressing structural challenges, including climate-related risks.



Bhavina Patel Makes Winning Start at Asian Para Games

- Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist Bhavina Patel opened her Asian Para Games campaign with a win in women's singles para table tennis. She defeated Kuwait's Ahad Alrasheedi 3–0 in a Class 4–5 Group A match, with game scores of 11–6, 11–3 and 11–6.
- Patel won the match in straight games, taking each game by at least five points. Para table tennis matches are played under table tennis rules, with classification based on athletes' functional abilities. Games are generally played to 11 points, and a player must win by at least two points.
- Classes 1–5 in para table tennis are for wheelchair athletes, while Classes 6–10 are for standing athletes. Class 11 is for athletes with intellectual impairments.

- Patel won a silver medal in women's singles Class 4 at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, held in 2021. She became the first Indian table tennis player to win a Paralympic medal. Baby Sahana Ravi, Shubham Wadhwa and Jehan Madan also recorded wins in their respective Asian Para Games group matches.
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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty observed?

- A) 15 October
- B) 16 October
- C) 17 October
- D) 24 October

Answer: C) 17 October

2. World Food Day is observed every year on which date?

- A) 10 October
- B) 16 October
- C) 17 October
- D) 24 October

Answer: B) 16 October

3. Mahila Kisan Diwas is observed in India on:

- A) 11 October
- B) 14 October
- C) 15 October
- D) 18 October

Answer: C) 15 October

4. World Students' Day is associated with the birth anniversary of:

- A) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- B) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- C) Vikram Sarabhai
- D) Homi J. Bhabha

Answer: B) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

5. According to the October 2026 Henley Passport Index, what was India's rank?

- A) 80th
- B) 82nd
- C) 84th
- D) 85th

Answer: C) 84th

6. Which country ranked first in the October 2026 Henley Passport Index?

- A) Japan
- B) Singapore
- C) South Korea
- D) United Arab Emirates

Answer: B) Singapore

7. Where was the World Health Summit 2026 held?

- A) Geneva, Switzerland
- B) Paris, France
- C) Berlin, Germany
- D) Vienna, Austria

Answer: C) Berlin, Germany

8. Who was named Pakistan's incoming chair of the World Bank and IMF Boards of Governors for 2027, according to the supplied material?

- A) Ishaq Dar
- B) Ahad Khan Cheema
- C) Muhammad Aurangzeb
- D) Shehbaz Sharif

Answer: B) Ahad Khan Cheema

9. Which Indian para table tennis player won a silver medal in women's singles Class 4 at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics?

- A) Manika Batra
- B) Sonalben Patel
- C) Bhavina Patel
- D) Baby Sahana Ravi

Answer: C) Bhavina Patel

10. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were established following which conference?

- A) Bandung Conference, 1955
- B) Bretton Woods Conference, 1944
- C) San Francisco Conference, 1945
- D) Yalta Conference, 1945

Answer: B) Bretton Woods Conference, 1944