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Asian Games

The 20th Asian Games were held across Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan, from 19 September to 4 October 2026. With 85 medals—21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze—India placed fourth in the medal rankings.

About Aichi–Nagoya 2026

- Official name: 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026
- Host: Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan
- Dates: 19 September to 4 October 2026.
- Edition: 20th
- Participating NOCs: 45
- Athletes: Approximately 11,000
- Sports: 43
- Disciplines: 71
- Medal events: 469
- Next host: Doha, Qatar, in 2030
- The Games included athletes from 45 countries and regions, including a separate OCA Refugee Team. Thus, the accurate formulation is 45 NOCs plus one refugee delegation, rather than 46 participating nations.

Slogan, Emblem and Mascot

1. **Games Slogan:** The official slogan was "Imagine One Asia". The slogan encouraged athletes, volunteers and spectators to imagine a united Asia through shared sporting experiences.

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2. **Games Emblem:** The emblem used smooth curves to represent the energy and movement of sports. Its colours represented features associated with Aichi and Nagoya:
   a) **Purple:** Iris, the prefectural flower of Aichi
   b) **Gold:** Kinshachi, or golden tiger-fish ornaments of Nagoya Castle
   c) **Green:** Environmental awareness associated with the region
   d) **Red sun:** Symbol of the Olympic Council of Asia

The design also incorporated the letters A for Asia and Aichi and N for Nagoya.

3. **Official Mascot:** HONOHON was the official mascot of the Games. Its name is derived specifically from "Honoho", the root word for flame, which mimics fire rising high like the shape of a rice ear



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("ho"). It symbolised the passion burning in the hearts of athletes. Its design incorporated Shachihoko-like ears, associated with Aichi–Nagoya. Its red eye design was inspired by Kumadori, the makeup used in Kabuki theatre. Its mission was to unite people through sport and the vision of "Imagine One Asia".

Opening Ceremony



- The opening ceremony was held on 19 September 2026 at Nagoya City Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium (also known commercially as the Paloma
- Mizuho Stadium).
- Japanese Emperor Naruhito officially declared the Games open.
- The ceremony was built around a heart-shaped central stage.
- Its theme was described as **"Harmonic Heart Beat"**, while the wider ceremony concept was **"Heart Beat Aichi–Nagoya"**.
- The stage visually represented the broader slogan of **"Imagine One Asia"**.
- The ceremony combined Japanese traditions with modern artistic performances.
- **India's opening-ceremony flag-bearers:** The Indian contingent was led by:
  - **Manu Bhaker:** Double Olympic medallist in shooting
  - **Pawan Sehrawat:** Indian kabaddi player

Closing Ceremony

- The closing ceremony was held on 4 October 2026 at the Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium.
- The OCA President officially declared the Games closed.
- Indian shooter Neeru Dhanda carried the national flag.
- During the closing ceremony, the OCA flag was handed over to Doha, host of the 2030 Asian Games.
- Doha will host the 21st Asian Games in 2030.
- The handover ceremony also included the torch and banner from the inaugural Asian Games, which happened in New Delhi in 1951.

About Asian Games

- The Asian Games are a continental multi-sport competition involving athletes from Asian countries and regions.
- They are held once every four years.
- The Olympic Council of Asia governs them.
- The first Asian Games were held in New Delhi in 1951.
- India also hosted the Games in New Delhi in 1982.

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- The Games include both Olympic disciplines and sports with strong Asian roots, such as kabaddi, kurash, wushu and sepaktakraw.

Olympic Council of Asia

- The Olympic Council of Asia is the governing organisation of the Asian Games.
- It is an independent, non-governmental and not-for-profit international sports organisation.
- The International Olympic Committee and the Association of National Olympic Committees recognise it.
- It represents 45 Asian National Olympic Committees.
- Its headquarters is located in Kuwait.

Historical Development

- The Asian Games Federation was established in New Delhi in 1949.
- It organised the first unified Asian Games in New Delhi in 1951.
- In 1981, Asian athletic officials chose the Olympic Council of Asia to take up the role of the Asian Games Federation.
- The OCA headquarters was moved from India to Kuwait in 1982.

India's Medal Record & Campaign Overview

- Overall Haul: 85 Medals — 21 Gold, 27 Silver and 37 Bronze.
- Contingent Size: 501 athletes competing across 36 sporting disciplines to the 2026 Asian Games.

Team vs. Individual Dynamics:

- 13 of India's 21 gold medals were won in team events (including cricket, field hockey, kabaddi, archery and shooting).
- Individual events accounted for 19 of India's 27 silver medals, underscoring the common problem of competitors who qualified for the finals but missed out on the top podium finish.

National News

- India hosted the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum on October 26–27, 2026, in New Delhi.
- India hosted the 7th Agrivoltaics World Conference 2026 from October 21 to 23, 2026.
- On October 22, 2026, Jaipur was named for National Geographic's Best of the World 2027.
- On October 23, 2026, IIIT Bangalore and a Polish university have signed an MoU for academic collaboration.
- On October 28, 2026, Cyclone Arnab was forecast to hit the Andhra Pradesh Coast.
- On October 25, 2026, Ladakh has become India's First Fully 100% Organic Union Territory.
- On October 26, 2026, Nelakondapalli Buddhist Maha Stupa in Telangana will be developed as an International Heritage Site.
- On October 30, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for, inaugurated and dedicated a series of development

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initiatives worth over ₹14,000 crore across several sectors, including agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy, renewables, railways, urban transport and social welfare in Gujarat's Banaskantha, which included several key announcements aimed at supporting farmers, including the latest instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

- On October 30, 2026, the Ministry of Labour and Employment has issued the Constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers. Established under the Code on Social Security, 2020, the board will recommend, design and monitor welfare schemes for workers not covered by the conventional employment structure. The board will bring together all stakeholders such as the government, aggregators, employers, trade unions and civil society organisations.
- India Biennale 2026, the second version of the India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale, is set to be organised in New Delhi between 4 December 2026 and 21 March 2027. This cultural event will feature exhibitions, performances and many other cultural activities at historic landmarks, museums, galleries and other locations.
- According to The World's 100 Best Museums 2026, written by the German company Worth a Journey, the Bihar Museum in Patna was named first in Asia and ninth globally on October 29, 2026. In 2026, the Bihar Museum is the only Indian entry on the list of the world's top 100 museums. The museum surpasses the Louvre Museum in Paris, which is ranked 31st and the Met Museum in New York, which is ranked tenth.
- On October 29, 2026, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the Punah Bharan mobile application, developed by BISAG-N with the National Water Mission, to identify groundwater recharge zones within a radius of up to 3 km.
- On October 29, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved a 3% DA and DR hike from July 1, 2026, raising the rate to 63%. Learn about the beneficiaries, financial impact and the 7th Central Pay Commission formula.
- On October 28, 2026, the Government of India introduced a concessional National Highway Local Pass from November 1, 2026, for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a toll plaza, at ₹1,500 or ₹3,000 annually.
- On October 27, 2026, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India has made modifications to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules to permit E100 ethanol fuel to be used in vehicles specially designed and tested to run on E100 ethanol fuel. It aims to support India in its attempt to have a diverse source of transport

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fuel energy and reduce reliance on imported crude oil. Nonetheless, the modification does not imply that E100 will work in any petrol engine.

- On October 27, 2026, the Supreme Court of India embraced the accord by the 14 states with regard to the extension of the retirement age for district judicial officers from 60 to 62 years. This matter has come up in the case titled "All India Judges Association v. Union of India", which involves the conditions of service for the subordinate judiciary.
- On October 28, 2026, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal launched the National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) in New Delhi to strengthen international trade governance through data analytics in India.
- On October 22, 2026, India is set to consider making Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) mandatory in new car models from October 2030, after the existing models reportedly received until October 2032 to comply.
- On October 22, 2026, India has notified the Telecommunications (Regulatory Sandbox) Rules, 2026, allowing controlled trials of new telecom technologies with time-bound exemptions, a ₹10,000 application fee and a maximum initial period of 24 months.
- On October 22, 2026, three new sites have been added to India's Tentative List by UNESCO's World Heritage Centre, marking an essential step toward formal nomination for World Heritage status. As per the latest press release issued by the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO, the newly included sites cover key geological and archaeological landscapes, namely the Karst-mud-volcano Complex of Baratang and Andaman Subduction Volcanoes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and the Sirpur Cultural and Archaeological Landscape in Chhattisgarh.
- On October 17, 2026, India ranks 84th in the Henley Passport Index October 2026, tied with Algeria and Mauritania. Its score falls to 55 destinations, as Singapore retains the top position.
- On October 16, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation of L. Murugan from the Union Council of Ministers immediately after taking advice from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Murugan resigned from his post as he wanted to concentrate more on making the BJP stronger in Tamil Nadu. L. Murugan is the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs and has been a member of the Rajya Sabha since September 2021.
- On October 15, 2026, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways proposed BS-VII emission standards in

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October 2026, with phased implementation proposed from 1 April 2029 to April 2035; cite the draft.

- On October 15, 2026, the Union Cabinet has approved a 78-day Productivity Linked Bonus worth ₹2,009.61 crore for 11,40,770 railway employees, with a maximum payment of ₹17,951 per eligible employee.
- TRAI reported 1,114.17 million internet subscriptions as at 30 June 2026, compared with 1,092.79 million at 31 March 2026 (cite the Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators report).
- On October 14, 2026, the JOSH Campaign for health by the Government of India was started on October 13, 2026, on an experimental level in 11 states with 55 districts, to increase participation of people in eliminating tuberculosis (TB). It is a social media campaign of the country involving the MY Bharat volunteers, NCC cadets and Class-I Officers, with the aim of raising awareness and getting screened and treated at an early stage.
- On October 12, 2026, Jantar Mantar is no longer a designated protest venue in Delhi. Three options were suggested by the Ministry of Home Affairs committee, with updated Delhi Police regulations to be adhered to.
- On October 10, 2026, the Supreme Court constituted a standing committee on judicial well-being, chaired by Justice K V Viswanathan, to address the professional and personal challenges faced by judicial officers.
- On October 7, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 25 years as the head of government, having first become Gujarat Chief Minister on 7 October 2001 before becoming Prime Minister in 2014.
- The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) Convention is going to take place in Kolkata, West Bengal, from 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 Union Public Service Commission has completed its 100th year on October 2026, which will be a century of the establishment of the first Indian Public Service Commission in 1926. The organisation started as an advisory commission under the Government of India Act, 1919 and developed into the Federal Public Service Commission and finally became the UPSC after the implementation of the Constitution in 1950. Currently, the organisation is a constitutional body with powers under Articles 315 to 323.
- On October 14, 2026, the Union Govt has formed a Ramesh Chand-led panel to examine sugarcane farmers' demands.
- On October 15, 2026, Asiatic lions return to Gujarat's Barda Wildlife Sanctuary after 144 years.

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- On October 13, 2026, the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has completed 5 Years of Implementation.
- On October 19, 2026, LIC has launched three new insurance plans for retirement income, health and cancer cover.
- On 15 October 2026, India's Ramsar site count reached 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh).
- On October 13, 2026, Telangana celebrates the nine-day Bathukamma Flower Festival.
- India has hosted the 61st International Committee of Legal Metrology Meeting from October 26-28, 2026.
- On October 16, 2026, Sankoo became the 8th District of Ladakh under the Gets Separate Hill Council.
- On October 08, 2026, the Prime Minister inaugurated the 10th edition of India Mobile Congress in New Delhi.
- On October 06, 2026, the Kerala Government Launched WOMN to Make Women's Travel Easier.
- On October 11, 2026, Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad of Gujarat received a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.
- On October 05, 2026, West Bengal launched the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme for Women's Education.
- On October 09, 2026, India has targeted 100 GW of wind capacity by 2030.
- On October 07, 2026, Chhattisgarh has signed a skill development MoU with Singapore-based ITE Education Services.
- On October 15, 2026, Lakshadweep has become a 100% literate Union Territory under the ULLAS Scheme.
- National SARAS Mela 2026 took place to Promote Rural Women Entrepreneurs in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, from October 13 to October 31, 2026.
- On October 08, 2026, the JOSH Campaign was launched to Support India's TB Elimination Efforts.
- On October 02, 2026, Tamil Nadu CM Vijay launches the Vettri Payanam scheme, expanding no-fare bus travel for women.
- On October 05, 2026, Gujarat becomes the second state to receive Presidential Assent for the Uniform Civil Code.
- 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention to be held in Kolkata from January 07-09, 2027.
- On October 04, 2026, Uttar Pradesh Renames Bhadohi District as Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi.
- On October 28, 2026, the Chhattisgarh Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus) was selected as the first state butterfly of the state of Chhattisgarh through an online vote from July 31 to August 31, 2026. It got 3,000 out of the total 5,813 votes that were recorded during the vote.
- On October 22, 2026, Punjab launched SANGAT Mental Health Clubs in 40 colleges, with 1,000

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planned student places for Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

- On October 15, 2026, Himachal Pradesh inaugurated its first solar power project with battery storage at Rongtong in Spiti Valley. The 2 MW plant is expected to generate 36 lakh units of electricity annually.
- On October 09, 2026, the State government of Uttar Pradesh announced that the Noida International Airport at Jewar, which is also known as the Noida Jewar International Airport, is set to be renamed after Honourable Narendra Modi International Airport, after the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- On October 10, 2026, Assam's Nameri Tiger Reserve has received CA|TS Approved status for meeting global standards in tiger conservation, wildlife protection, habitat management and community participation.
- On October 07, 2026, Ladakh has launched India's first high-altitude wildlife safari with six open-back vehicles operating initially in Rumbak, Shang and Uley to promote regulated tourism and snow leopard conservation.
- On October 04, 2026, Andhra Pradesh has launched India's first national-level 3D-printed rural housing pilot under PMAY-G 2.0. The project will construct 177 houses in Guntur district using 3D Concrete Printing.
- On October 04, 2026, the Odisha government has launched India's first dedicated MICE Incentive Portal at Odisha Travel Bazaar 2026 to promote business tourism and streamline financial incentives for event organisers and tourism operators.
- On October 02, 2026, Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal in Mumbai was declared plastic-free during Swachhata Abhiyan 2026, highlighting Mumbai Port Authority's efforts to reduce single-use plastic and improve sustainability.

International News

- India supported the resolution passed by the UN General Assembly on October 28, 2026, which called for the lifting of the financial, commercial and economic blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba. The resolution was supported by 130 members, opposed by 17 members, while 25 members abstained from voting.
- According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) report published on October 22, 2026, almost all assessed shallow-water coral reef ecosystems are in danger of collapsing by 2075 due to an extremely high risk. The first global evaluation by the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems found that out of 127 assessed reef ecosystems, 122 (approximately 96.1%) were classified as Critically Endangered.
- On October 22, 2026, France confirmed its first human case of Shamonda virus. Shamonda virus

is an insect-borne virus transmitted by biting midges. Authorities said the leading hypothesis was that the patient had been infected in eastern France, where the virus had circulated among animals during spring and summer 2026.

- On October 23, 2026, Greece's Parliament reportedly approved legislation to prohibit children under 15 from using social media platforms. The restriction is scheduled to take effect on 1 January 2027 and is intended to address concerns about children's online safety, sleep, concentration and well-being.
- On October 20, 2026, Nigeria has confirmed an imported case of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease in Abuja.
- On October 12, 2026, Russian President Vladimir Putin ratified the India–Russia temporary employment agreement.
- On October 13, 2026, the first meeting of the Home Ministers of BIMSTEC took place in New Delhi and it was headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah of India. The meeting included representatives of all seven member countries and it ended with the approval of the Delhi Declaration. Additionally, the participating countries signed agreements that were intended to promote collaboration on tackling terrorism, drug trafficking, human trafficking, cybercrime and illicit financial flows.
- On October 12, 2026, the World Bank discussed crisis assistance with 30–40 countries facing the Middle East energy shock, with potential funding of up to $100 billion as energy prices and debt pressures rise.
- On October 12, 2026, US President Donald Trump named Katie Zacharia as White House press secretary, succeeding Karoline Leavitt.
- President José Raúl Mulino declared a major disaster after an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 rocked Panama on October 9, 2026, devastating roads and houses and causing a tsunami warning.
- On October 07, 2026, the Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor opened at Varanasi's Rudraksh Convention Centre, recalling Abe's friendship with PM Modi and strengthening India-Japan cultural ties.
- On October 05, 2026, New York declared its first measles disaster emergency since the 2025 surge as cases rise in rural communities and health authorities expand MMR vaccination access.
- India ranks 100th out of 122 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2026 published on October 23, 2026.
- On October 19, 2026, India and New Zealand have signed an MoC on Electronic Origin Data Exchange under the Free Trade Agreement.
- On October 27, 2026, India has chaired UNESCO Anti-Doping

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Meetings to Strengthen Global Sports Integrity.

- COP31 is taking place in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026.
- Singapore has retained the world's most powerful passport; India ranks 84th globally in the Henley Passport Index 2026, published on October 14, 2026.
- On October 16, 2026, India and Myanmar have signed MoUs on five Quick Impact Projects under Mekong–Ganga Cooperation.
- World Health Summit 2026 was held in Berlin, Germany, from October 11-13, 2026.
- On October 06, 2026, the World Bank ranked India among the top 10 in AI readiness.
- On October 13, 2026, BIMSTEC holds its first Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi.
- USA Hosts G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee from September 30 to October 01, 2026.
- India has joined the 153rd IPU Assembly in Tanzania from October 05–09, 2026.

Banking and Financial

- On October 23, 2026, RBI has revised the Bank Leverage Ratio Framework under Basel III Norms.
- On October 25, 2026, PM Modi inaugurated RBI's ₹169-crore data centre and cybersecurity institute in Odisha.
- India's Net Direct Tax Collections have risen 13.21% to ₹13.38 Lakh Crore in FY 2026–27 as of October 14, 2026.
- On October 13, 2026, Fitch unit has raised India FY27 growth forecast to 7.5%.
- On October 05, 2026, ICICI Life Insurance unveiled a new brand identity with the 'Har Kal Aasaan' Tagline.
- On October 19, 2026, CareEdge Global IFSC to sell 19.8% stake to State Bank of India, NSEIX.
- On October 14, 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the sale of a Rs 52,878 crore stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax's arm in India, the largest financial-sector FDI.
- On October 17, 2026, Deloitte Project India's GDP Growth at 7.1%–7.3% in FY27.
- On October 15, 2026, Karnataka Bank has launched nine new banking solutions under Nava Dhamaka 2026.
- On October 15, 2026, NTPC and Africa50 have signed an agreement to develop power projects across Africa.
- On October 07, 2026, RBI has removed Paytm Payments Bank from the list of scheduled banks after licence cancellation.
- On October 06, 2026, Adani Power and DGPC signed a deal for a 770 MW Bhutan hydropower project.
- On October 06, 2026, the World Bank has raised India's GDP Growth Forecast for FY27 to 7.1%.

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- On October 07, 2026, RBI hikes the repo rate by 25 (0.25%) Basis Points to 5.50%.
- On October 12, 2026, RBI opens a special dollar window for Three State-Owned Oil Companies.
- On October 08, 2026, Federal Bank has launched 'Verto Premium Savings Account' for Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs.
- On October 12, 2026, Retail inflation has risen to 5.54% in September from 4.82% in August as food prices climb.
- On October 13, 2026, the IMF raises India's FY27 growth forecast to 7% from 6.84%.
- On October 14, 2026, WPI inflation quickens to 11.39% in September from 9.9% in August.
- India to be the fastest-growing large economy at 7.3% in 2026 as global trade slows to 4%, as per the report published by UNCTAD on October 9, 2026.
- On October 01, 2026, the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, comes into effect, replacing colonial-era law.
- On October 06, 2026, Bank of Baroda became the second public sector bank to sponsor a Pension Fund.

Appointment and Resignation

- Sunil Kumar has been appointed ONGC chairman for three years from December 07, 2026.
- On October 26, 2026, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was re-elected as President of Brazil for a fourth term.
- On October 20, 2026, IndusInd General Insurance has appointed Sharad Mathur as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- On October 15, 2026, Hyderabad-based INCOIS Director Balakrishnan Nair was elected chair of the UNESCO-IOC sub-commission.
- On October 01, 2026, the Union Government appointed Lavanya Mundayur as CMD of New India Assurance.
- On October 06, 2026, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff.
- On October 10, 2026, Prakash Rajpurohit was appointed Deputy Election Commissioner.
- On October 01, 2026, HDFC Bank has named Anup Bagchi as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He officially assumed active charge as the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank on October 27, 2026.
- On October 01, 2026, Anup Kumar Saha has been appointed Kotak Mahindra Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He will officially take the helm and assume charge effective January 01, 2027.
- On October 01, 2026, Narendra Bhooshan has assumed charge as Environment Secretary.
- On October 02, 2026, Sidharatha Mishra was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Prudential Life.

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- On October 02, 2026, Petronet LNG named Sanjay Kumar as next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer from May 2027.

Awards

- On October 21, 2026, Devadas Chimakode won the Karnataka Janapada Academy Award 2026.
- On October 24, 2026, Ashoke Sen became the first Indian physicist to receive the Oskar Klein Medal.
- On October 23, 2026, Lionel Messi won the 2026 Princess of Asturias Sports Award.
- On October 24, 2026, Sitaram Raul won the Wildlife Photography Award for the Desert Scorpion Image.
- On October 29, 2026, Shabari Naturals has won Japan's Good Design Award for Tribal Art Packaging.
- On October 26, 2026, Harry Kane (men's category) and Alexia Putellas (women's category) won the 70th Ballon d'Or awards.
- On October 27, 2026, Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar was honoured with UAE's top civilian award for bravery.
- On October 15, 2026, Indian Social Worker Reema Nanavaty received the Hillary Rodham Clinton Award.
- On October 17, 2026, SBI won "World's Best Consumer Bank" for the 2nd consecutive Year.
- On October 21, 2026, the Ministry of Coal officially announced that the CCO SUVIKALP Initiative had won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026.
- On October 02, 2026, the Gujarat government announced that it will honour Flydubai captain Smit Machchhar with the 'Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award'.
- On October 04, 2026, Kumkum and Sujeet were named inaugural recipients of the first Jaspal Rana & Raja Randhir Singh awards.
- On October 09, 2026, Indian Pilot Smit Machchhar to Receive Israel's Highest Civilian Bravery Award.
- On October 09, 2026, Mahesh Kakde became the 5th Indian to win the Ramanujan Prize for mathematics.
- On October 12, 2026, the honour was officially announced and Sunil Bharti Mittal was formally presented with France's Legion of Honour insignia during a ceremony on October 28, 2026.
- On October 16, 2026, Oscar Whitfield won the 2026 Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year title with a close-up image of a dung beetle in Zimbabwe's Zambezi National Park.

Defence

- On October 21, 2026, Turkey, Qatar, Pakistan and Indonesia have signed a new Defence Cooperation Badr Memorandum of Understanding.
- On October 22, 2026, Ukraine has joined the NATO Procurement Partnership for Defence Equipment.

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- On October 26, 2026, the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise has concluded at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- On October 27, 2026, Goa Shipyard has launched INS Srishti for Indian Navy Maritime Security.
- On October 18, 2026, the Indian Army conducted Akhand Prahar-II Exercise in Jaisalmer.
- On October 16, 2026, VP C. P. Radhakrishnan commissioned India's first indigenous multi-purpose vessel, 'INS Samarthak ', at Karwar, Karnataka.
- On October 19, 2026, Joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 between India and Australia commenced in Thiruvananthapuram.
- On October 05, 2026, India exported the Akash Missile System to Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.
- India-UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 was held in Uttarakhand from October 05 to October 18, 2026.
- On October 06, 2026, India launched the first Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya' at Visakhapatnam.
- On October 10, 2026, INS Sahyadri arrived in Russia for India-Russia Naval Exercise INDRA 2026.
- In order to take part in India-UK Maritime Exercise KONKAN-26, which took place from October 08 to October 15, 2026, INS Trishul arrived in the UK.
- On October 11, 2026, INS Tarkash arrived in South Africa for IBSAMAR IX 2026, the trilateral naval exercise involving India, Brazil and South Africa. The exercise was concluded on October 20.

Sports

- On October 25, 2026, the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) confirmed that Ahmedabad will host the Senior World Weightlifting Championships in 2029.
- On 25 October 2026, Andrea Kimi Antonelli won the 2026 United States Grand Prix in Austin.
- On October 24, 2026, the ICC has confirmed LA28 Olympic Cricket Qualifiers for January-February 2028.
- On October 23, 2026, Pankaj Advani Wins the 21st World Billiards Title in England.
- On October 24, 2026, Indian-origin English player Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest female International Master.
- On October 28, 2026, Christo Popov and An Se-young Win Singles Titles; India's P. V. Sindhu Finishes as Runner-up in the French Open Badminton 2026
- On October 13, 2026, Vishvajit More Wins Historic Silver at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships.
- On October 19, 2026, Sheetal Devi equals the world record with 704 Points in Para-Archery.

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- Bangladesh and Nepal will host the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup 2027 from January 21 to February 6, 2027.
- On October 08, 2026, Qatar has formally received the OCA flag to host the 21st Asian Games 2030.
- On 6 October 2026, Novak Djokovic claimed his seventh China Open title in Beijing after Alex de Minaur retired during the final.
- On October 06, 2026, Carlos Alcaraz won the 2026 Japan Open.
- On October 04, 2026, Max Verstappen won the 2026 Bahrain Grand Prix, which took place from October 02–04, 2026.
- On October 12, 2026, BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 were inaugurated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Science

- On October 20, 2026, Japan has launched the Martian Moons Exploration (MMX) to bring home the first samples from a moon of Mars.
- On October 30, 2026, ISRO has Launched the NVS-03 Satellite to strengthen India's NavIC System.

Book and Author

- On October 12, 2026, Sunil Gavaskar launched a book titled 'Rag Rag Mein Cricket', authored by Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale, on Sanjay Jagdale's life and cricket journey.
- On October 20, 2026, Surya Prakash released Harsaran Bir Kaur Pandey's Book "The Evolution of TV News in India".
- On October 23, 2026, VP Radhakrishnan released the book 'Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World', authored by Anil K. Antony.
- On October 26, 2026, Former Governor Arif Mohammed Khan unveiled the English Translation of the book 'The Story of Vande Mataram' in New Delhi.

Important day

- 1 October: International Day of Older Persons (Theme 2026: "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives")
- 1 October: International Coffee Day (Theme 2026: "Coffee is Part of the Solution")
- 1 October: World Vegetarian Day
- 2 October: Gandhi Jayanti
- 2 October: Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti
- 4 October 2026: World Animal Welfare Day (Theme 2026: See the World Through Their Eyes")
- 5 October 2026: World Teachers' Day (Theme 2026: "Standing with Teachers: 60 Years of Protecting the Profession, Advancing Its Status and Shaping Our Futures")
- 5 October: World Architecture Day (Theme: "Housing is a Human Right. Build It")
- 5 October: World Habitat Day (Theme 2026: "Adequate Housing for All")

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- 6 October 2026: World Cerebral Palsy Day (Theme 2026: "Unique and United")
- 7 October 2026: World Cotton Day (Theme 2026: Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership)
- 8 October 2026: Indian Air Force Day (Theme 2026: "Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise")
- 8 October: World Sight Day (Theme 2026: "Love Your Eyes")
- 9 October: World Postal Day (Theme 2026: "One postal network, infinite possibilities")
- 10 October: World Mental Health Day (Theme 2026: "Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change")
- 10 October: National Post Day
- 11 October: International Day of the Girl Child (Theme 2026: "Ending child marriage and investing in girls' rights")
- 13 October: Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- 13 October: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (Theme 2026: "Resilience Starts at Home")
- 14 October: World Standards Day (Theme 2026: "Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7, Affordable and Clean Energy")
- 15 October: Global Handwashing Day (Theme 2026: "Be a Handwashing Hero!)
- 15 October: World Students Day
- 16 October: World Food Day (Theme 2026: "Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow")
- 16 October: World Spine Day (Theme 2026: "Spine Health for Life")
- 17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 20 October: National Mole Day
- 21 October: Police Commemoration Day (Theme: "Fight Against Drugs")
- 24 October 2026: United Nations Day
- 24 October: World Development Information Day (Theme 2026: "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence")
- 24 October 2026: World Polio Day (Theme 2026: "One day, one focus: ending polio for good")
- 28 October: International Animation Day (Theme: "Beyond Borders Many Voices. One Future")
- 31 October: World Thrift Day

Obituary

- On October 13, 2026, NCC Founder and Padma Shri Awardee Dr A.V.S. Raju has passed away at the age of 89.
- On October 18, 2026, Renowned Fisheries Scientist and KUFOS Founding VC Prof. B. Madhusoodana Kurup passed away at the age of 71.
- On October 14, 2026, Padma Shri Awardee Cheruvayal Raman, known as 'Nellachan', passed away at the age of 74.
- On October 05, 2026, Renowned British novelist Jeffrey Archer passed away at the age of 86.
- On October 03, 2026, Padma Awardee and Eminent Scientist Palle Rama Rao passed away at the age of 89.

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- On October 03, 2026, Veteran Indian filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao passed away at the age of 94.
- On October 06, 2026, Oscar-winning actress Eva Marie Saint passed away at the age of 102.
- On October 05, 2026, Padma Shri Kathak Dancer Roshan Kumari passed away at the age of 82.
- On October 12, 2026, Actor RJ Mitte passed away at the age of 34.
- On October 08, 2026, Veteran actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar passed away at the age of 75.
- On October 08, 2026, Filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao passed away at the age of 94.
- On October 21, 2026, Veteran Hollywood Actor Tom Skerritt passed away at the age of 93.
- On October 22, 2026, Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda passed away at the age of 90.

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