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Sports

India at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games



The 2026 Commonwealth Games were successfully hosted in Glasgow, Scotland, from 23 July to 2 August. Following adjustments to accommodate a scaled-down 10-sport program, Indian athletes competed with exceptional vigor across various disciplines, including boxing, athletics, and weightlifting. India secured a remarkable 39 medals—comprising 13 gold, 17 silver, and 9 bronze—securing a strong fourth place in the overall medal table. This performance further underscored the dedication and growing global competitiveness of Indian sportspersons.



Smriti Mandhana Sets a Women's Cricket Record

On 3 September 2026, star Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana delivered a historic masterclass during the Women's Asia Cup by scoring 124 runs off just 64 balls against Hong Kong. With this stellar knock, she surpassed Mithali Raj's legendary tally to become the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket across all formats. This monumental milestone marked a defining chapter for Indian women's cricket, inspiring a new generation of young athletes across the nation.

International News and Tourism



Shanghai Promotes Tourism

Known globally for its striking modern skyline, world-class museums, and vibrant cultural landmarks, Shanghai remains a premier international destination. In September 2026, the city hosted its annual Tourism Festival, featuring an immersive array of cultural activities, grand parades, and curated culinary experiences for visitors from around the world. Such high-profile festivals not only offer tourists deep insight into local heritage but also provide a substantial economic boost to regional businesses and hospitality sectors.

Joheirry Mola Crowned Miss World 2026



In a dazzling ceremony held on 5 September 2026 in Nha Trang, Vietnam, Joheirry Mola of the Dominican Republic claimed the prestigious Miss World 2026 crown. Bringing together delegates from across the globe, the pageant celebrated international culture, talent, and grace. Beyond the glamour, the event prominently spotlighted social service initiatives through its enduring “Beauty with a Purpose” framework, honoring efforts to uplift vulnerable communities worldwide.

Science and Technology



India Launches Advanced Ocean Research Vessel ORV Sagar Manthan

Demonstrating its growing prowess in maritime science, India officially inducted and launched its advanced ocean research vessel, ORV Sagar Manthan, in September 2026. Designed to spearhead deep-sea scientific studies, the vessel will empower researchers to map marine resources, analyze seabed topography, and enhance predictive models for weather, climate change, and marine ecosystems. This milestone highlights India's unwavering commitment to technological advancement and oceanographic research.

National News and Defence

India and Japan Conduct Exercise Veer Guardian



Strengthening bilateral strategic ties, the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) jointly conducted the bilateral air exercise Veer Guardian 2026 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 9 to 22 September. The exercise enabled aircrews from both nations to execute complex tactical missions, refine operational coordination, and share professional expertise, thereby cementing defense cooperation

Exercise Samudra Laksamana Strengthens India–Malaysia Naval Ties



Deepening maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the joint naval exercise Samudra Laksamana brought together personnel from the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy. The exercise focused on refining tactical communication, enhancing interoperability, and executing complex maritime maneuvers. Such cooperative engagements reflect the shared commitment of both nations toward ensuring regional maritime safety, security, and stability.

International News and Health



Bhutan Achieves a Major Milestone Against Rabies

In September 2026, the World Health Organization (WHO) formally recognized Bhutan for successfully eliminating dog-transmitted human rabies as a public health threat. With this historic achievement, Bhutan became the very first nation in the WHO South-East Asia Region to reach this benchmark. Rigorous canine vaccination drives, robust public awareness campaigns, and expanded accessibility to post-bite treatment were instrumental in achieving this milestone, exemplifying the power of community-driven public health initiatives.

International News and Natural Disasters

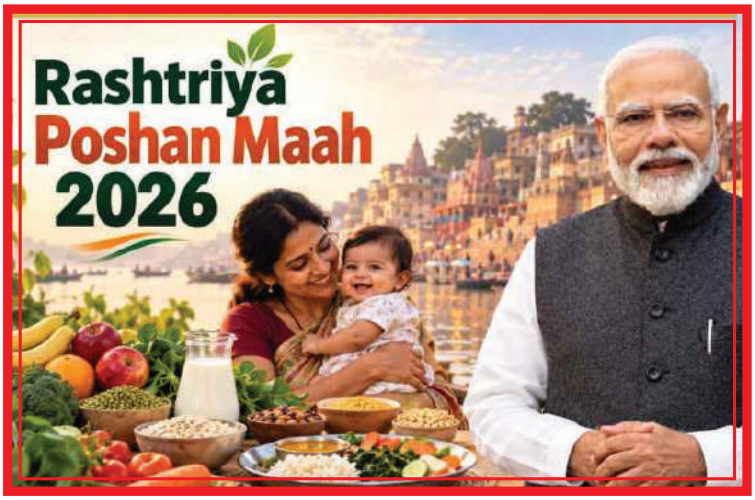


Anak Krakatau Volcano Erupts in Indonesia

Indonesia's volatile volcanic island, Anak Krakatau, experienced a significant eruptive phase in September 2026, discharging plumes of ash, volcanic gases, and incandescent material. Given the potential risks to regional air traffic and nearby coastal settlements, geological authorities maintained constant surveillance and issued timely safety advisories. The event serves as a crucial reminder of the necessity for proactive disaster preparedness and strict adherence to official warning systems in seismically active regions.

National News, Health and Nutrition

9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah Begins in Varanasi



The nationwide observance of the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was inaugurated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, in September 2026 under the guiding theme "Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari". The month-long campaign focuses intensely on propagating nutritional literacy, wholesome dietary habits, and early childhood care and development. By mobilizing families, local communities, and grassroots institutions, the initiative aims to combat malnutrition and foster healthy physical and cognitive growth in children.

Agriculture and Environment



Global Dryland Congress 2026

Bringing together leading agricultural scientists, policymakers, and farming innovators, the Global Dryland Congress 2026 was hosted in New Delhi from 10 to 12 September. The summit addressed critical challenges facing arid and semi-arid agricultural zones, including climate change adaptation, severe water scarcity, drought-resistant seed varieties, and sustainable land management. The congress fostered international cooperation and actionable strategies to empower dryland farmers and safeguard fragile ecosystems.