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Brazil : Lula Wins Fourth Presidential Term

- President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva wins a re-election by securing a win against right-wing opponent Flávio Bolsonaro in Brazil's presidential runoff election held on 25 October 2026. Lula gets 51.79% of all valid votes compared to 48.21% obtained by Bolsonaro. Lula's win gives him a fourth term as president in his political life.
- This is a clear indication that the presidential race was extremely tough and competitive due to differences within Brazil. Lula's next term starts on 5 January 2027 and faces many difficulties in Congress, economic policy, environmental protection, and foreign affairs.
- Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is a Brazilian politician and an important personality within Brazil's Workers' Party. Prior to entering politics, he was a metal worker and labor union activist.
- His first presidential tenure began in January 2003. He has been president twice consecutively till December 2010, returned to the presidency in January 2023, and again managed to become president due to his success in the 2026 elections; he will now start his second term in January 2027.

Aspect	Information
Winner of the presidential election	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
Party	Labor Party (PT)
Top challenger	Flávio Bolsonaro
Opponent's political party	Liberal Party (PL)

Date of the elections	25 October 2026
Percentage of votes that Lula received	51.79%
Vote percentage for Bolsonaro	48.21%
Number of votes received	Over 128.2 million votes
Inauguration of new term	5 January 2027
Organizing body	Superior Electoral Court (TSE)



Ahmedabad To Host 2029 World Weightlifting Championships

- Ahmedabad, a city in the state of Gujarat, is set to host the 2029 World Weightlifting Championships and will be the first time the country will do so for the international competition.
- The International Weightlifting Federation made the announcement after the Executive Board Meeting held in Ningbo, China, on 25 October 2026.
- This step will enhance the hosting reputation of the state as a destination for hosting sporting events. Gandhinagar hosted the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships, and Ahmedabad will host the Commonwealth Games in 2030.

- The World Weightlifting Championships are organized by the International Weightlifting Federation.
- 1891 – First World Weightlifting Championships took place
- 1987 – Women’s World Championships started
- 1991 – First men and women championship took place
- 2025 – World championships were held in the Førde, Norway
- 2026 – Ningbo, China will host the world championship from 27th October to 8th of November



IWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AHMEDABAD-2029

Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy Win Individual Gold

- The Indian grandmasters made a good impression at the European Chess Club Cup 2026 in Montenegro, where Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy won gold medals in the men’s and women’s sections, respectively.
- Sarin played for Novy Bor Chess Club and collected five points out of six, while Humpy was a member of the team of Cercle d’Echecs de Monte-Carlo that won the title of the team champion among the women.
- The second silver medalist was Harikrishna, who won 5 out of 6 games and obtained silver in individual competition on Board 3. Murali won bronze on Board 2 in the games played for Montenegro club Team Electropivreda, which ranked 11th in the team classification.
- The European Chess Club Cup is an important team chess tournament conducted under the European Chess Union. Teams from the clubs comprising grandmasters and other titled players participate in the tournament in different boards.

Player	Club	Board	Medal	Points
Nihal Sarin	Novy Bor Chess Club	2	Gold	5/6
Pentala Harikrishna	Novy Bor Chess Club	3	Silver	5/6
Karthikeyan Murali	Team Electroprivreda	2	Bronze	4.5/6
Arjun Erigaisi	Club team not specified in the report	1	Fourth place	Not specified



Messi Got 2026 Princess of Asturias Award

- The 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports was conferred upon Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi in Oviedo, Spain on 23rd October 2026.
- Messi is the first ever footballer to be honored with this award as an individual since before this, the national football team of Spain was bestowed with this award in 2010 and then players Iker Casillas and Xavi Hernandez were awarded this honor together in 2012.
- Messi was chosen as the winner of the 2026 award on 3 June 2026 from a total of 27 nominations of 12 different nationalities.

- They took into consideration his exceptional sporting career, consistency, humility, dedication to teamwork, and continuous charitable activity towards ensuring that disadvantaged children have access to education and healthcare.



Yuki Bhambri Wins Almaty Open Doubles Title

- India's Yuki Bhambri and American Ryan Seggerman won the men's doubles title at the ATP 250 Almaty Open in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 25 October 2026. They defeated top seeds Lucas Miedler and Neil Oberleitner of Austria in the final.
- Bhambri and Seggerman won 7-6(3), 6-7(1), [10-2] in a final lasting one hour and 26 minutes. The pair won the first-set tiebreak 7-3, lost the second-set tiebreak 1-7 and took the deciding match tiebreak 10-2.
- The title was Bhambri's first ATP Tour title of the 2026 season and his fifth career doubles crown on the tour. The 34-year-old had earlier competed at the 2026 Asian Games in Japan without winning a medal.
- The ATP Tour is the men's professional tennis circuit governed by the Association of Tennis Professionals. ATP 250 is a tournament category on the tour; the number refers to the ranking points awarded to the singles champion.



Tata Communications Plans \$450 Million AI Network

- Tata Communications announced an investment of nearly \$450 million, or about ₹4,350 crore, on 26 October 2026 to build high-speed network infrastructure for India's AI data-centre corridors. The project will add approximately 10,000 kilometres of long-haul fibre cables across the country.
- The expansion is planned in three phases. The first phase will connect Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai. Later phases will extend to data-centre ecosystems on the east coast and in western India, including Vizag, Bhubaneswar, Jamnagar and GIFT City.
- The new network is planned to add about 6 petabits per second (Pb/s) of capacity. Tata Communications' existing network in India carries approximately 1.25 Pb/s.
- The additional capacity is planned for incorporation between financial years 2030 and 2036. The company will fund the project entirely through operating cash flows.
- Fibre-optic cables transmit information as light pulses through glass or plastic fibres. Long-haul fibre networks connect distant cities and facilities, while data centres house computing and storage systems.
- The proposed cables are intended to connect data-centre clusters with cloud-services firms, Global Capability Centres and organisations such as banks.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. Who reportedly won Brazil's presidential runoff election held on 25 October 2026?

- A. Jair Bolsonaro**
- B. Flávio Bolsonaro**
- C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**
- D. Michel Temer**

Correct Answer: C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

Q2. Which organisation is responsible for organising the World Weightlifting Championships?

- A. International Olympic Committee (IOC)**
- B. International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)**
- C. World Athletics**
- D. International Powerlifting Federation (IPF)**

Correct Answer: B. International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

Q3. Which Indian city is reported to have been selected to host the 2029 World Weightlifting Championships?

- A. Gandhinagar**
- B. Mumbai**
- C. New Delhi**
- D. Ahmedabad**

Correct Answer: D. Ahmedabad

Q4. Who won the men's individual gold medal at the European Chess Club Cup 2026?

- A. Pentala Harikrishna**
- B. Nihal Sarin**
- C. Karthikeyan Murali**
- D. Arjun Erigaisi**

Correct Answer: B. Nihal Sarin

Q5. Which Indian chess grandmaster won the women's individual gold medal at the European Chess Club Cup 2026?

- A. Koneru Humpy**
- B. Harika Dronavalli**
- C. R. Vaishali**
- D. Divya Deshmukh**

Correct Answer: A. Koneru Humpy

Q6. Lionel Messi received which award in October 2026?

- A. Ballon d'Or**
- B. FIFA Puskás Award**
- C. Princess of Asturias Award for Sports**
- D. Laureus World Team of the Year Award**

Correct Answer: C. Princess of Asturias Award for Sports

Q7. Yuki Bhambri partnered with which American player to win the 2026 Almaty Open men's doubles title?

- A. Rajeev Ram**
- B. Ryan Seggerman**
- C. Austin Krajicek**
- D. Ben Shelton**

Correct Answer: B. Ryan Seggerman

Q8. The 2026 Almaty Open, won by Yuki Bhambri and Ryan Seggerman, belongs to which tournament category?

- A. ATP 1000**
- B. ATP 500**
- C. ATP 250**
- D. Grand Slam**

Correct Answer: C. ATP 250

Q9. How much did Tata Communications announce it planned to invest in India's AI data-centre network infrastructure?

- A. US\$150 million**
- B. US\$250 million**
- C. US\$450 million**
- D. US\$750 million**

Correct Answer: C. US\$450 million

Q10. Approximately how many kilometres of long-haul fibre-optic cables are planned under Tata Communications' proposed network expansion?

- A. 2,500 km**
- B. 5,000 km**
- C. 7,500 km**
- D. 10,000 km**

Correct Answer: D. 10,000 km