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World Boxing U19 Championships 2026

- India ended up with four medals, one gold, one silver, and two bronze, at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026 that took place in Budva, Montenegro. Aditya was India's medal hope by winning the gold medal in the men's 55kg category after beating Russia's Islam Magomedov.
- Megha Sheokand grabbed a silver medal, while Harshika and Prachi Tokas claimed bronze medals. A total of 20 world champions were crowned at the event, where there were 474 participating athletes.
- India won four medals at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026, but Aditya was India's only gold medallist.
- Gold Medal: 1
- Silver Medal:: 1
- Bronze Medals:: 2
- Total Medals:: 4
- Aditya came from behind in the final to defeat Islam Magomedov of Russia with a score of 4-1 to clinch gold in men's 55kg.
- After losing the opening round by the score of 3-2 on the judges' scorecards, Aditya came back strong in the following rounds to become champion. He performed good enough in the second round to win the fight 4-1.
- Megha Sheokand managed to secure the silver medal in the women's 80kg class as she lost the final bout 0-5 to Ekaterina Frolova of Russia.

Rank	Country	Gold Medal
1	Russia	5

2	Uzbekistan	4
3	United States	2
4	Kazakhstan	1
5	China	1
6	Ireland	1
7	India	1



UNEP Recognises India's Ganges River Dolphin Recovery Programme

- India's project to conserve the Ganges River dolphin has been named among 35 UN World Restoration Flagships in the report "Nature's Comeback: Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet" of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).
- The project brings together the connections of species conservation, river ecosystem restoration and livelihood generation. India's conservation program

is more broadly reflected in a **Comprehensive Action Plan for 2022-2047** aimed at ensuring a long-term conservation of the river dolphins.

- The project is recognized in the middle of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).
- India has prepared a Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation from 2022 to 2047. This long-range plan aims at conserving the riverine and marine dolphins in their traditional habitats and developing facilities for them.
- **Conservation status:** It is listed as the Endangered in the IUCN Red List.
- **National status:** National aquatic animal of India since 2009.
- **Habitat:** Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna river system and connected river stretches.
- **Major threats:** Habitat destruction, pollution, barrages and dams, reduction of water flow, and accidental capture in the fishing nets.



India's Extreme Poverty Rate Fell to 2.6%: World Bank

- India's extreme poverty rate fell from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023, with an estimated 496 million people moving out of poverty, the World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief says.
- At the lower-middle-income poverty line of USD 4.20 a day (2021 purchasing power parity), the rate dropped from 57.7% to 16.1%. The Bank described the decline as one of the world's fastest, with progress in monetary and non-monetary poverty.
- The World Bank attributed the decline mainly to consumption growth, rising employment—particularly among women—and expanded social transfers, including food subsidies.

- Its indicative microsimulation estimates put poverty at the USD 4.20 threshold at 14.2% in 2026 and 12.1% by 2028; these could change as labour-market and economic data are updated.
- The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative's Multidimensional Poverty Index recorded a fall from 53.8% in 2005–06 to 16.4% in 2019–21. The World Bank's own multidimensional measure was 15.5% in 2022–23.
- Around 57% of India's poor population is concentrated in a contiguous belt from Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal. Employment grew by about 134 million between 2017 and 2023, nearly twice the increase in the working-age population; much of the rise came from rural women entering paid work.



Anil Menon Completes Fourth Spacewalk at the ISS

- NASA astronaut Anil Menon completed his fourth career spacewalk on 29 October 2026, alongside Canadian Space Agency astronaut Joshua Kutryk, at the International Space Station (ISS). The spacewalk lasted 7 hours and 11 minutes.
- The astronauts installed the seventh of eight new Roll-Out Solar Arrays part of an upgrade to the ISS power system. The activity was the 100th U.S. spacewalk conducted from the station's Quest airlock without a Space Shuttle docked. Menon's cumulative spacewalking time is now 26 hours and 31 minutes.
- Kutryk completed his first spacewalk, becoming the fifth Canadian astronaut to perform an extravehicular activity (EVA).
- Menon ranks second among Indian-origin astronauts for spacewalks, after Sunita Williams. Menon was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to

Ukrainian and Indian immigrants. He launched to the ISS in July 2026 for an eight-month mission.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. How many medals did India win at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5

Correct Answer: C) 4

Q2. Aditya won the gold medal in which category at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026?

- A) Men's 50 kg
- B) Men's 55 kg
- C) Men's 60 kg
- D) Men's 65 kg

Correct Answer: B) Men's 55 kg

Q3. Which Russian boxer was defeated by Aditya in the men's 55 kg final?

- A) Islam Magomedov
- B) Ekaterina Frolova
- C) Ivan Petrov
- D) Alexander Ivanov

Correct Answer: A) Islam Magomedov

Q4. Which organisation recognised India's Ganges River dolphin conservation programme among the UN World Restoration Flagships?

- A) UNESCO
- B) UNDP
- C) UNEP
- D) IUCN

Correct Answer: C) UNEP

Q5. Since which year has the Ganges River dolphin been recognised as India's National Aquatic Animal?

- A) 2005
- B) 2007
- C) 2009
- D) 2012

Correct Answer: C) 2009

Q6. According to the World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief, India's extreme poverty rate declined to what level in 2023?

- A) 5.6%
- B) 4.2%
- C) 3.8%
- D) 2.6%

Correct Answer: D) 2.6%

Q7. Approximately how many people moved out of extreme poverty in India between 2011 and 2023, according to the World Bank?

- A) 296 million
- B) 396 million
- C) 496 million
- D) 596 million

Correct Answer: C) 496 million

Q8. NASA astronaut Anil Menon completed his fourth spacewalk at which space station?

- A) Tiangong Space Station
- B) International Space Station

- C) Mir Space Station
- D) Skylab

Correct Answer: B) International Space Station

Q9. How long did Anil Menon's fourth spacewalk on 29 October 2026 last?

- A) 5 hours 30 minutes
- B) 6 hours 15 minutes
- C) 7 hours 11 minutes
- D) 8 hours 20 minutes

Correct Answer: C) 7 hours 11 minutes

Q10. Which Canadian astronaut completed his first spacewalk alongside Anil Menon?

- A) David Saint-Jacques
- B) Joshua Kutryk
- C) Jeremy Hansen
- D) Chris Hadfield

Correct Answer: B) Joshua Kutryk