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International Day for Tolerance 2026

- The International Day for Tolerance 2026 is observed worldwide on 16 November to promote mutual respect, understanding, peaceful coexistence and appreciation of cultural diversity.
- The day encourages individuals, communities and nations to reject discrimination, prejudice, hatred and violence while embracing differences in culture, religion, language and beliefs.
- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the observance in 1996 through Resolution 51/95, following UNESCO's adoption of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on 16 November 1995. The day highlights the importance of education, dialogue and human rights in building inclusive and peaceful societies.



International Day of the Mediterranean Diet 2026

- The International Day of the Mediterranean Diet 2026 is observed on 16 November to promote healthy eating habits, sustainable food systems, cultural heritage and environmental protection.

- Established by the United Nations General Assembly, the observance highlights the importance of the traditional Mediterranean diet in supporting human health, biodiversity, local communities and sustainable agriculture.
- The UNGA officially designated 16 November as the International Day of the Mediterranean Diet through Resolution A/RES/80/174, adopted on 18 December 2025.
- The observance provides an international platform to raise awareness about the benefits of nutritious diets and traditional food practices.
- In 2010, UNESCO recognized the Mediterranean diet as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, acknowledging its traditional knowledge, cultural practices and social significance.
- The Mediterranean diet is associated with improved dietary quality and a reduced risk of certain non-communicable diseases when followed as part of a healthy lifestyle. It encourages the consumption of plant-based foods, whole grains and healthy fats.



France Awards Legion of Honour to 102-Year-Old World War II Veteran William Lyford

- France awarded the prestigious Legion of Honour (Légion d'honneur) to William F. Lyford, a 102-year-old American World War II veteran from Woodstock, Illinois, on 13 November 2026.
- The award recognized his contributions to the Allied military campaign that helped liberate France from Nazi occupation during the Second World War.

- The medal was presented by Charlotte Montel, Consul General of France in Chicago, on behalf of the President of the French Republic, during a ceremony at the McHenry County administration building in Woodstock, Illinois.
- Lyford served with the 45th Infantry Division's 157th Infantry Regiment, operating as a Browning Automatic Rifle gunner.
- His wartime service took him through Italy, France and Germany, where Allied forces fought to defeat **Nazi Germany**.
- He participated in more than 400 days of combat and was associated with eight military campaigns.
- The Legion of Honour, officially known as the Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur, is the highest national decoration of France.
- It was established on 19 May 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, who was then First Consul of France.
- The Legion of Honour consists of three grades and two higher dignities.

Order	French designation	English meaning
1	Chevalier	Knight
2	Officier	Officer
3	Commandeur	Commander
4	Grand officier	Grand Officer
5	Grand-croix	Grand Cross



India to Host ICC Champions Trophy 2029 and Co-Host ODI World Cup 2031

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed that India will host the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2029 and jointly host the ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2031 with Bangladesh.
- The announcement was made following the ICC Board meeting on 15 November 2026 in Bali, Indonesia, where the governing body approved the tournament windows for major men's international cricket events until 2035.
- According to the confirmed schedule, the Champions Trophy 2029 will take place from 9 to 28 October 2029, while the ODI World Cup 2031 will be held from 9 October to 23 November 2031.
- The ICC also approved the tournament windows for the T20 World Cups, World Test Championship finals and Champions Trophy editions through 2035.
- The ICC has decided to continue holding the World Test Championship (WTC) Final every two years in June.
- England will host the 2029 WTC Final from 8 to 12 June and the 2031 WTC Final from 12 to 16 June.
- The host nations for the 2033 and 2035 WTC finals have not yet been announced.

Year	Tournament	Host countries	Dates

2028	Men’s T20 World Cup	Australia, New Zealand	12 Oct–12 Nov
2029	WTC Final	England	8–12 Jun
2029	Champions Trophy	India	9–28 Oct
2030	Men’s T20 World Cup	England, Ireland, Scotland	4 Jul–4 Aug
2031	WTC Final	England	12–16 Jun
2031	ODI World Cup	India, Bangladesh	9 Oct–23 Nov
2032	Men’s T20 World Cup	To be confirmed	14 Oct–14 Nov
2033	WTC Final	To be confirmed	9–13 Jun
2033	Champions Trophy	To be confirmed	2–23 Oct
2034	Men’s T20 World Cup	To be confirmed	6 Jul–6 Aug
2035	WTC Final	To be confirmed	7–11 Jun
2035	ODI World Cup	To be confirmed	2 Oct–18 Nov



Khelo India Youth Games 2026

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the official logo and mascot of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026 on 15 November 2026.
- The Games are scheduled to take place from 11 to 22 December 2026 across six cities in Telangana. Approximately 8,000 athletes and participants are expected to attend.
- The official mascot, named Neelamani, represents energy, agility, determination and sportsmanship. The Games will feature 29 disciplines, including 27 competitive sports and two demonstration events.
- The official tagline is:
- "**Khel Ka Junoon, Telangana Ki Jaan Aur Pehchaan**"

No.	Sport	No.	Sport
1	Archery	15	Mallakhamb
2	Athletics	16	Rowing
3	Badminton	17	Shooting
4	Basketball	18	Swimming
5	Boxing	19	Softball
6	Cycling	20	Table Tennis

7	Fencing	21	Tennis
8	Football	22	Thang-Ta
9	Gatka	23	Volleyball
10	Gymnastics	24	Weightlifting
11	Hockey	25	Wrestling
12	Judo	26	Yogasana
13	Kabaddi	27	Kho-Kho
14	Kalaripayattu		



Lakshya Sen Clinches Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 Title

- Indian badminton star Lakshya Sen won the men's singles title at the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 on 15 November 2026, defeating Japan's Koki Watanabe in a thrilling three-game final.
- The match was held at the Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium in Kumamoto, Japan.
- After losing the opening game, Lakshya Sen produced an impressive comeback to win 13–21, 21–18, 21–14 in a contest lasting 64 minutes.
- With this victory, he became the first Indian badminton player to win the Kumamoto Masters Japan title since the tournament began in 2023. He also

secured his second consecutive BWF World Tour Super 500 title, having won the HYLO Open in Germany earlier in November.

- Kumamoto Masters Japan is an international badminton tournament conducted as part of the **Badminton World Federation** (BWF) World Tour.
- The tournament began in 2023 and is classified as a BWF World Tour Super 500 event.
- The 2026 edition was held from 10 to 15 November in Kumamoto, Japan, with a total prize purse of US$500,000.



Jay Shah Reappointed as ICC Chairman for Second Term

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) officially announced the unopposed reappointment of Jay Shah as its Chairman for a second consecutive term on 16 November 2026.
- The decision followed a proposal by ICC directors during the governing body's Board meetings in Bali, Indonesia.
- The reappointment provides leadership continuity as international cricket prepares for its return to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 2028 and the expansion of major ICC tournaments.
- Jay Shah was elected unopposed as ICC Chairman in August 2024 and formally took charge on 1 December 2024.
- At the age of 35, he became the youngest person to lead cricket's international governing body.
- Before joining the ICC as Chairman, he had served as Honorary Secretary of the BCCI, beginning in 2019.



Ten Countries Sign San Francisco Declaration

- India, the United States and eight other countries signed the San Francisco Declaration on the Secure Foundations of Enduring Prosperity on 15 November 2026, marking an important development in international cooperation on artificial intelligence (AI) and critical technology supply-chain security.
- The declaration was signed at the Pax Silica Founders Retreat in San Francisco, convened by US Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg.
- The agreement emphasizes that economic security is fundamental to national security. It seeks to protect sensitive technologies, strategic resources and critical infrastructure supporting advanced AI systems.
- The ten original signatories of the San Francisco Declaration are:
- United States, Australia, India, Israel, Japan, South Korea (Republic of Korea), Qatar, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom
- The San Francisco Declaration is a multilateral statement of shared principles intended to strengthen economic and technological security among participating countries.
- It recognizes that emerging AI technologies depend on complex international supply chains involving critical minerals, semiconductor components, advanced manufacturing, electricity, computing infrastructure and communication networks.
- India formally joined Pax Silica on 20 February 2026, becoming its tenth signatory at that stage.

- The India–US declaration was signed by representatives including US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor, US Under Secretary Jacob Helberg and India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Secretary S. Krishnan.
- India's participation is relevant because the country has growing interests in semiconductor manufacturing, electronics, critical mineral processing, AI infrastructure and technological research.



India and ASEAN Set for 23rd Summit in Manila

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Manila on November 16, 2026, for a two-day visit to attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit. The Philippines, ASEAN Chair for 2026, is scheduled to host the ASEAN-India Summit on November 17.
- Leaders will review progress in the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and implementation of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026–2030.
- Discussions are expected to cover trade and investment, maritime security cooperation, and regional and global challenges, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. India and ASEAN are observing 2026 as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation, with maritime safety, security and economic cooperation among the priorities.
- The Philippines' 2026 chairmanship theme is "**Navigating our future, together**," with an emphasis on regional peace, stability and prosperity. A meeting of the Quad—comprising the United States, India, Australia and Japan—is also scheduled in Manila on November 17, on the sidelines of the summit.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. The International Day for Tolerance is observed every year on which date?

A) 10 November
B) 14 November
C) 16 November
D) 20 November

Correct Answer: C) 16 November

Explanation: The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 16 November as the International Day for Tolerance in 1996 through Resolution 51/95, following UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance in 1995.

Q2. In which year did UNESCO recognise the Mediterranean Diet as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

A) 2005
B) 2008
C) 2010
D) 2015

Correct Answer: C) 2010

Explanation: UNESCO recognised the Mediterranean diet as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010, acknowledging its traditional knowledge, cultural practices and social importance.

Q3. The Legion of Honour, France's highest national decoration, was established by whom?

A) Louis XIV
B) Napoleon Bonaparte
C) Charles de Gaulle
D) Napoleon III

Correct Answer: B) Napoleon Bonaparte

Explanation: The Legion of Honour was established on 19 May 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, who was then serving as the First Consul of France.

Q4. India will jointly host the ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2031 with which country?

A) Sri Lanka
B) Australia
C) Bangladesh
D) Pakistan

Correct Answer: C) Bangladesh

Explanation: India and Bangladesh will jointly host the ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2031, scheduled from 9 October to 23 November 2031.

Q5. What is the official mascot of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026?

A) Shera
B) Neelamani
C) Appu
D) Vijay

Correct Answer: B) Neelamani

Explanation: Neelamani is the official mascot of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026. It represents energy, agility, determination and sportsmanship. The Games will be held in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026.

Q6. Lakshya Sen won the men's singles title at Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 by defeating which Japanese player?

A) Kento Momota
B) Kodai Naraoka
C) Koki Watanabe
D) Yuta Watanabe

Correct Answer: C) Koki Watanabe

Explanation: Lakshya Sen defeated Koki Watanabe with a score of 13–21, 21–18, 21–14 in the final held at Kumamoto, Japan, on 15 November 2026.

Q7. Who was reappointed as the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second consecutive term on 16 November 2026?

A) Roger Binny
B) Jay Shah
C) Sourav Ganguly
D) Greg Barclay

Correct Answer: B) Jay Shah

Explanation: Jay Shah was reappointed unopposed as ICC Chairman for a second consecutive term. He originally assumed office on 1 December 2024 and became the youngest ICC Chairman at the age of 35.

Q8. The San Francisco Declaration on the Secure Foundations of Enduring Prosperity was signed by how many countries on 15 November 2026?

A) 5 countries
B) 7 countries
C) 10 countries
D) 12 countries

Correct Answer: C) 10 countries

Explanation: Ten countries, including India, the United States, Australia, Japan, Israel, South Korea, Qatar, Singapore, the UAE and the United Kingdom, signed the declaration. It focuses on AI, critical technologies and secure supply chains.

Q9. What is the official theme of the Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship for 2026?

A) ASEAN: One Vision, One Identity
B) Navigating our Future, Together
C) Building a Resilient ASEAN
D) Strengthening Regional Cooperation

Correct Answer: B) Navigating our Future, Together

Explanation: The Philippines adopted "Navigating our Future, Together" as its ASEAN Chairmanship theme for 2026, emphasising regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Q10. The 23rd ASEAN-India Summit 2026 is scheduled to be hosted in which city?

A) Jakarta
B) Bangkok
C) Manila
D) Singapore

Correct Answer: C) Manila

Explanation: The Philippines is hosting the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit in Manila on 17 November 2026. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Manila on 16 November for the two-day visit.