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Wimbledon 2026: History, Significance and Major Winners

NEWS ITEM

The **Wimbledon Championships 2026** concluded at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London**, with **Jannik Sinner** defending the Gentlemen's Singles title and **Linda Noskova** winning her first Grand Slam in Ladies' Singles. The 2026 edition was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026** and continued Wimbledon's identity as the world's oldest and most tradition-rich tennis tournament.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Wimbledon began in **1877**.
- It is held at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**, London.
- It is one of the four **Grand Slam** tennis tournaments.
- The four Grand Slams are **Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open**.
- Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam played on **grass courts**.
- The first Wimbledon tournament had only **Gentlemen's Singles**.
- **Spencer Gore** was the first Wimbledon champion in **1877**.
- Wimbledon is associated with **SW19**, the postal area of Wimbledon in London.
- Important traditions include white dress code, Centre Court, Royal Box, strawberries and cream, and historic trophies.
- Wimbledon 2026 was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026**.
- The total prize money for Wimbledon 2026 was **£64.2 million**.
- The Gentlemen's and Ladies' Singles champions each received **£3.6 million**.
- **Gentlemen's Singles 2026**: Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev **6-7(7), 7-6(2), 6-3, 6-4**.
- Jannik Sinner became the **10th player** to successfully defend the Wimbledon men's singles title.
- It was Sinner's **second consecutive Wimbledon title** and **fifth Grand Slam title**.
- **Ladies' Singles 2026**: Linda Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova **6-2, 5-7, 6-3**.
- Linda Noskova won her **first Grand Slam title** and became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.
- The Ladies' Singles final was an **all-Czech final** between Noskova and Muchova.
- **Gentlemen's Doubles 2026**: Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten defeated Marcelo Arévalo and Mate Pavić **7-6(4), 7-6(3)**.
- **Ladies' Doubles 2026**: Guo Hanyu and Kristina Mladenovic defeated Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani **6-3, 7-5**.
- **Mixed Doubles 2026**: Marcelo Arévalo and Jelena Ostapenko defeated Storm Hunter and Marc Polmans **4-6, 7-5, 6-2**.
- **Gentlemen's Wheelchair Doubles 2026**: Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid defeated Tokito Oda and Gustavo Fernández **2-6, 6-1, 6-2**.

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India Wins Five Gold Medals at International Physics Olympiad 2026

NEWS ITEM

Five Indian students won **gold medals** at the **56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026**, held in **Bucaramanga, Colombia**, from **4 to 12 July 2026**. With this performance, India secured **joint first position** along with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Taiwan.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India won **five gold medals** at the **56th International Physics Olympiad 2026**.
- The Olympiad was held in **Bucaramanga, Colombia**.
- It was held from **4 to 12 July 2026**.
- Indian gold medallists were **Kanishk Jain, Riddhesh Anant Bendale, Rishit Garg, Shresth Suraiya and Svarit Joshi**.
- The students came from **Pune, Indore, New Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad**.
- India secured **joint first position** with **Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Taiwan**.
- The competition saw participation of **381 students from 87 countries**.
- India's Olympiad programme is led by **HBCSE**, a National Centre of **TIFR**.
- Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, **Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty**, congratulated the winners.

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President Murmu Condoles Demise of Playback Singer S. Janaki Amma

NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of legendary playback singer **S. Janaki Amma**, calling her a musical icon whose extraordinary singing enthralled generations. Her career spanned more than **six decades**, during which she recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali.

PRELIMS FACTS

- President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of **S. Janaki Amma**.
- She described S. Janaki Amma as a **musical icon**.
- S. Janaki Amma's career spanned more than **six decades**.
- She recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**.
- Languages mentioned include **Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali**.
- S. Janaki Amma was popularly known as **Janaki Amma** and **Nightingale of South India**.
- Her full name was **Sistla Janaki**.
- She was born on **23 April 1938** at **Pallapatla**, in present-day Andhra Pradesh.
- She began her playback singing career in **1957**.
- She won **four National Film Awards**.
- She refused the **Padma Bhushan** in **2013**, stating that the recognition came too late.
- Her music is remembered for versatility, voice modulation and emotional expression across languages.

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Linda Noskova Wins First Grand Slam Title at Wimbledon 2026

NEWS ITEM

Czech tennis player **Linda Noskova** defeated fellow Czech player **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles final** to win her first **Grand Slam** title. The 21-year-old ninth seed became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Linda Noskova** won the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles title**.
- She defeated **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the final.
- Both finalists were from the **Czech Republic**.
- Noskova was the **ninth seed**.
- She was **21 years old** at the time of the win.
- She became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.
- This was Noskova's **first Grand Slam title**.
- Karolina Muchova saved **five championship points** and fought back from a set and a break down before losing in the decider.
- Britain's **Henry Patten** and Finland's **Harri Heliovaara** won doubles success earlier.
- Great Britain's **Alfie Hewett** and **Gordon Reid** also recorded doubles success.

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International Relations

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PM Modi Conferred Indonesia's Highest Civilian Honour

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was conferred the '**Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia**', the highest civilian honour of Indonesia, by President **Prabowo Subianto** on **7 July 2026**. The award recognised his leadership and contribution to strengthening **India-Indonesia relations**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the **Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia** on **7 July 2026**.
- The award was presented by Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto**.
- **Bintang Adipurna** is the **highest civilian honour** of Indonesia.
- The award recognised the Prime Minister's contribution to strengthening India-Indonesia relations.
- The Prime Minister dedicated the award to the people of India and Indonesia and to their civilisational ties.
- India and Indonesia extended cooperation on **peaceful uses of outer space**.
- An MoU was signed between **CDSO** and **BPOM** on medical products regulation.
- Outcomes included cooperation in **minerals and steel supply chain technology, agriculture and allied sectors, telecommunications, research and innovation, and health workforce collaboration**.
- The two sides extended cooperation on **maritime safety and security**.
- **NDMA** and Indonesia's disaster management agency agreed to cooperate on disaster management.
- **Election Commission of India** and Indonesia's **KPU** signed an MoU.
- Defence outcomes included **BrahMos Missile System cooperation** and an **Air-to-Air Missile Cooperation Agreement**.
- Industrial outcomes included a **SAIL-PT Krakatau Steel** strategic joint venture for a stainless-steel slab manufacturing facility in Indonesia.
- India announced assistance for conservation and restoration of the **Prambanan Temple Complex** in Yogyakarta.
- Indonesia will deploy a **Liaison Officer** in **IFC-IOR**.
- India announced supply of **100 tonnes of DWR 162 wheat seeds** to Indonesia.
- The two countries announced the **Tagore-Dewantara Year of Cultural and Educational Diplomacy**.
- An **IIM Bangalore branch campus** will be set up at **Singhasari SEZ, Indonesia**.
- **Indonesia Open Network (ION)** will be launched based on India's **ONDC** architecture.

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Pandavani Legend Teejan Bai Passes Away

NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed grief over the demise of renowned **Pandavani** singer **Teejan Bai**. They highlighted her role in bringing the Mahabharata-based folk tradition of **Chhattisgarh** to national and global recognition.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Teejan Bai** was a renowned **Pandavani** singer from **Chhattisgarh**.
- Pandavani narrates stories from the **Mahabharata** through singing, narration and performance.
- Teejan Bai was known for popularising the **Kapalik style** of Pandavani.
- She received **Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan** and **Padma Vibhushan**.
- She was awarded **Padma Vibhushan in 2019** in the field of Art.
- President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid tributes to her.

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ICMR-MINDS Wins Gold at e-Governance Awards

NEWS ITEM

ICMR-MINDS, a flagship digital mental healthcare initiative of the **Indian Council of Medical Research**, won the **Gold Award** at the **National Awards for e-Governance 2026**. It was awarded under the category **Innovation by Use of AI and Other New Age Technologies for Providing Citizen-Centric Services**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **ICMR-MINDS** won the **Gold Award** at the **National Awards for e-Governance 2026**.
- The award was presented by **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- ICMR-MINDS is a **National Health Research Priority** project.
- It integrates screening and management of mental and substance use disorders with other **non-communicable diseases**.
- Its **AI-enabled CDSS** supports mental health screening, assessment, follow-up and routine management by trained non-specialist frontline healthcare providers.
- It is being implemented across seven States through seven collaborating institutions.
- Collaborating institutions include **AIIMS Guwahati, Gujarat Institute of Mental Health, Ahmedabad, AIIMS New Delhi, St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru, AIIMS Bhopal, AIIMS Bhubaneswar** and **PGIMER Chandigarh**.

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MPEDA Holds Seafood Skill Olympiad Finale in Kochi

NEWS ITEM

The **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** concluded the second **National Skill Olympiad on Seafood Value Addition** during **Seafood Expo Bharat 2026** in **Kochi**. The event tested the skills of ten trained seafood processing professionals in preparing value-added seafood products for export markets.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The grand finale of the second **National Skill Olympiad on Seafood Value Addition** was held during **Seafood Expo Bharat 2026** in **Kochi**.
- The event was organised by **MPEDA**.
- **P. Surya Bhaskar** of **Devi Fisheries Limited, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh** won the competition and received **₹1 lakh**.
- **Muthu Kumaran** of **Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu** secured the second position.
- **Sagarika Sardar** of **Kolkata** and **Barasarani Jena** of **Bhubaneswar** secured the third and fourth positions respectively.
- Before the finale, MPEDA trained over **2,500 seafood processing workers** through **50 training programmes** across India's east and west coasts.

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29th National e-Governance Conference Concludes in Jaipur

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The **29th National e-Governance Conference** concluded in **Jaipur** with the presentation of the **National e-Governance Awards**. The conference focused on digital governance, emerging technologies and better use of technology in public service delivery.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **29th National e-Governance Conference** was held in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- The conference concluded with the presentation of the **National e-Governance Awards**.
- The awards recognise outstanding e-governance initiatives by Central and State Governments and other organisations.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** was the chief guest at the valedictory and awards ceremony.
- The conference was jointly organised by **DARPG, MeitY** and the **Government of Rajasthan**.
- The concluding day included three plenary sessions on digital governance and emerging technologies.

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Team India Shines at Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026 with 5 Medals

NEWS ITEM

Team India put up a stellar performance at the Global Skills Challenge Australia 2026, bagging five medals, including three golds. This impressive victory serves as a strong stepping stone for the Indian contingent as they gear up for the prestigious 48th WorldSkills Competition to be held in Shanghai later this year.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Medal Tally:** India won 3 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze medal at the event held in Australia.
- **Gold Medalists:** Pawan Bhadravati Suresh (Additive Manufacturing), Mausam Kumar Giri (Cloud Computing), and Vishnupriya Sunil (Health and Social Care).
- **Upcoming Event:** The performance boosts preparation for the 48th WorldSkills Competition scheduled to be held in **Shanghai, China**.
- **Participation:** A 30-member Indian delegation represented the country across 15 skill categories like 3D Digital Game Art, Cloud Computing, and advanced manufacturing.

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PM Modi Honoured with Seychelles' Highest Distinction 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the **Guardian of the Blue Horizon**, Seychelles' highest distinction, by President Dr. Patrick Herminie. The award recognizes his leadership in environmental conservation, sustainable development, and advancing the Blue Economy and the interests of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

PRELIMS FACTS

- **First Recipient:** PM Narendra Modi is the first person to receive the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' award.
- **Awarding Nation:** Seychelles (Conferred by President Dr. Patrick Herminie).
- **Previous Environmental Honours for PM Modi:** UN Champion of the Earth, Agricola Medal (FAO), and the Seoul Peace Prize.
- **India's Highlighted Green Initiatives:** International Solar Alliance (ISA), Mission LiFE, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).