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BIBISARA ASSAUBAYEVA WINS NORWAY CHESS WOMEN 2026 TITLE

- Bibisara Assaubayeva secured the Norway Chess Women 2026 title with a standout performance that left her competitors behind. She entered the penultimate round as the sole leader and officially clinched the championship with a draw in her ninth-round classical game against defending champion Anna Muzychuk.
- Making her debut in this prestigious tournament, the 22-year-old grandmaster from Kazakhstan displayed exceptional preparation throughout the competition. She defeated several world-class opponents, including the reigning five-time Women's World Chess Champion, Ju Wenjun.
- For her remarkable first-place finish, Assaubayeva earned a prize of 700,000 Norwegian kroner, equivalent to approximately US\$74,821. Beyond the financial reward, her stellar run in Oslo earned her 15.2 rating points, propelling her to fifth place in the live world rankings for women.

KERALA LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST JUDICIARY-INTEGRATED WILDLIFE OFFENCE SYSTEM

- Pioneering Digital Integration:** The Kerala Forest Department has officially launched the "Hostile Activity Watch Kernel" (HAWK) system, marking India's first fully digitized and judiciary-integrated wildlife offence management platform. By establishing a direct link via an Application Programming Interface (API) with the District Court Management System, the state has effectively eliminated the need for physical paperwork in environmental crime prosecution.
- Enhanced Transparency & Real-Time Tracking:** HAWK provides officials with a

comprehensive dashboard to monitor the entire lifecycle of a wildlife crime case, including witness testimonies and investigation progress. Because all data entries are permanent and immutable, the system significantly improves institutional accountability and curbs the potential for corruption during the judicial process.

Footnotes: Kerala's CM: V. D. Sathesnan, Governor: Rajendra Arlekar, Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

G S MALIK APPOINTED AS THE NEW DGP OF GUJARAT



- Official Elevation & Background:** The Gujarat Home Department officially appointed 1993-batch IPS officer Gyanender Singh Malik as the new Director General of Police (DGP) on June 6, 2026. Before his elevation to the state's top police post, Malik served with distinction as the Commissioner of Police for Ahmedabad City.
- Focus on Key Security Challenges:** Malik has identified the rising menace of drug trafficking, cybercrime, and traffic management as the primary focus areas of his administration. His leadership will also be immediately tested by major upcoming security challenges, most notably the management and protection of the Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad.

Footnotes: Gujarat's CM: Bhupendrabhai Patel, Governor: Acharya Devvrat, Capital: Gandhinagar

IMPORTANT FACTS

MAJOR FESTIVALS OF INDIA

- Andhra Pradesh:** Dussehra, Ugadi, Deccan Festival, Brahmotsavam
- Arunachal Pradesh:** Reh, Buri Boot, Myoko, Dree, Pongtu, Losar, Murung, Solung, Mopin
- Assam:** Ambubachi, Bhogali Bihu, Baishagu, Dehing Patkai
- Bihar:** Chhath Puja, Bihula
- Chhattisgarh:** Maghi Purnima, Bastar Dussehra
- Goa:** Sunburn Festival, Laden, Mando
- Gujarat:** Navratri, Janmashtami, Rann Utsav, Uttarayan
- Himachal Pradesh:** Rakhadmani, Gochi Festival.

ZVEREV CLINCHES MAIDEN GRAND SLAM TITLE AT FRENCH OPEN

- Historic Breakthrough in Paris:** German tennis star Alexander Zverev finally secured his first-ever Grand Slam title at the 2026 French Open on June 7, 2026. Playing in his fourth major final, the 29-year-old defeated Italian challenger Flavio Cobolli in a dramatic five-set encounter that ended with a score of 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.
- Overcoming Past Adversity:** Zverev's win was a deeply emotional moment, coming on the same Court Philippe-Chatrier where he had previously suffered a severe ankle injury four years prior. Having lost three previous Grand Slam finals, including a painful five-set defeat in Paris in 2024, the victory represented a long-awaited "happy ending" for the German player.

SAGAR & KAJAL DHOCHAK CLINCH GOLDS AT ULAANBAATAR OPEN 2026

- **Dominant Performances in Freestyle Wrestling:** Asian Games-bound wrestler Sagar Jaglan secured the gold medal in the men's 74kg freestyle category by defeating Tamir Eshinimaev 3-2 in the final. Simultaneously, 18-year-old Kajal Dhochak impressed in the women's 76kg division, clinching her gold with a commanding 8-0 victory over African champion Damola Ojo.
- **Key Path to the Podium:** Sagar's route to the top included a technical superiority win against Mongolia's Tolui Munkhbat in the semi-finals. Kajal demonstrated exceptional skill throughout her campaign, pinning opponents from Kazakhstan and China before her decisive win in the championship bout.

S S YADAV APPOINTED CEO DELHI JAL BOARD

- **New Leadership Appointment:** Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, was officially appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on June 9, 2026. This appointment comes as part of a significant administrative shuffle within the Delhi government's key utility departments.
- **Expanded Administrative Responsibilities:** In addition to his role as CEO of the Delhi Jal Board, Dr. Yadav has been

assigned the rank of Additional Chief Secretary. He will also concurrently hold the additional charges of Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) and Chairperson of the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC).

- **Transition of Power:** Dr. Yadav steps into this role following the recent transition of his predecessor, Kaushal Raj Sharma, who was appointed as Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in April 2026. This move is viewed as a strategic placement of a senior officer to oversee critical infrastructure and industrial development projects in the capital.

PANCHAYAT ADVANCEMENT INDEX WINS GOLD AWARD AT NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE AWARDS 2026



- **Prestige and Recognition:** The Ministry of Panchayati Raj's flagship "Panchayat Advancement Index" (PAI) has been selected for the prestigious Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026. This honor is awarded under Category VII, which recognizes excellence in digital transformation through the use of data analytics in digital platforms.
- **Objective and Framework:** As India's first comprehensive, data-

driven framework, the PAI assesses and ranks the performance of over 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats. It evaluates these rural bodies across nine critical themes of the Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) using 150 indicators and 230 specific data points.

- **Award Presentation:** The award, which includes a trophy, a citation, and a ₹10 lakh cash incentive, will be officially conferred during the 29th National Conference on e-Governance. The event is scheduled to take place on July 1-2, 2026, in Jaipur, Rajasthan, focusing on the theme of "Viksit Bharat 2047: AI-Enabled, Data-Driven and Secure Digital Governance".

NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MALAYALAM ACTOR SALIM KUMAR PASSED AWAY

- **Passing of a Cinematic Icon:** Renowned Malayalam actor and filmmaker Salim Kumar passed away on June 6, 2026, at the age of 56 while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kochi. He had been battling health complications, including respiratory issues and cardiac arrest, before his passing was officially confirmed.
- **Celebrated Career and Achievements:** Salim Kumar was a versatile performer who transitioned from a popular mimicry artist to one of the most influential figures in Malayalam cinema. He earned the prestigious National Film Award for Best Actor in 2010 for his powerful, emotive performance in the critically acclaimed film Adaminte Makan Abu.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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- **International Archives Day: 9th June**
- **The global theme for 2026 is: #ArchivesForJustice: Rights, Memory & Futures**
- **Shaping Futures: Leveraging digital tools and inclusive practices to ensure that historical records remain a foundation for equitable and sustainable societies.**