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Sports

Indian Test captain Shubman Gill delivered a record-breaking performance in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy 2025, scoring a brilliant 269 at Edgbaston — the highest Test score by an Indian captain in England.

Gill topped the series charts with 754 runs in 10 innings at an average of 75.40, including four centuries. His consistency earned him the ICC Men's Player of the Month (July 2025).



NorthEast United FC proved their strength in Indian football by winning the Durand Cup for the second year in a row, beating Diamond Harbour FC 6-1 in the final. The match was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. With this big win, NorthEast United became the first team in 25 years to successfully defend the Durand Cup title.

S. Rohith Krishna, who became India's 89th Grandmaster (GM) in August 2025 after securing his final GM norm at the Almaty Region Open Qonaev Cup in Kazakhstan. The 19-year-old achieved the required FIDE norms and rating threshold to earn the prestigious title, solidifying India's strong presence in the chess world.



National Sports Day is celebrated in India every year on August 29 to honor the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand and promote sports and physical activity. The day emphasizes the importance of fitness and encourages mass participation in sports, with activities like rallies and sports competitions held across the country.



The World Archery Youth Championships 2025 concluded on August 24, 2025, in Winnipeg, Canada, with India winning 8 medals (4 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze), including a gold medal for Sharvari Shende in the Women's Recurve Under-18 individual event. The tournament was organized by World Archery and featured 570 archers from 63 nations competing in Recurve and Compound disciplines for U-18 and U-21 age categories.

Riyadh, September 6, 2025 — In a historic moment for chess and esports, Magnus Carlsen emerged victorious at the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup (EWC 2025), defeating Alireza Firouzja of Team Falcons in a commanding final.

Representing Team Liquid, Carlsen displayed exceptional skill and strategic brilliance, dominating the tournament and adapting seamlessly to the fast-paced, tech-driven format. His win marks a new era in competitive chess, blending traditional mastery with modern esports dynamics.



The new head coach of the Indian Men's National Football Team is Khalid Jamil. Appointed by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on August 1, 2025, Jamil is the first Indian to hold the position in 13 years and will be in charge of the team for a two-year contract, with an option to extend for another year.



Science and Technology



India's Mission Sudarshan Chakra, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Independence Day 2025, is an ambitious initiative to build a fully indigenous, multi-layered air and missile defence system by 2035. Inspired by Lord Krishna's Sudarshan Chakra, the mission aims to defend the nation against aerial threats like drones, missiles, and hypersonic weapons. It will integrate radars,

satellites, cyber-defense, and interceptor missiles to protect strategic and civilian infrastructure. A key component, Project Kusha, will develop missiles with ranges up to 400 km, with trials starting in 2026.

India and The World

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) appointed a group of nine athletes, including Indian Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra, as mental health ambassadors in August 2025 to advocate for mental well-being in sports. These ambassadors, such as American figure skater Gracie Gold and South African sprinter Akani Simbine, will promote open discussions and support systems for athletes' mental health.



International Youth Day is celebrated annually on August 12, recognized by the UN in 1999 to focus on youth issues and celebrate their potential. The 2025 theme is “Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond,” emphasizing grassroots initiatives for sustainable development.



The Lithuanian Parliament has officially approved Inga Ruginiene, a member of the Social Democratic Party, as the country’s new Prime Minister. Ruginiene, who currently serves as the Minister of Social Security and Labour, becomes the first Social Democrat to hold the post in over a decade.

Following the parliamentary approval, Ruginiene now has up to

15 days to submit a proposed cabinet list—developed in consultation with the President—for a final vote. She will formally assume office once the President signs the appointment decree.

The first-ever BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival was inaugurated in New Delhi, bringing together musicians and cultural troupes from the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) member nations.

The festival featured vibrant performances of traditional music from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, celebrating the region’s shared heritage and cultural diversity. It aimed to foster people-to-people ties and promote regional unity through music.



The Krasheninnikov volcano erupted in the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia on August 2, 2025, marking its first recorded eruption in about 600 years. The eruption, which sent ash up to 20,000 feet, followed a powerful magnitude 8.8 earthquake in the area three days prior and is being closely monitored for its potential seismic and volcanic hazards.



The Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group from Karnataka has won the Equator Prize 2025, given by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). They were honoured for their work in eco-friendly millet farming and women-led sustainable businesses. The group helps protect nature by promoting millet growing, setting up seed banks, and making millet-based products using a solar-powered processing unit. Their efforts support both the environment and local communities



Entertainment

In a dazzling grand finale held in Jaipur, Manika Vishwakarma, a 22-year-old from Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, has been crowned Miss Universe India 2025. She will now go on to represent India at the 74th Miss Universe pageant scheduled for November in Thailand. Competing against 48 contestants, Manika's win was marked by grace, confidence, and a vision for social impact. The runners-up included Tanya Sharma (Uttar Pradesh), Mehak Dhingra (Haryana), and Amishi Kaushik.



The 71st National Film Awards for 2023 were announced on August 1, 2025, with 12th Fail winning Best Feature Film. Other major winners included Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey for Best Actor (Jawan and 12th Fail, respectively), Rani Mukerji for Best Actress (Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway), and Sudipto Sen for Best Direction (The Kerala Story).



Indian Polity



In a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who currently serves as the Governor of Manipur, was officially sworn in as the 22nd Governor of Nagaland, taking on the additional charge following the passing of Governor La Ganesan. Chief Justice Ashutosh Kumar of the Gauhati High Court administered the oath in the presence of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Ministers T.R. Zeliang and Y. Patton, state ministers, MLAs, and other dignitaries.

Wildlife and CONSERVATION

Nepal has officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), an India-led global initiative to protect seven species of big cats. The IBCA is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition of over 90 big cat range countries and non-range countries with an interest in big cat conservation.



The joint Nilgiri Tahr Census of 2025, conducted by the Kerala and Tamil Nadu Forest Departments, found a total population of 2,668 Nilgiri tahrs, with 1,365 in Kerala and 1,303 in Tamil Nadu. The survey, which took place in late April 2025, aimed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Eravikulam National Park and use standardized methods to estimate the population of this vulnerable endemic species.

