

NATIONAL**▪ AHRR Hosts First Armed Forces National Conference – SHAPE 2025**

The Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR), New Delhi, hosted the first-ever Armed Forces National Conference – SHAPE 2025 on July 26–27, 2025, focusing on sustainable, resilient, and patient-friendly healthcare infrastructure.

▪ Uttarakhand CM Launches Book on Student Wellness

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released book titled “Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education” in Dehradun, emphasizing student-centric policies to address mental health and social challenges in higher education.

▪ Mangaluru Dancer Creates World Record with 170-Hour Bharatanatyam Marathon

Remona Evette Pereira, a 20-year-old Catholic student from St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru, has set a Golden Book of World Records milestone by performing Bharatanatyam for 170 hours straight between July 21–28, 2025, surpassing the previous record of 127 hours.

▪ India’s First Hindi-Medium MBBS College to Open in Jabalpur

Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, will host India’s first Hindi-medium MBBS college, set to begin in the 2027–28 academic session. The college will conduct medical education, examinations, and clinical training entirely in Hindi.

▪ Punjab Lifts Ban on Heritage Sports with Animal Welfare Safeguards

In a historic step to revive Punjab’s cultural heritage, the state government has lifted its 1997 ban on traditional sports like bullock cart, dog, and horse races, as well as pigeon racing. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced that the events will return under strict animal welfare rules, ensuring compassion and dignity while showcasing Punjab’s rural traditions.

SPORTS

- **England Women Retain UEFA Euro Title, Defeat Spain in Historic Final**

England Women's Football Team retained their UEFA Women's Euro title in Basel, Switzerland, defeating world champions Spain in a penalty shoot-out, becoming only the second team to achieve back-to-back European championships under coach Sarina Wiegman.

- **Oscar Piastri Wins 2025 Belgian Grand Prix, Extends Championship Lead**

Oscar Piastri triumphed at the 2025 Belgian Grand Prix in Spa-Francorchamps, fending off teammate and title rival Lando Norris in a demanding wet-dry race to extend his Drivers' Championship lead to 16 points.

- **Divya Deshmukh Wins FIDE Women's Chess World Cup**

19-year-old Divya Deshmukh defeated veteran Koneru Humpy in tiebreaks to win the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup in Batumi, Georgia, becoming India's fourth female Grandmaster.

- **India Shines at FISU World University Games 2025 with 12 Medals**

India finished 20th at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Germany, securing 12 medals — 2 gold, 5 silver, and 5 bronze — across athletics, archery, badminton, and tennis. Japan topped the medal table, followed by China and the USA.

- **World Athletics to Enforce SRY Gene Test for Female Category from September 2025**

From 1 September 2025, World Athletics will require all athletes competing in the female category to undergo a once-in-a-lifetime SRY gene test, a reliable biological marker for determining sex. First implemented at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25, the rule aims to protect the integrity of women's sport by ensuring fair competition. The policy, based on recommendations from the Gender Diverse Athlete Working Group, merges previous DSD and transgender regulations into a unified framework while maintaining strict privacy, dignity, and human rights safeguards.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. A Rajarajan Appointed Director of VSSC**

Dr. A Rajarajan took charge as Director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, on August 1, 2025, succeeding Dr. S Unnikrishnan Nair.

- **Khalid Jamil Appointed Head Coach of Indian Men's Football Team**

In a landmark move, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on August 1, 2025, named Khalid Jamil as the head coach of the Senior Men's National Team. The decision, finalized during a virtual meeting of the AIFF Executive Committee, marks a significant step in shaping the future of Indian football.

AWARDS

- **Yantai Penglai International Airport Named World's Most Beautiful Airport at Prix Versailles 2025**

Yantai Penglai International Airport's Terminal 2 in China has been awarded the title of the world's most beautiful airport at the Prix Versailles Awards 2025, surpassing global icons like Singapore's Changi Airport.

- **71st National Film Awards: Shah Rukh Khan, Rani Mukerji Shine in Historic Wins**

The 71st National Film Awards (2023), announced on August 1, 2025, celebrated cinematic excellence across India, marking a milestone as Shah Rukh Khan won his first-ever Best Actor award for *Jawan* alongside Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*), while Rani Mukerji took Best Actress for *Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*. Regional cinema made a strong impact, with *Bhagavanth Kesari* (Telugu), *Parking* (Tamil), and *Ullozhukku* (Malayalam) among key winners. *12th Fail* won Best Film, *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani* was named Best Popular Film, and *HanuMan* earned top honors in action and AVGC categories. Sudipto Sen's *The Kerala Story* stood out with Best Direction and Best Cinematography.

OBITUARIES

- **Lord Meghnad Desai Passes Away at 85**

Renowned Indian-born British economist, author, and peer Lord Meghnad Desai has died at 85. Celebrated for his intellectual rigor, independent views, and influential contributions to both academia and public discourse, he leaves behind a legacy that deeply connected India and the UK.

- **Biathlon Star Laura Dahlmeier Dies in Mountaineering Accident at 31**

The sports world is grieving the loss of Germany's double Olympic and seven-time world champion Laura Dahlmeier, who died at 31 in a mountaineering accident in Pakistan's Karakoram Range.

- **Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi Passes Away at 86**

Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, eminent academic and social reformer, and former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, passed away on August 1, 2025, she was celebrated for her lifelong contributions to education, gender equality, human rights, and progressive causes, leaving behind a legacy that inspired generations.

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