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1. Sakshi & Bartwal Wins for India in World Boxing Championships

- **Sakshi's Dominant Win:** Sakshi Chaudhary won her bout in the women's 54 kg category with a dominant RSC (Referee Stopped Contest) victory over Ukraine's Viktoriia Shkeul, winning the opening round 5-0.
- **Pawan Bartwal's Hard-Fought Win:** Pawan Bartwal secured a winning start for India in the men's 55 kg bout, defeating Brazil's Michael Douglas Trindade with a split decision (3:2).
- **Contrasting Victories:** Sakshi and Bartwal's wins were contrasting, with Sakshi dominating her opponent while Bartwal had to fight hard for his victory.
- **Other Indian Boxers' Performance:** Thokchom Sanamacha Chanu also won her bout in the 70 kg category, defeating Denmark's Ditte Frostholt 4-1. Other Indian boxers, including Lovlina Borgohain and Hitesh Gulia, received first-round byes.
- **Championships Location and Significance:** The World Boxing Championships are being held in Liverpool, UK, under the aegis of the World Boxing Council.



2. Dharmendra Pradhan releases India Rankings 2025

- **Release of NIRF Rankings 2025:** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the National



Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2025, which evaluates India's higher education institutions across 17 categories.

- **Top Institutions:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras retained its top spot in the overall category for the 7th consecutive year, while the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru ranked second, and IIT Bombay ranked third.
- **New Category Introduced:** A new category on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was introduced in the NIRF 2025 rankings, evaluating institutions based on their performance in sustainability and contributions towards the UN's SDGs. IIT Madras topped this category.
- **Increased Participation:** A total of 14,163 higher education institutions participated in the NIRF rankings 2025, showcasing a significant increase in participation compared to previous years.

3. DPIIT and ICICI Bank Join Hands to Boost Startups

- **Partnership Details:** DPIIT and ICICI Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on September 4, 2025, to support DPIIT-recognized startups across India under the Startup India initiative.
- **Startup Engagement Programme:** The partnership involves launching a Startup Engagement Programme, offering accelerator access, mentorship, and pilot opportunities to early- and growth-stage startups, hosted on the Startup India portal.
- **Key Benefits:** Startups will gain access to ICICI Bank's Mumbai-based accelerator, workspace, structured curriculum, mentorship from industry leaders, and opportunities for pilot programs with ICICI Bank business units.
- **Goals and Objectives:** The initiative aims to nurture the startup ecosystem, provide tangible benefits beyond training and mentorship, and enable startups to fine-tune products, expand operations, and connect with stakeholders.



4. Veteran Spinner Amit Mishra Retires After Two-Decade Cricket Career

- **Retirement Announcement:** Veteran leg-spinner Amit Mishra has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, ending a professional career spanning over two decades.
- **Age and Experience:** Mishra is 42 years old, with a rich experience in the game that has seen him play for various teams, including Haryana.



- **Career Highlights:** Although specific details about his career highlights aren't available in recent reports, Amit Mishra is known for his skills as a leg-spinner and his contributions to Indian cricket.
- **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Participation:** Recent records show Amit Mishra's involvement in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, a T20 tournament in India, where he represented Haryana in matches against teams like Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh.
- **Legacy:** With his retirement, Amit Mishra brings the curtains down on an illustrious career, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered by cricket fans and aspiring players.

5. Piyush Goyal Assumes Charge as Mines Secretary

- **Appointment Details:** Piyush Goyal, a 1994-batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, has officially taken charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Mines on September 4, 2025, replacing V.L. Kantha Rao.
- **Previous Role:** Before this appointment, Goyal served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, where he played a key role in strengthening data and intelligence integration for national security.
- **Key Responsibilities:** As Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Goyal will lead efforts to expand exploration, modernize mining operations, and attract investments while ensuring sustainability and community welfare.
- **Expected Impact:** Goyal's appointment is seen as crucial in advancing sustainable mining practices, attracting private investment, and boosting India's self-reliance in mineral resources, leveraging his experience in data-driven governance.



6. Vivek Chaturvedi appointed as New CBIC Member

- **Appointment Approval:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved Vivek Chaturvedi's appointment as a Member of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- **Background and Experience:** Chaturvedi is a 1990-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer with extensive experience in taxation and customs, having served as Principal Director General of Vigilance and Chief Vigilance Officer at CBIC.



- **Tenure and Predecessor:** He succeeds Vivek Ranjan, whose tenure as Board Member for Tax Policy & Legal ended on August 31, 2025.
- **Expected Impact:** Chaturvedi's appointment is expected to bring significant leadership changes within the CBIC, particularly with the upcoming retirement of the CBIC Chairperson in November 2025.

7. Dr. Meenakshi Pahuja awarded The Prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar

- **Award Details:** Dr. Meenakshi Pahuja was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar in 2018 by President Ram Nath Kovind for her remarkable achievements in open-water swimming.
- **Achievements:** She's a renowned open-water swimmer who has completed numerous marathon swims globally, including crossing rivers, lakes, and oceans in countries like the US, UK, Samoa, and South Africa.
- **Record-Breaking Feats:** Dr. Pahuja is the first Indian to swim across Key West in Florida and complete the Lake Travis Solo in Texas. She's also the first Indian to finish the Tex Robertson Highland Lakes Challenge.
- **Academic Background:** Dr. Pahuja is an Associate Professor of Physical Education at Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, where she inspires students and promotes sports and fitness.



8. Anand V. Patil to Receive Prof. V.K. Gokak Award

- **Award Details:** Anand V. Patil will receive the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award on September 7, 2025, in Bengaluru for his significant contributions to Indian literature, particularly children's literature.
- **Award Namesake:** The award is named after Prof. Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, a renowned literary figure and Jnanpith Award winner who made monumental contributions to Kannada literature.
- **Patil's Achievements:** Anand V. Patil is a distinguished name in Indian literature, especially in children's literature, and has been honored with the Kendra Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Award for his impactful work.
- **Prof. Gokak's Legacy:** Prof. V.K. Gokak was a champion of Kannada literature, serving as a professor, academic leader, and writer across multiple



genres, and enriching both Kannada and English literature with his scholarly and creative output.

9. Teacher's Day is celebrated on 05th September

- **Birth Anniversary:** Teacher's Day in India is celebrated on September 5th to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned philosopher, scholar, and the second President of India.
- **Dr. Radhakrishnan's Legacy:** Dr. Radhakrishnan was a revered teacher and advocate of education who believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". His legacy extends beyond his political career, inspiring generations with his contributions to education and philosophy.
- **Significance:** Teacher's Day highlights the pivotal role teachers play in shaping students' futures, guiding them through wisdom, and imparting knowledge and values. It's an occasion to acknowledge and appreciate the tireless efforts of teachers.
- **Celebrations:** Schools and colleges across India celebrate Teacher's Day with enthusiasm, organizing cultural programs, award ceremonies, and role-reversal activities where students take on the role of teachers. Students express gratitude through heartfelt notes, handmade cards, and gifts.



10. Italian Fashion Icon Giorgio Armani passed away

- Giorgio Armani passed away on September 4, 2025, at the age of 91, as announced by the Armani Group.
- The official cause of Armani's death has not been publicly disclosed. However, he had been recovering from an undisclosed condition and missed Milan Fashion Week in June for the first time in 50 years.
- Armani was a renowned fashion designer who built a \$12.1 billion empire with his eponymous brand, expanding his influence from fashion to various aspects of life.
- A funeral chamber was set up from September 6-7 at Via Bergognone 59 in Milan, where fans and admirers could pay their respects. A private funeral was held for close family and friends.



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