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1. India wins 2nd Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025

- **Final Result and Opponent:** India defeated Chinese Taipei in the final with a score of 35–28 to secure the trophy.
- **Consecutive Titles:** This victory marks India's second consecutive Women's Kabaddi World Cup title, reinforcing their dominance in the sport (they also won the inaugural edition in 2012).
- **Host Nation and Venue:** The tournament was hosted by Bangladesh in Dhaka, marking the first time a Kabaddi World Cup (men's or women's) was held outside India.
- **Unbeaten Campaign:** The Indian team had an unbeaten run throughout the tournament, displaying commanding victories in the group stages, before defeating Iran in the semi-final.
- **Most Valuable Player (MVP):** Indian raider Sanju Devi was adjudged the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament for her consistent and impactful performances, including a decisive Super Raid in the final.



2. India's First Mahe-Class ASW Shallow Water Craft Joins Western Naval Command

- **Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Role:** The primary role of INS Mahe and its class is to conduct Anti-Submarine Operations in coastal and shallow waters (littorals). This is crucial for protecting ports, naval assets, and vital sea lanes from enemy submarines, which are harder to detect in



shallow, cluttered environments.

- **Indigenous Content and Builder:** The vessel is a shining example of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) initiative, built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) with over 80% indigenous content, including its key weapons and sensors.
- **Advanced Capabilities:** Described as a "Silent Hunter," the craft is equipped with state-of-the-art sonar, anti-submarine rockets, and lightweight torpedoes. Its design, featuring water-jet propulsion, ensures high speed, agility, and a shallow draft (under 3 meters) for effective operation near the coastline.
- **Mahe-Class Project:** INS Mahe is the first of eight vessels of this class being built by CSL, which will eventually replace the Indian Navy's aging Abhay-class corvettes. The entire class is set to greatly enhance India's overall coastal defense grid.
- **Strategic Deployment:** Its commissioning into the Western Naval Command places it strategically on the Western Seaboard to counter potential underwater threats and strengthen coastal security along India's western maritime frontier.

3. BEL & Safran Ink JV to Manufacture HAMMER Precision-Guided Weapon

- **Weapon System and Role:** The weapon is the Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range (HAMMER), a combat-proven, smart precision-guided air-to-ground weapon. It is designed to strike hardened targets like bunkers and reinforced shelters with high accuracy from stand-off ranges (up to 370 km).
- **'Make in India' and Indigenisation:** The JV is a major boost to the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) initiative. The agreement mandates a progressive indigenisation level of up to 60% for the HAMMER system, with BEL leading the final assembly, testing, and quality assurance.
- **Joint Venture Structure:** The new entity will be formed as a private limited company in India with a 50:50 shareholding between BEL and Safran Electronics & Defence. Its primary objective is the local manufacturing, supply, and maintenance of the system.
- **Platform Compatibility:** The HAMMER system is critical for the operational readiness of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy. It is already integrated with the IAF's Rafale fighter jets and is planned for integration with the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas. Strategic Rationale: Local production ensures a secure, long-term supply chain and reduces dependency on foreign imports for this critical precision weapon.



4. Sunil Kumar Chugh appointed as Executive Director at Canara Bank

- **Appointment Authority and Tenure:** The appointment was made by the Central Government (Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services) for a period of three years, effective from the date he assumed charge, which was November 24, 2025.
- **Previous Role:** Prior to joining Canara Bank, Mr. Chugh was serving as a Chief General Manager (CGM) at Punjab National Bank (PNB), where he was heading the Hyderabad Zone. His elevation is part of a broader government reshuffle across public sector banks.
- **Extensive Banking Experience:** Mr. Chugh brings over three decades of rich and diverse experience in the banking sector, having served in five different public sector banks, including PNB, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Union Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Dena Bank.
- **Key Areas of Expertise:** His wide-ranging experience covers critical banking functions such as Corporate Credit, Retail, Agri & MSME (RAM) Credit, Financial Inclusion, Stressed Assets Management, and Credit Monitoring, providing him with holistic strategic insight.
- **Role and Significance:** As an Executive Director on the Board of Canara Bank, he will be a key figure in strategic decision-making, governance, and operational efficiency. His appointment aims to strengthen the bank's top leadership to navigate challenges like digital transformation and risk management.



5. Anahat Singh wins Indian Open squash title

- **Championship Victory:** Anahat Singh, the top seed and India's No. 1 women's player, defeated veteran compatriot and former Asian Champion Joshna Chinappa in a captivating five-game final. The score was 3-2 (11-8, 11-13, 11-9, 6-11, 11-9).
- **Significance of the Win:** The victory marked Anahat's 13th PSA Challenger title in her career, achieved at the age of just 17. Defeating a highly experienced player like Joshna Chinappa in a major domestic final is considered a significant "passing-of-the-baton" moment in Indian squash.
- **Tournament Level and Venue:** The event was the SRFI Indian Open 2025 PSA Challenger, held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, on a specialized open-air glass court, bringing a high-profile international squash tournament to the city.
- **Domestic Dominance in 2025:** This title was Anahat Singh's third title of the 2025 season, following her previous wins at the Indian Open event in Mumbai



and the SRFI Indian Tour title in Chennai, solidifying her status as the current top-ranked Indian woman.

- **Age and Future Potential:** The young athlete demonstrated exceptional composure and endurance, particularly in the decisive final game against her 39-year-old opponent. Her performance reinforces her position as one of the brightest talents globally and a key figure for India's future in the sport.

6. Max Verstappen wins the 2025 Las Vegas Grand Prix

- **Dominant Race Performance:** Verstappen, starting P2, took the lead on the very first lap by capitalising on an error from pole-sitter Lando Norris (McLaren) in Turn 1. He then controlled the race, pulling out a lead of over 20 seconds by the end, securing a commanding victory.
- **Double Disqualification Drama:** The results were dramatically altered after the race when both McLaren drivers, Lando Norris (finished 2nd) and Oscar Piastri (finished 4th), were disqualified (DSQ) due to the rearmost skid wear on their cars being found to be below the minimum thickness mandated by the FIA technical regulations.
- **Championship Tightens Significantly:** Verstappen's win, combined with the McLarens' double disqualification, had massive implications for the 2025 Drivers' Championship. It brought Verstappen level on points with Oscar Piastri (366 points each) and narrowed the gap to Championship leader Lando Norris (390 points), setting up a three-way fight in the final two rounds.
- **Fastest Lap and Key Record:** Max Verstappen was in a class of his own, setting the Fastest Lap of the race on the final lap, which also established a new Lap Record for the Las Vegas Strip Circuit.



7. Justice Vikram Nath nominated Executive Chairman of NALSA

- **Constitutional Convention and Authority:** Justice Nath was nominated by the President of India (Droupadi Murmu) under the powers conferred by the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. By convention, this post is held by the second most senior judge of the Supreme Court, succeeding the previous Executive Chairman, Justice Surya Kant (who was sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India).
- **Statutory Mandate of NALSA:** NALSA is a statutory body constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Its core mandate, derived from Article 39A of the Constitution, is to ensure that free and competent legal services are



provided to the economically weaker and marginalized sections of society, thus promoting justice on the basis of equal opportunity.

- **Key Leadership Role:** As Executive Chairman, Justice Nath will be responsible for laying down the policies and principles, framing effective and economical schemes, and monitoring and coordinating the implementation of legal aid programs across the country through the State, District, and Taluk Legal Services Authorities.
- **Prior Role and Experience:** Before this nomination, Justice Nath served as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC), which provides free legal services concerning matters before the apex court. His experience in this capacity provides a direct background in supervising legal aid delivery mechanisms.

8. India Ranks 36th in Global Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025

- **Overall Rank and Scope:** India secured the 36th position in the 2025 CDI. The index typically evaluates 40 of the world's most influential economies (including G20 nations) on policies "beyond aid" that have global spillover effects on development, poverty, and security.
- **Standout Strength (Environment):** India achieved its highest ranking in the Environment component, placing 8th globally (among the top 10). This strong score is primarily attributed to its relatively low greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per capita and its adherence to international environmental agreements, as the index often scales these metrics relative to a country's population or economic size.
- **Key Components of CDI:** The index is a composite measure based on eight equally weighted policy areas. India showed low scores in most other categories as well, including: Investment (31st), Migration (36th), Security (31st), Technology (31st)
- **Income-Adjusted Score:** The CGD also calculates an income-adjusted rank, which compares a country's development contribution to what is expected given its income level.



9. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women observed on 25th November

- **Date's Historical Significance:** November 25th was chosen to honor the Mirabal Sisters (Patria, Minerva, and María Teresa), three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally assassinated on this day in 1960 on the orders of the then-dictator Rafael Trujillo.

- **UN Designation and Goal:** The day was officially designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2000. Its premise is to highlight that violence against women is a major public health problem and one of the most pervasive human rights violations globally, with the scale and true nature of the issue often hidden.
- **2025 Global Theme:** The theme for 2025 is "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls." This focus highlights the rapidly growing threats of technology-facilitated gender-based violence, including cyberstalking, deepfakes, online harassment, and doxxing.
- **Launch of the 16 Days of Activism:** The day marks the launch of the annual "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" campaign. This campaign runs from November 25th until December 10th (Human Rights Day), linking violence against women and human rights.



10. IIM Ranchi Earns Prestigious AMBA Accreditation and 4 Palmes in Eduniversal 2025 Rankings

- **AMBA Accreditation:** Elite Global Status: The accreditation from the Association of MBAs (AMBA) places IIM Ranchi in the top 2% of global business schools. AMBA is one of the most prestigious and selective international benchmarks, focusing exclusively on postgraduate management education (MBA, MBM, and DBA programs).
- **Rigorous Quality Benchmark:** The AMBA accreditation was awarded after a meticulous review process that assessed several key areas, including curriculum innovation, pedagogical quality (teaching methods), student learning experience, and the career outcomes achieved by its graduates.
- **Palmes of Excellence in Eduniversal:** IIM Ranchi was recognized with 4 Palmes of Excellence in the Eduniversal Best Business Schools Ranking 2025. This classification is reserved for institutions with significant international influence and growing global academic engagement.
- **Eduniversal Evaluation Criteria:** The Eduniversal ranking system evaluates over 1,000 business schools across 154 countries. The assessment leading to the 4 Palmes takes into account factors like the institution's international reputation, academic influence, strength of its partnership networks, and global visibility, often validated through peer assessment (Deans' votes).



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