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- **Historic Victory:** India secured its first-ever international victory over Oman, winning the bronze medal in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025. This marks India's first medal finish at the tournament.
- **Penalty Shootout Win:** The match ended 1-1 in regulation time, with Udanta Singh scoring India's equalizer. India won 3-2 in the penalty shootout, thanks to goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's crucial saves.
- **Gurpreet's Heroics:** Gurpreet Singh Sandhu was instrumental in securing the win, saving the final penalty kick from Oman and helping India clinch the bronze medal.
- **Tournament Debut:** India marked their debut appearance in the CAFA Nations Cup with a third-place finish, defeating higher-ranked Oman in the process.



2. India & Israel Sign Bilateral Investment Agreement

- **Landmark Agreement:** The agreement was signed between Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich in New Delhi, marking a significant step in promoting investments between the two countries.



- **Protection for Investors:** The treaty ensures that Israeli investors in India and Indian investors in Israel receive protection, adhering to international precedents and practices, including a minimum standard of treatment and non-discrimination.
- **Dispute Settlement:** The agreement provides for an independent forum for dispute settlement through arbitration, boosting investor confidence and comfort level.
- **Investment Promotion:** Israel has made \$337.77 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) in India between April 2000 and June 2025, and this agreement aims to further enhance economic ties and explore financial protocols for Israeli exporters.

3. François Bayrou Ousted as French Prime Minister

- **Vote of No Confidence:** Bayrou's government collapsed after a decisive vote of no confidence in the National Assembly, with 364 lawmakers voting against him and only 194 in favor.
- **Controversial Austerity Measures:** The no-confidence motion was triggered due to Bayrou's minority government pushing for controversial austerity measures, which ultimately led to his ousting.
- **Heavy Defeat:** The vote marked a significant defeat for Bayrou, who had staked his leadership on the austerity measures, indicating a loss of trust from the lawmakers.
- **Collapse of Administration:** The vote has officially ended Bayrou's tenure as Prime Minister, bringing his administration to an end.



4. Carlos Alcaraz Defeats Jannik Sinner to Win Second US Open Title

- **Second US Open Title:** Carlos Alcaraz won his second US Open title by defeating Jannik Sinner in the final with a score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
- **Dominant Performance:** Alcaraz delivered a dominant performance, showcasing his aggressive gameplay and securing his sixth Grand Slam title at just 22 years old.
- **Rivalry Intensifies:** This victory intensifies the rivalry between Alcaraz and Sinner, who have now met in three consecutive Grand Slam finals this year, with Alcaraz winning six of their seven meetings since 2024.



- **Return to World Number One:** Alcaraz's win propels him back to the top of the ATP rankings, displacing Sinner, and marks a significant milestone in his career.

5. India to Host 28th Asian TT Team Championships

- **Event Details:** The championships will take place from October 11 to 15, 2025, at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- **First-Time Host:** This will be the first time Odisha has hosted an Asian-level table tennis event, although the state previously hosted the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Cuttack.
- **Top-Tier Competition:** The event will feature men's and women's team competitions, showcasing Asia's top table tennis athletes.
- **Qualifying Tournament:** The championships will serve as a qualifying tournament for the 2026 ITTF World Team Championships, with the top 13 teams in each category securing spots.



6. Alia Bhatt Becomes Global Brand Ambassador for Levi's

- **New Era of Denim:** Alia Bhatt's partnership with Levi's marks a new era for the brand, focusing on comfort, style, and self-expression in denim fashion.
- **Cultural Alignment:** The partnership is seen as a cultural alignment, with Alia embodying the effortless balance between global recognition and personal style, resonating across generations.
- **Shift in Silhouette:** The collaboration coincides with a shift in women's fashion towards relaxed, style-led, and comfort-first denim fits, reflecting a broader cultural pivot.
- **Denim as Self-Expression:** Levi's and Alia Bhatt share a belief that denim is not just fashion but a canvas for individuality, celebrating personal stories and memories associated with jeans.



7. Harshavardhan Chitale Named Hero MotoCorp CEO from Jan 2026

- **Effective Date:** Harshavardhan Chitale will take over as CEO of Hero MotoCorp on January 5, 2026, as announced by the company in a filing after its board meeting on September 8, 2025.



- **Background:** Chitale brings over 30 years of global leadership experience, having previously served as Global CEO of Signify's €4 Billion Professional Business, overseeing 12,000 employees across 70 countries.
- **Previous Roles:** Before Signify, he was Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Philips Lighting India, successfully spinning off the business into a standalone public company.
- **Transition:** Current Acting CEO Vikram Kasbekar will resign from his role but continue as Executive Director and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the company after Chitale takes over.

8. Manoj Shashidhar appointed to the post of Special Director in CBI

- **Appointment Details:** Manoj Shashidhar, a 1994-batch IPS officer of the Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) till the date of his superannuation, November 30, 2030.
- **Current Role:** Shashidhar is currently serving as Additional Director in the CBI and has been elevated to the rank of Special Director, restoring the post which operates at the grade of Additional Director.
- **Leadership Strengthening:** This appointment aims to strengthen the leadership structure of the CBI, enabling the agency to tackle modern-day crime, cyber threats, and corruption-related investigations more effectively.
- **Experience and Skills:** Shashidhar brings decades of policing experience, commitment to integrity, and a proven record of service in investigative and administrative roles, making him a suitable candidate for the position.



9. Camel International Award to Younus Ahamed

- **Award Recognition:** Younus Ahamed has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to global business leadership with the Camel International Award 2025.
- **Current Role:** Ahamed serves as the Executive Director of Dotspace Coworking in the Middle East, showcasing his expertise in leadership and business management.
- **Research Background:** As a researcher in Computer Vision and Deep Learning, Ahamed has worked on object detection and medical image analysis, publishing papers on pediatric bone age prediction and satellite detection using deep learning techniques.



- **Academic Affiliation:** Ahamed is a PhD student in Computer Science at West Virginia University, focusing on digital health using machine learning and deep learning under Dr. Donald Adjero's guidance.

10. Veteran Journalist Sankarshan Thakur, passed away

- **Journalistic Legacy:** Thakur was known for his fearless reporting style and commitment to fieldwork, distinguishing him from his peers. He covered major events like the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, and the conflict in Sri Lanka.
- **Editorial Roles:** Thakur held key editorial positions in prominent publications, including The Telegraph, Indian Express, and Tehelka. At the time of his passing, he was the editor of The Telegraph.
- **Bihar's Political Landscape:** Thakur's reporting brought Bihar's politics to national attention, and his books, such as "Subaltern Saheb" and "The Brothers Bihari," are considered seminal works on the subject. His writing combined rigorous field research with engaging storytelling.
- **Awards and Recognition:** Thakur received the Prem Bhatia Award in 2001 and the Appan Menon Fellowship in 2003, recognizing his excellence in journalism.



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