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#### 1. Indian Men's Hockey Team Crowned Asia Cup Champions 2025

- **Victory Over South Korea:** India beat South Korea 4-1 in the thrilling final of the Hockey Asia Cup 2025, held at the Rajgir Sports Complex.
- **Fourth Asia Cup Title:** This victory marked India's fourth Asia Cup title, adding to their previous wins in 2003, 2007, and 2017.
- **Direct Qualification to World Cup:** The win earned India direct qualification to the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, scheduled to take place in the Netherlands next year. They are now one of the eight confirmed entrants for the World Cup.
- **Dilpreet Singh's Brilliance:** Dilpreet Singh led the Indian team to victory and was named Player of the Match for his incredible performance against Korea in the final. He scored two goals, one just before the half-hour mark and another in the 45th minute.



#### 2. Japan PM Shigeru Ishiba Resigns

- **Reason for Resignation:** Shigeru Ishiba resigned as the Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) after the party's historic electoral defeat in the July 2025 polls, where the ruling coalition lost its majority.



- **Tenure and Timeline:** Ishiba took office in October 2024 and served for less than a year, announcing his resignation on September 7, 2025.
- **Implications for Japanese Politics:** Ishiba's resignation may lead to political instability, slowing legislative progress and disrupting diplomatic continuity, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, ahead of the 2026 general elections.

### 3. Anutin Charnvirakul Elected Thailand's New PM

- **Election Outcome:** Anutin Charnvirakul secured over 247 votes in the Thai Parliament, winning the majority vote in the House of Representatives, which has 492 active members.
- **Background:** Charnvirakul, 58, is the leader of the Bhumjaithai party and has previously served in the government as Health Minister, where he successfully lobbied for the decriminalization of cannabis in Thailand.
- **Predecessor's Departure:** He succeeds Paetongtarn Shinawatra, who was dismissed from office by the court due to ethics violations, specifically engaging in a phone call with Cambodia's Senate President Hun Sen that led to a conflict between countries.
- **Coalition Experience:** Charnvirakul was part of Shinawatra's Cabinet and has experience working in coalition governments, including with the Pheu Thai party and the military-backed government under former Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha.



#### Foot notes:

##### About Thailand-

- **King:** Maha Vajiralongkorn
- **Capital:** Bangkok
- **Currency:** Thai Baht
- **Official language:** Thai

### 4. Citibank Appoints Kaustubh Kulkarni as Asia-Pacific IB Co-Head

- **Appointment Details:** Kaustubh Kulkarni has been appointed as the co-head of investment banking for the Asia-Pacific region at Citibank, effective December 2025, pending regulatory approvals. He will be based in Singapore.



- **Experience and Background:** Kulkarni brings nearly three decades of experience from his previous role at JPMorgan, where he held several senior positions, including Senior Country Officer for India, Vice Chair for Asia Pacific, and Head of Investment Banking in India.
- **Key Responsibilities:** He will work alongside Jan Metzger, Citibank's current regional head of investment banking, to oversee operations across Japan, North Asia, Australia, and South Asia, focusing on deal-making capabilities and capturing investment banking opportunities.
- **Strategic Importance:** This appointment is part of Citibank's strategy to expand its investment banking reach in key Asia-Pacific markets, driven by growing deal activity in sectors like technology, healthcare, and renewable energy.

#### Foot notes:

#### About Citibank-

- **CEO:** Sunil Garg
- **Headquarters:** New York
- **Founded:** 1812

### 5. Yusha Nafees, Rudra Singh Win U-19 Titles at Indian Junior Open Squash

- **Yusha Nafees' Comeback Win:** Yusha Nafees rallied from two games down to defeat Rachit Shah in a thrilling five-game match, showcasing remarkable grit and potential. He won the match 8-11, 5-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-2.
- **Rudra Singh's Dominant Performance:** Rudra Singh clinched the girls' U-19 title, overcoming Vyomika Khandelwal in straight games with a score of 11-7, 13-11, 11-2. Singh's composure and maturity were evident in her dominant performance.
- **Tournament Participation:** The Indian Junior Open Squash Championships saw an impressive 520 entries across 12 events, featuring high-quality squash from India's brightest young talents.
- **Previous Achievements:** Yusha Nafees played a key role in helping the Indian boys' team win bronze at the Asian Junior Team Championships earlier this year, showcasing his growing potential.



### 6. Max Verstappen Wins 2025 Italian Grand Prix

- **Dominant Victory:** Max Verstappen delivered a masterclass performance, winning the Italian Grand Prix by over 19 seconds ahead of Lando Norris. This marked his





third win of the 2025 season and second victory on Italian soil.

- **Thrilling Start:** The race began with a thrilling duel between Verstappen and Norris, with the Red Bull driver ultimately taking the lead on lap four and maintaining it throughout the race.
- **Pit Stop Drama:** McLaren pitted Oscar Piastri first, but Lando Norris' slow pit stop dropped him behind Piastri. However, the team ordered Piastri to let Norris pass, citing fairness, and Norris reclaimed second place.
- **Fastest Race in History:** The 2025 Italian Grand Prix broke the record for the fastest race in F1 history, with the race completed in one hour and 13 minutes.

## 7. Skechers Signs Mohammed Siraj as Brand Ambassador

- **Partnership Details:** Skechers has signed Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj as its newest brand ambassador to strengthen its presence in India's growing cricket footwear market. Siraj will represent Skechers cricket footwear and feature in the brand's performance and lifestyle campaigns.
- **Siraj's Role:** As a brand ambassador, Siraj will wear Skechers cricket footwear during matches, including those for Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League. He'll also participate in marketing campaigns across Skechers' performance and lifestyle divisions.
- **Existing Roster:** With this partnership, Siraj joins fellow cricketers Jasprit Bumrah, Ishan Kishan, and Yastika Bhatia on Skechers' athlete roster, further strengthening the brand's presence in Indian cricket.



## 8. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar Sworn in as Bombay HC Chief

- **Swearing-in Ceremony:** Justice Shree Chandrashekhar was officially sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court on September 5, 2025, at a formal ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, where the oath was administered by Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan.
- **Background and Experience:** Justice Chandrashekhar had previously served as the Acting Chief Justice after Justice Alok Aradhe's elevation to the Supreme Court of India, giving him valuable experience in managing the High Court's caseload and administrative responsibilities.
- **Judicial Significance:** The Bombay High Court, established in 1862, is one of India's oldest and most influential, with jurisdiction over Maharashtra, Goa, and

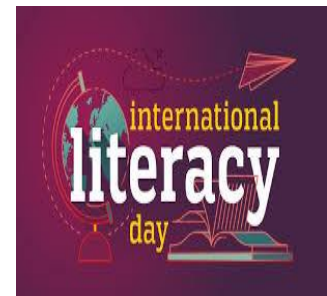


Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. As Chief Justice, Chandrashekhar will oversee judicial efficiency, uphold constitutional values, and guide legal reforms.

- **Expectations from Tenure:** Justice Chandrashekhar's tenure is expected to strengthen judicial administration and delivery in the High Court, focusing on digitization, reducing case backlog, and improving public access to justice.

## 9. International Literacy Day observed on 08th September

- **Significance:** International Literacy Day highlights the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right and a key component of lifelong learning, emphasizing its role in personal and societal development.
- **History:** The day was officially declared by UNESCO in 1965 and first celebrated on September 8, 1966, to emphasize the need for concerted international efforts to combat illiteracy.
- **Global Challenges:** Despite progress, about 773 million adults worldwide still lack basic literacy skills, with women accounting for two-thirds of this number, underscoring the ongoing challenges in promoting literacy globally.
- **Digital Literacy:** In today's digital era, literacy extends beyond traditional reading and writing skills to include digital literacy, which enables people to access, understand, and engage with digital content safely and critically.



## 10. Kokichi Akuzawa sets a Guinness World Record as Oldest man to summit Mount Fuji

- **Record-Breaking Age:** Kokichi Akuzawa, 102 years and 51 days old, became the oldest person to climb Mount Fuji, breaking the previous record held by Ichijiro Araya.
- **Training and Experience:** Akuzawa is an experienced climber and honorary chairman of the Gunma Mountaineering Club, with a habit of climbing mountains almost weekly. He trained specifically for the Mount Fuji climb by walking for an hour every morning.
- **Assistance and Support:** Akuzawa was assisted by his 70-year-old daughter, Motoe, during the climb. He credited her support as crucial in helping him reach the summit, especially when he felt like giving up on the third day.



- **Challenging Climb:** Akuzawa took three days to complete the climb, spending two nights in mountain huts. The climb was challenging due to decreasing atmospheric pressure and oxygen levels near the summit, as well as colder temperatures.



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