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1. Indian shooter Tejaswani claims Gold at ISSF Junior World Cup

Indian shooter Tejaswini clinched the gold medal in the women's 25m pistol event at the 2025 ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. The 20-year-old from Haryana delivered an impressive performance, scoring 31 hits in the final to secure her first individual World Cup medal. Her victory was pivotal in propelling India to the top of the medal standings, surpassing China. Alina Nestsiarovich, competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete, earned the silver with 29 hits, while Hungary's Miriam Jako took bronze with 23 hits. Tejaswini's consistent shooting throughout the competition showcased her skill and determination. This achievement not only marks a significant milestone in her career but also underscores India's growing prominence in the international shooting arena.



Foot notes:

- **Performance:** She scored 31 out of 50 in the final, outperforming Alina Nestsiarovich (29) of Belarus and Miriam Jako (23) of Hungary, who won silver and bronze respectively.
- **Qualification:** Tejaswani qualified for the final in fourth place with a total score of 575, achieved by scoring 282 in the precision stage and 293 in the rapid stage.
- **India's Medal Tally:** Tejaswani's win contributed to India's top position in the medal tally with 11 medals, including 3 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze. China finished second with 3 gold and 1 bronze medal.
- **Other Indian Medalists:** Other Indian shooters who won medals at the event include Shambhavi Shravan Kshirsagar (gold in women's 10m air rifle), Kanak

(gold in women's 10m air pistol), and Adriyan Karmakar (silver in men's 50m rifle prone and bronze in men's 50m rifle 3 positions).

2. Nicusor Dan assumes office as President of Romania

Nicusor Dan has officially assumed office as the President of Romania, marking a significant shift in the country's political landscape. Known for his background in mathematics and civic activism, Dan rose to prominence as a reformist voice advocating transparency and good governance. His presidential campaign focused on anti-corruption, infrastructure development, and improving public services. Dan's election reflects growing public demand for change and accountability in Romanian politics. He previously served as the Mayor of Bucharest, where he gained recognition for his urban development initiatives. As President, Dan is expected to bring a pragmatic and reform-oriented approach to Romania's national and international affairs.



Foot notes:

- **Election Victory:** Dan won the presidential runoff election on May 18, 2025, securing 53.6% of the votes and defeating George Simion, leader of the Alliance for the Union of Romanians.
- **Agenda for Change:** In his inaugural address, Dan emphasized the need for "fundamental change" within the framework of the rule of law, urging citizens to maintain "positive pressure" on state institutions to drive reform.
- **Pro-EU Stance:** As a pro-European centrist, Dan has vowed to keep Romania on its "pro-Western" path, supporting Ukraine and defending democracy and citizens' rights.
- **Challenges Ahead:** Dan faces significant challenges, including economic issues such as a deficit problem and political strife, and has called for the formation of a majority government to assume fiscal reforms and ensure financial stability.

About Rome:

Country: Italy

Founded: 753 BC

3. 'Mysore Pak' renamed 'Mysore Shree'

The iconic South Indian sweet, 'Mysore Pak', has been officially renamed 'Mysore Shree'. This change was introduced to give the traditional delicacy a more culturally resonant and respectful identity. 'Mysore Shree' is seen as a tribute to the royal heritage of Mysuru, where the sweet



originated during the reign of the Wodeyar dynasty. The renaming aims to enhance its appeal in modern markets while preserving its historical roots. Culinary experts and local residents have expressed mixed reactions, with some embracing the change and others preferring the original name. Despite the new title, the recipe and taste of the beloved sweet remain unchanged.

Foot notes:

- The term "Pak" in Mysore Pak actually comes from the Kannada word "paaka," referring to the process of cooking food by heating or the sticky sugar syrup used in the sweet, and not from Pakistan.
- Several iconic sweet shops in Jaipur, including Tyohaar Sweets and Bombay Misthan Bhandar, have undertaken this rebranding initiative, replacing "Pak" with alternatives like "Shree" or "Bharat".

About Mysore:

State: Karnataka

Official language: Kannada

4. Sumariwalla earns Asian Athletics leadership award in South Korea

Adille J. Sumariwalla, Vice President of World Athletics and former President of the Athletics Federation of India, was honored with the Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin during the Asian Athletics Association Congress held in Gumi, South Korea, on May 25, 2025. General Dahlan Al Hamad, President of the Asian Athletics Association, presented the award to Sumariwalla, recognizing his significant contributions to the sport of athletics in Asia. This accolade highlights Sumariwalla's impactful leadership and dedication to advancing athletics across the continent. As a former Olympian and seasoned sports administrator, Sumariwalla continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of athletics in Asia.



Foot notes:

- **Award Ceremony:** Sumariwalla was conferred with the Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin at the Asian Athletics Association Congress held in Gumi, South Korea, on May 25, 2025.
- **Award Presenter:** The award was presented by Asian Athletics Association President General Dahlan Al Hamad, recognizing Sumariwalla's contributions to the growth and leadership of athletics in Asia.

- **Sumariwalla's Position:** As Vice President of World Athletics and former President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), Sumariwalla has been instrumental in promoting athletics in India and globally.
- **AFI's Achievement:** Under Sumariwalla's leadership, the AFI was awarded the best member federation by the Asian Athletics Association in 2023, highlighting the federation's outstanding work in promoting athletics.

5. Janet Jackson honoured with Icon Award at 2025 American Music Awards

At the 2025 American Music Awards held on May 26 in Las Vegas, Janet Jackson was honored with the prestigious Icon Award, recognizing her profound influence on pop music over the decades. This accolade marked her return to the AMAs stage after a seven-year hiatus, during which she delivered a captivating performance of her hits "Someone to Call My Lover" and "All for You". She highlighted that their success story is emblematic of the American dream, achievable through dedication and hard work. Jackson also took the opportunity to thank her team, fans, and family, acknowledging their unwavering support throughout her career.



Foot notes:

- **Icon Award Recognition:** Janet Jackson received the prestigious Icon Award at the 2025 American Music Awards, recognizing her decades-long impact on the music industry and undeniable cultural influence.
- **First Performance in 7 Years:** The ceremony marked Jackson's first television performance in seven years, where she sang a medley of her hits, including "Someone To Call My Lover" and "All For You".
- **Heartfelt Acceptance Speech:** Jackson delivered a heartfelt acceptance speech, reflecting on her career and values, stating, "I don't consider myself an icon... My family, myself, our dream was to... it wasn't ever to be famous, we weren't always like that. We always had a special love for music, dancing, and singing."
- **Celebrating 50 Years in Music:** The Icon Award honors Jackson's 50-year career in the music industry, marked by numerous accolades, including 5 Grammy Awards, 2 Emmy Awards, and over 180 million records sold worldwide.

6. Mahendra Gurjar Creates New World Record In Men's Javelin Throw

Indian para-athlete Mahendra Gurjar set a new world record in the men's F42 javelin throw at the 2025 Nottwil World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Switzerland. On May 26, Gurjar achieved a remarkable throw of 61.17 meters on his



third attempt, surpassing the previous world record of 59.19 meters set by Brazil's Roberto Floriani Edenilson in 2022. His earlier throws measured 56.11m and 55.51m, followed by subsequent throws of 58.54m, 57.25m, and 58.07m. The F42 classification is designated for athletes with moderate movement impairment in one leg. Gurjar's achievement not only secured him the gold medal in his category but also highlighted India's growing prominence in para-athletics.

Foot notes:

- **Record-Breaking Throw:** Mahendra Gurjar set a new world record in the men's F42 javelin category with a throw of 61.17 meters at the Nottwil World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Switzerland.
- **Previous Record:** Gurjar broke the previous record of 59.19 meters set by Brazil's Roberto Floriani Edenilson in 2022.
- **Achievement:** This achievement marked Gurjar's exceptional skill and strength as a para athlete, competing in a combined event with athletes from F40, F57, F63, and F64 categories.
- **Gold Medal:** Gurjar won the gold medal in the F42 category with his record-breaking throw, which came on his third attempt after throws of 56.11 meters and 55.51 meters.

7. Madhur Agrawal appointed as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs

Madhur Agrawal, a 2009-batch officer of the Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS), has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) under the Central Staffing Scheme. The Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) issued the formal appointment order on May 26, 2025. His tenure is set for five years from the date he assumes charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Agrawal was recommended for this central deputation by the Ministry of Railways. Alongside him, Vineet Satyanarayanan Nair, a 2011-batch officer of the Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES), has also been appointed as Director in the MHA.



Foot notes:

- **Central Staffing Scheme:** The appointment is under the Central Staffing Scheme, and Agrawal will serve in the post until further orders or the completion of the five-year term, whichever is earlier.
- **Background:** Agrawal was recommended for central deputation by the Ministry of Railways, and the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has instructed the respective ministries to facilitate his immediate release to assume the new role.

- **Simultaneous Appointment:** Vineet Satyanarayanan Nair, a 2011-batch officer of the Indian Defence Estates Service (IDES), has also been appointed as Director in the MHA alongside Agrawal.

8. Rahul Kanwal formally taken charge as NDTV's new Chief Executive Officer

Veteran journalist Rahul Kanwal has officially assumed the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief at NDTV as of May 26, 2025. With over 25 years of experience in Indian broadcast journalism, Kanwal is renowned for his expertise in political reporting, election analysis, and investigative journalism. Kanwal's academic credentials are notable; he is an alumnus of Delhi University, a Chevening Scholar with a specialization in International Broadcast Journalism from Cardiff University, and has completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School.



Foot notes:

- **Background:** Kanwal is a veteran journalist with over 25 years of experience, having previously held leadership roles at India Today, Aaj Tak, and Business Today.
- **Qualifications:** He's an alumnus of Harvard Business School's General Management Program and a Chevening Scholar, having studied journalism at Delhi University and International Broadcast Journalism at Cardiff University.
- **NDTV's Legacy:** Kanwal expressed his excitement to infuse new life and energy into the marquee news brand, acknowledging NDTV's four-decade legacy of credibility and trust through path-breaking journalism.

About NDTV:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Launched: 2003

9. BISSELL ropes in Kareena Kapoor Khan as brand ambassador

BISSELL, a global leader in homecare appliances, has appointed Bollywood icon Kareena Kapoor Khan as its brand ambassador for India. This collaboration aims to strengthen BISSELL's presence in the Indian market by offering advanced cleaning solutions tailored for modern Indian homes. In BISSELL's upcoming campaign, Kareena embodies a fusion of style, strength, and functionality, reflecting the brand's innovative cleaning products. Max Bissell, President of Global Markets at BISSELL Homecare



Inc., stated that Kareena represents the modern Indian consumer: discerning, forward-thinking, and committed to creating a healthy home environment.

Foot notes:

- **Brand Fit:** Kareena Kapoor Khan's elegance, modern sensibility, and strong connection with Indian households align with BISSELL's vision of a cleaner, more effortless lifestyle, making her a perfect fit for the brand.
- **Campaign Focus:** The partnership involves Kareena featuring in BISSELL's upcoming campaign, showcasing the brand's cleaning solutions in a bold new avatar that embodies style, strength, and functionality.
- **Market Expansion:** With Kareena's support, BISSELL aims to inspire more Indian households to adopt smarter, more stylish cleaning solutions, expanding its footprint in the country and transforming homecare into a lifestyle choice.

About BISSELL:

Founded: 1876

Founder: Melville Bissell

Headquarters: U.S.

10. International Crop Dusters' Day observed on 27th May

International Crop Duster's Day is observed annually on May 27 to honor the contributions of aerial applicators in agriculture. Established by Bobby Wheat in 2010, the date commemorates the tragic loss of his friend, Rocky Daly, in a mid-air collision. The day recognizes the vital role of crop dusters in ensuring a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply. Aerial applicators have been instrumental in the agricultural industry for over a century, providing essential services that support global food production. The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) continues to celebrate this day, acknowledging the dedication and hard work of these professionals.



Foot notes:

- The day recognizes the importance of crop dusters in agriculture, particularly in aerial application of pesticides, fertilizers, and seeds.
- Crop dusters play a vital role in protecting crops from pests and diseases, and helping farmers increase crop yields.
- The day acknowledges the skill and expertise of crop duster pilots who operate these specialized aircraft.

- International Crop Dusters' Day promotes awareness about the contributions of crop dusters to global food security and sustainable agriculture practices.

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