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1. Magnus Carlsen Wins SuperUnited Chess 2025

- **Dominant Victory**: Magnus Carlsen won the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia, securing the title with a round to spare.
- **Blitz Prowess**: Despite starting the rapid section in third place, Carlsen showcased exceptional form in the blitz portion, ultimately clinching the overall victory.
- **Consistency Pays Off:** Carlsen finished with a total of 22.5/36 points, maintaining a significant lead over his competitors.
- Sixth Consecutive Win: This win marked Carlsen's sixth straight tournament victory in 2025 and his tenth Grand Chess Tour rapid and blitz title out of twelve appearances.
- **Podium Finish for Gukesh**: Indian World Champion D. Gukesh, who initially led the rapid section, finished impressively in third place overall.

2. Indonesia will host Artistic Gymnastics World Championships 2025

- **Historic First**: Indonesia will make history by becoming the first Southeast Asian nation to host the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships.
- **Dates and Venue**: The 53rd edition of the championships will take place from October 19 to 25, 2025, at the Indonesia Arena in Senayan, Jakarta.





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- **Record Participation**: The event is set to be the largest to date, with a record 86 countries and regions already registered, surpassing the usual attendance of around 70.
- **Individual Focus**: As a post-Olympic year championship, the event will focus on individual competitions across ten apparatus titles (six for men and four for women), crowning new men's and women's All-Around champions.
- **Catalyst for Development**: Hosting this prestigious event is seen as a significant opportunity for Indonesia to boost the development of gymnastics within the country and inspire a new generation of athletes.

3. Sabih Khan Appointed as Apple's Next COO

- Successor to Jeff Williams: Sabih Khan has been officially appointed as Apple's new Chief Operating Officer, taking over from the outgoing Jeff Williams as part of a long-planned succession.
- Long-standing Apple Veteran: Khan has been with Apple for three decades, joining in 1995. He has

steadily risen through the ranks, most recently serving as Senior Vice President of Operations since 2019.

• **Master of Supply Chain**: He is widely recognized as a central architect of Apple's global supply chain, overseeing critical functions like planning, procurement, manufacturing, logistics, and product fulfillment.

4. Haryana to Develop Asia's Largest Jungle Safari in Aravalli Hills

- **Gigantic 10,000-acre park**: The safari will span roughly 10,000 acres across Gurugram and Nuh districts, making it five times larger than the biggest curated safari outside Africa (Sharjah Safari)
- Diverse zones & attractions: It will include four big-cat enclosures, a herpetarium, aviary, herbivore section, exotic animal zone, an underwater world, multiple biomes (equatorial, tropical, coastal, desert), botanical gardens, nature trails, and visitor facilities



• Eco-friendly & conservation focus: Designed with sustainable infrastructure and modern eco-tourism practices, the project aims to conserve the rich biodiversity of the Aravallis, home to over 180 bird species, 15 mammal species, 29 reptile/aquatic species, and 57 butterfly species



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5. India Finish 3rd At World Police and Fire Games 2025

- **Impressive Overall Performance**: India secured a remarkable third position in the overall medal tally at the World Police and Fire Games 2025 held in Birmingham, Alabama, USA.
- Significant Medal Haul: The Indian contingent amassed a total of 588 medals (some sources state 560), including 280 gold, 178 silver, and 130 bronze,
- showcasing exceptional athletic prowess across various disciplines.
- **Key Contributors**: Personnel from various Indian police and paramilitary forces, including the Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and notably the Uttar Pradesh Police, were major contributors to the medal count.
- **UP Police's Outstanding Contribution**: The Uttar Pradesh Police contingent alone secured a record 95 medals, the highest by any Indian unit, including 45 gold, highlighting their strong performance in disciplines like athletics, swimming, wrestling, and more.

6. Lando Norris Steals The Win At British Grand Prix

- **Home Soil Triumph**: Lando Norris secured his first-ever win at his home race, the British Grand Prix, in front of a cheering Silverstone crowd, making a long-held dream come true.
- **Dramatic Wet-Dry Conditions**: The race was highly eventful, with mixed wet and dry conditions creating chaos, multiple safety car periods, and strategic challenges for all drivers.
- **Capitalized on Opportunities**: Norris, starting third, expertly navigated the changing conditions, taking advantage of a spin by Max Verstappen and a controversial 10-second penalty for his teammate Oscar Piastri to seize the lead.
- McLaren 1-2 Finish: The victory also marked a strong 1-2 finish for McLaren, with Oscar Piastri coming in second despite his penalty, showcasing the team's strong performance.
- **Championship Gap Narrowed**: Norris's win significantly narrowed the championship gap to his teammate Oscar Piastri, making the title fight even more intense with 12 races remaining in the season.

7. Priyanka Kakkar appointed Co-President of BRICS CCI Women's Wing







- **Key Appointment**: Priyanka Kakkar, the chief spokesperson of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has been appointed as the Co-President of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI)
 - Women's Wing.
- **Two-Year Term**: Her appointment is for a two-year period, specifically for the financial years 2025 to 2027.
- **Recognition of Leadership**: The BRICS CCI cited her ________ "remarkable leadership, passion for inclusivity, and steadfast commitment to empowering women" as the reasons for this significant appointment.
- **Role in Women's Empowerment**: In her new role, she will be instrumental in guiding the strategic direction of the Women's Wing, mentoring emerging women leaders, and promoting an equitable and opportunity-driven ecosystem across BRICS+ nations.
- **AAP's Growing Global Presence**: This appointment marks a significant milestone for the Aam Aadmi Party, as it now gains representation at a prominent multilateral economic platform like BRICS.

8. Hardeep Singh Brar named President & CEO of BMW India

- New Leadership Role: Hardeep Singh Brar has been appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer of BMW Group India, effective September 1, 2025.
- **Successor to Vikram Pawah**: He will be taking over from Vikram Pawah, who is moving to lead BMW Group Australia and New Zealand as CEO.
- Extensive Automotive Background: Brar brings over 30 years of experience in the Indian automotive industry, having held senior leadership roles at various major brands including Kia India (most recently as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing), Maruti-Suzuki, Volkswagen, General Motors, and Nissan.
- **Strategic Appointment for India**: His appointment underscores India's importance as one of the fastest-growing markets for BMW Group, and his deep understanding of the local industry is expected to strengthen BMW's operations.
- Educational Background: He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Punjab, and is an alumnus of Harvard Business School's Senior Executive Leadership Program.

9. Former CJ Shrestha to receive Hem Bahadur Malla Award







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- **Prestigious Recognition**: Former Chief Justice of Nepal, Kalyan Shrestha, will be honored with the Hem Bahadur Malla Award, a national-level award in Nepal.
- Judicial Leadership and Development: The award recognizes his significant contributions to judicial leadership and the institutional development of the judiciary in Nepal.
- Role in Key National Events: His judicial activism was notable during crucial periods, including the end of the decade-long conflict, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and the Constituent Assembly elections.
- Advocate for Justice: Shrestha's thoughts, stances, and judgments on issues like transitional justice, inclusive democracy, and environmental justice have been recognized as historically significant.
- **25th Chief Justice of Nepal**: Kalyan Shrestha served as the 25th Chief Justice of Nepal, having risen through the ranks as a judge in various courts before reaching the Supreme Court.

10. Former HUL Chairman SM Datta passed away

- Susim Mukul (S.M.) Datta, a former chairman of Hindustan Unilever (HUL), passed away in Mumbai at the age of 89 on Saturday, July 5, 2025.
- He was widely known as the "merger magician" for spearheading major mergers and acquisitions during his tenure, significantly expanding HUL's portfolio.
- Datta oversaw the landmark merger of Tata Oil Mills Company (TOMCO) with HUL in 1994, and also led acquisitions of brands like Kissan, Brooke Bond, and Lipton, diversifying HUL into the foods segment.
- Datta served as Chairman of Hindustan Lever Limited (HLL, now HUL) and all Unilever companies in India and Nepal from 1990 to 1996, having started his career as a management trainee with HUL in 1956.









