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1. Rishabh Yadav wins India's first medal in World Games 2025

- **Medal Details:** Rishabh Yadav defeated Abhishek Verma 149-147 in the bronze medal match, showcasing exceptional skill and composure under pressure.
- **Path to the Podium:** Yadav's journey to the bronze medal included wins over Guatemala's Julio Barillas 147-143 in the Round of 16 and Turkey's Yagiz Sezgin 147-145 in the quarterfinals. He lost to American Curtis Lee Broadnax 145-147 in the semifinals, setting up the bronze medal match against Verma.
- **Significance of the Medal:** This medal marks only India's second-ever archery medal at the World Games, following Jyothi Surekha Vennam's compound bronze in 2013. It's also the sixth overall medal for India across all editions of the Games.
- **Competition Highlights:** The men's individual compound podium featured Netherlands' Mike Schloesser taking gold and America's Curtis Lee Broadnax winning silver. Yadav's bronze medal is a testament to India's growing presence in compound archery.



2. An advanced 'Garuda Drishti' system adopted by Maharashtra to combat cybercrime

- **Key Features:** Garuda Drishti is an advanced social media monitoring and cyber intelligence tool designed to detect and track criminal activities on social media platforms, preventing fraudulent activities and ensuring swift action.
- **Effectiveness:** The system has analyzed over 30,000 social media posts, identifying and removing 650 offensive posts to prevent communal tensions and law-and-order issues.
- **Development:** Garuda Drishti was developed at a minimal cost through the Cyber Hack 2025 competition, showcasing innovative and cost-effective solutions for cybercrime prevention. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are owned by the Nagpur Police.
- **Impact:** The system has helped return ₹10 crore to 7,405 victims of cyber financial crimes, with an additional ₹12.5 crore remaining frozen via the NCCRP portal for future release.
- **Functionality:** Apart from crime prevention, Garuda Drishti assists in analyzing social media trends, identifying suspicious accounts, and enabling swift action, positioning Maharashtra as a leader in cybercrime prevention.



3. Col Jamwal awarded with Governor's Medallion for Excellence

- **Award Details:** Col. R S Jamwal, Director of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), received the Governor's Medallion for Excellence from Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K T Parnaik (Retd) for leading two significant expeditions.
- **Expeditions:** The award recognizes Col. Jamwal's achievements in leading the Brahmaputra River rafting expedition and the Mount Kanchenjunga climb. The NIMAS team successfully navigated the entire Indian stretch of the Brahmaputra River, covering 1,040 km in 28 days, and summited Mount Kanchenjunga, India's highest and the world's third-highest peak.
- **Governor's Praise:** Governor Parnaik praised Col. Jamwal's achievements, stating that they will bring recognition to the state and inspire a new generation of Arunachali youth to dream bigger and push their limits.
- **NIMAS' Role:** The Governor urged NIMAS to organize more adventure activities involving local youth, highlighting the institute's potential to nurture the state's untapped talent and produce future champions.



4. India U20 Women Qualify for AFC Asian Cup 2026 After 20 Years

- **Historic Qualification:** India U20 women's football team qualified for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup for the first time in 20 years, securing a spot in the 2026 tournament in Thailand with a 1-0 win over Myanmar.
- **Winning Goal:** Pooja scored the decisive goal in the 27th minute, initiating a counterattack and delivering a cross that Neha looped back into the danger area, allowing Pooja to bundle the ball over the line with her torso.
- **Strong Performance:** India dominated the first half, controlling possession and creating scoring opportunities. Despite Myanmar's relentless pressure in the second half, India's defense held firm, with goalkeeper Monalisha Devi making crucial saves to preserve the lead.
- **Group D Topper:** India finished atop Group D with seven points, having drawn 0-0 with Indonesia and winning 7-0 against Turkmenistan in their previous matches. This impressive performance earned them a spot in the 2026 AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup.



5. BSNL & NRL sign MoU to deploy India's first 5G CNPN in refinery sector

- **Partnership Details:** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deploy India's first 5G Captive Non-Public Network (CNPN) in the refinery sector, marking a significant step towards industrial digital transformation.
- **Industry 4.0 Adoption:** The partnership aims to accelerate Industry 4.0 adoption across Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), leveraging technologies like Digital Twins, IoT, AI-enabled 3D printing, AR/VR, and advanced analytics to enhance operational efficiency and cybersecurity.
- **Benefits:** The 5G CNPN deployment is expected to bring numerous benefits, including improved operational efficiency, enhanced cybersecurity, and immersive training modules, making it a "game-changing moment" for India's refinery sector.
- **Replicable Model:** The BSNL-NRL partnership is expected to serve as a replicable model for other industrial sectors, reinforcing the government's vision for a digitally empowered and self-reliant Bharat.



6. Suvasis Das designated as Deputy Secretary, Pharmaceuticals

- **Appointment Details:** Suvasis Das, a 2014-batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax), has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals for a period of four years.
- **Department Role:** In his new role, Das will focus on regulatory affairs, pharmaceutical industry growth, and ensuring access to quality medicines across the nation.
- **Background:** Das was recommended for central deputation by the Department of Revenue, and his appointment was approved by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on August 8, 2025.
- **Responsibilities:** As Deputy Secretary, Das is expected to bring strategic financial and compliance insights to the department, shaping policy in India's rapidly growing pharmaceutical sector.



7. Cheshta Yadav appointed as Director of Census Operations in Deputy Secretary level, Goa

- **Appointment Details:** Cheshta Yadav, a 2014-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been appointed as Director of Census Operations and Director of Citizen Registration in Goa at the Deputy Secretary level.
- **Tenure:** Her appointment is for a period up to December 31, 2025, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. She will hold the post alongside her current responsibilities.
- **Background:** Cheshta Yadav is presently posted as DM North-West District, Government of Delhi. Her appointment aims to strengthen the Census and NPR framework in Goa before field activities intensify.
- **Responsibilities:** As Director of Census Operations, Yadav will coordinate with the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, to facilitate timely execution of fieldwork and reporting, ensuring transparency, accuracy, and inclusion in the census process.



8. Zomato roped in Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador

- **Partnership Details:** Zomato has announced Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan as its new brand ambassador, following his appearance in the company's latest campaign, "Fuel Your Hustle". This campaign



celebrates the hard work and perseverance behind some of India's most celebrated success stories.

- **Marketing Strategy:** The partnership aims to inspire individuals driven by consistency and ambition, aligning with Zomato's mission to support their journeys with great food. Shah Rukh Khan will feature prominently across Zomato's multi-platform marketing initiatives, including television commercials, digital campaigns, print, and outdoor activations.
- **Brand Resonance:** Zomato's Marketing Head, Sahibjeet Singh Sawhney, highlighted SRK's rise as a symbol of relentless progress, stating that his influence transcends generations and borders. Shah Rukh Khan's journey from humble beginnings to global icon mirrors the grit and persistence Zomato believes in.
- **Campaign Objective:** The "Fuel Your Hustle" campaign is designed to celebrate the spirit of relentless ambition, determination, and resilience of people across India who work tirelessly towards achieving their dreams.

9. World Biofuel Day observed on 10th August

- **History:** World Biofuel Day commemorates Sir Rudolf Diesel's successful operation of a diesel engine using peanut oil in 1893, marking a pivotal moment in the development of biofuels as a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels.
- **Significance:** The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of biofuels in reducing dependence on fossil fuels, promoting energy security, and mitigating climate change. Biofuels are renewable, biodegradable, and sustainable, offering a cleaner environment and economic benefits.
- **Theme:** The theme for World Biofuel Day 2025 is "Biofuels: A Sustainable Pathway to Net Zero", highlighting the crucial role of biofuels in achieving a net-zero carbon future. The 2024 theme was "Sustainable Biofuels: Reducing Waste, Feeding Energy".
- **Benefits:** Biofuels can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy security, and generate income and employment in rural areas. They can be produced from various sources, including agricultural waste, crops, and algae.



10. Myanmar's Acting President U Myint Swe passed away

- U Myint Swe passed away due to a prolonged illness caused by neurological and neurodegenerative disorders. He was 74 years old.
- Myint Swe became acting president after the military ousted the elected civilian government in 2021, arresting former President Win Myint and top leader Aung San Suu Kyi. He served as a figurehead, signing decrees and providing legitimacy to the military's rule.
- Myint Swe had been in poor health for over a year, suffering from weight loss, loss of appetite, fever, and cognitive decline. He was admitted to intensive care on July 24, 2025, and had authorized Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing to assume his presidential duties.
- The military government announced that Myint Swe's funeral would be held with state honors, although no date has been disclosed. His passing comes a week after the junta lifted the nationwide state of emergency and announced plans for a December election.



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